

SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL



AUSTRALIA 2011

BRISBANE • CAIRNS • SYDNEY



RUGBY TOUR BROCHURE



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Good luck to our third Australian campaign. I'm sure you'll have a memorable time down under, and you'll give a good account of yourselves on and off the field. Get on well with your teachers, who have spent untold hours organising the trip and have even offered to accompany you. Be victorious against your opponents and be courteous to your Australian counterparts, who won't understand your accent but will think you quaint. And have a great time.

*I L Kellie*

Headmaster's Message



# STRS Australia Tour Foreward 2011



"I am passionate that the energy and interest that so many youngsters have for rugby should be developed at the grassroots level wherever possible. It's a great team sport that promotes discipline and fitness and what a fantastic opportunity to play southern hemisphere rugby on tour in Australia. It will give you a unique experience of rugby that you won't forget on hard pitches and a quick game.

Some of my best memories are from playing for my school and club with my mates as a young lad. We all had to start playing somewhere, and most rugby players have great memories of playing on tour as youngsters. Going away with your school gives you a great chance to be a part of an international tournament, and also the chance to win some silverware early on in your playing days!

With a determined, sporting spirit and sense of camaraderie it promises to be a fantastic experience for you all, with lasting memories and many new friends. I wish you all at the Sir Thomas Rich's School a great tour and the best of luck in all your games; play hard and well. I look forward to hearing the results and seeing all the photos.."

Andy Deacon  
Director of Rugby Operations  
Cinderford RFC

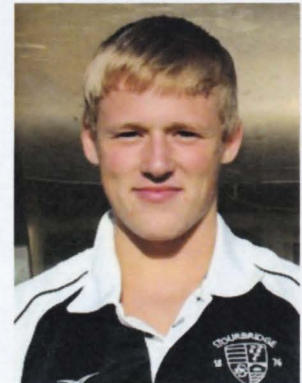


"I would like to take this opportunity to wish Sir Thomas Rich's School all the very best for their Rugby tour of Australia. You will meet tough opponents whilst travelling, but it is important to step up to the challenge and play with grit, determination and pride. All anyone can ask is that you do yourself proud, and take the field knowing you are going to give it 100%.

Aside from the Rugby, this is a fantastic opportunity for you to travel, sight see and experience life on the other side of the world. Enjoy your time away and I am sure in years to come you will look back with fond memories"

Good Luck,

Duncan Jones  
Captain of Wales 2006 (Tour of Argentina), Captain of Ospreys 2006 (Mangers League Champions) Wales World Cup team 2003 & 2007



"As former first team captain and Australian tourist, Mr Carter asked me to write a short piece outlining my experiences during the inaugural tour of Australia in 2007. I established many fond memories throughout the tour and still to this day it stands as one of the best experiences of my life. We were lucky to take a very strong overall squad; the 1<sup>st</sup> team managed to go the whole tour unbeaten and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team only lost one game. This was a great achievement considering the standard of opposition. The main purpose of the tour was to play rugby, however the in depth planning of the touring staff allowed the tour to be much more than just that. Activities such as the Sydney harbour bridge climb and the powerboat ride over Sydney harbour still sit fondly in my memory. I'm sure throughout your tour you will build some lasting relationships with your peers and teachers alike and hopefully be able to look back in the future at an unforgettable experience. Wish you all the best of luck, make Tommie's Proud!"

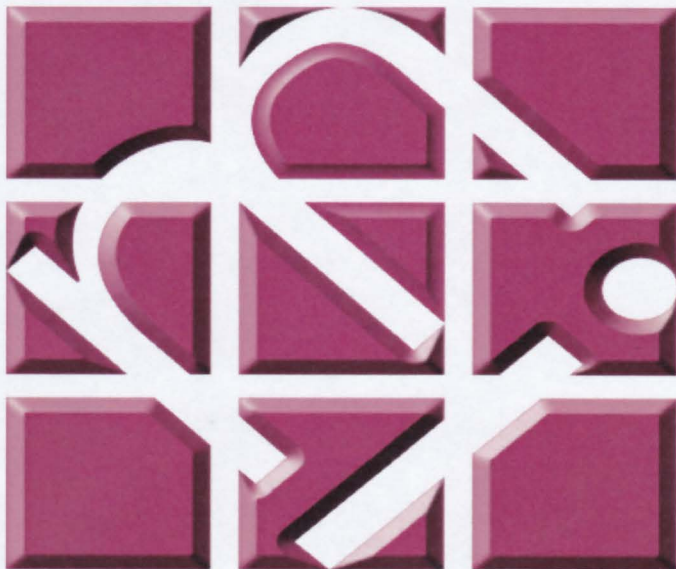
Chris Surman



STRS Australia Foreward 2011

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# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

**Sat 16 Jul**

## **DEPARTURE DAY**

0130 hours

Assemble at STRS – Bennetts Coach to Heathrow

0540 hours

Assemble at London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4 and check in for your overnight flight to Brisbane with Royal Brunei Airlines. A Gullivers Sports Travel Representative will be on hand to assist with the check in procedure.

0840 hours

Flight BI 098 departs for Brunei via Dubai.  
[Flight duration; 8 hours and 10 minutes]

1850 hours

Flight touches down into Dubai.

