

2023 Cluster Day Sport & Activity Parent Information

What is a Cluster Day?

Benowa State High School students will participate in five (5) full day cluster days in Term 1, 2 and 3. Dates for these Cluster Days for 2023 are listed below. Students will participate in their chosen activity for the duration of the day.

Wednesday 1 March 2023	Wednesday 2 August 2023
Wednesday 26 April 2023	Finals – To be advised
Wednesday 31 May 2023	*Wet Weather Day:
Wednesday 19 July 2023	Wednesday 16 August 2023

What are the activities that my child can choose to do?

Students have the opportunity to participate in either Gold Coast 6 (GC6) Interschool sports competition OR select from a range of other school-based activities. Activities that are available to students is dependent on their year level. See below a list of options for 2023.

Year 7, 8 & 9	Year 10	Year 11 & 12
Interschool Sport (GC6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball (Boys & Girls) Chess (Boys & Girls - trials required) Indoor Cricket (Girls & Boys) Netball (Girls) Soccer (Boys) Futsal (Girls) Table Tennis (Boys & Girls - capped numbers) Ten Pin Bowling (Boys & Girls - capped numbers) Touch Football (Boys & Girls) Volleyball (Boys & Girls) Other Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Extension (approval required) Dramafest (audition required) Redbacks Volleyball (Year 8 & 9 only - approval required) School Program with Half Day of Ice Skating (payment required) School Program (Free option) 	Interschool Sport (GC6) As per Year 7, 8 & 9 PLUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawn Bowls (Boys & Girls – capped numbers) Other Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drone Course (capped numbers, approval required) Cert 2 in Community Services (capped numbers) Cert 2 in Hospitality (capped numbers, approval required) Cert 2 in Visual Arts & Photography (capped numbers, approval required) Dance Extension (approval required) Dramafest (audition required) Redbacks Volleyball (approval required) School Program with Half Day of Ice Skating (payment required) School Program (Free option) 	Interschool Sport (GC6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball (Boys & Girls) Touch Football (Boys & Girls) Volleyball (Boys & Girls) Lawn Bowls (Boys & Girls) Other Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drone Course (<i>pre-enrolled students from 2022 only - no new enrolments for Year 11/12</i>) Cert 2 in Community Services (capped numbers) Cert 2 in Hospitality (<i>pre-enrolled students from 2022, capped numbers, approval required, Year 11 only</i>) Cert 2 in Visual Arts & Photography (<i>pre-enrolled students from 2022, capped numbers, approval required</i>) Study Day – General, Maths Methods, Maths Specialist, English, Art Learn or Earn (students are off campus doing their own study or working, approval required) Dance Extension (approval required) Dramafest (audition required) Redbacks Volleyball (approval required)

**All Interschool sports are paying sports.

Notes:

- The GC6 competition is a round-robin format where your child will play against other teams from Palm Beach Currumbin, Robina SHS, Elanora SHS, St Michael's College and Merrimac SHS. No prior experience is required to participate in these sports as grading occurs in the first round to ensure there is equality amongst the teams.
- Activities offered now, may not run in 2023 (for example, if we do not have enough students to fill teams or we cannot staff the sports appropriately then they will be removed from the selections). As such, if your child's preference is no longer available, they will be contacted to change activities.
- Please be aware that your school fees must be up to date in order to participate in a paying sport. All interschool sport options, Dance Extension, Dramafest, Redbacks Volleyball and School Program with Ice Skating are paying options. The School Program and Study Day are the free options.

- There are certain activities with capped numbers (indicated on options list) that will be allocated on a 'first in best dressed' basis. Students participation in these sports is also subject to approval from the relevant Year Level Deputy Principal.
- The below activities have certain requirements
 - Redbacks Volleyball - approval required
 - Chess - trials required
 - Dance Extension/Dramafest - audition required
 - Cert 2 in Community Services - approval required, capped numbers
 - Cert 2 in Hospitality (Year 11 pre-enrolled students from 2022, capped numbers, approval required)
 - Cert 2 in Visual Arts & Photography (Year 11 pre-enrolled students from 2022, capped numbers, approval required)
 - Drone Course - pre-enrolled students from 2022 only - no new enrolments for Year 11/12
 - Learn or Earn - [additional form](#) (PDF) required to be signed by parents and Year 11/12 Deputy in order to participate. Participation can be rescinded based on students' academic progress throughout the year.

How can I change my child's sport?

In 2023, parents have chosen their child's sport to ensure appropriate communication. Should your child wish to change their activity, please email the Director of Sport, Ashley Passmore on apass27@eq.edu.au. Alternatively, students will also have the opportunity to change their sport during school time, and if your child does change their sport, you will be notified via email.

