



A National and International
leader in the provision of
School Sport





2,300

member schools

550,000

students

10,500

events per annum

62

Team Vic state teams annually

With 28 sports on offer, an exceptional state team program and incomparable national championship opportunities around Australia, School Sport Victoria really is the national and international leader of school sport.

Operating under the governance of the Department of Education and Training, SSV is the voice for school sport across Victoria and actively advocates for improved sporting and physical activity opportunities for all school-aged students.

Alongside providing Victoria's largest interschool sport program, SSV offers elite Victorian students the opportunity to represent their state at School Sport Australia Championships across the country in 21 different sports. This national competition pathway is a fulfilling and exciting journey for those who wish to strive to better their sporting career.

Our vision and values

SSV's holistic approach to promoting school sport for all Victorian students ensures that the social, emotional, spiritual, and physical wellbeing of each student complements their sporting and physical activity alongside their academic success. SSV develops confidence and self-esteem in each student, as well as Victorian teachers, coaches and volunteers. We foster commitment, leadership, team-work, participation and appreciation for others.

SSV will continue to advocate for school sport by:

- ◀ providing strategic leadership for Victorian school sport;
- ◀ providing regular sporting competition that embraces an educational approach in developing students' appreciation and carriage of respected community values;
- ◀ advocating recognition for School Sport leadership at all levels;
- ◀ maximising participation opportunities for all school students in competition that is commensurate with their age and ability; and
- ◀ promoting school and community partnerships through sport.

Our mission:

To be the state and national leader in providing quality sporting opportunities in the school environment for all school age children in Victoria.

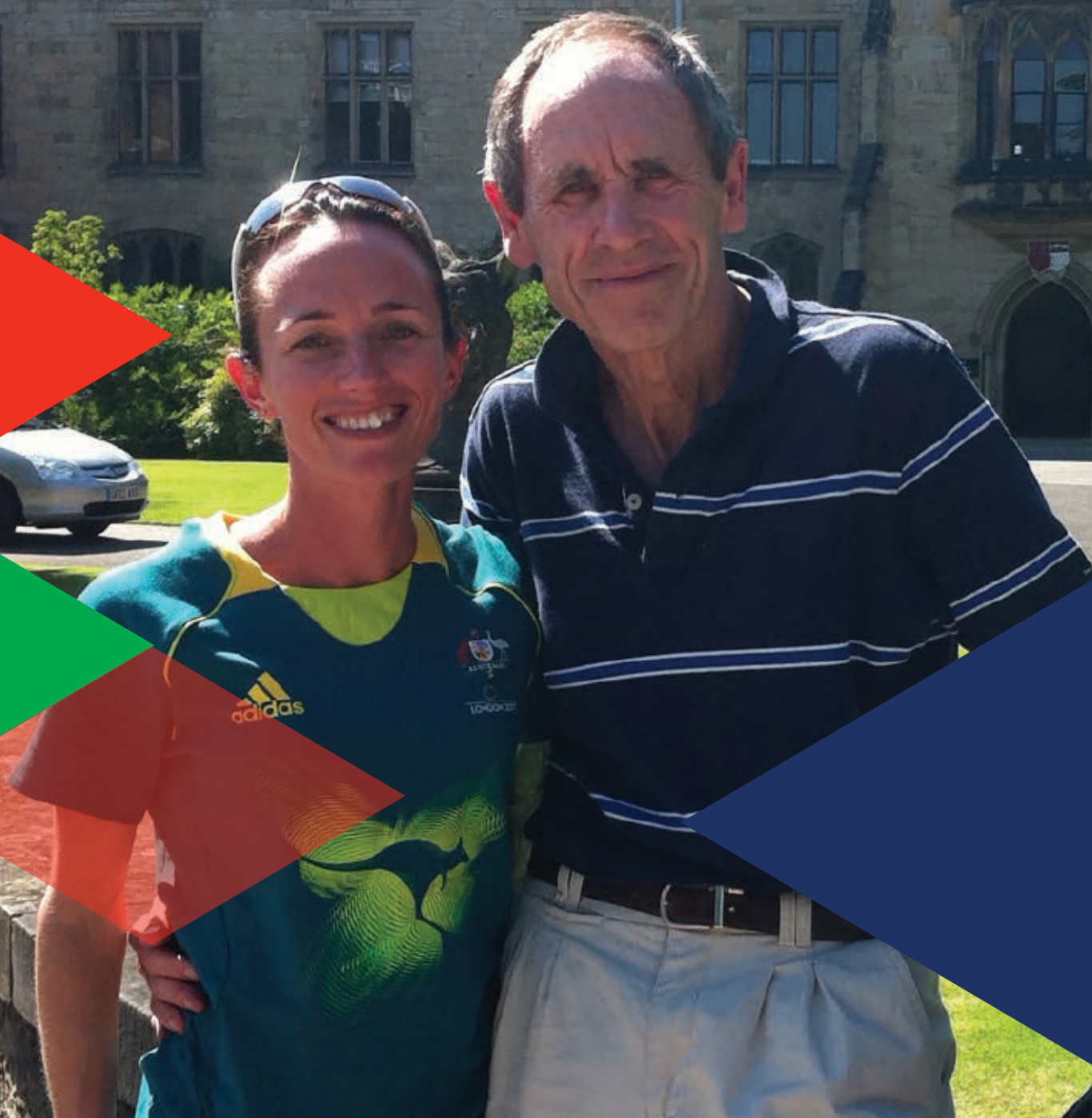
Our vision:

