

Golden time at World Games

“The best ever result for an Australian team”

The Australian World University Summer Games team ended their 2009 campaign on a high with three further medals on the final day of competition to take their overall tally to five gold, two silver and one bronze – the best ever result for an Australian team at the Games and overall in 11th place.

The most successful delegation at the 25th anniversary Summer Universiade was the Russian delegation with 76 medals – 27 gold, 22 silver and 27 bronze medals. They are followed by the Chinese with – gold, 21 silver and 27 bronze medals.


The 184 strong Australian contingent, were part of 10,000 student athletes from 145 countries competing at the 25th World Games in Serbia from July 1-12.

Victorian students featured strongly among the medalists with – (1) Madeleine Pape (RMIT – centre) winning gold in the Women’s 800m.

(3) Sean Wroe (Swinburne – first on left) was part of the gold winning Men’s 4 x 400m relay and in the gold winning (4) Men’s waterpolo was Thomas Denehy (Monash) and Jarrod Gilchrist (VU)

(5) The women’s basketball team took home bronze with the help of Amy Lewis (Ballarat), Sarah Graham (Monash), Chantella Perera (Deakin) and Elyse Penaluna (Box Hill)

(6 and 2) Kaila McKnight (Deakin – Number 920) won silver in the Women’s 1500m. The next World Games will be in Shenzhen, China in 2011.

Meanwhile in Victoria over the semester break VU became the overall Southern Games champion with RMIT winning the South Spirit of the Games Award 

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