



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**ILLAWARRA ACADEMY OF SPORT  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

I am pleased to provide this message for the Illawarra Academy of Sport's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Since 1985, the Illawarra Academy of Sport has been the nurturing ground for talented and elite athletes from across the Illawarra.

Sport requires the most exacting standards of commitment, focus and athleticism.

Since its founding, the Illawarra Academy of sport has provided training and support to over 5000 athletes, coaches and administrators.

Australians love sport because it brings out our best-and the Illawarra Academy of Sport has produced some of our nation's best sports men and women.

Alumni such as Brett Lee, Sally Fitzgibbons, Josh Morris and Siobhan Paton are names synonymous with Australian sporting achievement and are outstanding ambassadors for our country.

I pay tribute to the Academy's staff whose hard work, dedication and vision over the years has enabled our young athletes to be the best they can be.

Your ongoing efforts will serve to give sport an even stronger future in our country and inspire more Australians to dream of achieving something remarkable.

I send my warmest congratulations on reaching this milestone and wish you all the best for the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott'.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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