

- 13s v All Saints
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- 1st XV v All Saints

- 9s v Cranbrook 9am (A)
- 11s v Trinity 10am (H)
- Prep 1st XV v St Aloysius (A)



ISA Round 6 v All Saints College

Saturday 3rd June
At Bathurst

Prep Rugby
9s at Woollahrah
11s at CCGS
1st XV at Primrose Park

RUGBY CONVENOR

Senior Rugby Results vs St Andrews Cathedral School



Last Saturday, three of our teams travelled to Sydney University to play St. Andrews Cathedral School. The 13s lead from start to finish with a wonderful display of running rugby and dogged defence. Keep up the good work boys. You are travelling well at the half way point. The 14s came up against last year's premiers and found their big, physical players challenging to contain. SACS were always ahead but our boys showed great character to remain in contact with some excellent tries. At least three others were stopped right on the goal line as well. The 1st XV have been rocked with injury but the boys who represented the team on Saturday, played with great pride and purpose. Unfortunately, SACS were dominant in the set pieces which was the platform for their win. The score line did not indicate the closeness of the match.

This Saturday, we take our annual trip by Buses to Bathurst to play All Saints College. All players are to wear full School uniform to and from Bathurst. Bus 1 will also depart immediately after the 1st XV match. I look forward to a successful day out at All Saints College.

Bus 1 (13s, 14s, 16s) departs RLC at 6.15am

Bus 2 (1st XV) departs RLC at 7.30am

Link to ISA Rugby page for the results table:

<http://www.isa.nsw.edu.au/winter-sports/rugby/>

CCGS 1st XV

CCGS 1st XV 17 defeated by St Andrews Cathedral School 31

We came here with a mission, to not lose, but this was not to be. The score doesn't really reflect the actual game, as both teams played the ball up and down the field. It was our 5th week in a row with a new player in the number 10 jersey and the hex on this jersey continued to plague the team. The number 10 is a link in any team between the backs and forwards and this cannot be understated.

Whilst a number of boys played well, as a team we did not. Our discipline in controlling our errors was the main factor of our loss. Too many times we lost the advantage we had fought hard for. During the first half of the season, we have looked at our alignment, we have looked at our tackling and rolling away and we have look at our support play. These fundamental skill sets are required by all the players on the field if our team is to achieve.

So where to now! This team has heaps of potential but we have too many players thinking about what others should do, rather than focus on how they can improve their own game and thus help the team as a whole.

Taking the positives from the game, we attacked well, our alignment was sound and we came off the line together. There were a number of outstanding tackles and hit ups, however they were only done periodically and this was our downfall.

We have played all teams in the comp and now have a better understanding of what it will take to have success in this competition. Let's regather at training, let's focus on what we can do as players, let's look at our own weaknesses and strengthen that part of our game. Let's play rugby as a team.

Bil Kensey

(Coach)

Tries: M Cooney x 2, S Brown x 1

Goal: M. Cooney X1



CCGS 14s

CCGS 14s 17 defeated by St Andrews Cathedral School 34

Another slow beginning to a match. Definitely, an area of concern for the boys. Once they had eyed off the opposition, they played some very good rugby and were rewarded with three great tries. They were competitive but were unable to bridge the gap created by their bigger players who scored several early tries. The score line was not a good indicator of the match as our boys were cut down a metre from the try line on at least three other occasions. Sebastien Plummer had a sensational match, putting the SACS defence under pressure every time he set up attacking raids.

I look forward to further development by the boys as we commence the reverse fixtures starting this Saturday at All Saints College.



CCGS 13s

CCGS 13s 26 defeated St Andrews Cathedral School 14

The 13s turned up ready to play from the outset. The warm up was focused and the team went about their roles from the opening whistle. The opposition was on the back foot from the opening kick-off. After a quick turn over and some quick phase play, Lachlan crashed over in the opening minute. From the re-start, the forwards dominated the ruck and maul. This opened up some space for the backs, resulting in a converted try to Alex. CCGS showed some terrific defence in the ensuing phases. The side's improving pillar/ post defence was working a treat with every player having input. From another turnover, CCGS marched down the field with Lachlan going in for his second and Harrison B adding the extras. This put the boys ahead 19-0 after only 14 minutes. St Andrew's came out firing from here and with a little help from our infringements at the breakdown, put continual pressure on the team. They ran in two quick tries and were right back in the match. Running out of puff, the boys did well to make it to half time leading 19-14.

After a resourceful half time break, the boys went out firing in defence. They were on the receiving end of some poor refereeing decisions, but showed great resilience to keep the opposition from scoring. Hamish went down with injury and showed great courage in defence. With one less player on the field, CCGS dug in deep and turned the match with a converted try to Lachlan in the 38th minute. With 10 minutes remaining, the opposition applied pressure, but spirited defence and outstanding one on one tackles from Alex, Oscar, Jonah and Will, ensured the team kept the opposition scoreless. This was a terrific victory and one the side should be very proud of. The highlight for the team and parents came at the end with a spirited rendition of the team song in the middle of St Andrew's oval.

