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GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY TENNIS ACES HEAD TO BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

Four of Good Shepherd Lutheran College's best Primary tennis players will get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play along-side their tennis idols Lleyton Hewitt and Sam Stosur at next year's Brisbane International Tennis Championship.

Dakota Brown, Cooper Davies and Jordan and Jessie Eckley, all in Year 7, won the recent Sunshine Coast Regional Primary School Brisbane International Tennis Challenge at Mooloolaba Tennis Club.

The Good Shepherd team has now earned the right to move on to the state finals, which will be held during the Brisbane International Tennis Championship from 30 December – 6 January 2013.



L-R: Jordan Eckley, Cooper Davies, Dakota Brown and Jessie Eckley

In a very close competition, the team was unbeaten throughout the day at Mooloolaba Tennis Club, and although St Andrew's, Matthew Flinders and Sunshine Coast Grammar all provided tough competition, the Good Shepherd team was just too strong on the day.

Dakota Brown was named as the Good Shepherd's team's number one player – having remained unbeaten throughout the competition.

Good Shepherd was also the only school in the competition to enter two teams - with the other Good Shepherd team members: Bailey and Matthew Collins, Sam Haines and Jackson Mellish - coming overall fifth in the competition.

According to Mr Steve Carey, Head of Sports and Physical Education at Good Shepherd, there was high praise for the Good Shepherd team.

"Matt Richards from Queensland Tennis was very impressed with the standard of play saying it was the best he had seen so far in the regional qualifying rounds."

"The enthusiasm, commitment and hard work shown by the players has been very impressive and we know they will get a lot out of the experience at the Brisbane International," said Mr Carey.

Jon Porter, Head Coach at Good Shepherd Tennis Academy, was also delighted with the way the team played and will be concentrating on developing the team's doubles play in preparation for the Brisbane International."

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