



Annual Review

School sport is now more important than ever!

2022



Department of Education





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CEO REPORT

This year it was important to re-engage Victorian students in sport and physical activity, through the extensive range of school sport programs provided by School Sport Victoria

This year has been an exciting year for School Sport Victoria, particularly as all school sport programs were delivered after two years of disruption due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

It has certainly been wonderful to see students and schools back out playing school sport throughout 2022.

This year it was important to **re-engage** Victorian students in sport and physical activity, through the **extensive range of school sport programs** provided by **School Sport Victoria**

School Sport Victoria has continued to focus on the delivery of our 10-year strategy, [School Sport Victoria Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030](#), and to fulfil its role in enabling students to **play** sport, champion the **value** of school sport and **connect** school and community sport.

The **School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee** has been instrumental in supporting the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, including the strategic directions, key programs and stakeholder partnerships as we continue to drive new focus areas of the strategy. Thank you to all the committee members for their contribution and to Megan Kerr, A/Director Statewide Services, Department of Education and Training, who Chairs this important group.

I would like to thank the dedicated team of **staff at School Sport Victoria**, all **Coordinators, Team Vic officials, volunteers, partners and sponsors** for their strong contribution to the delivery of school sport programs throughout 2022. It is also fantastic to have the continued support from School Sport Victoria school members, to engage their students to participate in the range of school sport programs.

This year has seen the inaugural [SSV Student Leaders Program](#) established, which involved 22 students who provided **feedback** and **advice** to School Sport Victoria which is **helping to guide and shape the future of school sport**. Thank you to all the students for their commitment to the group and input to the work of School Sport Victoria.

We know the importance of students **playing school sport, to their personal development, health and wellbeing and contribution to them enjoying a life-long engagement in sport and physical activity**, which is why it has been fantastic to see so many schools and students participating in school sport in 2022.

School Sport Victoria is well positioned to continue to drive its **purpose, in developing young people through school sport and supporting schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport into the future.**

Regards,

Rayoni Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Delivered close to **570,000 participation opportunities** for students in a range of **interschool sports**, across primary and secondary levels, including Australian football, cross country, netball, tennis, soccer, swimming and volleyball.
- Delivering trials and selecting **953 students in 49 Team Vic teams across 19 sports** to compete at School Sport Australia Championships.
- Launching the new [Team Vic competition uniform](#) featuring an indigenous design which incorporates aspects of community, family, ancestors and the athlete journey.
- **Hosted five School Sport Australia Championships** in Victoria, including in basketball, golf, bowls, cricket and softball.
- Provided close to **39,000 participation opportunities** to students from **242 schools** through SSV Play, providing **social and non-competitive** ways for students to play sport, which included skateboarding, breakdancing, virtual cross country, diversity dash and school games activities.
- Established the inaugural **SSV Student Leaders program**, which involved 22 students, who provided feedback and advice to School Sport Victoria to help guide and shape the future of school sport. See [SSV Student Leaders 2022 Outcomes Summary](#).
- Sustained a high number of School Sport Victoria member schools and supported through a comprehensive [membership benefits](#) package which outlines the range of benefits schools can access through School Sport Victoria.
- Updated partnerships agreements with a range of **State Sporting Organisations** were realised, and announced **new partnerships including with rebel, Australia's leading sports retailer**.
- Held the **25th anniversary of the Victorian Teachers' Games**, which saw over 1,800 Victorian educators participate in Geelong in September 2022. **Latrobe City** was announced as the host of the Victorian Teachers' Games for **2023 and 2024**.
- The **Be Fit. Be Well** athlete led education program was delivered to a **record 13,768 students** from over **120 schools**, in partnership with the **Victorian Institute of Sport**.
- Led the **Victorian School Sport Network**, which continued to collaborate on key areas of value, data, connection, physical literacy and equity in relation to enhancing children and young people's participation in sport and physical activity.
- Continued to enhance our communication to schools, families and partners through our regular **SSV Play, Value, Connect news** and social media engagement. This included **livestreaming** selected State Championships and continued focus on **creating video content** including **highlights packages** with examples provided throughout the Annual Review.
- Continued to **enhance our commitment to child safety**, including aligning with the new Child Safe Standards introduced in July 2022.
- Continued to strengthen **alignment with Victorian Government priorities**, with acknowledgement in a range of policies and strategies including the **Active Schools** and the **Positive Start** initiative.
- **Delivered award ceremonies** to celebrate achievements in school sport, including the **2021 Victorian School Sports Awards** and **2022 School Sport Victoria Awards**, alongside issuing **278 School Sport Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement Medals** to schools to recognise their students.
- Delivered successful **Region Forums** and an **annual School Sport Victoria Conference** attended by School Sport Victoria Coordinators.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

Throughout 2022, School Sport Victoria remained committed to providing school sport opportunities for schools and students

The 2022 school year saw a full return to school sport in Victorian schools. After the challenges of delivery in 2020 and 2021, students were given the opportunity to play, value and connect through school sport, providing them with invaluable experiences that contribute to their learning and developing in and outside of the classroom.