To increase the awareness of, and participation in, quality school sport.

"Physical activity is important to the health, physical and psychological development of all children, particularly in the 21st century and beyond.

Cultural and social changes are resulting in a more sedentary life style for many young people. Schools play a significant role in developing attitudes towards physical activity and sport that may last a lifetime."

Professor Richard Telford
SSV Ambassador



Our history

In 2010, SSV was formed through the merge of the Victorian Primary Schools' Sports Association and the Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association. For more than 100 years, these two previous member associations steered a school sport program involving all Victorian primary schools, government and non-government and all Victorian government secondary schools.

Our ambassadors

Professor Richard Telford

Professor Dick Telford joined the SSV team as an ambassador following his ground breaking Australian research in the LOOK study, which highlights the benefits of high quality school sport and physical education for Australian students.

Richard is a fantastic advocate of school sport and has an elite level coaching background. His research is invaluable for sports coordinators, teachers, principals and schools.

Steve Hooker, Olympic Gold Medalist

Aussie pole vault sensation and Olympic Gold Medalist Steve Hooker shares SSV's passion and commitment in providing inspiring sporting and educational opportunities for all school-aged students in Victoria.

Signing on as an ambassador in 2014, Steve brings a wealth of experience to the SSV team through not only his career as an Olympian, but also through his Team Vic selections and school sport journey. His main message to schools, teachers and students centres around the benefits that school sport brings to an individual.

Supporting young sports people from disadvantaged backgrounds.



Ashleigh Brennan, Dual Olympian, Dual Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, 3 Times World Championship Team Member, National Champion and Victorian Female Athlete of the Year

My passion for sport and specifically gymnastics came when I joined my local gymnastics club as a 7 year old for fun. As the sport quickly progressed for me I experienced 3 different primary schools to accommodate my gymnastics needs as I moved closer to where I trained. Beginning at St Michael's Primary School in Berwick, moving to Mentone Park Primary School and then Stonnington Primary School when the gym relocated to Prahran.

I made my first National team as a 13 year old and was a National Team member from 2004 to 20012 whilst completing high school at Melbourne Girls' College in Richmond.

As gymnastics is generally a young sport for girls, I was experiencing the demands of elite sport that most athletes would go through in their mid to late 20s. Melbourne Girls' College provided me with the assistance to achieve my sporting and academic goals such as going to the Beijing Olympics during year 12.

I was fortunate enough to finish my gymnastics career as a two time Olympian, dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist and a three-time world championship team member. Since retiring after the London Olympics, I am now completing a Master in Clinical Exercise Physiology (Rehabilitation). I remain involved in the sport speaking publically where opportunities present and by introducing primary school children to gymnastics, showing them the benefits of building strong foundations through these skills.



Daisy Pearce, Premiership Captain, Victorian Captain, Number 1 Draft Pick

Widely regarded as the number one female footballer in the land, Daisy Pearce is an inspirational footballer. Being a former Team Vic member, Daisy is keen to inspire the next generation of footballers and sportspeople in general through school visits and speaking at SSV events.

Daisy launched her ambassador role with an inspirational talk to 75 year 7 girls at Northcote High School followed by a skills and drills session in their gymnasium.

