

Monash goes back to back

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A record of 7003 students from 44 different universities took part in the 2009 Australian University Games held on the Gold Coast during October.

The overall champion for the event was Monash – for the second year in a row. Melbourne came second and Sydney third.

Sixteen Unigames records were broken in swimming and two in athletics.

Melbourne swimmer Marieke Guehrer (pictured), now holds Unigames swimming records in five different events.

Dale Stevenson from Monash broke the Unigames men’s record in shot put from 1999.

Australian University Sport CEO Don Knapp, said feedback had been wonderful and the Unigames attracted top athletes.

“Especially in swimming, athletics, basketball and volleyball the competition has been very hard and the level of talent very high,” Knapp said.

He also thinks the record of 7003 participants may be because of the ‘Gold Coast factor’.

“The Gold Coast has world-class sporting facilities and is perfect for breaking records.”

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