Douglas-Byrne 3, Pulbrook tries; Pulbrook 2, Betts conversions.

Blake Berczelly
(Coach)



Prep Rugby Convenor

Last weekend saw our Prep First XV compete in a tough battle against Scots College. While they lost, it was a valiant one. Instead of having a bye round last weekend, the 11s competed in a 7 a side gala type morning in Sydney. Some 60 odd teams play throughout the age groups over a few hours. While our team don't play in this weekly competition they earned praise from opponents, opposing coaches whilst impressing their own coaches Mr Mudge and Mr Rees. Alex Hunter and Brady Burns (both of Year 4) played strongly crossing for their first tries of the season – well done boys! The Under 9s had a tough outing against Mosman Prep. Keep working hard boys and I'm sure you will be back to your winning ways soon.

Combined Independent Schools Rugby Trials.

The CIS rugby representative teams would have to one of the harder representative teams to be selected in. Just think of the competition – any major rugby school.

The selection process was as follows:

- Day 1 - Over 120 players arrived on day one of the trials. After the day the 120 became roughly 70.
- Day 2 - On Monday this week these 70 players then played in one of 4 teams representing some 35 independent schools across NSW. The four teams were then made into two.
- Day 3 – Tuesday this week the last 30 remaining players played one final trail. The aim was to make the final 22 which will complete in the NSW PSSA Rugby Championship.

Darcy Medcalf, Noah Owens, Zac Pearce and Aidan Deacon represented CCGS at the trials. All four made it through to Day 2 which was no easy feat. Zac Pearce and Aidan Deacon both made it through to Day 3 and played in the final trial. Aidan Deacon made the final cut into the squad of 22 and will now represent the Combined Independent Schools at the NSW PSSA State Championships.

Congratulations to all four boys – clearly you did an amazing job. Never before has CCGS been so heavily represented at this level within IPSHA and CIS.

Congratulations to your wider CCGS team and coach Jason McGarry as your achievements are a reflection of your whole squad. Well done everyone!

This weekend's fixtures are as follows:

IPSHA Rugby Round 6 – 3 rd June				
Prep Firsts	St Aloysius V CCGS	Away	Primrose Park	9:00am
11s	CCGS V Trinity	Home	CCGS Rugby 2	10:00am
9s	CCGS V Cranbrook	Away	Woollahra	9:00am

Mr Luke McLoughlin



CCGS Prep 1st XV

CCGS Prep Firsts 5 (Burns try) lost to Scots 26

On a beautiful Autumn morning, the boys ran onto the field full of enthusiasm and determination. They began the game particularly well, and after holding off several early opposition raids, they began to get on top. The forwards of Funnell, Betts, Pursehouse, Reiss, Nicholson, Gleeson, Romain and Deacon earned collective praise for repeatedly setting up phase after phase of clean ball. They were supported by powerful surges from fly half Medcalf, whose direct running really got the team going forward, and fluent catch and pass from halfback McGarry to outside backs Power and Mare. The CCGS team deservedly took the lead when fullback, Burns, chimed into the attack and burst over. Unfortunately, he couldn't convert his own try but the Firsts were on the board. After a period of midfield struggle, the home side began to spread the ball and chinks began to appear in the CCGS defence. After a couple of narrow misses, they levelled the score when their centre skirted the Grammar backs to score wide out. Shortly after, they took the lead when, again, they moved the ball quickly to the flanks and their winger scored. The Firsts were unlucky to be behind at half time but, also, unfortunate when Medcalf could not return to the field due to a cheekbone injury. In the second stanza, CCGS fought hard with powerful charges by Deacon, Funnell and Power, getting the team on the front foot. But the Scots team were quick to take their chances, and after slick ball movement, they banged on two more tries. At this stage, the Firsts were hit by injuries, which caused disruption to the team. However, this seemed to galvanise them more and their line wasn't breached again, despite repeated pressure from Scots. The full time whistle went and the teams shook hands in a mutual celebration of an excellent game played in fine spirit. Special mention should go to wingers, Todd and Wilson who defended bravely and, also, forwards Nicholson and Romain, who, undoubtedly, played their best games of the season!



CCGS 9s

CCGS 9s 10 defeated by Mosman Prep 40

CCGS U9's were taught another valuable rugby lesson on Saturday when they played against a focused Mosman Prep at Terry Hills. Mosman displayed excellent concentration levels, breakdown skills and dominated the ruck, resulting in 70 % of the possession.