I always really enjoyed school and from an early age was taught to try my best at everything I did. A healthy competition between my older brother and I helped to drive my desire to work hard at school and even harder at sport in an attempt to be better than he was.

I played football, tennis, netball, basketball, cricket, and always enjoyed school athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals. I also competed in Snowboarding for our school snow sports team.

When I moved to Melbourne and started school at Eltham High I quickly got involved in the strong volleyball program. I played in the Team Vic U/16 Volleyball Team in Canberra in 2003 and also represented Victoria in Volleyball at U/17's level.

Nearly every recess and lunch time that I can recall throughout all of my school days were spent on the oval or in the stadium playing sport. Not only did I love being physically active it was also a great social outlet and a good way to meet friends, particularly given that I moved schools a couple of times.

My closest friends now are friends that I met playing school sport with and against. As much as I loved my sport and am proud of what I have achieved as an athlete I am glad I was able to focus academically and do my best in other aspects of my school life as well.



My strongest subjects at school were maths, science and literature. I wasn't a natural in the arts but I always had a go. In my VCE year I studied Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Math Methods and Specialist Mathematics. Ironically I didn't even do PE! I genuinely believe that being good at sport and trying your best to learn and apply yourself academically are not exclusive of one another. There are qualities I have that contribute to my performance and ability as an athlete that I have learnt from applying myself academically and vice-versa.

In 2005, whilst playing school football for Eltham High, I learned from the umpire of one of our matches that there was a women's Australian rules football league. Within weeks I was lining up for the Darebin Falcons in my first senior football game at the age of 16.

Richard Colman former SSV TeamVic representative and Paralympian

Richard was born in 1984 with Spina Bifida. He took to sport at a young age and was involved in many sports before the love of athletics took his full attention.

Richard first competed at the SSV Primary Schools State Championships in 1995, while in Year 4, before making his first SSV team in 1996 for the Pacific School Games in Perth.

2015 is his 2nd year on the SSV coaching team. Richard Colman says, "I am very passionate about School Sport Victoria because this is where my sporting life began 20 years ago. And without that opportunity, I would never have achieved what I have in that time or been able to be an athlete and had the experiences I have around the world. I am now coaching and helping the next generation of athletes and hopefully future Australian stars."

Richard continues to play wheelchair basketball in the local Geelong league, and regularly swims as part of his cross training. Richard started athletics in 1995 quickly developing. And since then has competed in many national and international competitions.

Richard first competed for Australia at the 2002 IPC world athletics championships in Lyon, France where he came away with a Bronze medal in the T53 400m. Two years later, Richard won a Gold in the T53 800m and a Silver medal in the 4x100m at his first Paralympic Games in Athens.

In 2006 Richard won a Bronze medal in the T53 800m at the IPC World Athletics Championships in Assen, The Netherlands. In 2008 Richard won a Silver medal in the T53 200m and a Bronze in the T53 400m at the Beijing Paralympic Games.

In early 2009, Richard spent six months traveling in Europe, competing in a number of countries. During this trip Richard managed to visit 32 countries. Richard has now visited 60 countries with the aim of competing in 100.

In 2010 Richard competed at the commonwealth games in Delhi, India in the T54 1500m, winning a silver medal.

In early 2011 Richard won his first IPC World Athletics Championship Gold medal, winning the T53 800 and a silver medal in the T53 400m. In the same year he also won the T53 400m Gold medal at the IAAF world championships in Deagu, South Korea.

"Being part of SSV team is one way I can help as many athletes as possible on and off the track to be successful in life."



Kelly Hetherington, Australian 800m Athlete

As a sport obsessed child, Kelly participated in many sports, where she found she had a knack for running fast. Kelly was a successful as a junior athlete winning several State and National track and cross country championships. Kelly continued to run, proudly representing her school and local club Glenhuntly, where she continued to achieve a high level of success.

Kelly says, "I am passionate about being a SSV ambassador as I believe sport is such a crucial physical, mental, emotional and social part of children's and adult development. Sport was a huge part of my life growing up and still is a huge part today. The lessons you learn on the sporting field such as teamwork, communication and determination are skills I use daily in my life."

