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# AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS RUGBY UNION TOUR OF JAPAN 23 Sep – 02 Oct 2022

The Australian A Schools Rugby Team will tour Japan for a three match series from 23 Sep – 02 Oct 2022. This is the first tour by an Australian Schoolboys team since 2019 due to COVID-19.

The team was selected from the boys competing in the 48th Australian Schools Rugby Championships which was held at Knox Grammar School, Sydney, 5 - 9 July 2022.

"This tour continues the successful legacy of Australian Schoolboys Rugby teams which have toured internationally since 1969, teams which produced over 200 Wallaby representatives. These tours represent the pinnacle of each boy's rugby experience developed through Australia's internationally recognised school rugby system. They offer the boys the highest level of international competition, team building, cultural experiences and the unforgettable life experience of representing their country in sport," said Kevin Culliver, President of the ASRU.

Amongst numerous cultural experiences, including attending a sumo tournament and a baseball game, following their final match the team will attend the match between Japan XV v Australia A (senior team) to be played at Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium, Tokyo on Saturday 1 October.

## MATCH SCHEDULE

Tue 27 Sep	13:00 hrs UTC	Higashi Fukuoka High School vs Australia A Schools	
		Kumagaya Ground #A, Tokyo	
Thu 29 Sep	17:30 hrs UTC	Keio High School vs Australia A Schools	
		Keio University, Hiyoshi Ground, Yokohama	
Sat 01 Oct	14:00 hrs UTC	Kokugakuin Kugayama High School vs Australia A Schools	
		Nihon University Hiyoshi, Tokyo	

## **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

The team with have a training session this Friday 23 Sep 2022 at Randwick Boys High School, Avoca St, Randwick from 09:00-11:00am, and then continue at Waratahs HQ, Banks St, Daceyville from 12:00-2:30pm, prior to an evening flight to Japan.

Filming and photographs will be permitted for media purposes. Limited interviews opportunities will be available. Media contact Anthony Edgar 0432 57 8883 or anthony@oneshot.sport

#### **AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS RUGBY UNION A TEAM 2022**

Manus	Bailey	St Aloysius' College	NSW
Leo	Bassingthwaighte	Shore School	NSW
Sam	Bourgeois	Knox Grammar School	NSW
Sebastian	Bush	Northern Beaches Sec Coll	NSW
Darcey	Bush	Daramalan College	ACT
Harry	Darling	St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill	NSW
Harry	Davis	The Scots College	NSW

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Darcy	Fogarty	St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill	NSW	
Will	Goddard	Knox Grammar School	NSW	
TJ	Herring	Northern Beaches Sec Coll	NSW	
Jakeb	Horne	Brisbane State HS	QLD	
Jay	Ingleton	Oakhill College	NSW	
Pat	Isles	Marist College	ACT	
Nick	Lamming	St Ignatius College, Riverview	NSW	
Riley	Langfield	St Stanislaus' College	NSW	
Finn	Lawson	Mountain Creek State HS	QLD	
Andrew	McFarlane	St Edmund's College	ACT	
Will	McKinnon	Knox Grammar School	NSW	
Ben	Park	Kotara High School	NSW	
Luron	Patea	The Hills Sports High School	NSW	
Will	Perkins	St Ignatius College, Riverview	NSW	
PJ	Poutasi	Keebra Poark State HS	QLD	
Ку	Pule	Waverley College	NSW	
Miracle	Tangatta	King's Christian College	QLD	
Wil	Taylor	St Ignatius College, Riverview	NSW	
Samu	Tuisau	SEDA College	NSW	
Harrison	Valevatu	Eagle Vale High School	NSW	
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John	Guy	Hunter Valley Grammar School	NSW	Manager
Mark	Moxon	Ignatius Park College	Qld	Coach
Ben	McGee	Daramalan College	ACT	Assist. Coach
Narelle	Veverka	Hornsby Physiotherapy	NSW	Physio.
Kevin	Culliver	St Kevins College	Vic	Tour Liasion

## About the Australian Schools Rugby Union

The Australian Schools Rugby Union 'ASRU' is an independent incorporated association run by volunteer members of the teaching profession and supporters who believe rugby has a unique ethos and benefits that contribute to the broader education of young people.

For over 50 years the ASRU has provided an expansive nursery to foster the opportunities and aspirations of school rugby players from a wide range of established and emerging competitions and networks. From the 1984 Grand Slam winning Wallabies team and the two World Cup winning teams in 1991 and 1999, 27 of the players were Australian Schoolboy representatives. Since its inception in 1969 over 200 representatives of the Australian Schools Rugby Union have gone on to represent the Wallabies in the international arena. Hundreds more have been selected in Super Rugby, state and other representative teams during this time.

A Girls 7s Under 16 and Open tournament was included in the 2022 Australian Schools Rugby Championships for the first time, with the announcement of two Australian Schools Girls Sevens Merit Teams. The ASRU is fully committed to expanding girls' rugby through the school system.

#### PHOTOS

High resolution photos of the team and each player can be downloaded and used by media for editorial purposes, **ASRU Photoshelter**: <u>https://tinyurl.com/32pru3eh</u> **ASRU website**: <u>https://schoolsrugby.com.au/australian-schoolboys-a-team-2/</u>