

GRIFFITH SPORTS COLLEGE

Elite Athlete Program 2026



ZAC STUBBLETY-COOK OAM OLY

Bachelor of Business
Griffith University Swimming Club
2024 Olympian (Silver, Bronze)
2020 Olympian (Gold, Bronze)



**AUSTRALIAN
OLYMPIC
PATHWAY
UNIVERSITY**

Australia's best university for elite athletes

Since 2014, we've helped thousands of athletes balance elite sport and university life—offering support, world-class facilities and high-performance programs to make Griffith the leading sports-friendly university.

IN 2025:



As a gold-tier member of the Australian Institute of Sport's (AIS) Elite Sport Education Network, we work one-on-one with students and directly with teaching staff to provide a supportive environment and balance commitments for elite athletes.



62

Athletes graduated from Griffith



90

Athletes held sporting excellence scholarships

Benefits*

- Admission support for elite athletes and a wide range of sporting scholarships at different levels
- Personalised academic support including degree and course planning, timetabling advice and tutoring assistance
- Flexible study arrangements and support for exams and assessment, special consideration and placements
- Access to additional development and career support including personal workshops and access to graduate employment opportunities
- Flexible study opportunities including cross-institutional, interstate, overseas and online options
- High-performance training and health support such as free Gold Coast gym access, reduced rates for other gyms and facilities, special rates and access for physiotherapy and sports science services and a personalised strength and conditioning program with supervised training

MADI DE ROZARIO OAM PLY

Bachelor of Business
Athletics

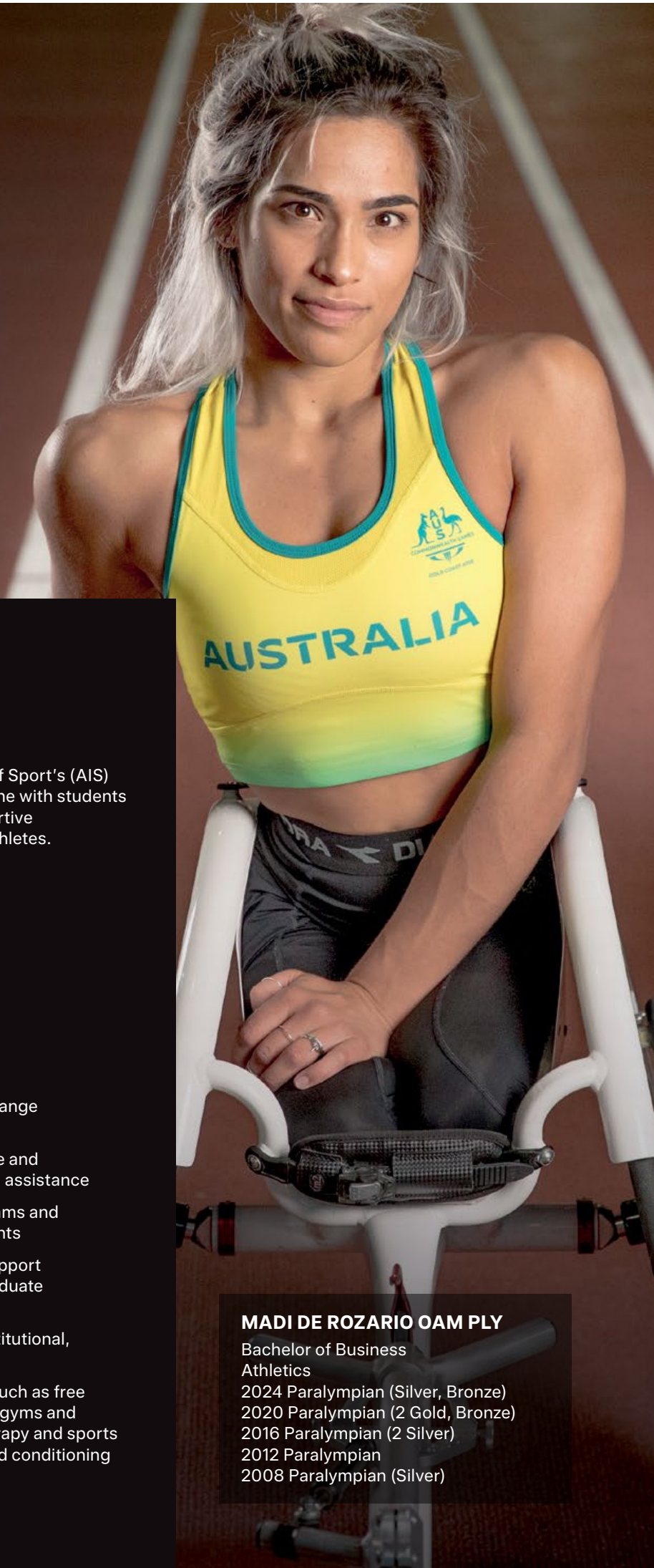
2024 Paralympian (Silver, Bronze)