In the more recent times, Kelly first represented her country on a senior team at the 2011 World University Games. She had a successful campaign making the semi finals. This came after coming 2nd in the 800m at the Australian National Championships. She continued to progress through senior ranks with her breakthrough year occurring in 2013. She was undefeated in the Australian season and went on to win the National Open 800m title and whilst doing so qualified for the 2013 World Championships. She was selected in the 2014 Commonwealth Games team but sadly withdrew due to injury. In the first half of 2015 Kelly was a member of the 4x800m World Relay team which successfully taking the bronze medal.

After not getting the results she was striving for in 2014 and 2015, Kelly's sights are firmly set on the 2016 Rio Olympics and beyond that a home Commonwealth Games in 2018. Kelly is focused on a strong 2016 Australian season with the aim to qualify for the Olympics before returning to compete overseas as she has in the past. She feels very lucky that she is able to travel the world, meet amazing people, and compete at the highest level of the sport. Hopefully through Kelly's running and interaction with the public she can inspire some of Australia's next generation to compete in the sport that she loves.



Proud Achievements

2013 Australian Open Championship 800m 1st

2011 Australian Open Championship 800m 2nd

2015 Victorian State Championships 800m 2nd

2014 Victorian State Championships 800m 3rd

2013 Victorian State Championships 800m 1st

2015 World Relays Championship 4 x 800m 3rd

2014 Selected for the Comm Games (withdrew due to injury)

2013 World Championship Representative 800m

2011 World University Games 800m Semi Finalist



Matthew Haanappel OAM, 2012 Paralympic Swimming Gold Medallist, 3 Time Australian Representative, World Championship Medallist

Matt Haanappel was born in 1994 with Cerebral Palsy, he was supported from the beginning as he was born into a strong sporting family which includes retired Tour de France winner Cadel Evans AM.

As a young boy, Haanappel competed in a wide range of sport and recreational activities many of which were within the school sport system, competing for his school in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Some of these sports included Aussie Rules Football, Basketball, Tee-Ball, Cricket and Tennis.

Haanappel first competed in his chosen sport of swimming at the 2005 VPSSA State Swimming Championships at age 11 where he won a gold medal in the 50m Freestyle for Students with a Disability, a medal that he treasures dearly to this day.

Matthew would go on to be selected in his first Team Vic Swimming Team in 2008 to the Pacific School Games in Canberra. He was then selected in the 2009, 2011 and 2013 teams as well as the 2012 team where he was selected as Team Captain. Haanappel mentions that he regards the Team Vic Swim Team as his "family" because of all the wonderful experiences he had with them.

Haanappel was first selected for Australia for the 2012 London Paralympic Games where he won a Gold and Bronze medal for the Freestyle and Medley Relay respectively.

In 2013 he was selected for the IPC Swimming World

Championships winning his first international individual medal, a Bronze in the 100m Freestyle S6.

2014 brought the Pan Pacific Championships in Los Angeles returning home with 3 Gold, 2 Silver and a Bronze Medal. As well as joining Swimming Australia's Paralympic Squad at the Australian Institute of Sport.

On Australian Day 2014 he was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to sport and the community as a Gold Medallist and supporter of many community programs.

Haanappel took the most of the 2015 swimming season off to recover from shoulder surgery in preparation to be selected in the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games team.

Outside swimming Matthew enjoys supporting many disability organisations throughout the state of Victoria, studying a Sports Management degree at the University of Canberra and time with family and friends.

On speaking on School Sport Haanappel says "I have always said that School Sport is one of the most amazing things that a school kid can experience in their educational career, the benefits of school sport and physical education go beyond the field of play. The physical, emotional and mental benefits will take them beyond their school careers and into their working and further life. What really excites me about becoming an ambassador with School Sport Victoria is being able to assist in the development of the key skills that school kids can get out of playing or being involved in school sport."

Our membership types

SSV offers three types of memberships, which are available to all Victorian primary and secondary schools. Full membership is open to all Victorian primary and secondary schools. Associate membership is open to non government schools that wish to participate in the full SSV program. Affiliate membership is open to non government schools that wish to participate in state team selection processes only.



