



Annual Review

2024



Department of Education

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CEO Report



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2024 was a big year with School Sport Victoria's (SSV) extensive 2024 School Sport Program delivered. SSV fulfils its role by enabling students to **play** sport, champion the **value** of school sport, and **connect** school and community sport.

During the year we asked **students, parents, teachers** and **sport coordinators** to provide **key words** to describe what school sport means to them – the most popular words were **fun, rewarding, valuable, teamwork** and **friendship**.

Thank you to all the students, teachers, schools, parents and match officials for their support of children and young people in their care who participated in **School Sport Victoria** activities in 2024. **School sport** brings people together in an important and significant way that contributes to successful **student outcomes** including **academic performance, wellbeing, skill development** and **capability**.

Participation numbers across **interschool sport** and **state representative teams** continued to climb significantly and includes:

- **635,000 school sport student engagements** were provided in the **interschool sport program**
- Delivery of the **State Representative** (Team Vic) program with **952 student athletes** selected across **44 teams** and **19 sports** participating at the **School Sport Australia Championships**; and
- More than **943 Victorian Teachers' Games participants**.

I would like to thank the wonderful team at SSV including **SSV Region, Division and District Coordinators, State Representative** (Team Vic) **Officials, sport event convenors, volunteers, partners, sponsors, School Sport Australia**, and all those involved in school sport and of course the **SSV office team** for their incredible contribution in 2024.

For the **fifth consecutive year School Sport Victoria achieved a record 2,570 school / campus members** who I'd like to thank for their ongoing support in enabling their students to participate in SSV's program and activities. We know the **benefits** for **students** in **playing school sport**, to their **personal development, health and wellbeing, academic performance**, and contribution to them enjoying a **lifelong engagement in sport and physical activity**.

Also, thank you to the **SSV Advisory Committee** who've been instrumental in supporting the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, **Maggie Garrard** during her time as the Acting CEO, and **Nick Beckingsale** (Executive Director) and **Dinh Nguyen** (Executive Assistant) from the **State Programs** and **Tech Schools Division** in the Department of Education.

School Sport Victoria activities continues to grow and requires the ongoing support from all in the community to maximise opportunities for all students to participate in school sport activities into the future. Thank you everyone for a great year in 2024!

Jamie Parsons
CEO, SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA



The scale and range of SSV's program makes it one of the largest and most diverse junior sporting organisations in Australia!

Highlights



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- Provided **634,615 student participation engagements** across **28 sports** in the **interschool sport program**.
- Delivered trials and selected **952 students** in **44 Team Vic** state representative teams across **19 sports** that competed at the School Sport Australia Championships.
- **Team Vic** achieved **54 gold, 64 silver** and **80 bronze medals** at **School Sport Australia Championships**.
- SSV hosted four **School Sport Australia Championships, Australian Football** (Geelong), **Bowls** (Geelong), **Cross Country** (Yarra Glen), and **Netball** (Melbourne).
- **48 Team Vic alumni** represented **Australia** at the **Paris 2024 Olympics** and **Paralympics**.
- The **Victorian Teachers' Games** (VTG), held for a second year in **Latrobe City**, was a great success with **943 participants** supported by **148 staff, volunteers, and officials**.
- **98% of survey respondents** believed **VTG benefits their health and wellbeing** and increases the **value** of the role that sport, recreation or wellness activities plays in their lives.
- Achieved a **fifth consecutive school membership record** with **2,570 school / campus members** in 2024.
- Awarded **379 Academic and Sporting Achievement Medals**.
- The **'Be Fit. Be Well'** program, funded by the Department of Education via SSV and delivered by the **Victorian Institute of Sport**, achieved a record **17,488 student engagements**, an **8% increase** on the previous year.
- Continued to **enhance** our **marketing and communications** work with the **SSV online community** growing to **105,909**.
- **rebel**, SSV major partner, continued to support school sport with **1,090 student vouchers** provided along with **\$4,000 in vouchers for schools**.
- Achieved a **14% growth** in **merchandise sales**, a **3rd consecutive record**.



About School Sport Victoria



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STAFF

CEO

Chief Executive Officer

Jamie Parsons (from April)
Maggie Garrard (until April))
Victorian Teachers' Games
Nadia Powlett Jones (from June)
Adam Drinkwell (until June)

Victorian Teachers' Games Administration Officer

Nadia Powlett Jones (until June)
Laura Preston (from June to Oct)

Special Projects

Jacqui Chu (until March)

BUSINESS TEAM

Business & Partnership Manager

Robbie Coyle

Administration Officer

Giovanna Digiannantonio

Communications and Marketing Officer

Raff Agostino

Finance Officer

Mary Wisby
Ella Brown

Partnerships Marketing Officer

Vanessa Pearce (from May)
Laura Preston (until May)

STATE TEAM (TEAM VIC)

State Teams Manager

Andrew Comley

State Teams and National Championships Coordinator

Jeanetta Rodwell

State Teams Officer (from February to June)

Nadzieja Powlett Jones

State Teams Officer (from June)

Phoenix Lawton

INTERSCHOOL SPORT TEAM

Operations Manager

Kirsteen Farrance

Event Coordination and Support

Elize Simpson

Region School Sport Officer (Eastern Metro, Loddon Mallee, and Northern Metro)

Pieter Van Pinxteren

Region School Sport Officer (Gippsland, Hume and Southern Metro)

Ricky Thompson

Region School Sport Officer (Western and Western Metro)

Melanie Camilleri

State Championships Officer

Howard Louis (0.6FTE from Oct)
Georgia Dyer (0.8FE from Oct)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supports the **strategic management** of School Sport Victoria, including its strategic directions, key programs, and stakeholder partnerships.

