

# Great Shot



## Message from TIC Mr Jack Edwards:

Dear Basketballers,

Thank you for all your efforts this term! I hope the season has started well for you and you've enjoyed putting on the Scotch Basketball uniform each Saturday morning. At this point in the season we can take some time to have a break over the holidays and reflect on how the season has gone so far and what we can look to implement as a team in the next few matches.

Thank you for your patience as we have utilised the gym for exams. I know having limited training does impact on our preparation but the boys have adjusted incredibly well with some strong performances from many teams on the weekend. I hope we can continue to build once we return to the courts.

Boys will recommence training from Tuesday 16th July upon their return to school. Matches will also recommence on Saturday, July 20th.

I look forward to our upcoming Melbourne United Basketball Clinic. This will be on Tuesday, June 25th. Please note that the 1.30pm session is now open to all age groups! It would be great to get as many boys there as possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe break. For those heading away, I hope you have a great time.

Regards,  
Jack



# Slam Dunk Club

## Message from Peter Tainsh Slam Dunk President:

Did you know?

Scotch has 360 boys playing basketball this year across 31 teams. This impressive participation rate is bringing basketball close to being the number one sport at Scotch, with its popularity increasing each year.

Most APS schools have reported similar trends, predicting that basketball will soon overtake and become the No. 1 participative sport. In many of Sydney's private schools, basketball has already been the most popular sport since 2022, and this trend shows no signs of slowing down.

The rising popularity of basketball is strongly linked to the success of the national NBL competition, the quality of Australian players in the NBA, and the performances of our national teams – the Boomers and the Opals.

According to data from the Australian Sports Commission, basketball was officially the most requested school sport in Australia in 2022. The data also stated that over 1.1 million Australians over the age of 15 played basketball last year – a 64 percent increase since 2016 and the number of children under 15 playing the sport has also risen significantly from 291,200 in 2016 to almost half a million in 2022. This upward trend is expected to continue.

Go Basketball, enjoy the break and go Scotch in Term 3!





# Opens



## Match Reports: Opens

### 1sts: Scotch Vs MGS

**MGS (65) def Scotch (54)**

**Coach: Randy Shanklin**

The Scotch First's played their final round of their APS draw before the redraw last Saturday against Melbourne Grammar. The two teams met in the pre season and MGS came out victorious. Saturday's game got off to a quick start as both teams traded baskets for most of the quarter. The teams played to a 12-12 draw at quarter time. The second quarter saw Scotch get out of the blocks quickly and start the quarter on an 8-0 run. The lead would grow to as many as 15 points as Scotch would take a 39-27 lead into the halftime break.

The third quarter saw MGS battle back to within 2 points before trailing 49-45 heading into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately just when it looked like Scotch would put together a complete game, that one bad quarter reared its ugly head in the fourth. MGS drew the game at 51-51 with just 3 minutes left to play. The scoreboard pressure had a negative effect on Scotch and MGS closed out the game on a 14-3 run to steal the game in a 65-54 victory. Top Scorers: (Archie Mc Sheffery 12, Harry Ward 10, Sacha Kennett 9, Oliver Stirling 8, Oliver Furusa 6, Tom Tisdall 5, Campbell Bates 4)



# Opens

## 2nds: Scotch Vs Wesley

**Scotch (47) def Wesley (31)**

**Coach: Matt Slavin**

Following a week off for the long weekend, the Scotch Seconds were once again back in action at MSAC on Saturday. They took on a well drilled Wesley team who jumped out to an early lead. Scotch responded well defensively, quickly closing the holes that Wesley were taking advantage of. Wesley's defensive pressure forced some turn overs in the first half, and made getting into our offense difficult. Baskets were hard to come by for Scotch, but 8 first half points from Ben Wallis (14 points), in what was his best performance of the year so far, kept us in touch. Scotch trailed 18-24 at the half. In the second period however, Scotch exploded offensively, both running well in transition and demonstrating excellent and unselfish passing in the half court. David Aziz (8 points) and Jono Baird (7 points) both came alive offensively, being aggressive in going to the basket.

David Bendschneider (6 points) and Charlie Price were lockdown on defence, forcing a number of turnovers and holding Wesley to only 7 points in the second half. Monty McCann, Mitch Begley and Rohan Kinariwala all created space and opportunities for team mates by making moves towards the basket. A huge 3 followed by tough reverse layup from Charlie Hawker (5 points) and some well timed mid ranged jump shots from Paul Liu (4 points) started to cement an unassailable lead for Scotch. What started off as a close back and forth battle blew out in the second half as Scotch simply ran over the top of Wesley. Another terrific performance from the seconds.





