

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY



Strong Struddy Cup Season

Our junior teams have made an impressive start to the 2024 Struddy Cup season. After a successful year last year, finishing with one championship (yr 9) and a runner up (yr 7), we were looking forward to backing it up this season.

This year the competition has seen some additional schools join. Teams from King's College, Beaudesert SHS and Southport SHS.

The Year 7 Boys, coached by Mr Bramwell started the season strong with a win against Woodridge SHS 46 – 10. They continued this good form in rounds 2 and 3 recording wins against Morayfield SHS 14 – 6 and Beaudesert SHS 28 – 20.

Throughout the season the year 7 team have also recorded wins against St. Marys (Toowoomba) and Beenleigh SHS.

The boys currently sit in 6th position and in the mix for finals later in the season. A strong game against Southport this week is a must!



The year 8 Boys, coached by Mr Neighbour. A team that finished runners up last year and had a lot to prove this season. Much to the coaches delight the boys continued their good form winning 7 of their opening 9 games this Struddy Cup season.

Recording big wins against Morayfield SHS 36 – 4 and Bellbird SHS 32 – 6. They are guaranteed 2nd position heading into the finals, which gives them a week off before playing in the semi-final.



The Year 9 Boys, coached by Mr McRae started the season in red hot form beating Woodridge SHS in round 1, 66- 0 followed by a round 2 victory over Morayfield SHS 46 – 0. They also recorded tight wins over Forrest Lake SHS, Bellbird SHS and Beaudesert SHS.

The boys currently sit in 4th position heading into the finals where they take on Bellbird SHS.

Success Off the Field

It is great to see our students perform on the field, but we also love sharing success stories off the field.

Braeh (year 8) represent Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club at the national Surf Lifesaving competition 'Aussie'. A competition which includes the best talent in Australia and New Zealand, Braeh competed in sprints, where he was a quarterfinalist, the flags competition where he finished 3rd and was a member of the U14 relay team who finished 7th.

A great individual effort Braeh!



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A huge shout out to Rugby League Academy teacher aide Mr Armstrong who has had a great year on the field. This season Mr Armstrong captained the Wynnum Manly Seagulls Meninga Cup team and debut in the Hostplus Cup side.

His strong, consistent performances lead him to State of Origin U20 selection for QLD. With the Alexandra Hills SHS community behind him, Mr Armstrong put on an outstanding display, getting over for the first QLD try. Unfortunately, QLD went down in a tight battle, but Mr Armstrong has inspired Alexandra Hills students.



Mr Neighbour was also recently named the head coach for the QLD City team to take on QLD Country. The fixture will take place on the Hostplus Grand Final day. This is a well deserved representative coaching position for Mr Neighbour and the QLD city team have Alexandra Hills SHS students supporting them! We are extremely fortunate to have such quality Rugby League coaches on our staff.

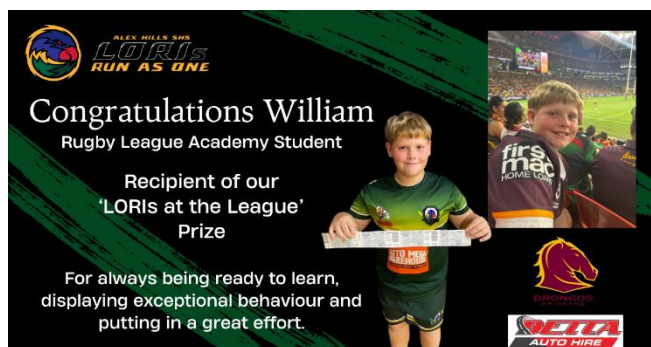


Broncos Tickets

Thanks to the Brisbane Broncos Rugby League Academy students have the opportunity to win tickets to broncos home games. With the 'LORIs at the League' award, given to academy students for their commitment, behaviour and effort on and off the field.

During the NRL's magic round Mr McRae had a very unique opportunity. This year marks 30 years since the 1994 Canberra Raiders won the NRL premiership. A team which Mr McRae was a member of the coaching staff. Mr McRae went on to numerous coaching positions including international teams, South Sydney Rabbitohs and UK club teams St. Helens, Hull and Salford City.

Congratulations Mr McRae on your 30-year premiership anniversary! We appreciate the experience and advice you give to students at Alexandra Hills SHS.



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Senior Teams

Year 10 Coached by Mr Neighbour played in the Broncos Cup this year. They started the season well with a win over Woodridge SHS, however injuries hurt the squad later in the season. The boys qualified for the quarter finals, eventually going down in a tight game.

The opens also played in the Broncos Cup, where they were very competitive. A number of games the boys went down by only 2 points or a single try. While they just missed out on the quarter finals, coaching staff were proud of the effort the boys put in during their games. Unfortunately, it was a season of near misses. We would like to thank the year 12 students for their commitment over their years and the legacy they have left the Rugby League Academy.

Upcoming Events

There is still plenty of footy ahead. With the following events still to come:

- Struddy Cup Finals – August 20th
- Struddy Cup Semi Finals – August 27th
- Struddy Cup Grand Final – September 3rd
- Dynasty Cup Rugby League Gala Day – October 8th
- NRL Gala Day – October 15th
- Sports Awards Evening - TBA



Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for the support of local businesses to help build our program through financial or product-based sponsorship. 2024 is already shaping up to be a big year, with our junior teams playing for qualification into the Broncos Cup. If you know of someone or a company who may be interested, we



would love to hear from you! Please contact Rugby League Academy Coordinator, Nathan Powell, by email at npowe50@eq.edu.au for a 'Sponsorship Information Pack'.