In 2024 the Advisory Committee provided advice across a range of topics including the interschool sport mix, student voice and student leadership, student behaviour, school membership fees, and finances

2024 MEMBERS

Jamie Parson*Chair*

CEO School Sport Victoria, Department of Education

Liam Jodana*DE Financial representative*

Manager Business Partnering, Finance Services Division, Department of Education

Jen Winter

School representative - DE Regional Office
Area Executive Director, Department of Education

Karen Gray

DE Wellbeing Health and Engagement Division representative
Acting Director Child and Youth Health branch, Department of Education

Georgina McCann

Sport and Recreation Victoria representative
Executive Director, Community Sport and Recreation Sport, Sport and Recreation Victoria

Tim Argall

North Eastern School representative (Eastern Metropolitan Region, Hume Region)
Executive Principal, Donvale Christian College

Andrew Farmer

South Eastern School representative (Gippsland Region, Southern Metropolitan Region)
Head of PE, St Andrew's College

Wayne Schultz

North Western School representative (North Eastern Metropolitan Region, Loddon-Mallee Region)
Teacher, Dallas Brooks Community Primary School

Adam Nahal

Inclusion/equity/ child safety representative
Director of Sport, Australian International Academy

Mark McAllion

South Western representative (Greater Western Region, Western Metropolitan Region)
Director, Maribyrnong Sports Academy

Greg Jeffers

State Sporting Association representative
General Manager Leagues and Competitions, Basketball Victoria

Campbell Atkins

Sport sector - Local Council representative
Manager Sport and Recreation, Wyndham City Council

Tania Fountain

Commercial and Communications representative
Director, Fountain Marketing & Media Pty Ltd

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WHO WE ARE

School Sport Victoria, as part of the Department of Education, delivers an extensive school sport program to primary and secondary students across Victoria.

Through our **interschool sport program**, in partnership with **state sporting organisations**, we provide **opportunities** for students to represent their school across a wide range of individual and team sports.

As a **member of School Sport Australia**, we provide opportunities for students to **represent Victoria**, under the banner of **Team Vic**, across various sports to compete at School Sport Australia Championships.

We deliver the **Victorian Teachers' Games**, a unique annual event that aims to bring the community of educators together for multiple days of sport and social activities.

Our **extensive communication and social media channels** inform the school sport community of **participation opportunities**, **celebrate** the **achievements** in **school sport** and **demonstrate** the **value of sport** to engaging and developing students and schools.

We work **collaboratively with partners** across community, state, and elite sporting organisations to **support the delivery** of our school sport opportunities, **connect** school and community sport pathways for students, and provide opportunities for students facing additional barriers to participate. We also work with **sector partners to collaborate** on ways to engage children and young people in physical activity and sport.

OUR HISTORY

School Sport Victoria was established on **1 January 2010** following the **merger** of the **Victorian Primary Schools' Sports Association (VPSSA)** and the **Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association (VSSSA)** that occurred during 2009.

For **over 100 years** these two associations provided an **ongoing interschool sport program** for students in Victorian schools (government and non-government primary schools and government secondary schools).



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OUR FUTURE

School Sport Victoria's **Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030** aims to provide a clear future direction, to address future challenges and opportunities in engaging more Victorian students in school sport.

Our purpose

- We develop young people through school sport.
- We support schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport.

Our goal


800,000

School sport participation opportunities are provided to Victorian students each year.


450,000

Victorian students participate in school sport each year.

Our objective



EDUCATION

To improve academic performance by engaging students in physical activity through school sport.



LEADERSHIP

To drive the narrative for the benefits of school sport and embed it within the government's policy intent.



HEALTH

To instil lifelong habits that lead to healthier lives, including mental, social and physical health.



TALENT

To support the development of the next generation of athletes.



INCLUSION

To create equitable opportunities for anyone to participate in school sport at every skill level.



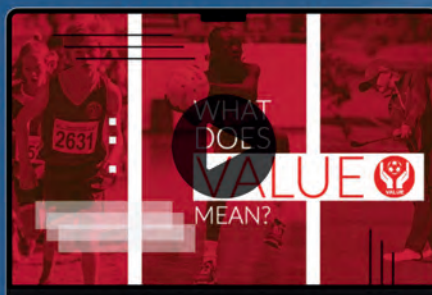
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OUR ROLE

We enable students to **PLAY** sport.
We champion the **VALUE** of school sport.
We **CONNECT** school and community sport.



