



Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Townsville School Sport acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the country throughout our district, and their connections to land, sea and community. We acknowledge that this land on which we live, work and play, whilst beautiful and revered to many, has even deeper layers of significance to its Traditional Owners: The **Wulgurukaba**, covering Hervey Range, Gurambilbarra, Yunbenun, and seawards and **Bindal**, covering Cape Cleveland and Bowling Green Bay National Park. We pay our respects to elders of these nations past, present, and emerging, and to the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait people to whom this country continues to carry deep cultural, spiritual, and heritage significance.

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Report from the Chair

If you are reading this, you are invested in the impact of school sport. If you are not, you should be.

Through Townsville School Sport 2025 again saw many and varied wonderful opportunities offered to all our students. A wide range of sports, led by hard working sub committees, were presented to all schools and opportunities for players and coaches to compete against each other arranged through seasonal sport and gala days. All very well attended.

Students with developed abilities across many sports were giving the opportunity to trial for Townsville and Thuringowa teams and then, if selected, to pit their skills against the best in the Region, making a Northern team the goal. I understand our Northern School Sport Officer, Mr Brook Wilson, was very proud of the representation of our Northern teams in State Championships this year, performing capably against the best in the State.

Providing these opportunities takes commitment and hard work from the backbone of School Sport – the Executive team and all driving members of Townsville School Sport. The hard work at school, in the office, on the training paddock, and on the field, is worth it. The genuine rewards for our students, our schools, ourselves and ultimately, our Region, is worth it.

A short story for you to prove my point. Late October this year I walked into a coffee shop in Townsville. I saw Sam Thaiday in the corner on his laptop. Sam is a successful rugby league player representing the Brisbane Broncos, Queensland and Australia. We talked – he was genuinely excited to see me. See, when Sam was young he went to Kirwan SS. I taught Year 6 and I was the rugby league coach. I was on the TSS league committee and took the Thuringowa league team to NQ Trials. Those were the days. I saw Sam running around the oval. He was athletic and strong, however, his mother wouldn't let him play league – 'He'll get hurt' she always used to say. Anyway, it took some convincing. I remember the day when Sam said that mum had signed the interschool permission note. Not sure who was more excited.

To cut this story shorter, Sam went on to make the Thuringowa Team, the Northern Team and then made a very successful career from the sport he loved.

On my desk, proudly displayed is a photo of Sam Thaiday, in a frame, playing for Australia. On it is written, *'Thanks for the start in league – Sam Thaiday'*. Sam gave this to me after his debut for Australia.

We can not always predict where the school sport opportunities will lead. The passionate work driving these opportunities is exciting.

Read on, enjoy. We make a difference.

John Kratzmann

Chair

Townsville School Sport

Principal

Kirwan State School



Tsv School Sport 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance	\$79,081.15	
 <u>Income</u>		
School Levies	\$60,363.00	
Sub-committee levies	\$8,230.00	
Other	\$4,400.00	
	<u>\$68,593.00</u>	\$152,074.15
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
TRS Claims	\$36,190.84	
AAEP hrs	\$3,600.00	
Meetings	\$518.18	
Uniforms	\$25,152.50	
Equipment	\$286.96	
NRSS levy	\$3,890.00	
Misc	\$8,000.47	<u>\$77,638.95</u>
 School Account Balance		 <u>\$74,435.20</u>





2025 TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT

OFFICE BEARERS

Chair	John Kratzmann	Kirwan SS
Deputy Chair	Brett Hull	Annandale SS
Secretary	Peta Ballinger	NRSS
Treasurer	Toni Wilson	Townsville West SS

Sub-Committees

SPORT	PRESIDENT	WORKING COMMITTEE
AFL	Andrew Lowing - Kelso SS	Leonie Bonke Vanessa Brage
ATHLETICS	Michael Porter – Cathedral (T & F) Glen Baker – Mundingburra SS (CC)	Carnival Convenor – Toni Wilson Wanda Austin Peta Ballinger Jenni Jackson
BASKETBALL	Trent Welsby – Annandale Christian	Luke Brennan Melanie McBow
CRICKET	Andrew Lowing - Kelso SS	
FOOTBALL	Matt Williams – Oonoonba SS	Russell Hall Chris Smit
HOCKEY	Kirsten Logan – Holy Spirit	Rhiannon Poletti Birony Davis
NETBALL	Toni Wilson – Tsv West SS	Peta Ballinger Nicole Lennox Lisa Robertson
RUGBY LEAGUE	Glen Baker – Mundingburra SS	Mitch Baskett Mitch Baker
RUGBY UNION	John Roberts	Chris Findlay Julia Douglas
SOFTBALL	Matt Harrison	Karman Hartshorn John Roberts Tracey Stanieg
SWIMMING	Peta Ballinger—NRSS	Adam Edwards Jenni Jackson
TENNIS	Ben Lawn – Belgian Gardens SS	
TOUCH FOOTBALL	Brett Hull – Annandale SS	Conor Wilson

DISTRICT SPORTS STRUCTURE

Townsville District is a one of five districts in the Northern Region School Sport area. The other districts in the region are: Burdekin, Charters Towers, Herbert River and Whitsunday. Due to its size, Townsville counts as two districts (Thuringowa was formerly the other district in Townsville). Each district is represented at regional meetings by two delegates.

TOWNSVILLE

State Schools

Aitkenvale
Annandale
Belgian Gardens
Currajong
Garbutt
Hermit Park
Magnetic Island
Mundingburra
Oonoonba
Railway Estate
Townsville Central
Townsville South
Townsville West
Vincent
Woodstock
Wulguru

Catholic Schools

Marian
St. Joseph's Mundingburra
St. Joseph's North Ward
Southern Cross

Independent Schools

Annandale Christian
The Cathedral School
Townsville Grammar
Townsville Christian College
Riverside Adventist Christian

Secondary Schools

Annandale Christian College
Pimlico SHS
St Margaret Marys College
St Patrick's College
Southern Cross Catholic College
The Cathedral School
Townsville Grammar School
Townsville SHS

THURINGOWA

State Schools

Bluewater
Bohlevale
Bwgcolman
Cranbrook
Heatley
Kelso
Kirwan
North Shore
Rasmussen
Rollingstone
Weir
The Willows

Catholic Schools

Good Shepherd Community
Holy Spirit
Ryan Catholic College
St. Anthony's
St. Benedict's
St. Clare's
St. Michael's Palm Island

Independent Schools

Calvary Christian College
Carinity Education Shalom

Secondary Schools

Calvary Christian College
Heatley SC
Kirwan SHS
Mary Help of Christians
Northern Beaches
Ryan Catholic College
Carinity Education Shalom
St Anthony's College
Thuringowa SHS

TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT

DATES FOR SCHOOL SPORT

2026

AGM of TSS **Thursday 12 February (Kirwan Sports Club)**

Season One Fixtures Hockey, Netball and Rugby League AGM: 19 Feb
6 weeks **23/24/30 April 1/7/8/14/15/21/22/28/29 May**

Season Two Fixtures Football, Touch, Tennis, and Rugby Union AGM: 4 June
6 weeks **16/17/23/24/30/31 July 13/14/27/28 August 10/11 Sep**

Season Three Fixtures Australian Rules, Basketball and Tee-Ball AGM: 3 September
6 weeks **8/9/15/16/22/23/29/30 October, 5/6/12/13 November**

Swimming Carnivals **Nominations for Townsville Carnivals – Thursday 26 February**

“D” & “E” & “F” Friday 6 March (Aitkenvale Pool)
“B” & “C” Monday 9 March (Long Tan Pool)
“A” Tuesday 10 March (Long Tan Pool)

Cross Country **Nominations Officials –8 May, Competitors – Friday 15 May**
Townsville Tuesday 19 May
NQ Tuesday 26 May

Athletics Carnivals **Nominations for Townsville Carnivals – Thursday 23 July**

“E” & “F” Monday 10 August
“D” Tuesday 4 August
“C” Wednesday 5 August
“B” Thursday 6 August
“A” Friday 7 August
NQ Tuesday 25 Aug

Friday 20 February **Ruth Young Memorial Hockey**
Friday 13 March **Rugby Union Gala Day TBC**
Thursday 2 April **Bill Nettle Challenge/NQ Netball Cup**
Friday 18 September **Townsville Blackhawks Challenge U/10 R/League**
Wednesday 4 November **Mixed Touch Gala Day**

Sports- Representative Trials Dates

SPORT	TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT	NORTHERN	STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Netball Girls	5 March - call back 6 March	22/23 MARCH	27-31 MAY
Netball Boys	TBC	23 MARCH	27-31 MAY
Rugby League 11-12yrs Boys	10 March Thuringowa Schools 12 March Townsville Schools	29/30 MARCH	24-30 JUNE
Australian Rules	13 March	31 MARCH	3-7 JUNE
Rugby League 10-11yrs	18 March Thuringowa Schools 19 March Townsville Schools	28 APRIL	5-10 JULY
Rugby Union	22 April	12 MAY	22-26 JULY
Hockey	23 April	13 MAY	29 JULY- 2 AUGUST
Tennis	24 April	11 MAY	
Football	Boys 28 April- call Back 30 April Girls 29 April - call back 30 April	24/25 MAY	5-9 AUGUST
Touch	6 May Thuringowa Schools 7 May Townsville Schools	17/18 MAY	12-16 AUGUST
Softball	14 May	7/8 JUNE	18-22 AUGUST
Basketball	Boys 28 May - call back 29 May Girls 29 May	17 JUNE	2-6 SEPTEMBER
Rugby League 11-12yrs Girls	11 June	23 JUNE	20-23 AUGUST
Cricket-Boys	18/19 June	26/27 JULY	13-18 SEPTEMBER
Cricket-Girls	19 June	19 JULY	7-11 SEPTEMBER



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT CALENDAR FOR 2026

Sub-Committee AGM dates to be advised

Term 1 Swimming & Season 1 sports – Hockey, Netball, Rugby League

Term 2 Athletics & Season 2 sports – Football, Rugby Union, Tennis, Touch Football

Term 3 Season 3 sports – Australian Rules, Basketball and Tee-ball

TSS meeting dates to be advised (July and November)

February

4	Aquathlon	State Championships, Hervey Bay
12	TSS	AGM at the Kirwan Sports Club at 3.45pm
20	Hockey	Ruth Young Memorial Hockey Gala Day
26	Swimming	Close of Nominations for Interschool Carnivals

March

5	Netball (girls)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm, callback 6 March
6	Swimming	'D', 'E' & 'F' Schools Carnivals – Aitkenvale SS Pool
9	Swimming	'C' & 'B' Schools Carnival - Long Tan Pool
10	Swimming	'A' Schools Carnivals - Long Tan Pool
10	Rugby league (11-12b)	Thuringowa trials commencing at 3.30 pm
12	Rugby league (11-12b)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30 pm
13	Rugby union	Rugby union Gala Day TBC
13	Australian Rules	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30 pm
18	Rugby league (10-11)	Thuringowa trials commencing at 3.30 pm
19	Rugby league (10-11)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30 pm
25-27	Swimming (10-12b&g)	State Championships, Brisbane
22/23	Netball (girls)	NRSS trials, Townsville
23	Netball (boys)	NRSS trials, Townsville
29/30	Rugby league (11-12b)	NRSS trials, Burdekin
31	Australian Rules	NRSS trials, Townsville

