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THE 2023
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PHOTO: St Mary's Cathedral College Junior Basketball team clinched the Sydney Catholic School (SCS) Conference 1 championship

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Aquinas Catholic College Menai

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SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONS



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS HOCKEY



JUNIOR GIRLS NETBALL

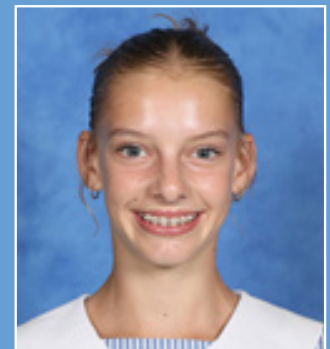


INTERMEDIATE GIRLS NETBALL

NSW ALL SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES



Cassidy Kilpatrick
SOFTBALL



Isabella Maher
NETBALL

NSWCCC REPRESENTATIVES



Bailey Duncan
Cross Country, Triathlon



Gamal Elsayed
Rugby Union



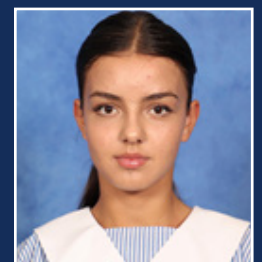
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Hockey



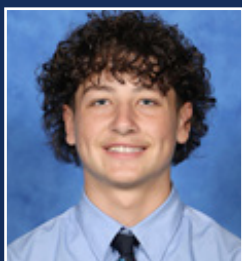
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Water Polo



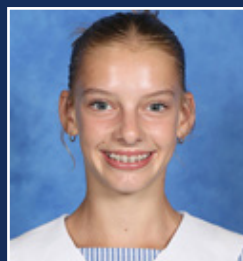
India Faber
Water Polo



Samara Fkiri
Tennis



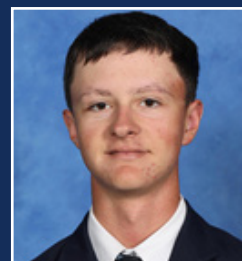
Cassidy Kilpatrick
Softball



Isabella Maher
Netball



Jamie-Grace Pittello
Hockey



Alex Radevski
Golf



Thomas Stepic
Rugby League
Most Valuable Player

ST ANDREWS COLLEGE



SPORTS STARS

St Andrews College, Marayong



BIANCA INFANTE VOLLEYBALL

Bianca Infante is an exceptionally talented young volleyball player with a bright future ahead. Having participated extensively in various competitions, she has showcased her skills at both school and broader athletic levels, dedicating over 400 hours to perfecting her game.

Bianca was chosen for the prestigious NSW Combined Catholic College team and excelled as the captain of the NSWCCC Opens team, leading them to second place at the NSW All Schools competition. She also earned a spot on the University of Sydney's Senior Women's Volleyball Team, standing out as a starting setter and competing in the Honours Division of the Sydney Volleyball League. She has played for the U19 Junior State Team and participated in the 2022/2023 Good Neighbour tournament in Canberra, consistently ranking in the top 3 in senior state tournaments.

Beyond playing, Bianca has dedicated over 150 hours to refereeing, becoming a chief referee at state tournaments and a weekly referee for the Sydney Volleyball League. She also made history as the only junior referee in the Womens/Mens Australian Volleyball Super League. Her exceptional skills and commitment to volleyball have earned her numerous accolades, including awards for best setter, the Blacktown City Council Junior Sports person of the Year, and Junior Official of the Year, making her the only individual to receive both in a single year.

ALEXANDRA MARASIGAN SOCCER/OZTAG/ BASKETBALL

We commend Alexandra Marasigan for her exemplary achievements in representative sports. Alexandra has proven herself to be a formidable competitor in Soccer, Oztag and Basketball, showcasing a remarkable level of skill and determination. Her contributions to her teams and the broader athletic community are noteworthy, and we anticipate great things from her in the future. Alexandra embodies the spirit of a dedicated athlete, and we applaud her for her achievements.



AMELIA FARAG ATHLETICS/SOCCER/OZTAG

Congratulations to Amelia Farag for her outstanding accomplishments in athletics and team sports. As the distinguished Age Champion in the 13-year girls' category, Amelia has demonstrated exceptional prowess and dedication in various sports and athletics carnivals. Her performances in Soccer and Oztag have been nothing short of remarkable, solidifying her reputation as a promising young athlete. We celebrate Amelia's commitment to excellence and look forward to witnessing her future endeavours in the world of sports.

TEAMS Junior Boys Soccer | Intermediate Boys Volleyball Winners



The St Andrews College Junior boys soccer team coached by Miss Jasmine Breeze won the Season 2 Grand Final football game. The boys' commitment, dedication and drive throughout the season was very impressive and resulted in a 2-0 win against St John Paul II College. This triumph is not just a testament to their skill and determination in this particular season but is also a continuation of their exceptional performance over the last two years in which they have remained undefeated, showcasing consistency, teamwork, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.



Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team for completing an undefeated season, winning Gold in the grand finals on the 27th April, 2023. It was a close game at halftime with St Andrews only being ahead by 4 points. After a review on our game plan and motivating words shared by our captain Calvin Mediana, the boys were able to finish strong with a winning score of 63-43.



ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

Congratulations to St Pius X College Chatswood students for their outstanding sportsmanship in 2023.

ISA Athletics Carnival

- Senior Team – 1st place
- Intermediate Team – 3rd place
- Junior Team – 3rd place
- St Pius X Team – 2nd place overall

Christian Brothers' Swimming Carnival

- Senior Team – 1st place
- St Pius X Team – 2nd place overall

ISA Swimming Carnival

- Senior Team – 3rd place
- St Pius X Team – 4th place overall

NSW All Schools Triathlon

- Senior Team – 1st place in the Team Relay
- St Pius X Team – 2nd place overall



Cristiano Calcarao
Year 6

CIS Representative at NSW PSSA Championships Gold in 1500m and 800m, **New State Record** 800m.



James Sykes
Year 6

NSW PSSA Cricket Representative Silver medal.



Patrick Butler
Year 6

NSW PSSA Australian Rules Football Representative.



Max Lynn
Year 10

U19 Cricket World Cup Representative for Japan.



Matthew Hunt
Year 11

Youth Commonwealth Games Australian Athletics Representative in Trinidad and Tobago.

Bronze 4x100 mixed relay and 4th 400m men's hurdles.



Nicholas Gladen
Year 11

U16 Australian **National Age Champion** 100m Backstroke.

All Schools Championships Silver 100m Backstroke and Bronze 50m Backstroke.

School Sport Australia Championships Bronze 100m Backstroke.



John Carroll
Year 11

NSW Gymnastics Champion Representative Level 9, U18 at the Australian Gymnastics Championships.



Connor Lynch
Year 12

Gold at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Level 7 Open Rings and **New National Age Champion**.