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OUR POLICY CONTEXT

School Sport Victoria recognises the important contribution school sport can make in delivering on **Victorian Government priorities** and **targets** – particularly across education, sport, and health.

The Education State is about achieving excellence and creating opportunities for Victorian students in all aspects of their education. **School sport** is integral to supporting the achievement of the Education State targets, in particular happy, healthy and resilient kids and pride and confidence in our schools.

Quality school sport is a priority within the **Active Schools Framework**, which supports schools in adopting a whole school approach to physical activity. This supports a **Joint Ministerial Statement** on Physical Activity for Children and Young People, between the Ministers for Education, Community Sport and Health to create active schools, active kids, and active communities.

OUR MEMBERSHIP TYPES

School Sport Victoria offers **three types of membership** available to **Victorian primary and secondary schools**.

Full Membership

Open to all government schools.

Associate Membership

Open to non-government schools that wish to participate in the full School Sport Victoria program.

Affiliate Membership

Open to non-government schools that can access a range of benefits including the Team Vic state team selection trials.

Membership fees support the costs associated with **delivering school sport programs** and the **overall administration** of School Sport Victoria. In return, schools have access to a range of benefits to support school sport opportunities for students and staff, see – [**School Sport Victoria Membership Benefits**](#).

For the **fourth consecutive year**, School Sport Victoria achieved record school / campus membership with **2,570 school members in 2024** including **1,859 primary** and **711 secondary school members**.

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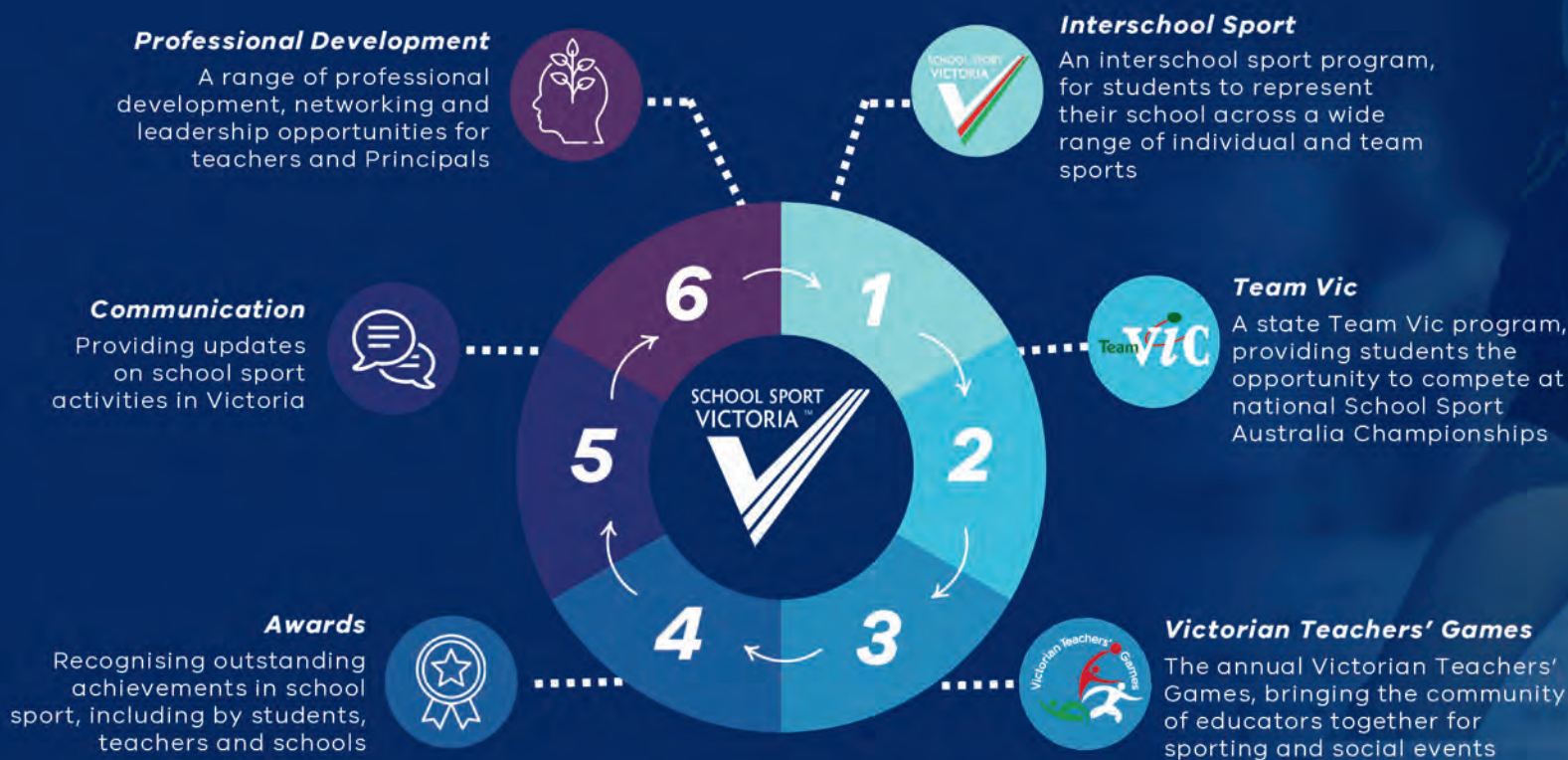


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SPORTS, STUDENTS, AND SCHOOLS

School Sport Victoria delivers an extensive school sport program for Victorian primary and secondary students and schools as summarised below.

