

# WestfieldsSports

First In Australia

In Australian education there was something missing. There were schools for students with special talents but nothing for gifted sports students. For all talented young sports person there was a competition between education and sport – a competition that led to significant numbers of Australian youth dropping out of sport. There was a strong need for a partnership between education and sport.

Founding Principal, Mr Philip Tucker saw there was a need for the establishment of a special school – one that could provide sports persons with a pathway to the Australian Institute of Sport, and to an education that provided for a life after sport. Westfields Sports provides that pathway.

Westfields Sports, Australia's first Sports High School, is located in Fairfield West, Sydney, Australia. Westfields Sports is committed to providing each student with the educational opportunities and quality resources essential for the achievement of personal excellence in scholarship, citizenship, sport and the arts.

The extended educational community provides a caring and supportive environment, recognising and rewarding individual and co-operative achievement. The students are our focus. Direct links have been established with the Australian Institute of Sport, universities and major sporting associations.

Since the declaration of Westfields as a Sports School on 24 April 1991, the Westfields' model has been established in all Australian states and has been recognised in European, South Eastern Asia and United Kingdom schools. The Commonwealth Government has described Westfields Sports as *"a project of national significance"*

Sport is an integral part of the Australian culture – participating, coaching, teaching, spectating and administering. The development of Westfields as a Sports School results in both improved standards and increased levels of participation in sport at local, regional, state, national and international levels. Providing for the planned development of talented sports persons promotes the individual and collective self-confidence of students, enhancing their ability to successfully face the future.

Outstanding sports persons from Sydney, New South Wales, other states and overseas, are offered the opportunity to complete their primary and secondary education in a strongly supportive environment. The school has a strong academic and sporting tradition, a reputation for innovation and a staff committed to encouraging personal excellence. The philosophy of the school is to allow talented sports students to pursue their sporting dreams in partnership with their education. The successful development of the school rests on the outstanding work of dedicated staff, talented students and Parent Support Groups.



Luke O'Donnell  
Tri Nations Champion



Dani Samuels  
World Junior Discus Champion



# Westfields Sports

Westfields Sports is one of the most recognisable school names in Australia. The achievements of our students and staff in academic and cultural pursuits, creative and performing arts, school and community service and sports make Westfields Sports an internationally significant and sought after place of education and learning.

Westfields Sports is committed to providing opportunities for all students to fulfil their dreams, whether it be competing on the world stage or becoming successful in their chosen careers.

*R. Davis*  
**Roger Davis**  
Principal

## Early History

Since its establishment in 1963 and opening by the honourable E.G. Whitlam, Westfields Sports has produced many successful and distinguished graduates. Amongst the original 300 students was Denis Evans, now professor of theoretical Chemistry at ANU, and William Devenish who was a swimming gold medallist at the 1966 Commonwealth Games.

Current members of Parliament include the Honourable Richard Amery MLA and the Honourable Joe Tripodi, MLA, local member for Fairfield. More recently, many students have represented their country overseas, including Harry Kewell who has achieved international recognition for his football success, Kelly Golebiowski – Australian Football Squad, Amanda Pascoe, silver medallist in the 2002 Commonwealth Games and Michael Clarke, Australian Test and One Day Cricketer

The vision of the 60's was reflected in the 70's, 80's and 90's giving rise to a tradition of striving for personal excellence – a tradition reflected in the school's motto : Fortitudo - endurance and perseverance.



## Facilities

The school is situated on 7 hectares and great care is taken with the physical environment. This extends beyond maintaining the grounds to conservation through recycling programs. Westfields Sports is currently undergoing an \$8.8 million refurbishment and building program. Some of the special facilities available include :

- well resourced computer rooms
- specialist subject rooms
- a well-equipped library
- ovals
- throws cage
- synthetic athletics runway
- strength and conditioning room
- indoor sports stadium
- sports medicine and physiotherapy centre
- cricket nets
- dance studios
- purpose built gymnastics facility
- tennis courts
- offsite softball / baseball diamond
- rowing facilities at Chipping Norton Lakes / Sydney International Regatta Centre
- three school buses
- primary school class at King Park Public School