2020 hours

Flight BI098 departs for Brunei.  
[Flight duration: 8 hours and 50 minutes]

Overnight: In flight

**Sun 17 Jul**

## **BRISBANE / GOLD COAST**

0835 hours

Flight arrives Brunei. Remain Airside for your onward flight.

1210 hours

Flight BI071 departs for Brisbane.  
[Flight duration; 6 hours and 40 minutes]

2050 hours

Flight arrives into Brisbane. Reclaim your luggage and clear immigration and customs.

On arrival in Brisbane you will be met by our local representatives and transferred to the Gold Coast.

On arrival check in to your accommodation at the Sports Super Centre in Runaway Bay, where you will stay for three nights on a half board basis (breakfast and evening meal).

2300 hours

Training session

Overnight: Sports Super Centre







# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

**Mon 18 Jul**

**GOLD COAST**

Day spent training at Sports Super Centre

Overnight: Sports Super Centre

**Tue 19 Jul**

**GOLD COAST**

**Match Day 1 vs Emmanuel College (A & B)**

Overnight: Sports Super Centre

**Wed 20 Jul**

**GOLD COAST / BRISBANE**

Breakfast at the Sports Centre.

*Included Excursion: Dream World Park*

Rest of the day training at the SSC

Transfer back to the Sports Centre for dinner.

Overnight: Sports Super Centre

**Thu 21 Jul**

**BRISBANE**

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and transfer to Brisbane.

*Brisbane offers a subtropical climate, open parklands and public spaces, world class sporting facilities, cosmopolitan alfresco eateries and the great Brisbane River at its heart.*

**MATCH DAY 2 vs Padua College (A & B)**

Enjoy a post match function with your hosts.

After the match you will share a post match function with your hosts

Players will depart with their hosts for the next two nights billeted accommodation.

Overnight: – billets



# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

**Fri 22 Jul**

## **BRISBANE**

This morning staff will make their way to host school and supervise players whilst their hosts are in classes

Training at Padua College

Sightseeing in Brisbane



### ***Optional Excursion: Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary***

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane, Australia, is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, with over 130 koalas. Cuddle a koala anytime, hand feed kangaroos and encounter a large variety of Aussie wildlife, all in beautiful, natural settings.

Overnight: –billets

**Sat 23 Jul**

## **BRISBANE / ARMIDALE**

You now set off on a 5 day coach charter where you have your coach and driver at your disposal. The first stop is Armidale for 2 nights accommodation and fixture. It is a 6-hour journey.

On arrival will be in accommodated in billeted accommodation

Overnight: Armidale School.

**Sun 24 Jul**

## **ARMIDALE**

This morning at leisure to prepare for the next matches of the tour.

### **MATCH DAY 3 vs Armidale School (A & B)**

Enjoy a post match function with your hosts.

Overnight: – Armidale School



# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

## **Mon 25 Jul ARMIDALE / COFFS HARBOUR**

This morning you will continue on to Coffs Harbour. It is a 3 hour coach journey.

Sightseeing in Coff's Harbour

Pupils will depart with their hosts from Bishop Druitt school for 2 night billets.

## **Tue 26 Jul COFFS HARBOUR**

Morning – Sightseeing in Coff's Harbour – prepare for afternoon games.

This afternoon return to the host school for your next set of fixtures

### **MATCH DAY 4 vs Bishop Druitt (A & B)**

Enjoy a post match function with your hosts, before players depart with host families and staff transfer back to their accommodation

Overnight: – billets

## **Wed 27 Jul COFFS HARBOUR / SYDNEY**

Staff transfer to host school after breakfast, and pick up players. Bid farewell to new found friends and transfer to Sydney.

Approx. 7 hour coach journey with stops included.

On arrival into Sydney, check in to the YHA in 'The Rocks' area.

Rest of your day at leisure in Sydney

Overnight: YHA in 'The Rocks'.





# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

Thu 28 Jul

## SYDNEY

Today staff will enjoy breakfast at their accommodation before travelling in to the school to meet players.

This afternoon you will transfer to final fixtures of the tour.

### **MATCH DAY 5 vs St Joseph's College (A & B)**

Enjoy post match function with your hosts

Overnight: YHA in 'The Rocks'



Fri 29 Jul

## SYDNEY

Spend the day at leisure exploring Sydney. Walk down to Sydney Harbour and the opera house.

### ***Included Excursion – Oz Jet Boating in Sydney Harbour***

*The boats are designed and built by Oz Jet to perform the ultimate spins, and awesome jet boat stunts. Experience Sydney Harbour at high speed with fish tails, wave riding, and massive sideways slides like a race car. "Breathtaking" - CDAC*

Spend the rest of the day at leisure including visit to Darling Harbour for Dinner.

Overnight: YHA in 'The Rocks'

Sat 30 Jul

## SYDNEY

Full day at leisure.



Visit Manley Beach by Ferry. One of the best value ferry rides in the world with great views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge at night. Manley is a very popular tourist location with a lovely sandy beach and a lively shopping area with lots of shops and restaurants.

Overnight: YHA in 'The Rocks'



# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

Sun 31 Jul

## SYDNEY / CAIRNS

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will transfer to Sydney Airport and check in for your flight to Cairns.

0830 hours

**Flight TBC departs for Cairns**

1135 hours

Flight arrives Cairns

On arrival into Cairns you will be met and transferred to Kuranda.