Our regions:

- ▶ Eastern Metropolitan Region
- ▶ Gippsland Region
- ▶ Greater Western Region
- ▶ Hume Region
- ▶ Loddon Mallee Region
- ▶ Northern Metropolitan Region
- ▶ Southern Metropolitan Region
- ▶ Western Metropolitan Region

Our interschool competitions:

SSV together with various state sporting organisations offer a huge range of sports through interschool competitions for Victorian students in years 4–12. To get your school or student involved, visit www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Sports on offer include:

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| ◀ Australian Football | ◀ Badminton (Secondary only) | ◀ Baseball (Secondary only) |
| ◀ Basketball | ◀ Bowls (Secondary only) | ◀ Cricket |
| ◀ Cross Country | ◀ Cycling | ◀ Diving (Secondary only) |
| ◀ Football (Soccer) | ◀ Golf | ◀ Gymnastics |
| ◀ Hockey | ◀ Netball | ◀ Orienteering |
| ◀ Rowing | ◀ Rugby League | ◀ Softball |
| ◀ Squash | ◀ Surfing | ◀ Swimming |
| ◀ Table Tennis | ◀ Tee Ball (Primary only) | ◀ Tennis |
| ◀ Touch | ◀ Track and Field | |
| ◀ Triathlon | ◀ Volleyball | |

Does your school meet the Department of Education's mandated times for physical education?

Years foundation – three:

20 – 30 minutes of physical education per day.

Years four – six:

three hours of physical education and sport per week with a minimum of 50 per cent physical education.

Years seven – 10:

100 minutes per week of physical education and 100 minutes per week for sport.



Team Vic

Ever dreamt of representing your state in an elite national sporting competition?

Are you interested in developing and coaching Victoria's next generation of sporting stars?

SSV's Team Vic state team program provides an elite platform for Victorian students to compete against Australia's best school-aged athletes at School Sport Australia Championships. In some sports, students will represent Victoria on a world-class stage at the Pacific School Games competing against every state and territory in Australia, as well as many international teams.

With more than 21 different sports on offer and around 900 opportunities for primary and secondary school students to represent Victoria, SSV's Team Vic program is recognised for its ability to identify and develop state, national, world, Olympic and Paralympic champions.

To check out your eligibility and find out more information about sports available, trials and closing dates, visit www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Many Team VIC representatives have gone on to elite sporting success:



Steve Hooker (Athletics)



Georgia Nanscawen (Hockey)



Gary Lyon (Australian Football)



Dyson Hepell (Australian Football)



Alex Natoli (Football)



Ellie Cole (Swimming AWD)



Mark Bresciano (Football)



Stephanie Catley (Football)



Madison Browne (Netball)



Jason Smith (Basketball)



Meg Lanning (Cricket)



Cameron White (Cricket)



Kyle Vander-Kuyp (Athletics)



Sharelle McMahon (Netball)



Jason Davidson (Football)



Nicole Livingstone (Swimming)



Chris Judd (Australian Football)



Geoff Ogilvy (Golf)



Linley Frame (Swimming)



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Supporting young sports people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

My 14 year old daughter qualified this year for a Victorian team and is so beside herself. I have seen her confidence grow enormously since she has been able to achieve this and it has made her more eager to take on new challenges. I would hate to think that any child would miss out on experiencing what she is experiencing. It's just my way of helping out.

**Sinéad Wise,
SSV Sporting Angel**

SSV's Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund – Levelling the playing field

About our fund

SSV's Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund assists in leveling the playing field in representing Victoria at School Sport Australia Championships and the Pacific School Games.

While all students selected for Team Vic have the talent and commitment to succeed, not all have the funds or support to take up the opportunity. The scholarship fund is designed to support students and open up the opportunity for all those selected in Team Vic teams to achieve their sporting dreams.

To apply for a scholarship visit www.ssv.edu.vic.au

Every child deserves the right to compete and become the best they can possibly become.

Donate now

SSV is searching for Sporting Angels who would like to make a difference to Victorian students' lives by donating to the SSV Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund.

Sporting Angels:

- ◀ Donate \$1000 minimum (tax deductible)
- ◀ Receive regular updates on the scholarship fund and the student-athletes involved
- ◀ Invitation to SSV annual events (if applicable)

Sporting Archangels:

- ◀ Donate \$10,000 for two years minimum (tax deductible)
- ◀ Invitation to exclusive SSV events
- ◀ Receive regular updates on the scholarship fund and the student-athletes involved

If you would like to become a Sporting Angel, make a general donation or if you require further information about payment options visit www.ssv.edu.vic.au



Recognising those who have excelled and made an outstanding contribution to school sport.