SSV member schools access a range of **benefits** to **support school sport opportunities** for **students** and **staff**.



By the Numbers



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INTERSCHOOL SPORT PARTICIPATION

634,615

TOTAL STUDENTS



850

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTI-CLASS STUDENTS



378,489

TOTAL PRIMARY STUDENTS



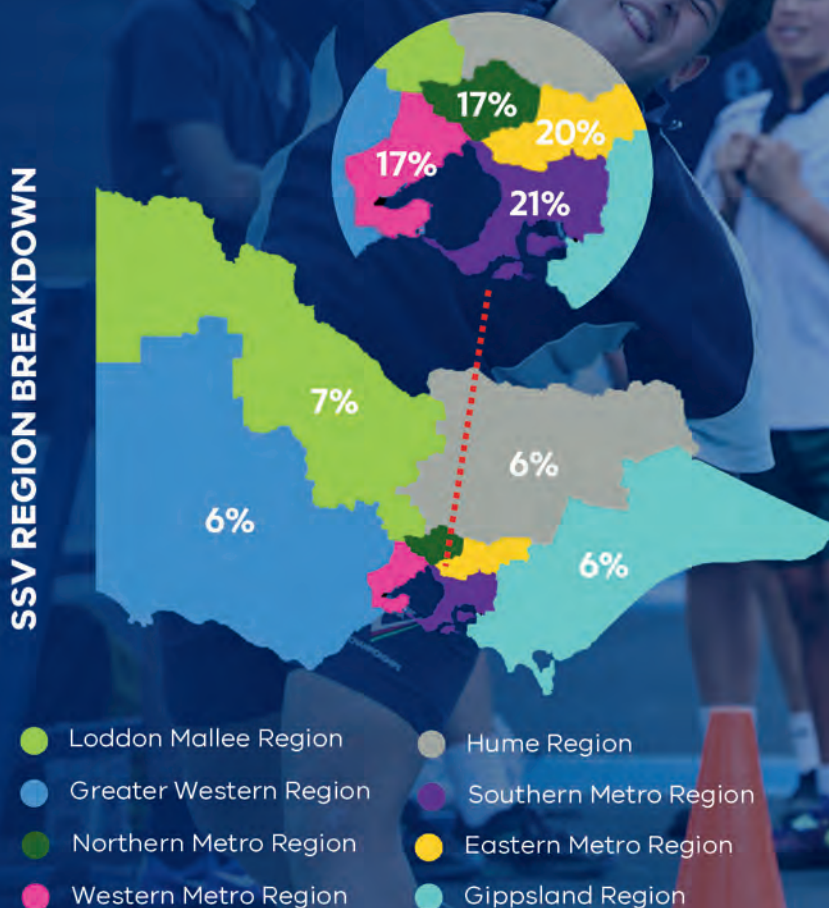
256,046

TOTAL SECONDARY STUDENTS



Interschool sport student participants statistics include multi-class student opportunities in cross country, swimming, and track & field only.

SSV REGION BREAKDOWN



By the Numbers



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MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

School Sport Victoria's marketing and communications strategies continue to drive **positive results**. This includes organic increases in **subscription members**, **website traffic**, and the **overall growth of our online community**.

Key success factors include continued **customer analysis** and **insights**, refinement of strategic documents including the **2024 School Sport Victoria Program**, a focus on **high-quality video content**, **enhanced digital design**, and **partner content** including event information.

105,909 TOTAL ONLINE COMMUNITY IN 2024



31,754
10% INCREASE



20,686
14% INCREASE



2,566
18% INCREASE



46,413



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EDMS SENT



54%

AVG OPEN RATE



4,490
7% INCREASE



2,466,831
TOTAL WEBPAGE VIEWS



Interschool Sport & Inclusion Report



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School Sport Victoria, with support from State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), provides an extensive interschool sport program with 28 different interschool sports available to Victorian students, from Year 4 to Year 12, to participate in 2024.

School Sport Victoria continues to **provide opportunities and pathways for multi-class students** within Victorian mainstream and specialist schools including in **cross country, swimming and track and field**.

School Sport Victoria is committed to providing more participation opportunities for **multi-class students, girls, students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and culturally and linguistically diverse students**.

School Sport Victoria continues to work closely with its sports partners, the education community, and other stakeholders to **facilitate more inclusion opportunities for Victorian students**.

As School Sport Victoria's biggest program, interschool sport continues to be supported by the wonderful network of **355 School Sport Victoria Coordinators**:

8 Primary and 8 Secondary Region Coordinators

54 Primary and 53 Secondary Division Coordinators

232 Primary District Coordinators

The **'Meet Your Coordinators'** continues to be a communication focus, celebrating the wonderful contributions of the SSV Coordinators.

