

GRIFFITH SPORTS COLLEGE

Elite Athlete Program
2022

Zac Stubblety-Cook

Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Business
Swimming, Australian Swimming team member

► Tokyo 2020 Olympian

We're proud to be the top elite athlete friendly university in Australia

The expert support provided by Griffith Sports College (GSC) is one of the many reasons that Griffith is a leading sports university. With the highest number of student athletes in the country, GSC help athletes balance the high demands of elite sport and university life. First established in 2004, GSC have supported thousands of athletes, including more than 600 in 2021 alone.



RANKED #1

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FOR ELITE ATHLETES



600+

ATHLETES



40+

SPORTS

MADISON DE ROZARIO

Bachelor of Business
Athletics, 2008 Paralympian (Silver) and
2016 Paralympian (2 Silver)
► **Tokyo 2020 Paralympian**

Being a part of Griffith Sports College has truly had such an impact on my ability to balance study and my sporting career.

I've been overwhelmed by the support and flexibility the Sports College has been able to provide. It has allowed me to focus on and prioritise my training and racing, while moving in a direction to set myself up for my future following sport.

2020 TOKYO GAMES

34 CURRENT STUDENT OLYMPIANS

9 ALUMNI OLYMPIANS

5 CURRENT STUDENT PARALYMPIANS

4 ALUMNI PARALYMPIANS

1 Griffith High Performance Swimming Squad member

1 Griffith High Performance Swimming Coach

1 Griffith High Performance Rowing Coach (Paralympics)



Distinguished Griffith students and alumni

82 OLYMPIANS

15 PARALYMPIANS

60+ COMMONWEALTH GAMES ATHLETES

65+ CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ACROSS AFL, AFLW, NRL, FOOTBALL, NETBALL, CRICKET AND RUGBY UNION

50+ CURRENT QAS AND NSWIS ATHLETES

Griffith led the way at both the Rio 2016 Olympics and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, where Griffith had the most student athletes from any Australian University competing at both of these Games.



MATT HAUSER

Bachelor of Business graduate

Triathlon, Australian Triathlon team member

► Tokyo 2020 Olympian

Sports college made my Uni experience stress-free and easy to manage my triathlon commitments.

There was no compromise needed with training which meant I was able to knuckle down when the time came to race major events like the World Championships and Commonwealth Games. There wasn't a request or question too far-fetched to ask and the team were always accommodating and timely!

Elite athlete program

Through the dedicated assistance from GSC more than 600 student athletes were able to successfully balance the high demands of elite sport and university life in 2021.

As a part of the Australian Institute of Sport's (AIS) Elite Athlete Friendly University network, we work one-on-one with students and directly with teaching staff to provide a supportive environment and balance commitments for elite athletes.

IN 2020:



76
ATHLETES GRADUATED
FROM GRIFFITH



77
ATHLETES HELD SPORTING
EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



39
CURRENT STUDENTS
SELECTED TO COMPLETE AT
THE TOKYO 2020 GAMES

BENEFITS

- Direct admission*
- Consideration for program admission flexibility*
- Personalised degree advice and course planning
- Timetabling assistance and class flexibility
- Assessment and exam flexibility
- Academic tutoring assistance*
- Support with special consideration requests
- Access to additional personal development workshops and opportunities
- Opportunity for cross-institutional study
- Flexibility to study interstate/overseas with online options
- Significantly reduced rates for gym and facility access
- Access and special rates for physiotherapy and sports science services

*Conditions apply



ASHLEIGH SOUTHERN

Bachelor of Business graduate

► Water Polo, 2012 Olympian (Bronze) and 2016 Olympian.

I graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Business majoring in Sports Management and Marketing.

The Sports College gave me the freedom to be able to train while also completing my studies. I was able to base my timetable around my training schedule as well as compete on the world stage. The Sports College gave me the support to work with my course convenors to get all my assessment in on time. I wouldn't have been able to get through my degree so quickly without the help and support of the Sports College.

As a GSC member you'll be part of a close-knit sporting family that provides valuable support and unlocks all kinds of opportunities.



Ryan James
Bachelor of Education graduate
► Rugby League, Former Gold Coast Titans Captain

Sporting facilities

As a student, you will have the chance to use our world-class sporting and fitness facilities. Some of these facilities have been used by Olympic medallists past and present and international teams from across the globe.



