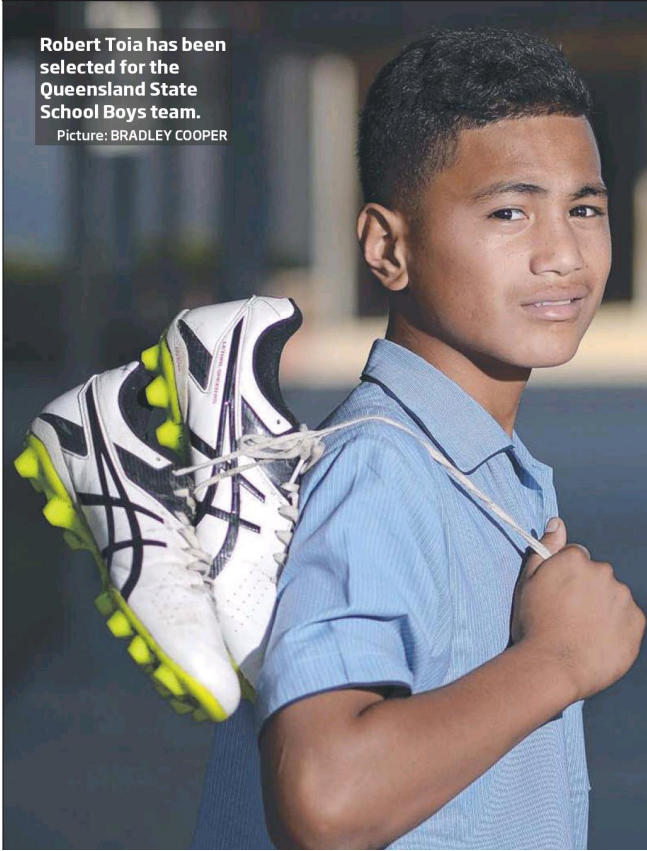


# Sport.

Robert Toia has been selected for the Queensland State School Boys team.

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## Answering state's call

### ROBERT OFF TO NATIONAL TITLES

Jorgia White

SPENDING spare time in the backyard practising his skills has paid off for 12-year-old Robert Toia.

The Bounty Boulevard State School student is starting to realise a dream by securing a spot in the Queensland State School Boys' rugby league team.

He leaves on Saturday for the National Schools Championships 12 Years and Under in Canberra.

Robert's dad Beau Toia said, like his son, he was grateful Bounty Boulevard saw his son's passion for footy and provided the financial support he needed.

"If it wasn't for the school or the P&C he wouldn't be going to Canberra as it would be very hard on us financially," Mr Toia said.

Robert was selected for the team from a pool of more than 200 youngsters.

Mr Toia said Robert absolutely loved rugby league.

"All his friends would be outside running amok, but if there's a footy game on Robert will be inside watching it on TV," he said.

"He really does spend his time studying the game".

Robert said: "In the future I hope to make an NRL team and give money back to my mum and dad and all my family that has helped me."