

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this reference at the request of Katie Jones. I have known Katie since 2015, in my capacity as a teacher at St. Eugene College, Burpengary, Queensland. Over the last 4 years, I have taught Katie within a mathematics classroom (latest: 10 Extension Mathematics) as well as selecting and coaching Katie for the following sporting teams;

- Interschool Futsal (2015-2018)
- Interschool Football (Soccer) (2015-2017)
- Australian Futsal Association School Futsal Titles (2017-2018)

Within the classroom, Katie is a dedicated student who wishes to perform at her best. She is very self-driven to complete all tasks to consistently challenge herself. When completing work in class, she will seek clarification when it is required and asks additional questions to test her level of understanding. Katie can work comfortably independently or within a group situation, collaborating well with other students and contributing positively in team environments.

Katie is passionate about all elements of sport, particularly women's football and futsal. I have selected and coached Katie since she began at St. Eugene College in year 7 (2015). At the age of 12, Katie was a leader in the futsal and football team, supporting students with a lower level of ability than herself and demonstrating the skills of patience and understanding. She was keen to organize students into the best positions for the benefit of the team and individual players. I have watched Katie's leadership skills and passion blossom on the field, with Katie being an instrumental part and Captain of the U16 Girls team which played at the Australian Schools Futsal Championship in 2018 (where Katie was selected for her State and later, her country). She encouraged teammates to give 100% at all training sessions and worked hard to improve the cohesion of the team, which was comprised of students aged 12-16 in a predominately U16 competition. This attitude assisted in the success of the team, which were runner's up in the North Brisbane area, qualifying them for the Champion of Champions competition. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed the supportive environment that Katie helps develop within sporting teams and the drive she has to improve herself and her team. She always manages to make training and sporting competition fun and positive for all that she encounters, maintaining a positive attitude and belief that the team can achieve anything if they work together and support each other.

Over the past 4 years, I have personally got to know Katie as a kind and honest young lady. She is a humble student who never promotes her achievements. Katie has a beautiful sense of humour and enjoys a joke when the time is appropriate. The leadership qualities that Katie has, are accompanied by a humble and friendly demeanour which leads to a well-deserved level of respect from both myself and her peers.

Overall, Katie is a passionate, supportive and dedicated young lady, who wishes to do her best in all that she does.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kayla Yonson

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