### **Included excursion: Kuranda Sky rail/Rainforestation**

*Sky rail Rainforest Cableway, Cairns Australia, is a world first in environmental tourism taking you on an amazing experience over Australia's World Heritage listed Tropical Rainforest canopy and deep into the forest.*

You will then be transferred to your accommodation at the Cairns Colonial Club on a bed and breakfast basis

Overnight: Cairns Colonial Club (tbc)

Mon 01 Aug

## CAIRNS

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning you will go on a full day excursion.

### **Included Excursion: Great Barrier Reef Tour with Lunch**

*Enjoy 344,000 square kilometres of Marine Park – yours to snorkel, swim, scuba dive or sail on.*

### **Oyster Reef and Upulo Reef with Ocean Spirit Cruise**

[Introductory dive – \(must be confirmed at time of booking\)](#)

Travel to both Oyster Reef & Upolu Reef

Morning refreshments

Tropical smorgasboard lunch (includes seafood)

Afternoon tea

Use of all snorkeling equipment

Use of floatation vests

High crew to guest ratio (1:9)

Late afternoon transfer back to your accommodation

Overnight: Cairns Colonial Club (tbc)







# STRS Australia Tour Itinerary 2011

**Tue 02 Aug**

## **CAIRNS/BRISBANE**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Spend the day at leisure doing some last minute shopping in Cairns.

This afternoon/evening transfer to Cairns domestic airport.

**1940 hours**

### **Flight DJ792 departs for Brisbane**

**2145 hours**

Flight arrives Brisbane Airport. On arrival reclaim your luggage and transfer to the International Terminal for your onward flight with Royal Brunei.

Overnight:

Brisbane Airport/In flight.

**Wed 03 Aug**

## **BRISBANE INFLIGHT**

**0050 hours**

### **Flight BI072 departs Brisbane for Brunei**

[Flight duration: 7 hours]

**0550 hours**

Flight arrives Brunei. ***On arrival in Brunei you will be transferred to a hotel complimentary of Royal Brunei Airlines where you will have a room provided on a twin room occupancy for a maximum of 6 hours. You are allowed to check in from 0800 hours.\****

**2050 hours**

**Flight BI097** departs for London Heathrow and touches down in Dubai.

**[Flight duration: 8 hours and 50 minutes]**

Overnight: In Flight.

**Thu 04 Aug**

## **LONDON**

**0050 hours**

Flight arrives in Dubai. There is a 1 hour 20 minutes layover in Dubai.

**0205 hours**

**Flight BI097** departs for London Heathrow.

**[Flight duration: 6 hours]**

**0625 hours**

Early morning arrival at London Heathrow. Reclaim your luggage and pass through customs and immigration and make your own way home.

**Travel to STRS by Bennetts coach.**

**1000 hours**

**Approx. time of arrival at STRS.**



# Profile of Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. It is also an island completely surrounded by water and is located on the smallest continent in the world.

**Population:** 17.5 million

**Geographic size:** 2.97 million square miles

**Capital:** Canberra

**Major cities:**

Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Australia has a very dramatic landscape. It is famous for its "outback," the remote lands of the interior.

The desert outback covers most of the interior. It is too hot, dry and barren to support many people.

Eastern Australia has large areas of grasslands, used primarily for sheep and cattle ranches.

Australia also has some mountainous areas and plateaus scattered throughout the country. The Blue Mountains, on the south-eastern end of Australia, get their name from the blue haze caused by oil droplets given off from the eucalyptus trees.







As an island Australia also has many beautiful coastal beaches.

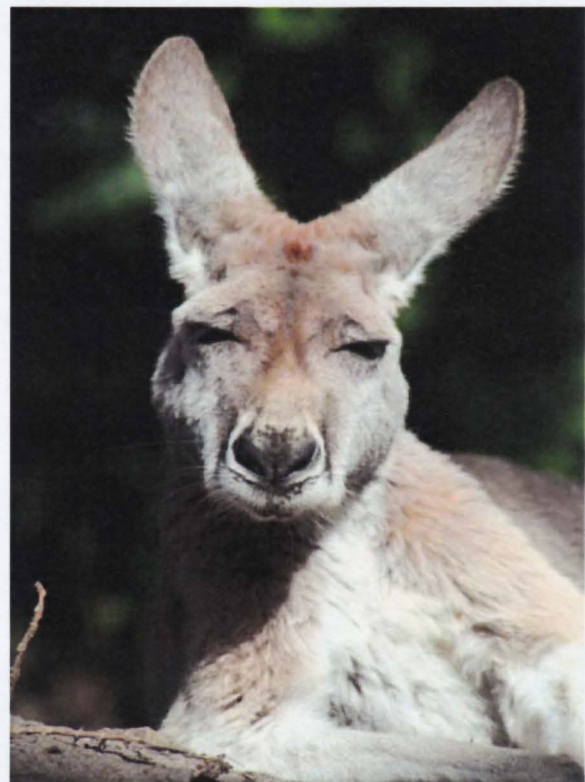
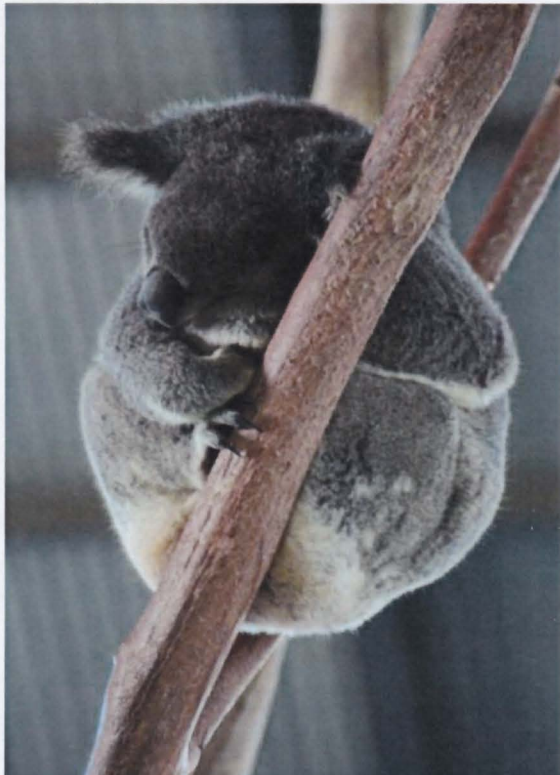
Over 70% of Australians now live in cities or towns.

