



# WORLD SCHOOLS RUGBY CHALLENGE

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**OVERVIEW** The World Schools Sports Challenge has been created by Vintage Sport and Leisure whose principals have been staging world class events for over 35 years. The World Schools Sports Challenge began with golf in 2010 and has since grown to include cricket and now, after overwhelming demand, rugby. The World Schools Sports Challenges have provided pupils with valuable sporting and cultural knowledge, taking them to Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

From the 16th to the 23rd of April, 2017, Canberra will host the 1st World Schools Rugby Challenge. The 2017 World Schools Rugby Challenge is open to all high schools and clubs across the world, the only requirement is that the players are aged between 13 and 18. The World Schools Rugby Challenge prides itself on being inclusive and not exclusive, extending the opportunity for all pupils to participate no matter their experience and ability. Teams will be graded to reflect the requirements of the players. The Challenge includes four days of games, two rest days, two educational lectures and two semi-formal functions. The 2017 World Schools Rugby Challenge offers a unique sporting, cultural and educational experience, as the students meet individuals from all over the world, learn about different cultures, enjoy playing rugby in a leading rugby centre and experience the impressive capital city of Australia, Canberra.



## The objectives of the World Schools Rugby Challenge:

- To encourage participation and development of youth rugby within clubs, high schools and the educational system.
- To assist promising club and high school rugby players to continue to develop their skills on the field in friendly competition with players throughout the rugby world.
- To provide a solid base for young rugby players to plan their rugby future.
- To provide educational opportunities and experiences for students with an interest in rugby.
- To promote the enjoyment and qualities of rugby as a recreational alternative for youth regardless of their rugby abilities.
- To promote the traditional values of rugby through international competition in attractive rugby and educational destinations.

## Stephen Larkham Challenge Ambassador



*I'm pleased to give my personal support and endorsement for the inaugural World Schools Rugby Challenge. Apart from the games the opportunity to gain knowledge on nutrition and skill acquisition will prove invaluable for both players and coaches.*

*I know that the information that the AIS imparts will be of the absolute highest standards.*

*Rugby has afforded me the opportunity to travel the world and have some unforgettable experiences. There is no reason why this shouldn't be the start of a similar path for some of the young rugby talent who come to Canberra. At the very least it will help them to experience greater enjoyment at what ever level they play.*

*Depending on my schedule in 2017, I am hoping to be on hand to see some of the World Schools Rugby Challenge.*

*I encourage you to give full consideration to participating and I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.*

## The week's activities:

### Day 1 – Sunday 16th April, 2017

Teams arrive and settle into their accommodation. Team managers and coaches will attend a briefing and will then join their teams for a Welcoming Barbecue at the Australian Institute of Sport.

### Day 2 – Monday 17th April, 2017

Preliminary grading games at the O'Connor Oval commencing at 10.00 am and continue throughout the day.

### DAY 3 – Tuesday 18th April, 2017

Rest day to take advantage of the educational and rugby options available. An Australian Institute of Sport skill acquisition lecture will be hosted throughout the day.

### Day 4 – Wednesday 19th April, 2017

First round of Challenge games at the O'Connor Oval commencing at 10.00 am and continuing through the day. XV teams will play one match each and Sevens will play two matches each.

### Day 5- Thursday 20th April, 2017

Second round of Challenge games at the O'Connor Oval commencing at 10.00 am and continuing through the day. XV teams will play one match each and Sevens will play two matches each.

### Day 6- Friday 21st April, 2017

Rest day to take advantage of the educational and rugby options available. An Australian Institute of Sport nutrition lecture will be hosted throughout the day.

### Day 7-Saturday 22nd April, 2017

Third round of challenge games at the O'Connor Oval commencing at 10.00 am and continuing through the day. XV teams will play one match and Sevens will play two matches each.

Early in the evening teams, officials and supporters will gather at the Australian Institute of Sport for the finale dinner and awards function.

### Day 8-Sunday 23rd April, 2017

Teams depart for the return home or for further touring following a fantastic week.

### Teams can enter into the following grades:

- Senior Boys (Under 19)
- Senior Girls (Under 19)
- Club XV Boys (Under 19)
- Development XV Boys (Under 16)
- Development XV Girls (Under 16)
- Club Development XV Boys (Under 16)
- Club Development XV Girls (Under 16)
- Sevens Boys (Under 19)
- Sevens Girls (Under 19)
- Sevens Boys (Under 16)
- Sevens Girls (Under 16)

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