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IVY GERSTNER SWIMMING



IVY GERSTNER is a talented and driven student who has excelled in the world of swimming. Ivy has had a successful year competitively, with her progressing through the school pathways to the Schools Sports Australian Swimming Championships. In this event, she finished 5th overall in the 400m Individual Medley. Outside of the school setting, Ivy has had a remarkable year at a state and

national level. In September, she competed at the NSW State Age Short Course Championships and won two gold medals in the 200m backstroke and 400m Individual Medley. The two gold medals were complemented by a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke event. Ivy also competed in the National Short Course Championships, finishing with a silver in the 400m Individual Medley and a bronze in the 200m backstroke. Looking ahead, Ivy has qualified for four events at her fourth Long Course Age Nationals, which will be held at Gold Coast in 2024. Her dedication and hard work have deservedly reaped their rewards, and we look forward to seeing and hearing about Ivy's success in the future.

RUTH IFEJIKA ATHLETICS



RUTH IFEJIKA'S athletic prowess has provided her with the ability to be competitive in multiple team sports and has displayed her versatility in sports like rugby sevens, AFL, Oztag and Netball. Her most significant achievements have been in the field of athletics, where she has been extremely successful in 2023. Ruth has finished 2nd in the 100m event and 3rd in both the NSW Junior Championships and NSW Little Athletics Championships. Ruth will also be competing in the Australian All Schools Championships in December. A student with tremendous athletic ability who has demonstrated her ability to adapt in multiple sports with the best yet to come.

ANGELA HUANG TENNIS



ANGELA HUANG is currently ranked No.1 in Australia for the Under 16's age category on the Australian Junior Tour Master leaderboard. This has essentially secured her spot in representing NSW on the Junior Master Tour to compete against the best players in Australia, which will be held in Melbourne in 2024. Angela has dedicated her time and effort to the sport of tennis and has been successful in 2023, winning over seven events in both singles and doubles tournaments. Earlier in the year, Angela was selected to captain the Girls NSWCCC team during the All Schools Girls Championships, displaying her leadership qualities throughout the competition. Angela is destined for big things to come, and we look forward to seeing her progress in the sport of tennis.

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SPORT STARS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington, has established a strong sports program resulting in outstanding results in both team and individual competitions.

Achievements for 2023

- SCS Conference 1 Swimming Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Senior Touch Football Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Intermediate Basketball Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Cross Country Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Intermediate Netball Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Athletics Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Intermediate Rugby 7s Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Senior Rugby 7s Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Senior Oztag Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Intermediate Oztag Champions
- SCS Conference 1 Senior Volleyball Champions

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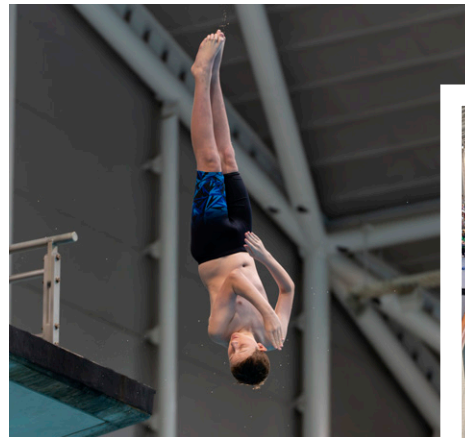
**DE LA SALLE
COLLEGE**
REVESBY HEIGHTS

WATER POLO



Marcus Brischetto Year 12

De La Salle College, Revesby Year 12 student, Marcus Brischetto, is one of the College's most promising young talents in the sport of water polo. In the last few years, he has been in both the U16s and U18s Australian squad. Marcus was fortunate enough to travel to the USA with the Australian Under 18s water polo side where he competed in both the U18s USA Club Championships, as well as the USA Open Nationals Tournament. Marcus is hoping to continue his excellent form in water polo, playing at a high level in both Australia and across the world. He is keen to travel to Europe to pursue a sporting career abroad whilst also continuing his studies.



DIVING



Lucas Dawes Year 8

Lucas Dawes, in Year 8, is no stranger to a diving competition. This year Lucas represented NSW in the Australian All Schools Diving Championships. Lucas entered into five events and claimed five medals. Lucas received the Australian gold medal in the 14 Years Boys' Knockout and the silver medal in the Team Synchronised Group One (Mixed State Event). He also received the silver medal in the 14 Years Boys' Springboard, the silver medal in the 13-14 Years Boys' Platform and the silver medal in the 13-14 Years Boys & Mixed Synchronised. Additionally this year, Lucas has won gold in the Group B Boys' Platform event at the NSW Elite Junior Championships and has been crowned NSW All Schools U14 Boys' Champion. Lucas has also successfully qualified for the 2024 Australian Diving Championships. Both Marcus and Lucas have been excellent role models and mentors for students at De La Salle College, Revesby and continue to inspire the future generations of sport stars at the school.

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BEN SWIMS TO SUCCESS

St Edmund's College student and vice-captain Ben Paterson has had amazing success in and around the pool this year.

Ben recently represented the NSW All Schools Swim Team at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships. He also had the honour of being appointed the NSW Multi-Class Team Captain - recognition for his outstanding performances, leadership qualities and kind personality. The NSW Team was made up of 158 swimmers, including able bodied and multiclass competitors.

As Captain Ben read the Oath and carried the NSW flag at the Opening Ceremony of the Championships. He helped organise the NSW team dinner and assisted other multi-class athletes competing in the carnival.

Ben displayed fairness, integrity and sportsmanship throughout the championships. He competed in the 50m Breaststroke and 100m Breaststroke (achieving a personal best) along with the 6 x 50m Freestyle relay, where he achieved a silver medal.

St Edmund's College is a dynamic high school in leafy Wahroonga, which caters to students with special needs. The sport program is designed for students with a wide range of abilities, whether it be school-based or part of the pathway sport program. There is a swimming pool and sports field on the college grounds.



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Holy Cross College, Ryde

Holy Cross College, Ryde - Educating boys for Life, Learning and Leadership.

Holy Cross College had a tremendous season in the first ever season of Sydney Catholic Schools sport. A will to succeed is ever present amongst our young men, at Holy Cross we are building boys into great men of the future.

Sporting success is a part of the focus on developing the 'whole person' and giving every student a chance to pursue their passion spiritually, intellectually and physically. The values specific to our Patrician legacy of modesty in victory, care for others, preferential treatment for the poor help to create a tremendous school spirit perfect for boys' education.

We are very proud to be ranked number 1 in all Sydney Catholic Schools after season 2023.

Individual Sporting Success

Holy Cross College has once again produced an extensive number of sporting students who have been selected to represent NSW or Australia.



CHRISTIAN AZZI - YR 10
NSW Touch Football and Rugby League

Christian had a big year in sport at Holy Cross in season 2023. Christian was selected to represent NSW in two different sports and then NSW All Schools after leading NSWCCC to victory in Touch football. Christian was also crowned intermediate sports man of the year and played the whole season in the First Grade Rugby League team. Christian represented the College in Athletics, Table Tennis, OzTag and 7's Rugby Union.



BENJAMIN KARAKASSIS - YR 11
Australian Representative in Baseball

Ben was selected to represent Australia in Baseball travelling to Taiwan playing 4 games. Ben was selected as the most impressive pitcher on the tour. From there Ben was selected to travel to the USA to tour Major League Baseball facilities and get expert coaching which allowed him to showcase his talents in front of scouts. Ben still has another year left at school and we are hoping for some big things in SCS Baseball.



MATTHEW HARRIS - YR 11
NSW Baseball Representative



Matthew was selected for the NSW Metro team from over 120 trialists. At the Australian Youth Championship held in Blacktown Matthew excelled as the starting pitcher where he struck out 7 players.

