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## Nailsea School – Sports Personality Awards 2018

Record numbers attended this year's Nailsea School 2018 Sports Personality Awards Evening at Cadbury Hilton Hotel on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Over 180 students joined teachers from the PE Department, and the Head teacher alongside other members of the school team.

This year's invited special guest was Australian capped and Bristol Bears Rugby player Luke Morahan, who joined the event for a Q&A session and to present this year's Nailsea School Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

Eighty-seven honors were awarded at the event, which saw accolades spread across the year groups from Year 7 to Year 11, in a range of team and individual sports, including Rugby, Hockey, Football, Netball, Athletics, Swimming, Cricket and Rounders.

Morahan, has an impressive career playing international Rugby for the Wallabies, he joined Bristol Bears ahead of the 2017-18 campaign as a leading try-scorer. At the Q&A session he talked about his sporting journey, his time at school in Brisbane, Australia and the variety of sports he'd had the opportunity to trial.

When asked what his thoughts were on Nailsea School students becoming the best in their chosen sporting field Luke Morahan said:

*"Hard work and desire are primary qualities in gaining success. In my experience it is important to learn all you can about your chosen sport - knowledge is key, if you can explain it to your Grandma you're on the right track. The third piece of advice would be to set yourself targets along the way and to keep persevering."*

The Sports Personality Award is the main award of the evening which is for students that show dedication to extra-curricular sport, talent and an outstanding team ethic. Nominees for the Sports Personality were Sam B, Cam H, Maisie F, Katie H, Dan Mc, Mackenzie EP and Molly C. This year's winner announced by Morahan were - Mackenzie (female winner) and Sam (male winner).

Mr Van Grudgings, event organiser said;

*"It was great to have Luke as our guest speaker this year. The students gained a real insight into professional and international sport, which was interesting and inspiring."*

*Seeing so many students celebrating each other's sporting achievements was a highlight of the first sold-out event.*

*Congratulations to our winners of the Sports Personality Awards and all the Award winners on the night."*

Nailsea School Sports Personality Awards is an across the year's event, held in July annually since 2011, organised by Mr Van Grudgings on behalf of the PE department.

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