

ASHGROVE RUGBY HISTORY

AIC 1st XV Statistics

Year	Coaches	Captain	AIC Placing
1999	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Shane Arnold	Premiers
2000	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Jon Fleming	4th
2001	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Ben Donohue	Co-Premiers
2002	Mr. David Robertson / Mr. Michael Cook	Christian Zollner	Premiers
2003	Mr. David Robertson / Mr. Michael Cook	Simon Poole	Premiers
2004	Mr. David Robertson / Mr. Michael Cook	Liam Stower	Premiers
2005	Mr. David Robertson / Mr. Michael Cook	Alex Tallon	Premiers
2006	Mr. David Robertson / Mr. Michael Cook	Jack Dangerfield	Premiers
2007	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Michael Lynagh	Premiers
2008	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Daniel Earley	2nd
2009	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Luke Beauchamp	Co-Premiers
2010	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	Sean Coughlan	2nd
2011	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Tony Byrne	William Thomasson	Co-Premiers
2012	Mr. David Meehan / Mr. Jon Fitzgerald	Darcy Meehan	2nd
2013	Mr. Jon Fitzgerald / Mr. Peter McIntosh	Sam Clarke	4th



Marist College Ashgrove Team of the Century

Position	Past Pupil
1 Loose Head Prop	Greg Dux - 1964
2 Hooker	Christiaan Knaap - 1993
3 Tight Head Prop	Michael Crank - 1977
4 Lock	Robert Wood - 1965
5 Lock	John Eales (VC) - 1987
6 Blind Side Flanker	Sam Scott Young - 1984
7 Open Side Flanker	Des Ridley - 1950
8 Number 8	Michael Flynn - 1966

9	Scrum Half	Des Connor (C) - 1953
10	Fly Half	Barry Honan - 1964
11	Blind Side Winger	Brendan Moon - 1976
12	Inside Centre	Bob Honan - 1961
13	Outside Centre	Daniel Herbert - 1990
14	Open Side Winger	Pat Batch - 1969
15	Fullback	David L'Estrange - 1966
16	Reserve	Daniel Heenan - 1999
17	Reserve	Paddy Knapp - 1955
18	Reserve	Anthony Herbert - 1983
19	Reserve	Mick Barry - 1960
20	Reserve	Brian Kassulke - 1952
21	Reserve	Patrick Howard - 1990



Famous Old Boys

Des Connor

Desmond Michael Connor (born 9 August 1935 in Ashgrove, QLD) is an Australian former Rugby Union halfback who represented internationally for both the Australian and New Zealand national Rugby Union teams. He is an inductee in the Australian Rugby Union Hall of Fame.

Australian rugby career

After taking up the game at Marist College, Ashgrove, Connor honed his skills further with the Brothers club. He made his representative debut for Queensland in 1954 and made further appearances for the state over the next five years.

He was selected in Australian national squad for the Wallabies 1957–58 Australia rugby union tour of Britain, Ireland and France. Connor made his Australian test debut on 4 January 1958 against Wales and played in all five internationals on the Australian tour. Later that year he captained the Wallabies in Tests against the New Zealand Mouri Rugby Union team, and then played against the All Blacks on a tour of New Zealand.

At the start of the 1960s he left Australia to continue his teaching career in New Zealand.

New Zealand rugby career

Following his move to New Zealand he was capped 12 times by the All Blacks, with a record of 10 wins, a draw and a defeat. The defeat came in his final match in 1964, against Australia at Wellington.

Coaching

Connor was to return to Australia as a coach and led the Wallabies out in their home series against New Zealand in 1968, where he unveiled to the world the tactic of playing with a shortened line-out – a ploy still employed today. He also oversaw tours to South Africa in 1969 and 1971 before eventually stepping down.

It was Connor's representation to the ARU after the 1969 tour that earned a Wallabies coach the right to also serve as a selector. He was also instrumental in organising Barbarians teams to forge closer links between schools and club rugby in Queensland.

