

Rugby Supporters Group Meeting
21st May 2018



Presidents Report - Welcome All

Its halfway through this season already and I am seeing that all our teams are showing an understanding of what we are strong at and where we need to improve. This is a great strength of the Rugby program at the School. Our coaches and support staff are identifying areas to work on and sharpening each training season to build better teams. We are seeing the strength of our teams, not individuals, grow and improve each week.

I am very concerned with the 2nd XV format. This years 12 aside competition is no good for a School like us who are trying to build depth. We are now in a situation where we do not have cover in every position. We are not needing to get 35 players for Opens Rugby. There is no opportunity to give the boys quality game time. There are three Schools without a team in 2nd's. I understand the reasons but the 5 Schools with 2nd XV's look to have plenty of reserves. It is also very hard to train. We cannot do an opposed training run 1st's v 2nd's because one team has 12 players. Everything is completely different. We cannot do opposed scrums, line outs or even run back line moves. It is not fair on our boys who want to be a part of a successful Rugby program at the moment. I believe a significant part of the improvement of Rugby at our School has been because of the pressure put on our 1st teams from our 2nd's. I will hope to raise my concerns with the TAS at an up coming meeting with all other TAS coaches in the coming week.

Well done to all for the continued success of the Term 2 Monster raffle. This year Rugby's share was over \$1300. Even in a year where we have five home games it would take a huge effort to raise that sum of money through our own raffle. I like that it gets the supporters groups together. I even think we should look to get more than 100 books to sell next year. Monster thanks to Smeg for the prizes

Big thanks to Jason and the ground staff for the state of the Schools fields. While others have complained about them Rugby has been actively trying to assist the staff by training in areas to give the grounds a chance to repair. We have canceled and or moved trainings to aid in the long term use of the fields. We appreciate that we are one of many who use these ovals.

The Canteens have been a great success this year so far. I am especially pleased to see so many new faces lending a hand. I would like to formulate a Canteen Cleaning Task sheet so all users can keep the place looking as good as it does.

I can also report the increasing numbers attending the Open Girls Rugby trainings. While we started with a few we now have grown to around 15 players. We are hope to arrange some games next term. I would like to think we may get 2 seven's sides to start with. watch this space.

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