*When asked on the Today show what was the highlight of the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Linford Christie replied "That 18 year old Aussie girl (Dani Samuels) who beat the big guns with her last throw in the discus to snatch the Bronze medal"*

*Westfields Sports is about producing athletes, not collecting them.*

Daniel Suchy – Director of Athletics, Westfields Sports



School Bus



Strength & Conditioning



Physiotherapist



Gymnastics Stadium

*I've been at Westfields since Year 7. It's a great feeling. They allow you to get a balance of sport and academics.*

Paul Morrison (Year 12) – Dunya, February 2002

*Westfields Sports is more than a Sports High School. Under the control of Phil Tucker, it's a school, which dedicates itself to ensuring that kids, whatever their talent, are able to realise their potential. Their academic results are outstanding, their dance, their music fantastic, their sport unbelievable. It's the school that has produced Harry Kewell and the outstanding young John Thornell to name a few.*

Alan Jones – Radio 2GB Broadcaster 7/5/03

## Curriculum

Westfields Sports offers a most comprehensive junior and senior curriculum.

The school gives outstanding sports person the opportunity to complete their secondary education in an environment that supports their rigorous training and competition. For all students, the achievement of their best academic performance is the main objective. The school's curriculum has been recognised with the receipt of the Director General's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Learning Programs.

### Courses in Years 7 – 10

In addition to English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History and PD/H/PE the school offers courses in Accelerated English and Mathematics, Applied Sport, Commerce, Dance, Digital Media, Drama, Food Technology, Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology, Information and Software Technology, Italian, Japanese, Music, Physical Activity and Sport Studies, Spanish, Technology Mandatory, Textile Technology and Visual Arts.

### Courses in Years 11 – 12

Westfields Sports offers courses in Ancient and Modern History, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Community & Family Studies, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Economics, Engineering Science, English (Standard, Advanced, Extension I & II), Food Technology, Geography, General Science, Hospitality, Information Processes & Technology, Industrial Technology (Furniture & Multi Media), Italian, Japanese, Legal Studies, Mathematics (Standard, Advanced, Extension I & II), Music, PDHPE, Physics, Photography, Retail Studies, Spanish, Sport, Life and Recreation, Textiles & Design, Visual Arts and an extensive range of vocational courses. Approximately 40% of Westfields Sports students go directly to university while a very high number enrol in TAFE.



## Academic Achievement

### 1996

Top TER score of 98.35  
6 students in top 5000  
University placements include Medicine, Law, Computer Science, Physiotherapy, Commerce & Accounting

### 1997

Top TER score of 96.05  
Over 40% of HSC candidates gained entry to university  
University placements include Engineering, Law & Commerce

### 1998

Top TER score of 99  
1st in State in Legal Studies  
90% of Year 11 Accelerated Mathematics in top 10% of State  
Over 40% of HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 1999

Top UAI score of 98.6  
Highest number of students in Order of Merit in Fairfield District  
93 HSC candidates gained entry to university – almost 50%

### 2000

Top UAI score of 99.35  
Most students and subjects in top 50% of State  
72 HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 2001

Top UAI score of 99.05  
Above average (District & State) results in many HSC courses  
75 HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 2002

Top UAI score 99.65  
2 Premiers All Rounders Awards  
40 Distinguished Achievers Awards  
70 HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 2003

Top UAI score of 97.32  
28 Distinguished Achievers Awards  
48 HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 2004

Top UAI score of 99.55  
1st in State in PD/H/PE  
2 Premiers All Rounders Awards  
64 Distinguished Achievers Awards  
73 HSC candidates gained entry to university in Australia and overseas

### 2005

Top UAI score of 97.6  
1st in State in Japanese Extension  
31 Distinguished Achievers Awards  
74 HSC candidates gained entry to university

### 2006

Top UAI score of 97.8  
1st in State in Tourism  
37 Distinguished Achievers Awards  
93 HSC candidates gained entry to university



Sean Ireland - Dux 2006



*Watson's personal goal for 2002 is to get into Westfields Sports cricket program and continue his promising cricket career.*