Meet Your Coordinators



Jacqui Hickling

MICKLEHAM DIVISION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

"I love running the carnival days when I can interact with the staff that support me in my role, but most importantly with the kids (or) can celebrate their successes with them too."

Meet Your Coordinators



Michael Ballantyne

CHURCH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND WEST OXFORD DIVISION COORDINATOR

"I love being involved in something that is community orientated with many schools participating together."

In 2024, School Sport Victoria held **6 Region Forums, 4 in regional Victoria and 2 in metro for Region and Division Coordinators** during September. We were fortunate to have **Nathan Burke**, St Kilda Football Club and AFL legend, present at all meetings regarding the importance of **mental health** and **wellbeing**.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank the **coordinators** for their ongoing **commitment and investment** in delivering **school sport** to **Victorian students**.

SSV 2024 Interschool Sport results





STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM



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School Sport Victoria's state team representative program (known as Team Vic) provides a **pathway** for **Victoria's emerging student athletes**. School Sport Victoria's state team representative program is recognised for its ability to identify and assist with the **development of young leaders in sport**, with many going on to become future state, national, world, Olympic and Paralympic representatives.

School Sport Victoria selected teams across **19 different sports** in 2024, who travelled across the country and represented their state and school with pride at the **School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships**. For the third consecutive year, the total number of students vying to represent Victoria grew, with **8,401 students registering to trial** – a **9% increase**.

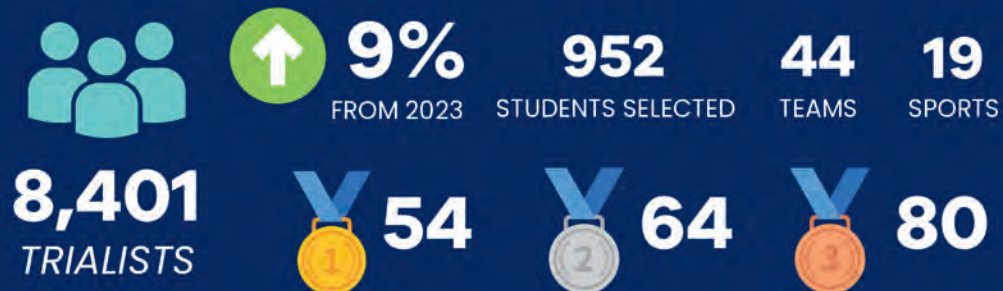
The rigorous selection trial process led to the selection and announcement of **952 student athletes** across **44 teams**, in addition to the **144 Team Officials** supporting Victoria's emerging student athletes.

We saw a **significant increase in the numbers of multi-class students** across **swimming, aquathlon, and triathlon**, and we continue to support **SSA's ambitions** to continue to provide multi-class student opportunities, including advocating for a team sport to become a part of the Championship program.

As in previous years, we saw highly competitive performances from each team, as well as from individual students, leading to a total haul of **54 Gold, 64 Silver and 80 Bronze medals** won at the respective **SSA Championships**. School Sport Victoria would also like to acknowledge our **2024 SSA Championship winning teams**:

- 12 Years and Under Australian Football – Boys
- 12 Years and Under Australian Football – Girls
- 12 Years and Under Basketball – Boys
- 12 Years and Under Cricket – Boys
- 12 Years and Under Hockey – Girls (first time in 46 years of competition)
- 12 Years and Under Netball – Boys (inaugural Championship)
- 15 Years and Under Cricket – Girls (inaugural Championship)
- 15 Years and Under Volleyball – Girls
- 18 Years and Under Bowls – Mixed (inaugural Championship)

In the Championships for students aged 13–19 years, we recognise the **outstanding individual performances of 38 students**, who were named as members of the **All-Australian** team for their respective sports – recognising both performance on the field, as well as their positive approach to their sport.





STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM



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The ongoing contribution of the dedicated group of **Team Officials** who lead the **School Sport Victoria state representative teams** cannot be underestimated. Their commitment to provide a positive experience from the trials through to the Championships is recognised by students, families and our SSO partners – and plays a crucial role in the success of the program.

2024 also saw an acknowledgement by SSA of some of our long serving officials, who each received a **Service Award** for their **10+ years of commitment** to school sport. Our 2024 officials who were recognised in this way were:

- **Duncan Ireland – Australian Football**
- **Leigh McQuillen – Australian Football, Cross Country**

As in previous years, School Sport Victoria's state team representative program provided a range of '**value add**' opportunities for students including additional **athlete education** sessions delivered by the **Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation / Department of Health**. We also successfully piloted a **student assistant coach trial**, as well as providing opportunities for student officials to represent their state, both initiatives that School Sport Victoria plans to expand upon in 2025.

