



About Kirby Short

Kirby is an experienced educator, athlete, leader and presenter. A Brisbane Girls' Grammar School alumni, physical activity and sport were always a valuable part of a balanced educational experience. Kirby represented Queensland in five different sports across underage and open age groups. Following high school she studied Applied Science (Human Movements – Education) and later, a Masters in Educational Leadership and Management, completing both degrees during her career as an elite athlete.

Kirby had a long and distinguished career spanning 16 years as an elite athlete with the Queensland Fire and Brisbane Heat cricket teams, captaining the latter to back-to-back WBBL championships. She simultaneously pursued a career in education and is currently Deputy Principal of MacGregor State High School. You could say Kirby is a born leader. Having played 72 one-day games for Queensland and 67 WBBL games for the Heat, Kirby retired at the end of the 2020 season leaving an indelible mark on the women in sport landscape. Known for her poise on and off the field, it was unsurprising to see her make the seamless transition to the media – with roles as a commentator on radio for the ABC and television on Seven Sport and Fox Cricket.

Her educational leadership has been recognised locally and internationally with her expertise in understanding people and culture through promotion of agency. Her unique and diverse experiences as an elite athlete, educator, board member, sports commentator and two-time WBBL Premiership Captain of the Brisbane Heat offer her unique insight into the evolution of women's sport.