



Rugby Newsletter – May 2018

Hi Players, Parents /Carers

The Rugby season is well and truly underway so this months newsletter provides an update on some events that have already occurred and others that are upcoming.

1ST XV TOUR : The tour was a huge success with Downlands defeating Cambridge HS 37-10 and Mauao HS 34-31. The players certainly enjoyed the cultural and Rugby experiences as well as the external activities such as attending the Chiefs v Blues Super Rugby match.

JOHN ELDERS CUP : The event held last weekend was a massive success with Downlands defeating Rockhampton Grammar 15-6 in a tough final on Sunday. Downlands also won matches against Scots PGC, Ignatius Park and Matthew Flinders. The team was well led by Tom Gore with Latana King-Togia, Kyle Turei and Darcy Reed also prominent. A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of this year's event.

SEASON LAUNCH : The Rugby Season Launch was also very successful with around 200 players, parents and supporters enjoying a great start to the 2018 season. Those who attended were welcomed by Wallaby great and ex Downlander Tim Horan, viewed the 2018 Downlands Rugby promotional video and were also entertained by the 1st XV singing group.

DOWNLANDS V NSW COUNTRY : Downlands 1st XV play host to NSW Country U18's on Saturday 19th May. The match kicks off at 2pm and will be part of the annual Bears Junior Rugby carnival. NSW Country will be a very solid opponent and we are hoping the fixture becomes an annual event.

ANNUAL DOWNLANDS RUGBY CAMP – will be held on Saturday 12th May. The day will commence with a Year 5-6 Rugby clinic from 8-9.30am run by QRU Development Officer Aaron Palmer. The U13 - Openage training will run from 9.30am – 12 noon and will include internal Rugby trials, while the Girls 7's activities, co-ordinated by Lachlan Parkinson, will be held from 10am –12.30pm. The 1st XV Rugby team will be playing a trial against Nudgee College at 12.30pm. An information sheet will be circulated next week.

A-Z RUGBY – A Rugby education session for Downlands parents will be conducted at the college on Tuesday 1st May from 6-7pm in C6 room Clark Hall. The session is designed to give parents more insight into Rugby terminology, laws and culture so please register your interest asap with Murray Archibald archibm@downlands.qld.edu.au



REFEREES COURSE – A Refereeing Kids Rugby Course will be conducted at Downlands on Wednesday 2nd May from 6-9pm. The course will be co-ordinated by Darling Downs Referees Association and be attended by International Referee Rohan Hoffman. I am appealing to parents and students in Years 9-11 to get involved in doing the course as we need to bolster our stocks of Rugby officials. Cost is \$30. Please register with Murray archibm@downlands.qld.edu.au

FRIDAY MORNING SKILLS & FITNESS : kicked off again last Friday 27th April with more than 35 boys and girls in attendance. The sessions will continue throughout Term 2 from 6-7.15am with breakfast in the dining hall for day students who attend.

U13-15 GYM CIRCUITS : A lot of interest has been received from the U13-15 boys to participate in the gym circuits. Players names, groups & times will be posted on the Rugby noticeboard next week. All players should have received a letter outlining what to bring to the sessions. Session times are Monday & Wednesdays 6:15-7:00am / 3:15-4:00pm & 4:00 -4:45pm.

NOTE: students will do one session per week.

RUGBY TRAINING COMMENCEMENT – afternoon training in the U13, 14, 15, 16 & Open divisions kicked off on Tuesday 24 April and will continue from 3:20-5:00pm on Lords South every Tuesday & Thursday.

TRIAL MATCHES – Downlands play Ambrose Treacy College in a trial match at Downlands next Saturday 5 May in the U13, U14 & U15 age groups.

Please note the times for the matches:

10.00am: U13 A (field 1) / U13 B (field 2)

11.30am: U14 (field 1) / U15 (field 2)

Yours in Rugby

Murray Archibald
DIRECTOR OF RUGBY.