

Great Shot



Message from TIC Mr Jack Edwards:

Dear As the final sirens sounded to end the 2024 season on Saturday it was great to see the way in which the boys played right up until the last pass. I hope all boys, from Year 7 to 12 enjoyed their final match and had a positive experience on the courts in season 2024. I thank all boys for their contributions and I hope to see you all back on the courts next season!

We had a fantastic turn out at our presentation night on Monday. A big thank you to Peter and all of the Slam Dunk Committee for putting the night together. To all the award winners, well done and to all the boys who attended the night, whether it was playing in the 3v3 competition or supporting the coaches vs the Firsts, thank you for making it a great afternoon and evening.

For boys in Years 9-11 we have been allocated some time on Wednesday mornings 7.15-8.15am in the new High Performance Gym to build on some strength and conditioning. This time is exclusively for basketballers only. We have two qualified strength coaches who will work closely with you and we hope we can see as many of you there as possible. For those present on Monday, we heard how important strength training is if you want to play at the highest level.

Also, I'd highly encourage as many of you to get involved in our athletics program. I know many of you have lots to offer in the sprinting and jumping events!

Thanks once again for all your support this season.

GO SCOTCH



Slam Dunk Club

Message from Peter Tainsh Slam Dunk President:

After another successful season, our boys have wrapped up their APS basketball games for Scotch. Some have played their last game as they leave Scotch, while most have next season to look forward to.

At the time of writing, there is high demand for Monday's Presentation Night, as the Slam Dunk Committee prepares for a night of fun and awards following the afternoon's basketball games.

I would like to personally thank Jack Edwards (Teacher in Charge) for his coordination and the Slam Dunk Committee for their wonderful efforts this season.

The Committee is made up of the following hard-working parents and volunteers who support basketball at Scotch: Michelle Bendschneider (Secretary), Jennifer Woollard (Treasurer), Nikki Begley (Newsletter), Caroline Hawker, Sylvia Kondekas, Caroline Findlay, Danielle Carter, Anna McCann, and Megan Bates.

The Committee has helped to organize the Season Opener evening for both boys and parents, holiday basketball clinics, the upcoming Presentation Night and awards, coordination with Melbourne NBL clubs for player representations and prizes, fundraising activities including the upcoming Scotch Open Day stall.

One of the more popular but time-consuming jobs is the production of The Great Shot, coordinated by Nikki. She manages the coordination and collection of Saturday's action basketball photos (sent from parents and the Committee), along with reports from Jack Edwards and the coaches to produce a wonderful publication each week.

Thank you all, and I look forward to Monday's Presentation Night.

GO SCOTCH!



Slam Dunk Club

Message from Slam Dunk Club:

Family Day - Saturday 14th September

The Slam Dunk Club will be running a stall at family Day this Year. Please come and visit us - we will be situated around the Main Oval outside the Glenn Centre. We are pleased to offer for sale delicious gourmet Rocky Road and Hot Popcorn. Support your boys through food and raffle ticket purchases there will be some fantastic prizes to be won.

Newsletter Photos

An enormous thank you goes out to Frank Fu who generously attended the presentation night and took all the amazing photos of the event. I also wish to thank all parents who have kindly taken time to photograph their boys games each week and send them in to me for the newsletter and the presentation night powerpoint. The newsletter is made so much better by all these wonderful contributions and the amazing support of our basketball community.



Presentation Night



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Opens Award Winners

Opens Team Managers: Neale Peters, Renee Hill, Jean Power, Peter Turnbull

TEAM	COACH	MVP	COACHES AWARD
1st's	Randy Shanklin	Harry Ward	Laing Tainsh
2nd's	Matt Slavin	Jono Baird	Ben Wallis
3rd's Blue	Harry Schneider	Ronan Oziemski	Andy Wang
3rd's Red	Charlie Ward	Finn Guthrie	Fergus Thomson
4th's Red	Sasha Jamieson	Andrew Georgaklis	Kaden Leung
4th's Blue	Max Searle	Quinn Power	Sean Tham
5th's	Ian Lu	Nathan Ou	Andrew Li
6th's	Alex Lawson	Kingston Sheng	Enzhi Gu