2020 Paralympian (2 Gold, Bronze)

2016 Paralympian (2 Silver)

2012 Paralympian

2008 Paralympian (Silver)





Griffith University and AOC partnership

Griffith has been named the exclusive Australian Olympic Pathway University—extending our lead in giving support to elite athletes.



Griffith University is proud to be the exclusive Australian Olympic Pathway University in partnership with the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). Together, Griffith and the AOC are working to support Australia's elite athletes in their pursuit of academic and sporting excellence.

Through the Griffith Sports College and its dedicated Elite Athlete Support Program, Griffith provides flexible study options, mentoring and tailored delivery to help student-athletes succeed on and off the field.

With more than 600 scholarships on offer and a long-standing commitment to inclusive, purpose-driven education, Griffith empowers athletes to build rewarding careers while achieving their sporting goals, supporting them to thrive in competition, in the classroom and in life after sport.



“This agreement ensures more Olympians will have the opportunity to gain scholarships at Griffith and recognises the University’s outstanding sporting and training facilities, and flexible study schedules.”

MARK ARBIB

Australian Olympic Committee CEO



“I believe it’s important for athletes to prepare for a transition after competitive sport. Balancing training and study is never easy, but having such a great support network at Griffith through the Sport College has been wonderful. It has allowed me the flexibility and opportunity to adapt my study program, so I can focus on my competition and training for those big moments.”

JESS FOX OAM OLY

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Canoe

2024 Olympian (2 Gold) | 2020 Olympian (Gold, Bronze)

2016 Olympian (Bronze) | 2012 Olympian (Silver)

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More student Olympians and Paralympians than anywhere else in Australia

Our record for supporting Olympians and Paralympians is unmatched, with the greatest number of Australian student and alumni athletes at both the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics.* We also led at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, Rio 2016 Olympics, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

2024 Paris Olympics



21

current students



15

alumni



3

Griffith Swimming Squad members



1

Griffith Swimming Squad coach



7.8%

of athletes in the Australian Olympic team were from Griffith



10 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze

2024 Paris Paralympics



7

current students



5

alumni



2 Gold, 3 Silver and 7 Bronze



7.5% of athletes in the Australian Paralympic team were from Griffith

Distinguished Griffith students and alumni

112 Olympians **24** Paralympians **97** Commonwealth Games athletes

Sporting facilities

As a student, you get to use our world-class sporting and fitness facilities. Some of these facilities have been used by Olympic and Paralympic athletes and international teams from across the globe.

The Griffith University Gold Coast Aquatic Centre has a 50m heated pool—home to our Griffith Swimming program supported by Swimming Australia and a high-performance gym.

Our facilities include

- 50m pool GC
- Athletics track GC
- Fitness centre GC NA
- Multisport complex NA
- Tennis courts GC
- Basketball court GC
- Beach Volleyball court GC
- Sports fields GC L NA
- High-performance gym GC

Campuses: GC—Gold Coast, L—Logan, NA—Nathan





“I’ve competed in two Olympics while also studying and through it all, I had the support of Griffith Sports College right by my side. It’s been a great way to explore other opportunities—discovering new interests I didn’t even know I’d enjoy.”

