

# Unigames hit Gold Coast

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## Can-do champ

**T**he 2009 Australian University Games will be held on the Gold Coast from September 27 until October 2 and will feature 31 sports.

Seven thousand students and officials from around Australia and New Zealand are expected to descend on the Gold Coast for this huge multi-sport event.

In its 17th year, the 2009 Australian University Games is the flagship event of Australian University Sport and covers a range of sports from the more traditional such as football, hockey, basketball, athletics and swimming, to some of the growing sports in Australia such as ultimate frisbee, handball and fencing. It draws students with a

range of abilities from those who are coming along to participate and make friends, right through to those who have represented Australia at the Olympics and World Championships.

Olympic gold medal winning athlete Nikki Hudson is proud to be an ambassador for the Games.

“It is important for students to keep active and obtain a healthy lifestyle, and the Games is a great way to promote exactly that,” Hudson said.

“And, let us not forget, it is fun as well,” she added.

The southern states will be well-represented at the Games with all southern universities registering large teams, but in particular defending champion

Monash, which has a team of over 400.

Director of MON Sport, Martin Doulton, said the students are on a mission to defend their champion title and will not settle for anything less.

“The MON students have said that winning isn’t a matter of life and death – it’s more than that,” Doulton said.

“Our team will have a Spartan theme, as courageous warriors they will travel far to beat their archenemies, Melbourne, Sydney and Queensland Universities.”

MON has won the Unigames three times: 1995, 2005 and 2008.

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**A** Victoria University student was chosen to lead the Australian Women’s Kendo team to Brazil in August to compete at the world championships.

Kate Sylvester, a third-year Bachelor of Human Movement student specialising in physical education, said Australia’s five-member women’s team has set its goals to finish

top four at the World Kendo Championships, being held in Sao Paulo from 28-30 August.

The triennial event will bring together elite Kendo athletes from more than 60 countries, competing in a sport based on traditional Japanese swordsmanship.

Sylvester, 32, has been involved in the highly formalised martial art since she went to Japan as a 16-year-old exchange student.

“I loved it straight away. It is dramatic and exciting because it has lots of stomping, shouting and noise,” she said.



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