

# OUTSTANDING RESULTS TITLES

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

2015, 2019, 2020\*

## QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS

1996, 1998, 2015, 2019, 2020

## AARON PAYNE CUP CHAMPIONS

2005, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020

\*Qualified for the Australian Final but the final was not played due to COVID 19.



## AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Andrew Meads	Gideon Gela-Mosby	Michael Barclay	Stephen Goodhew
Ashley Alberts	Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow	Micheal Luck	Theophelia Mosby-Nona
Daniel Buckland	Jacob Lillyman	Nathan Scholes	Trevor Bowman
Darryn Schonig	Jason Taumalolo	Nene MacDonald	Wayne Ulugia
Drew Donovan	John Rowbotham	Obadiah Geia	
Dudley Dotoi	Kelvin Lowe	Ragarive Wavik	
Francis Veukiso	Luke Harlen	Regan Grieve	

## NRL PLAYERS

Aaron Payne	Daniel Sorbello	Jacob Lillyman	Paul Dezolt
Adrian Trevilyan	Darryn Schonig	Jason Taumalolo	Ray Thompson
Andrew Meads	Derrick Watkins	Jeremiah Nanai	Rhyse Martin
Ashley Alberts	Enari Tuala	Kierran Moseley	Sam Faust
Ben Laity	Faron Anderson	Kurt Deluis	Sam Thaiday
Brad Schnieder	George Gatis	Luke Harlen	Simon Phillips
Brandon Smith	Gideon Gela-Mosby	Michael Luck	Steve Lacaze
Brent Webb	Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow	Nene MacDonald	Wayne Ulugia
Brenton Bowen	Jackson Nicolau	Obe Geia	Wiremu Greig

# KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL Rugby League Academy



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# OUR ELITE PROGRAM

Kirwan High Rugby League Academy is the premier Rugby League Academy in North Queensland and is nationally recognised for its elite high-performance. This program is a proven pathway to the NRL and is underpinned by the development of personal excellence, on and off the field. Founded on high expectations, our program provides students with skills to achieve personal excellence as they pursue their academic and rugby league goals.

## CURRICULUM

- Advanced Skills
- Core Skills
- Performance Analysis
- Athletic Development
- Leadership and Wellbeing
- Skills and Tactical Awareness
- Certificate II in Sports & Recreation
- Nutrition
- Sport Psychology

## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Student athletes are exposed to cutting edge athletic development practices and programs which are supported by state-of-the-art sport science resources. These programs are tailored for athletes as they develop through the athletic stages of adolescence and are underpinned by Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD).

## COMPETITIONS/ TOURS

Student athletes have the opportunity to participate in local, state and national competitions and tours such as:

- NRL Schoolboy Cup
- Phil Hall Cup
- Karen Murphy Cup
- U/18 Fiji Tour
- Australian, QLD and Regional Representative Program
- NRL Schoolgirl Cup
- Matty Bowen 9's
- Aaron Payne Cup
- U/18 SEQ Tour
- Year 10 Cowboys Challenge
- U/14 Development Tour
- TSSS Block Sport
- Year 10 Sydney Tour

## HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Our program has a strong history in catering for students who live outside of the Townsville region. Through the generosity of local families, students have the opportunity to homestay with a supportive Kirwan High family. We are proud of our past homestay students, including: Jeremiah Nanai, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Jacob Lillyman, Kierran Moseley, Colin Wilkie, Nathan Barrett and Ty Carucci.

# EXPERT COACHES

Our student athletes are exposed to high-performance expert coaches with significant experience in Rugby League. Our coaches use cutting edge practices with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Our expert coaches reflect broad experiences across various levels of the game.



**Dave Ackers**  
*Deputy Principal*

Dave is a Level 3 High Performance Accredited NRL Coach. He led Kirwan High to the 2015 NRL Schoolboy Cup Australian title as well as the Queensland title and multiple Aaron Payne Cups. Dave also guided Queensland Schoolboys to three consecutive Australian titles. Dave has coached multiple Queensland Schoolboy teams, North Queensland teams whilst leading the Rugby League Academy. Dave's experience also includes coaching for the Queensland Academy of Sport and the Toyota North Queensland Cowboys Academy Program.



