

SESF AND FOOTBALL VICTORIA TEAM UP FOR 3 YEARS

20 December 2022: With a shared commitment to nurturing football talent, Football Victoria are proud to have extended their partnership with the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund, supporting emerging Victorian footballers to represent our state and nation.

This extension will see 15 scholarships awarded per year for three years to Victorian footballers from low socioeconomic backgrounds, selected to represent their state or country at national and international competitions.

Football Victoria join an extensive list of both state and national sporting organisations to partner with the SESF as the foundation looks to build on an immensely successful 2022. Their inaugural year as a national charity saw 145 scholarships awarded across the country to athletes from 6 states.

As a member of Football Australia, Football Victoria oversee the administration, promotion and delivery of football and futsal across the state, servicing over 40,000 matches each season.

2022 proved to be a significant year of growth for the SESF, with over 541 applications for scholarships received between January and November. Partnerships are crucial to ensure the foundation reaches more athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds, with the number of applications on track to increase in 2023. Therefore, the foundation is continually searching for new partners from to provide support for the work they are doing.

Karen Pearce OAM, Executive General Manager Growth and Inclusion, Football Victoria said:

“Football Victoria is pleased to partner with the SESF for the next three years to provide increased support for our junior footballers that need it most.”

“Many footballers and their families know that the cost of travelling and uniforms to national competitions can quickly add up and impede on their ability to achieve their dreams. The work that the SESF does is crucial for those individuals and their scholarships will help ease that burden.”

Nick Mooney, Executive Director, SESF said:

“The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund is proud to renew our partnership with Football Victoria for 2023 and beyond to continue supporting emerging footballers and their families.”

“Many families around the country need financial support to help them meet the financial requirements of competitions at the highest level. Through this extension with Football Victoria, the SESF can continue to help reduce these financial barriers and ensure athletes reach their full potential.”

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