What is the cost to participate? What does my child need to bring?

The cost is dependent on which activity your child chooses to participate in. See below table which highlights the cost for each activity. Please be aware there are **NO REFUNDS** for students in GC6 activities who are absent on these days as bookings have been secured to finalise numbers.

Students will be required to wear their full sports uniform (white shirt) including the school hat and have lunch and a water bottle for the duration of the day. Sunscreen is also recommended. In addition, specialised equipment may be necessary to adhere to safety requirements for some activities – please see the list below.

Activity	Cost	Specialised Equipment Required (provided by parents/guardians)
Gold Coast 6 (GC6) Sports		
Basketball	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips and no sharp-edged soles).
Chess	\$100	No specific equipment required for this sport.
Indoor Cricket	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy. It is recommended that students participating in cricket bring their own gear if they are part of regular, organised cricket including gloves and protector box. The school has the required cricket equipment that can be borrowed. For hygiene reasons, students cannot share a protector/box – this will need to be supplied by the student.
Futsal	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips, no loose, sharp-edged or excessively worn studs and no sharp-edged soles). Moulded boots can be worn - no screw in studded footwear . Shin pads are compulsory - must be correctly sized and fastened shin guards, covered entirely by long socks.
Lawn Bowls	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (flat soled shoes).
Netball	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips and no sharp-edged soles).
Soccer	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips, no loose, sharp-edged or excessively worn studs and no sharp-edged soles). Moulded boots can be worn - no screw in studded footwear . Shin pads are compulsory - must be correctly sized and fastened shin guards, covered entirely by long socks.

Table Tennis	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy - shoes must have NON-MARKING soles (i.e., no black soled shoes).
Ten Pin Bowling	\$140	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy - shoes must have NON-MARKING soles (i.e., no black soled shoes).
Touch Football	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips and no screw-in studs and no sharp-edged soles). Touch boots are optional.
Volleyball	\$100	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy (non-slip soles, no buckles or zips and no sharp-edged soles). Knee pads are required.
Other Activities		
Certificate II Courses – Community Services, Visual Arts & Photography, Hospitality	-	Vocational education and training (VET) enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment, and specific skills to help them in the workplace. When completed before the end of Year 12, these qualifications also give students points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. Students will be placed into classes on a 'first come, first served' basis. They require laptops with chargers.
	\$100	Certificate II Hospitality (<i>cannot choose if they are already completing Hospitality at school or as part of a School Based Traineeship</i>). Every Wednesday afternoon plus Cluster Sports Days and 36 hours work experience (Benowa SHS will help organise).
	\$30	Certificate II Visual Arts (Photography) (<i>cannot choose if they are already completing Certificate III Visual Arts at school</i>). Every Wednesday afternoon plus Cluster Sports Days.
	No cost	Certificate II in Community Services: Aurora Training Institute Delivered at Benowa SHS this 5-day course should be completed in one year. VETiS funded, so no cost to students who have not previously accessed this funding. Please contact the Head of Department Senior Schooling: Sarah Price at spmic79@eq.edu.au for enrolment information.
Dance Extension	\$120	Dance appropriate clothing for rehearsals. Cost includes costume hire, Eisteddfod fees and Dance Extension T-shirt.
Dramafest	\$50	Cost includes rights to plays, production costs, some costuming and props, make up and a cast T-shirt.
Drone Course	\$100 (Yr. 10) \$144 (Yr.11)	No specific equipment required.
Learn or Earn	No cost	-
Redbacks Volleyball <i>*NOTE: Invoiced separately</i>	Level 1: \$49.50 Level 2: TBA	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-slip soles, no buckles or zips and no sharp-edged soles. • A whistle and knee pads are required. • Laptops with chargers will be required for classroom activities during training days.
School Program	No cost	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy.
School Program with Ice Skating (Half Day)	\$65	A minimum dedicated sport shoe as per the Benowa SHS uniform policy. For ice skating, long socks, protective clothing to prevent ice grazes and wrist guards are required. Optional additional protective equipment to consider are elbow, knee, wrist guards and/or helmet.
Study Day – General, Art, Maths Methods, Specialists Maths, English	No cost	Laptop required including charger. Students should bring their school work or assessment work to ensure the day is productive.

What forms are required?

One form, the *2023 Carnival, HPE & Inter-School Sport Events Participation & Transport Consent Confirmation* is required for all students to participate in Cluster Day activities. This form is [available online here](#) or a hard copy can be picked up from the Sports Office at the Sports Hall. Please send electronic forms to sport@benowashs.eq.edu.au or return hard copy forms to the Sports Office at the Sports Hall.

