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Demand high for sports vouchers for young CQ children

More than half the Get Start Vouchers to help young Central Queenslanders start in their favourite sport have been delivered, two local Members of Parliament said today.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said as at 4.00pm on Wednesday a total of 22,494 (eligible) vouchers had been issued out of the 36,000 available, under Round 13 of the *Get Started Vouchers* program.

“Importantly, 2000 vouchers have been retained for flood effected areas, especially Townsville.”

Mrs Lauga said the Palaszczuk Government is investing almost \$5.5 million to help young Queenslanders start 2019 on the right foot through their favourite sport.

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said this round of the *Get Started Vouchers* provides \$150 individual support for CQ kids from low-income families.

“These vouchers enable young Queenslanders who might otherwise miss out to get active with their friends through sport and recreation,” said Mr O'Rourke.

“These children and young people are from families which can least afford to pay membership fees to take part in organised sport and recreation,” he said.

“The vouchers relieve the start-up costs for low-income families and this latest release from the Palaszczuk Government is especially timely as Queensland families move into the 2019 school year.”

For more information, including a video on how to set up a QGrants account and apply for a voucher, visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/>

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