**Todd Wilson**  
*Head of Sport*

Todd is a Level 3 High Performance accredited NRL coach. He led Kirwan High to the 2019 NRL Schoolboy Cup Australian title as well as two consecutive Queensland titles and multiple Aaron Payne Cups. Todd has over 30 years' experience coaching Rugby League. This includes coaching the U20 Toyota North Queensland Cowboys in the NRL Youth Competition as well as assisting the Townsville Blackhawks in the Queensland Cup Competition. Todd now leads our HPE and Sport Department and works as an assistant coach of our Open Bears team.



**Nathan Norford**  
*Head Coach & Rugby League Academy Co-ordinator*

Nathan is a Level 2 accredited NRL Coach. He has an extensive playing history which includes three years playing for the Toyota North Queensland Cowboys U20 team, as well as for Wynnum Manly and the Townsville Blackhawks in the Queensland Cup competition. He is now focused on coaching our Open Bears team, alongside the Townsville Blackhawks and the North Queensland Cowboys Academy programs. Nathan is currently a North Queensland Schoolboys Coach and is a Queensland Schoolboys Assistant Coach.



**Aaron Halliday**  
*Athletic Development Coach & Sports Scientist*

Aaron has an Honours in Sports Science, is a Level 2 Strength and Conditioning Coach, Level 2 accredited NRL Coach and a Level 2 Sports Trainer. Aaron ensures that our student athletes are exposed to cutting edge athletic development practices and programs. Aaron has experience in athletic development from a range of professional sporting codes through to the school sport scene. Aaron has led our athletic performance team since 2017, ensuring our teams can consistently compete at a national level.



**Hannah Norford**  
*Female Coach & Co-ordinator*

Hannah is a Level 2 accredited NRL Coach. She led the introduction of the Female Rugby League Academy at Kirwan High as well as the introduction of the Northern Schoolgirls Rugby League program. She has won the Ken Rogers Bursary for her work in female Rugby League and led female athletes of Kirwan High to a Premiers Award for Best Innovative Physical Activity Program for Women in Sport 2018, allowing KSHS to represent Australia at the International Sports Federation, She Runs Program in Paris. Hannah is currently involved in the National Rugby League Female Coaching Mentor Program.



**Dylan Murray**  
*Head of HPE*

Dylan is a Level 2 accredited NRL Coach. Dylan has developed as a coach through his work with the Northern Territory Institute of Sport. He has extensive representative coaching experience, including coaching the Northern Territory Schoolboys and Combined Affiliated States at national U15 and U18 level. Dylan works with our development squad, ensuring that players are equipped to make the step up to the first team. Dylan also works in the Townsville Blackhawks pathway program.



**Mitchell Wells**  
*Development Coach*

Mitchell is a Level 1 accredited NRL Coach who also holds a Certificate III in Fitness. Mitchell has 16 years of playing experience in Rugby League, including school, local league and Mackay Cutters. Abbi has been the Head Coach of school girl Rugby League programs, and has the privilege in managing Under 19 Mackay Cutters and Program Managing RISE 4740. In 2023, Abbi has been appointed as the Northern Manager.



**Abbi Johnson**  
*Development Coach*

Abbi is an accredited Community Foundations NRL Coach with a Certificate III in Fitness. Abbi has had playing experience in Rugby League including school, local league and Mackay Cutters. Abbi has been the Head Coach of school girl Rugby League programs, and has the privilege in managing Under 19 Mackay Cutters and Program Managing RISE 4740. In 2023, Abbi has been appointed as the Northern Manager.



**Nick Brown**  
*Development Coach*

Nick is a Level 1 accredited NRL Coach. He is former Toyota North Queensland Cowboys U20's player and Townsville Blackhawks, Mackay Cutters and Redcliffe Dolphins Queensland Cup player. Nick specialises in the development of male and female academy athletes.



**Patrick Gallen**  
*Development Coach & Sports Scientist*

Patrick has been involved with Rugby League for 17 years. He has several years' experience as a player within Queensland Cup teams including the Northern Pride, Redcliffe Dolphins, and is currently with the Townsville Blackhawks. Patrick has a degree in Sport & Exercise science and looks to implement this knowledge for the Year 10 rugby league academy. This will be Patrick's first year coaching and will be working alongside Mitchell Wells to help the players reach their full potential both on and off the field.