Our Awards

The diversity of talent and sporting skills of Victorian school students are recognised by SSV through district, division, region and state levels of competition as well as through SSV's Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal. They are also acknowledged through the Victorian School Sports Awards and the CPL Cameron Baird VC MG Medal.

Victorian School Sports Awards

The Victorian School Sports Awards are the highest sporting accolade for Victorian government school students, teachers, volunteers and schools. These awards recognise those who have excelled in their chosen sport or those who have made an outstanding contribution to school sport. Fifty five individual student awards, each known as a sporting Blue are presented across 18 categories.

This medal is presented to the player selected as captain of the SSV 12yrs Australian Rules Football team to commemorate the achievements of Cameron Baird. Cameron was an outstanding athlete who represented Team Vic in Australian Football and Track and Field. Cameron joined the army in 2000 and was deployed on 7 overseas tours. Cameron was killed in action in Afghanistan in June 2013. He was awarded the Victoria Cross in March 2014. This award is the highest military award for valour and was presented posthumously by the Governor General of Australia.

CPL Cameron Baird VC MG Medal

Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal

SSV's Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal takes a holistic approach to recognising Victorian school students who achieve sporting excellence alongside academic achievement. This medal is awarded to one student per school (full and associate member schools of SSV) annually. Nomination forms can be found at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/forms.

For more information on award categories and how to apply, visit www.ssv.vic.edu.au



Students with a Disability

SSV offers a range of school sporting pathways for Victorian students with disabilities. Through working closely with Victorian schools and sports organisations, SSV is continually creating more inclusive opportunities for students with a disability to get involved in school sport and physical activity.

SSV's Students with a Disability Program:

- ◀ Engages with schools to encourage participation of students with a disability at division/district level competitions
- ◀ Provides advice and support to schools to ensure students with disabilities have access to current participation initiatives
- ◀ Identifies SSV competitions that support participation from students with a disability and identify gaps
- ◀ Works with State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and key sporting bodies to develop new SWD events and competitions
- ◀ Assists SSOs involved in the SWD Sporting Program to provide links to clubs for participants
- ◀ Creates partnerships with SSOs, local clubs, leagues and associations that provide support to SWD programs
- ◀ Engages with the tertiary sector to ensure PE undergraduates from universities have the opportunity to participate at events for students with a disability (including SSV events, endorsed Special School events and SSA school events) to build the capacity of teachers
- ◀ Works with ACHPER Vic and SSOs to ensure Professional Learning opportunities are provided for teachers

For more information about SSV's Students with a Disability Program, visit www.ssv.edu.vic.au



SSV recognises student, teacher and volunteer achievement and contribution in a variety of ways.



Opportunities for Teachers

Team Vic Coaches and Managers

Every two years SSV appoints a variety of coaches and managers to our sixty different state teams. Teachers elect and train teams and the go away to a week-long national school sport Australia championship with their teams. Teachers develop a variety of skills in these roles including leadership, communication, dealing with parents, networking and improved communication with students.

SSV Region, Division, and District Coordinators

The privilege of holding one of these leadership positions within the SSV system is highly sought after. Teachers are now using this progression pathway to advance their skills and teaching career. Advanced planning, organisational, communication and negotiation skills are developed in these roles. Chairing meetings, engaging with external stakeholders and seeing the fruits of their work being reflected in students having enhanced sporting outcomes within the school sport system are also benefits reported by teachers.

Sport Subcommittees

SSV's Sport Sub Committees help to develop a high quality school sport program by fostering stronger partnerships between education and state sporting associations. One of these exciting opportunities is through SSV's Sport Sub Committees, which help to develop a high quality school sport program by fostering stronger partnerships between education and state sporting associations.

These committees bring together sporting and education expertise to inform both sectors in their planning and development to provide vibrant, sustainable school sport programs with strong links to community sport.

Networking with teachers from around the state and with key stakeholders from the particular sport are seen as key development outcomes. Teachers also report strategic high level discussions that directly affect how the sport is played across the state within the SSV system add to their high level understanding of how sport is influenced.

Teachers Games

Unlike any event in the world, SSV's Victorian Teachers' Games is an annual celebration of teachers and the amazing work they do. The four-day event in September offers teachers around 40 different sporting events to compete in and traditionally attracts more than 2000 participants. The Games provide a platform for SSV to support teachers to be active and thank them for their work with school-aged students in Victorian schools.



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