Most of this population lives in the eastern and southern coasts, and around Perth in the west. Off the northeast coast of Australia is the Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef is over 1,200 miles of coral. It has developed over the last million years, and is now the largest living structure in the world. It is home to many sharks and thousands of different types of tropical fish.



## Major industries

Australia's major industries are mining and farming. Mining includes bauxite, coal, copper, gold and iron ore. Most of the land is too dry for planting crops, although some areas do grow sugar cane, grapes and wheat. The grape vineyards help to support a growing wine industry. Australia is probably best known for its sheep farming. Large numbers of sheep are raised for their wool and meat. There is also some cattle ranching to provide meat.



Australia is home to many animals not found anywhere else in the world. These include the kangaroo and the koala.



# Profile of Australia

In addition, Australia's climate and dramatic scenery have made tourism a major industry.



## Population and Culture

The Native Australians, or Aborigines, have lived in Australia for at least 40,000 years. The first permanent European settlers arrived in Australia in 1788, when British prisoners were exiled to a colony in New South Wales. This event is celebrated every year on January 26th as Australia Day. Australia is still heavily influenced by its British and European origins, however the Australian government is now making major efforts to preserve Australia's culture, including that of the Aborigines.

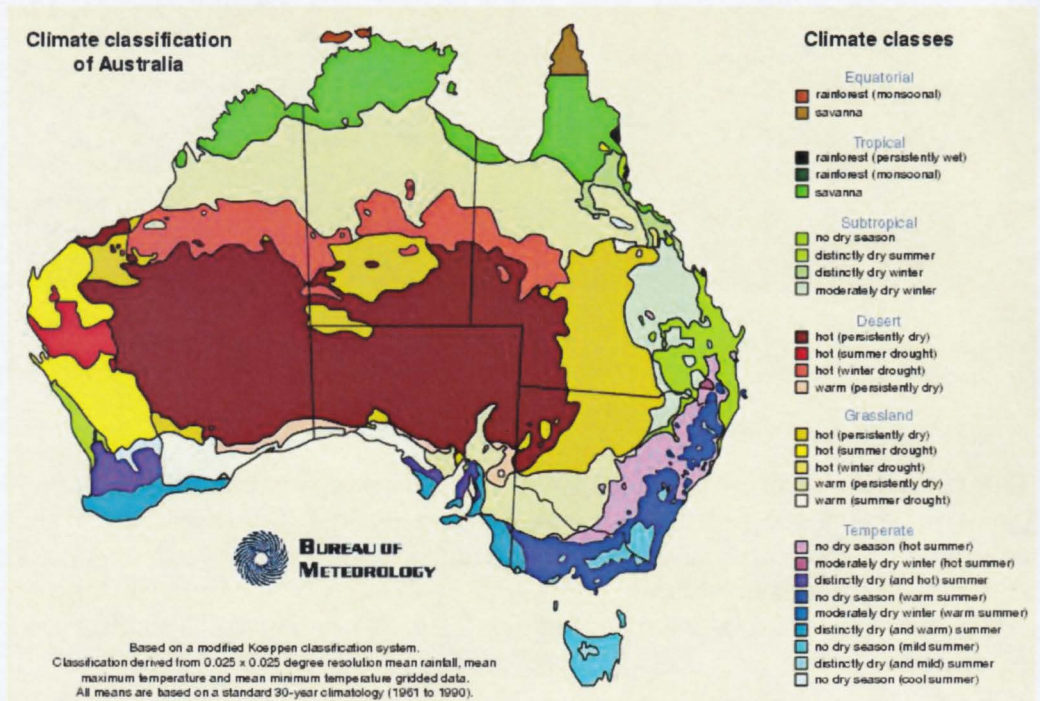
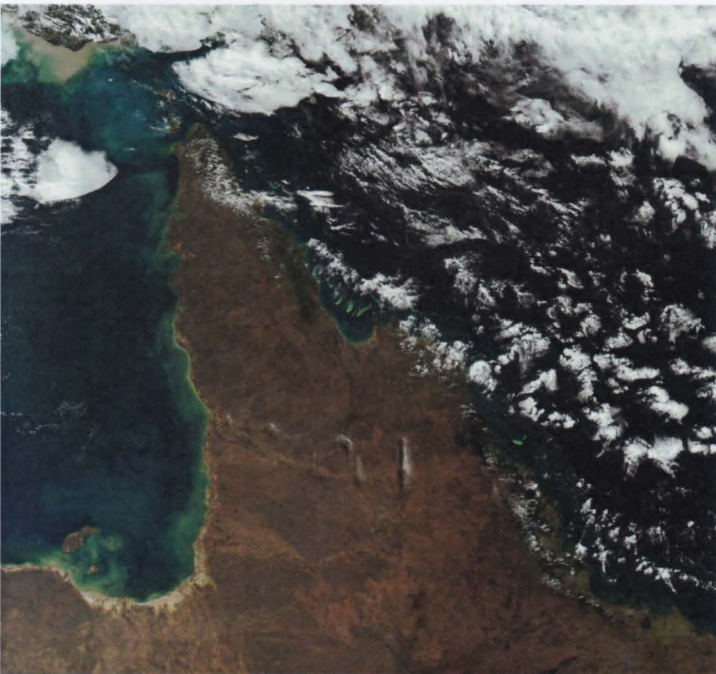




