

Media Statement

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Last chance for Capricornia primary schools to apply for sports funding

Primary schools across Capricornia have until the end of the week to apply for round one of the Coalition Government's \$100 million *Sporting Schools* program.

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry has reminded schools that applications for what is Australia's largest school-based sports program close this Friday (June 26).

She said grants from the program can be used to deliver sports-based activities in schools that help to increase sports participation among students.

"*Sporting Schools* is a program designed to deliver sporting activities to ultimately get children active, engaged and having fun through sport," Ms Landry said.

"With only days left to register, I encourage all local schools to head to the *Sporting Schools* website and ensure they are a part of this program."

Ms Landry said: *Sporting Schools* was about developing children's love of sport to help with fitness and social skills.

"We know about three quarters of children spend their spare time watching television; only one third of children are managing the recommended hour of physical activity a day; and only half are involved in sport. There are many benefits from encouraging young children to have ago at a sport," she said.

- For More information on *Sporting Schools* grants visit: sportingschools.gov.au/Funding
- Applications for funding close 26 June, 2015

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