John Eales



John Eales AM (born 27 June 1970) is an Australian former Rugby Union player and the most successful captain in the history of Australian rugby.

Early life

In his youth, Eales was also a very talented cricket all-rounder, and played 1st XI cricket for Ashgrove as well as first grade cricket for Queensland University in the Brisbane QCA cricket competition. Eales completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in psychology from the University of Queensland in 1991 prior to taking to the international rugby stage.

Rugby career

Eales played lock for Queensland Reds and Australia. He was given the nickname "Nobody" because "nobody's perfect".

Eales' 55-cap reign as captain marked an era of Australian success in world rugby. Eales played a major part in Australia's victories at the Rugby World Cup twice in his illustrious career, first in 1991, and later skippering his country to victory in 1999.

Statistics

Eales scored 173 points for Australia - 2 tries (one valued at 4, one at 5), 34 penalties & 31 conversions - a total which places him 8th on the all-time scoring list for Australia. He is the highest scoring forward in test rugby history and only one of four forwards to have surpassed 100 points in test rugby (the others being Carlo Checchinato, Colin Charvis and Richie McCaw). This is largely because of his goal kicking, which is unusual for a forward; his two tries are unremarkable (in comparison, all of Checchinato's, Charvis's and McCaw's points have come from tries). His memorable kicks include a sideline penalty goal in the final minutes of a 2000 test to win the Bledisloe Cup against New Zealand.

Eales captained Australia a record 55 times. Only Brian O'Driscoll, John Smit, Will Carling and George Gregan have been an international captain in more games than Eales. Eales' 86 caps make him the third most capped forward in Australia's test rugby history, being recently surpassed by George Smith and Nathan Sharpe, and joint 7th on the overall list (level with Joe Roff, with George Smith, David Campese, Stephen Larkham, Nathan Sharpe, Matt Giteau and George Gregan ahead of him).

Eales is one of only 21 players to have represented the Queensland Reds in 100 or more state games. He represented his state in 112 games.

Eales scored a total of 402 points in the Super 12 competition with 6 tries, 66 conversions and 80 penalties for the Queensland Reds. No forward has scored more points than him in the competition's history.

He is one of a select group to have won the Rugby World Cup twice. The others are fellow Wallabies Dan Crowley, Jason Little, Phil Kearns and Tim Horan, plus South Africa's Os du Randt.

He retired as the most-capped lock of all time, with 84 test appearances in that position (his other two tests were as a number eight). Eales has since been surpassed in caps as a lock by several players.

Additional Famous Old Boys



Wallabies that have attended Marist College Ashgrove

Name	Years at MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Years/Tests Played for Australia
Barry, Michael	1952 - 1960	1959 and 1960	1 test for Australia (1971)
Batch, Paddy	1968 - 1969	1969 (1 st XV Touring team to NZ)	18 tests for Australia (1975 – 1979)

Bond, Graham	1988 - 1992	1990, 1991 (inj.) and 1992 (Capt.)	5 tests for Australia (2001 – 2002)
Connor, Des	-1953		Australia (1958 – 1959 – 12 Caps) New Zealand (1961 – 1964 – 12 Caps) Wallabies Hall of Fame inductee
Eales, John	-1987		86 tests for Australia (1991 – 2001) Captained Australia 55 times including captaining Australia to the 1999 world cup Played in 3 World Cups Won 2 World Cups – 1991 and 1999
Flyn, Michael	1959 - 1966		Australia (1971)
Heenan, Daniel	1997 - 1999	1998/1999	2 Tests for Australia (2003)
Herbert, Anthony	1975 - 1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	10 Tests for Australia Wallaby (1987 - 1993) World Cup Winner (1991)
Herbert, Daniel	1983 - 1990	1989 (1990 – Selected as captain but broke arm and missed season)	67 tests for Australia (1994 – 2003) Wallaby Vice-Captain World Cup Winner (1999) Named in 'Team of the World Cup' in 1999 1999 'L'equipe International Player of the Year'
Honan, Barry	1958 - 1964	1963, 1964 and 1965 (Capt.)	9 tests for Australia (1966 – 1970)
Honan, Robert	1958 - 1961	1960 and 1961 (inj.)	2 test for Australia (1964)
Howard, Patrick	1986 - 1990	1990	20 Tests for Australia (1993 – 1998)
Kassulke, Nigel	1977 - 1978	1978	2 tests for Australia (1985)
Knaap, Patrick	1948 - 1955	2 nd XV 1955	Toured with Australia in 1960 – no test recorded

