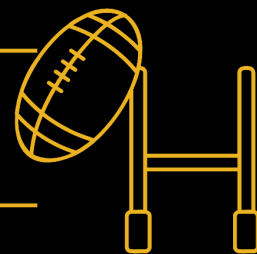




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Week Ending Sunday, 3 August 2025

Directors

Notes

Hard to believe we're not walking away with the series after largely dominating the last two games... Still, what a great result for the team and I can't wait to watch them when they play Argentina right here in Townsville later this year!

This week marks the final round of the regular season.

Next week, only teams who have qualified for finals (top four) will continue training and play matches. Please note: there are **no finals for U8s**, so this will be the final week of the season for all teams in that division.

Expressions of Interest – 2025 Zarraffa's Coffee Townsville Festival of 7s

We're now taking expressions of interest for one of the most exciting rugby events of the year! Below are the dates and divisions:

Primary Aged Rugby 7s

Under 11s & 12s Mixed and Under 12 Girls Only

Friday, 10 October

Youth Rugby 7s

Under 16 Boys & Girls, Under 18 Boys & Girls

Saturday, 11 October

Senior Rugby 7s

Competitive Men's & Women's, Social Men's

Friday, 17 – Sunday, 19 October

Mini Rugby 7s

Under 8s, 9s, 10s Mixed and Under 10 Girls Only

Friday, 24 October

Teenage Rugby 7s

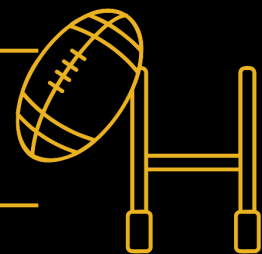
Under 13, 14, 15 Boys and Under 14 Girls

Saturday, 25 October

Register your interest by signing up through Parent Lounge (under the Extra Curricular section), or senior school students can sign up directly at the Sport and Activities Office.

[David Enfantie](#)

Director of Rugby



Results and recap from coaches

U17 Girls v Teachers West | David Enfantie

Won via Forfeit

U17 Boys v Teachers West | Connor Barrett

In a fiery encounter at Warrina Park, our U17 boys put in a huge effort but ultimately went down to Teachers West by a late penalty goal. Teachers West were short on numbers, fielding only 10 players and we agreed to match numbers. Our stance is—and always will be—that we're here to grow the game locally. That growth can't happen when teams run over undermanned sides by 80 points. Respect for the game and for our opposition, always comes first. We came out firing and put together a strong first half. Unfortunately, our efforts weren't fully reflected on the scoreboard, with some confusion around where the try line actually was! Teachers fought back in the second half and managed to edge in front with a late penalty. Special mention to Jack Crossley, who continues to improve every week and to Connor Thompson for an exciting first-half line break that gave our supporters plenty to cheer about.

U12 Mixed v Teachers West | Andrew McKinnon

Friday night saw TGS U12 play their best rugby of the season. In a well-contested and evenly matched game, our players showed plenty of grit and determination, narrowly going down in the end. It was difficult to single out individual performances, as all 15 players stepped up and contributed across the park. Our defensive line showed excellent urgency, with great line speed and a real commitment to getting in front of the ball carrier, which helped us gain the upper hand in defense. In attack, our key ball players found space by keeping their heads up and playing what was in front of them. This is a vital skill and a really promising sign as we look ahead to next year. Every player should be proud of their performance and walk away with a sense of confidence and accomplishment. One more game to finish the season – looking forward to a great week of training!

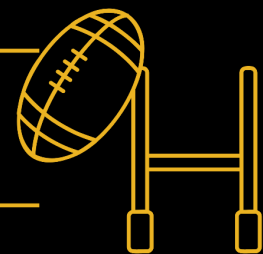
U11 Mixed v Teachers West | Giles Derrett

A committed and at times... brutal... performance from Teachers West saw us finish a distant second on Friday night at Warrina Park. Jack Clark and Jaxon-Morris Steel were tenacious as always, but across the field we looked a little intimidated and struggled to maintain possession for any extended period. Teachers aggressively contested the breakdown and a few of their individual runners took full advantage of time and space, building up momentum before taking contact and making it difficult for our defence to reset. We know we can – and will – play better rugby in the coming weeks. A big thank you to Will King and Austin Whiting for racing over from Hugh Street after their own games to ensure we had the numbers to rotate players.

U10 Grammar Black v Brothers | Luke Brennan

It was a tough Friday night outing for the U10 Grammar Black boys, taking on a fast and fired-up Brothers side. Despite strong intent and patches of excellent rugby, a few costly defensive lapses early on saw Brothers' speedsters break the line and put points on the board. Captain Harvey embodied the Grammar spirit—after copping a huge hit, he showed true resilience by brushing it off and charging back onto the field to rally his team for a determined second-half fightback. His leadership helped settle the boys and restore belief when the game threatened to slip away. Byron Solari was everywhere in defence and relentless in his support play, earning





himself a well-deserved MVP. His work rate and commitment to backing up his teammates made a real difference and kept Grammar in the contest. While the boys couldn't close the gap, eventually going down 25-10, there was no shortage of heart. The effort and grit shown—especially in the second half—were clear signs of a team that's continuing to grow and won't back down from a challenge.