April

2	Rugby League	Bill Nettle Under 12 Gala Day
2	Netball	NQ Netball Cup
22	Rugby union (11-12)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm
23	Hockey	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30 pm
23/24	Season 1	Fixtures start (Hockey, Netball, Rugby League)
24	Tennis	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm
28	Football (boys)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm, callback 30 April
28	Rugby league (10-11)	NRSS trials, Townsville
29	Football (girls)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm, callback 30 April

May

6	Touch	Thuringowa trials commencing at 3.30pm
7	Touch	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm
8	Cross country	Close of Nominations for Townsville Carnival (officials)
11	Tennis	NRSS trials, Burdekin
12	Rugby Union	NRSS trials, Townsville
13	Hockey	NRSS trials, Townsville
14	Softball	Thuringowa trials commencing at 3.30pm
14	Softball	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm
15	Cross country	Close of Nominations for Townsville Carnival (competitors)
17/18	Touch	NRSS trials, Whitsunday
19	Cross country	Townsville Carnival
24/25	Football	NRSS trials, Ayr
26	Cross country	NRSS Carnival, Townsville (Bicentennial Park)
28	Basketball (boys)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm, callback 29 May
27-31	Netball (girls & boys)	State Championships, Brisbane
29	Basketball (girls)	Townsville trials commencing at 3.30pm



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT CALENDAR FOR 2026

June

3-7	Australian rules	State Championships, Cairns
7/8	Softball	NRSS trials, Charters Towers
11	Rugby league (11-12g)	Townsville trials, Townsville
17	Basketball	NRSS trials, Townsville
18	Cricket (boys)	Townsville trials, commencing at 3.30 pm, callback 19 th
23	Rugby league (11-12g)	NRSS trials, Townsville
24-30	Rugby league (11-12b)	State Championships, Mount Isa

July

5-10	Rugby league (10-11)	State Championships, Brendale (Brisbane)
16/17	Season 2	Fixtures start (Tennis, Rugby Union, Football, Touch Football)
18-20	Cross Country	State Championships, Toowoomba
19	Cricket (girls)	NRSS trials, Ingham
29-30	Track and field	Challenge Games, Townsville
22-26	Rugby Union	State Championships, Gold Coast
23	Track and field	Close of nominations for Townsville Carnivals
26/27	Cricket (boys)	NRSS trials, Home Hill
29-2	Hockey	State Championships, Brisbane

August

4-7	Track and field	Townsville Carnivals ('D', 'C', 'B', 'A')
5-9	Football	State Championships, Townsville
10	Track and field	Townsville Carnivals ('EF')
14-17	Tennis	State Championships, Brisbane
12-16	Touch	State Championships, Bundaberg
18-22	Softball	State Championships, Brisbane
20-23	Rugby league (11-12g)	State Championship, Gold Coast
25	Track and field	NRSS trials, Townsville

September

2-6	Basketball	State Championships, Brisbane
7-11	Cricket (girls)	State Championship, Sunshine Coast
13-18	Cricket (boys)	State Championships, Ipswich
18	Rugby League	Townsville Blackhawks Under 10 Challenge

October

8/9	Season 3	Fixtures start (Australian Rules, Cricket, Tee-ball, Basketball)
11-14	Track and field	State Championships, Brisbane

November

4	Touch	Mixed Touch Gala Day
8	Aquathlon	NRSS trials, Townsville



Northern Region School Sport 2026 Regional Trials



SPORT	Regional Trial Date & Venue	Term / Week	State Championship Date	Term / Week
SQSH 10 - 19 (B&G)	Mon 9th March Townsville	T1 / Wk 7	13th – 17th May	T2 / Wk 5
NET 10 - 12 (G)	Sun 22nd / Mon 23rd March Townsville	T1 / Wk9	27th—31st May	T2 / Wk 6
NET 10 - 12 (B)	Mon 23rd March Townsville	T1 / Wk9	27th—31st May	T2 / Wk 6
RLG 11 - 12 (B)	Sun 29th / Mon 30th March Ayr	T1 / Wk10	24 th – 30th June	T2 / Wk 10
AFL 10 - 12 (B)	Tues 31st March Townsville	T1 / Wk10	3rd—7th June	T2 / Wk 7
RLG 10 - 11	Tues 28 ^h April Townsville	T2 / Wk 2	5th– 10 th July	Holidays
TENN 10 – 12 (B&G)	Mon 11th May Home Hill	T2 / Wk 4	22nd—26th July	T3 / Wk 2
RGU 10 - 12	Tues 12 th May Townsville	T2 / Wk 4	22nd—26th July	T3 / Wk2
HOCK 10 - 12 (B&G)	Mon 11th May Townsville	T2 / Wk 4	29th July—2nd Aug	T3 / Wk 3
FOOT 10 - 12 (B&G)	Sun 24th / Mon 25th May Burdekin—Ayr	T2 / Wk 5	1 st – 4 th August	T3 / Wk 4
SOFT 10 - 12 (G)	Sun 7th / Mon 8th June Charters Towers	T2 / Wk 6	18th – 22nd Aug	T3 / Wk 6
CROSS 10 - 19	Tues 26 th May Townsville	T2 / Wk 6	17 th – 20 th July	T3 / Wk 1
TCH 10—12 (B&G)	Sun 17th / Mon 18th May Airlie Beach	T2 / Wk 8	12th—16th Aug	T3 / Wk 5
BSK 10 - 12 (B&G)	Wed 17th June Townsville	T2 / Wk 9	2nd—6th Sept	T2 / Wk 8
RLG 11 - 12 (G)	Tues 23rd June Townsville	T2 / Wk10	19th—23rd Aug	T3 / Wk 6
CRICK 10 - 12 (G)	Sun 19 ^h July Herbert River—Ingham	T3 / Wk 2	7th—11th Sept	T3 / Wk 9
CRICK 10 - 12 (B)	Sun 26th / Mon 27 th July Home Hill	T3 / Wk3	13th – 18 th Sept	T3 / Wk 10
TNF 10 - 12	Tues 25th August Townsville	T3 / Wk 7	11 th – 14 th Oct	T4 / Wk 2

2025 Townsville District Representatives

SPORT		NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVES	QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES
AFL		19	-
AQUATHON		7	-
ATHLETICS	CROSS COUNTRY	19	1
	TRACK & FIELD	58	5
BASKETBALL	BOYS	9	-
	GIRLS	7	-
CRICKET	BOYS	8	-
	GIRLS	6	-
FOOTBALL	BOYS	11	-
	GIRLS	10	-
GOLF		3	-
HOCKEY	BOYS	13	-
	GIRLS	13	-
NETBALL		5	-
RUGBY LEAGUE	11/12YRS	14	-
	10/11YRS	12	NA
	GIRLS	14	1
RUGBY UNION		19	-
SOFTBALL		6	-
SWIMMING		12	3
TENNIS		4	-
TOUCH FOOTBALL	BOYS	11	3
	GIRLS	14	3

2026 Team Levies for Interschool Sport

Sport	Season	Levy/Team
AFL	3	\$40
ATHLETICS	Cross Country	No Charge
	Red Track	\$200 (A-D Schools) \$150 (E-F Schools)
BASKETBALL	3	\$35
FOOTBALL	2	\$45
HOCKEY	1	\$45
	Ruth Young Gala	\$25
NETBALL	1	\$25
	NQ Cup	\$25
RUGBY LEAGUE	1	\$45
	Bill Nettle Gala	\$25
	Blackhawks Challenge	\$25
RUGBY UNION	2	\$45
SOFTBALL	3	\$30
SWIMMING	Interschool Carnivals	\$65 (A-C Schools) \$55 (D-F Schools)
TENNIS	2	\$35
TOUCH FOOTBALL	2	\$25
Townsville School Sport	Prep – Yr 6 Students	\$3

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL REPORT

2025 saw wet weather again wash out trials across the Townsville district and the Northern Trials in Term 1. Because of the weather 43 boys from the TSS district attended the Northern trial in week 1 of Term two. This itself was a blessing due to many of the players having a couple extra weeks of club training then to show off their skills for the Northern trial where 75 students attended. The wet weather in Term 1 did not allow for the Townsville boys to attend training sessions prior to the Northern trials at the Curra Swans AFC.

The boys from Townsville were then split up across 4 sides over the day where mini games were played. Vanessa Brage of Ryan CC once again assisted as a coach and selector along with me as the Northern convener from our district.

At the end of the trials 17 TSS students were selected out of the team of 23. Once again, our district leads the way in AFL in the Northern region.

Our 10-12 years girls' trials were also washed out and therefore we could not highlight girls for the trials being held in Cairns for the Peninsula region. We had 44 girls to trial. From these numbers 30 of these girls shall be able to return in 2026 for another TSS trial. Brook Wilson from Northern sent a message to all the girls giving them a special invite to those trials. 3 girls from Townsville were selected in the Peninsula 10-12 years girls' team to attend the state championships.

SEASON 3 - THURINGOWA AFL

AFL experienced outstanding growth and enthusiasm in Season 3 of the Thuringowa Inter-School Sport competition. With 12 competitive boys' teams, 5 competitive mixed teams, and 4 competitive girls' teams, the depth of talent and passion across all divisions was on full display. Students consistently produced fast, skilled and exciting football, raising the overall standard of the competition. With Leonie Bonke from Ryan CC convening Season 3 AFL with assistance from Vanessa Brage and other Ryan CC HPE staff it ran so smoothly. The number of girls participating also increased which was a positive sign for the future of the game for our future girl representative pathways.

Both Hermit Park Tigers AFC and the Curra Swans AFC must be congratulated on the conditions of their playing facilities. With the construction around the Hermit Park Tigers AFC home ground the use of the small junior field was outstanding to have as a back up when needed. The extra shade areas shall be very welcome in 2026 for any school aged AFL being conducted at these grounds.

This strong participation is particularly meaningful given that, for the past two years, Hermit Park has been the only nomination in the Townsville AFL competition. The success of our Season 3 program highlights a fantastic opportunity for next year: inviting Hermit Park to join the Thuringowa competition, allowing them to participate in AFL and providing everyone with a more competitive draw and strengthening AFL across the broader region. The sub committee hopes that more Townsville based schools nominate themselves for the 2026 season.

A huge thank you must go to Joel and the AFLQ team, whose continued support, guidance and organisation played a major role in making this season such a success. Their commitment to school AFL has helped create an inclusive, engaging and high-quality experience for all our students. With 'The Suns AFL team also supplying special indigenous round guernseys for each MVP female players from each school and 'Suns' caps for the boy MVPs from each school. These students were selected by each school's coach and manager. This year we saw Ryan CC take out both the boys' and girls' competitions from Holy Spirit CS. AFL is thriving—and the future of the sport in our region has never looked stronger. I look forward for the opportunities for our 10-12 years girls in 2026 and beyond.

Andrew Lowing
Kelso State School
TSS AFL president
NQ 10-12 years AFL Convener



AFL 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance
30/11/2024

-\$ 187.71

Income

Team Levies	\$ 945.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	
	\$ 945.00	\$ 757.29

Expenditure

Misc	\$ -	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 400.00	
Venue Hire	\$ -	
Shirts & Water- bottles	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ -	
	\$ 400.00	

School Account
Balance

\$ 357.29

Athletics 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024

\$ 202.82

Income

School Levies	\$ 8,501.00	
Donations	\$ 2,129.00	
Program Sales	\$ 16.00	
	\$ 10,646.00	\$10,848.82

Expenditure

Misc	\$ 615.89	
TSS Levy	\$ 100.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 6,505.23	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ 384.91	
District Shirts	\$ -	
NQ Trials Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ 1,549.00	
	\$ 9,155.03	

School Account Balance
30.11.25

\$ 1,693.79

ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Students competed in the Townsville Cross Country on Tuesday 20 May at Bicentennial Park. This event is always a highlight of the athletics calendar. A big thank you to all of the officials for offering to assist and giving up their personal time after school, your efforts are always greatly appreciated. The event was again successful thanks to student participation, team manager's preparation and enthusiastic parent support. A special thank you to Toni Wilson who convenes this carnival every year.