The NSW team won the Gold medal and Matthew was a key contributor to the success of the team. Unfortunately Matthew suffered injury which ruled him out of other tournaments and representing Australia. We look forward to seeing Matthew back in action for SCS Baseball later in the term.

TAJ MAILEI - YR 11
NSW Under 16's Rugby Union



Taj joined a unique club by being selected in the converted NSW 1's Rugby Union team as tight head prop. This team is usually dominated by high fee paying Independent schools, in particular the prop position. Taj is proof the Catholic school pathway is not only viable but preferred for the sheer breadth of sports offered and success of all Catholic schools. Taj was a member of the First Grade Rugby League team and champion in Shot Putt and Discus at SCS Athletics.

ALEXANDER MARSHALL - YR 10
SCS Cross Country and Athletics Champion

Alexander is a proven performer on the track field winning the SCS Cross Country age champion and breaking records in the 1500 and 800 metre races at the SCS Sydney Championships. Alex has broken NSW All schools records and come first in many middle distance events over the past few years. This has seen him represent at Australian Championship level. Alex got a Bronze at Nationals this year and ran the fastest time for any runner in NSW. Alexander is an avid AFL player and member of the College Cricket and Touch Football teams. In an interesting side note at the College Athletics Carnival Alex broke a record that had stood for 40 years by an amazing 15 seconds for 1500 metres.

Team Successes for 2023

In the second year of Sydney Catholic Schools sporting competition Holy Cross was able to go to an even higher level of success. What was unique to 2023 was the sheer breadth of sports where success was found, highlighting not only the great culture we have at the College but also the fine young men who represent the College. We are particularly proud of the exciting emergence in Athletics, Cross Country, Water Polo and Swimming at the College. In Cricket, Soccer, Touch Football and Rugby League Holy Cross fields more sides than any other school in the Archdiocese. Perhaps the two highlights for the College were Cross Country and back to back Athletics titles. Also special mention to a new sport at Holy Cross that needs special mention and that is the emergence of Netball. Holy Cross was selected to represent NSW and Sydney Catholic Schools in Brisbane against 64 other Catholic Schools from QLD.

Congratulations Ranked #1 in all Sydney Catholic Schools



NSWCCC State Champions & Sydney Catholic Schools Champions in First Grade Football



Sydney Champions Under 15's Rugby League



SCS Conference Champions in Athletics including Senior, Junior and Intermediate Champions



Sydney Champions Junior Water Polo (Team of the Year)



AFL Sydney Champions



Sydney Champions Under 13's Rugby League



Sydney Champions in Under 14's Rugby League



Sydney Champions Junior Touch Football



Sydney Champions in Intermediate Touch Football



Sydney Champions in Senior Touch Football



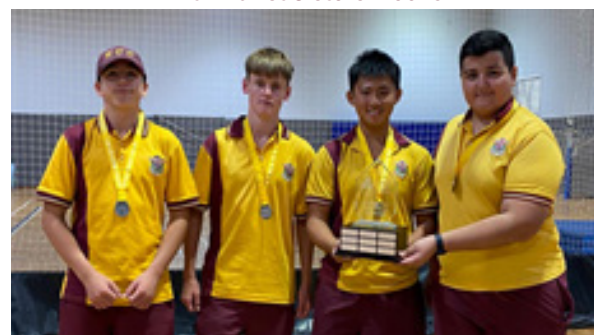
Mixed Oztag State Champions - With Marist Sisters Woollich



First XI Sydney Champions in Cricket



Sydney Champions Tennis



Sydney Champions Table Tennis



First every school from NSW invited to the Prestigious QSSN Tournament in Brisbane to play Netball



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AEROBICS

Six St Leo's teams with their student and staff coaches travelled to **Adelaide** in August to compete in the **2023 National Aerobics Competition**. Our competitors performed well and should be very proud of their achievements.

Our **Fireball**, coached by Georgia, team came 4th by 0.62 of a point. This high energy routine is exhausting just to watch! Many students in this team will be in Year 12 next year and we have complete confidence they will continue to be great models to the junior members of the squad.

Chelsea and **Kyrah**, coached by Nat, are an amazing pair. Their routine was flawless - a well deserved **1st place!** Both students have a bright future in our aerobics squad.

TS4, coached by Ms McNay, were disappointed last year to miss out on Nationals. They made up for it this year by working on their routine and strength - their **2nd place** reflects all their hard work. Three members of TS4 leave St Leo's this year. **Ally, Lily** and **Bec** have committed completely to aerobics over their six years at Leo's. The aerobics squad will miss their cheekiness and leadership. We hope they know how proud of them we are!

Dynamite, coached by **Georgia**, all came together when it mattered most - their routine was well executed. Their **1st place** in their competitive section was gravy on top!

Romina, coached by Ms McNay, ventured into the singles competition for the first time this year. She had to learn two routines as she also performs with TS4. Romina should be proud of her 4th place!

The **Velocity** team, coached by **Sofia**, had some new competitors from Year 7 as well as some more seasoned competitors from Year 8. They have made a huge effort to learn the obligatory moves and build their fitness to perform the routines. There were 10 teams in this section - 6th place at this National is an achievement to be proud of!

We are very proud of all of teams for competing this year. The competition period starts in October with strength training and aerobic technique. Coaches and students commit to at least two early mornings a week for three terms of the year - there are many mornings when students would prefer to be in their warm beds but are instead learning how to correctly do a hinge push up or kick with a straight leg.

Our coaches have all shown this commitment too, covering each other's teams or giving sage advice to one another. All of our coaches competed as students and their commitment to coaching is their way of keeping a sport they loved alive for the next generation of St Leo's students.

CSBB VOLLEYBALL

A new sport for Broken Bay saw St Leo's Boys' team crowned as the Broken Bay Champions on Thursday on the Central Coast! Throughout Term 3, the boys and girls Volleyball teams have been training under the watchful eye of coach **Mr Sunny Huo**. All their hard work paid off with great performances from both teams. The girls finished with three wins and two losses from their games, and the boys won a hard-fought final to finish on top at the end of the day. The teams now start planning for the Schools Cup competition to be held in Term 1 next year. Congratulations to all students.



RYAN CHOU YEAR 10 BASEBALL

Earlier this year, the U/16 Australian Youth Baseball Championships were held in Sydney. St Leo's Year 10 student Ryan Chou represented NSW Metro in these championships and his team were successful in winning the championships.



MADDI AND MILLA DURNELL Yr 11 SOFTBALL

In July, **Maddi** and **Milla** travelled to **Surrey, Canada** to compete in the **Canada Cup International Championships** as Members of the **U17 Australian Team**. The team faced some of the best National teams from Canada, USA and International Teams such as Mexico. Both girls were dominant on the diamond with their batting and fielding as part of the starting 9. After 14 games they were unfortunately eliminated in the quarter finals going down 3-1 by the team that eventual won the tournament, they finished 8th.

During their breaks between games, they got to meet with some of the best in the world as Japan's National Team were there. Competing, along with Canada, Israel and Italy, they were able to join the with training clinics teaching skills to young players. The trip gave the girls so much knowledge about the game and their pathway along with making some lifelong friends with the experience.