# Profile of Australia

## Climate

Much of Australia has a continental climate. The temperatures get hot during the day, then drop considerably at night. Australia is also very arid, getting very little rain.





# Attractions

## Relaxation

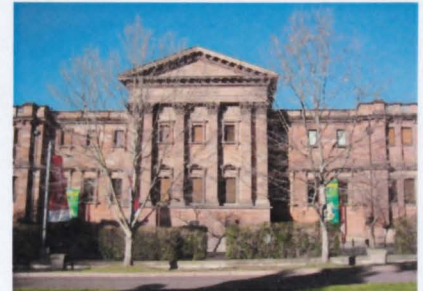
1. **Bondi Beach** - the most famous place for people watching.
2. **Manly Beach** - a suburb reached by ferry.
3. **Centennial Park** - one of Sydney's largest green spaces.
4. **Darling Harbour** - often has free music and entertainment in the shopping area.
5. **Hyde Park** - a popular lunchtime spot for locals.
6. **Royal Botanic Gardens** - not just for budding gardeners.



Bondi Beach

## Cultural Visits

1. **Art Gallery of New South Wales** - including lots of aboriginal art.
2. **Australian Museum** - natural history exhibits.  
**Museum of Contemporary Art** - challenging and entertaining new work.
4. **Museum of Sydney** - showing the history of the city.
5. **Powerhouse Museum** - interactive displays housed in an old power station.



Australian Museum

## Shopping

1. **Chifley Plaza** - designer shops in modern surroundings
2. **Greenwood Plaza** - a glamorous shopping mall.
3. **MLC Centre** - more exclusive outlets and a food court.
4. **David Jones** - Sydney's best department store.
5. **Queen Victoria Building** - occupying a whole city block.
6. **The Strand Arcade** - shops on three levels in decorative wrought ironwork and stained glass.
7. **Sydney Plaza** - a complex of speciality shops.
8. **Oxford Street** - a long stretch of diverse shops.



Queen Victoria Building



Sydney Plaza



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**Name :** Chris Carter  
**Age:** 50 +  
**Weight:** 15 stone (Playing Weight! - a little more now!)  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Position:** Centre/Wing  
**Favourite Song:** "Just the two of us" by Bill Withers

**Highest Sporting Honour:** England Schools U15 30 Man Squad – peaked early and career went downhill after!

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Scott Gibbs' charge at and collision with 19 stone Os du Randt in the famous 2nd test of the 1997 Lions' Tour of South Africa - a shuddering hit and a huge statement and turning point of the tour.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The lads running out for the first game on the Gold Coast against Emmanuel College – it's a moment we've all been working towards for almost 2 years. Oh, and, of course, witnessing Chris Powell cuddling a cute little Koala!

**Philosophy on life:** Be positive in all that you do, work hard and be determined to achieve your goals and do your best to get on with people.



**Name :** Rhys Williams  
**Age:** 30  
**Weight:** Heavy  
**Height:** 6ft 2"  
**Position:** Back Row  
**Favourite Song:** The complete works of Max Boyce & Counting Crows "Mr Jones".

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Fortunately managed to represent Wales IRB 7's Team in a few tournaments, although I was never quick enough!

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Ieuan Evans scoring for Wales to beat England 1993  
Scott Gibbs scoring for Wales to beat England 1999  
Mike Hall scoring for Wales to beat England 1989  
To be honest any occasion Wales beat England.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The Rugby's boys testing themselves against good opposition.

**Philosophy on life:** To rest is not to conquer.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011

**Name: :** Rhys Morgan Davies  
**Age:** 30  
**Weight:** 90kg  
**Height:** 6ft 2"  
**Position:** Back Row  
**Favourite Song:** Welsh National Anthem

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Welsh Students Cap 2004

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Gareth Edwards' try against the All Blacks.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The challenge from Australia.

**Philosophy on life:** Don't whistle with a mouthful of custard.



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**Name: :** Chris Powell  
**Age:** 30 +  
**Weight:** 85 kg  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Position:** Open side  
**Favourite Song:** Anything by Billy Idol.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Coaching sport at STRS (of course)

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Remembering to bring my boots.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour:**

- 1) A good nights sleep.
- 2) The Great Barrier Reef.
- 3) Drinking an ice cold Toohey's New.