The NQ Cross Country trials were held on 27 May at Bicentennial Park in conjunction with the Townsville Secondary Schools event. Nineteen athletes from Townsville were selected in the 10-12 years age groups to represent NQ at the State Championships. We also had 4 Multiclass (AWD) students, Heath Otto (Ryan CC), Imogen Sedgwick, Holley Wylie (Annandale SS), and Montannah Taylor (Eaton College) selected in the NQ team. Special thanks go to our Townsville managers, Marc Arndt and Alannah Wilson for a job well done.

This year the Northern Regional team (10-19 years) attended the State Cross Country Championships at St Joseph's Nudgee College, Brisbane in July. Students competed on a challenging course, over 2 days in both individual & relay events, with students giving their all. Best individual placings were:

3rd Millie Groom, 15 yrs Girls, Proserpine SHS.

4th Shailee Mewha, 13 yrs Girls, Proserpine SHS.

5th Nicholas Dixon-Grover, 16 yrs Boys, Cathedral.

8th Heath Otto, 16 years Boys Multi-Class, Ryan CC.

6th Imogen Sedgwick, 11 years Girls Multi-Class, Annandale SS.

Congratulations to Millie, Shailee, Nicholas and Imogen who were selected in the Queensland Team. This is the most QLD representatives that Northern has ever had.

The committee is thrilled with the increase in participation and selection of AWD students in both athletics and cross-country. It is essential that all schools have the processes in place to give these athletes a chance to perform at all levels.

I also sincerely thank the other members of our hard-working committee for another successful year.

Glen Baker

Vice President TSS Athletics Committee



ATHLETICS

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT

Once again, the 2025 athletics season was enjoyed by all involved. The Townsville Schools Athletics Carnivals ran smoothly with a slight change due to the Queensland Teachers Union strike which occurred on 6 August moving the C Schools Carnival to the following Monday. This didn't have a great effect due to the support and flexibility of the schools involved and the support of all schools supplying officials for the day.

I would like to thank the many PE teachers, classroom teachers, retired educators and other volunteers who gave their time to set up, run events and help in the recording area. I would like to thank school administrators for releasing their PE staff throughout the week to ensure all carnivals are equally supported. Without all schools supporting each other these carnivals can't happen.

As always, the Townsville Sports Precinct provided a fantastic venue for our carnivals. The staff always keep it well presented and assist in any way they can. I'd also like to acknowledge the help of Athletics North Queensland and Townsville North Star Athletics Club for their continued support of Primary School Track and Field.

Congratulations to the following winners:-

Div	Average	Boys	Girls	Aggregate
A	St Clare's	Ryan	Ryan	Ryan
B	Belgian Gardens	Hermit Park	Belgian Gardens	Belgian Gardens
C	St Joseph's Mundingburra	St Joseph's Mundingburra	St Joseph's Mundingburra	St Joseph's Mundingburra
D	St Joseph's The Strand	St Joseph's The Strand	St Joseph's The Strand	St Joseph's The Strand
E	Magnetic Island	Wulguru	Palm Island	Wulguru
F	Rollingstone	Townsville West	Townsville West	Townsville West

The State Track and Field Championships finally returned to Townsville for the first time since 2015. It was a great opportunity for our athletes to have a home State Track and Field Championship without the added burden and cost of travelling. With Toni Wilson and Peta Ballinger stepping into the convening role, Matt Williams and Sarina Pilcher stepped in to join myself, Brett Hull, Otto Pozzebun and Chief Manager Jenni Jackson.

Northern consisted of a total of 71 athletes. Of these, 12 were athletes competing in multi class events. This was the largest number of athletes representing Northern in multi class events. Pleasingly four Northern athletes were also selected to represent Queensland.

Congratulations and best of luck at the Nationals to:- Ezrah Bosen, Arcadius Ned, Jonathan Laidlow, and Thea Gould.

With a strong all-round performance Northern finished 3rd in the Average Shield with a total of 3 Gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Finally, I'd like to thank the TSS Athletics Committee, Toni Wilson, Glen Baker, Wanda Austin, Peta Ballinger, Jennifer Jackson and Luke Brennan for their commitment to Townsville School Sport. It is invaluable, and greatly appreciated by all students, parents and teachers involved in Track and Field.

Michael Porter



BASKETBALL REPORT

The 2025 Townsville and Thuringowa primary basketball competitions were successful once again. The Townsville competition saw 23 teams compete in both the A grade and social competitions, while the Thuringowa competition had 31 teams compete in the A grade and social competitions combined. Across the Townsville and Thuringowa competitions there were approximately 540 students playing interschool basketball on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Special mention must go to Luke Brennan (Townsville Grammar School) who acted as Vice President and coordinated the interschool competitions. I would also like to thank Melanie McBow (Holy Spirit Catholic School) and Jake Siandri (North Shore State School) for leading both venues for the Thuringowa competition.

Competitive Division winners for 2025 were:

	Townsville	Thuringowa
Boys	Townsville Grammar School	Holy Spirit Catholic School
Girls	Townsville Grammar School	Calvary Christian College

Congratulations to the winning teams from Townsville and Thuringowa.

To wrap up the interschool competition, I'd like to say a big thank you to the teachers for their hard work, and to Townsville Basketball and North Shore State School for providing their facilities for the competitions. Unfortunately, we ran at a deficit budget this year, mainly due to increasing costs of court hire, as a result we are investigating options to rectify this for 2026.

On the representative front, the district trials were conducted at Townsville Sport Precinct, and the northern trials were conducted at Townsville Basketball. The Northern boys' team, coached by Marc Arndt (Bohlevale State School) and managed by Aroon Edgar (Bluewater State School), finished in tenth place.

The Northern Girls Team was coached by Jenny McCaskill (Wulguru State School) and managed by Allison Mitchell (Wulguru State School). They finished in fourth place.



Trent Welsby
President
TSS Basketball



Basketball 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	-\$ 562.45	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$ 1,890.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 1,997.08	
Other	\$ 1,750.92	
	<u>\$ 3,887.08</u>	\$ 5,075.55

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ 56.00	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 500.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 3,649.55	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 870.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 5,075.55</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25	<u>\$ -</u>
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Cricket 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$ 800.02	
<u>Income</u>		
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ -	
Other	\$ 996.00	
	<u>\$ -</u>	
	<u>\$ 996.00</u>	\$ 1,796.02

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ -	
Tsv & NOR Levies	\$ 460.00	
Venue Hire	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 250.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 710.00</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25	<u>\$ 1,086.02</u>
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CRICKET REPORT

On the afternoon of July 16th, some 50 boys arrived at the Brothers Cricket Club home ground all to trial for the Townsville Blue and Townsville Gold cricket teams.

4 cricket nets were set up and a fielding session on the cricket ground. With the assistance of Mr Tony Hampson from Queensland cricket we attempted to take notes on each player. As being the only TSS representative at the trials it was rather difficult. Two representatives from the Brothers CC saw the issue and volunteered their time to watch one net each and highlight any student that they considered a chance. They then got me to look over those students as well with Tony also. It was quite difficult, however with the time we had and the understanding from all present two teams of 11 were selected to then attend the Northern trial in mid-August.

I was very fortunate to have had Mrs Allana Leonardi at the trials representing the Brothers Cricket Club. Allana being a parent of one of the players and a teacher stepped up when approached to be the squad's manager for the Northern trials. Allana did a wonderful job and assisted me right from the time she took on the responsibility. I thank her for her commitment to the game and assisting our district.

At the Northern trials both our teams represented our district with pride and all players and parents were professional over the two days. There were final selection questions about the final Northern side, however these were answered by Mr Brook Wilson from a NQ level. 8 boys from the TSS district were selected into the Northern side.

As cricket is not an interschool sport in Townsville and has not been for some time so it is difficult to pick players due to being a sport that is held far out from the regular cricket season. Maybe we could look at this in the future and have a meeting with Northern representatives and NQ cricket.

A massive thank you must go to the Brothers CC who once again supported cricket for our boys, those parents who supported their children and others who also supported cricket in our district.

Recommendations for 2026:

Prior to trials:

At the beginning of 2026 TSS executive committee and Andrew Lowing meet and discuss the future of the game, when trials are held and how we can get more HPE teachers involved in the sport especially for selection and then team management for the Northern trials. We also discuss how the talent has thinned out so much across Townsville itself is it still variable to send two sides to the Northern trial. That we purchase some TSS equipment for the trials instead of borrowing the old NQ cricket kit that also needs to be replaced. See if a QLD cricket representative is able to attend.

During Trials:

Have two trial afternoons if possible and maybe even have a representative from QLD cricket at these trials.

After Trials:

Book the venue earlier and have a series of dates in mind for 2026. Start to look for teachers to be involved for 2026. We need more staff to become involved to assist with the future of the game in our district.

Andrew Lowing

Kelso State School

Contact and Convener for Townsville under 12 boys' cricket

Squad coach for Northern trials

FOOTBALL REPORT

The 2025 Interschool Football competitions again proved to be a strong and competitive affair. 23 schools participated in the 2025 competition, on par with 2024. Thuringowa had 35 teams compete, whilst Townsville had 40 teams, again pushing the capacity of Paradise Park to its limit. Overall, approximately 700 students were given the opportunity to participate in Interschool Football this year.

Congratulations to the following schools who finished the season atop their respective divisions:

2025 Competition Results

BOYS

Townsville – Currajong
Thuringowa – North Shore

GIRLS

Townsville – Oonoonba
Thuringowa – St Clare's

Once again, special thanks to Chris Smit for convening the Thuringowa competition on Thursdays.

As expected, the Townsville and Thuringowa representative trials were again very popular. Approximately 130 boys and 70 girls trialled for selection in either the Townsville or Thuringowa teams at Paradise Park, showing the continued growth of football in the Townsville region. For the first time, a call-back system was required for the girls this year due to the number of nominations received. Thank you to the teachers and other staff members for assisting at the trials.

Thank you to the following people who were involved with this year's district teams;

Mia Sexton & Matt Williams - Townsville Blue Girls'
Jake Siandri & Lisa Sharkey - Townsville Gold Girls'
Kai Robinson – Townsville Green Girls'
Gavin Stott & Russ Hall - Townsville Gold Boys'
Chris Smit & Hannah Romano - Townsville Blue Boys'

Further thanks to Jake Siandri (Northern Girls' coach) and Gavin Stott (Northern Boys' manager) for their time and effort in preparing their respective teams for the State Championships.

Matt Williams

President – TSS Football.



Football 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024 \$ 791.39

Income

Team Levies	\$ 3,420.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 5,392.00	
Other	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 8,812.00</u>	\$ 9,603.39

Expenditure

Misc	\$ 75.00	
TSS and NQ Levies	\$ 700.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 2,272.73	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ 50.91	
Shirts & Waterbottles, Uniforms	\$ 4,030.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ 618.18	
First Aid	\$ 1,423.00	<u>\$ 9,169.82</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25 **\$ 433.57**



HOCKEY REPORT

Ruth Young Gala Day 2025

The RY Gala Day was a very successful event, with 16 schools equating to 52 teams and approximately 520 students participating. The day ran smoothly and was well-received by both students and staff.

