Queensland Head of the River Regatta

The Head of the River for schoolboys is contested between seven of the nine GPS (Great Public Schools) schools in Brisbane and includes The Southport School, Brisbane Boys’ College, Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane State High School, Anglican Church Grammar School, St Joseph’s College Gregory Terrace and St Joseph’s Nudgee College.

The GPS Head of the River began in 1918, with Southport winning the inaugural race. Over the years, regattas have been held on the Milton Reach of the Brisbane River, Wivenhoe Dam, Hinze Dam and now Lake Kawana.

Several thousand attended the Championship Regatta at Lake Kawana in 2015 but in earlier years there are reports of tens of thousands of spectators attending with both sides of the river being lined with excited onlookers.

The photo below is of the inaugural All School’s Race held on the Brisbane River in 1918