Daily Telegraph – 9/3/02

# SportsAchievements

## ATHLETICS

- National All Schools Knockout Champions - Senior Boys 2001, 2006
- National All Schools Knockout Champions - Junior Boys 2002, 2004
- National Schools Championships, 2006 - 16 medals
- National Championships, 2006 - 28 medals
- State Boys Champions - 1993 -2006
- State Girls Champions - 1993-2001, 2003-06
- State Schools Champions - 1993 - 2004
- 6 World Junior Representatives
- 4 World Youth Representative
- 10 World School Games Representatives
- 2000 Olympian - Karen Perkins (Di Marco)
- 2006 Commonwealth Games – Karyn Di Marco, Fabrice Lappiere (bronze medal), Dani Samuels (bronze medal), John Thornell

## BASEBALL

- State Schools Champions - 1996, 1997, 2001, 2003
- 31 State Representatives
- 7 National Representatives
- 4 Overseas University Scholarships
- 1 Overseas Contracts - Toronto Blue Jays

## BASKETBALL

- National Schools Girls Champions - 2001
- National Schools Boys U17 Champions – 1999, 2002
- All Schools 14s Boys Champions - 1998-99, 2003-04
- All Schools 14s Girls Champions - 1998-99, 2003
- All Schools 15s Boys Champions – 1998-00, 2002, 2004-05
- All Schools 15s Girls Champions – 1998-00, 2003-05
- All Schools Open Girls Champions - 1999



– 2001, 2005

- All Schools Open Boys Champions - 2000, 2003, 2006
- State Schools Open Girls Champions - 1999 – 2001, 2005-06
- State Schools Open Boys Champions – 2000, 2006
- State Schools U/15 Boys Champions - 1998-00, 2002, 2002, 2005-06
- State Schools U/15 Girls Champions - 1998-00, 2003-06
- 40 State Representatives
- 16 National Representatives
- 5 WBNL Players
- 6 AIS Scholarships
- 6 Overseas University Scholarships
- World Junior Championships - Nick Mirisch (silver medal) - 1997

## CRICKET

- All Schools Champions - 2000, 2002 - 03
- State Schools Champions - 1997, 2000 – 03, 2006
- 68 State Emerging Blues Development Squad Members
- 13 State Representatives
- 7 National Representatives
- Pura Milk and ING Cup Representative - Michael Clarke (NSW)
- Australian U19 World Cup - Michael Clarke, 1999 (c), Simon Keen, Usman Khawaja, Daniel Burns, Joshua Lalor
- Australian Test and One Day Representative - Michael Clarke

## FOOTBALL

- State Schools Open Boys Champions - 1993-02, 2005-06
- State Schools Open Girls Champions - 1996-03
- National Schools U/15 Champions - 1991, 1995, 1997-98, 2003
- State Schools U14 Girls Champions - 1995-96, 1999-01
- All Schools Boys Champions 1999-02, 2005-06
- All Schools Girls Champions 1999-03
- 103 State Representatives
- 61 National Representatives
- A League Players – Mark Bridge (Newcastle United Jets)

- Alex Brosque ( Sydney FC)
- Nathan Burns (Adelaide United)
- David Carney (Sydney FC)
- Jamie McMaster (Central Coast Mariners)
- Matthew Osman (Central Coast Mariners)
- Danny Vukovic (Central Coast Mariners)
- Adrian Webster (Perth Glory)
- 13 Overseas Contracts – Bolton Wanderers, Brondby, FC Politechnica Iasi, Heresford Town, Leicester City, Liverpool, Milton Keynes Dons, Nuremburg, Oldham Athletic, PSV Eindhoven, Tranmere Rovers, Wisla Kracow
- 10 AIS Scholarships
- Matildas - Leah Blayney, Heather Garriock, Kelly Golebiowski, Kylie Ledbrook, Sarah Walsh
- Socceroos - Sean Babic, Michael Beauchamp, Alex Brosque, Jacob Burns, David Carney, Jason Culina, Harry Kewell
- 2000 Olympians - Jason Culina, Heather Garriock, Kelly Golebiowski
- 2004 Olympians – Alex Brosque, Shane Cansdell-Sheriff, Heather Garriock, Kylie Ledbrook
- 2006 World Cup – Michael Beauchamp, Jason Culina, Harry Kewell