ELLIE BEER OLY

Bachelor of Sport Development
Athletics
2024 Olympian
2020 Olympian

High-performance swimming program

Swimming Australia and Griffith University have a four year high-performance partnership until 2028. Through this partnership, Griffith University Swim Club is proudly recognised as a Swimming Australia high-performance support hub—the only one-of-its-kind on the Gold Coast. Under the leadership of world-renowned coach Melanie Marshall MBE OLY and supported by David Thomas, the club runs an elite training program that has produced multiple Olympians. In addition, a development pathway program is offered across two levels of squad, coached by Thomas Fraser-Holmes OLY and Brett Shanks, providing opportunities for emerging swimmers to progress to the highest level.



“I’m excited to be leading the Griffith swim club in the swimming Australia supported hub. We are already coaching some of the best swimmers in the country and I’m looking at the next generation of talent towards LA and then Brisbane Olympic Games.”

MEL MARSHALL MBE OLY
Griffith University Head Coach

“I believe that a balanced life is an extremely important part of an athlete’s life and without the help and guidance of the Sports College I wouldn’t be pursuing dreams both in and out of the pool.”

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We are proud to partner with major sporting organisations



Paddle Australia CEO Kim Crane with Griffith students Jackson Collins OLY, Yale Steinepreis OLY, Susan Seipel PLY.

Partnerships and networks

Sporting partnerships matter at Griffith, playing a vital role in enhancing the overall effectiveness and impact of our Sports Strategy. We work closely with leading sport institutions, organisations, academies, and professional sporting teams to create university-wide collaborations. These partnerships open the doors for current students to be involved in internships, graduate programs and research opportunities,

along with offering new avenues for learning. Our collaborations also focus on high-performance programs, elite athlete support, innovation, sports science/sports medicine support, community programs aligning aims and values, as well as sports strategy and research focus areas. These partnerships foster a two-way exchange of opportunities and expertise.



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Griffith Sports College eligibility

If you compete at a state, national or international level in your sport, you might be eligible to join the Griffith Sports College.

Elite athletes* are identified as participating in an Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Griffith University recognised sport. Our eligibility criteria is based on advice from state and national sporting organisations, professional sporting clubs and/or recognised player associations.



How to apply

Whether you're a current student or commencing next year—submitting your Griffith Sports College application is the first step on your journey.



[griffith.edu.au/
griffith-sports-college](https://griffith.edu.au/griffith-sports-college)

Sports scholarships

Griffith sports scholarships are offered to elite athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport.

The following scholarships are available to commencing and/or current students:

- **Australian Olympic Committee and Griffith University Sports Scholarship**
Up to \$40,000 over two years
- **AIS—Griffith University Sport Scholarship**
\$28,000 over 4 years
- **Griffith Sports Excellence Scholarships**
\$28,000 over four years
- **Griffith Sports Development Scholarships**
\$5,000 for one year
- **The Clem Jones Scholarship**
\$9,000 for three years
- **Swimming Australia Scholarships**
\$5,000 for one year



griffith.edu.au/scholarships



Naomi McCarthy OAM OLY
Director, Griffith Sports College



Tom Fields
Manager, Sports Engagement

Leading from the top

Our leaders know what it's like to perform at the top of their sport.

Griffith alumnus and Gold-medal winning Olympian Naomi McCarthy (water polo) combines her experience as an elite athlete with management expertise to help our talented athletes thrive.

Tom Fields brings a wealth of knowledge to Griffith as a retired professional AFL player and has an extensive background helping athletes find their identity after sport.

Naomi and Tom understand the unique pressures and demands elite athletes face trying to balance their training, competition and study—offering mentoring and hands-on support that's both effective and empathetic.





“Taking time to recover and rehabilitate from training is essential in sports. Thanks to the flexibility at Griffith Sports College, we can easily listen to lectures on our laptops during this downtime. It’s crucial to make the most of this time by focusing on personal and professional development, helping us smoothly transition out of sports when the time comes.”

CURTIS MCGRATH OAM PLY

Bachelor of Aviation Management
Para-canoe

2024 Paralympian (Gold)
2020 Paralympian (2 Gold)
2016 Paralympian (Gold)



HARRIS ANDREWS

Bachelor of Education
Professional AFL player
2024 and 2025 Premiers
Co-Captain Brisbane Lions

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