

ATHLETE/PARENT FEEDBACK

Aja Te Whero

What I enjoyed most about Rugbyvault coaching experience from you and David was that you guys set straightforward warmups/drills which really helped improve my confidence and skill set going into our games. Another positive impact was how you guys set a great team spirit which helped us bond more as a team and gel well during our games. It helped me as a player going into our games knowing that when I'd come off you guys would help me in my development in the sport by using clear and constructive communication to help. Thank you guys!!

Maya Tebbut

I enjoyed how even though we met all late and never played together before it was easy to connect as friends and on the field and I enjoyed the coaching from both you and David. It helped me as a player because it taught me more ways I can use my talents and gave me a bit more knowledge. The environment at the start I wasn't very comfortable but because it was so open it was easy to get comfortable and I found my place.

Stevie Makiha

I enjoyed the friendships I made. I was able to meet new people and create new bonds. I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to play with players that have a huge skill range and bring something different to the table. I enjoyed the experience of my first Globals and how our team had such an amazing outcome. Because of the amazing experience of Globals, I have been able to understand the level of rugby sevens in the world. It has given me inspiration to train harder and strive for my ultimate goal.

The environment of the campaign was such an enjoyable experience. I felt happy with the girls, and the bond was incredible.

Tilly Heta Mum

Great coaching with clear instruction and feedback, and a really cool, positive culture. I loved the opportunities for my daughter to learn alongside motivated players.

It built confidence in my child and helped her develop teamwork skills. The coaches and team environment encouraged her to communicate and step up when needed. She also gained valuable experience playing in a different position, which was awesome to see.

Very welcoming, positive, and inclusive. It felt like a space where players were comfortable to learn and making mistakes. The coaching team was very approachable with awesome vibes, and it was great that parents could be as involved as they wanted to be.

Dellas Mum Kuini Mareroa

I like the background work and support that went into getting Dellas into the team, knowing that Christmas was just around the corner and she was last last-minute call-up.

It gave players the chance to expose their talent at an international level. Not only for RugbyVault coaches but also for higher honours if that is their goal.

The tournament was awesome.

Coaches and managers were welcoming.

Overall, it was an amazing experience, and we're so happy our daughter got the opportunity to play in the RugbyVault. Dellas thoroughly enjoyed herself, and I hope she gets another shot in the team next year alongside her sister. Together they're amazing to watch! They definitely complement each other.

Kamaia Minhinnick

I really enjoyed the whole vibe of the campaign, not only where we all learning and developing our skills from our coaches, but we were also learning off each other. And also just meeting and getting to know everyone was awesome.

The full campaign taught me so much that I have to work on for myself.

The environment was amazing, the girls were amazing, and we were all able to bond so'll even when we were all resting we were still around each other getting to bond more.

Overall, the full week was amazing and I love to be able to get back on the field.

Tapae Poroa

I personally loved the new friendships Tia has made with the other players and the coaches.

I believe creating connections (here and in life in general) are important for producing well-rounded human beings. I want Tia to be a citizen of the world and experience other cultures and this team/tournament is another way for her to experience that.

From my perspective, I felt the environment was supportive, wholesome, fun, and educational.

I loved it!

Asha James

I really enjoyed the inclusive environment that Dave and Digger were able to produce. When I played, i knew nobody in the team, and by the end of the global tournament, I was really close with the girls and Digger and dave as well!

It helped me be more confident on why i was chosen, and confident in myself as a rugby player because i gained more knowledge about 7s and felt more comfortable giving things a go and backing myself

The environment in rugby vault is like none other! Digger and dave are so welcoming and make sure all the girls are having fun and enjoying their time, as well as making sure they create good habits and most importantly, have fun while playing rugby and express themselves

Khytana Smith

I really enjoyed how structured and purposeful everything was, while still being able to have fun and be amongst like-minded girlies. I got to travel with my best friends. The opportunity to play overseas. The trainings were challenging and engaging, and I always felt pushed to be better.

As a person RugbyVault helped me grow my confidence. Kept me humble. Made me appreciate everything and every opportunity. As a player, I learnt so much about the importance of accurate technique, learning to fine-tune the small details as simple as passing a ball or tackling.

The environment was supportive, inclusive, and positive, with a strong sense of team culture. It was competitive in a healthy way, where everyone wanted to see each other succeed and improve. I cannot thank Digger and Dave enough for the time and dedication they put into each player. The faith you saw in us. Even when I wasn't in "my prime" Digger, you still saw potential in me and gave me the opportunity to go Aussie and I cherish that memory always.

My honest thoughts are that I will always support RugbyVault, the coaches, the players - past and future. And I hope my children get to have the same experiences within RugbyVault

Maleta Pailate

What I enjoyed was meeting new players and new management teams. I enjoyed the space and the connections.

I grew confident in my abilities. I knew my role with the coaching skills that were given.

The environment felt different, but also great too. It was well organised and multicultural too

Le Oxeayn Maiu'u

What I enjoyed most was the group of girls I met and that I was playing alongside.

