

Ivan Cleary

Professional Rugby League Coach

Ivan Cleary is one of the most successful NRL coaches of the modern era. His relentless pursuit of excellence and commitment to nurturing talent has helped him cement the 'Cleary' name in Australian sporting folklore.



Ivan took the reins at Penrith in 2019, inheriting a team that grappled with inconsistency, however presented much promise with a talented young core, and strong junior group that would quickly emerge into the first-grade side.

Instilling a culture of discipline, comradery, and effort, Ivan had created a strong, cohesive culture centred around community, led by his son, Nathan, that has quickly become one of the most dominant forces in the NRL.

Since Ivan's return to the club, he has posted an impressive 77%-win rate, with Penrith most recently winning their third premiership in a row, a feat that has not been achieved since the infamous Parramatta Eels side that dominated the 1980's.

Ivan is signed on with the club until the end of 2027, where he looks to continue to prolong this successful run.

The 2020 NRL Coach of the Year has also had stints as the head coach of the Wests Tigers, and the New Zealand Warriors, where he led their side to their second ever, and most recent Grand Final berth in 2011.

Outside of the coaches' box, Ivan has had more experience than most on the field, having played 186 NRL matches across the Manly Sea Eagles, North Sydney Bears, Sydney Roosters and New Zealand Warriors playing Fullback and Centre. He stands amongst an exclusive group of 56 NRL greats to have reached the 1,000-career points mark, a testament to his skill, and prowess on the field.

Ivan has solidified himself as one of the game's all-time greats and will continue to leave his stamp on the Rugby League world in the years to come.

Ivan Cleary Talks About

Bringing a wealth of experience and wisdom, Ivan, an advocate for culture, leadership, and

community, shares insights drawn from his journey as both player and coach.

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