# Opens

## 3rds: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

**Scotch Blue (36) def Haileybury (24)**

**Red Coach: Harry Schneider**

A very well fought match from the 3rds boys over the weekend. We got off to a strong start opening up an 8 point advantage early in the first half. Amazing offence and driving from Andy really showed the boys how to be aggressive and get to the basket. On the defensive end, Alex really stepped up with his communication and showed determination not to be beaten on the drive. Despite Hailebury fighting back in the second half, the boys held their nerve to pull off their second win for the season. A very good way to finish basketball for Term 2.

## 3rds: Scotch Red vs Carey

**Scotch Red (58) def Carey (23)**

**Red Coach: Charlie Ward**

This was the boys most impressive win of the season making it 4 in a row. Every boy was able to score and I witnessed some amazing teamwork as the boys were gelling beautifully. Moving to a man on man defence allowed less open shots proving it very difficult for Carey to score and forcing turnovers which allowed us to score easily in transition. Leading scorers were Ronan (14 points), Finn (14 points), Sam (8 points) and Fergus (8 points).



# Opens

## 4ths: Scotch Red vs Wesley

**Scotch Red (30) def Wesley (16).**

**Coach: Sasha Jamieson**

Coming off the long weekend the boys were up and about for another game. After a significant delay because we couldn't find a pen for the scorer, we began the first half with only 9 minutes left. Some good early scoring from the boys helped us jump out to a quick lead, one in which we held up until the half time break. There wasn't much to say on my part as the boys did pretty much everything right, so we began the second half in good spirits. After some tough defence and good team rebounding, along with some threes and layups, we were able to cruise to a sixth straight win. Everyone played well again today, with the top players being Kaden, Andy and Hardy.

## 4ths: Scotch Blue vs SKC

**SKC (37) def Scotch Blue (28).**

**Coach: Max Searle**

Following a tough loss the previous week, the boys came out hungry for a win. The 4ths blue fought tough the whole game unfortunately trailing by a margin of ten for majority of the game after St Kevin's established an early lead early in the first half. However their hunger to keep themselves in the game led to an awesome game of basketball, Sean Tham stood out as he took lead out on the floor ensuring him and the boys stayed positive. Unfortunately the boys were unable to come back from the strong start by St Kevin's and as a result lost 28-37





# Opens

5ths: Scotch

**BYE**

**Coach: Ian Lu**

6ths: Scotch vs Haileybury

**Haileybury(37) def Scotch (35).**

**Coach: Alex Lawson**

After 3 consecutive wins the scotch 6ths were looking to finish off the term strong against Haileybury. With low numbers due to the Scotch formal, the team swiftly adjusted to the change in pace and lineup, gaining a 3 point lead by halftime due to Charles' shooting and Kingstons finishing. The second half saw large scoring runs from both teams, but Scotch were crushingly defeated by two last second free throws 37-35. Well done to all of the boys for a superb term of basketball.





# Year 10



## 10A: Scotch Vs Carey

**Scotch (63) def Carey (41)**

**Coach: Jacob Davis**

Another great win for the 10As this weekend taking down Carey by 22 points. A quick 9-0 run right out of the gates for our boys saw us take the wheel and never look back as we continued to pour in bucket after bucket and stand tall defensively. Our defensive rebounding wasn't quite up to scratch but all around a great performance to handle business in a game we would expect to win



## 10B: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**Scotch Red (33) def Haileybury (24)**

**Coach: Jacob Davis**

An all-round extremely impressive performance from the 10Bs this week as we took down a talented Haileybury squad by 11 points. The game was a back and forth battle throughout - Will was getting in the lane and making plays while Sam was all over the glass and did his fair share of scoring throughout to give us a lead towards the end of the game. Some excellent defense and rebounding from Luke and Flynn saw us shut down Haileybury and secure the win.





# Year 10

## 10B: Scotch Blue vs BGS

**Scotch Blue (39) def BGS (31)**

**Coach: Tom Steventon**

The boys played an impressive game early on a cold Saturday morning. The first half saw the teams evenly matched and finished with Scotch taking a 2 point lead into halftime. Will James' tough and-one finish was the highlight. Scotch got off to a strong start in the second and extended the lead, however a 3 minute lapse of concentration on both ends saw Brighton tie the game with about 10 minutes left. To their credit, the boys responded, picking up their defence and finishing their shots, taking out an 8 point win. Harrison Millar was once again the stand out with 20 points, while Henry Hardy (7), Nicolas Lodge (5), Jonathan Hughes (4) and Will James (3) all contributed to the scoring in an even team effort.