A key highlight of the event was the collaborative learning between schoolteachers and Townsville Hockey Association (THA) volunteers. This connection is proving essential for the continued promotion and development of hockey within schools.

A huge thank you to THA for their significant involvement in planning, coordination, and delivery of the event. Their efforts ensured an inclusive and welcoming environment, encouraging students of all abilities to engage in hockey and enjoy the sport. Thank you to Glenda and Pete Edwards for their ongoing support in donating the wonderful hockey kits as prizes. The success of the RY Gala Day continues to build strong foundations for future school-hockey partnerships.

RUTH YOUNG HOCKEY GALA DAY											
2023				2024				2025			
HOT SHOTS	NOS OF TEAMS		NOS OF TEAMS	HOTSHOTS	NOS OF TEAMS	ROOKIES	NOS OF TEAMS	HOTSHOTS	NOS OF TEAMS	ROOKIES	NOS OF TEAMS
HOLY SPIRIT	2	HOLY SPIRIT	3	HOLY SPIRIT	2	HOLY SPIRIT	3	Cathedral	2	Cathedral	2
SOUTHERN CROSS	1	CATHEDRAL	3	HERMIT PARK	1	HERMIT PARK	1	Holy Spirit	2	Holy Spirit	2
CATHEDRAL	2	WILLOWS	1	SOUTHERN CROSS	1	SOUTHERN CROSS	1	Calvary	1	Hermit Park	1
GRAMMAR	1	WEIR	2	CATHEDRAL A	2	CATHEDRAL	4	Kirwan	2	Giru	2
WILLOWS	1	BOHLE	1	GRAMMAR	1	GRAMMAR	1	Ryan	1	Good Shepherd	1
WEIR	1	ANNANDALE	1	WILLOWS	1	WILLOWS	1	Southern Cross	1	Southern Cross	1
KIRWAN	1	GOOD SHEPHERD	1			KIRWAN	3	Grammar	2	Vincent	1
GOOD SHEPHERD	1					GIRU	2	St Claires	1	Weir	2
						ANNANDALE	2	Annandale	1	Annandale	1
						CALVARY	1	Willows	1	Willows	1
						GOOD SHEPHERD	1	St Josephs Mun	1		
						RYAN	1		15		14
						BOHLE	1				
22 TEAMS = 220 students (10 schools)				30 TEAMS = 300 students (13 schools)				(16 schools)			

Interschool Hockey Competition

The 2025 Interschool Hockey Competition was held weekly, with Townsville schools competing on Thursdays and Thuringowa schools on Fridays. The competition ran smoothly throughout the first term, with strong participation and positive feedback from schools.

Thanks to the foundational experience gained through the RY Gala Day, teachers were much more confident in managing teams and understanding the game format. Their growing involvement has been vital to the smooth delivery and continued success of the interschool program.

A special thank you to Rhylee THA RCD for her ongoing support in coordinating the competition and assisting both teachers and students. The competition encouraged participation from all abilities, and students were rewarded with prizes and recognition, helping to boost engagement and enthusiasm for hockey in schools. Holy Spirit won the Thursday Experienced Competition, and _____ won the Friday Competition.

TOWNSVILLE INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY																				
YEAR	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
COMP	THUR Sen Mix & 6 A side		TSV		THUR 9 ASIDE & 6SIDE	NOS OF TEAMS	TSV BOYS MIXED	NOS OF TEAMS	THUR OPEN & ROOKIE 9 A SIDE	NOS OF TEAMS	TSV OPEN & ROOKIE 9 A SIDE	NOS OF TEAMS	THUR OPEN & ROOKIE 9 A SIDE	NOS OF TEAMS	TSV OPEN & ROOKIE 6 & 9 A SIDE	NOS OF TEAMS				
S C H O O L S	St Anthony's	3	Cathedral		Holy Spirit	4	Cathedral	2	Bohlevale	1	Grammar	5	Weir	2	Grammar	6	Hermit Park	2		
	Weir	2	Grammar		Calvary	2	Grammar	3	Cranbrook	1	Annandale	3	Calvary	2	ACC	2	Oonooomba	4		
	Holy Spirit	2	Annandale		Weir	2	Annandale	2	Weir	2	Belgian Gardens	4	Holy Spirit	3	Belgian Gardens	4	HSCS	4		
	St Clare's	1	Hermit Park		St Clare's	3	Belgian Gardens	4	Calvary	2	Hermit Park	2	St Clare's	3	Hermit Park	2	Bohle	1		
	Calvary	4			Kiwan	1	Hermit Park	1	Holy Spirit	4	Cathedral	5	Kiwan	2	Cathedral	5	Kiwan	2		
	Cranbrook	2			Thuringowa	2			St Clare's	2					Bohlevale	1	Annadale	1		
									Kiwan	2					Mundingburra	2				

NORTHERN U12

The State Championships were held Thursday, 6th June to Sunday, 8th June. The Northern girls and boys displayed excellent behaviour throughout the State Championships. Their sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive attitude on and off the field were outstanding. They supported one another, respected their opponents, and represented their region with pride and integrity. A fantastic effort from a truly commendable team!

No students received State Selection honours; however, Eleanor Fisher was considered for shadow as a goalie.



Hockey 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$ 3,617.82	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$ 1,410.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 2,144.00	
Other	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 3,554.00</u>	\$ 7,171.82

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ 945.26	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 700.00	
Venue Hire	\$ -	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 1,020.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ 400.00	
		<u>\$ 3,065.26</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25	<u>\$ 4,106.56</u>
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NETBALL REPORT

It was another big year for 10-12 years School Netball. 82 teams from 23 schools participated in Block Sport across Thursday and Friday afternoons. Numbers were huge at District trials and the NQ Cup Gala Day also boasted a significant number of teams. Netball continues to lead the way in participation numbers in 10-12 years school sport. In Block Sport, we offered divisions in Senior A competitive and Senior B social, Junior competitive and also a Competitive Mixed division. The Junior division was for Yr 5s (and Yr 4 10y olds from some schools), whilst the Senior and Mixed divisions could be made up of any students aged 10 – 12 years.

Competitive Division winners for 2025 were:

	Townsville	Thuringowa
Snr A Premiers	The Cathedral School	St Anthony's
Runners Up	Oonoonba SS	Kirwan SS
Jnr Premiers	The Cathedral School	Kirwan SS
Runners Up	Annandale SS	Calvary Christian College
Mixed Premiers	Tsv Grammar	North Shore SS
Runners Up	Railway Estate SS	Kirwan SS

The 2025 district netball trials once again utilised a 'call back' system whereby after the first day of trials, players were invited back the next day for the final trials. Over 130 girls were nominated to trial which was huge. In the end 110 girls turned up to the first day of trials. On the second day, twenty girls were selected and placed into the two district teams – Tsv Blue and Tsv Gold. Northern Regional trials were held in Townsville again this year. Five players from Townsville were selected in the Northern 12 years representative team: Lucy Murphy and Jemané Niemandt (Cathedral), Amaya Smith (Pimlico SHS), Grace Turner (Tsv Grammar) and Savannah Gallagher (William Ross SHS). Zara Mulder was later called in as a shadow after Savannah Gallagher withdrew from the team.

Expressions of interest were once again sent out for boys wishing to trial for the Northern 10-12 Boys Netball team. There is the possibility that this trial could become a 'straight to Northern' trial in 2026 due to the numbers present at the Townsville trial. Eight Townsville boys were selected in the Northern team that participated in the State Championships in Caloundra.

The NQ Netball Cup once again had to be postponed due to inclement weather at the end of term one. The carnival was rescheduled to the last Friday in Term 2. Numbers were down slightly due to prior school commitments; however, a successful 56 team strong gala day was held on the last day of term. Winners on the day were: Primary Tier One – Ryan had a win over The Cathedral School, Primary Tier Two – saw St Joseph's Mundingburra taking their third win in a row defeating Cathedral. Bwgcolman once again came away with the win in Tier 3 defeating St Catherine's from Proserpine in the Grand Final. The Secondary Tier was won by St Margaret Mary's College who took the victory over Ryan. The Mixed division was won by Southern Cross for the third year in a row who played Ryan in the final.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers who took teams this year. Without you coaching, the competition would not be able to take place. Thanks also go to my fellow committee member, Peta Ballinger for all of her help throughout the year. Our gratitude goes to Nicole Lennox from Holy Spirit and Lisa Robertson from Tsv Grammar for convening the venues on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Monique Karban (BM at Wulguru SS) for running the Netball Account; she makes our job so much easier. Final thanks also need to go to the Townsville City Netball Association for the use of their complex. We certainly look forward to your school participating in Netball in 2026.

Toni Wilson

(President)

Netball 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$2,177.91	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$2,460.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$2,324.00	
Other	\$-	
	<u>\$4,784.00</u>	\$6,961.91
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Uniforms	\$1,803.18	
Levies	\$300.00	
Venue Hire	\$1,172.73	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$1,337.40	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$750.00	
Trial Expenses	\$200.00	
First Aid	\$238.50	
		<u>\$5,801.81</u>
School Account Balance 30.11.25		<u>\$1,160.10</u>



Rugby League 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$2,342.11	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$2,610.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$3,904.00	
Other	\$56.00	
	<u>\$6,514.00</u>	\$8,912.11
<u>Expenditure</u>		
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$1,050.00	
Venue Hire	\$637.21	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$-	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$1,500.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$250.00	
First Aid	\$1,311.50	
Uniforms	\$1,426.36	
		<u>\$6,175.07</u>
School Account Balance 30.11.25		<u>\$2,737.04</u>

RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

In 2025, 21 schools provided 62 teams that played across both district competitions. It is great to see the number of girls participating continue to increase. Congratulations to the following Premiers:

<u>Townsville</u>	<u>Thuringowa</u>
Open: Belgian Gardens SS/ Hermit Park SS	Kirwan SS
Junior: Hermit Park SS	Kirwan SS

In addition to the interschool fixtures, various gala days and other competitions are conducted. These competitions interspersed with both U/11 and U/12 Representative Teams has seen TSSRL provide a clear Rugby League pathway starting at U/10s to the conclusion of Primary School for both boys and girls.

Bill Nettle Challenge

This U/12 Gala Day is open to all primary schools in North Queensland. Schools from all over our region competed this year across three pools. The winners were:

Tier 1: Kirwan SS
Tier 2: Rasmussen SS
Tier 3: Wulguru SS

Les Stagg Trophy

NQSS again coordinated the Les Stagg Trophy. This night competition held at Brothers in term 3 is one of the highlights of our rugby league calendar. 19 Townsville schools participated.

Townsville Final:

Holy Spirit defeated Kirwan 20-12

Les Stagg Final:

Bowen SS defeated Holy Spirit CS 20-12

Congratulations to Bowen SS our 2025 Les Stagg Champions for the second year in a row.

Blackhawks Challenge

A gala day competition held on the last day of term 3. This is a U/10 Competition, formally known as The Annandale Challenge. We saw schools competing from all areas of our region. The Tier winners were:

Tier 1: St Clare's CS
Tier 2: Queens Beach SS
Tier 3: Good Shepherd CS

11-12yrs North Queensland Team

The Regional Trials were held in Ayr, with all six Districts represented. The following TSVL/THUR players were selected to compete at the State Championships that were held in Mt Isa: Parker Rose, Fred Appleton, Vito David, Braxton Wenzel, Alex Dijkmans, Parker Thorburn, Locklyn Geaney (IPC), Brooklyn Tamou (St Benedicts), Jaxson Henry (Willows), Jax Peters (SCCC), William Ketchell (Kirwan SHS), Tex Faust (Kirwan SS), Reginald Kennedy (Thuringowa SHS), Bailey Davies (Belgian Gardens SS).

