

STUDENTS TO CHANT AND CHEER ON THE WORLDS BEST

The cheering and chanting will be lively when more than 700 Prep to Grade 12 students from across southern Queensland take part in TAFE Queensland's Schools Program at the 2019 Adina Polocrosse World Cup.

Warwick Polocrosse Club member and Wellcamp school teacher Jess Duncan is co-ordinating the program and is excited to have so many young people keen to be a part of the largest international sporting event ever held in rural Australia.

"Polocrosse is one of only three Australian-made sports, and the Schools Program is a great way to introduce young people to the sport, while also educating them on an important part of the country's sporting history," Jess said.

"The program runs on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 April, so the schools will be watching the first rounds of the World Cup games. Each school will be hosted by a personal guide who will explain the history, rules of the sport, and even some of the tips and tricks used by the players."

"Each school has adopted an international team to cheer for. The students will come armed with banners and are creating their own chants to really get into the spirit of the game."

"Assumption College is bringing the largest contingent of students, and its cheering will be led by students, Madeline Gleeson and Will Reardon, who are both junior members of the Warwick Club. They have also roped in Warwick Polocrosse Club social members and teachers, Mel Fraser and Anna Hardy, and well known Cunningham player and sportswoman Carlie Cooper," she said.

Other participating schools are Clifton State High, Warwick West State School, The Scots PGC College, Glennie Heights State School, Wheatvale State School, Freestone State School, Murrays Bridge State School, Warwick State High School and Warwick East State School.

As well as sponsoring the Schools Program, TAFE Queensland is also working with local businesses to provide the *Be our Guest* training program, aimed at getting businesses ready for the influx of visitors around the World Cup. The program provides workshops in retail, hospitality and marketing to help businesses enhance performance and the visitors to the Southern Downs. The knowledge, skills and training gained through the *Be our Guest* program will benefit businesses and employees into the future.

The 2019 Polocrosse World Cup takes place in Warwick, Queensland from 22 to 28 April and will attract 300 competitors from around the world, 2,000 international guests and 60,000 spectators, making it the largest international sporting event ever held in rural Australia.

A range of ticket options and event passes are available for purchase from the event website www.polocrosseworldcup.com.au

The Queensland Government, via Tourism and Events Queensland, is proud to support the 2019 Polocrosse World Cup, which features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Our perfect next event is in Queensland where live events combine with the most incredible destinations, and life is beautiful one day, perfect the next.