

# BASEBALL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

A SIGNATURE SPORT PROGRAM OF  
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### BASEBALL SIGNATURE PROGRAM

- Would you like to do baseball as a subject at school?
- Would you like to be coached by Australian Olympian Players?
- Would you like to travel the world playing baseball?

You can achieve all this and more with Robina State High School's Baseball Excellence Program.

At Robina High we have a proud tradition of producing some outstanding baseball players that have gone on to play in major baseball leagues around the world including the United States, Japan and Europe.

Each week we do four lessons of baseball including gym sessions, field sessions and theory classes. We also offer extended sessions before and after school for our players to further develop their skills.

Theory classes focus on player development (both physical and psychological); batting, pitching and throwing analysis; goal setting; nutrition and injury prevention. Students will also complete Level 1 Accreditations in Coaching and Umpiring and will work with professional players, coaches and scouts as they plan their future in the sport.

### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Baseball is a sport played world-wide, and students in our program get the opportunity to play baseball in places they only ever imagined. Bi-annually our team travels to America and Japan to experience countries where baseball is considered their national sport.

We play against a variety of high school teams in both countries, participate in their rigorous training sessions and attend Major League Games and other attractions. Our American and Japanese friends then visit us for training and games in the year that we stay at home. These opportunities enable our players to see what it is really like to play against the best.

## COACHING STAFF

### WAYNE OUGH (Pitching, Outfield)

- 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist
- Played professionally in US with New York Mets and in Europe with Czech Republic and Russian Teams
- Attended Trinidad University in US
- Queensland and Australian Rep
- Level 2 Coach

### ANDY UTTING (Batting, Catching, Infield)

- 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist
- Played professionally in US with Baltimore Orioles and also in Japan and Holland
- Queensland and Australian Rep
- Level 2 Coach

## PLAYER PROFILES

AARON THOMPSON - Represented South Coast, Gold Coast and Queensland as a catcher before focusing on pitching when he then signed with the Texas Rangers in early 2009. His first season in their minor leagues has been outstanding and the Rangers are looking forward to Aaron's progress to continue to improve and one day being on their 40-man roster.

LUKE RODI - After showing a lot of potential coming through the junior ranks, Luke was rewarded in 2008 when he was accepted to attend Trinidad University and play in their Baseball Program. Luke's performances have continued to shine and has opened the door for more students from Robina to seek college acceptance in the future.

JOSH WARNER, CONNAR O'GORMAN, SHAUN AHERN, BEAU ROHWEDER - All current students at Robina High and all were selected to take part in the Australian Baseball Academy in 2009. Each of these boys are looking to go on to College in the US and one day signing with a Major League Team.

TAYLAH WELCH - By far the most outstanding female to come through our program, Taylah represented Australia in 2009 at the Women's World Baseball Championships.