The Northern team finished 8th. The team had a great carnival not losing any game by more than 6 points. No players were selected in the QLD team.

Thank you to Lee Braney, Mitch Baskett and Kevin Hicks who took the Townsville and Thuringowa teams away with myself.

10-11yrs Northern Team – Vic Jensen

The following TSVL/THUR players were selected in the Vic Jensen team: Tyson Abdul-Rahman, Eli Ata Ata (Cranbrook SS), Rocco Cazzulino, Edward Wagner (Holy Spirit), Kai Turner (Hermit Park SS), Christian Foster (St Michael's Palm Is), Kingston Thorby (Bohle SS), Yugan Biara (Weir SS), Taj Faust (Kirwan SS), Peter Tuitupou (Rasmussen SS), Jett Blake (SCCC), Luca Pietrobbon (St Joseph's NW).

The Northern team was crowned State Champions for 2025. This is the first time a NQ team has won the Vic Jensen. Congratulations to both players and officials on this outstanding result.

Thank you to Conor Wilson, Jason Drummond and Daniel Buckland who took the Thuringowa and Townsville teams. Congratulations to Jason, Connor & Dan who were also the winning NQ officials.

Girls 11-12yrs North Queensland Team

The following TSVL/THUR players were selected in the Northern team: Peyton Kingsburra, Rite Taia, Azaylia Ahoy, Emelea Martin, Ka'lulani Maurangi (Kirwan SHS), Milana Parfenyuk-Crowden, Kya Donegan, Millie Huggett (Ryan), Kalaney Warradoo (Mary Hope of Christian), Emily Larry (Willows), Ahzariah Wotton (St Michael's Palm Is), Zara Young (St Clare's), Lekara Sam (Bwgcorman), Sedita Savage (Rasmussen SS).

The Northern team finished 7th. Congratulations to Peyton Kingsburra who was selected in the QLD merit team.

Thankyou to Peter Ballinger & Brook Wilson for convening the girl's trials. A big thankyou to all teachers who gave up afternoons to assist at trials.

Thanks goes to Mitch Baskett and Mitch Baker for their continued rolls on the rugby league committee and their efforts throughout the year. A huge thank you to the teachers who give up their own time to provide the students with a positive rugby league experience. Finally, I would like to thank Brook Wilson for his continual support in organising gala days, Les Stagg fixtures and anything involving rugby league. I look forward to another successful year in 2026!

Glen Baker
President TSS Rugby League

RUGBY UNION REPORT

2025 has been a hugely successful year for primary school rugby union. The Gala Day in March saw 12 schools compete with 15 teams in the senior competition and 7 teams compete in the junior competition. It brought together teams from across the region in a celebration of skill, sportsmanship, and community. Spectators were treated to a showcase of fast-paced rugby, with players demonstrating flair, teamwork, and tactical awareness. The event was a resounding success, reinforcing the value of regional collaboration and providing a platform for emerging talent to shine.

This year's season 2 inter-school competition proceeded for both Townsville and Thuringowa schools, although there were only 8 schools involved in total. Both competitions provided a positive experience for all students and staff. It delivered plenty of excitement, with enterprising play and creative strategies on full display. Teams embraced the format with enthusiasm, using it as an opportunity to experiment and participate in Rugby. Finally, a big thanks to all the staff from the many schools that assisted, supported and provided opportunities for students to be involved in sport.

The Townsville Rugby trials saw an impressive turnout, with over 70 eager participants vying for selection. From this talented pool, 18 players earned their place in the Northern Team—a testament to the region's thriving rugby culture and growing enthusiasm for the sport. The high level of competition and commitment on display highlighted the depth of talent in North Queensland and set a strong foundation for the season ahead.

At the State Championships, the Northern Team battled hard and finished in a commendable 6th place. The squad showed grit and determination across all matches, representing their region with pride. A huge thank you goes to Chris Finlay, Jeremy Pullen, and Ben Phillips for their tireless efforts in preparing the team and supporting them throughout the tournament. Their leadership and dedication were instrumental in fostering team spirit and ensuring a smooth campaign.

A huge thank you to Dan Withers and his team at TDRU who have supported and nurtured the game of rugby union throughout the Townsville and wider school community for many years. I also wish to thank them for the use of their facilities, expertise and support of school sport throughout the year.

The Executive deserves special mention for their outstanding efforts over the past season. I thank Secretary Chris Finley (Cathedral), Luke Brennan (TGS) and Julia Douglas (St Clare's) for their support of local rugby.

I look forward to students being given the opportunity to play rugby for their schools in 2026.

John Roberts



Rugby Union 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$ 781.93	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$ 720.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 959.00	
Gala Day Levies	\$ 990.00	
	<u>\$ 1,679.00</u>	\$ 3,450.93

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ -	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 400.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 454.55	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 360.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ 1,818.80	<u>\$ 3,033.35</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25		<u>\$ 417.58</u>
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Softball 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$ 2,901.41	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$ 1,230.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 939.00	
Other	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 2,169.00</u>	\$ 5,070.41

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ -	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 300.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 206.40	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 480.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ 375.62	
First Aid	\$ -	<u>\$ 1,362.02</u>

School Account Balance 30.11.25		<u>\$ 3,708.39</u>
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SOFTBALL REPORT

2025 has been another highly successful year for softball across the Townsville District. The interschool competition remained strong, with students showcasing impressive T-ball skills and sportsmanship. More than 400 participants from 12 schools and 41 teams took part in Season 3 of Townsville District Interschool Sport, demonstrating the continued growth and enthusiasm for softball. This year's competitions in both Townsville and Thuringowa featured divisions for girls, boys, and mixed teams.

The 2025 Premiers were:

Townsville

Girls T-ball - Oonoonba State School
Boys T-ball - Oonoonba State School 1
Mixed T-Ball - Railway Estate State School 1

Thuringowa

Girls T-ball - Weir State School 1
Boys T-ball - Weir State School
Mixed T-Ball - Ryan Catholic College

This year, the Townsville District 10–12 Years Girls Softball Teams trained weekly and participated in a practice game each week. This approach proved highly beneficial, providing essential match experience and contributing to the selection of six Townsville students in the Northern team.

The Northern School Sport 10–12 Years Softball Team travelled to Ipswich to compete against 10 other regions in the Queensland Representative School Sport 10–12 Years Softball Championships, finishing in 8th place. The team was coached by Matthew Harrison (Hermit Park State School) and managed by Allison Vance (Paluma Environmental Education Centre).

Officials Tracey Stanieg (Hermit Park State School), Allison Vance (Paluma Environmental Education Centre) and Matthew Harrison (Hermit Park State School) also represented QRSS as Coach and Manager of the 10–12 Years Boys Softball Team and Coach of the 10–12 Years Girls Softball Team respectively. Both teams were crowned national champions, demonstrating the depth and calibre of expertise within our district.

A special mention must go to the Executive for their outstanding efforts over the season.

Thank you to:

Karman Hartshorn – Treasurer (Weir State School)

Matthew Harrison – Secretary (Hermit Park State School)

I look forward to another successful softball season in 2026.

John Roberts
President



SWIMMING REPORT

As is often the case, the relays proved decisive in crowning this year's champions—and 2025 was no exception. The intensity of competition was matched only by the heat in the air and the energy in the water. Despite a rocky start due to inclement weather, the rescheduled carnivals ran successfully across 2½ days in October, with 41 schools competing in a spirited and sun-soaked atmosphere. We welcomed Enkindle to Townsville School Sport Swimming – first time swimmer, long time participant. The energy was high, the competition fierce, and the sportsmanship outstanding.

	Aggregate	Second	Average	Most Improved
A schools	Cathedral	Tsv Grammar	St Joseph's North Ward	Belgian Gardens SS
B Schools	St Joseph's Mundingburra	Calvary CC	St Joseph's Mundingburra	Annandale CC
C Schools	St Benedict's	Kirwan SS	Currajong SS	Currajong SS
D Schools	Bluewater SS	Magnetic Island SS	Magnetic Island SS	Bohlevale SS
E Schools	Townsville West SS	Kelso SS	Townsville South SS	Townsville West SS
F Schools	Townsville Central SS	Aitkenvale SS	Woodstock SS	Aitkenvale SS

Results for 2025:

From March 23rd – 25th, our Northern team of 29 students travelled to Brisbane to compete at the State Championships, proudly managed by Wanda Austin (Heatley SS), Demelza Gardem (Northern Beaches SS), and Amanda Clark (Bohlevale).

Twelve swimmers from the Townsville District earned selection:

Zara McClymont, Alice McClymont – Hermit Park SS

Edward Sibley-Walsh – Townsville Grammar

Jack Baxter – Belgian Gardens SS

Sophie Orr, Andrew Song – Annandale Christian

Tom Andrews – St Joseph's North Ward

Lillian Giezendanner, Corbin Kane – Southern Cross CC

Charlie Jamieson – Ryan CC

Sam Ruddell – Holy Spirit School

Felicity Colquhoun – William Ross SHS



Team captains Mason Storey (CHT) and Jax Clayworth (WHIT) led with distinction. For the first time, Northern School Sport proudly fielded a Multi-Class swim team, featuring Sam and Felicity from the Townsville District. Their outstanding performances in and out of the pool were a highlight of the championship.

The Northern swimmers delivered an exceptional performance, achieving a series of impressive results throughout the meet.

Trophies & Awards

Felicity - Sue Fleming Multi Class - girls swimmer of the meet

"Tom Andrews" Average Team Trophy 3rd and we even had a Tom Andrews in the Northern team!

One of the standout moments was when Northern team members played handball with Sam—a inspiring display of connection, inclusivity and genuine belonging. *Northern strong.*

A special thank you to Jenni Jackson, who joined the Swimming Executive this year. Despite the weather-related setbacks, Jenni's leadership helped steer the carnivals to success. And to the beating heart of the Swim Team, Adam Edwards (Secretary)—thank you for your tireless dedication and passion.

Swimming continues to provide a platform for students to represent their schools with pride and to grow as athletes and individuals. We're proud of every swimmer who took part in 2025.

Fast and slick in 2026!

Swim on!

Peta Ballinger

President



Swimming 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance		
30/11/2024	\$2,119.16	
<u>Income</u>		
School Levies	\$2,345.00	
	\$-	
Other	\$-	
	<u>\$2,345.00</u>	\$4,464.16
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$90.91	
TSS Levy	\$100.00	
Venue Hire	\$1,500.00	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$-	
	\$-	
	<u>\$-</u>	\$1,690.91
School Account Balance		
30.11.25		<u>\$2,773.25</u>

TENNIS REPORT

Quiet please! That is game, set and match on another year in Tennis. Numbers continue to be healthy in the Townsville/Thuringowa trials with 12 boys and 10 girls attending the trials held at Townsville Tennis.

At the North Queensland trials held in Home Hill 2 boys and 2 girls filled the 8 positions available for the NQ team which then travelled to Cairns for the State Titles.

Block sport again flourished in Townsville with extremely healthy numbers competition in block two. Thuringowa also conducted a competition this year which was great to see. Ten schools in total entered teams and this made for a busy competition. The help of all the amazing staff that attended ensured the competition ran smoothly and all teams had a great time.