**Philosophy on life:** Its not how hard you can hit, its how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winnings done. Rocky Balboa 2007





# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**Scott Anderson**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 84 kg

**Height:** 6ft 1"

**Position:** Fly Half

**Favourite Song:** Swedish House Mafia v Tinie Tempah

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing rugby for Gloucestershire County

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jason Robinson's try against Australia for the Lions.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing new opposition and testing my skills against good teams and building solid foundations for the 1st XV in the upcoming season.

**Philosophy on life:** Winners never quit, Quitters never win!



**Luke Andrew**

**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 75 kg

**Height:** 5ft 9"

**Position:** Flanker

**Favourite Song:** Shooting Star - Air Traffic.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Appearing for West of England Hockey.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Chris Ashton's length of the pitch try against Australia.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing some teams from another country.

**Philosophy on life:** It's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011

**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 100 kg  
**Height:** 6ft 2"  
**Position:** Loose head prop  
**Favourite Song:** Here comes the sun—The Beatles  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Captaining lower school Hockey team to championship win.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** 25 m sprint to score important try out pacing the wingers. Referee called me 'Blue Thunder'  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing against St Joseph's.



**Christopher Austin**

**Philosophy on life:** Always look on the bright side.

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**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 72 kg  
**Height:** 6ft 1"  
**Position:** Flanker  
**Favourite Song:** Scar Tissue - Red Hot Chilli Peppers.  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Runners up in National Gaelic Football Clubs.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** World Cup 2003



**Sammy Lee Baker**

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** New experiences such as food and landscapes.

**Philosophy on life:** I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**Ollie Booth**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 81 kg

**Height:** 5ft 11"

**Position:** Centre/Wing

**Favourite Song:** Land Down Under - Men at Work

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing for Scottish Exiles U17s

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson drop goal to beat Australia and win the World Cup 2003.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** I am looking forward to playing some close fixtures, making some big hits and the gym.

**Philosophy on life:** Pain is just weakness leaving the body.



**Chris Brook**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 75 kg

**Height:** 6ft

**Position:** Hooker

**Favourite Song:** Mr Brightside - The Killers

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Receiving half colours for Rugby and Hockey.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Whenever England beat Australia.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Going to the beach and playing rugby.

**Philosophy on life:** Whatever is the easiest.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011

<b>Age:</b>	16
<b>Weight:</b>	60 kg
<b>Height:</b>	5ft 9"
<b>Position:</b>	Wing
<b>Favourite Song:</b>	The Captain - Biffy Clyro
<b>Highest Sporting Honour:</b>	Cross Country Regional Finals
<b>Favourite Rugby moment:</b>	Watching Scotland beat South Africa in 2010.
<b>What are you most looking forward to on tour</b>	Playing against high class teams.
<b>Philosophy on life:</b>	Proper planning prevents poor performance.



**Douglas Bruce**

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<b>Age:</b>	15
<b>Weight:</b>	72 kg
<b>Height:</b>	5ft 10"
<b>Position:</b>	Centre/Wing
<b>Favourite Song:</b>	Gravity - Embrace
<b>Highest Sporting Honour:</b>	Twice County Cup Winners with Hucclecote R.F.C.
<b>Favourite Rugby moment:</b>	When the Leeds Rhinos won the Super League Grand Final three years in a row.
<b>What are you most looking forward to on tour</b>	To playing the rugby games.
<b>Philosophy on life:</b>	Live easy, die hard.



**Joshua Clegg**



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**Tom Costello**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 60 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 8"  
**Position:** Centre/Fullback  
**Favourite Song:** No Cigar—Miller Colin  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** County Cup Winners 3 times with Cheltenham RFC.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop goal to beat Australia and win the World Cup 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Taking pictures as I cant play.

**Philosophy on life:** Gym and the Rugby.



**Chris Coulson**

**Age:** 15  
**Weight:** 64 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 8"  
**Position:** Outside Centre  
**Favourite Song:** Come Together— The Beatles  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Cricket County Cup Finals.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Watching Goldsmith kick against Old Swinford.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Boasting to the Australians after beating them.

**Philosophy on life:** Someones always got it worse than you, so get on with it.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011

**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 70 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 8"  
**Position:** Flanker  
**Favourite Song:** Encore - Jay Z ft Linkin Park  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Gloucestershire County U16s.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** England World Cup Victory on 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Tough and challenging games.  
**Philosophy on life:** Train hard, win easy.



**Bryn Cresswell**

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**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 75 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 9"  
**Position:** Hooker 2  
**Favourite Song:** Pass Out - Tinie Temper  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Gloucestershire County U16 Rugby.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** 2010 Wales comeback against Scotland. Year 10 win over Crypt in the Daily Mail Cup.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Some try savers, rib breakers and a drop goal to win the final game.  
**Philosophy on life:** Ruck hard! Rugby is life anything else is mere detail.



**Gareth Davies**



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**George Davies**

**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 91kg

**Height:** 6ft 1"

**Position:** Prop (tighthead)

**Favourite Song:** Horizons - Parkway Drive.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing number 8 for my club.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** When Jonny Wilkinson's kicked the drop goal against Australia in the 2003 World Cup

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Training in the best facilities in the country.

**Philosophy on life:** You get out what you put in.



**Jamie Dingle**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 82

**Height:** 5ft 8"

**Position:** Hooker

**Favourite Song:** Toto - Africa

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing cricket for Gloucestershire.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Watching Gloucester beat the Osprey's

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing the biggest and best teams and beating them.