They returned to Australia to compete straight away in the **NSW Opens Softball Championships** where they took home the gold and Milla received the best batter award for the tournament. This is the second State Championships they have won this year as they also took out the **U23s NSW** title earlier in the year. After a short break the girls are back training with the **Australian squad** and in State **Camp** for their up and upcoming **U18s campaign**.



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WORLD

JESSICA COLE

Jess is 16 years old and competed against the top 8 Junior swimmers (aged 18 and under) from around the globe. An incredible achievement!



NATIONAL

AYA MILTON

NSW All Schools Swim Team Captain
National Australian All Schools Champion



BASKETBALL TEAM NSWCC

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SWIMMING – JESSICA COLE, Year 11

World Junior Swimming Championships in Israel
200m Butterfly 5th Place

NATIONAL WINNERS & REPRESENTATIVES

SWIMMING – AYA MILTON, Year 12

4 GOLD MEDALS & 1 SILVER MEDAL

Australian All Schools Swimming Championships

SWIMMING – IVY MILLER, Year 10

2 GOLD MEDALS & 1 SILVER MEDAL

Australian All Schools Swimming Championships

HOCKEY – GEORGIA O'GRADY SHORTEN, Year 10

SILVER MEDAL

Australian All Schools Hockey Championships

AFL & NETBALL – GRACE TRACEY, Year 9

Australian All Schools Representative in AFL & Netball
Illawarra Academy of Sports Athlete of the Year
Vice Captain of the NSW All Schools Netball Team
Captain of the NSW All Schools AFL team
Most Valued Player

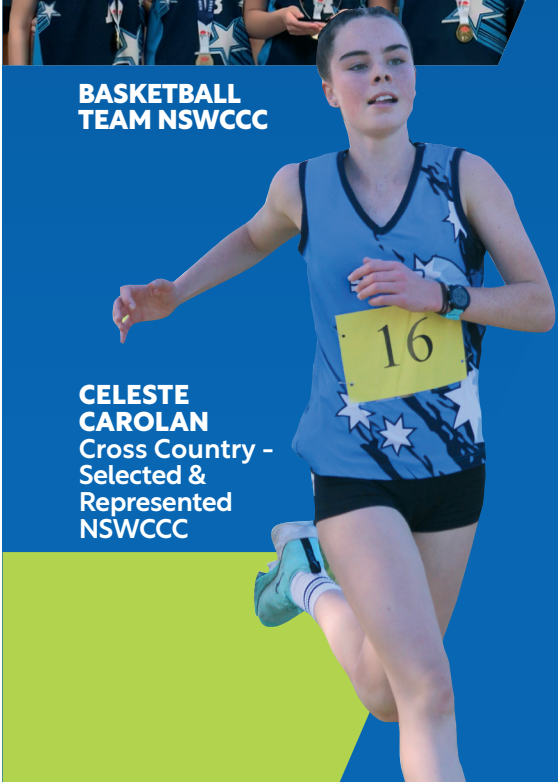
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM –

EVIE McGRATH, Year 12

Selected and Representative



GRACE TRACEY



CELESTE CAROLAN
Cross Country - Selected & Represented NSWCC

IVY MILLER



ST MARY'S EXCEL *in Sport!*



STATE

OZTAG CHAMPIONS
Senior Oztag Team
Winners at the Regional Tournament



TESSA BODY
Hockey - Selected &
Represented NSWCCC Team



EMERSON MCCREA
Basketball - Selected &
Represented NSW All Schools Team

STATE WINNERS

NSW STATE OZTAG CHAMPIONS
Senior Oztag Team

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM NSWCCC

SWIMMING TEAM NSWCCC
Intermediate Team

TRIATHLON TEAM NSWCCC
Intermediate Team

TENNIS TEAM NSWCCC

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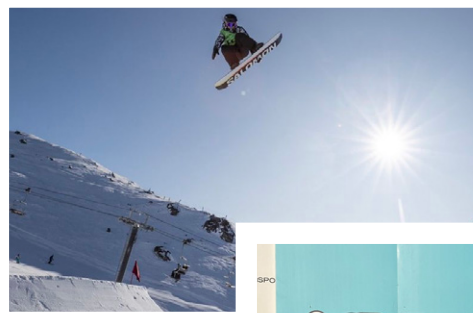


St Clare's College, Waverley

Snowsports - Ally Hickman

Year 8, Olympic Hopeful Snowboarding Star

SNOWSPORTS



Ally has had an incredible year on the slopes, culminating in fulfilling her dream of representing Australia at an Olympic level!

Ally began her year by completing the winter season in Whistler, Canada in an elite snowboarding program focusing on the Slopestyle event. This is the second year that Ally has spent time in Whistler training, preparing and participating in world class snowboarding events. Whilst training in Whistler full time, Ally also represented Australia in a number of events, placing 1st in her age category and making the podium in all events in the Open Division.

Most recently, Ally spent a month in New Zealand, where she was training and competed for the first time in the World Junior Championships. She was the youngest competitor, up against 40 girls aged 18 years and under from across the world, where she made the finals in both the Slopestyle and Big Air - placing an incredible 3rd in Slopestyle and 9th in Big Air!

Her amazing results were accoladed by Snow Australia as the first Australian medals in World Juniors since 2017. Her performance in this event secured two spots for Australia in the Youth Olympics which will be in Korea in January - an incredible achievement!

We are all very proud of Ally and wish her the very best for the upcoming Youth Olympics.

We look forward to watching Ally's dreams come true!

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St Clare's College, Waverley



Tennis - Kalina Aleksandrov

Year 11, International Tennis Player



TENNIS

Kalina is a dedicated and successful tennis player on the Australian Junior Circuit, winning multiple tournaments each year.

In 2023, Kalina travelled to Europe to compete in the International Tennis Federation's Junior Circuit, participating in four tournaments. She trained and played tournaments in Bulgaria and Poland, opportunities that increased her remarkable tennis skills and experience. This was Kalina's first time competing internationally, and she describes it as "an incredible experience that I learnt so much from."

Kalina returned to Australia feeling extremely inspired and confident, having experienced a new level of international sport. Kalina will return to Europe in 2024 for five months, where she will train and participate in tournaments across Europe.

We look forward to seeing Kalina's career in tennis unfold!

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Sport for all at Sydney

Sporting opportunities and pathways



Sport has a remarkable capacity to positively impact the lives of young people. It fosters teamwork and camaraderie, instils discipline and perseverance, and is a powerful vehicle for building self-esteem and confidence.

At Sydney Catholic Schools, we believe that sport is for everyone, regardless of age or ability. Within our system of 147 primary and secondary schools across Sydney, we offer an inclusive variety of sports for nearly 73,000 students to enjoy in both competitive and non-competitive settings.

We facilitate more than 30 sports, including non-traditional sports such as mountain biking, surfing and badminton. We're committed to providing opportunities for students to develop a variety of skills and explore whatever their passions may be.

Our inter-school sport competitions run

regularly throughout the year, and are organised throughout four geographical conferences giving students the chance to test themselves against other schools.

High-achieving students have the opportunities to trial for representation that may then lead to state and national competitions. Our established representative pathways ensure that students with talent are identified and encouraged to enhance their ability through development camps, further training and competition.