## 10C: Scotch Red vs SKC

**SKC(59) def Scotch Red (25)**

**Coach: Oliver Pereira**

The Scotch year 10C red team went up against a formidable opponent in St Kevins College. From the opening tip-off, they controlled the game, swiftly building a lead with precise three-pointers and fast breaks. Despite our best efforts to tighten our defense and execute plays, we struggled to find our rhythm offensively. By halftime, we faced a significant deficit, and though we regrouped in the second half and fought hard, we couldn't bridge the gap. The final score stood at 59 to 25.



# Year 10

## 10C: Scotch Blue vs Wesley

**Wesley (78) def Scotch Blue (10)**

**Coach: Finn Lawson**

The 10Cblue boys played a valiant game against a very strong Wesley side. It was a slow start to the scoring by us as we figure out how to handle a very offensively sound Wesley. Angus Woollard came on the floor and scored a couple of baskets to get scotch going. In the second half Wesley maintained their high-pressure basketball and drew the margin out further. Christian Wong's outside shooting attempted to keep scotch in the game but unfortunately it wasn't enough to trump Wesley. None-the-less a well fought out game, enjoy the break boys.

## 10D: Scotch vs SKC

**SKC(57) def Scotch (32)**

**Coach: Tiernan Lim Joon**

Last Saturday, the Scotch 10D's went across the river to face St Kevin's. The first half kicked off with an amazing scoring run by Mac Jamieson and Dexter McInnes, combining for a total of 14, with Ethan Wong facilitating the ball well. In the second half, the boys picked up the intensity on both sides of the ball, with great teamwork and effort being displayed by Will Ma and Harris Song. Overall, the leading scorer and player of the game was Mac Jamieson with an impressive 24 points. Unfortunately, in the end Scotch fell short to St Kevin's.





# Year 9



## 9A: Scotch vs SKC

**Scotch (53) def SKC (42)**

**Coach: Ben Fowler**

The Scotch 9A's travelled across the Yarra to face rivals St Kevin's at their home in the last game for the term. Scotch came out hot in the 1st half, with Harry Loakes (8 points) leading the team offensively, attacking the ring at will and scoring in traffic. Damien Tey (4 points) did a great job of running the team on court and Charlie Steventon was able to knock down a big three in the half. Joseph Wang showed composure and versatility on both sides of the floor. Scotch went into the half with a 24-14 lead. In the second half, St Kevin's started to make their run, coming out in a press that Scotch initially found difficult to break, but as the half went on, Scotch was able to combat this and as a result had some big time plays on offence from Wesley Prajogo (9 points), whilst Justin Warzala (6 points) and Hamish Gordon (21 points) were the clean up crew when shots didn't go in, grabbing rebounds over the bigs of St Kevin's and scoring the hard way. Overall, another great win for the boys to take us into the second half the season. Well done fellas!

## 9B: Scotch Blue vs Xavier

**Scotch Blue (37) def Xavier (20)**

**Coach: Michael Zuckerman**

What a way to end the term! Facing off against one of our strongest and tallest oppositions that we faced all season the boys elevated to the challenge. Every single player was a key contributor to this win, the defensive pressure was ferocious which led to some crafty offensive finishes. Johnny Liu the team offensively with 10 points including some Step back threes. Pierce Barnett went on an impressive scoring ride with some electric finishes around the ring. Hunter Cook and Oli O'Sullivan length and pressure on defence anchored the team and pushed our transition offence. A seriously great team win all around finishing 37-20.

# Year 9

## 9B: Scotch Red vs CGS

**No Report**

**Coach: Caleb Lingwood-Smith**

## 9C: Scotch Red vs SKC

**SKC (44) def Scotch Red (18)**

**Coach: Angus McCleery**

The boys had a Friday night blockbuster down at St Kevins. It was a rough start, with boys not getting back on defence and not fighting for rebounds. This continued throughout the half, as St Kevin's took a convincing lead. We discussed what we needed to do at halftime, and to the boys credit, they initially implemented well. Unfortunately, the opposition was just too good, and the boys should see it as a learning opportunity and bounce back next game.

## 9C: Scotch Blue vs CGS

**CGS (34) def Scotch Blue (11)**

**Coach: Nick Evans**

On the weekend the 9C blues fought hard against a Caulfield team that was just too strong. We had a close and competitive first only being down 5 at half time due to solid team defence and some good ball movement and hustle plays on offence. After half time Caulfield were just too good and got out to a big lead. Impressive game from Danny with 6 points.

## 9D: Scotch vs CGS

**No Report**

**Coach: Miles Tan**





# Year 8



## 8A: Scotch

**BYE**

**Coach: Connor Nio**

Lyon were able to get some quick steals and Lyon some needed defensive rebounds. Everyone contributed nicely to this win allowing us to smash Haileybury out of their own home court.

