

The custodian of the Maccabiah Games Torch, Alida Lipton has presented the torch to some of Melbourne's Bialik College athletes who will be travelling to Israel for the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games.



Brooke Roseman, Charlie Beaconsfield, James Chernovsky, Vinnie Page, Jesse Nissen and Naomi Bagle-Zevin

Bialik is proud to announce that the College is sending its biggest contingent ever to the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games, taking place in July this year. Seventeen athletes from Bialik, male and female, have been chosen to represent Australia in basketball, cricket, netball, soccer and swimming.

The College's Head of Sport, Stefan Defranceschi, attributes the record number of students competing in this year's Games to "the wonderful resource we have in the form of our sports centre and the ongoing enthusiasm and hard work that both our students and staff put into our programs. This culture of striving to 'be your best' has not only increased our students' love for sport but has enhanced their performances, culminating in Maccabiah selection. We are very proud of them."

Ms Lipton handed the torch to a group of six athletes at the Primary School assembly. She addressed the audience, saying about the athletes, "They will live their sporting dreams in Israel and inspire the community with their wonderful performances."

The torch was first lit during Chanukah in December last year in Modi'in, Israel and made its way to Australia as part of its journey for the world torch relay.