In 2024, School Sport Victoria **hosted four highly successful SSA Championships**, including the **12 Years and Under Australian Football** at various grounds across the City of Greater Geelong, the **12 Years and Under Netball** in Parkville at the State Netball and Hockey Centre, the **10-19 Years Cross Country** at the Yarra Valley Racing Club, and the **18 Years and Under Bowls** at the City of Greater Geelong Bowls Club. We would like to acknowledge the support provided by the respective SSOs, in **AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria** and **Bowls Victoria**, as well as the **Australian Football League, Netball Australia** and **Bowls Australia**. Additionally, we thank our local Council partner the City of Greater Geelong for their support in delivering these events.



Team VIC STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM



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To reduce the barrier to participation and assist with the affordability of the state team's representative program, families and students were able to access fundraising and financial support opportunities.

2024 saw 48 students raise over \$68,000 to support their participation in the SSA Championships through establishing an Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) fundraising project, which was an increase of \$52,000 on the previous year.

Additionally, 41 eligible students received \$1,000 in financial support from the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF) to subsidise the costs of their participation in School Sport Victoria's state team representative program. With nearly \$110,000 in financial support raised to support Victorian students, School Sport Victoria would like to thank the ASF and the SESF for their ongoing support of the state team's program.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank the network of Teachers, Coordinators, Team Officials and key sports partners for their ongoing support and dedication to our state team representative program. We look forward to another exciting year in the program, headlined by a focus on increasing the numbers of student officials, as well as the launch of our new student leadership initiative.

Go Team Vic!





ALUMNI



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Team Vic alumni continued to shine on the national and international sporting stage with notable achievements including **48 Australian representatives at the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games**, winning **3 gold, 2 silver** and **6 bronze medals**; **8 players** taking the field in the **AFL** and **AFLW Grand Finals**, with alumni winning the best players on the ground in both matches; and more recently **19 AFL/AFLW National Draftees**.

School Sport Victoria congratulates these athletes whose performances continue to highlight the **importance** of the **state team representative program** in terms of providing a pathway to **higher levels of sporting achievement and performance**.





2024



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The **2024 Victoria Teachers' Games** returned to **Latrobe City** for its second year with **943 participants** along with **148 staff, officials,** and **volunteers** attending the annual multi-sport, multi-day event. Events across the **sporting, wellness** and **social streams** were held across venues in **Traralgon, Morwell, Churchill,** and **Glengarry.**

Beautiful weather greeted participants throughout the event as they participated in over **30 different activities** including **new events** like **Bocce, Brunch 'n' Bowl, Fistball,** and **Salti.** Favourites such as the **Amazing Race, Barefoot Bowls, Netball, Pickleball,** and **Trivia with a Twist** once again proved popular with our audience and it was great to see all the medals (and wooden spoons) being displayed by participants throughout the event.

The 2024 marketing slogan of **"Experience the Fun"** captured the spirit of the four-day event with **99% of participants** using the word **"Fun"** to describe the games.

VTG provides an opportunity for Victorian education staff to relax, take part in a variety of competitive and social sporting activities, connect with peers, and be inspired to make physical activity a part of their lives.

The **2025 VTG is being held in Melbourne** for the first time in the event's history and we look forward to delivering another engaging event program for education professionals to experience and enjoy.



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SEPTEMBER



943

REGISTERED
PARTICIPANTS

186

SCHOOLS



31

EVENTS



76%

OF PARTICIPANTS
TRAVELLED TO ATTEND

\$906,00

CONTRIBUTED TO THE
LOCAL ECONOMY

39%

NEW
PARTICIPANTS

98%

BELIEVED VTG HAS HEALTH
AND WELLBEING BENEFITS

2,456

EVENT
ENTRIESDay 1 2024
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HighlightsDay 3 2024
Highlights

Partners



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School Sport Victoria continues to work closely with its extensive stable of partners to **enhance the student experience** and assist with the **affordability of school sport**.

rebel, SSV major partner, attended numerous events throughout the year which included **popup shops** and **activation spaces**. Across the year, **rebel** provided **1,090 student vouchers** along with **\$4,000** in vouchers to **schools** that won the **Victorian School Sports Awards** and the **School Sport Victoria Awards** school awards.

SSV merchandise remained incredibly popular for students celebrating their achievements and experiences in school sport resulting in a **14% increase in sales**, a **3rd consecutive record**. SSV merchandise was available at **118 events** with close to **11,000 hoodies** sold.

S-Trend Sportswear (STR) continues to produce high quality staff **apparel** and **Team Vic uniforms** that are the envy of the other school sport units.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank our **SSO** partners who are vitally important in supporting the delivery of SSV's extensive school sport program. The SSOs clearly recognise the **importance of school sport** in providing **fun sporting experiences** with the goal for students to continue their sporting journey in **community sport**.

One key initiative was the transition to the **new Australian Football - Primary format** including crowning the inaugural **State Champions, Marymede Catholic College** and **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Chelsea (SJC)** in the girls' and boys' competitions respectively. SSV would like to thank **AFL Victoria** for their continued support with the new format being adopted as the Australian Football - Primary competition in 2025.



Be Fit. Be Well.



