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## AIC UNVEILS INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME IN 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR

Associated Independent Colleges has unveiled its inaugural Hall of Fame to celebrate the 25th year of Queensland's largest private school sports organisation.

The list, featuring 25 past students from the eight member schools across Brisbane and Ipswich, includes Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games medallists among 21 men to have represented their countries.

A total of 11 sports are represented, reflecting the diversity of offerings for AIC students. The Hall of Fame, featuring at least three past students from each of the eight member Colleges, includes:

- Rugby League stars Cooper Cronk (St Laurence's College), David Shillington (Padua College), Christian Welch (Villanova College) and Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Iona College);
- Brisbane Lions stars Charlie Cameron (Marist College Ashgrove) and Harris Andrews (Padua College) and former Hawthorn player Brendan Whitecross (St Patrick's College);
- Rugby Union internationals from five countries including former Wallabies captain Ben Mowen (Villanova College), Drew Mitchell (St Patrick's College), Moses Sorovi (St Peters Lutheran College), Nick Frisby (Marist College Ashgrove), Sam Johnson (St Edmund's College), Tom O'Toole (Padua College), Luke McLean (St Laurence's College) and James Stannard (St Edmund's College);
- Paralympic summer and winter medallist Simon Patmore (St Patrick's College) and Paralympic Swimming medallist Daniel Fox (Iona College);
- Olympic medallists Dane Bird-Smith (St Peters Lutheran College, Athletics), Tim Howard (Iona College, Hockey) and Pietro Figlioli (Marist College Ashgrove, Water Polo) and Commonwealth Games and world championships gold medallist Jack Cartwright (St Peters Lutheran College, Swimming) and Commonwealth Games medallist Damon Kelly (St Laurence's College, Weightlifting);
- Socceroos and A-League veteran Michael Zullo (Villanova College);
- Olympic Volleyball representatives Andrew Grant (Marist College Ashgrove) and Grant Sorenson (St Edmund's College).



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The Hall of Fame concept recognises 25 years of AIC sport since its member colleges joined from different school sporting competitions. To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, inductees must have played in AIC sports from 1999 onwards. AIC competition is now offered across 14 sports for students from Years 5 to 12.

Each College has chosen its inductees based on their performances but also their contribution to their schools and their conduct as athletes. New inductees will be considered each year, building on the quality of the inaugural group.

“AIC was established 25 years ago to enable Colleges with similar goals and a similar approach to sport to provide competition for students,” Marist College Ashgrove Head of College and 2023 AIC Chair Michael Newman said.

“Our offerings are not primarily about the pursuit of sporting victories. They are about the holistic development of our young men. The AIC vision is to develop good and healthy young people through sport and competition within a Christian context.

“We aim to help our students become good people, good citizens, and good workers in our communities in years to come. This approach is underpinned by the motto from our AIC charter: Learning and growth through sport and competition.

“This Hall of Fame brings together some of our past students who have excelled after they have left our colleges. We are proud of their achievements just as we are proud of the many young people who will participate in AIC sport every weekend.”

The inductees include the likes of Cronk and Kelly, who played in the St Laurence’s College First XV rugby union team together before excelling in other sports, earning their nominations for the Hall of Fame for Rugby League and Weightlifting respectively.

Andrews and Cameron are the modern flagbearers for the AIC adoption of Australian Rules as a full sport. The Lions teammates attended last week’s Open age clash between their former schools Padua College and Marist College Ashgrove.

The AIC Hall of Fame is listed on the AIC website and will continue to be updated each year. The inaugural inductees are:



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## **AIC HALL OF FAME**

### **INAUGURAL 2023 INDUCTEES**

#### **Harris Andrews (Australian Rules, Padua College)**

All-Australian selection 2019, 2020. 160 AFL matches for Brisbane Lions 2015-. Captain AFL Under 22 team 2019. AFL Draft 2014. Brisbane Lions vice-captain.

#### **Dane Bird-Smith (Athletics, St Peters Lutheran College)**

Bronze medal 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. Gold medal 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. World Athletics Championships 2013, 2015, 2017. World Junior Championships 2010.

#### **Charlie Cameron (Australian Rules, Marist College Ashgrove)**

All-Australian selection 2019. 176 AFL matches for Brisbane Lions, Adelaide Crows 2014-2017, Brisbane Lions 2018-. Brisbane Lions leading goalkicker 2019, 2020. AFL grand final with Adelaide Crows 2017. AFL Draft 2014.

#### **Jack Cartwright (Swimming, St Peters Lutheran College)**

2 gold medals 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Gold medal, silver medal 2022 World Championships. 2017 World Championships. 3 silver medals 2018 Pan Pacific Championships. 4 gold medals 2016 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.

#### **Cooper Cronk (Rugby League, St Laurence's College)**

Australian International, 38 Tests 2007-2017. Queensland State of Origin 22 matches 2010-2017. 372 NRL matches for Melbourne Storm 2004-2017 and Sydney Roosters 2018-19. NRL premierships 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019. Clive Churchill Medal 2012. Dally M Player of the Year 2013, 2016. Dally M Halfback of the Year 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016. Golden Boot Award 2016.

#### **Pietro Figlioli (Water Polo, Marist College Ashgrove)**

Five-time Olympian, representing Australia (2004, 2008) and Italy (2012, 2016 and 2020). Silver medal 2012 London Olympics. Bronze medal 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Gold medal 2011 World Championships in Shanghai. Bronze medal 2014 European Championships in Budapest.