We're also actively building the opportunities that we're able to provide to students with a disability. Sydney Catholic Schools is one of the only systems to administer and facilitate unified all ability sport, where schools choose teams and participate against one another in regular afternoon school sport. Our goalball program is a fantastic example, giving students with and without a disability the chance to play a Paralympic sport together.

We see unification of students at our system events too, such as our athletics, cross country and swimming championships. Students of all abilities and ages compete on the same day, alongside one another. It ensures that every student is given a chance to join a sport at a level that challenges them.

We also benefit from the support of a number of industry partners who bring an expert lens to the work that we do. Organisations such as St George Rowing Club, New South Wales Rugby and New South Wales Netball provide us with a wealth of support, both strategically and operationally.

Building on this exceptional sporting expertise, Sydney Catholic Schools have recently entered a groundbreaking partnership with Sydney Football Club (Sydney FC) to collaborate on a variety of initiatives aimed at supporting the growth and education of school-age football players.

We will work closely with Sydney FC to

introduce football-related educational programs that align with the curriculum, offering students valuable insights into the sport's technical, tactical, and strategic aspects. We will work together to identify and nurture talented young footballers within Sydney Catholic Schools, providing specialised development programs that focus on enhancing skills and potential with access to professional football coaching.

At Sydney Catholic Schools, we're focused on growing our sporting opportunities and pathways for all students, regardless of their background, gender or physical ability. From school-based participation to elite competition, we will continue to work together with our school communities and the sports industry to champion the role that sports can play in our students' lives.

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NETBALL



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**Intermediate Girls Soccer
SCS Conference 3 Champions**



**Junior Boys Soccer
SCS Conference 3 Champions**



**Junior Girls Rugby 7s
SCS Conference 3 Champions**



**Under 15 Rugby League
SCS Conference 3 Champions**



**Senior Boys Basketball
SCS Conference 3 Champions**



**Senior Girls Water Polo
SCS Conference 3 Champions**

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Marist Catholic College Penshurst has continued a proud sporting tradition with outstanding results in the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) sports competitions during 2023. We are proud of all our students and coaches for their hard work, team spirit and excellent results throughout the competitions. The College boasts two Sydney Catholic Schools champion teams - Senior Girls Netball and Junior Girls Soccer. A further 10 teams won their Conference 3 championships - an outstanding performance across a range of sports. Well done to all involved in our sports program - a team of sports stars.



Senior Netball SCS Champions



Junior Girls Soccer SCS Champions

CHAMPION TEAMS

SCS CHAMPIONS

- Junior Girls Soccer
- Senior Girls Netball

SCS CONFERENCE 3 CHAMPIONS

- Senior Boys Basketball
- Senior Girls Water Polo
- Junior Boys Soccer
- Intermediate Girls Soccer
- U/15 Rugby League (Pool C)
- Junior Girls Rugby 7's
- Year 7 & 8 All Abilities European Handball
- Year 7 & 8 All Abilities Oztag
- Year 7 & 8 All Abilities 7-A-Side Soccer
- Junior Boys Swimming Squad

NSWCPS Inaugural Sport Awards 2023



In 2023, for the first time ever, CSNSW Sport is hosting an awards night for our primary students across all of Catholic Schools in NSW. The inaugural NSWCPS Sport Awards night will highlight the top % of primary athletes in our pathway across all of NSW in each Sport.

CSNSW Sport is very excited to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of these students and is looking forward to sharing their success.



Australian Football:

- Rylan Schneider (St Joseph's, Culcairn)
- Quin Neyland (St Catherine's, Singleton)
- Indie Champion (St Joseph's, Goulburn)

Athletics:

- Sienna Compton (St Aloysius, Chisholm)
- Stella Pace (St Bernadette's, Castle Hill)
- Ella Finnane (St Anthony's, Marsfield)
- Lachlan Chappell (St Bernard's, Botany)

Basketball:

- Rainne Acuna (Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys)
- Reggie Stafford (St Brigid's, Coogee)

Cricket:

- Poppi Stephen (St Philomena's, Bathurst)
- Tyson Jansz (St Catherine Siena, Prestons)

Cross Country:

- Sienna Compton (St Aloysius, Chisholm)
- Emily Halim (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick)
- Ella Plummer (St John Bosco, Engadine)
- Mia Hogan (St Patrick's, Albury)

Diving:

- Hayden Brinckley (St Catherine Laboure)

Football:

- Jimmi Matthews (St Carthage's, Lismore)
- Sophie Aungle (St Patrick's, Sutherland)

Golf:

- David Kang (St Raphael's, Cowra)

Hockey:

- Xavier Schweinberger (St Joseph's, East Maitland)
- Audrey Paige (St Patrick's, Sutherland)

Netball:

- Charli Mitchell (St Andrew's, Malabar)
- London Campbell (St Joseph's, Bulli)

Read more: <https://sites.google.com/view/nswcps-awards-2023/home>

Rugby:

- Faith Ata (Santa Sabina, Strathfield)
- Matthew Wallace (St Laurence's, Forbes)

Rugby Girls 7s:

- Ruby Azar (St Matthew's, Mudgee)
- Sienna Knight (St Therese's, Mascot)

Rugby League:

- Leeroi Stokes (St Philomena's Primary, Moree)
- Max Israel (St Aidan's, Maroubra Junction)

Softball:

- Francesca Vella (Bethany, Glenmore Park)
- Dieter Warren (Henschke Primary School, Wagga Wagga)

Swimming:

- Molly Ramien (St Xavier's, Gunnedah)
- Thomas McCormack (St Mary's, Casino)
- Sienna Compton (St Aloysius, Chisholm)
- Christian Wilson (St Charles', Waverley)
- Mia Hogan (St Patrick's, Albury)

Touch Football:

- Jay Calandruccio (Sacred Heart, Mona Vale)
- Olivia Carney (St Mary's, Wellington)
- Frankie Hurley (Mater Dei, Blakehurst)
- Kendall Kilby (St Charles', Ryde)



NSWCPS Team of the Year - MacKillop Girls Touch Football Team 2023

The MacKillop Girls Touch Football team were excellent, each girl knew their role in the team and executed it exceptionally well. The girls came from all over NSW and committed to developing their skills as a team and bonding with each other. They continuously fought at the NSWPSA championships, leaving them undefeated and bringing home the trophy for the first time in 10 years. The girls' hard work was further recognised with 5 of the 12 students being selected into the NSWPSA team.