**Philosophy on life:** Tears get you sympathy, sweat gets results.



# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011

<b>Age:</b>	16
<b>Weight:</b>	60 kg
<b>Height:</b>	5ft 7"
<b>Position:</b>	Wing/Full Back
<b>Favourite Song:</b>	Saviour– Rise Against
<b>Highest Sporting Honour:</b>	County Cup Champion with Cheltenham RFC.
<b>Favourite Rugby moment:</b>	Johnny Wilkinson's drop goal against Australia 2003.
<b>What are you most looking forward to on tour</b>	The opportunity to represent my school and in some ways my county on such a grand scale.
<b>Philosophy on life:</b>	Work hard, play harder, train harder.



**Jacob Fox**

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<b>Age:</b>	17
<b>Weight:</b>	78 kg
<b>Height:</b>	6ft 2"
<b>Position:</b>	Second Row
<b>Favourite Song:</b>	Stay - Frankie Valli
<b>Highest Sporting Honour:</b>	Daily Mail Vase Quarter Final.
<b>Favourite Rugby moment:</b>	Jason Robinson try, 2003 World Cup Final.
<b>What are you most looking forward to on tour</b>	Playing rugby against the best teams in Australia.
<b>Philosophy on life:</b>	Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.



**Tom Goodman**





# STRS Australia Tour Squad 2011



**Chris Green**

**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 82kg

**Height:** 6ft

**Position:** Back Row

**Favourite Song:** Sven Sven Sven - Bell & Spirling.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** County Tennis, District Cricket.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop goal against Australia 2003.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing against the top rugby schools in Australia.

**Philosophy on life:** Sven Goran Eriksson is KING!



**Matt Hawkins**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 72

**Height:** 5ft 11"

**Position:** Centre

**Favourite Song:** Mr Brightside - The Killers

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Club captain for my local team.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Winning the Rugby Union 'Midlands League'.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing new sides and new venues.

**Philosophy on life:** If the bar ain't bending, stop pretending.



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**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 68 kg

**Height:** 5ft 8"

**Position:** Wing/Full Back

**Favourite Song:** Example - Kickstarts.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Gloucestershire County U16s Football  
Cheltenham Town Centre of Excellence.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** 2009-2010 Daily Mail Vase Cup Run. Kicking the winning points in the last play against Crypt in round 4.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Going to Australia with friends and training playing rugby.



**Pete Haynes**

**Philosophy on life:** Reep what you sow.

**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 89kg

**Height:** 6ft 4"

**Position:**

**Favourite Song:** Coming Clean - by Gym Class Heroes.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** County Athletics and District Rugby.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Leicester v Northampton play offs.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Big games against Aussie sides.



**Matthew Hughes**

**Philosophy on life:** If you spend too much time planning it, you aren't spending time living it.



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**Zen Hussain**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 75kg  
**Height:** 5ft 9"  
**Position:** Back Row  
**Favourite Song:** All time low - The Wanted  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Receiving Tennis Colours.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop kick in 2003 World Cup Final.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Being the other side of the world. Weather, rugby and beaches.  
**Philosophy on life:** Have no regrets.



**Mike Horwood**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 72kg  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Position:** Second Row  
**Favourite Song:** How you remind me - Nickelback.  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Swimming for the South West of England.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop kick in 2003 World Cup Final.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The matches and making new friends and meeting their families.  
**Philosophy on life:** Happiness.



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**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 89kg

**Height:** 6Ft 0.5"

**Position:** Prop

**Favourite Song:** Firestarter - The Prodigy.

**Highest Sporting Honour:** South West Wales Regional Champion for Cheltenham RFC.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Receiving 'Coach Player of the Year' received at Cheltenham RFC.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing against the top teams in the country and using the facilities to train on.



**Ashley Houlton**

**Philosophy on life:** Be the best you can be

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 90kg

**Height:** 6ft 2"

**Position:** Back Row

**Favourite Song:** Here comes the Boom - Nelly

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Painswick RFC - Player of the Season U10 , U12s & U13s.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Scoring the winning try against State Victoria U18s in 2010.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Training hard and playing hard.



**Charlie Isaac**

**Philosophy on life:** Never look back someone might be gaining.



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**Evan James**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 75kg

**Height:** 5ft 8"

**Position:** Full Back

**Favourite Song:** Holiday - Green Day

**Highest Sporting Honour:** County Cup Finalist with Cirencester U17.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Rugby World Cup 2003

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing good rugby and hitting Australian gyms.

**Philosophy on life:** Train hard, win easy.



**Matt Jones**

**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 79kg

**Height:** 5ft 9"

**Position:** Inside/Centre

**Favourite Song:** Still Dre in Da Club

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Colour for Rugby, Football, District Trials.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Ruby World Cup

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Having a laugh and playing against strong teams.

**Philosophy on life:** Get hench or die trying.



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**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 95kg

**Height:** 6ft 1"

**Position:** Prop

**Favourite Song:** From the Ritz to the Rubble - Arctic Monkeys

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Receiving most improved Player award.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** England winning in the World Cup 2003 or Italy beating France in the 6 nations.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Seeing a different rugby culture and experiencing living with another family.

**Philosophy on life:** Pain is temporary, glory last forever.



**George Latter**

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**Age:** 15

**Weight:** 65 kg

**Height:** 5ft 9"

**Position:** Fly Half

**Favourite Song:** No Love - Eminem

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing for Gloucester Academy.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Winning the Quarter Final of the National Cup.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Training in the Sports Supercentre on the Gold Coast.

