



RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY

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SPORTS AWARDS

The combined Annual Sports Awards were held in week 3 of term 4. This was a great afternoon ceremony and we were excited to be recognising some outstanding performances in Rugby League Academy and the other sporting achievements by the school.

The major Rugby League award winners were **Zyroam Herlihy** – Senior Player of the Year, and **Jack Pascoe** – Junior Player of the Year.



Other awards winners from the afternoon are below:

Yr. 7

Best Back – Kai Thomas
Best Forward – Dayle Salut
Best & Fairest – Nathan Phelps

Yr. 8

Best Back – Juealz Nathan-Herlihy
Best Forward – Thomas Croker
Best & Fairest – Cooper Benvenuti

Yr. 9

Best Back – Memphis Theuerkauf
Best Forward – Torrell Ahu
Best & Fairest – Jack Pascoe

Yr. 10

Best Back – Lachlan Cook
Best Forward – Jaycob Kingston-Francis
Best & Fairest – Duke Dakers

Opens

Best Back – Alexander & Jasper Graham
Best Forward – Gary Herlihy
Best & Fairest – Zyroam Herlihy

Team of the Year

1. Zyroam Herlihy
2. Alexander Graham
3. Tyler Gowers
4. Jaycob Kingston-Francis
5. Jasper Graham
6. Jack Pascoe
7. Nathan Phelps
8. Pat Scott
9. Torrell Ahu
10. Cooper Benvenuti
11. Dayle Salut
12. Kingston Randall
13. Thomas Croker

14. Juealz Nathan-Herlihy
15. Memphis Theuerkauf
16. Lachlan Cook
17. Tim Galbraith

REDCLIFFE 9s

The start of the Term saw all Rugby League Academy Students from Years 7-10 head Redcliffe Dolphins JRL for a 9 a-side carnival. There was plenty of talent and skill on display with all the boys playing in great spirits and enjoying themselves.





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Year 7

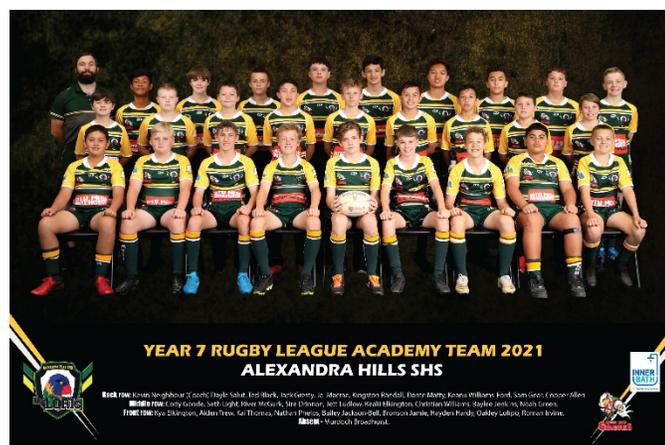
The Year 7 Rugby League students have gone above expectations for their first year being part of the Rugby League Program.

To develop a playing group over the year has taken a lot of hard work, which has been rewarded by their performances on the field. We were semi-finalists in the Struddys Cup competing right until the last play in a narrow two-point defeat. The whole group finished off the year with a memorable trip to Redcliffe for the NRL Gala Day in Term 4. It was great to see all the students receive awards for their achievements at the school sports awards ceremony in which we also crowned Nathan Phelps as player of the competition for the Struddys Cup.

As the students first year ends, they should be proud of their application, commitment, and dedication to the program and their development as students in and out of the school community.

Kind Regards

Mr Neighbour.



Year 8

The Year 8 Boys Rugby League Team performed admirably all season in all of the competitions that they were invited to participate in.

We were semi-finalists in both the Struddys Cup and the Interschool Bayside District competitions.

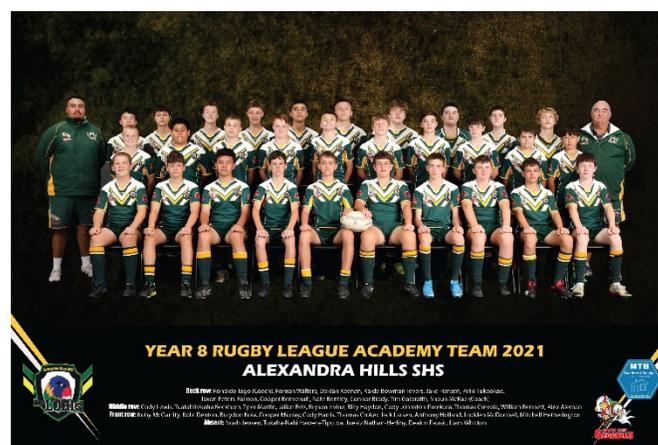
The boys have come a long way since the whole day training camp at North Stradbroke Island in Term 1 to the recent celebration Gala Day at Redcliffe in Term 4.

I congratulate all of the students on their dedication, work ethic and respect whether in class, training or at games.

I would like to thank Mr Tago for assisting me throughout the year before moving on to another school at the commencement of Term 4. Also, a big thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support of your child and the RL program.

Kind Regards

Mr McRae



Year 9

The year 9 group again had a strong year competing well in across all competitions.

