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## STATEMENT

**The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland has resolved to pause term 2 & 3 pre-season training, trial games, competitions and activities and formally award 2020 Term 1 Premierships.**

The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland (GPS) is pleased to formally confirm and announce the 2020 Term 1 Premierships. While it was no doubt extremely disappointing for players and schools not to complete their seasons, the decision of awarding premierships was paramount to recognise and reward the countless hours by the students, coaches, officials, staff, teachers and parents.

### 2020 GPS Term 1 Premierships

GPS Swimming	St Joseph Nudgee College (NC)
GPS Rowing, Old Boys Cup	Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS)
GPS Rowing, O'Connor Cup	Brisbane Grammar School (BGS)
GPS Cricket	Brisbane Boys College (BBC)* & St Joseph College Gregory Terrace (GT)*
GPS Debating	Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS)*
GPS Volleyball	Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS)*, Brisbane Grammar School (BGS)* & St Joseph College Gregory Terrace (GT)*

*\*Season was truncated, due to GPS Shut down from COVID-19*

The GPS Sailing Championships has been postponed until later in the calendar year.

Covid-19 has created a horrible situation for everyone across Australia, and members of our GPS Community at all levels are aware of this. The health and safety of our students, staff, volunteers and the entire GPS community continues to be our number one priority and while we all want to see the competitions running as soon as possible, we won't make any decisions that put anyone at risk.

The GPS is reinforcing that we will continue to restrict all Sport and Activities for term 2 and 3, including Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Tennis, Basketball, Chess, Rugby Union and Track & Field. This decision will be monitored and reviewed by the GPS Office and Executive with a current date of May 1 for further direction and decisions on term 2 and 3 Sport and Activities. This decision was not made lightly, however measures needed to be in place to adhere to the Federal Government directive of social distancing.

The GPS can confirm that term 2 and 3 Sport and Activities are currently paused, with various models being explored to deliver postponed and modified competitions for students in term 2 and potentially term 3 subject to and in line with Government and Governing Body guidelines.

These are difficult decisions and the GPS appreciates the support of all nine (9) members schools in reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

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