Presentation Night

Year 10 Award Winners

Year 10 Team Managers: Anil Patel and James Simos

TEAM	COACH	MVP	COACHES AWARD
10 A	Jacob Davis	James Cameron Nick Rallis	Harvey Mudge
10B Blue	Tom Steventon	Harrison Millar	Jonathan Hughes
10B Red	Luca van der Sluys	Will Haugh	Sam Jamieson
10C Blue	Finn Lawson	Angus Woolard	Christian Wong
10C Red	Oliver Pereira	Christian Heng	Josh Deng
10 D	Tiernan Lim Joon	Mac Jamieson	Ethan Wong

Presentation Night

Year 9 Award Winners

Year 9 Team Managers: Anne Orgeolet and Ruben Setiawan

TEAM	COACH	MVP	COACHES AWARD
9 A	Ben Fowler	Hamish Gordon	Damien They
9B Blue	Michael Zukerman	Johnny Liu	Ben Aziz
9B Red	Caleb Lingwood-Smith	Hanging Lyu	Edward Chen
9C Blue	Nick Evans	Ryan Tong	Danny Shen
9C Red	Angus McCleery	Ray Zhuang	Dylan Tran
9 D	Miles Tan	Tiger Chen	Lachie Noble

Presentation Night

Year 8 Award Winners

Year 8 Team Managers: Dean Russell and Zella Hamza

TEAM	COACH	MVP	COACHES AWARD
8 A	Connor Nio & Mr Jack Miers	Blake Bayliss	Dylan Hartnett
8B Blue	Cameron Proosch	Ford Feng	Miles Pitt
8B Red	Kalen McInnes	Nate Faiman	Alexander Daley
8C Blue	Max Tham	Alexander Wright	Charlie Oldham
8C Red	Ed Blamey	Imeth Herath	Kevin Wang

Presentation Night

Year 7 Award Winners

Year 7 Team Managers: Rob Braidwood and Cyriac Grigoriuos

TEAM	COACH	MVP	COACHES AWARD
7 A	Guy Sidelman	Marco Lonetti	Nathan Cheung
7B Blue	Alex Parker	William Zhao	Aidan Ng
7B Red	Josh Cutchie	Eliot Becroft	Francis Heath
7C Blue	Toby Biermann	Montgomery McLean	Xavier Lawless
7C Red	Seb Richardson	Hugo Ingram	Ned Treeby

Opens



Match Reports: Opens

1sts: Scotch vs GC

Scotch (71) def GC (50).

Coach: Randy Shanklin

The Scotch First's finished their scheduled APS games, but had a final match last Saturday against Geelong College at the Glenn Centre. The First's had a solid showing in their last match against Xavier despite it resulting in a loss, and they were looking to add on to those building blocks. Scotch got off to a great start as they connected on their first three attempts including a three-pointer. Geelong matched Scotch's intensity and was able to steady the game. Scotch led 14-10 at quarter time. The second quarter saw both teams settle down and begin to execute on both sides of the ball. Scotch would win the second quarter 15-13 and take a 29-23 lead into the halftime break. The third quarter showed that Scotch took some of the lessons learned from their APS experiences and applied them accordingly to an unsuspecting Geelong team. Scotch dominated in every aspect of the game from causing turnovers to excellent execution on the offensive end of the floor.

A glaring weakness for Scotch in APS play was that they would always forfeit a massive scoring differential in each game causing a competitive match to turn into a blowout. This time Scotch would be on the right side of that pattern as they dominated Geelong 26-9 in the third quarter to take a commanding 55-32 lead into the fourth quarter. As most good teams do, Geelong fought hard to close the gap but this time Scotch was up for the challenge and held them off for a 71-50 win. Top Scorers: (Oliver Furusa 13, Archie Mc Shefferey 12, Harry Ward 11, Oliver Stirling 9, Lachlan Morrison 6, Sacha Kennett 6, Tom Tisdall 5, Campbell Bates 4, LangTainish 3, Jono Mayes 2)



Opens

2nds: Scotch vs BGS

Scotch (58) def BGS (39)

Coach: Matt Slavin

In the final week of APS fixtures, the Scotch Seconds faced off against Brighton Grammar. The improvements Scotch had made both individually and as a team over the course of the season were on display from the outset. The early hot shooting of a quality Brighton side failed to rattle Scotch, who stayed in touch off the back of good attacking play from Mitch Begley (13 points). Brighton built an early lead, but a spectacular finish on a driving and-one layup by Charlie Hawker (9 points) sparked a fierce late comeback. David Aziz (9 points) stayed active on the offensive glass, mopping up second chance points, and for the second week in a row, knocked down a crucial free throw at the end of the period to put Scotch ahead 27-25 at the break. In the second half,