L'Estrange, David	1958 - 1966	1964, 1965 and 1966 (Capt.)	6 tests for Australia (1971 – 1976)
Moon, Brendan	1967 - 1976	1975, 1976 (Capt.)	35 tests for Australia (1978 – 1986)
Morgan, Garrick	Attended MCA Yr. 5 – 10.	Completed senior years at Downlands College.	24 tests for Australia (1992 – 1997)
Pope, Alex	1957 - 1961	1961	1 test for Australia (1968)
Scott-Young, Sam	1983 - 1984	1984	7 tests for Australia (1990 – 1992)
Sullivan, Shane	1954 - 1955	Completed senior years at St Joseph's College Nudgee	1969 Tour of South Africa. 11 appearances but never made test side.
Wilson, Charles	1942	Completed senior years at BGS	Captain of Australian Touring Team to NZ in 1958 (2 Tests)
Wood, Robert	1957 - 1965		Australia (1969)

Marist College Ashgrove - Australian Schoolboy Rugby Representatives

Name	Years at MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Years Played Australian Schoolboys
Ahlberg, Jonathon			Australian Schoolboys side (1998)
Air, Jason			Australian Schoolboys Side (1993)
Barbagallo, David			Australian Schoolboys Side (1974)
Bond, Graham	1988 - 1992	1990, 1991 (inj.) and 1992 (Capt.)	Australian Schoolboys Side (1992)
Dalton, John			Australian Schoolboys Side (2006)
Elphinstone, Ashley			Australian Schoolboys Side (1997/1998)
Farley, Andrew	-1997		Australian Schoolboys Side (1997)
Fleming, Peter	-1969		Australian Schoolboys Side (1969)
Graham, Richard	1985 - 1990	1989 and 1990 (Capt.)	Australian Schoolboys Side (1990)
Heenan, Daniel	1997 - 1999	1998/1999	Australian Schoolboys Side (1998/1999)
Heffernan, Michael			Australian Schoolboys Side (1996)
Herbert, Anthony	1975 - 1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	Australian Schoolboys Side (1982/1983) Captained Australian School Boys
Malolua, Scott	2011	2011	Australian Schoolboys Side (2011)
Mathison, Anthony	-1999		Australian Schoolboys Side (1998)
McCarthy, Darren			Australian Schoolboys Side (1980/1981)

McDonald, Ryan			Australian Schoolboys Side (1999)
McGinty, Justin			Australian Schoolboys Side (1992)
McVerry, Tom	-1997		Australian Schoolboys Side (1997)
Mills, Paul	-1975		Australian Schoolboys Side (1975)
Mohr, Curtis			Australian Schoolboys Side (1997)
Moon, Brendan	1967 - 1976	1975, 1976 (Capt.)	Australian Schoolboys Side (1976)
Mulheran, Beau			Australian Schoolboys Side (1994)
Rynders, Pat			Australian Schoolboys Side (2007)
Sheedy, Paul	1994 - 1998	1997 and 1998	Australian Schoolboys Side (1998)
Stich, Mark			Australian Schoolboys Side (1993)
Tallon, Alex			Australian Schoolboys Side (2004/2005)
Frisby, Nick	2002 - 2009	2008 and 2009 (inj.)	Australian U20 (Junior World Cup - 2012)

