

Each year 900 students compete at the School Sport Australia National Championships as members of Team Vic. Each of these students has excelled at their sport, resulting in them being chosen to represent Victoria in a school sport state team.

While all young people selected for Team Vic have the talent and commitment to succeed, not all have the funds or support to take up the opportunity. To eliminate this barrier to participation, SSV has established the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to help support Victorian students from low socio-economic, indigenous or rural and regional backgrounds.

Participating in sport provides young people with social, cultural and educational opportunities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, the development of life skills and lifelong friendships. For those from disadvantaged backgrounds, these benefits can be far reaching.

"The highlights for me was playing against all the other states and seeing great talent across Australia. I gained new skills from the tournament and different knowledge of the game. My advice to other sporting participants competing in a national tournament is to go hard, gain new friendships, learn as much as you can and no matter what happens do your best and be proud of yourself... and never give up."

Jenny, (Team Vic player)

"Attending the national championships was a fabulous experience for both Geoff and myself. Receiving the extra financial support made things a lot easier. It was fantastic to see the enjoyment that Geoff experienced from representing his state and being a part of a team. I believe it has really helped Geoff to develop his leadership skills and his ability to work in a team situation. Thank you for making this scholarship available"

Nikki (Parent)

Previous Team Vic athletes include; Gary Ablett Jnr, Linley Frame, Steve Hooker, Chris Judd, Nicole Livingstone, Gary Lyon, Sharelle McMahon and Kyle Vander-Kuyp.



## **School Sport Victoria Snapshot**



Would you like to support highly talented young people, selected to represent Victoria in sport, whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent them from doing so?

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund has been created to support Victorian students who have the proven talent to be selected for a School Sport Australia National Championship, but do not have the funds to take up the opportunity.

These young people may come from low socioeconomic, indigenous and/or rural backgrounds. This endowment fund will provide resources in perpetuity to support these young people's talent and aspirations.

We are seeking support from individuals who believe in supporting young people with talent, to make a tax deductible contribution, which will create a legacy for generations to come.

The SESF has its own, independent Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status and as such all donations are tax deductible

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