

The Hon Ray Williams MP

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INVICTUS GAMES EXPERIENCE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Students from Kellyville High School, Rouse Hill High School and Sherwood Ridge Public School will be attending the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 later this month, enjoying the benefits of workshops on adaptive sports and inspirational insights from competitors.

The excursion will complement school curriculum materials created for public school students which will explore the central themes of inclusion, resilience, service and the healing power of sport.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 will highlight the ability of wounded, injured and ill defence personnel and veterans.

"This is the educational opportunity of a lifetime for these local students," Mr Williams said.

"They will have the opportunity to cheer on Invictus athletes and gain a deeper understanding of the healing power of sport."

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said almost 200 public schools have signed up for the unique experience, ensuring that communities from across the state are sharing in the Invictus spirit.

"One of the most exciting things for a student is when the classroom comes to life and that's exactly what they will see when competitors from 18 nations compete in sports such as wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, wheelchair rugby and indoor rowing," Mr Elliott said.

Invictus Games Sydney 2018 CEO Patrick Kidd OBE is looking forward to welcoming the students from across the State to the Games.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for young Australians to learn about the nature within our community, the importance of being resilient and the healing power of sport," Mr Kidd said.

The Invictus Games will be held in Sydney from 20-27 October.

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