



Education activity — ‘Supporting your team’



This photograph is of ‘Victor the Viking’, the Canberra Raiders’ team mascot.

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Team mascots are one way that rugby league teams focus support from fans. Here are some activities for your students that relate to rugby league fans.

- Have students create team mascot designs suitable for teams with these names: the Barracudas, the Funnelwebs, the Crushers, the Ninjas, the Cyclones, the Spartans, the Cannons, the Anacondas, the Dingoes and the Mammoths. Any resemblance to any real team names is purely coincidental!
- Students can select a team from the National Rugby League and find out if that team has a special team/club song. A good resource is http://www.ourfootyteam.com/multimedia_nrl_clubsongs.php. Have the students write out the lyrics and study them. Working in pairs or small groups, students can compose a new song for that team, trying to express an appropriate sense of victory, mateship, or club history and pride. Have the songs performed in class, then discuss the capacity of the songs to inspire or motivate.
- Students can write a response to the topic: ‘Why I’m a rugby league fan’.
- Ask students to interview a range of people and try to find out why they are rugby league fans. They might like to interview others in the class or school, family members or friends. Have them keep a record of the interviews and discuss the results in class.

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