Some activities require additional forms which will be distributed to your child once their selections have been confirmed. They can also be found on our website. Please see below for more information;

- [GC6 Chess & Indoor Cricket \(PDF\)](#): These sports are coordinated by external providers who utilise a database to organise fixtures and results. This requires the use of first and last names (and in some cases date of births). Forms are required to release this information to these external providers.
- [Learn or Earn Program \(PDF\)](#) (Year 11 & 12 only): This program requires approval from Year 11/12 Deputy Principal.

Please ensure that all medical information is up to date on your child's OneSchool profile. If their medical details have changed, please [download the required medical form](#) and submit to the office ASAP.

What are the Training Days?

As part of the Cluster Sports Program, students will have the opportunity to train for their sport during Weeks 4 and 5 during school time. Sports that are required to leave the school to participate in training will be bused to and from the school. Students require the *2023 Carnival, HPE & Inter-School Sport Events Participation & Transport Consent Confirmation* to participate in these training days.

Our training days will be on Wednesday 15 February and Wednesday 22 February during period 4. Information about where students need to be will be distributed in their Care Class. *Students participating in basketball, netball, indoor cricket and futsal will be leaving the school, transported by bus to and from their training venues listed. Students in Lawn Bowls will walk to their venue and Basketball will walk to and from St Kevin's Catholic School.*

- Basketball: Gold Coast Sport & Leisure Centre, Carrara AND St Kevin's Catholic School, Benowa
- Netball: Southport Carrara Netball, Benowa
- Indoor cricket and futsal: Arundel Indoor Sports Centre, Arundel
- Lawn Bowls: Benowa Bowls Club, Ashmore Rd, Benowa

*Students who have not returned their permission form will **not** be permitted to attend the training day. Students also need to ensure they have hats, water-bottle, sunscreen, full sports uniform and food for the day.*

What is the process for a Cluster Day?

As per a normal school day, students will arrive at school in their full sports uniform (white shirt) and attend Care Class. Following Care Class, students will meet at designated areas for their activity. This information will be distributed prior to the day via their Care Class teachers, Compass and sports noticeboards.

Those students who are in activities that occur outside of school grounds will be transported to and from these venues via a bus. Venues to each activity are listed below. Please note; these venues are subject to change.

Sport	Address
Basketball (Boys & Girls) Year 7-12	GCSLC: 296 Nerang Broadbeach Rd, Carrara Coomera Indoor Sports: 35 Beattie Rd, Coomera Robina SHS: 1 Investigator Dr, Robina
Chess (Mixed) Year 7-12	Elanora SHS: 261 Nineteenth Ave, Elanora
Futsal (Girls) Year 7-10	GOALS Australia: 3 Alabaster Dr, Carrara
Indoor Cricket (Boys) Year 7-10	Burleigh Indoors Sports: 3 Fremantle St, Burleigh West
Lawn Bowls	Benowa Bowls Club: Ashmore Rd, Benowa
Netball (Girls) Year 7-12	South Coast Netball: 83 Melaleuca Dr, Palm Beach
Soccer (Boys) Year 7	Elanora SHS: 261 Nineteenth Ave, Elanora
Soccer (Boys) Year 8	Robina SHS: 1 Investigator Dr, Robina
Soccer (Boys) Year 9 & 10	Benowa SHS: Mediterranean Dr, Benowa
Table Tennis (Mixed) Year 7-12	Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre: Lot 1 Herbertson Dr, Molendinar
Tenpin Bowling (mixed) Year 7-10	Zone Bowling Robina: 1 Robina Town Centre Dr, Robina
Touch Football (Girls & Boys) Year 7-12	Palm Beach Touch (Mallawa) 83 Melaleuca Dr, Palm Beach
Volleyball (Boys) Year 7-9	PBC: Thrower Dr, Palm Beach
Volleyball (Boys) Year 10-12	St Michael's College: Jondique Ave, Merrimac
Volleyball (Girls) Year 7-8	Elanora SHS: 261 Nineteenth Ave, Elanora
Volleyball (Girls) Year 9-12	Benowa SHS: Mediterranean Dr, Benowa

Is there any insurance cover?

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the department does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students.

If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur.

Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker for more information about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/school-information/life-at-school/accident-insurance>

I still have more questions – who should I contact?

Please contact Ashley Passmore, Director of Sport, on (07) 5582 7385 or via email on apass27@eq.edu.au.