Throughout 2022, School Sport Victoria remained committed to providing school sport opportunities for schools and students and recognising their contributions in 2021. This included:

The 2021 **Victorian School Sports Awards** held at the Glasshouse in April 2022, celebrated 33 award winners, including recognising the outstanding sporting achievement of Victorian Government school students.

Delivery of **School Sport Victoria's interschool sport program** which provided close to **570,000 participation opportunities** for students, including in Australian football, cross country, netball, tennis, soccer, swimming, and volleyball.

Delivery of the Team Vic program with **953** of Victoria's emerging student athletes representing Victoria across **19 sports** at the **School Sport Australia Championships**.

SSV Play, supported by the Positive Start initiative, provided close to **39,000** non-competitive sport and physical activity participation opportunities to more than **240 schools** with activities including breakdancing, diversity dash, school games, and skateboarding.

Delivery of the inaugural **School Sport Victoria Student Leaders** with **22 students** from diverse backgrounds providing feedback and advice to School Sport Victoria to help guide and shape the future of school sport. The Student Leaders were wonderfully led by the facilitators, **Ellie Cole OAM** and **Brad Marais**.

In addition, **37 Team Vic alumni athletes**, represented **Australia** at the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games** with **14 Team Vic alumni** selected in the **2022 AFLW draft** demonstrating the important pathway the Team Vic program provides for emerging student athletes.

A highlight for me was the launch of the **new Team Vic uniform which featured a design by emerging indigenous artist, Channy Mitchell. Channy's design incorporated aspects of community, family, ancestors and the athlete journey** and we were fortunate to have Channy at the launch of the Girls 15Y&U Netball Dress Presentation to share her inspiration for the design and her own experiences

playing Australian Football which provided invaluable insights for the players. Channy's involvement in the Team Vic program through the uniform design signals SSV's commitment and respect for the culture of First Nations peoples.

I would like to thank the dedicated **School Sport Victoria staff**, a network of **355 Coordinators, 138 Team Vic Officials**, and **thousands of volunteers** who have helped deliver the extensive school sport program in Victoria.

I would also like to thank my fellow **SSV Advisory Committee members** who have helped steward school sport in 2022 and acknowledge the **outstanding work of CEO Rayoni Nelson** who commenced a secondment as the Head of Program Strategy and Research, Office for Women in Sport and Recreation, in December.

Megan Kerr

**Chair Advisory Committee
SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA**



TEAM VIC
INDIGENOUS UNIFORM LAUNCH

ABOUT SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

CEO

Chief Executive Officer

Rayoni Nelson (until Dec 2022 when she commenced a secondment with the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation)

SSV Play Coordinator

Vanessa Phillips (from May 2022)

Victorian Teachers' Games

Pieter Van Pinxteren (until October 2022)

Adam Drinkwell (from December 2022)

Victorian Teachers' Games Administration

Harley Morrison (from June to October 2022)

Special Projects

Jacqui Chu (from September 2022)

BUSINESS TEAM

Business & Partnership Manager

Robbie Coyle

Administration Officer

Giovanna Digiannantonio

Communications and Marketing Officer

Raff Agostino

Finance Officer

Mary Wisby

Finance Officer

Saba Shaikh (from February to November 2022)

Emily Yoke Tee (from December 2022)

Partnerships & Marketing Officer

Vanessa Laino

NATIONAL PROGRAMS (Team Vic)

National Programs Manager

Ian Landy (until September 2022)

Andrew Comley (from December 2022)

Administration Officer

Phoenix Lawton (from March 2022)

Project Officer

Jeanetta Rodwell

OPERATIONS

Operations Manager

Kirsteen Farrance

Administration Officer

Elize Simpson (from April 2022)

Region School Sport Officer - Eastern Metro, Loddon Mallee, and Northern Metro

Susie Pasquali (until April 2022)

David Schembri (from May until October 2022)

Pieter Van Pinxteren (from October 2022)

Region School Sport Officer - Hume and Southern Metro

Ricky Thompson

Region School Sport Officer - Greater Western and Western Metro

Melanie Camilleri

State Championships Officer

Howard Louis



ABOUT SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The **School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee**, established in 2021, supports the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, including its strategic directions, key programs, and stakeholder partnerships.

The Advisory Committee members brought a diversity of skills and experience, background, sector representation, including extensive experience across education and sport sectors, student health and wellbeing, sponsorship and communications, finance, equity, and inclusion.

In 2022 the Advisory Committee provided advice to inform School Sport Victoria in the areas of: cost and affordability of school sport, trends in school sport participation, interschool sport mix, engagement with specialist schools, membership benefits and fees for Victorian schools, travel requirements for Team Vic, and gender diversity and equality.

The Advisory Committee will continue to bring important skills and expertise to inform the continued implementation of the School Sport Victoria Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030 in future years.