With a good platform of forward running, effective clean-outs and excellent support play Mosman tested CCGS' ability to tackle, communicate and to bounce back after tries were scored. Max Cheung delivered a master class in hustling and hassling the opposition. His ability to continually pressure the 5/8 from the lineout enabled CCGS to have some impact in defence. Max backed this up with strong runs and tireless play in the breakdown area.

Jack Gray added strength with his efforts in the forward play. Jack Phyland also applied himself to the tackle and tight forward play. Macauley played with purpose and passion and is continually improving his game. Ethan took his game to another level adding versatility to the front row. Christian stepped up his involvement in the match and his charging runs and ball wrestling was inspiring to his forwards.

Jonah put up his hand to accept the task of defending with grit, going forward with the ball and good passing to his backs. Isaac leads the tackle and clean out count and this is a signal for his team members to follow his lead, help out and contribute to this great effort. Aidan defended with purpose and constantly threatened the Mosman defence. His effort and determination was rewarded with a try after a sideline sprint and dive within the corner post.

Sam Matthews also scored a good team try.

The boys showed a willingness to have a go and are learning the importance of consistency, concentration and communication. In addition we are learning the importance of starting well, committing ourselves to the clean out, respecting the ball and making effective one on one tackles.

I am looking forward to more effort and concentration in practice and this transferring to an improved performance in matches. When this happens CCGS U9's can expect to play smart, fast and exciting rugby.

Final score: 10-40

Try scorers: Aidan Rivard x 1. Sam Matthews x 1.

Coach: James Cummins



Round 6

Central Coast Grammar School Rugby

ISA Rd 6 v All Saints College at Bathurst

Saturday 3rd June.



CCGS Team	Opponent	Venue	Time
1st XV	All Saints College 1st XV	ASC Rugby 1	1.15pm
16 s	All Saints College 16s	ASC Rugby 1	12.00pm
14 s	All Saints College 14s	ASC Rugby 1	11.00am
13 s	All Saints College 13s	ASC Rugby 2	11.00am

Bus 1 (Coach) (13s, 14s, 16s) departs RLC at 6.15am
 Staff for Bus 1 – Berczelly, Geddes, Curtis, Thomas up only

Bus 2 (Mini Bus & trailer) (1st XV squad) departs RLC at 7.30am
 Staff for Bus 2 – Kensey, Lenard, Thomas return only

Please note: All players on Bus 1 will stay and support the 1st XV in their match. Bus 1 will depart immediately after the 1st XV match has been completed. Both buses will stop at McDonalds Blaxland on the trip home for dinner.

CCGS SENIOR RUGBY DRAW & IMPORTANT DATES 2017 SEASON

DATE	TYPE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	NOTES
TERM 1				
Mon - Wed				
12th March – 15th March	Incoming Tour	Collingwood School (Canada)	CCGS	16s & 1 st XV (Host Families required x 3 nights) for 44 Boys
Saturday				
25th March	ISA Division 2 Gala Day	ISA Division 2 various	Bowral	1 st XV
Wednesday - Sunday				
19th April – 23rd April	Victorian Tour	Melbourne Schools	Melbourne	1 st XV Squad
TERM 2				
Saturday				
29th April	ISA Rd 1	All Saints College	CCGS	
Saturday				
6th May	ISA Rd 2	Oxley College	CCGS	
Tuesday				
9th May	ISA Rugby Trials	(16s and Opens invitation only)	Oxford Falls	Private Transport
Saturday				
13th May	ISA Rd 3	Redfield College	Dural	Private Transport
Saturday				
20th May	ISA Rd 4	Chevalier College	CCGS	
Saturday				
27th May	ISA Rd 5	St. Andrew's Cathedral School	Sydney University	Private Transport
Saturday				
3rd June	ISA Rd 6	Al Saints College	Bathurst	Bus Transport
Sunday				
4th June	ISA Rep Rugby Training,	(16s and Opens)	BMGS	Private Transport
Saturday				
17th June	ISA Rd 7	Oxley College	Bowral	Bus provided
Sunday				
18th June	ISA Rep Fixtures	Pittwater Rugby Park	Narrabeen	
Thursday				
22nd June	Hunter Valley Grammar School Sports Day		CCGS	Opens, 16s, 14s
Fri, Sat, Sun				
23rd – 25th June	NSWSRU Rep Trials	Knox Grammar School		
TERM 3				
Saturday				
22nd July	ISA Rd 8	Redfield College	CCGS	
Saturday				
29th July	ISA Rd 9	Chevalier College	Bowral	Bus provided
Saturday				
5th August	ISA Rd 10	St. Andrew's Cathedral School	CCGS	
Saturday				
12th August	ISA Division 2 Semi Finals		Oakhill College	Private
Saturday				
19th August	ISA Division 2 Finals		Oakhill College	Private

Presentation Night (TBC)
Wednesday 30th August

- **CCGS Hall**

JS – 5.30pm to 6.45pm
SS – 7.00pm to 9.00pm