

STATEMENT

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QGSSSA Announces Introduction of Esports to 2026 Sporting Calendar

The Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Association (QGSSSA) is thrilled to announce the addition of esports to its sporting calendar from 2026 — marking a bold step forward in expanding inclusive, contemporary sporting experiences for students.

This innovative initiative has been approved by the QGSSSA Board as part of a broader commitment to inclusive and future-focused participation, aligning strongly with the Association's Strategic Plan priorities of Innovation, Participation and Leadership.

In partnership with Queensland Esports (QE), QGSSSA will deliver two professionally managed, one-day QGSSSA x QE esports events in 2026 — offering students a high-quality, engaging platform to explore teamwork, competition and emerging career pathways in the digital arena.

Key Details:

- Friday 5 June 2026 (Term 2, Week 7) – St Margaret's AGS
- Friday 23 October 2026 (Term 4, Week 3) – St Margaret's AGS

"The introduction of esports reflects QGSSSA's ongoing commitment to our Strategic Plan priorities — especially Innovation, Participation and Leadership," said Dr Sandra Hastie, Principal of Somerville House and President of the QGSSSA. "We are thrilled to be advancing opportunities for girls in the digital arena, and to be opening up exciting new pathways that promote teamwork, creativity and confidence in a rapidly evolving world."

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the amazing people at QGSSSA, working together to build a better future for high school esports as well as strong competitive pathways for all students who have a passion for esports and gaming," said Brodie Fisher, Director of Queensland Esports & Gaming.

"The team and I are beyond excited to be working with the prestigious QGSSSA and their associated schools, introducing the world of esports and all of its opportunities! We cannot wait to see this come to life!" added Cameron Bennet, Co-Owner of Queensland Esports & Gaming.

The QGSSSA Board has officially endorsed the trial of these two landmark esports events in 2026, with a formal review to follow — evaluating their impact and potential for future inclusion.

Further details regarding titles, competition structure and rules will be released in early 2026.

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