

## SA Catholic Schools Competition Term 4 2019

On October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of 2019, Lacrosse SA in conjunction with ALA ran a very successful 4-day Lacrosse Carnival for the South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association (SACPSSA) with 199 teams and 1,592 participants from 25 schools.

The event held at Barratt Reserve, Glenelg, was fortunate enough to have fantastic weather across all day's with only one day (Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>) being rescheduled to the following week due to extreme heat. The games were played in great spirit showing the talent on hand and the fun that the students were having. This event was built upon the success of prior and local Quick Stix programs (funded and delivered under the Sporting Schools program). All players were presented with an individual Participation certificate. The feedback from staff, coaches, officials and players from this Competition was all positive to the extent that the SACPSSA has requested that LSA/ALA run a similar program in 2020 (details just determined -have booked in the next SACPSSA carnival which will be held at Glenelg Term 2 of 2020, [Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Term 2, Week 4.](#)).

The carnival was run across 12 fields at any time with games running back-to-back from 10am-2:30pm each day. The success of the carnival has now given the ALA & LSA a template to successfully run similar carnival's in future times around the country. Although the success of this carnival was fantastic, it is the first step of a long journey that the Australian Lacrosse community needs to go on together to grow our game around the country. This will give opportunities for all children throughout Australia to become future club lacrosse players developing into the next Australian Star players and, we hope, participate in the future lacrosse Olympic Dream.

Marilyn Fuss (LSA) did a fantastic job organising and running the event with over 20 local referees assisting to ensure it all ran smoothly. A big thank-you needs to go out to all of the referees, all volunteers that assisted over the 4 days, as well as Lacrosse SA, the SACPSSA contingent and, especially, Marilyn!

The support of the Lacrosse Australia Foundation (LAF) was pivotal in the success of this carnival and without their support, it would not have been possible. Whereas the SACPSSA funded the ground hire and field marking the LAF funded all the officiating (and their eating/refreshment) costs with a generous grant to support this successful event.