2022 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Megan Kerr,
A/Director Statewide Services, Department of Education and Training (Chair)

Tim Argall,
Executive Principal, Donvale Christian College - North Eastern school representative (Eastern Metropolitan Region, Hume Region)

Sarah Burns,
Executive Principal, Somerville Secondary College - South Eastern school representative (Gippsland Region, Southern Metropolitan Region)

Jennifer McCrabb,
Area Executive Director Central Highlands, South Western Victoria Region, Department of Education and Training

Maddison Cua
Teacher, Ouyen P-12 College and Tempy Primary School, North-Western school representative (Loddon Mallee Region, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Michelle Barry,
School Development Coordinator, Tennis Victoria

Georgia McCann
Executive Director, Community Sport and Recreation Sport, Sport and Recreation Victoria

Karen Pearce
Executive General Manager Growth, Football Victoria

John O'Shaughnessy,
A/Director - Child and Youth Health, Department of Education and Training

Mark McAllion,
Director, Maribyrnong Sports Academy, Maribyrnong College

Lorena Guidos,
Manager - Business Partnering, Department of Education and Training

Rayoni Nelson,
CEO, School Sport Victoria



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). In 2020, School Sport Victoria celebrated its 10th anniversary.

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 Goals

800,000 school sport participation opportunities are provided to Victorian students each year.

450,000 Victorian students participate in school sport 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.



OUR ROLE

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



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.

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 that are 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](#).

As a result of the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of school sport in 2021, a **15% refund**, representing the total 2021 operating surplus, was provided to 2021 School Sport Victoria member schools as a discount on **2022 SSV membership fees payable**.



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Supports Students

and Schools

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

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



2022 BY THE NUMBERS - PARTICIPATION

Interschool Sport

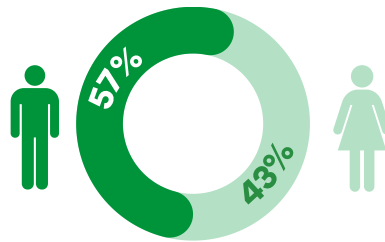
568,720

TOTAL STUDENTS



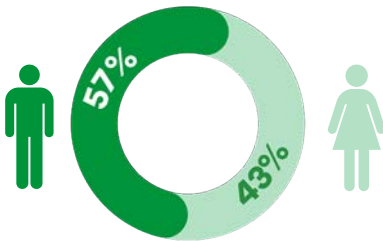
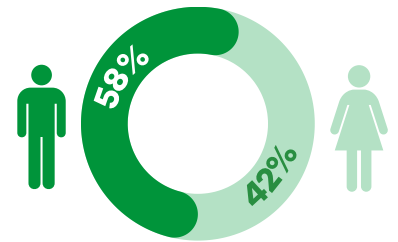
312,350

TOTAL PRIMARY STUDENTS



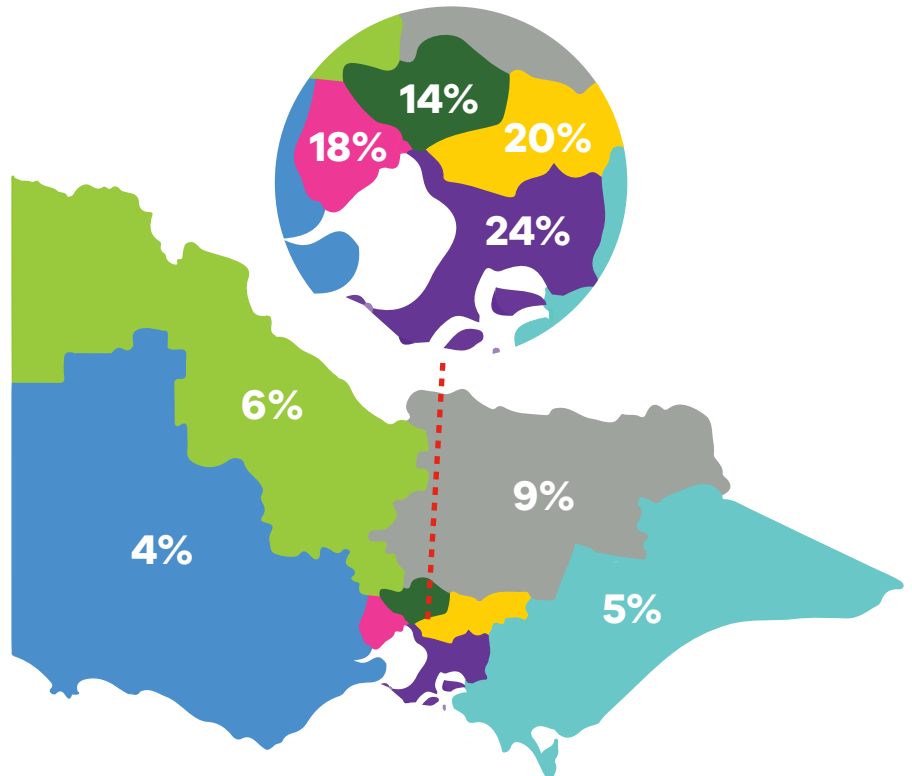
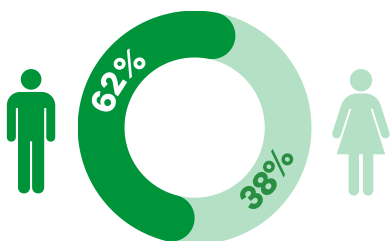
256,370

