

STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM 2023

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Be part of the change you want to see within school sport in Victoria.

SSV IS SEEKING STUDENTS

If you are between Years 5 to 12 SSV would love you to consider applying to join an innovative and collaborative program.
Student Leaders Program.



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WHO IS **SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA?**

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If you've ever competed in an interschool sport round-robin it's likely that this was a School Sport Victoria program.

School Sport Victoria provides opportunities for Victorian students to participate in over 30 sports each year. School teams and individuals can progress all the way from their local district or division competition to a State Championship.

WHAT IS THE **SSV STUDENT LEADERS GROUP?**

The aim of the student leaders program will be to provide feedback and advice to School Sport Victoria to guide and shape the future of school sport in Victoria, including:

- Advising on the design and delivery of school sport.
- Making the school sport experience enjoyable and welcoming for all students.
- Knocking down the barriers to sport that are often experienced by students.
- Showing us how and telling us why Victorian students want to be engaged in school sport.
- Ensuring that a safe environment is provided for all students to participate in school sport regardless of their background, fitness, experience, or skill level.





WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BEING AN SSV STUDENT LEADER?

The SSV Student Leaders Group will be a 12-month commitment – for the 2023 school year.

Group discussions will be led by two facilitators throughout the year. The facilitators will have a background in sport, providing students the opportunity to get to know a pair of Australian sporting personalities and build confidence to speak and lead within an encouraging and welcoming environment. The group will meet eight times - twice each term - throughout 2023, with all but one meeting being held online to allow students from all over Victoria to easily participate.

It is currently planned that an initial in person meeting be held at the beginning of term 1 2023 hosted in a central Melbourne area.

This will provide the group with an opportunity to form relationships and get to know each other before embarking on their Student Leaders project together throughout the remainder of 2023.

Each meeting will cover off on a school sport advisory topic and will aim to not only inform School Sport Victoria as to what Victorian students want, but also to provide the Student Leaders with a learning opportunity to take away and utilise in their schooling and future work lives.



Some topics of discussion may include:

- Understanding what motivates Victorian students to be involved in school sport
- Ensuring that a safe and enjoyable environment is provided for all students to participate in school sport regardless of their fitness, experience, or skill level.
- Approaches to re-engage students back into playing school sport including reducing drop out
- How to increase participation and reduce barriers for students and schools in regional Victoria, girls and students with a disability
- Ways to engage students in other aspects of school sport beyond participation (e.g. umpiring, coaching, event planning etc)
- Addressing barriers to students continuing to participate in sport outside of school

Students will bring their personal opinions and experience to the group discussions. Following some sessions there may be a small amount of homework that students are asked to complete. There will also be an expectation that students seek the opinion of their fellow students at their school. Schools will nominate a teacher at the school to support students with gathering this feedback.

WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF THIS AS A STUDENT? (LEARNING OUTCOMES)

Being part of the SSV Student Leaders Group can provide students with an opportunity to develop a range of skills, including:

1. Leadership skills, through:
 - Student-led conversations.
 - Collaboration with a wide range of personalities.
2. Communication skills, through:
 - Presentation and discussion in a group setting.
 - Listening to and interpreting the needs of a group.
3. Research skills, through:
 - Gathering insights from a peer group.
 - Critical thinking and analysis based on feedback.

It also aims to provide students the opportunity to gain insights into how a major sporting organisation and program operates in Victoria.



WHO SSV ARE LOOKING FOR TO JOIN THE STUDENT LEADERS GROUP:

School Sport Victoria is seeking feedback and advice from a broad range of students, as part of the SSV Student Leaders Group, including students who do and don't regularly participate in school sport.

Students from all genders, abilities, backgrounds and places in Victoria are encouraged to apply, to ensure the group has a diverse mix of students represented.



WHAT DOES MY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEED TO DO TO SUPPORT MY APPLICATION?

Before submitting your application, you'll also need to ask your school Principal to complete the [consent form](#) which confirms their:

1. Consent to you taking part in virtual meetings during school time twice per school term (approx. 1.5 hours each.)
2. Consent to your selection of 'teacher mentor' to assist you in facilitating research. This should be a teacher or member of staff that you are comfortable with and someone you think will be of good guidance throughout the year.
3. Endorse you as a great student leader and someone who will add value to the Student Leader program.

Please attach the signed form and upload it as part of your application. If your school would like further information about the Student Leaders' Program, [please send them this link](#).



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purpose
is to
develop
young
people
through
school
sport.

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Rayoni Nelson
School Sport Victoria
Chief Executive Officer

WHAT SSV ARE LOOKING FOR

Address these points in your application

1. Understanding of the importance and impact of school sport
 - Why do you think it's important for students and schools to participate in school sport?
 - What impact do you think school sport has had on your school and community?
2. Understanding of the school sport experience
 - What is your most memorable school sport experience (as a coach, players, team manager or spectator – good or bad, let us know which memory has stuck with you)?
 - What is one idea that you have that could improve the school sport experience for some of your school mates?
3. Previous demonstrations of leadership (formal or informal)
 - Provide an example of how you have demonstrated leadership in your school or community? (This doesn't have to be a sport specific example)
4. A unique perspective and view of school sport
 - What is something that would make you stand out as a SSV student leader?
(In what ways might you see sport perhaps differently to others or what experiences have you had that make you different to most? E.g., coming from a school with only 25 students; being a female who wants to participate in a male dominated sport; not being confident enough to trial for a competitive team at school)

DO I NEED PARENT/CARER CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE?

Yes, you'll need to get your parent/carer to consent to you to participating.

Therefore, before submitting your nomination, provide them with the following [consent form](#).

Please attach the signed form and upload it as part of your application.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are to be submitted online via the below link from **Tuesday 18 October to 5.00pm Friday 4 November**.

SSV Student Leader Application

Applicant information will be used in accordance with [SSV's Privacy Policy](#).

In your application, you'll need to upload the following:

1. Information about you and your school ([on the online application form](#))
2. Completed [consent form](#) signed by both your parent/carer and school Principal (upload this as an attachment).
3. Tell us why you want to be a part of the SSV Student Leaders Program and what you would bring to the group by addressing the questions outlined in the 'What SSV are Looking For' on page 11 of this information pack (upload this as an attachment).

School Sport Victoria encourages students to demonstrate their leadership and presentation ability by applying in a format that best shows their personality and skills. You can choose from the following formats: video/voice recording (3 mins max), PowerPoint presentation (10 slides max), essay (1,500 words max) or a poster with a letter accompanying to explain it.

Please note that these are **maximums**. You do not need to use the full allocation, what is important is that you address the questions.

A selection panel will review the nominations. Students will be informed on the outcome of their nomination in the week starting **Monday 28 November 2022**.

Further information will then be provided to students selected for the SSV Student Leaders Group in 2023.

Thank you for your interest and all the best with your nomination.

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