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AUSTAR, FOX SPORTS and FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA to visit St Andrews Lutheran College, Gold Coast

AUSTAR for Schools is excited to announce that FOX SPORTS and FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA will be travelling to schools in regional Queensland as part of the AUSTAR for schools Sports Month in June.

FOX SPORTS and AUSTAR will be bringing world class football training clinics to children in regional Queensland schools. **Professional coaches from Football Development Australia (FDA) and the Youth Development coaching team will visit the Gold Coast on Monday 15th of June to hold professional football clinics for lucky students at St Andrews Lutheran College. The clinics will encourage kids to get active and involved in team sports, promoting a healthy active lifestyle and teaching them football and teamwork skills in the process.**

Football Development Australia Director Cormac Begley says that he *"is delighted to be involved in the AUSTAR for schools program again. In 2008 Football Development Australia shared a successful partnership with the AUSTAR for schools program and visited schools in regional Victoria and regional New South Wales with professional football clinics."* Cormac says that *"the AUSTAR for schools program is a great way for Football Development Australia to focus on the grassroots development of the game in Australia and he is looking forward to visiting schools in regional Queensland as part of the AUSTAR for schools Sports Month in June."*

The AUSTAR for Schools Sports Month is supported by Fox Sports and is an expansion of the existing curriculum based schools program including a subscription of 20 educational channels provided to schools in the AUSTAR service area free of charge. The program also includes exciting extracurricular activities with AUSTAR personalities visiting schools across the country helping to inspire students and further bring education to life as well as making learning fun.

One of the main objectives of the AUSTAR for schools program is to recognise and support the important issues and interests of the students, teachers, parents and wider community from a grassroots education perspective and address these with initiatives that are in line with the core values of the AUSTAR brand.

Upon completion of each school visit AUSTAR will present a \$2000 grant to the participating school, to be used by the school towards educational resources for their students. The participating school will also receive a signed jersey on behalf of AUSTAR for schools, Fox Sports and Football Development Australia.

AUSTAR believes that quality education for regional Australian children is integral to the bright future of Australia and AUSTAR for schools is our way of making a positive contribution to this future.

AUSTAR for schools channels

- The History channel
- Discovery Channel
- National Geographic Channel
- The Weather Channel
- Sky News Australia
- ABC 1
- SBS
- BBC World News
- CNN
- The Lifestyle Channel
- Lifestyle Food Channel
- Ovation
- Discovery Travel and Living
- Discovery Home and Health
- Discovery Science
- Aurora Community Television
- National Indigenous Television
- Sky News Business
- Animal Planet

To find out more about the AUSTAR for schools program and the other exciting interactive activities planned for 2009, visit the AUSTAR for schools website www.schools.austar.com.au

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