

# Riewoldt Family AFL Excellence Scholarship

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## Welcome from Bond University

Bond University has a rich history and an established tradition in sport, having been home to Olympians since we first opened our doors. Our Sporting Blues Honours reads as a who's who of international athletes and national champions.

The Bond Bull Sharks brand signifies the use of sport as an inclusive theme that unifies the University community through its support and encouragement allowing our student athletes and sporting clubs to participate at their level of ability and realise their full potential, while elevating key performance sports to centres of excellence.

The University's Sport Strategy is to connect academic expertise, research, students and staff to coordinate and leverage our efforts in external engagement with like-minded corporate and sporting partnerships at the local, national and international levels.

AFL has quickly emerged as a key sport at the heart of this strategy.

In 2017 we launched our first AFL excellence scholarships that provide an unparalleled opportunity for both a male and female to obtain an outstanding and internationally recognised degree from the University while pursuing their aspirations playing AFL. Our connections with both the Gold Coast SUNS Football Club and Brisbane Lions Football Club ensure that the successful scholarship awardees will have access to unique opportunities to develop, improve and learn about their game.

These scholarships present an unrivalled package of quality education undertaken in an engaged and inclusive sporting culture together with playing opportunities in a high quality competition surrounded by supportive peers and access to professional AFL clubs.

**Professor Tim Brailsford**  
Vice-Chancellor and President



## Message from the Riewoldt Family

My family has had a long and enjoyable involvement with AFL. I have seen first-hand how our nation's indigenous game has benefited many young men and women and brought communities together. I have witnessed the personal growth and development of my own children, and their cousins, that has been made possible through their involvement with the AFL game and football clubs.

During our years as residents on the Gold Coast I have also seen the development of Bond University which has emerged as a higher education institution that we should all be proud of.

The link between education and sport is something that I fully endorse. There is life beyond football and a quality education will serve any player well into their future.

My family and I are pleased and immensely proud to have our name associated with this scholarship. The concept of linking quality education with participation in a high level of football is exciting and an incredible opportunity.

I congratulate Bond University on this initiative and thoroughly recommend this pathway to students across Australia.

**Mr Joe Riewoldt**

As an elite AFL player I appreciate the importance of a quality education. I congratulate Bond University on its vision.

Having spent my formative years on the Gold Coast which is where I played my junior footy, I can vouch for the opportunities, lifestyle and AFL culture that exist on the coast.

Bond University has placed itself at the centre of development of AFL in Queensland being an early pioneer in the expanding women's game and rapidly establishing itself as a successful football club. Bond is always innovating and this scholarship is further evidence of the University's national reach.

The opportunity to play with fellow students from every Australian State and Territory in a supportive and nurturing academic environment is simply outstanding. Further Bond's links with the Gold Coast Suns and Brisbane Lions will enable the scholarship holders to gain a taste of life inside professional football clubs.

I will take a keen personal interest in the scholarship and I intend to be available to assist with the awardees. I look forward to spending some time with the successful individuals.

**Mr Nick Riewoldt**

*300+ games  
700+ goals  
6 time Best and Fairest  
St Kilda Football Club*







## AFL Excellence Scholarship

As a proud partner of AFL Queensland, Bond University is offering two AFL Excellence Scholarships.

These unique full tuition scholarships provide an opportunity for one male and one female to enhance their footballing career whilst also gaining a first class educational experience at Bond University.

The scholarship offers 100% free tuition for any single undergraduate or postgraduate degree or diploma, excluding the Bond Medical Program.

The scholarship also includes priority access to accommodation for the first year should the scholar wish to live in a University residence.

For more information, including eligibility and how to apply visit [sport.bond.edu.au/programs/sport-scholarships](http://sport.bond.edu.au/programs/sport-scholarships).

Applications are now open online and close 1 September, 2017.



Isabella Cerutti, Bond AFL Player, Collegiate Leadership Scholarship; Nikki Wallace, Inaugural Brisbane Lions AFLW Player; Kalinda Howarth, QLD Under 18 Representative player.

## AFL Networks

Bond University is well connected with the AFL industry. The University has embraced the development of the women's game and was an inaugural partner of the highly successful Brisbane Lions Women's team.

Bond is also a partner with AFL Queensland and the top tier women's competition in South East Queensland is known as the Bond University Cup.