TOTAL SECONDARY STUDENTS



631

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTI-CLASS STUDENTS



- Greater Western Region
- Hume Region
- Loddon Mallee Region
- Gippsland Region
- Western Metro Region
- Northern Metro Region
- Eastern Metro Region
- Southern Metro Region

See SSV 2022 Sports Participation & Performance Infographics



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

School Sport Victoria's marketing and communications work continued to improve evidence by growth across most platforms including **subscriber numbers, website views, and the online community which is approaching 100,000.**

The overall growth is primarily attributable to the delivery of the **full School Sport Victoria program in 2022** along with a significant increase in the **volume and quality of video content**, and **greatly enhanced digital design.**

Key improvements and initiatives implemented in 2022 included:

- Refresh and redesign of the [SSV Play Value Connect eNews](#)
- Development of the [School Sport Victoria 2022 School Sport Program](#)
- Annual digital information to Victorian schools and coordinators
- Membership database and Membership Fees Commitment Form
- Video highlight packages
- Partner content coactivation
- Partnerships digital content submission form



2,744,829
TOTAL WEBPAGE VIEWS



25,661
1% INCREASE



16,090
11% INCREASE



3,717
35% INCREASE



1,910
35% INCREASE



3,231



45,669
SUBSCRIBERS
24% INCREASE

19
EDMS
SENT

57%
AVERAGE
OPEN RATE

30%
AVERAGE CLICK
THROUGH RATE





SSV Play provides participation opportunities that aim to engage less active students and those not currently participating in interschool sport. SSV Play includes activities in a social, and non-competitive format to engage students with a focus on participation.

SSV Play, supported by the Positive Start initiative, provided opportunities for nearly **39,000 students** from **242 schools** involved in:

- **Breakdancing** in partnership with Auspicious Arts which included the delivery of 2 introductory sessions per school.
- **Diversity Dash** which encouraged students to get outside and get active as part of a fun, social, and inclusive event using Holi powder. Students could run, skip, dance or walk their way through a fun course that incorporated fun activities like treasure hunts, obstacles, and activities.
- **School Games** delivered in partnership with ReLink Australia included delivering old school yard favourite activities with a modern twist which were fun, engaging, and interactive for students of all fitness levels and abilities.
- **Skateboarding** was delivered in partnership with YMCA Action Sports and the Victorian Skateboarding Association and included the delivery of 2 incursions per schools with four sessions per incursion.





STATISTICS



38,917

STUDENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES



SKATEBOARDING



242

SCHOOLS REACHED



BREAKDANCING



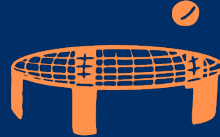
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METRO SCHOOLS



100

REGIONAL SCHOOLS



SCHOOL GAMES

Government vs Non-government Schools

79%

21%

Metro vs Regional Schools

59%

41%



DIVERSITY DASH



VIRTUAL X COUNTRY



176



PRIMARY

SCHOOL BREAKDOWN

48

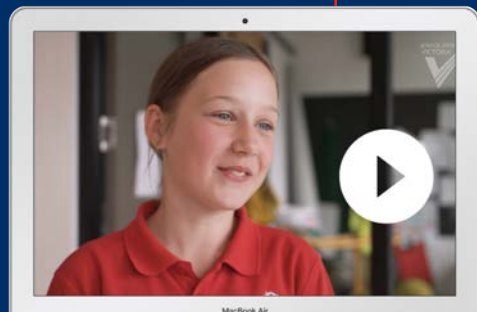


SECONDARY

18



SPECIALIST



SSV Play 2022 highlights video



INTERSCHOOL SPORT AND INCLUSION REPORT

School Sport Victoria, with support from State Sporting Organisations, provides an extensive interschool sport program with more than 30 different sports for Victorian students, from Year 4 to Year 12, to participate in.

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 delivered a free **'Girls in Football'** webinar with **Football Victoria** which included presentations from **Karen Pearce** OAM (Executive Manager, Growth and Inclusion, Football Victoria) and **Aish Ravi** (Founder, Women's Coaching Association, and Team Vic 18 & Under Girls Football (Soccer)).

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



[SSV 2022 Interschool Sport Results](#)

[SSV 2022 School Sport Program](#)



SSV COORDINATORS

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

In 2022, School Sport Victoria met with the **Region and Division Coordinators** on three occasions including the February and August online forums. The August forum included a presentation from **Owen Hulett**, Head of Participation at Cricket Victoria, sharing the new **Cricket Australia School Engagement Strategy**.