**Philosophy on life:** Earn lots of money.



**Tom Miles**



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**Jack Minns**

<b>Age:</b>	16
<b>Weight:</b>	68 kg
<b>Height:</b>	5ft 11"
<b>Position:</b>	Flanker
<b>Favourite Song:</b>	Asking Alexandria - The Final Episode
<b>Highest Sporting Honour:</b>	Receiving school half colours.
<b>Favourite Rugby moment:</b>	World Cup 2003
<b>What are you most looking forward to on tour</b>	Exploring and seeing the sites of Australia.
<b>Philosophy on life:</b>	Hope for the best, expect the worst.



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**Hector Palmer**

**Age:** 15  
**Weight:** 56 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 3"  
**Position:** Scrum Half  
**Favourite Song:** Heartbeats - Jose Gonzalez  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Getting to the National Finals with my club, playing 10 - a - side ruby.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** World Cup 2003

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing top rugby teams and obviously the Australian weather!

**Philosophy on life:** Strive for your best.



**Oliver Plunkett**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 67 kg  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Position:** Fly Half/Full Back  
**Favourite Song:** The Walk - Mt Eden dnb  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** School Rugby 2nds.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop goal in the World Cup 2003.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Training at the Sports Super Centre in Brisbane and swimming in the Great Barrier Reef.

**Philosophy on life:** Dance like nobody is watching.



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**Age:** 17

**Weight:** 75 kg

**Height:** 5ft 10"

**Position:** Scrum Half

**Favourite Song:** Wonderwall - Oasis

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Football Trials and Cricket Trials.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Watching England Win in the World Cup 2003.

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing rugby against some of the toughest schools in Australia.

**Philosophy on life:** Work hard and play harder.



**Will Pritchett**

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**Age:** 16

**Weight:** 67 kg

**Height:** 5ft 8"

**Position:** Flanker

**Favourite Song:** All Along the Watchtower - Jim Hendrix

**Highest Sporting Honour:** Most improved player in 'A' team/ County Cup finalist Club.

**Favourite Rugby moment:** Y10 in Daily Mail Vase round 5.



**Edward Quinn-Savoury**

**What are you most looking forward to on tour** Playing lots of hard rugby and winning.

**Philosophy on life:** Train hard and play harder.



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**Peter Reed**

**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 68kg  
**Height:** 5ft 9"  
**Position:** Wing  
**Favourite Song:** Soul Sister - Train  
**Highest Sporting Honour:**  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** When England won in the World Cup Final 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The Beach and playing matches.  
**Philosophy on life:** The easy life.



**Charlie Scott**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 77kg  
**Height:**  
**Position:** Wing/Fullback  
**Favourite Song:** Old Skool - Dizzee Rascal.  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** English School Athletics and playing for Gloucestershire U16s Rugby.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Rugby World Cup 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Looking forward to the beach and weather.  
**Philosophy on life:** Believe in yourself.



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**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 85kg  
**Height:** 5ft 6"  
**Position:** Prop  
**Favourite Song:** Born Slippy - Underworld  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Playing at Arsenal Football training camp.  
Breaking breast stroke record in Yr 6.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** England winning the World Cup.  
  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** The sun and making new friends.



**Christian Swift**

**Philosophy on life:** Life is for living.

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 75 kg  
**Height:** 5ft 11"  
**Position:** Second Row  
**Favourite Song:** By the Way - Red Hot Chilli Peppers.  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Reaching the final rounds in the Daily Mail Vase.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** England winning the rugby World cup in 2003.  
  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Playing the best Australians teams seeing the famous landmarks.



**Sam Thompson**

**Philosophy on life:** Hard work pays off.



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**Luke Tonks**

**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 72 kg  
**Height:** 6ft 1"  
**Position:** Centre  
**Favourite Song:** Steve Bloomer's Watching - Derby County Posse  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Gloucestershire District Cricket.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Chris Ashton's try against Australia in the Autumn Internationals.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Playing against the best rugby sides in Australia.  
**Philosophy on life:** Believe in yourself.

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**Ollie Young**

**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 70kg  
**Height:** 5ft 8"  
**Position:** Scrum Half  
**Favourite Song:** Holiday - Dizzee Rascal  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** Gloucestershire U16s and the County.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** Jonny Wilkinson's drop kick against World Cup Final 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Training at the Sports Centre in Brisbane and visiting the East Coast.  
**Philosophy on life:** Bend but don't break.



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**Age:** 17  
**Weight:** 68  
**Height:** 5ft 9"  
**Position:** Fly Half/Full Back  
**Favourite Song:** Sticks and Stones - Jamie T  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** British Ski Academy and District Cricket.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** First game for Tommies.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** Making new friends and having a great time on tour.  
**Philosophy on life:** Live everyday like its your last.



**Tom Walsh**

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**Age:** 16  
**Weight:** 82 kg  
**Height:** 6ft  
**Position:** Blindside Flanker  
**Favourite Song:** Does it offend you?- Doomed Now  
**Highest Sporting Honour:** South West England U16s Training camp. Gloucestershire U16s Cross Country & Rugby.  
**Favourite Rugby moment:** England winning the rugby World cup in 2003.  
**What are you most looking forward to on tour:** To the Australian weather.  
**Philosophy on life:** Each day is different.



**Callum Wyman**



