



TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

19 January 2024

2024 Senior School Rugby Program

Dear Parents,

This letter aims to outline details for the 2024 Townsville Grammar School Rugby Union Program. Our program is best described under three different participation opportunities – Block Sport (interschool), Club Rugby Union, and other carnivals and sevens tournaments.

Block Sport (Interschool) Rugby

Information has already been sent to families regarding the Block Sport Rugby competition for boys in Term 1. The School intend to submit the following teams in this competition:

	Coaches	Match days	Training days
Year 7/8	Mr Tim Joseph Mr Dan Fox	Tuesdays	Mondays, 3:45-5:00pm
Year 9/10	Mr Andrew McKinnon Mr Connor Barrett	Wednesdays	Tuesdays, 3:45-5:00pm
Year 11/12	Mr David Enfantie Mr Scott Stevens	Wednesdays	Tuesdays, 3:45-5:00pm

This school rugby competition will run from Week 4 through to Week 9. Training will commence in Week 2.

All matches this year will be played at Hugh Street, and weekly draws and game times will be communicated in due course. I am hopeful that we can engage as many TGS boys as possible in this competition as it presents a great opportunity for the following:

- Allows first-time players to try the sport in a structured environment
- Provides great pre-season preparation for the club season ahead
- Provides our students with the opportunity to play rugby with their school mates in the “black and gold” jersey

Registration for this rugby competition is open to all TGS male students, regardless of club rugby intentions, and is completed by accepting your invitation in Parents Lounge via the extra-curricular tab.

Club Rugby

Townsville Grammar School will again be participating in the TDRU competition which commences after the Easter school holidays. While player numbers will ultimately dictate, we are intending to submit teams in the following age groups:

- Mixed gender – Under 8, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12
- Boys – Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 (note that we will seek to dispensate any U18 student looking to play for TGS)
- Girls – Under 13, Under 15

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I understand that in the past many of our students have opted to play club rugby for other local clubs. Players can continue to do this, and these individual decisions will be respected, however, I am hopeful that players and families can see efforts being made to improve our offerings here at the Townsville Grammar School Rugby Club. We have the opportunity to build our rugby community within the school, with our school mates, and this is exciting.

Registering for Club Rugby is a two-fold process:

- Parents are to register a student's interest via Parents Lounge or students can "sign-up" to this activity at the Co-Curriculum office at school.
- All players must then be registered on Rugby Xplorer which is where the annual registration fee is paid.

Training for Club Rugby will entail the following:

- U8, U10, U11
 - Junior School families have received a separate letter to outline training and other details for these junior school players
- Boys U12, U13, U15, U17
 - Pre-season - training will be integrated with the Block sport competition which will essentially see players undertaking a training session and match each week. Please refer to the schedule outlined above
 - In-season - training will revert to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the duration of the club rugby season
- Girls U13 and U15
 - Training details to be confirmed once teams have been finalised

Other Carnivals and Sevens Tournaments

Sevens rugby for boys and girls is scheduled for Term 4. TGS intends to have a strong presence in all local sevens events, and there will be an organised preparation period to ensure safety of our students and to also provide the greatest chance to perform at our best.

We are currently exploring opportunities to further our rugby experiences for TGS boys and girls outside the local schools and TDRU competitions. Information will be communicated once these opportunities have been confirmed.

I encourage all TGS students with an interest in rugby to sign up and get behind these many opportunities to play the sport for our school. I hope this letter has provided plenty of information about how TGS can provide a structured and organised rugby program, with quality coaching, and an end goal of developing our young rugby players to be great people on and off the rugby field. Please don't hesitate to contact me at david.enfantie@tgs.qld.edu.au if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



David Enfantie
Director of Sports and Activities/ Director of Rugby