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In 2024 School Sport Victoria and the **Victorian Institute of Sport** (VIS) celebrated the **30th anniversary of the Be Fit. Be Well.** program with a **record 17,466 students engaged**, from **340 schools**, which was an **8% increase** on the previous year.

The **Be Fit. Be Well.** program sees **VIS athletes** visit Victorian schools where they highlight the importance of **physical activity** including sharing their inspirational stories of **overcoming adversity**, **building resilience** and, ultimately, **personal triumph** in **sport** and **life**.

Key student survey results, included:

- **Primary students** rated the presentation **4.21** out of **5 stars**
- **93%** of **primary** and **80%** of **secondary students** would like **another visit**
- **Key themes** identified by **secondary students** were **41% resilience**, **41% goal setting**, and **18%** importance of **physical activities**.

The **Be Fit. Be Well.** program is **free for Victorian government schools** and is supported by **School Sport Victoria** and the **Department of Education**.



17,488
STUDENTS ENGAGED



8%
FROM 2023



121
SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED



37
ATHLETE
SPEAKERS



219
SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED IN
PARIS DIGITAL
PACKAGE



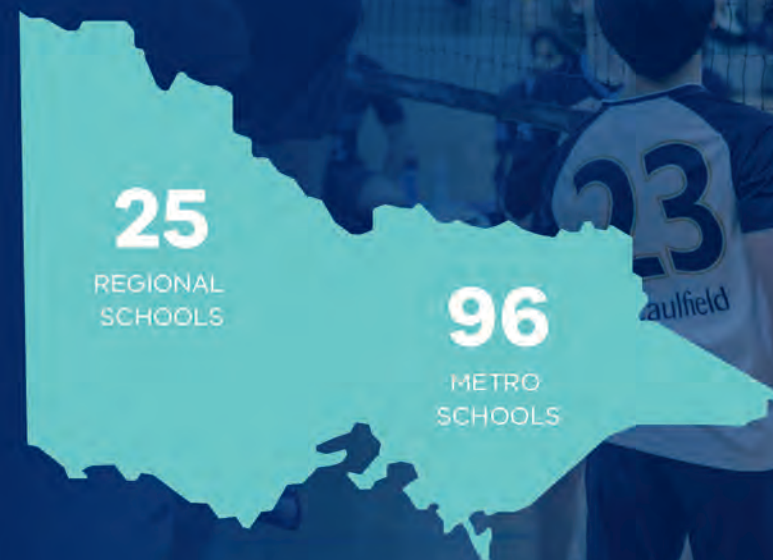
18
SPORTS



11
PARA
ATHELETES



21
OLYMPIANS AND
PARALYMPIANS



Awards



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ACADEMIC & SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

379 students received the **SSV Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal** in 2024 based on achieving **outstanding results** in their **academic pursuits** while also excelling in **sporting activities**, showcasing a remarkable balance of dedication, discipline, and talent in both areas.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS & SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA AWARDS

The **2024 Victorian School Sports Awards (VSSA)** for the first time incorporated the **School Sport Victoria Awards** and was held on **Wednesday, 26 March** at the **Melbourne Cricket Ground** with more than **200 guests** in attendance including **Nina Taylor**, Parliamentary Secretary for Education.

The awards celebrate exceptional commitment and performance from Victorian school student athletes, teachers, sport coordinators, and schools while also rewarding leadership and community contribution through participation in sport.

The event, hosted by **Laura Hingston** a four-time national diving champion and five-time international medallist, saw **26 students** presented with **Sporting Blue awards** for **excellence in sport**.

The **Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award** went to **Western Heights College's Stephanie Whatley**, a dedicated young coach who is the development coach for the Under 18 Victoria Country basketball team and is also involved at Geelong United.

Keelonith Primary School jiu-jitsu exponent **Kaya Kandemir** won the **Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award** for winning all 7 state jiu-jitsu titles, the National Championship as well as securing gold at the World Youth Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Abu Dhabi.

Bright P-12 College's Lachlan Steward won the **secondary award** and is one of Australia's up and coming cyclists in the under 17 male category – he won state and national titles across road, track, mountain bike and gravel racing.

Finn Hynes-Carnegie from **Western Heights College** was the recipient of the **Outstanding Student Official**, the first time this award has been presented.

There were a range of **SSV Awards** presented, with **SSV Service Awards** to be presented to recipients locally, including the **Wangaratta Specialist School**, **Trafalgar Primary School**, and **Brentwood Secondary College** being awarded **SSV Schools of the Year**, with **Andrew Devisser**, **Brett Dyson**, and **Carole Hooper** being rewarded with **Life Membership**.

School Sport Victoria would like to congratulate all award recipients on their incredible achievements!