#### **Daniel Fox (Swimming, Iona College)**

S14 Classification Swimmer. Silver medal 2012 Summer Paralympics. Bronze medal 200m Freestyle 2016 Rio Paralympics. Gold medal 2014 Commonwealth Games. Gold medals World Championships, Global games, Arafura Games, Can-Am Champs, Para Pan Pacs. World record-holder S14 50m and 100m Freestyle.



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**Nick Frisby (Rugby Union, Marist College Ashgrove)**

Australian international, four Tests with the Wallabies 2016. 66 matches for Queensland Reds. Australian Under 20 team for 2012 Junior World Championships.

**Andrew Grant (Volleyball, Marist College Ashgrove)**

Australian international with more than 200 matches. International debut 2002. 2012 London Olympics representative.

**Tim Howard (Hockey, Iona College)**

Silver medal 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Gold medal 2022 Commonwealth Games. Gold medal Champions Trophy Netherlands. Australian Junior teams U18, U21. 2014 Captain of Australian U18 team at Youth Olympic Games in China, winning gold.

**Sam Johnson (Rugby Union, St Edmund's College)**

Scotland International, 21 Tests 2019-. 2019 Rugby World Cup. Two matches for Queensland Reds 2014. 99 matches Glasgow Warriors 2015-. Queensland Schoolboys. Australia A schoolboys.

**Damon Kelly (Weightlifting, St Laurence's College)**

2008 Beijing Olympic Games. 2012 London Olympic Games. Silver medal 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. Gold medal 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. Bronze medal 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Gold medal Commonwealth Championships 2012, 2016. World Championships 2006, 2011.

**Luke McLean (Rugby Union, St Laurence's College)**

Italian International, 89 Tests 2008-2019. Rugby World Cup 2011, 2015. Professional rugby player 2010-2019. SLC College Captain 2004.

**Drew Mitchell (Rugby Union, St Patrick's College)**

Australian International, 71 Tests 2005-2016. Rugby World Cup 2007, 2011, 2015. Leading try scorer in all World Cup matches for Australia. Queensland Reds 35 matches (2004-2006). Western Force 38 matches (2007-2009). NSW Waratahs 39 matches (2010-2013). Australian Schoolboys 2001.

**Ben Mowen (Rugby Union, Villanova College)**

Australian International, Australian captain. 15 Tests 2013-2014. Queensland Reds 1 match 2006. NSW Waratahs 40 matches 2008-2011. ACT Brumbies 50 matches 2012-2014. Australian Under 21.

**Tom O'Toole (Rugby Union, Padua College)**

Ireland International, six Tests 2021-. Selection in Irish Under 18, Under 19 and Under 20 teams. 2018 Ulster Academy Player of the Year.



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**Simon Patmore OAM (Athletics, Snowboard Cross, St Patrick’s College)**

Gold medal (Snowboard Cross), Bronze medal (Banked Slalom) 2018 PyeongChang Winter Paralympics. Bronze medal (athletics) 2012 London Paralympics. Gold medal (Athletics) 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. Silver medal (Snowboard Cross) 2019 World Championships. Bronze medal (Athletics) 2011 world championships. First Australian to win a medal at summer and winter Paralympics.

**David Shillington (Rugby League, Padua College)**

Australian International, 14 matches 2009-2012. Eight State of Origin appearances for Queensland, 2009-2013. 215 NRL matches 2005-2016 for Sydney Roosters, Canberra Raiders, Gold Coast Titans.

**Grant Sorenson (Volleyball, St Edmund’s College)**

Australian International 2001-2004. 2004 Athens Olympics. Australian youth team selection 2000. Austrian professional league.

**Moses Sorovi (Rugby Union, St Peters Lutheran College)**

Fijian International, two Tests 2021-. 37 matches Queensland Reds 2017-2021. 2 matches Melbourne Rebels 2022-. Australian Schoolboys 2013.

**James Stannard (Rugby Union, St Edmund’s College)**

Australian Rugby Sevens 2010-2018. 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Silver medal 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. Bronze medal 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. 29 matches for Western Force (2008, 2011-12). Two matches for ACT Brumbies (2009-10).

**Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Rugby League, Iona College)**

New Zealand International, 33 Tests 2009-. 280 NRL matches 2009- for Sydney Roosters and Manly Sea Eagles. NRL premierships 2013, 2018, 2019. NRL grand finalist 2010. Australian Under 19 Rugby Union representative.

**Christian Welch (Rugby League, Villanova College)**

Queensland State of Origin representative, six matches 2019-2021. 119 NRL matches with Melbourne Storm 2015-. NRL premiership 2020. NRL grand finalist 2016, 2018. Queensland Under 20.

**Brendan Whitecross (Australian Rules, St Patrick’s College)**

111 AFL matches for Hawthorn 2008-2018. 2009 Hawthorn Most Improved Player. Queensland Under 18 2007. Australian Under 17 tour to South Africa 2007. AFL draft 2007.



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**Michael Zullo (Football, Villanova College)**

Australian International, 10 matches Socceroos 2009-2013. Brisbane Roar 53 matches 2007-2010. Adelaide United 24 matches 2013-2014. Melbourne City 15 matches 2015-2016. Sydney FC 85 matches 2016-2022. Australian Under 23.



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