



BALLYMORE *CUP*



THE HISTORY

The Student Horizons Ballymore Cup is an extension of the Metropolitan Cup that was established in 1999 as a knockout competition in Brisbane for secondary schools outside of the traditional nurseries of the game. From 1999 to 2002 the competition consisted of Metropolitan schools.

In 2003 the Student Horizons Ballymore Cup expanded to include the Gold Coast, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast regions. This growth has resulted in increased interest and an improved standard of competition.

The 2004 Student Horizons Ballymore Cup achieved the goal of providing a state-wide competition with participating schools experiencing integration between the traditional rugby union sporting districts. The program provided a competitive, enjoyable and safe playing environment with schools divided into two divisions depending on their playing strength.

The establishment of a 2004 state-wide competition was a ground breaking year with 91 schools from North Queensland, South Queensland and Metropolitan schools all vying for a place in the Student Horizons Ballymore Cup Finals at Ballymore.

In 2011 the Under 15 Division was introduced to enable schools to introduce students to Rugby at an earlier age.

2016 saw the Student Horizons Ballymore Cup take on a structural review. This resulted in the competition adapting to a carnival model, that was hosted at the home of rugby in Queensland Ballymore. This has allowed all teams to play more games of rugby and provide each school with a memorable rugby experience.

In 2018 the competition sees a change in the age grades to cater for more playing grades with the addition of an under 14s division, as well as changing the age grades to be under 16s and Under 18s formats. The Ballymore Cup for 2018 sees the competition moved to club land with the successful Easts Tigers coming on board to host the event with Queensland Rugby, this connection with club rugby is key in the tournament moving toward being a premier 15-a-side school competition in Queensland.



THE AIM IN 2018

The aim of Student Horizons Ballymore Cup is to provide an inclusive, competitive and sustainable Rugby Union program for secondary schools throughout Queensland that encourages skill development, life experience and enjoyment.

- To broaden the rugby experience of emerging rugby playing schools and students in Queensland
- To increase participation rates in school's rugby in Queensland.
- To provide a structured competition for emerging rugby playing schools in Queensland
- To design a flexible competition that will allow for expansion and identify participation targets over the next five years, ensuring competition longevity
- To provide an avenue for Queensland teachers to experience and be up-skilled in rugby coaching
- To provide a development pathway for local referees
- To strengthen community links between rugby clubs and schools in their district
- To expose Queensland students and teachers to our club rugby heartland
- To expose Queensland students and teachers to the representative pathway



WINNERS - PAST 10 YEARS

Year	U15 Boys	U18 Boys
2017	Rockhampton Grammar School	Padua College
2016	Rockhampton Grammar School	Marist College Emerald
2015	Helensvale State High School	Rockhampton Grammar School
2014	Sienna Catholic College	Sunshine Coast Grammar School
2013	Sunshine Coast Grammar School	Pacific Pines State High School
2012	St Brendan's Yeppoon	Rockhampton Grammar School
2011	Marsden SHS	Wavell State High School
2010	N/A	Wavell State High School
2009	N/A	Rockhampton Grammar School
2008	N/A	Mountain Creek SHS



2018 COMPETITION INFO

Dates: Thursday 5 April - Saturday 7 April, 2018

Venue: Easts Rugby Union Club
Bottomley Park; Halifax Street,
Norman Park QLD 4170

Entry fee per team: \$300

Entry conditions: All students must be enrolled at the school in which they are playing for

Entry cut off will be Friday 23 March 2018

All teams must comply with Queensland Rugby Competition rules that will be sent out after registration



QUEENSLAND RUGBY SUPPORT

Queensland Rugby Union will offer coaching support for all interested schools.
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