Ben Lawn
President



Tennis 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance 30/11/2024	\$ 2,054.86	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$ 725.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$ 596.00	
Other	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 1,321.00</u>	\$ 3,375.86
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Misc	\$ -	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$ 220.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 610.91	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$ -	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$ 330.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$ -	
First Aid	\$ -	\$ 1,160.91
School Account Balance 30.11.25		<u>\$ 2,214.95</u>

TOUCH FOOTBALL REPORT

It has been a successful year once again for Townsville School Sport Touch. We continued to play at split venues with Thuringowa schools at Greenwood Park and Townsville schools at Queens Park. In comparison to last year, numbers were back to around 400 at each venue which is a credit to the game of touch.

Congratulations to the 2025 premiers.

Townsville	Thuringowa
Boys	
A1 Belgian Gardens	Holy Spirit
B1 Mundingburra	Kirwan
Girls	
A1 St Joseph's Mun	Bohlevale/St Anthony's
B1 Hermit Park	Kirwan

The **NQ All Schools** – Primary Gala Day was also a success with 24 schools participating.

Congratulations to the winners, **Tier 1: Kirwan SS**, **Tier 2: St Benedict's CS** and **Tier 3 Rasmussen SS**.

Special mention must go to Brett Hull and Conor Wilson for convening the interschool competition. I would also like to sincerely thank Glen and Jan Wilson from Townsville Castle Hill Touch Association and Redskins and Rebels at Greenwood Park for their continued efforts in supporting our school competition and assisting in the success of the competition being at both venues for 2025.

Our 2025 Representative teams were:

TOWNSVILLE BLUE	TOWNSVILLE GOLD	TOWNSVILLE BLUE	TOWNSVILLE GOLD
Henry Austerberry	Tex Faust	Savannah Gallagher	Azalea Topp
Ryan Spargo	Taj Faust	Isabella McMinn	Jessica Nona
Parker Rose	Hunter Thorburn	Peyton Smith	Maddison Broodbank
Parker Thorburn	Chris Makowski	Harper McCrystal	Amelia Nolan
Flint Guerra	Brody Moran	Natasha Cannings	Georgia Chapman
Kai Turner	Zac Napier	Madalyn McClure	Harlan Winterstein
Oscar Ferrier	Ezra Falani	Julie Farmer	Hannah Spargo
Haynes Westcott	Rocco Cazzulino	Layla Brown	Torah Woolfe
Thomas Rowan Pott	Brooklyn-Knox Tamou	Rylee Fraser	Novah Winterstein
Henry Vincent	Romeo Abdul-Rahman	Kalaney Warradoo	Azaylia Ahoy
Nate Griffiths	Orlando Bryson	Phoebe Baker	Peyton Kingsburra
Harry Vievers	Jaxon Henry	Eva Parenti	Emelea Martin
Cameron Small	George Vievers	Serena Dau-Gibuma	

The two-day NQ Trials were held in Airlie Beach this year. It was a fantastic carnival at the Whitsunday Touch venue and was well received by all that attended.

The following people were involved with this year's district teams: Girls: Conor Wilson, Brett Hull and Sarina Pilcher Boys: Gian Guerra, Lindsay Newberry and Kristina Balanzategui. Thank you all for your time and efforts in preparing the teams.

The State Championships were held in Roma. The Northern girls were placed **1st** in the State and the boy's **2nd**.

I congratulate and thank the regional officials associated with both teams; Conor Wilson and Sarina Pilcher (girls) and Lindsay Newberry and BJ Freeman (boys). Congratulations to Layla Brown, Azaylia Ahoy, Peyton Kingsburra, Brooklyn Tamou, Tex Faust and Parker Thorburn on their Queensland selections. Queensland went on to win at the National Championships and Brooklyn Tamou was the captain of the boys team.

Special thanks to our 2025 touch committee meeting was held at Annandale SS and attendance was great. Thank you to the following people for their roles on our **committee-Brett Hull (Chair), Kristina B. (Secretary) and Conor Wilson (Treasurer)**. I sincerely thank them for their outstanding support this year within our touch committee and their continuous work behind the scenes at all levels of touch.

On behalf of our executive committee, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the teachers who coached this year and the schools who became a part of our competition. Without your support, Touch would not be able to take place. Thank you for your continued support in Townsville School Touch and look forward to a positive partnership in 2026.

Brett Hull *TSS Touch President*

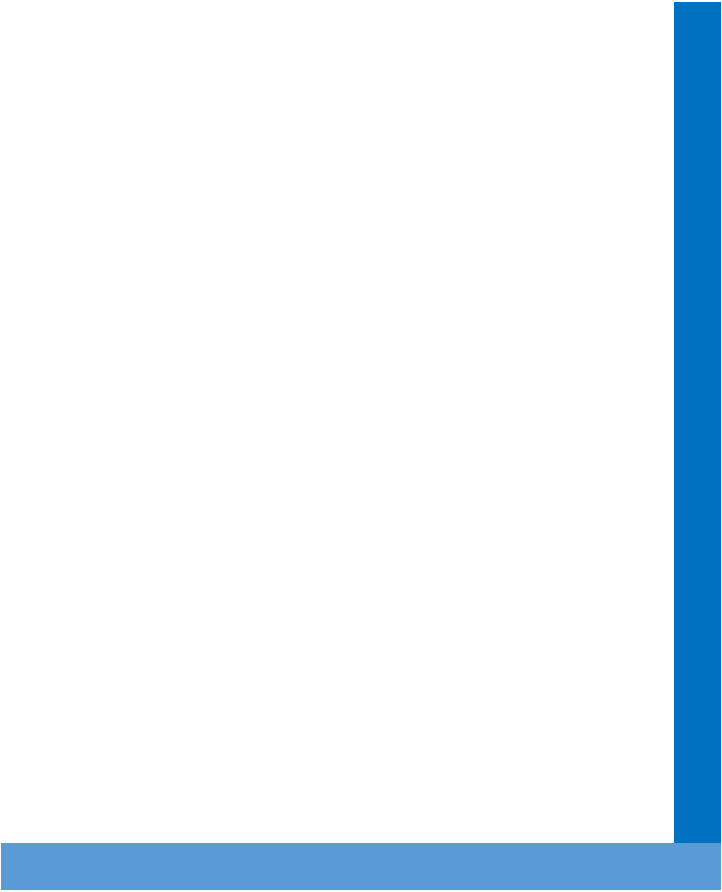


Touch 2025 Financial Statement

School Account Balance		
30/11/2024	\$2,398.36	
<u>Income</u>		
Team Levies	\$2,475.00	
NQ Trial Levies from players	\$3,948.00	
Other	\$-	
	<u>\$6,423.00</u>	\$8,821.36
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Uniforms	\$2,120.00	
TSS & Nthn Levy	\$580.00	
Venue Hire	\$1,423.24	
Ribbons & Trophies	\$-	
Shirts & Waterbottles	\$30.00	
NQ Trial Expenses	\$1,036.36	
First Aid	\$-	\$5,189.60
School Account Balance		
30.11.25		<u>\$3,631.76</u>



APPENDIX



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT



Attention: Toni Wilson

Townsville West State School

Email: twils129@eq.edu.au

2026 TRS CLAIM FORM FOR DISTRICT AND REGIONAL SPORTS CARNIVALS

This Form may be completed by teachers (especially Phys. Ed.) who are required to assist:

At Townsville Athletics/Swimming Carnivals on days when their own School **is not competing**.
On exceptional occasions when the teacher is required to be released. (Prior approval is required.)
As a Townsville/Thuringowa Coach or Manager at Northern Regional Trials.

**TRS costs will be reimbursed according to the current DOE rate each semester.
Costs will not be reimbursed unless this claim form is submitted.**

TEACHER'S NAME _____ SCHOOL _____
CARNIVAL/SPORT _____
DATE(S) CLAIMED _____ TOTAL DAYS CLAIMED _____

PRINCIPAL'S CLAIM

I hereby make application for TRS funding from TSS for _____ for _____ days.

(Signed) _____ Date: _____
(Principal / Business Manager)

Please Note:

Individual schools are to organise relief teachers and initially pay for such release out of school funds.

- **Schools will be reimbursed at the end of each semester.**
- **Claims should not be submitted if the staff member above was not replaced.**

PAYMENT DETAILS

(To be completed by TSS Officials)

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved (List Reason) _____

Authorised by: _____

☐ days at \$ per day Total \$

Paid on _____ (Signed) _____



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT

2026 Pop-Up Shade Booking Form for P – 6 School Sport Events

**ATT: Brett Hull
ANNANDALE SS**

This form must be completed in full by the borrower and then be approved by TSS before picking up tents.

DETAILS OF BORROWER:

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____

DATE OF PICK UP: _____

DATE OF RETURN: _____

REASON FOR USE: _____

EQUIPMENT DETAILS: (please tick);

Townsville School Sport currently has four 3m x 3m shades and four 3m x 6m shades. They are stored at Wulguru State School. You will need to supply your own tent pegs (minimum of 4 pegs per tent required).

Please indicate how many of each size you would like to borrow on this occasion.

☐

3m x 3m

☐

3m x 6m

NOTE: Indemnity – Fair wear and tear excepted and for the duration of this transfer, I/ we agree to indemnify TSS against loss or damage from any cause whatsoever, to the equipment detailed herein and, in the event of damage to restore and deliver such equipment to TSS, in the condition in which it was received, or to replace the damaged equipment with other equipment of equivalent functionality.

BORROWERS SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVAL GRANTED BY: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL: _____

POP-UPS RETURNED: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____



Townsville School Sport 10-12yrs

ABSENTEE / SPECIAL CONSIDERATION APPLICATION

ABSENTEE / SPECIAL CONSIDERATION APPLICATION FOR TOWNSVILLE/THURINGOWA DISTRICT TRIALS

Townsville School Sport Operating Procedure States;

Students selected in the District Teams must have competed at the District Trials. However, in special circumstances, students MAY still be CONSIDERED for selection upon completion of an Absentee / Special Considerations form. This form must be submitted at least 3 days prior to District Trial.

Submitting of this form does not guarantee team selection.

SPORT: _____

DATE OF TRIAL: _____

NAME of STUDENT: _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: _____

REASON(S):

1. Illness / Injury (Doctor's Certificate required).
2. Representing in another sport (details) _____
3. Other (details) _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Email to Brett Hull Townsville School Sport Vice-President – bhull4@eq.edu.au

(NB: Form must be received at least 3 days prior to trial)

District Record Management

Date received: __ / __ / __

Approved By: _____

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Queensland Department of Education has a Public Liability Insurance policy in respect of all its activities with the Queensland Government Insurance Fund. This Certificate of Currency provides cover for crown employees in a Departmental activity at a public venue. The Townsville City Council has accepted this Policy Cover. Catholic Schools have their own Public Liability Insurance for teachers. It is the responsibility of Private Schools to ensure that they have their own Public Liability cover for teachers. Sub-Committees may have to quote (or provide) this information when applying to use City Council venues.

**The 'Certificate of Currency' below is valid until the end of June, 2026.
A digital copy may be found on One Portal.**

Queensland Government Insurance Fund (QGIF) (Self-insurance fund within Queensland Treasury)

Certificate of Currency

This is to certify that the Department of Education has effected the following class of insurance:

- **General Liability (includes Public and Product Liability)**

with the Queensland Government Insurance Fund in connection with the business activities of Department of Education, under Policy Number QG0003 for an unlimited sum insured and liability, subject to the policy terms and conditions.

