



Media Release

NSW Sports High Schools Association and NSW Touch Football Partnership Official Launch

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The elite player pathway for Touch players in NSW has received a boost today with the announcement of the joint venture between the NSW Sports High Schools Association and NSW Touch Football. The partnership will assist Touch Football players in their high school years to receive a great education while developing their playing ability, fitness and skills within a school system that is focused on the holistic development of its student athletes.

On 29th November NSW Touch Football Manager Daniel Rushworth and President of the NSW Sports High Schools Association (SHSA) Roger Davis, launched the new partnership at Narrabeen Sports High School.

The impact that Sports High School Alumni have had on Touch Football in NSW is enormous with 9 former SHSA students have gone on to play for Australia.

NSW Touch Football Manager Daniel Rushworth said that “Sports High Schools have been a wonderful nursery for Touch Football and we believe this partnership will contribute to a new era of success for Touch Football in NSW. We see immense benefit from the Sports High School model that combines high quality education and coaching in a nurturing and supportive environment”.

The partnership will include coach and player development, implementation of a fully supported high performance curriculum and increased opportunities for talent identification. This will also enhance the pathway for girls that aspire to go on to play Touch Football at the elite level.

Roger Davis said “We know from experience that the holistic development of the student athlete at NSW Sports High Schools has significantly contributed to the development of some of Australia’s most elite sports stars.”

State & National touch player and former Sport high Schools student, Hannah Dyball said

“Those extra training sessions over the six years I was there were invaluable...it was a great experience and I feel very privileged to have been there. The supportive environment enabled me to compete at the highest levels whilst still completing my HSC,”

About the Sports High School Association

There are seven Sports High Schools in NSW that provide opportunities for students who have potential to reach the elite level. The schools have flexible academic programs that assist developing athletes meet their training, competition and academic requirements. The 7 schools are; Westfields Sports High, Matraville Sports High, Narrabeen Sports High, Illawarra Sports High, Hunter Sports High, Hills Sports High and Endeavour Sports High.