The Griffith Athletics Track at the Gold Coast campus is a national standard facility available for event and individual use. The track was an official athlete training venue for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Liz Clay
Bachelor of Business
Athletics, 2017 World University Games
► Tokyo 2020 Olympian

Our facilities include

- 25m pool MG
- 50m pool GC
- Athletics track GC
- Fitness centre GC MG NA
- Indoor sports hall MG
- Multisport complex NA
- Outdoor courts GC MG
- Sports Fields GC L MG NA
- Squash Courts NA
- Tennis centre MG

Campuses: GC – Gold Coast, L – Logan,
MG – Mt Gravatt, NA – Nathan



Tennis centre, Mt Gravatt campus



The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre has a 50m heated pool, housing a Swimming Australia high performance program, and a functional fitness studio and gym.



Griffith University Women's
Rugby 7s team and 2018
Uni 7s Series Champions

High performance programs

Griffith has a rich history with sport in both our elite athlete program and high performance sporting programs, including a Swimming Australia supported swimming program, women's Rugby 7s, and rowing. All high performance programs have the support of Griffith's extensive sport science and sport medicine services and ancillary services.

Swimming

Griffith Swimming Club, based on the Gold Coast campus, is proud to be one of Swimming Australia's high performance supported programs—the only supported program on the Gold Coast. Led by world renowned coach Michael Bohl as Head Coach, Griffith runs an elite program with multiple Olympians and also a development/pathway program coached by Olympian Janelle Pallister.

Womens Rugby 7s

Griffith University are proud to be selected as one of 10 universities in Australia to compete in the National Women's Sevens University Series. This series provides an elite pathway for female student athletes to get involved in Rugby 7s at a national level.

Griffith are proud title holders in 2018 and have had several players picked up by Rugby Australia on a national development contract or for further development opportunities.

Rowing

Griffith University Surfers Paradise Rowing Club houses multiple Australian representatives, producing both world and Olympic champions. Identified as one of two clubs in Queensland as a Rowing Queensland supported club, the Griffith club experiences success on the local, state, national and international stage under the direction of Head Coach Lincoln Handley and his network of other national team coaches.



Griffith University Surfers Paradise Rowers and
Australian Women's U19 Four



EMMA MCKEON

GRIFFITH SWIMMING CLUB MEMBER

Bachelor of Public Health
Swimming, 2016 Olympian (Gold, 2 Silver, Bronze)
► Tokyo 2020 Olympian

It's challenging balancing study and training at a high level, but with a good support system through the Griffith Sports College, it makes it a lot easier to succeed in both.

For me, studying gives me something to take my mind off the pool, and it's important to focus on having qualifications for when I finish swimming competitively.

Partnerships and networks

At Griffith University, we work closely with leading sport institutions, organisations, academies, and professional sporting teams to create university-wide collaborations. Having these partnerships opens the door for current students to be involved in internships, graduate programs, research opportunities, along with new avenues of learning.

Griffith's collaborations also focus on academic pathway programs for athletes, high performance programs, innovation, sports science/sports medicine support and community programs aligning aims and values, sports strategy and research focus areas, while fostering a two-way exchange of opportunities and knowledge.

"To stay ahead on an international level, high performance sport requires investment and expertise when considering research and innovation partnerships, and with Griffith University teaming up with us on our exciting journey, we have a competitive advantage.

Relationships are everything in our sport, and Griffith University is a partner who not only shares our vision and values but engages with our people on a range of projects that will all be linked to performance."

— Surfing Australia



GSC 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 AIS and Griffith University recognised sport. We base eligibility on advice from state and national sporting organisations, professional sporting clubs and/or recognised player associations.

*The term "elite athlete" includes athletes, coaches and officials

To apply

Whether you're currently studying at Griffith, or are looking to attend next year, complete your GSC application form.

To download your form, visit 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:

- **Griffith Sports Excellence Scholarships** | \$28,000 over 4 years (\$7,000 per year)
- **Griffith Sports Development Scholarships** | \$5,000 for one year
- **The Clem Jones Scholarship** | \$9,000 for three years
- **Adam Scott Foundation Sports Business Scholarships** | HECS fees for up to three years
- **Ron Clark Futures Scholarship supported by Commonwealth Games Australia** | \$44,000 for up to four years

griffith.edu.au/scholarships



Leading from the top

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

Gold medal-winning Olympians Duncan Free (Rowing) and Naomi McCarthy (Water Polo) combine their experience as elite athletes with management expertise to assist our cohort of talented athletes.

As well as being Griffith alumni, Duncan and Naomi understand the demands elite athletes face juggling training, competition and study and can provide mentoring and direct athlete support.



MATT DENNY

Bachelor of Business
Athletics, 2016 Olympian
► Tokyo 2020 Olympian

I am studying a Bachelor of Business with two majors in sport and entrepreneurship. I chose this degree because I enjoy sport and also want to learn how to generate innovative ideas and develop them.

Studying business at Griffith gives me a focus on the future in addition to my sporting career.



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