The management made such a big difference towards the fun of our campaign too which is also what I loved

It's helped me as player to know that you really play your best rugby when you have joy and when you're happy playing not because you have to but because you want to and love the game

Fun. The environment was soo fun! The girls you meet become friends that you'll always have no matter where you go!!

Tynealle Fitzgerald

Being able to travel and play alongside my mates

Being a part of the team in 2016 it helped me to build my confidence as a player on the field and get a taste of international footy at a young age.

In this environment, i felt comfortable, I was able to be myself, and felt confident to try new things. And there was no judgment if we made mistakes; it was all about learning and growing together.

Sophie Ranger

First I just wanted to say thank you for coaching us girls at condors. You shared so much valuable knowledge and experience with me that helped me grow in confidence and skills. You communicated what you needed and wanted us to do well and overall that definitely helped us during games. You really helped me to grow so much as a player in a short time at condors. I'm not a very confident

player but you definitely increased my participation and enjoyment of the game. The environment in our team with players and coaches was one of the best I've ever had. You guys were so easy to talk to if I have had a question or just wanted to talk you were great. It was a positive environment and I thoroughly enjoyed my condors experience because of this. Thank you.

Megz Te Whata Mum

The Rugby Vault Coaching duo was incredible for our MMC girls.

The guys managed to work effectively with the team despite the varying abilities. They brought great energy and clear instructions, and the girls were excited to learn and grow.

The improvement throughout the 2 days was amazing, and the enthusiasm from the coaches was genuine. My daughter came away with a newfound passion for the game.

He'lana Dou'ble

What I enjoyed most about my time with RugbyVault was the variety of people and athletes I got to meet in such a short period. I really enjoyed playing under Richard and David; they have a great eye for quality players and are genuinely passionate about developing everyone. Being around motivated athletes and high standards made the experience really special.

RugbyVault helped me a lot as both a player and a person. It pushed me to recognise my potential and start taking rugby more seriously as an athlete, not just playing because I enjoyed the sport. The focus on development and the idea of each player's "X Factor" made me believe I could take my rugby further, which has since led me to playing abroad and continuing my journey overseas. I am currently studying and playing in the United States.

The environment felt like a family. Even though the time together was short, it created a strong sense of sisterhood. I still remember the girls I played with and the connections formed during my time at RugbyVault, and those experiences will always stay with me.

Leah Wilson

I loved going overseas with the team, it helped me as a player improve my skills, and it was always a welcoming environment

Tilly Heta

I enjoyed the people in the team. It helped me feel more confident playing. The environment was very welcoming felt easy to fit in the team, being a player that didn't know anyone previously.

Manaia Nuku

I really enjoyed meeting new people and travelling outside the country to play rugby 7s for the first time.

It helped push me outside of my comfort zone and allowed me to connect with people from different cultures and communities, showing me firsthand how rugby can positively impact more than just our small country.

The environment was incredibly welcoming and gave us all the space to be ourselves and have heaps of fun!!

Nadia Flavell

I was with Rugby Vault from 2017 through to 2020, and each year I enjoyed my experience with the coaches and players I met over time.

With each opportunity to play for Rugby Vault, I was lucky to travel overseas to play a sport I love. I was connected with another girl who also loved the sport, and some who had more knowledge than I, so my 7s IQ would get better each time, I would play for Vaults. Because of this, I developed as a player in my skills, defence, ball play etc.

The girls selected and the coaches made each of my experiences amazing. The connections you would make with the girls and some bonds that last a lifetime.

Louisa Tubailagi

I really enjoyed my time at RugbyVault. The sessions were challenging but fun, and I loved being in a space where everyone was genuinely keen to improve and support each other. It pushed me to work harder and take more responsibility for my own development, both as a player and as a person.

RugbyVault helped me grow in confidence, especially around backing my skills and decision-making on the field. Off the field, it taught me a lot about discipline, mindset, and being part of a committed team.

The environment was super positive and motivating. It felt welcoming, supportive, and driven, with coaches who genuinely cared about us as people, not just players.

Thanks again, and I'm really grateful for the experience

Georgie Beaufoy

The thing I enjoyed most about my time with Rugbyvault was meeting new girls who shared the same goal as me. Being surrounded by like-minded people pushed me to work harder and challenge myself. But mostly, Rugbyvault opened a door for me, which I never thought was possible, coming from a small school with no rugby available. I will always be grateful for the coaches and management.

Rugby vault gave me the opportunity to test my skills and knowledge against tough international sides, helping me grow and develop a stronger understanding of the game. It helped me as a person by connecting on the field with girls from all around the country. Competing at this level challenged me both physically and mentally, but I grew so much as a player and a person.

The environment was beyond supportive; every team member was determined to succeed, it was a positive and encouraging environment which made my whole experience so enjoyable. Everyone wanted the best for each other, both on and off the field. My experience with rugby vault is something I will always be grateful for and remember as I continue to work towards my goals and future within the sport.