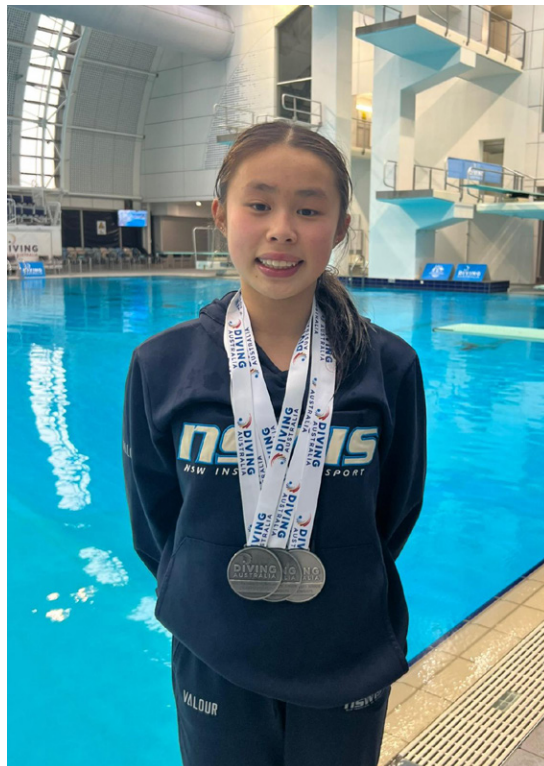
Domremy College sports stars grow from what they go through

We congratulate the following athletes who have demonstrated immense dedication, sacrifice and hard work to achieve at the highest levels this year. *"We are incredibly proud of our young women striving for and achieving excellence in their chosen sport, and representing their College with such passion and enthusiasm,"* said Mrs Antoinette McGahan, Principal of Domremy College. *"They embody both our College vision, 'Let the Light shine true' and our strong 2023 student theme 'grow from what you go through.'"*

'LET THE LIGHT SHINE TRUE'

CHLOE GAO DIVING

Chloe Gao (Year 10) won the 15 Years Girls Springboard and Knockout & 15-16 Years Girls Platform events in the NSW All Schools Swimming and Diving Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Chloe was also selected in the diving team for the School Sport Australia 10-19 Years Diving Championships. Chloe competed at the Diving Australia Elite Junior Diving Nationals Championship and, competing in 3 events, walked away with 3 Silver medals making her the No. 2 diver in Australia/NZ for her Junior B (age 14-15) category. Chloe has been identified by Diving Australia as an athlete "of the future, with the potential to achieve excellence at the 2028 and/or 2032 Olympic Games" and was announced in Diving Australia's Dream 2832 Squad. (Diving Australia).



EVELYN & ABBEY O'NEILL WATER POLO



We congratulate sisters Abbey (Year 12) and Evelyn (Year 8) O'Neill, who competed for the NSWCC Representative Team at the Australian All Schools Invitational Water Polo Championships in Woy Woy in July. Additional congratulations to Abbey, who was selected 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament'.

SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

SILVER MEDALISTS NSW ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Senior Football Team became the NSWCC Football Championship Winner this year, progressing to the NSW All Schools Championship. Initially beating Freshwater Senior Campus - Northern Beaches Secondary College, the team then progressed and emerged the Silver medallist with Westfield Sports High taking Gold. This is a massive achievement by our young women, who entered the competition grateful to be there, prepared to lift their game and be competitive and ultimately determined to make it to the finals, in what was proving to be high level competition. Their tenacity and belief in themselves with each passing training session and game was admirable to witness.



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Samuel Skrabak Yr 8 **SWIMMING**

Samuel started the year by being named Conference 3 Swimming Carnival Champion after winning 7 gold and 2 silver medals and is now the holder of 7 records from the carnival.

Moving onto the Sydney Swimming Championships, Samuel participated in 8 individual events and 1 relay, receiving medals in all events. Samuel was crowned the Under 14's champion and swimmer of the entire carnival.

Despite competing with an injured elbow, Samuel was outstanding at the NSWCCC Championships claiming 5 silver and 3 gold medals.

Samuel then had the opportunity to spend 3 weeks in Slovakia, training and competing in the Slovakian Open Men's National Swimming Championships, finishing with 4 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals at the event.



Alexander Zafiris Yr 11 **ATHLETICS**

Alexander competed in the Opens Shot Put (5kg) at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Alexander finished in 2nd position in his event which is a fantastic achievement and will now fly over to Perth to compete in the 2023 Chemist Warehouse Australian National Schools Finals.



Bronson Reuben Yr 12 **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Bronson is part of the graduating class of 2023 at MCK who has performed extremely well in Rugby League for both his College and his representative side, Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs. Bronson was a crucial player amongst the Opens Rugby League team this year and was a major factor in MCK finishing top place of their Conference, winning the exhibition match at ACCOR stadium and SCS semi-finalists. Bronson also went on to lead the Harold Matthews Canterbury Bulldogs side to a 32-6 Grand Final victory against the Newcastle Knights earlier in the year.



Elio Fornasier Yr 10 **HOCKEY**

Elio was chosen for the Under 16's NSW Field Hockey 2024 squad and led the MCK Team to victory in the SCS Field Hockey Gala Day.



Dominic Briscas Yr 9 **DIVING**

Dominic claimed a silver medal in the Team Synchronised Group Two and a bronze medal in the Under 14's Boys Springboard at the School Sport Australia Diving Championships.

TEAMS



Senior AFL Team
SCS Conference 3 Champions



Intermediate Football A Team
SCS Conference 3 Champions



Senior Rugby 7's Team
SCS Conference 3 Champions



Intermediate Boys Hockey Team
SCS Conference 3 Champions



Junior Intermediate and Senior Tennis Teams
SCS Conference 3 Champions



Junior Table Tennis
SCS Conference 3 Champions



St Mary's Cathedral College SYDNEY

At St Mary's Cathedral College we're not only fostering academic excellence but also nurturing the sporting talents of our students, ensuring they shine on many fronts. Join us in celebrating these exceptional achievements and in looking forward to their continued success on the athletic stage.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL GRAND FINAL VICTORY!

The St Mary's Cathedral College (SMCC) Junior Basketball team clinched the Sydney Catholic School (SCS) Conference 1 championship and advanced to the SCS Championships during Week 10, Term 1. There, they competed against the champions of the other three conferences, marking an impressive accomplishment following their fourth-place finish in the regular season. In the SCS Semi Final, SMCC faced off against Clancy Catholic College, securing a thrilling 36-33 victory in a closely contested match. The Grand Final saw them up against Trinity Catholic College in an intense and fluctuating contest. However, our team exhibited unwavering composure down the stretch, ultimately triumphing with a hard-fought 36-33 victory, earning them the title of SCS Champions for 2023.

CROSS COUNTRY CONQUERORS

The **NSWCCC Cross Country Championships** took place at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on Tuesday, June 13. SMCC was proudly represented by seven exceptional students, who went head-to-head with the finest runners from Catholic schools across the state.

In a display of outstanding dedication and skill, we extend our warmest congratulations to Jacob Souza, securing a remarkable 5th place in the U12 category, and to Ethan McKenzie, who achieved an impressive 2nd place in the 18+ category. These exceptional performances have earned them the privilege of qualification for the NSW All Schools Cross Country event in July.

The prestigious **NSW All Schools Cross Country** event unfolded at the renowned Sydney Motorsport Park during Week 1, Term 3. Congratulations to the accomplished trio of Jacob Sousa, Raj Naidu, and Ethan McKenzie for their stellar representation of the College. Their dedication and determination yielded commendable results, reflecting the spirit of our institution's athletic excellence.

A well-deserved spotlight shines on Ethan McKenzie, whose performance secured a second-place finish in his race. This outstanding feat paved the way for his participation in the highly anticipated National Championships in Canberra. Ethan competed in the under 20s category, where he not only ranked fifth in NSW but also an impressive 14th overall!



