

**The Sports Excellence  
Scholarship Fund helps  
sporting dreams become  
a reality for Victorian  
students.**

**2019 IMPACT  
SNAPSHOT**



**Sports  
Excellence  
Scholarship  
Fund**

supporting young  
Victorian sports people.

## A message from Mack Horton OAM...



“By supporting the SESF you can remove a financial challenge and help highly talented young people selected to represent Victoria in their chosen sports, whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent them from doing so. These young people may come from low socio-economic, Indigenous and/or rural backgrounds.

As a previous Team Vic member and now an SESF Ambassador, I’m proud to share my experiences and offer guidance to the next generation of young sporting Victorians.”

**Mack Horton OAM** - Olympic Gold Medallist.

A most sincere  
**thank you.**

**The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF) had another outstanding year supporting Victorian students in 2019. Now in its eighth year, the SESF continues to grow in reach and profile, allowing us to assist more recipients year on year.**

**Your support** is most gratefully **appreciated**, by the **scholarship recipients**, their **families** and their chosen **sport.**

## **SESF - WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE'VE HAD AN IMPACT IN 2019**

- **Our supporters have helped realise the hopes and dreams of many young sporting champions.**
- **2019 had many highlights for Victorian students; these moments will never be forgotten by those involved.**
- **Your financial contribution supported students representing Victoria under our representative banner of 'Team Vic'.**
- **In 2019, 45 Students were awarded scholarships and realised their dreams of representing Victoria in their chosen sport at their National Competitions.**

- SESF Scholarships:** ————— **45 Scholarships Awarded**  
**16 sports represented**
- Travel:** ————— **Every Australian State and Territory was visited by SESF recipients.**
- Multi Class Athletes:** ————— **3 Multi Class athletes were financially supported to represent Victoria.**

## **Further Highlights for 2019**

### **Mack Horton And Ambassadors Question and Answer Panel:**

Eight Olympians gathered in a room within Melbourne Arena to welcome questions from SESF recipients and their families. Mack Horton OAM, Brooke Stratton, Steve Moneghetti AM and many more shared vulnerably as they answered each question genuinely.

### **Monique Conti became an SESF Ambassador:**

Dual athlete Monique Conti is kept very busy all year round as she trains as an elite athlete in Basketball (Melbourne Boomers) and Womens Australian Football (AFLW) (Richmond Football Club). Monique recieved a Sports Excellence Scholarship in 2014, and now returns to the fund as an ambassador.

## Cooper's journey....

School Sport Australia's 12 years and under  
Australian Football Championships

### Hi my name is Cooper Kitchen...

Thank you for choosing me for a scholarship, which helped me to start my dreams of representing Victoria in the under 12 boys football championships, in Mandurah WA in August 2019.

I had an experience of a life time from the very start of the trials to the collecting of our baggage on way home.

For me the trial process was awesome as I got to learn even more about myself, and areas I would need to work on to become a part of the team and seeing all the amazing players I was up against I became more aware of the way that I needed to prepare my whole self to be selected the team.



### Cooper Kitchen

Team Vic 12 years and under Australian  
Football Championships

SESF Scholarship Recipient 2019

## Riley & Teah's journey....

"It has been amazing to see the confidence Teah has gained in chatting and building a relationship with Mack, along with the opportunity Team Vic has provided for her." - **Kate Wilson** (Teah's Mother)



Riley Spicer, Mack Horton OAM & Teah Wilson

# 2019 SESF Scholarship Recipients - Congratulations all!

Recipient	School	Sport
Jack Abbruzzese	St Monicas Primary School	Track and Field
Mafi Aho	Kings Park Primary School	Track and Field
Jack Berry	Maribyrnong College	Track and Field
Bridget Cain	Kurnai College	Swimming
Enzo Campana	Nossal High School	Football (Soccer)
Cassie Carman	Melbourne Girls' College	Football (Soccer)
Charlie Collins	Ringwood Secondary College	Baseball
Blake Cornelis	Wonthaggi Secondary College	Football (Soccer)
Mitchell Crabbe	Geelong High School	Golf
Lachlan Dosser	Williamstown High School	Swimming
Lily Eldridge	Warracknabeal Secondary College	Swimming
Tori English	St Monicas Primary School (Wodonga)	Track and Field
Nikita Farkas	Upwey High School	Volleyball
Casey Farley	Sale Primary School	Track and Field
Holly Furphy	Maribyrnong College	Football (Soccer)
Ruby Gibson	Maribyrnong College	Cricket
Sienna Gidari	Maribyrnong College	Football (Soccer)
Alannah Gillespie	Rowville Secondary College	Basketball
Tapaea Hobson	Maribyrnong College	Netball
Liam Peter Howlett	St Columbas Primary School (Ballarat)	Golf
Porche John	The Grange P-12	Rugby League
Matthew Kereti	The Grange P-12	Rugby League
Cooper Kitchen	Bannockburn P-12 College	Australian Football
Brylee Lavery	Maribyrnong College	Volleyball
Koharu Nishikawa	McKinnon Primary School	Tennis
Isaac Noble	Templestowe College	Hockey
Eliza O'Neill	Camberwell High School	Hockey
Levi Perkins	Loch Primary School	Golf
Tristan Price	Parkdale Secondary College	Triathlon
Catherine Renehan	Gennazzano FJC College	Football (Soccer)
Hunter Richardson	Frankston Heights Primary School	Softball
Noa Souroop	Chelsea Primary School	Track and Field
Olive Spitty	St Joseph's Primary School (Kerang)	Golf
Ariela Sprague	Berwick Chase Primary School	Track and Field
Matthew Stephenson	Manor Lakes P-12 College	Australian Football
Piper-Mae Stubbs	Rowville Secondary College	Golf
Jasper Stubbs	Rowville Secondary College	Golf
Tyrese Tam	Rowville Secondary College	Football (Soccer)
Indiana Van Ramselaar	Wondong South Primary School	Track and Field
Conrad Van Ravenstein	Mazenod College	Volleyball
Devine Villi	Gladstone Views Primary School	Track and Field
Hope Villi	Gladstone Views Primary School	Track and Field
Bailey Wallace	Camberwell Primary School	Hockey
Kirra Wright	Wandong Primary School	Track and Field
Summer Zhu	Vermont Primary School	Diving

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In 2020 the fund  
aims to **increase its  
scholarship and  
mentoring reach.**

# Thank you.

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