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Grammar Rugby rising star selected in national schoolboy team

It has been quite a season for the Sunshine Coast Grammar 1st XV Rugby side and in particular for their captain, Tate McDermott who has become the team's first Australian Schools representative.

This year Tate has been successful in leading the Grammar 1st XV to victory in taking out their fifth consecutive premiership in the regional Sunshine Coast Secondary Schools Rugby Union competition, as well as being undefeated in their 2016 European campaign. Tate was also one of four Grammar players selected to play in the Queensland Schoolboys side over the recent break and most recently chosen in the Australian Schools Barbarians to play Tongan Schools in September.

Head of Rugby at Sunshine Coast Grammar School, Mr Dan Robotham says Tate's selection is a massive achievement and that Tate has worked extremely hard over the past four years to develop his skills and his physical attributes and thoroughly deserves his selection.

"He has a great pass, excellent temperament, and reads the game really well. Tate has the added advantage of having that X Factor to change a game." Said Mr Robotham.

Earlier this year, Tate was also selected in the Australian Schoolboys 7s squad and was a member of the QLD U17s 7s team that won the Australian Championships in Wagga Wagga in December. A rising star, Tate has been a part of the Grammar Rugby 1st XV team for the past four years and was named Sunshine Coast Grammar Rugby Player of the Year in 2015.

"You can expect big things from Tate in the next few years, so be sure to look out for him," said Mr Robotham.

Here is a video <https://youtu.be/Syr41xAbl0E> of some rugby highlights from last year when he was selected as Grammar Rugby Player of the Year.

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