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YOUNG ACHIEVER

NAME: Conrad Green
HOMETOWN: Mackay

Conrad Green is a young up-and-coming footballer. Recently, he was selected for the Under-15 Queensland State School Boys Rugby League team. The 13-year-old's major passion is Rugby League and he's been playing since he was in the Under-10s. He plays half-back for Mackay Souths' Under-14s.

Conrad reckons the best part of his game is his attacking style.

"The best part of my style is reading the game, setting up tries – doing big cut-out passes or putting a little kick over the top. I have a good kicking game," he says.

He is modest, too. When asked how good he is he answers: "I go all right."

Conrad explains how he got selected for the Queensland State School Boys squad.

"They picked a Mackay side to represent at the district level and we went away

for the trials. We played against four other Under-15 sides, including Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Yeppoon. From this they selected 19 players," he says.

"From here, I hope to make the Queensland state side at State Titles in May in Wynnum."

"I also made the Under-12 State School Boys side in 2011. We went down to Melbourne and played the other states. We played at the Olympic Park. I scored a few tries and set a few other ones up."

He says his family moved to Mackay from Tweed Heads about two years ago. His parents work in the motel business.

"I go to Mackay State High School (Grade Nine) and I like it a lot. I have some good mates there and they have a great footy camp set up for the boys," he says.

Some of the other subjects that he likes at school are cooking and English.

Conrad thanked his parents for their support so far with his football.

"I thank my dad, Craig, for teaching me Rugby League and training me every day, and I thank my mum, Kim, for taking me to the games," he says.

He is also a good swimmer. He was the NSW State Champion for Swimming in Breaststroke in his age group in 2010 and he says he gets his swimming ability from his mum. Although he no longer swims competitively, he does swim to keep fit.

"I still enjoy swimming. I will swim for fitness but not competitively. I also go to the gym twice a week," he says.

Conrad's goals include playing in the NRL.

"I just hope to make the NRL and play for the North Queensland Cowboys one day. I will give it my best every day to try and get there," he says.

His idols include fellow halves, Darren Lockyer and Johnathan Thurston.

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Do you like to play sport?

Conrad Green is having great success in his chosen sport of rugby league.

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Conrad Green



He comes from Mackay, QLD

ACTIVITY 1

BUILDING READING SKILLS

- skimming and scanning for information.
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures.
- reading for meaning.
- making connections between the text and your world.

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

- Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.
- Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.
- Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

1 Which city is Conrad Green’s hometown?

(literal)

- Cairns QLD
- Mackay QLD
- Rockhampton QLD
- Melbourne VIC



2 This text describes Conrad Green as an “*up-and-coming* footballer.” In this sentence, what does “*up-and-coming*” mean? (inferred)

- he likes to get up early.
- he is sick of playing football.
- he is a young player with great skills.
- he likes to travel.



3 Which other sport is Conrad also good at? (literal)



4 Place the following in the correct order from 1 – 4. (inferred)

- Conrad played for the Under-12 State School Boys side in 2011.
- Conrad currently plays for Mackay South Under-14s.
- Conrad hopes to play for North Queensland Cowboys in the future.
- Conrad starting playing in the Under-10s team in Mackay.

ACTIVITY 2

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

1 The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

He is a young acheever.

The best part of his game is his atacking style.

He no longer swims competativly.



2 Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

He reeds the game well.

He represented the districk.

He has scored a lot of trys.



3 Circle the misspelt words from the text and rewrite them correctly.

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major

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skool

parants

swimming

ACTIVITY 3

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – GRAMMAR

1 Which words complete these sentences correctly?

Conrad runs very _____.

- faster
- fastly
- fast
- fastest



2 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

Lots of people liked to have represented their state in sport.

- would of
- wouldn't
- would've
- would off

3 Fill the spaces with the correct word. The first one has been done for you. You use the **comparative** when two things are compared. You use the **superlative** when three or more things are compared.



positive	comparative	superlative
tall	taller	tallest
		smallest
	stronger	
big		
		toughest

4 Circle the correct word in the brackets.

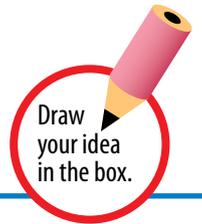
- a) Conrad is the (good , better , best) player on the team.
- b) The tallest trees were (tall , taller , tallest) than him.
- c) He is the (young , younger , youngest) player on the team.

5 Circle the verbs that are in the correct tense.

- a) Conrad (plays , played , will play) last weekend.
- b) He now (weighs , weighed , will weigh) 50 kilograms.
- c) We (will watch , watch , watched) the game tomorrow.



ACTIVITY 4 WRITING AN EXPOSITION



1 TOPIC – Everyone should learn to play a sport.



An Exposition is a type of argument that states one point of view about an issue. (A Discussion argues **both** sides of an issue.)
Here's how an Exposition is structured.

Argument type	Social purpose	Stages	Phases
Exposition	argues one point of view about an issue	<p>Thesis – statement of your point of view (Introduction)</p> <p>Arguments – points (Your opinions)</p> <p>Restatement (Conclusion)</p>	<p>preview all the points</p> <p>evidence statistics quotes examples elaborations</p> <p>review all the points and sum up</p>



**Do you agree? Do you disagree?
Brainstorm your ideas for and against.**



Reasons that everyone should learn to play a sport.	Reasons against everyone learning to play a sport.

Which is the strongest argument?

Write an EXPOSITION to convince a reader of your opinion.

Think about:

- examples, statistics, elaborations and other evidence to support your ideas.

Remember to:

- research your topic and plan your writing.
- choose your arguments carefully.
- start with an attention-grabbing introduction.
- state your arguments clearly.
- give reasons and examples for your arguments.
- write in sentences.
- use words that connect your ideas (firstly, next, in addition to, in conclusion...).
- use a new paragraph for each new idea.
- choose your words carefully to convince a reader of your opinions.
- pay attention to your spelling and punctuation.
- check and edit your writing so that it is clear for a reader.