



# Ash Barty



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## Fact File

Name: Ashleigh Jacinta Barty

Born: 24<sup>th</sup> April 1996

Single Grand Slams Won: 3

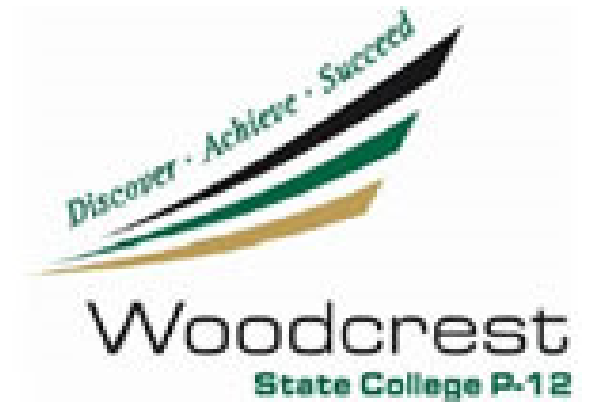
Siblings: Ali and Sara

Parents: Robert and Josie

Retired: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022



Ashleigh (Ash) Jacinta Barty was born in Ipswich, Queensland, Australia on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1996. Ash Barty's parents' names are Robert and Josie. Ash also has two sisters called Ali and Sara. She is an Aboriginal woman from Naragu country. When Ash went to school she went to two prep to year twelve schools. The schools were called Kelvin Grove State College and Woodcrest College.



Ash Barty began playing tennis at the age of four and quickly improved in the sport. She started training with her junior coach Kim Joyce. Later on, she won the Wimbledon Junior Title in 2011 at fifteen years of age. Eight years later she went on to win three Grand Slam singles which were the 2019 French Open, the 2021 Wimbledon Championships and the 2022 Australian Open! Ash Barty then became the second Australian tennis player to be ranked No.1 in the women's singles.



In July 2022, Ash Barty and Garry Kissick, a professional golfer, got married. They met in 2016 and got engaged on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Ash and Garry have a baby boy called Hayden who was born on the July the 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Despite her huge success, Ash Barty retired from her tennis career in March 2022 because she had a sense of fulfilment. She said she achieved her dreams and gave her tennis everything she could. Ash said she is absolutely spent and physically she has nothing left to give. Her message to her young fans is “be yourself and live your own dreams”.



Ash Barty will forever be remembered for her Australian sporting history of becoming No.1 in women's singles. She will always be well known for her good sportsmanship and for becoming the second woman to win Wimbledon. Ash Barty is now encouraging more Indigenous youths to play tennis and is providing opportunities for them as well. Ash Barty's famous saying is "success is not about winning every battle, but about never giving up despite the setbacks".