QGIF is a self-insurance fund within Queensland Treasury covering the State's insurable assets and liabilities and is not a licensed Insurer.

The policy provides coverage anywhere in Australia.

The policy is current until 30 June 2026.

Signed at BRISBANE on 9 June 2025.



Manager Underwriting
Queensland Government Insurance Fund

1 William Street Brisbane Qld 4000
GPO Box 663 Brisbane Qld 4001
Telephone +61 7 3035 6367
www.qgif.qld.gov.au



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT

CODES OF CONDUCT

FOR THE PLAYERS

1. Play by the rules. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
2. Control your temper. Verbal abuse, foul language or sledging directed towards officials or other players is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
3. Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
4. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be on your team or your opponents.
5. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
6. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no games.
7. Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
8. Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

FOR THE PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

1. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall result of the event. This allows the child to set realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
2. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
3. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
4. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
5. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
6. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
7. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
8. Smoking/Vaping on or around the grounds on which the children are playing is prohibited.
9. Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender or race.
10. Keep Social Media comments positive.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Sub-Committees

Thirteen Sub-Committees sit within the Townsville School Sport structure. Each of these committees have their own working group. Each Sub-Committee has its own cost centre centrally located at Wulguru State School.

Every year, each committee is required to:

- **Hold an AGM and General Meeting –**
 - decide upon and book venue, send out notice of meeting and set agenda, take and distribute minutes
 - elect President and working committee (minimum of two people in total)
 - elect district coaches and managers at this meeting (if held before trials).
- **Communicate with Townsville School Sport Executive member(s) -**
 - to send out information
 - answer any queries
 - gain approval for any purchases outside of regular expenditure (eg. new sets of uniforms, equipment etc)
 - compose President's Report when all sub-committee events have ended
- **Convene 'Block Sport' competition (if applicable)**
 - book venue
 - complete Risk Assessment and send to TSS Chair – John Kratzmann (jkrat8@eq.edu.au). When approved send to Wanda Austin (waust9@eq.edu.au) to put on the TSS website.
 - send out information regarding the competition and nomination forms
 - compile draw and distribute
 - send levying information (schools, team numbers and cost per team) to Monique at Wulguru SS (mkarb0@eq.edu.au) **as soon as the competition commences.**
 - nominate convenors for each venue to collect scores and be point of contact on the day of competition
 - conduct competition in accordance with Townsville School Sport 'Operating Procedures'
 - order trophies/medallions/ribbons for competitive divisions
 - any associated costs/invoices need to be sent to Wulguru SS Business Manager, Monique Karban (mkarb0@eq.edu.au)

- **Convene District Trials**

- if AGM has not been held, an email will need to be sent (or special meeting held) in order to appoint District coaches and managers
- book venue and time of trials (Townsville Trials are all after school).
- decide upon format of trial –
 - **Call Back System** – all students invited to trial on the first day, select students ‘called back’ for second day of trial to select final teams. *District boundaries do not need to be considered if using this model. Or;*
 - **One trial day** for Townsville schools and a separate day for Thuringowa schools
 - Convenor to organise game/skills structure of the trial.
- set cost for students making the team, include the following
 - \$11 Northern Player Levy / player
 - \$30 Townsville Shirt
 - Other uniform costs for that sport eg. shorts, socks etc
 - Administration fee (if applicable) to cover such things as First Aid at training sessions, accommodation for officials if trials are being held outside of Townsville etc.
 - Set training dates and times after consulting coaches and managers
- send out information, parent letters and nomination forms using the TSS template at least three weeks before the trials. A modified nomination form may be required for the Secondary Schools who are permitted to nominate extra students. Email this information to the TSS Deputy Chair, Brett Hull (bhull4@eq.edu.au) to distribute to schools.
- photocopy information for players selected in representative teams
- complete nomination form for Northern Regional trials

- **Information for District Coaches and Managers**

- liaise with District Convenor to set dates for training
- book training venues
- organise equipment for training
- managers to complete District Shirt order form and send to Toni Wilson at Townsville West SS (twils129@eq.edu.au)
- complete TRS form if being replaced at school on the day of Northern Trials and email to Toni Wilson
- sub-committees will pay for accommodation of officials (not family of officials) if regional trials are being held outside of Townsville
- associated fuel costs are unable to be reimbursed (suggest to claim on tax)

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON TRS FOR SCHOOL SPORT

2025 TRS Arrangements

(a) Swimming and Athletics (District Carnivals and Northern Region Selection Trials)

Athletics and Swimming will still require the release of teachers (especially Phys. Ed.) to conduct all District Carnivals and NQ Trials

(a) State/National Championships in Townsville

Queensland School Sport provides funding for the State Convenor only. Townsville District, through the generous assistance of Principals, has always provided teachers to do official duties.

(b) NQ Coaches, Managers and Convenors

A Regional Pool operates for the following positions. Our RSSO, Brook Wilson will administer this Pool.

- Convenors at Regional Trials
- Coaches and Managers of Regional Teams at all State Championships.

(c) District Coaches and Managers

TRS for Townsville and Thuringowa Coaches and Managers will not be funded through the Regional Pool.

The Levy System

It is evident that schools cannot release Phys. Ed. teachers as they are required for Non-Contact Time for class teachers.

As there is no Regional funding for many events, Townsville School Sport has the responsibility of raising and administering funds in an efficient manner to finance TRS for Phys. Ed. teachers as well as District Coaches and Managers

Also, schools are now expected to budget for School Sport and prioritise where spending is most needed.

Our alternative to relying on individual schools to budget for any necessary TRS is to levy all affiliated schools. This spreads the responsibility and also ensures that sufficient funds are available. (Catholic and Private Schools also have access to these funds.)

2025 Affiliation Fees

1. That each school be charged a TSS Affiliation Fee of \$3.00 per student enrolled from Years **Prep to 6** Secondary schools will be charged \$3.00 for 50% of the Year 7 cohort. This is based on approximately 50% of Yr7 will be 12 years and under.

This levy will cover:

- TRS for Townsville Athletics/Swimming Carnivals when the teacher's own school is **not** competing and for NQ Track and Field Trials
 - TRS for Townsville and Thuringowa Coaches and Managers to attend NQ Trials
 - TRS on exceptional occasions (previous TSS approval will be required)
2. That Sub-Committees will continue to levy schools based on the number of teams competing.
3. That all Levies be reviewed annually.

Procedures for Principals and Business Managers

- **All teachers applying for TRS from TSS are to complete the *TRS Claim Form* in the Annual Report (page 10) and forward to Toni Wilson at Townsville West State School (twils129@eq.edu.au)**
- No TRS will be provided to a school for District Swimming and Athletics Carnivals in which that school is actually competing.
- Townsville Athletics and Swimming Carnivals are staffed on a needs basis. The Convenors will liaise with the Phys. Ed. Coordinator and assign duties. Principals and Phys. Ed. Teachers will be notified by fax. Principals should not release teachers unless they receive this information as this notice is confirmation of TRS being available.

Important Information

- **Schools are to organise relief teachers and initially pay for such release from school funds.**
- **At the end of each semester, schools will be contacted and asked to invoice TSS (WULGURUSS) for the approved TRS reimbursements.**
- **Schools will therefore be reimbursed at the end of each semester.**

GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING COMPLAINTS

The following is given as a guide to all Coaches and Managers of sporting teams. This in no way is a directive, but simple advice which should help all personnel to bring about conflict resolution.

1. The great majority of problems can be solved by calmly raising the issue directly with the person concerned after the game has finished. Be prepared to listen!
2. Seek advice from other teachers, the Executive of the relevant Sub-committee and your Principal with the idea of bringing about a solution by further discussion.
3. In the very rare case that the situation cannot be resolved:
 - (a) Record all information and details showing the precise facts without any emotional connotation
 - (b) Gather information from all witnesses and keep written notes
 - (c) Write a formal letter of complaint. Ensure you address the problem and not the person!
 - (d) Make three copies. Send one to the person/s concerned, one to the Sub-Committee and file one for yourself.
4. Be prepared to compromise.

COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE FOR CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL SPORT

When rain threatens or the grounds are unsafe, the decision to cancel sport is to be made by the Executive of TSS by 10.00 am on that day (*Section 7(l) of the Operating Procedures*). Schools will be notified via an email to the Sports Contact for each school.

TSS Executives will contact bus companies.

LIMITS FOR TEAM NOMINATIONS

Section 7(j) of the *Operating Procedures* states that: *Sub-Committees will limit the number of teams according to school enrolments and the availability of suitably safe playing fields. Gradings are determined by the 'Day 8' Figures.*

Sub-Committees will attempt to accommodate all requests, from schools, for teams. Where the number of teams exceeds the available fields at a venue, the respective Sub-Committee, with consultation with TSS, will negotiate any team restrictions.

TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL SPORT OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL SPORT IN THE TOWNSVILLE AND THURINGOWA DISTRICTS

1. NAME:

The body shall be known as "Townsville School Sport", herein referred to as the TSS.

2. AIM:

The aim of the TSS shall be to promote 12YU School Sport within the Townsville Districts.

3. OBJECTIVES:

- (a) To encourage schools to organise and improve school sport within the Schools and the Districts.
- (b) To provide opportunities for those students skilled in particular sports to participate in higher levels of competition within the framework of Queensland School Sport.
- (c) To co-ordinate the operations of the Sub-Committees.
- (d) To liaise with Northern Region Representative School Sport.

4. STRUCTURE:

- (a) The membership of the Management Committee of the TSS shall consist of two voting members from each affiliated school in the Townsville and Thuringowa Districts. One shall be a School Principal or his/her nominee and the other shall be a School Sport Coordinator.
- (b) All registered teachers from affiliated schools are eligible to attend the Management Committee Meetings as non-voting delegates.
- (c) The TSS will operate through an Executive which will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who will be elected by and from the voting members at the AGM and subsequently approved by the Executive Director or his/her nominee.
- (d) The President of the TSS is to be a Principal from an affiliated school who will also act as the Chairperson at all TSS Meetings.
- (e) Sub-Committees will be appointed by the TSS for the management and organisation of specific sports.
- (f) A quorum at all TSS and Sub-Committee meetings shall be eight, provided that at least four schools are represented.
- (g) The office bearers of each Sub-Committee shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer elected by the voting members at the respective AGM. The President of each Sub-Committee will also act as the Chairman.

5. METHOD OF OPERATION:

- (a) The only meetings of the TSS shall be those on the calendar except where a Special General Meeting may be called with the approval of the Executive.
- (b) A week's notice of a Special General Meeting of the TSS or a Sub-Committee shall be given in writing. Only those items on the agenda shall be discussed.
- (c) The Executive of the TSS and the Sub-Committees are given the authority to make urgent decisions, but these decisions must be ratified at the next meeting.
- (d) An Annual Report and Financial Statements shall be presented by the TSS at the AGM of the TSS. Copies must be forwarded to the RSO and the Auditor.
- (e) Standard meeting procedure shall be used at each meeting of the TSS and the Sub-Committees. (Refer to the handout "*TSS Meeting Procedures*" held by all Secretaries and Treasurers.)
- (f) A Principal or his/her nominee and a Sports Coordinator from each of Townsville and Thuringowa Districts shall be elected at the AGM of the TSS to attend the meetings of the Northern Region Primary School Sport as voting delegates.
- (g) Education Queensland has a Public Liability Insurance Policy in respect of all its activities with the Queensland Government Insurance Fund. The Certificate of Currency provides cover for employees in a Departmental activity at a public venue. The Catholic Education Office has their own Public Liability Insurance for their teachers. It is therefore the responsibility of Private Schools to ensure that they have their own Public Liability cover for their teachers.