## 8B: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**Scotch Red (54) def Haileybury (21)**

**Coach: Kalen McInnes**

An early cold morning for scotch far from home, we were determined to win this game. Coming off a good quick scores we had the energy we needed, our defence was great which allowed us to turn those efforts into scores down on the offensive end. Alex had a couple tuff threes(18 points), which added to the moral and the ego of the fellas as we were far infront. Nate as usual was no stranger to scoring as he was able to weave in and finish when needed(11 points) finishing the first half 24-10. The end of the first half and the rest of the second half we decided to deploy our new full court press defence aiming to put pressure on the opposition after each score. Our defence worked well and allowed us to gather many steals resulting in fast break buckets. Our defensive efforts were great all round but we had a few stand outs as Tobey and

## 8B: Scotch Blue vs CGS

**No Report**

**Coach: Miles Tan**



# Year 8

## 8C: Scotch Blue vs CGS

**CGS (36) def Scotch Blue (8)**

**Coach: Max Tham**

started off fairly even, with both teams trading scores in the first few minutes, with our first basket coming from a beautiful midrange shot from Eric. However, the Caulfield side quickly gained some momentum, making sharp cuts to the basket while playing tough defence against the boys. Despite the scoreboard, the boys stayed aggressive, as fast break drives by Alex led to free throw attempts which slowed down the Caulfield team. In the end, the boys were outmatched, as sloppy turnovers and defensive breakdowns ruined any chance of a comeback. Overall, even with the loss, the boys should be pretty proud of their efforts this term, as they were able to string up impressive wins towards the second half of the semester. I am looking forward to watching their progress in term 3. Keep up the good work, and please work on layups during the break.

## 8C: Scotch Red vs CGS

**CGS (25) def Scotch Red (16)**

**Coach: Ed Blamey**

Undermanned with both Immy and Kevin out, it was always going to be a tough match. However, the boys steadied the ship after Caulfield had a quick start. Bert was the standout player, with an incredible performance and offensive display. Whether it was a jump shot or crafty layup, he scored all our first time points. Combined with great defence and passing from Kevin, Jack and Aiden, it was a tight game. Fatigue caught up with us in the last few minutes as a 4 point deficit quickly turned into 9. All in all, the boys put in a great effort in a tough match to end the term. Great effort!





# Year 7



## 7A: Scotch vs BGS

**Scotch (67) def BGS (37).**

**Coach: Cameron Proposch**

With Guy away coaching the Firsts, there were big shoes to fill away at Brighton, who were using St Kilda's training facility at Moorabbin, for reasons unknown. The day did not get off to a flying start, with, for reasons also unknown, no referee at the venue. Somehow, the consensus was that it would be a good idea to have a coach referee each half. However shambolic you might expect this to have been, keep in mind that nobody had a whistle. Compounding matters, this left us without a coach for the first half. So, against a weaker opposition, we limped our way to a 22-16 lead by half time. In the second half, with some stability, better rotations, and my ability to communicate, we managed to extend our lead significantly. Marko (15 pts) stepped up with some excellent passes and shot-making. Tom (15 pts) was also active, using his skill around the basket. But it was James (4 pts) and Nathan (16 pts) that put Brighton to the sword, turning the ball over in our press multiple times, and, along with Alex (8 pts), converting transition opportunities.

Brian (4 pts) was excellent in his fight and effort on the offensive glass. We ran out the game well, with great intensity. It is clear that Guy has a well coached team, and it was a pleasure to step in and reap the rewards of his hard work.





# Year 7

7B: Scotch Blue vs SKC

**No Report**

**Coach: Alex Parker**



7B: Scotch Red vs CGS

**No Report**

**Coach: Josh Cutchie**





# Year 7

## 7C: Scotch Blue vs Geelong

**Geelong (74) def Scotch Blue (28)**

**Coach: Toby Bierman**

The boys hopped on a bus to Geelong with a small team of 6, meaning lots of tiring game time and everyone had to step up. The scoreboard does not show how well they played as the team we versed had a couple A's players that shouldn't have been playing and has been discussed further, as it was clearly not in the spirit of APS. The boys had a great first half with Mingbo hitting a shot+a foul giving us a 3 point opportunity and a chance to go on a 10-2 scoring run. Monti and Henry stepped up with their mid range and long shot attempts in the second, impressing all of us with their great shooting. Jasper and Monti were also great at getting steals and converting them into layups, giving us hope in the 1st half. However in the end, the boys turned the ball over too much and Geelong's fast breaks were too strong for us to stop. On to the next term

## 7C: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

**No Report**

**Coach: Seb Richardson**

