

CELEBRATING THREE DAYS OF FUN, SPORT, AND COMMUNITY *at the* **ICPA CHARTERS TOWERS SPORTS CAMP**

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The grounds of Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers recently transformed into a hub of excitement and activity as the ICPA Charters Towers Sports Camp unfolded over three action-packed days in late November 2023. From tennis and cricket to netball, touch football, dance, acrolink, music, swimming, and even wheelchair basketball (wheelies), the camp was a whirlwind of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The involvement of the RAFS ladies also brought an inclusive and community-driven spirit to the sports camp for the younger age group.

Each day brought a new array of sporting experiences for the kids, who eagerly rotated through the diverse lineup of activities. Coaches and experts from various fields imparted their knowledge and enthusiasm, creating an environment of learning and fun. The joy on the children's faces as they engaged in these sports was truly infectious.

But the excitement didn't stop there. As the camp drew to a close, the fourth and final day brought a splash of joy with a water slide and delightful face painting in the morning. Laughter echoed through the air as the kids revelled in the final hours of celebration with their friends before departing home.

The ICPA Charters Towers Sports Camp was more than just about sports; it was about forging connections, building character, and instilling the values of teamwork and determination in the young participants. For many children, this represents their sole opportunity to engage in team sports throughout the entire year.

As we bid farewell to this memorable event, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the ICPA volunteers and coaches who dedicated their time and effort to make this sports camp a resounding success, and our sponsors; Powerlink Queensland, Hollimans Rural Mitre 10, Queensland Rural, NQM Gold, Connellan Airways Trust, Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund who help make this event possible. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm have left a lasting impact on the children, reminding us all of the power of community and shared experiences.

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Maisy and James Cowper last day face painting activities



Last day of waterslide activities.



Wheelchair basketball with Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association



Learning Cricket Skills



Charters Towers Sports Camp attendees



Elle Smith, Maisy Cowper, Allie Garde and Elsie Heading showing off their egg-shaking skills in music



Green group showing their best dance moves



Learning valuable water skills



Participants enjoying netball activities