The Struddys Cup team started slowly with a few early losses but rallied well to finish tied 2nd at the end of the regular season. Due to a Covid interruption we had to wait a month to play semi-final football which halted the teams momentum. Semi-final day proved to be a tough one, the team tried hard but multiple injuries





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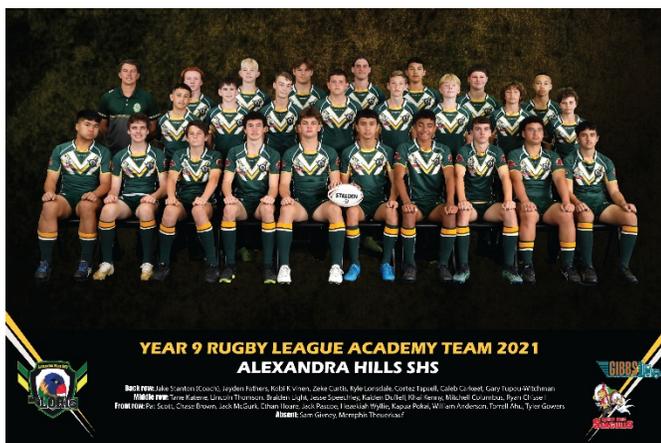
and some unlucky moments meant we finished our season there.

The interschool team also competed strongly, however fell short in the final of the district competition.

This current group has again come along in leaps and bounds not only as footballers but young men. Learning plenty about themselves and how to go about playing rugby league and I am excited to see how the transition into senior football next year.

Kind Regards

Mr Stanton



Year 10

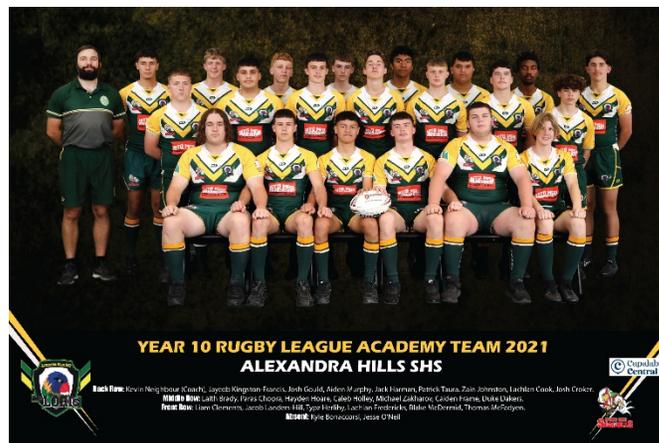
The year 10 students have had a tough introduction to senior football this year.

While playing opportunities were limited due to seedings and Covid-19 interruptions, the group were successful in winning the Brisbane bayside interschool competition. We had a number of students participate in the Opens interschool side while Lachlan Cook also played for the opens on two occasions. At the school sports awards Jaycob Kingston-Francis and Lachlan Cook were awarded places in the team of the year. Term 4 has seen an integration of the year 10's into the open side during training sessions as Mr McRae plans for 2022.

Finally, for their efforts in community rugby league Jacob Landers-Hill (South Sydney) and Jaycob Kingston-Francis (Canberra Raiders) both secured academy contracts, something both students and families can be very proud of. The boys know this is only the beginning, and will be working in the off season to prepare for the challenges of balancing sport and their studies.

Yours in sport.

Mr Neighbour.



Opens

The Open Team had a mixed season this year. There were a lot of interruptions with the Gee Cup competition which made it difficult to gain any real consistency in performance. Combining this with a number of serious long-term injuries placed enormous pressure on our depth. However, the team played with great character and determination to just miss the playoffs.

Our Interschool team went through undefeated in the Bayside District competition to qualify for the Metropolitan championship. We were defeated in the semi-final.



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All students who have represented the school this year in the Open competition have played with distinction and upheld the most respectful ethos both on and off the field.

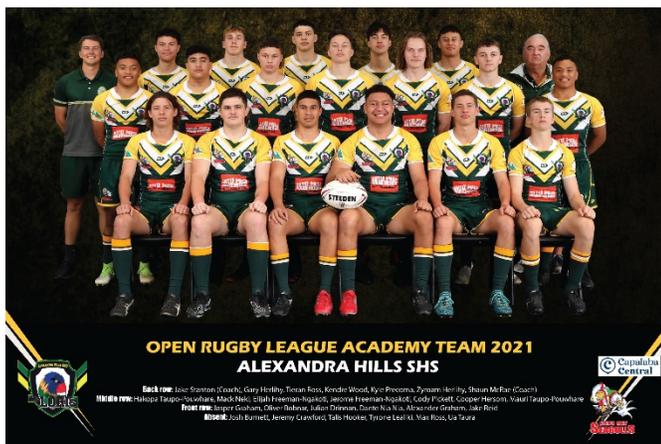
I would like to wish all the players from Year 12 the very best for their futures and trust they will from time to time reflect on their journey through school and the Rugby League program.

I would like to thank Mr Stanton for assisting me this year and also place on record my acknowledgement of a job well done in coordinating the RL program.

Please accept my sincere thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support of the Rugby League program.

Kind Regards

Mr McRae



SPONSORSHIP

Finally, a huge thank to our sponsors for the 2021 school year. The money and vouchers given to the program help to subsidise program fees and ensure we can purchase new equipment when needed. Reach out to these businesses if ever you require their services.



We are looking for the support of local businesses to help build our program through financial or product based sponsorship.



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, Jake Stanton, by email at jstan310@eq.edu.au for a 'Sponsorship Info Pack'.



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