Strong connections exist with the Gold Coast SUNS and several Bond students are part of the SUNS Academy Squad. Opportunities exist for students to be involved with the SUNS organisation both from a football and business perspective.



"The Gold Coast SUNS commend Bond University on this exciting initiative and I look forward to welcoming the scholarship winners and offering them opportunities with the SUNS."

- Mark Evans  
CEO, Gold Coast SUNS



"The Lions enjoy an excellent relationship with Bond University. Bond has been an inaugural partner with our AFL women's team and I congratulate the University on the vision behind this scholarship. I look forward to continued engagement and meeting the scholarship holders."

- Greg Swann  
CEO, Brisbane Lions



# History of Bond University's AFL Club

Bond University's AFL club began as a student-driven initiative, with the first team - the Men's Seniors team - competing in 2011. Since then, the Club has continued to receive strong support from the student community. Home-game crowds are often packed with loyal student fans and many of the Club's current players are themselves Bond University students.

The men's team has enjoyed an outstanding run of success winning premierships in successive seasons in 2014 and 2015 and each year being promoted to higher divisions, now playing in the top Division 1 competition in South East Queensland.

Affectionately known as the Bull Sharks, Bond's AFL Club has grown to encompass both men's and women's teams. The Women's and Men's Reserves teams were launched in 2015 and have achieved significant successes in a short time. The Women's team made it to the Preliminary Finals in their first year of competing and the Reserves team were Finalists in 2016.

Currently home to around 120 players, the Club continues to attract talented players and coaches.

The Bull Shark teams compete in AFL Queensland competitions against rival community clubs across South-East Queensland from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane and Northern NSW. The Bull Sharks also represent Bond at the Australian National University Championships each year.



## Ambition and Objectives

The Bond University AFL Club endeavours to be respected as the most professionally operated club in the Queensland Amateur Football Association.

We are committed to delivering equal opportunities to both female and male players. Access to Bond's world-class facilities and exceptional coaches helps players to reach their full potential. The Club supports players both on and off the field - with a culture of mateship, trust, and respect. The Club encourages a love for the sport through constant student engagement, and promotes the development of coaches' professional capacities.





# Club Coaches

## Men's Team



Sam Whish-Wilson

Recent coaching career:

- Bond University Senior Coach 2014 - current
- Bond University AFL Premiership coach 2014, 2015
- South East Queensland Representative Assistant Coach 2016, 2017

## Women's Team



David Ashkar

Recent coaching career:

- Bond University AFL Women's Coach 2016 - current
- Queensland U16's Head Coach 2008, 2009
- Queensland U18's Head Coach 2010, 2011
- Southport Coaching Staff 2012, 2013
- Labrador Midfield Coach 2014
- Gold Coast U16's Regional Head Coach 2015, 2016
- Southport Opposition Coach 2016

RECENT CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS	
MEN	WOMEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary Finalists Seniors - 2016 (QFA South)</li><li>• Semi Finalists Reserves - 2016 (QFA South)</li><li>• Premiership - 2015 (QAFA A Senior)</li><li>• Premiership - 2014 (QAFA B South)</li><li>• Grand Finalists - 2011, 2012 (AFLQ Division 3 Central)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary finalists - 2015 (QWAFA)</li></ul> <p><b>"I am proud to call myself a Bull Shark. The club spirit is incredible and the camaraderie is like nothing I've ever experienced. The facilities at Bond are second to none and the ongoing support from the University with my studies is remarkable. I am living the dream."</b></p> <p>- Kate Reynolds, Bond University AFL Women's Captain</p>





## Elite Sporting Facilities

World-class training and assessment equipment is available to players at Bond University's Institute of Health and Sport (BIHS). The Institute is located within the Cbus Super Stadium precinct at Robina just a few minutes from the main campus. BIHS provides a range of facilities including a high-performance gym, altitude room, aquatic facilities including temperature contrast pools and physiotherapy treatment.

Flood-light playing fields are located at the University's main campus, which is also home to a brand new Sports Centre, encompassing a 50 metre Olympic Swimming Pool, TRX Studio, fully-equipped state-of-the-art gymnasium, boxing circuit training and spa.

These facilities are in regular use by various AFL national development squads, the Gold Coast SUNS Academy and representative teams.