The **December Conference**, including the School Sport Victoria 2022 Awards, was held at Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville with more than 60 Coordinators in attendance with the theme '**The School Sport Experience**'. Highlights of the conference included:

- An interactive session on the school sport experience delivered by event expert **Andrew O'Loughlin**
- Wellness sessions delivered by **Edwina Ricci**
- Practical Futsal sessions delivered by **Football Victoria** specialist Futsal coaches, **Nomes Langham** and **Lucy Reimer**

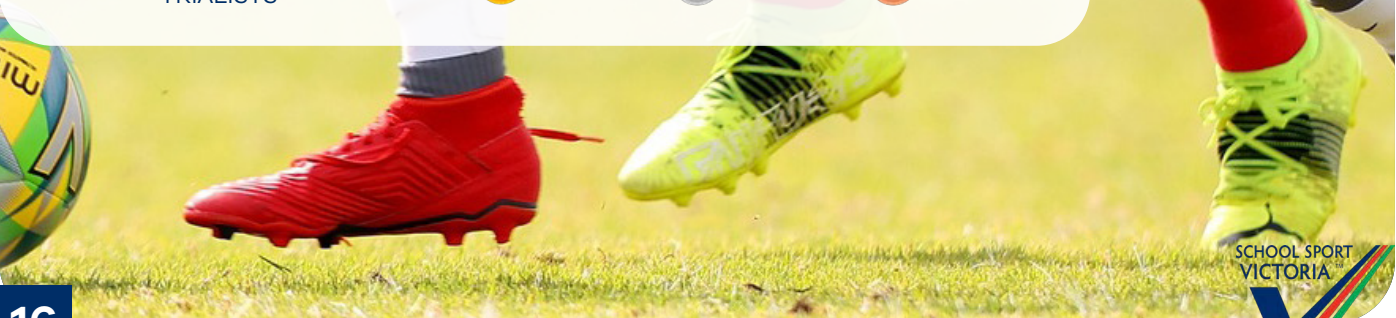
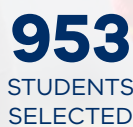
School Sport Victoria would like to thank the coordinators for their ongoing commitment and investment in delivering school sport to Victorian students.





School Sport Victoria’s Team Vic state representative program provides a development platform for Victoria’s emerging student athletes to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships.

With **19 sports** on offer and approximately **950 opportunities** for primary and secondary school students to represent Victoria, School Sport Victoria’s Team Vic state team program is recognised for its ability to **identify** and **assist** with the **development of future state, national, world, Olympic and Paralympic champions**.





2022 saw the welcome return of a **full School Sport Australia Championships calendar**, albeit condensed into the second half of the year. The strength of the program can be measured in many ways, most notably in the number of student registrations for selection trials. In **2022, over 6,400 students registered and participated** in selection trials delivered by the wider School Sport Victoria network.

The rigorous selection trial process led to the selection and announcement of **953 student athletes** across **49 teams**, in addition to the **138 Team Vic Officials** supporting the emerging student athletes.

Notably, a **multi-class** event was introduced at the School Sport Australia **Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships** with **Liz Gosper OAM**, Team Vic Coach, instrumental in supporting the multi-class athletes.

A major highlight of the year was the launch of the **Team Vic indigenous design competition uniform designed by emerging indigenous artist Channy Mitchell** from Mildura. Channy travelled to Melbourne for the launch during the Team Vic 15 Years and Under Netball dress presentation, where she explained the design incorporated aspects of **community, family, ancestors**, and the **athlete journey** to connect with the players and their experiences through Team Vic. The feedback received from the Team Vic and the broader School Sport Australia community was overwhelmingly positive.

Team Vic's state team program provided a **range of opportunities for students** including **additional training sessions, development camps, and athlete education sessions** delivered by the **Victorian Institute of Sport** and the **Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation**.



REACTION TO
INDIGENOUS DESIGN





CONTINUED

Acknowledging the increasing costs of sport, School Sport Victoria was able to provide a range of initiatives to support students to achieve their sporting goals. To reduce the barrier to participation and assist with the affordability of the Team Vic program, Team Vic athletes had the opportunity to establish an **Australian Sports Foundation fundraising project and were able to raise a total of \$35,000**. In addition, **41 eligible students benefited** from the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund.

School Sport Victoria hosted five successful School Sport Australia Championships including Bowls at Club Sunbury, Basketball in Bendigo, Golf 18 Years and Under on the Bellarine Peninsula, Cricket 12 Year and Under in Ballarat, and Softball 12 Years and Under in Waverley.

School Sport Victoria would like to acknowledge the work of the **National Programs** team in hosting the five events particularly given the challenges of the flooding in regional Victoria during September and October resulting in shifting the **Cricket Championships from Shepparton to Ballarat within the space of a month**. Additionally, School Sport Victoria would like to **thank its partners** for their support in delivering these events.

Whilst the fundamental purpose of the Team Vic state team program is to provide opportunities for student athletes, it could not occur without the **contribution of our Team Vic Officials**. Their assistance and leadership in the development of the Team Vic program **enhances the experience of our student athletes** and is strongly supported by the results achieved at the School Sport Australia Championships.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank the network of teachers, coordinators, Team Vic Officials and key sports partners for their ongoing support and dedication to the Team Vic state team program in 2022. **Go Team Vic!**



TEAM VIC
CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS



TEAM VIC
BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS



TEAM VIC
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



TEAM VIC
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS





ALUMNI

Team Vic alumni continued to shine on the international and national sporting stage with notable achievements including **37 Australian representatives at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**, **14 AFLW draftees**, and **Dyson Daniels** selected by the New Orleans Pelicans as **pick number 8 in the NBA draft**.