## GYMNASTICS

- National Championships - 10 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 5 bronze medals - 2006
- National Clubs Elite Champions – 2003, 05
- State Championships - 7 gold medals, 3 silver medals, 11 bronze medals - 2006
- 24 State Representatives
- 6 National Junior Representatives
- 7 AIS Scholarships
- Senior International Representatives - Kayla Hockey, Jessica DeVita, Victoria Tatian

## HOCKEY

- 15 State Representatives
- 4 National Representative
- State Schools Girls Champions - 2004 - 2005

## NETBALL

- International Schools Champions - 2006
- State Schools Champions – 2002, 2004-06
- 16 State Representatives
- 3 National Representatives
- 2 NNL Squad Members

## ROWING

- 3 State Representatives

## RUGBY LEAGUE

- All Schools Champions 13s - 1996, 2004
- All Schools Champions 14s - 1996
- All Schools Champions 15s - 1996-99, 2004 - 06
- All Schools Champions 16s - 1996
- State Schools Open Champions - 1998- 2001, 2005
- State Schools 14s Champions - 1994, 1996-98, 2004, 2006
- 74 State Representatives
- 26 National Representatives
- NRL Players -
  - Chris Armit (Bulldogs)
  - Trent Cutler (Bulldogs)
  - Liam Fulton (Tigers)
  - Bryce Gibbs (Tigers)
  - Jarryd Hayne (Eels)
  - Dene Halatau (Tigers)
  - Mark Minichiello (Titans)
  - Luke O'Donnell (Cowboys)
  - Corey Payne (Dragons)
  - Reece Simmons (Rabbitohs)
- Australian Test Team - Michael Buettner & Luke O'Donnell

## RUGBY UNION

- Waratah Shield Champions – 2005
- State Schools Open Champions - 2005
- State Schools U/15 Champions - 1996, 2002 - 03
- 20 State Representatives
- 4 National Representatives
- 3 Waratahs Academy Members
- Super 14s Representative – Lenny Beckett (Brumbies)

- Australian U19 World Cup – Rodney Ma'a and Jeremy Su'a

## SOFTBALL

- State Schools Boys Champions 1996- 2001
- State Schools Girls Champions 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000-2001, 2004, 2006
- 64 State Representatives
- 18 National Representatives
- Australian Open Womens - Zara Mee , Sarah Abrahams
- Australian Open Mens - Michael Gibson, Peter Shearer, Joel Southam, Travis Southam, Lee Williams



## SWIMMING

- National All Schools Championships - 3 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 1 bronze medal - 2006
- All Schools Championships – 7 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 4 bronze medals - 2006
- State Schools Championships - 10 gold
- State Schools Champions, 2005 - 2006
- 43 State Representatives
- 3 National Representatives
- 1 AIS Scholarship
- World Swimming Championships - Amanda Pascoe & Andrew Richards

- 2002 Commonwealth Games - Amanda Pascoe (silver medal)
- 2006 Commonwealth Games - Andrew Richards



## TENNIS

- National Schools Girls Championships - 3rd, 2001
- All Schools Girls Champions - 2001
- State Girls Champions - 2001, 2003-04
- 1 Overseas University Scholarship

## VOLLEYBALL

- National Open Boys Champions Honours Div. - 1996, 1999
- National Intermediate Boys Champions - 1996
- National Junior Boy Champions – 1994
- State Schools Boys Champions - 1993-99
- 36 State Representatives
- 7 National Representatives

## WATER POLO

- 4 State Representatives
- 3 National Representatives
- 1 AIS Scholarship
- 2 WPNL Players

