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Education

# School Sport Unit



## Welcome to Term 4!

I encourage you to take a moment to read the updates and announcements covering all SSU programs. Like many, I am relieved to see restrictions begin to ease, allowing us to commence offering sport and physical activity opportunities for students this term.

I wish to acknowledge and congratulate all school sport organisers for successfully navigating this challenging year, and ensuring the health and wellbeing of their students has remained at the heart of all decisions.

**- Peter Banks, Leader School Sport Unit**



## Opportunities for students with disability

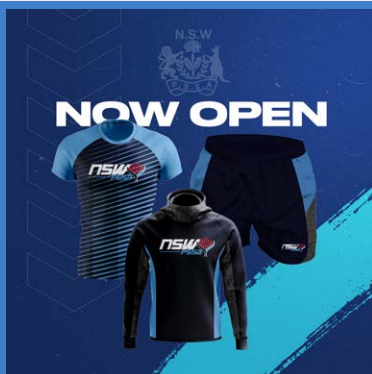
Our Disability Inclusion officers are back on the road this term, providing students with disability the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting opportunities including Multi-Sport days, Boccia and Ten Pin Bowling. See the [flyer for more information](#).

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## Representative School Sport Pathway

We are excited to be commencing programs this term in line with the easing of restrictions. This includes the return of sport trials for students to gain selection in teams for 2021 events. We recommend checking your [association website calendars](#) for event announcements and updates throughout the term.

**NSWPSSA knockout competition** [registrations have now opened](#) via the DASH system and will close the last Friday of term (18 December).



The NSWPSA online apparel store is now open!

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## Policy

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools, the [current guidelines for sport and physical activity](#) are in place for term 4.

Please note when engaging external providers to deliver sport and physical activity in the school setting, a teacher employed by the school must be present to provide duty of care.

Schools are reminded that the 'Important Information' found on our [sample consent forms](#) related to personal injury cover should be included on sport and physical activity consent forms.

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## School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Centrally organised programs are cancelled for the remainder of 2020. Planning for a return to these programs in Term 1 2021, should restrictions allow it, is in progress.

Schools that normally attend central programs in Term 1 or Term 2 will receive details later in Term 4 this year.

Information packs for school organised programs in regional locations have been posted out for those schools able to run programs in Term 4 2020 or Term 1 and 2 2021.

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## NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

The **PSC 10 week Challenge** has come to an end with 463,000 participants from 1,475 schools/offices - our highest participation rate yet! Schools are finalising their participant's award levels in the PSC Tracker, with the first certificate print being delivered to schools soon. All schools need to finalise their awards by COB Monday 2 November.

The **Race Around Australia (RAA) Term 3 Pilot** was a great success with 3,919 students from 45 schools, as well as 533 corporate staff from 39 office teams participating. Whilst schools are still racing, the DoE Corporate Staff Challenge has finished, totaling 115,108kms in 10 weeks. That's almost a lap of Australia each week!

### PSC Grants, Awards and Recognition

- **2020 PSC participation grants** should be arriving in school accounts this month. PSC Facilitators and school principals will be notified by email and school funding amounts can be viewed in the PSC Tracker 'School Registration Summary' page.
- **PSC student medals** have been delivered to all DoE schools for presentation to a student for outstanding contribution and commitment to sport and physical activity programs.
- **Excellent Service to School Sport Award and Certificate of Recognition** recipients have been selected. Their principals will soon receive the certificates to present to the nominees.

## Teacher Professional Learning

Term 4 face to face workshops are cancelled due to COVID-19. The TPL team hope to resume these in 2021, pending DoE guidelines. A variety of opportunities are still available - online or blended (online component followed by face to face component when restrictions permit). These include:

- Meet Manager online
- Cross Country Officials online
- Athletics Rules Refresher online (please note: this is a refresher for teachers who currently hold Athletics Officiating Qualification)
- Foundation Netball blended workshop
- Touch Football blended workshop

The following online courses are also being developed and will become available during the term:

- Concussion Management online
- Thinking While Moving online
- Master Coach online

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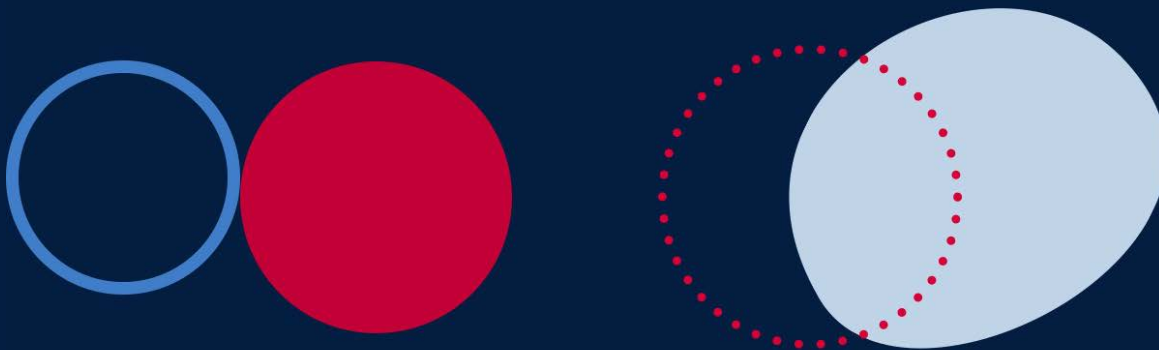
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