

THE BATTLE OF THE CAMPUSES AT ACU GAMES



More than one hundred and thirty students from Australian Catholic University's (ACU) six campuses descended on Ballarat at the end of March for the much anticipated ACU Games. Pride was on the line for Ballarat students as they competed to bring home the Champion's Cup.

This annual event involved three days of competition to promote graduate attributes as well as health and well-being through oratory, debating, a talent night as well as physical activities. It encouraged students to participate inclusively in sport and social activities regardless of ability, fitness or skill level.

Held from March 30 to April 1 at Major League and the Minerdome, students competed in a range of sports including ten pin bowling, indoor netball, beach volleyball, futsal, snooker and dodgeball.

Highlights of the games were the dance off between the campuses, a speed debating competition and a formal dinner featuring speeches from representatives from each campus as well as a guest keynote presentation from ACU graduate and local athlete, Andrew Chamings.

The Opening Ceremony was held to open the games, followed by a rowdy team 'dance-off'. Ballarat Campus Dean, Associate Professor Joe Fleming, said that the ACU Games encourages each student to strive to achieve their individual and team goals while developing friendships with students from other ACU campuses.

The ACU Games delivers an inclusive program and promotes participation to develop student graduate attributes as well as addressing increasing levels of physical inactivity amongst higher education students.

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