U10 Grammar Gold v North Ward & Charters Towers | Martin Tait

Grammar Gold faced a tough double header this weekend, kicking off with a Friday evening clash against a well-drilled North Ward outfit. A slow start saw us fall behind early, but a much-improved second half showcased a strong team effort across the park. North Ward, however, proved the better side on the night and secured a convincing win. Special mention goes to Cooper Paynter, whose relentless work at the breakdown earned him Man of the Match and to Captain Mali, who led from the front with powerful carries and unwavering determination. Backing up on Saturday morning, 12 dedicated players made the trip to Charters Towers for a fantastic, high-scoring encounter. On a larger field that tested our fitness, the boys dug deep to pull off a miraculous 50-45 win on the final whistle. Arlo Atkinson's pressure defence earned him Man of the Match, while Will King's clutch tries and hard-hitting defence, Paddy McKinnon's low tackles and try-scoring bursts, Oliver's tireless support play and Taiga's calm leadership of the forwards were all standout contributions. A huge thank you to Charters Towers for their fabulous hospitality. One more match to go — finals are within reach!

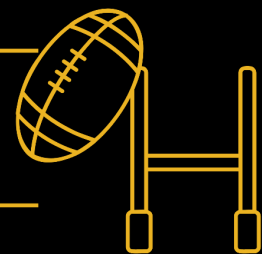


U8



Grammar Black v Teachers West | Hannah Lambert

A slightly understrength U8 Grammar Black side ventured to Warrina Park to take on a well-resourced Teachers West team. It was a physical encounter and, as in previous weeks, our players showed continued improvement in both attack and defence. It's been wonderful to witness the growth in their skills and their increasing hunger for the ball as the season has progressed. Well done, Grammar Black!



U8 Grammar Gold v North Ward | Ricky Evans

Grammar Gold faced another tough game this week as they took on the North Ward Sand Crabs. A well-drilled and competent side, the Sand Crabs would challenge any team and to their credit, our boys gave their very best to match this high level of play from start to finish. Unfortunately, we weren't able to come away with the win. The Sand Crabs capitalised on our weaknesses, breaking through our defence with long, fast runs and dominating the breakdown with strong ruck work. However, in true Grammar fashion, the boys never rolled over or gave up. Instead of falling back on familiar habits, the entire team made a clear effort to apply what they've been learning at training. There were more genuine passes and encouragingly, none of the random overhead throws seen in past weeks. Several players attempted to clear the ruck and made conscious efforts to turn away from the defence to offload before being taken to ground – all hugely positive steps forward. That said, there's still room to grow. We need to make sure players are in position to support each other and back up the play. Our defensive shape has faltered a little in recent weeks, so we'll refocus on maintaining that structure. There's also room to build on our passing game and not rely too heavily on individual runs. With just one game left in the season, I know the boys will be giving it their all to finish on a high. It's been an incredible journey for this team and each player has come such a long way since the beginning of the year. Well done, boys – keep pushing all the way to the end! Go Grammar Gold!

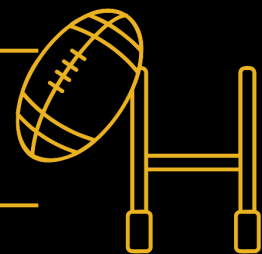


U8 Grammar Blue v Charters Towers | David Santiero

The Grammar U8 Blues travelled to Charters Towers to take on the Bulls and produced their best performance of the season. From the first whistle, the boys brought determination and energy, winning crucial turnovers and quickly turning defence into attack. Their hard work was rewarded with several well-constructed tries, as the team linked passes beautifully and found space out wide. In defence, the Blues were rock-solid, shutting down Bulls' attacking opportunities with strong tackling and great commitment. In the end, the Blues came away with a 30-15 win in a fantastic display of teamwork and effort. A big thank you to all the families who made the trip to Charters Towers – your support on the sideline truly drives the boys forward. Well done, Blues!



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Draw

Please check Rugby Xplorer for the latest draw.

2025 Rugby Awards Night

We're looking forward to celebrating another successful rugby season with you at the awards night! Please [click here](#) to RSVP **no later than Tuesday, 2 September**.


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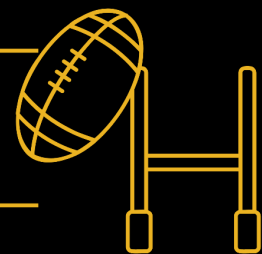
2025 RUGBY PRESENTATION AWARDS
SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025
TIME & VENUE
NORTH WARD CAMPUS
6:30-7:30PM - AWARDS PRESENTATION - CENTENARY GYMNASIUM
7:30-8:30PM - REFRESHMENTS - MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAZA
DRESS
PLAYERS - ACADEMIC UNIFORM
GUESTS - SMART CASUAL
RSVP BY TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER
PLEASE RSVP FOR GUESTS ONLY (TWO GUESTS PER PLAYER)
COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RSVP AS IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL ATTEND
RSVP VIA WWW.TGS.QLD.EDU.AU/EVENTS OR SCAN QR CODE

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Important Dates

Term	Week	Date	Event
3	5	Saturday, 16 August 2025	Semi Final Games (1)
3	6	Saturday, 23 August 2025	Semi Final Games (2)
3	7	Saturday, 30 August 2025	Grand Final Games
3	9	Saturday, 13 September 2025	Club Rugby Awards Night - North Ward Gymnasium



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School App	<p>The TGS App is an essential tool for staying updated on all our sports communications. We highly encourage all students and parents to download the app to their phones as a priority.</p> <p>The School App can be easily downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for "Townsville Grammar School."</p> <p>Steps to get started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Search for "Townsville Grammar School" in your app store and download the app. ➤ Open the app and go to Settings (located at the bottom of the screen). ➤ Select Notifications and enable them to receive important updates from the School. ➤ Choose Subscriptions to select the year levels and co-curricular activities that are relevant to you. <p>Don't forget to select Rugby under Subscriptions to stay informed about all rugby-related notifications.</p> 
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