School Sport Victoria congratulates these athletes whose performances continue to consolidate the importance of the Team Vic program in terms of the Australian and Victorian athlete development framework.



PARTNERS

School Sport Victoria continued to **implement the long-term partnership strategy** developed in 2021 in alignment with the Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030, with the overarching **objectives of enhancing the student experience whilst supporting the ongoing affordability of school sport.**

School Sport was delighted to **announce a multi-year major partnership with rebel, Australia’s leading sports retailer, in October 2022** based on the mutual focus to **increase the sports and physical activity participation rates of Australian children.**

rebel’s first activation was at the **State Basketball Championships** where they set up a **warmup and cool down area for students** which was one of the recommendations of the School Sport Victoria Student Leaders.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank Phil Grillo (State Manager, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania), Gary Williams (Managing Director), Rosemary Martin (General Manager, eCommerce and Marketing), Patrick Gannon (Sponsorship Manager) and Meghan Pinney (Regional Manager), for their commitment and support of School Sport Victoria and Victorian schools, teachers, and, most importantly, students.

Two other major partners were announced in 2022, with **DMC Sport announced as the merchandise partner** and **S-Trend as the apparel partner** both for the period 2022 to 2025.

DMC Sport produce the highly popular interschool sport merchandise, with S-Trend producing SSV staff and Team Vic apparel including the sensational indigenous design inspired Team Vic competition uniform.

School Sport Victoria’s partnership work with State Sporting Organisations continued and was headlined by a **major partnership with Football Victoria** which included the delivery of a **Futsal pilot**. Other partnership announcements included **Cricket Victoria, Squash and Racquetball Victoria, AFL Victoria, Baseball Victoria, Softball Victoria, and Tennis Victoria.**

Additionally, partnerships were secured with the **Australia Sports Foundation (2022 to 2024), Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund, Victorian Institute of Sport, and the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation** specifically to support the Team Vic program.

dmc sport.

↑ **69%** SALES FROM 2019

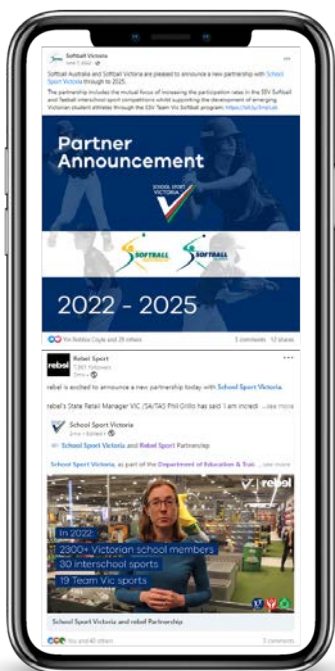
11,885 HOODIES SOLD

↑ **67%**

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION

\$ 35,000+

FUNRAISED TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ATTENDING THE SSA CHAMPIONSHIPS



MAJOR PARTNER



MAJOR SPORT SPONSORS



SPORT PARTNERS



MERCHANDISE PARTNER



Team **vic** PARTNERS



PARTNERS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORT NETWORK



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The **Victorian School Sport Network (VSSN)** is a collaboration of key partners supporting physical activity and sport participation amongst children and young people, across school and community settings.

The network is coordinated by School Sport Victoria and includes representation from education, sport, and government.

Throughout the year the **VSSN revised the key areas for collaboration with the focus for the period 2023 to 2025:**





The **2022 Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG)** was extra special for not only was the Games' **ran following a 2-year hiatus**, but it was also the **25th anniversary of the VTG**.

To celebrate the occasion, VTG returned to the **original host city of Geelong** with over **1,800 educators** and **school staff** from across Victoria **participating** in the **four days of competition and festivities**.



1,813
PARTICIPANTS



110
SESSIONS
PLANNED



44
UNIQUE
EVENTS



CONTINUED

VTG participants could be spotted all around Geelong, wearing their medals (and wooden spoons) with pride after competing in over **40 different sporting, recreation/wellness and social events** across 30 of Geelong's sporting venues and facilities. The schedule included a wide range of events including netball, lawn bowls, laser skirmish, dodgeball, an Amazing Race and more.

- Event held from **Sunday 18 September – Wednesday 21 September 2022**
- **1,813 registered participants**, representing **14%** of all schools in Victoria. **52%** of all attendees were first-time participants and the event provided **5,126 participation opportunities** to Victorian educators.
- **44** different types of **sporting, recreation/wellness and social events**, delivered in **110 sessions**. The average participant entered 3 events.
- The injection of **\$1.1 million into the local economy**, with almost **3** out of **4** travelling from outside of Geelong and staying an average of 2 nights in Geelong accommodation.
- **4.5 out of 5 (90%)** participant satisfaction rating

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Latrobe City Council has secured the right to **host the Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) for 2023 and 2024**, bringing the event and thousands of Victorian educators back to Gippsland for the first time in over a decade.

