



2008 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES  
CANBERRA

30 November - 6 December

## Media Release

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### School Sport Australia Delegates visit Pacific School Games Venues

The 2008 Pacific School Games will be held in Canberra from the 30 November – 6 December and will involve over 5000 athletes from at least 25 countries and all Australian State and Territories. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> Pacific School Games but the first time that it will be held in the Nation's Capital. The Pacific School Games is the flagship event of School Sport Australia.

School Sport Australia delegates inspected all PSG venues including the National Hockey Centre, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Canberra Stadium and Thoroughbred Park late last week, as part of the School Sport Australia Conference.

School Sport Australia Executive Officer, Steve Kalend said, "The tour of the PSG venues, together with some of the key issues discussed during the School Sport Australia conference made it one of the most successful conferences that School Sport Australia has conducted in recent years." He added that all delegates were very impressed at how advanced the preparations for the Pacific School Games are and he congratulated the Pacific School Games management team for their work so far. "Everyone is waiting in anticipation for the Games to begin." Mr Kalend said.

School Sport Australia is the parent body for all school sport and is responsible for the development and promotion of representative school sport in Australia.



SSA Delegates at AIS Swimming Centre



SSA Delegates at Canberra Stadium

*The Pacific School Games is an international sporting event for primary and secondary school students aged from ten to nineteen. The 2008 PSG in Canberra will feature the sports of Basketball, Diving, Hockey, Swimming and Track & Field conducted at the Australian Institute of Sport, the Canberra National Hockey Centre, the Belconnen Basketball Stadium and the Canberra Olympic Pool. The event will attract over 7,000 visitors to Canberra and will involve Canberrans from the school, sporting and general community.*

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