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Melbourne University and Northern Rugby Clubs announce alliance

Melbourne University Rugby Football Club (MURFC) and Northern Rugby Union Football Club (NRUFC) are pleased to announce an alliance between the two clubs to enhance the development of junior rugby in the Northern suburbs and provide a pathway for these players to play senior rugby at Melbourne University RFC. The objectives of the alliance include:

- The development of junior rugby through the exchange of club coaching and administration resources between the clubs.
- The showcasing of senior rugby in the Northern suburbs with at least two Melbourne University RFC home games to be played at Northern grounds per year.
- MURFC Academy sessions to be conducted at NRUFC home grounds.
- On-going development of best practice rugby club administration for both the junior and senior clubs; and
- for all people connected with the alliance to enjoy off-field activities in conjunction with the Clubs.

Melbourne University RFC President Simon Davis said “we are delighted to be working with the Northern Rugby Union Club junior rugby program that has developed some great players over the years including current Brumbies player Christian Lealifano”. “From the Victorian Rugby Union community’s perspective it is important that the Northern Junior players continue to develop and are exposed to senior rugby so that they can follow their Melbourne Rebels rugby dream.”

Northern Rugby Union Club President Grant Wason stated “The alliance provides Northern Juniors a wonderful opportunity to obtain quality coaching in a structured environment. Player talent is there, it just needs sound development programs and a pathway, which the involvement of the Melbourne University will provide. The alliance is good for both clubs and for Rugby in Victoria overall”.

Melbourne University RFC home games to be played against Moorabbin RFC on Saturday 15 May will be played at NRUFC home grounds at C.H. Sullivan Memorial Park, Blake St, Reservoir.

For further information visit the clubs’ websites as displayed above.