Victorian School Sports Awards - Winners



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PRIMARY

Award	Award recipient	School name	Sport
Individual Sporting Blue	Benjamin Rafferty	Armadale Primary School	Hockey
Individual Sporting Blue	Harry Kallergis	Clarinda Primary School	Swimming
Outstanding Sporting Achievement	Kaya Kandemir	Keelonith Primary School	Martial Arts – Jiu-Jitsu
Outstanding Teacher Contribution	Jon McCormick	Bass Valley Primary School	
Outstanding School and Community Partnership	Bairnsdale West Primary School		



Victorian School Sports Awards - Winners



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SECONDARY

Award	Award recipient	School name	Sport
Individual Sporting Blue	Sierra Grieves	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Australian Football
Individual Sporting Blue	Lucca Grego	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Australian Football
Individual Sporting Blue	Smrithi Adepu	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Badminton
Individual Sporting Blue	Jamie Zhu	Glen Waverley Secondary College	Badminton
Individual Sporting Blue	Andrew Land	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Baseball
Individual Sporting Blue	Alyssa Rodriguez	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Basketball
Individual Sporting Blue	Charlie Wilson	Blackburn High School	Bowls
Individual Sporting Blue	Jacob Brighton	Echuca College	Bowls
Individual Sporting Blue	Jacob Cartwright	Kyabram P-12 College	Cricket
Individual Sporting Blue	Ishi Tiwari	McKinnon Secondary College	Cricket
Individual Sporting Blue	Harish Salwathura	McKinnon Secondary College	Cricket
Individual Sporting Blue	Teyvia Williams	Apollo Bay P-12 College	Cross Country
Individual Sporting Blue	Besian Kutleshi	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Football
Individual Sporting Blue	Nicolette Papatos	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Golf
Individual Sporting Blue	George Eaves	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Hockey
Individual Sporting Blue	Haleina Suafoa Tanoi	Melton Secondary College	Netball

Victorian School Sports Awards - Winners



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Award	Award recipient	School name	Sport
Individual Sporting Blue	Blake Hughes	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Swimming
Individual Sporting Blue	Arabelle Mancini	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Tennis
Individual Sporting Blue	Florian Kostov	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Tennis
Individual Sporting Blue	Lara Pearson	Wangaratta District Specialist School	Track and Field – Multiclass
Individual Sporting Blue	Jordan Gilbert	Brentwood Secondary College	Track and Field
Individual Sporting Blue	Deena Gerges	Greensborough College	Track and Field
Individual Sporting Blue	Denise Chan	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Volleyball
Individual Sporting Blue	Brock Dingley	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	Volleyball
Outstanding Student Official Award	Finn Hynes-Carnegie	Western Heights College	Australian Football – Umpire
Outstanding Sporting Achievement	Lachlan Stewart	Bright P-12 College	Cycling
Lindsay Gaze Award	Stephanie Whatley	Western Heights College	
Outstanding Teacher Contribution Award	Kim Nash	Brenthwood Secondary College	
Outstanding School and Community Partnership	Grovedale College		

School Sports Awards



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Award	Award recipient	Category	School
Coordinator of the Year	Aaron Prior	Secondary College	Secondary DivisionMt. Eliza
SSV School of the Year	Wangaratta District Specialist School	Specialist School	
SSV School of the Year	Trafalgar Primary School	Primary	
SSV School of the Year	Brentwood Secondary College	Secondary	
Team Vic Award	Benjamin Harris	Official (Coach)	Eastwood Primary School
Team Vic Award	Aron Lombardi	Official (Manager)	Galen Catholic College
Team Vic Award	Team - Hockey 12 Years & Under Girls		
SSV Life Membership Award	Andrew Devisser		
SSV Life Membership Award	Brett Dyson		
SSV Life Membership Award	Carole Hooper	McKinnon Secondary College	

Strategic Directions



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PLAY

Providing inclusive and accessible participative and competitive opportunities in school sport to involve a wider range of Victorian students.

VALUE

Enhancing the role of school sport as part of a whole school approach to physical activity and physical literacy of all students.

CONNECT

Facilitating partnerships between schools and communities through school sport to support life long participation in physical activity.

OUR BENEFITS

- Enhance student and school experience
- Increase participation
- Deliver clear value through school sport programs
- Embed being 'active for life'
- A strong voice representing school sport
- Improve connectivity with the sports system
- Efficient and financially sustainable delivery

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Active for life
- Inclusive and diverse
- Affordability
- Student centred
- Enable principals
- System stewardship
- Integrated pathways
- Connected and coordinated

OUR VALUES

- Responsiveness
- Integrity
- Impartiality
- Accountability
- Respect
- Leadership
- Human Rights

OUR PURPOSE

- We develop young people through school sport.
- We support schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport.

OUR GOALS


450,000

Victorian students participate in school sport each year.


800,000

School sport participation opportunities are provided to Victorian students each year.

OUR OBJECTIVES



EDUCATION

To improve academic performance by engaging students in physical activity through school sport.



HEALTH

To instil lifelong habits that lead to healthier lives, including mental, social and physical health.



INCLUSION

To create equitable opportunities for anyone to participate in school sport at every skill level.



LEADERSHIP

To drive the narrative for the benefits of school sport and embed it within the government's policy intent.



TALENT

To support the development of the next generation of athletes.

Partners



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SPORT PARTNERS



MERCHANDISE PARTNER

TEAM VIC PARTNERS

VTG PARTNERS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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