

# TIGS kids rip into rugby fundraiser

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**I'm coming:** Anthony Damevski charges towards a tackling bag.



**Good hands:** Ella Vartazarian practices her catching and passing skills.



**Having fun:** Ajay Rindani shows coach Austin Miller his tackling technique.



**Big hit:** Harrison Dennis launches himself into a defensive drill.

BALLS were spilt, bags were smashed and voices were lost when students from The Illawarra Grammar School (TIGS) tried their hand at rugby union.

More than 90 Year 1 and 2 students from the school took part in the Rugby Thanks the Pacific fundraiser held at the University of Wollongong last month.

Some tackled, some passed and others laughed - but they were all there for the same reason.

The students, who participated in the Try Rugby Day by gaining sponsorship, raised money to replace diesel-generated electricity in remote Pacific island schools with solar or wind power, to save money on fuel and provide a better education for the students.

By promoting an environmentally friendly lifestyle for the children of the Pacific, the students at TIGS were reaping the benefits of regular exercise themselves.

Teacher Jay Tregonning said it was important the students were aware of the world around them.

"At TIGS we feel it is an essential part of our values that our students understand the importance of helping others within our local and global community," he said.

Rugby players from University and Illawarriors volunteered their time to teach the TIGS students about the basics of the game.

This included catching, passing, running, kicking and tackling.



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