



2008 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES  
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## Media Release

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### 2008 Pacific School Games Launched

Minister for Education and Training, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, today launched the Ambassadors for the 2008 Pacific School Games (PSG) to be held in Canberra next year.

Speaking at the Launch, Minister Barr said that the Ambassadors are evidence of the effectiveness of the transition of athletes through school, community and elite sport. "Between them, they have competed in a total of seven Pacific School Games. They have all gone on to pursue stellar careers in sport and have also achieved success in other areas," he said.

General Manager of the 2008 PSG, Mr Ron Burns, said that they were proud to have such an exemplary group of sporting people representing the event. "Each Ambassador was chosen for their exemplary sporting endeavours, good sports sporting attitude, their positive beginnings at a PSG or other school sport championship, and their connection with Canberra."

Canberrans will be able to see these Ambassadors around Canberra in the lead up to the 2008 PSG where they will be speaking to school groups and at public events and media launches:

#### **Adrian Faccioni**

- Australia Junior Decathlon record holder and now successful sport industry business manager
- Pacific School Games competitor (Track & Field) 1982

#### **Peta Gallagher**

- Olympic medallist in Hockey
- Pacific School Games competitor (Track & Field) 1988 and 1992

#### **John Jakeman**

- former Brumbies player
- Pacific School Games competitor (Track & Field) 1996

#### **Sally McCreedy OAM**

- dual Olympic medallist in softball
- began her representative sporting career through school sport

#### **Deahne McIntyre OAM**

- Paralympic medallist in track
- Pacific School Games competitor (Track & Field) 1984

#### **Christopher Nunn OAM**

- former Head Coach of the Australian Paralympic Team and Commonwealth Games decathlete
- began his representative sporting career through school sport

#### **Adam Pine OAM**

- Olympic and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist in swimming
- Pacific School Games competitor (Swimming) 1988, 1992

#### **Petria Thomas OAM**

- Olympic and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist (plus Silver and Bronze) in swimming
- began her representative sporting career through school sport

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