JUNIOR FOOTBALL: ON-FIELD SUCCESS

In an unforgettable showdown at Lambert Park, the Junior A Football team etched their names in the annals of sports history. With unmatched passion and unwavering skill, they clashed with a determined Lewisham side, resulting in an intense 0-0 tie at full time. The tension escalated as a nail-biting penalty shootout unfolded, but our keeper, Hunter Hart, emerged as the hero, delivering a remarkable first save that propelled SMCC into the lead, firmly in control. Our young talents followed suit, executing impressive penalties to clinch the victory! The resilience and determination exhibited by the team was truly awe-inspiring.



Marist Sisters' College
Woolwich

Marist Sisters' College - Woolwich -

Marist Sisters' College students showed dedication, skill, and teamwork, achieving success in various Sydney Catholic Schools sports this year.

SCS Senior Touch Football Champions



Ellie Barnett, Leah Russell, Amelie Fehir, Brianna Kelly, Katie Kyneur, Gabbi Slater, Ella Arbuthnot, Georgia Southcombe, Claudia Lacalandra, Holly Lloyd

SCS Athletics Champions



Maya Ostapenko, Alyse Oppedisano, Claudia Lacalandra, Bilie Letsios, Marcella Dunn, Matilda Gilbert, Sofia Watts, Maddison Tannous, Bonita Glassock, Ellie Barnett, Mikaela Gavranic, Alanah O'Donovan, Ava Marangon, Elsie Gray, Tola Blicharska, Michaela Ibrahim, Izabella Mansory, Leah Russell, Miah O'Shea, Bridget Butler, Ava Tacey, Amelie Gomez-Niewolik, Ela Rochester, Elie Comerford, Leila O'Donnell, Caitlin Russell, Sorcha Reid, Alessia Rizzuto, Ivy Vella, Georgia Sewell, Grace Chau, Kayla Mugridge, Maya Bassett, Emma Websdale, Sienna Glavin, Melissa Bridge, Emma Zuppelli, Claire Beynon, Gianna Fimmano, Anabel Carbone

SCS Cross Country Champions



Back Row: Alexandra McKenzie, Zara Chand, Elsie Gray, Maddison Tannous, Sofia Watts, Charlotte McClelland, Isabel Chand, Ellie Barnett, Zara Smith, Bonita Glassock
Middle Row: Ella Rochester, Sienna Glavin, Maddison Sherry, Miah O'Shea, Tola Blicharska, Eve Lange, Maya Ostapenko, Remy Donoghue, Claudia Janus, Erin Krenmayr, Georgia Sherry
Front Row: Kayla Mugridge, Bridget Butler, Emma Zuppelli, Alessia Rizzuto, Ellie Comerford, Bianca Magner, Sorcha Reid, Emma Websdale, Maya Bassett, Claire Beynon

SCS Swimming Champions



Back Row: Maya Ostapenko, Ziani Viola, Sophie Mitchell-Cook, Sofia Watts, Maddison Tannous.
Middle Row: Emma Websdale, Zara Chand, Sienna Brown, Natasha Payne, Eve Lange, Georgia Sherry.
Front Row: Melissa Bridge, Angela Lakic, Elsie Gray, Ava Gibson, Michaela Ibrahim, Emma Ward, Sienna Glavin

SCS Intermediate Football Champions



Alessia Rizzuto, Alyse Oppedisano, Amelie Gomez-Niewolik, Billy Letsios, Ella Grego, Elle Derek, Gabriella Moar, Hannah Sacco, Lana Brusek, Lilli Moujalli, Lucy Mutimer, Maddie Tannous, Natalie Russo, Rosie Toser, Olivia Haddad, Montana McCormick



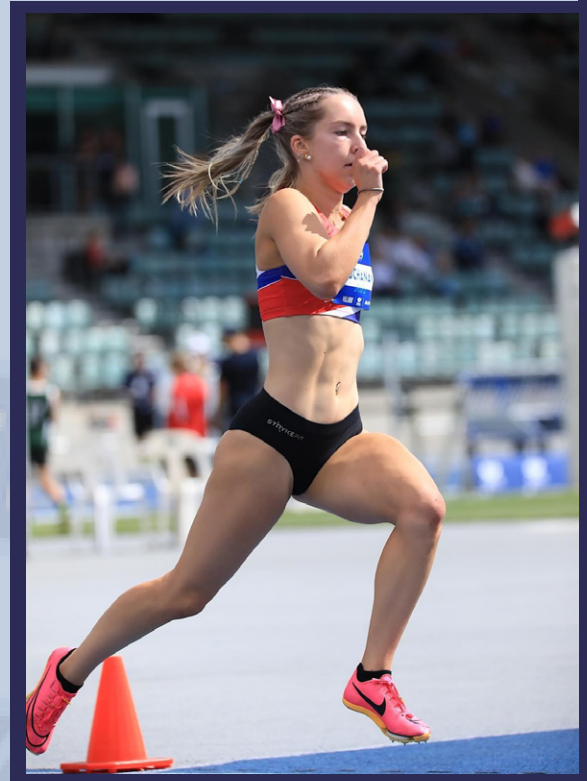
JOEY'S SPORTING STARS

The sporting success at St. Joseph's Catholic High School this year has been nothing short of extraordinary. The students' commitment, dedication, and undeniable talent have been vital in raising the school's sporting reputation to new heights. Whether it be on the field, track or in the pool, St. Joseph's students have made their mark and showcased the incredible athletes they are.

Tayissa Buchanan had an outstanding performance at the NSW Junior State Championships, finishing 2nd in the U18 800m and 3rd in the 400m while setting a new personal best. At the NSW Open State Championships, she made it to the final with another PB and placed 7th overall. Tayissa also secured 2nd place at the Diocesan Cross Country carnival and emerged victorious in the 400m race at the NSW All Schools. She has now qualified for Australian All Schools in December over in Perth. We wish her all the best of luck with this event. Tayissa has also signed with Penn State University in America. She will move over to the USA mid next year to commence her training and study.



Grace Pomery performed outstandingly in various running events this year, Grace finished 10th in the U20 field at the 4km World Championship Cross Country Challenge in Bathurst. At the NSW Junior State Championships, Grace placed 2nd in the U20 1500m and 3rd in the 800m. At the Australian Track and Field Championships that were held in Brisbane, Grace qualified to compete in two events- U20 1500m, and 800m. Grace had a great run crossing the line in 5th position in the 800m with a new PB of 2.13.62 and finishing in 14th Position overall. Two days later Grace backed this up to run the 1500m. With two heats run, Grace finished an incredible 17th overall in the final placings.



Our Junior Boys Cricket team demonstrated their strength and tenacity for the game after a loss at the start of the day. However, the boys didn't give up. Instead, they rallied together, showed some grit and determination, and won their next three games. Their impressive performance led them to the grand final, where they ultimately finished second for the day.



Our St Joseph's Representatives excelled at NSWCCC Triathlon. Te Ari'i Aperau-Bob (swimmer), Ashton Byrne (cyclist), and Pacey Moylan (runner) proudly represented St Joseph's school during the Triathlon on February 23rd and 24th. We are thrilled to congratulate the boys on their impressive 3rd place finish at the event.



FREEMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- Intermediate Girls Touch Football** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese 4th Place
- Intermediate Boys Football** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Champions, NSWCCC Runner's Up.
- Intermediate Girls Football** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Runner's Up.
- Senior Girls Football** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Quarter-Finalists
- Senior Boys Football** - Conference Runner's Up, Sydney Archdiocese Quarter-Finalists
- Girls Bill Turner Trophy** - Sydney South-West Area Champions, National Round of 16
- Senior Boys AFL** - Conference Champions
- Junior Boys Table Tennis** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Champions
- Intermediate Boys Table Tennis** - Conference Champions
- Senior Girls Table Tennis** - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Runner's Up

ATHLETICS TEAM

- Junior Boys Conference Champions
- Junior Girls Conference Champions
- Intermediate Girls Conference Runner's Up
- Senior Boys Conference Champions
- Senior Girls Conference Runner's Up
- Overall Male Conference Champions
- Overall Female Conference Champions

CROSS COUNTRY

- Junior Boys Conference Champions
- Junior Girls Conference Champions
- Intermediate Boys Conference Champions
- Overall Male Conference Champions

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- | | |
|---|--|
| Sofia Iannello (Swimming) | Anthony Pavlesic (Football) |
| Sienna Bautista (Swimming) | Aleisha Tran (Gymnastics) |
| Leandro Carle (Football) | Charlotte Skundric (Athletics) |
| Samuel O'Connor (Football) | Mikayla Skundric (Athletics) |
| Johnson Tsakirakis (Wrestling) | Angelina Scamardella (Football) |
| Angelina Sanfilippo (Figure Skating) | Nancy Kiwarkis (Swimming) |
| Rocco Macnamarra (Football) | James Connaughton (Swimming) |
| Marco Santangelo (Football) | |

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Intermediate Girls Football - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Runner's Up

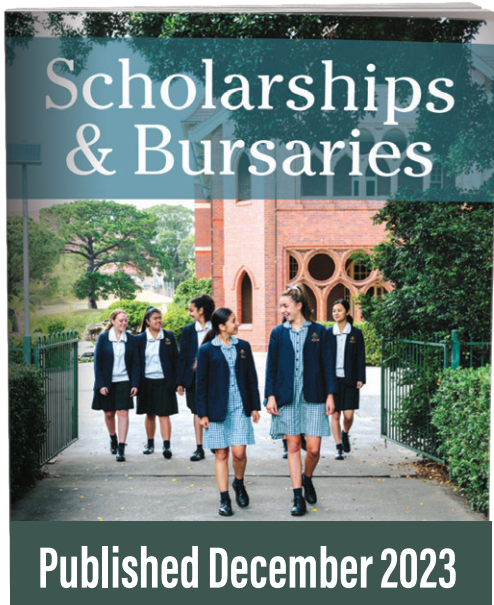


Intermediate Boys Football - Conference Champions, Sydney Archdiocese Champions, NSWCCC Runner's Up

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SPORTS

Marist College Eastwood student set to hit home runs in the United States

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SURROUNDED BY family and friends who love baseball, it was only natural for Baden Hagarty to want to play too.

The Year 12 Marist College Eastwood student started his baseball journey at age five. As a child, he would regularly watch his father play and dreamed early on of playing internationally in the highest leagues possible.

And what a successful journey it has been—Baden has just been selected to represent Australia in the Babe Ruth World Series which will be held in Missouri, USA in August.

The Aussie Drop Bears Babe Ruth U18 team will leave Australia on 11 August for a gruelling 10-day tour and they have their hearts set on bringing home a trophy.

Fittingly, Marist College Eastwood's motto is *Respice Finem*: consider the final outcome. Baden actively embraces this and is constantly working towards and thinking about his future, as he strives to achieve his sporting goals.

"I'm really hopeful that I might catch the eye of a baseball scout which would result in a scholarship to study and play baseball in the US," said Baden.

"My passion is baseball and to have a professional career doing what I love is my dream."

Baden is no novice to international sport and has represented Australia in baseball many times, playing games in the USA and Japan over the years. He last represented Australia in the U18 Australian Waves baseball team in Florida last year.

Baden's biggest achievement to date was winning the U18 state league final, the result of three years of hard work and dedication on and off the pitch.

Training twice a week and playing one game a week slots in very well with his HSC studies. His favourite subject? Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation, of course! "I try to lead by example, always play hard and always stay positive regardless of results," said Baden.

"Being in Year 12, it can be challenging to balance my studies and training requirements. I want to play as much baseball as possible but I know that my education is very important."

Throughout Baden's global sporting endeavours and numerous national titles played at home, Marist College Eastwood has consistently stood as one of his most ardent supporters. Sydney Catholic



Baden Hagarty in action. Baden has been selected to represent Australia in the Babe Ruth World Series in USA.

PHOTO: SCS SPORT

Schools offers baseball as a sport option to secondary students at 36 of its schools.

"My school and teachers have been so understanding and make sure I'm still engaged with my studies to keep me on track, wherever I might be in the world," said Baden. Baden has recently been awarded the Marist College Eastwood Diligence and Effort award, which demonstrates he's actively finding the right balance between schooling and playing competitive baseball.

Although baseball is Baden's first passion, he is definitely an all-round sportsman and has taken part in many sporting opportunities at Marist College Eastwood—this year he is captain of three senior teams including AFL, Touch Football and Netball.

"We are very proud of Baden's

achievements," Marist College Eastwood Principal Silvana Rossetti said.

"He is a wonderful role model to the younger students at the college, setting a wonderful example of hard work and dedication."

For those looking to follow in the steps of Baden's sporting success, he has the following advice.

"Perseverance is key, you can't always be at the top of your game but if you fight through the tough times and train hard, you will always get back up on top."

"Sport creates and builds lifelong friendships, communication and leadership skills, and fosters development as both an individual and as a team.

It allows you to build resilience as not all results will always go your way, but you still must always persevere," said Baden.





St Paul's Catholic College, Manly

EDUCATING BOYS IN YEARS 7 TO 12

Prima Primum: First Things First

TOP SPORTS ACHIEVERS



JEDD THOMAS: YEAR 12 Golf

Congratulations to Year 12 student Jedd who represented the NSW CCC Golf team in the "NSW All schools golf championships held in Newcastle". Players had to play 54 holes over 3 days at Belmont Golf Club and Waratah Golf Club where Jedd made the Top 16 cut after 3 days, to play in the 4th Day, sitting 7 over par. Jedd went on to win the overall Boy Champion for Catholic Combined Colleges after day 3. On the 4th Day Jedd finished the last 3 holes with an Eagle, Birdie and par finishing 7 over after 4 days, coming 4th on a countback. Jedd will now be representing NSW All Schools golf team to play in the School Sport Australian Golf Championships in August at the Gold Coast.



JORDAN BRAY: YEAR 7 Surfing

Congratulations to one of our Year 7 students Jordan, who won the U/14s Rip Curl Grom Search in Newcastle! The competition gives junior surfers the opportunity to test their skills against the best in the country.



JACK DOOREY: YEAR 11 Water Polo

NSWCCC Boys Water Polo Team 2023: Congratulations to Year 10 student, Jack Doorey, on his recent selection into the NSWCCC Waterpolo team. Jack is an impressive young man. He exhibits skill across several sports, works very hard and always displays good sportsmanship.



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