Up to **2,500 school staff** will converge on Traralgon, Moe and Morwell from **17 to 20 September 2023** to participate in a wide range of sporting, recreational and social events.

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VTG DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS



VTG DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS



VTG DAY 3 HIGHLIGHTS



BE FIT. BE WELL.



The 'Be Fit. Be Well.' program is delivered in partnership with School Sport Victoria and the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS), which sees VIS athletes share their stories of overcoming adversity, building resilience and, ultimately, athletic. and personal triumph.

The return to onsite learning for Victorian schools resulted in the return of more face to face Be Fit. Be Well. sessions with far fewer virtual sessions compared to 2020 and 2021. For the first time since 2016, the Be Fit. Be Well., program engaged with more regional (63) than metropolitan (57) schools. Pleasingly, a record 13,768 students were engaged in the school visits (face-to-face and virtual sessions).

Complementing the Be Fit. Be Well. program, VIS athletes attended various School Sport Victoria State Championships which is a great opportunity for Victorian students to engage and interact with these incredible role models.

The 'Be Fit. Be Well.' emphasises the importance of lifelong physical activity and is free for Victorian government schools.

The partnership extends more than 25 years and is an incredible opportunity for Victorian students to connect and be inspired by the VIS' world-class athletes.



13,768

STUDENTS ENGAGED



107%

FROM 2021



35

ATHLETE
SPEAKERS



120

SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED

ACADEMIC & SPORTING

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL



278

MEDALS ISSUED

School Sport extended the scope of the Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal's in 2022 which included Victorian Government schools being eligible for two medals for both a boy and girl.

The medal recognises the most outstanding student in a school who has achieved a high level academically, combined with a strong sporting contribution to the school.

Congratulations to the 278 students who received the Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal in 2022. Each student was also given a rebel voucher to reward their efforts.



SCHOOL SPORT

VICTORIA AWARDS



The fourth **School Sport Victoria Awards**, held in conjunction with the annual School Sport Victoria Coordinators Conference, recognise the outstanding achievements of School Sport Victoria Coordinators, schools, teachers, and volunteers in delivering school sport. The Awards also include the annual Service Awards, Recognition Awards, and Life Member Awards.

School Sport Victoria values the important contribution of personnel who go above and beyond for Victorian students in providing interschool and interstate school sport. These awards were established as one way of recognising this important contribution.

School Sport Victoria would like to congratulate the **19 recipients** including **Christ the Priest Catholic School Primary School, Caroline Springs**, who won the 'Sports School of the Year' category and a \$1,000 rebel voucher.

AWARD	AWARD RECIPIENT
Sports School of the Year	Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School
Division Coordinator of the Year (Primary)	William Rilen
District Coordinator of the Year (Primary)	Stephen Brewer
School Sport Coordinator of the Year (Primary)	William Rilen
School Sport Coordinator of the Year (Secondary)	Maree Pearce
Team Vic Team of the Year	Football (Soccer), Boys 16 Years & Under
Team Vic Team of the Year	Australian Football, Girls 12 Years and Under
Team Vic Coach of the Year	Dean Stafrace
Team Vic Manager of the Year	Cadell Duke
Team Vic Volunteer of the Year	Nicholas Alexopoulos
Recognition Award	Drew Cathcart
Recognition Award	Jackie Greaves
Service Award, 10 Years	Stewart McGregor
Service Award, 10 Years	Alisia Simmons
Service Award, 10 Years	Rhett Dadswell
Service Award, 10 Years	Aron Lombardi
Service Award, 20 Years	Julie Grummisch
Service Award, 20 Years	Darren Taylor
Service Award, 20 Years	John Mitchell





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SPORTS AWARDS

The **2022 Victorian School Sports Awards** was another star-studded celebration of sporting excellence, with more than 200 guests in the Melbourne Cricket Ground's Members dining room on Monday 3 April 2023.

It was an afternoon of acclaim for all the richly deserving winners, but there is no doubt that the **biggest applause** of the day rung out for para-athlete **Jack Howell**. **Jack** received the award ceremony's highest accolade, the **Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award**, which honours one of Australia's best-known sporting icons.

Jack, a Year 12 student at **Kambrya College** in Berwick last year, is a multi-talented para-athlete who excels at national and international level in para and mainstream – including swimming, triathlon, and cross country. Ranking high in his many achievements is being national able-body triathlon champion in the 15 to 19 years age group. Jack inspires and encourages other young athletes through his many ambassador, volunteer and speaking roles – including with a national camp for amputee teens – and through regular school talks.

The other **2 big individual awards** – for Outstanding Sporting Achievements – went to high-achievers **Shih-Yuan Lim**, of **Serpell Primary School**, and **Nicholas Lum**, of **Virtual School Victoria**. **Shih-Yuan** is an all-round sportsman and a distinguished national underage team gold medallist badminton player. **Nicholas** became the youngest ever Oceania men's singles table tennis champion and was placed number 1 in the world under-17 table tennis rankings.