## Westfields International Travellers

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| <b>Europe –</b>                                    | Denmark     | Italy           |
|  | England     | Scotland        |
|  | France      | Spain           |
|  | Germany     | The Netherlands |
|  | Hungary     | Wales           |
| <b>Asia –</b>                                      | India       | Japan           |
|  | Indonesia   | Malaysia        |
|  | China       |                 |
| <b>Pacific –</b>                                   | New Zealand |                 |
| <b>United States of America, Canada and Mexico</b> |             |                 |

*As a pioneer of sports high schools in Australia, Westfields has established itself as a superlative innovator of compelling energy and enterprise. The accomplishments of the school underpin just how rewarding and productive a partnership of sporting and scholastic pursuits can be.*

Senator Marise Payne –  
Opening of Creative and Performing Arts Building, March 2001

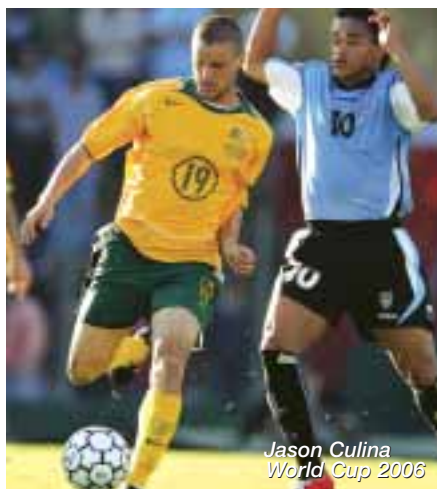
# Staff Profile

There are 105 teachers at Westfields Sports including Principal, three Deputy Principals, Director of Sport, two Administration Head Teachers, Head Teacher Student Welfare, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning and eleven Faculty Head Teachers. In addition the school has 36 professional coaches, a doctor, two physiotherapists, and fifteen ancillary staff.

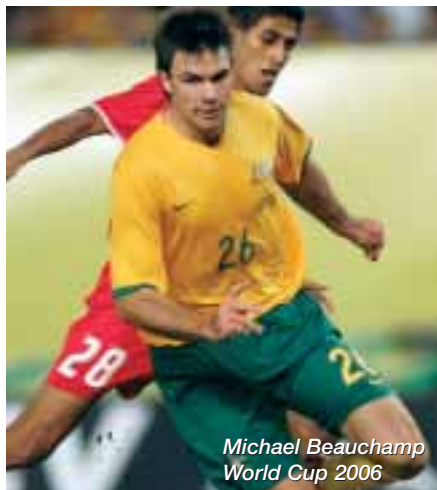
The school has one LOTE (Languages other than English) and one STLA (Support Teaching Learning Assistance), a Librarian, a Careers Adviser and two School Counsellors. Many staff have been selected for School Certificate and Higher School Certificate marking and the HSC Advice Line. The Board of Studies has seconded staff for curriculum support and advice. A number of staff have undertaken postgraduate studies, while others have achieved positions in professional organisations and one has received the Premier's Teacher Scholarship.

Recently seven staff members have been selected for national and state coaching positions. Five staff have been awarded Australian Institute of Sport scholarships. Thirty eight staff have achieved promotions positions. Visiting overseas staff from Japan, Sweden, UK and USA have enhanced Languages, Visual Arts, Basketball, Football and Track & Field Programs.

Over thirty staff have attended overseas conferences or accompanied teams on international sporting and cultural tours.



Jason Culina  
World Cup 2006



Michael Beauchamp  
World Cup 2006

## Student Welfare

The Student Welfare Program is central to the management and function of the school. It provides the mechanism that develops and ensures excellent discipline and a caring, supportive environment.

The key feature of this program is the recognition and reward of student effort, excellence and service. Its main objective is to "catch students being good". The recognition of achievements makes a contribution to the excellent self-discipline of the students. During 2006 over 50 000 merits were awarded to students. Such is the strength of the Student Welfare Program that the school received the Director General's Award for Student Welfare. The Westfields Sports Welfare Program has become a model for many Australian and overseas schools.



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Harry Kewell  
World Cup 2006

*If you would like your son or daughter to play soccer for Australia, you might try sending them to Westfields (Sports) ...*

J Pearlman –  
Sydney Morning Herald, 9/3/02