(h) The TSS shall compile a calendar of dates at the last General Meeting each year for use in the following year.

(i) The TSS shall be dissolved in the event of the membership being less than five affiliated schools. It may also be dissolved upon the vote of two-thirds majority of the voting delegates present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and when one week's notice in writing has been given. Any assets in hand shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be distributed equally amongst all affiliated schools.

6. FINANCE:

(a) All Treasurers must use the *TPSS Guidelines for Treasurers* provided to all Treasurers and note the *EPPR: Financial Resources: FR-05 Accounting in Schools: Procedures (b) Section 2: Accounts Receivable*.

(b) Education Queensland requires that the accounts of TSS and all its Sub-Committees are to be linked to respective school accounts through One School. The choice of school will be largely determined by consultation with the respective school principal and administration staff. They are asked to work with the executives of TSS and the Sub-Committees to financially manage monies.

(c) The school will establish the particular sporting body as an e-cost centre within One School. The relevant school's registration numbers and ABN will be used by TSS or a Sub-Committee. It will also mean that all orders, invoices, banking, payments, GST and tax input credits will be handled by school administration staff. School signatories are to sign cheques and purchase orders.

(d) Payments over \$10 must be receipted individually in One School Finance. Receipts must also be issued for all monies received.

(e) Schools with these accounts will be paid \$200 per sport annually by TSS for these services. These monies will be then used by the schools to employ extra AAEP time.

(f) The Executive of TSS and the Sub-Committees is to maintain control and executive responsibility for their funds. To this end, TSS requires that the Treasures of TSS and its Sub-Committees maintain the existing Cash Books so that they can check details of Income and Expenditure. All payments recorded in the Cash Book must be receipted individually.

School Affiliation Fees (payable to the TSS) and Sub-Committee Nomination Levies shall be determined annually at the AGM of the TSS. (These fees will be GST Free)

Affiliation Fees payable to TSS shall be due by 30 April of each year. Unfinancial schools shall not be permitted to participate in any of the activities organised by the TSS or the Sub-Committees.

(i) The assets and income of TSS and its Sub-Committees shall be applied solely for the above mentioned Objectives.

(j) The Internal Auditor of Education Queensland will audit the account of TSS and each Sub-Committee at the time that the respective school accounts are audited.

(k) Upon request, a school is required to provide to the Treasurer of TSS or a Sub-Committee the appropriate financial reports for meetings and the TSS Annual Report. Reports should also be provided to assist Treasurers to determine their financial position at various times. A Detailed Transaction List is the minimum requirement.

(l) Reimbursements by an Executive member for expenses incurred on behalf of TSS or a Sub-Committee will be paid provided that supporting documentation including a full tax invoice is produced. A *Statement by a Supplier Form* (held by the Registrar) should also be attached. Therefore, Executive members are to purchase these items only from businesses that are ABN registered and who can provide a tax invoice that lists the GST component. Honoraria is not to be paid to any member or official.

(m) *The Education Queensland Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual* applies to the purchases of all goods and services by the department. All Education Queensland staff are to comply with the provisions of this document and the State Purchasing Policy.

(n) When there are sufficient funds, TSS will provide funding up to \$50 for the professional development of Townsville and Thuringowa teachers. Approval must be gained from a member of the TSS executive. Approval will only be given to sports that are played at Interschool level.

7. SUB-COMMITTEES:

(a) Each Sub-Committee is responsible to the TSS for all decisions they shall make.

(b) The Secretaries of the Sub-Committees shall give a minimum of one week's notice in writing of any General Meeting not listed on the Calendar.

(c) Sub-Committees are responsible for the management and organisation of their particular sport.

- d) Sub-Committees shall be responsible for raising their own funds and financing any activity arranged by them.
- e) Gender Equity and Racial Discrimination principles as outlined in Government Policies must be followed.
- f) It is the responsibility of Sub-Committees and schools that the *Codes of Conduct* as they apply to players, parents and spectators are read and applied.
- g) Inter-School Sport organised by the Sub-Committee is to be played on Thursday and Friday afternoons only. All Townsville District Schools will compete on one day and all Thuringowa Schools will compete on the other day. These schools are listed in the *Annual Report*. Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming are to be the only exceptions. No fixtures shall be played on the Thursday or Friday that immediately precedes a school vacation period.
- h) For selection in Interschool Sports Teams, students must be 10 to 12 years old in that year. For Swimming, students may be 8 to 12 years old in that year. For Athletics, they may be 7 to 12 years old in that year.
- i) Sub-Committees must organise Thursday and Friday afternoon fixtures to start and finish on the dates as listed in the Calendar with games from 12.30pm to 1.55pm.
- j) Sub-Committees will limit the number of teams according to school enrolments and the availability of suitably safe playing fields. Schools will be graded according to their Day 8 figures of the current year. Schools may be invited to nominate extra teams should the venue, the draw and the availability of buses allow. This will be done at the discretion of the Sub-Committee. If there are excess teams, the Sub-Committee will negotiate with individual schools.
- k) Each sub-committee is responsible for the production and operation of the Fixture Draw. With the exception of byes, every school must be drawn to play every week of the season. Sub-Committees must ensure Premier-ships are decided in a fair and equitable way. Guidelines to follow;
 Depending on team numbers, each team should play each other once. This is a full round. Once a full round is completed the team on top is the Premier. If, after, a complete round two teams are level, provided there is another week, these teams will play each other again to determine the Premier.
 If there are spare weeks after the completion of a full round, these weeks become non-competitive weeks.
 If there are too many teams to allow a complete round in the season;
 Play a round robin, leaving the last two weeks of the draw spare. These last two weeks are used to ensure that the leading teams have played each other.
 Divide the teams into pools, leaving a week(s) spare to allow cross pool matches to determine Premiers.
- l) When rain threatens or the grounds are unsafe, the decision to cancel sport is to be made by the Executive of TSS by 10.00 am on that day. If one sport is cancelled, only that sport will be cancelled. All other sports will proceed as normal. Schools will be contacted via phone/email.
- m) If a Sub-Committee is disbanded any assets in hand shall be deposited in the TSS account.

8. SAFETY AND FIRST AID:

- a) All relevant safety procedures as set out in the Education Queensland Policy and Procedures Register for *Health and Safety* shall be adhered to throughout all competitions arranged by TSS and its Sub-Committees.
- b) Before each season, Risk Assessment Forms must be completed for each non-school venue by a member of the Sub-Committee Executive. These Forms are to be entered into One School at the school of the Convenor of that sport or a member of that Executive.
- c) At each sporting venue, there must be at least one adult with a knowledge of and an ability to perform first aid procedures. If fixtures are played at a school, a person on staff may be used. If there is no adult with this knowledge and ability at a venue, the Sub-Committee must appoint one.
- d) It must be stressed that every person in charge of a particular team or group must supervise the students in a responsible way with the intention of preventing any foreseeable accident and eliminating potential dangers. Teachers are therefore responsible for ensuring that all safety procedures are in place before allowing students to participate.
- e) Teachers should consider the following when the weather is hot and humid:
 - Students should wear a hat, use sunscreen and bring an individual water bottle.
 - Use should be made of all available shade.
 - Games may be shortened.
 - Games may be broken at more frequent intervals (e.g. quarters instead of halves) with players told to consume adequate water.
 - By taking extra reserves, players could be rotated frequently.
- f) **Teachers should** control all games. Any teacher (or substitute teacher) who takes a school team should have a knowledge of the rules of the particular sport and be able to officiate at a competent standard. All such teachers should also be conversant with the *EPPR Guidelines* pertaining to that sport.

- (g) One teacher may take two sports teams if all the following conditions are met:
- The relevant EPPR Guidelines are followed.
 - The teams are playing at the same grounds.
 - All team members are supervised at all times. (A parent or other adult may be used to help supervise the students but responsibility for the students still rests with the teacher.)
 - The teacher is willing to officiate in the game.

9. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SPORTS TEAMS:

(a) For Team sports, two Districts will compete at the N.Q. Trials - Townsville and Thuringowa. These are listed in the *Annual Report*. Sub-Committees or Selectors will not have the authority to place schools in certain Districts to suit that particular sport. However, in circumstances where there are insufficient numbers to fill teams, selectors may move student(s) to a different District. This would require TSS Executive approval.

(b) District Trials organised by Sub-Committees must be held outside normal school hours. Athletics is to be the only exception. For Athletics, the four representative teams selected at the "E/F", "D", "C", "B" and "A" Carnivals will compete at the N.Q. Trials. For Swimming, individual nominations from affiliated schools will be accepted for selection in the NQ team.

(c) For selection in District Team Sports, students must be 10, 11 or 12 years old in that year.

(d) The major criteria for selection of students in District Teams shall be the performance of the student at the District Trials. Areas considered shall include:

- the level of skills exhibited by the student
- the performance of the student as a member of a team
- the attitude and behaviour of the student on and off the field
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- the age of the student

(e) The official uniform colours of the Townsville District are blue and gold and the official uniform colours of Thuringowa are green and gold. The TSS will arrange for the order and purchase of Team Shirts and Water bottles. Each Sub-Committee will be invoiced by the TSS for the shirts and water bottles used by their sport.

(f) Students who compete at designated District Trials must be available for selection at the Regional Trials.

(g) Students selected in the District Teams must have competed at the District Trials. However, in special circumstances, students MAY still be CONSIDERED for selection upon completion of an Absentee / Special Considerations form. This form must be submitted at least 3 days prior to District Trial. Submitting of this form does not guarantee team selection.

(h) Coaches, Managers and Convenors must ensure that all participants at the District and NQ Trials have written permission from their Principals and parents to attend those Trials. Permission from Principals may be on a standard Nomination Form. Parents must sign an individual Permission Form. Students can only trial if these forms are in the hands of the Coach or Manager prior to the start of the Trials. These forms are to be stored at the school of the Manager for seven years.

(i) At the N.Q. Trials, Coaches and Managers must ensure that each player is given reasonable opportunity to participate. Coaches and Managers must adhere to the Regional Selection Guidelines.

(j) All representative Coaches, Managers and Selectors must be registered teachers. When Team Officials are appointed, their allocation is to be determined by the relevant Sub-Committee ensuring that all aspects of supervision, safety and personal welfare are carefully considered with particular reference to the EPPR procedures.

(k) District Team Officials are granted TRS from TSS. The Regional Convenor is granted TRS from the RSO.

(l) The procedure for application for a teacher to attend the N.Q. Trials in an official capacity shall be:

- Election at the Sub-Committee meeting
- Approval from the Principal
- Completion of the "*TRS Claim Form*" (Copies are in the Annual Report)

(m) Officials, team members and parents should be made aware of the Queensland School Sports Code of Behaviour which must be adhered to by all concerned.

(n) Officials for N.Q. Teams who attend State Championships are appointed by Northern Region Primary School Sport after submitting the application form "*Nomination for Regional Coach/Manager*". The form must be signed by the Principal. TRS is granted from the RSO. (Copy is in the Annual Report)

10. CHANGES TO OPERATING PROCEDURES:

(a) Alterations to, additions or deletions from this document shall only be made or ratified by a fifty per cent majority of voting delegates present at a General Meeting of the TPSS and only when written notice of the alteration has been made to all affiliated schools on the Agenda for that meeting.

(b) It must be noted that changes and directives made at Regional and State levels together with Departmental Instructions will mean alterations must be made to these Operating Procedures.