Coatesville Primary School won the prestigious **School and Community Partnership Award**, including a **\$1,000 rebel sports voucher**, for providing students with opportunities to participate in a diverse range of activities through strong connections to local sporting groups.

Marathon legend and Commonwealth Games gold medal winner **Steve Moneghetti** was the MC and with guest presenter **Abbey Caldwell**, 2022 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist, presented **41 awards**. The impressive tally included **34 Sporting Blue Awards** which are the **highest sporting accolades** presented in **Victoria's government schools**.

School Sport Victoria would like to thank **VicHealth** for their valued sponsorship of the awards, major partner, **rebel**, who provided \$100 vouchers for the 3 individual major award winners and \$20 vouchers to each Sporting Blue recipient, and **DMC Sport** who provided VSSA Hoodies to all student award winners.



JACK HOWELL
LINDSAY GAZE
AWARD



NICHOLAS LUM
OUTSTANDING SPORTING
AWARD



SHIH-YUAN LIM
OUTSTANDING SPORTING
AWARD



COATSVILLE PRIMARY
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL
& COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP AWARD



AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	AWARD RECIPIENT	SCHOOL NAME	SPORT
Sporting Blue Award	Joshua Djatschenko	Maribyrnong College	Athletics (Track & Field)
Sporting Blue Award	Sukhnoor Rangi	Maribyrnong College	Athletics (Track & Field)
Sporting Blue Award	Christopher Go	Nossal High School	Badminton
Sporting Blue Award	Jayden Kim	Maribyrnong College	Baseball
Sporting Blue Award	Ethan Bolton	Berwick College	Basketball
Sporting Blue Award	Tanielle Knight	Western Heights Secondary College	Basketball
Sporting Blue Award	Ruby Gibson	Maribyrnong College	Cricket
Sporting Blue Award	Harkirat Bajwa	Nossal High School	Cricket
Sporting Blue Award	Olivia Roche	Blackburn High School	Diving
Sporting Blue Award	Mark Leonard	Albert Park College	Football (Soccer)
Sporting Blue Award	Alana Cortellino	Maribyrnong College	Football (Soccer)
Sporting Blue Award	Seabil Leong	Maribyrnong College	Golf
Sporting Blue Award	Ellie Jarratt	Maribyrnong College	Hockey
Sporting Blue Award	Charlotte Morey	Maribyrnong College	Netball
Sporting Blue Award	Jake Ridley	Mordialloc College	Swimming
Sporting Blue Award	Charlize Buna	Maribyrnong College	Swimming
Sporting Blue Award	Lucas Lum	Glen Waverley Secondary College	Table Tennis
Sporting Blue Award	Charlotte Vanstone McGrath	Maribyrnong College	Tennis
Sporting Blue Award	Luella Greer	Maribyrnong College	Volleyball (Indoor)
Sporting Blue Award	James Kay	McKinnon Secondary College	Volleyball (Indoor)
Sporting Blue Award	Gospel Ropeti	Melton Primary School	Athletics (Track & Field)
Sporting Blue Award	Zoe Schultz	Syndal South Primary School	Athletics (Track & Field)

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Sporting Blue Award	Gillie Lumby	Strathmore North Primary School	Cross Country
Sporting Blue Award	Deena Gerges	Mill Park Primary School	Athletics (Track & Field)
Sporting Blue Award	Indy Springett	Eastwood primary School	Basketball
Sporting Blue Award	Zackery Tung	Serpell Primary School	Basketball
Sporting Blue Award	Heidi Kuppler	Greenhills Primary School	Cross Country
Sporting Blue Award	Isabella Sun Shangguan	Serpell Primary School	Diving
Sporting Blue Award	Archie Forsyth	Great Ryrie Primary School	Diving
Sporting Blue Award	Jobe Davies	Fyans Park Primary School	Football (Soccer)
Sporting Blue Award	Arena Tran	Glen Waverley Primary School	Golf
Sporting Blue Award	Achilles Putaura	Deer Park North Primary School	Rugby League
Sporting Blue Award	Aston Wilson	Balwyn Primary School	Swimming
Sporting Blue Award	Pauline Ma	Glen Waverley South Primary School	Tennis
Outstanding Teacher Contribution	Mark Cunningham	Springside Primary School	Teacher Award
Outstanding Teacher Contribution	Kane Armistead	Nossal High School	Teacher Award
Outstanding Community Contribution	Michelle Desaulniers	Nossal High School	Community Contribution
Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award	Shih-Yuan Lim	Serpell Primary School	Badminton
Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award	Nicholas Lum	Virtual School Victoria	Table Tennis
Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award	Jack Howell	Kambrya College	Triathlon
Outstanding School & Community Partnership	Coatesville Primary School		





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

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

OUR PURPOSE

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

OUR GOALS By 2030:

- **800,000** School sport participation opportunities are provided to Victorian students each year, by 2030.
- **450,000** Victorian students participate in school sport 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.



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