Scotch took the momentum they'd generated and built on it. Ben Wallis (11 points), Jono Baird (7 points), Rohan Kinariwala (5 points) and Charlie Hawker all found their touch from behind the 3 point line, with an avalanche of shots from deep opening the game right up. With David Bendschenider and Monty McCann locking down Brighton's most dangerous players in yet another impressive display of defence and stamina, Scotch was able to hold Brighton to 14 points in the second half. Scotch ultimately ran away with the game to win 58-39. True to their form throughout the season, this was a comprehensive team win, with everyone contributing and everyone getting on the score sheet. It was a terrific finish to an outstanding season. In particular I would like to make special mention of our Year 12 boys who spent their final APS season with us, and lead the team exceptionally.



Opens

3rds: Scotch Blue vs CGS

Scotch Blue (38) def CGS (21)

Coach: Harry Schneider

A fantastic last game for the Scotch 3rds Blue over the weekend coming away with one of their best wins for season. The boys got off to a strong start with an early 8 point lead however Caulfield fought back to within 4 points before halftime. Communication from Alex and Andy on defence really helped to solidify our offence while great post work from Ronan really helped the scoreboard to tick over. Overall, it took a team effort to get over the line and the boys should be very happy with their season. I wish them all the best with their approaching studies.

3rds: Scotch Red vs Carey

Scotch Red (62) def Carey (34)

Coach: Charlie Ward

The boys truly showed out for their final game of the season. Although a slow start, the passing and strangling defence seriously gave us momentum entering the half with a reasonable lead. Amazing three point shooting from Charlie (20 points) and our paint beast Sam (22 points) really pushed the scoring and effortlessly put their defence to shame. Scoring was shared amongst the rest, really demonstrating the team offence we had built over the year continuing our long win streak. I am so proud of the season and it was an honour to be able to coach such a fun and dedicated team.



Opens

4ths: Scotch Red vs CGS

Scotch Red (58) def CGS (51)

Coach: Sasha Jamieson

The boys were up and about for their final ever game for Scotch College, taking on Caulfield at MSAC. It was a close start to the match, with both teams trading threes and layups, however, after a string of defensive plays, and fast break scores, we jumped out to a nice lead. Caulfield made some more timely threes however, and we entered the break down 3. The second half began with the boys pressing up high, and creating multiple steals and scores, and with some great game management, we held on to our best win of the season, taking us to 7-3 for the year. I hope all the boys continue their basketball journeys beyond Scotch, and wish them all the best.

4ths: Scotch Blue vs BGS

BGS (43) def Scotch Blue (36)

Coach: Max Searle

The 4ths blue came out on a great morning to their last game hungry for a great game of basketball. From the first whistle the boys knew it was going to be a tough game against a competitive Brighton Grammar side. The first half saw the 4ths blue unable to find many scoring opportunities with Brighton seeming to not miss a shot. However a few clutch threes in the closing minutes of the half from Joe Georgaklis gave the boys some hope entering the second half. After reconvening at half time, the boys came out with a plan and were determined to execute it. This brought the 4ths blue back within a few points in the final minutes of the game. However a combination of missed shots from Scotch and some clutch shots from Brighton saw them sealing the game in a nail biter which was only awesome to watch as everything they had practised throughout the season came together to produce a great game out on the floor.



Opens

5ths: Scotch vs Xavier Black

Scotch (17) drew Xavier Black (17).

Coach: Ian Lu

The boys in 5th arrived early for their final game of the season and were all well prepared. However, there was an unexpected issue: we couldn't find the correct basketball. In order to concentrate on the match, our players started to warm up without a ball and ran around the court to stretch their bodies more completely. As we got a suitable ball for the game, there were only 10 minutes for the first half of the game. The boys in 5th focused on the game and showed their strengths in the layups and getting the rebounds. After a short break, we had our second half. With the help of Andrew, we got the most rebounds and scored a lot with his layups. Amazing passes from TJ and Will helped us run the game more dominantly, while some great shots from Xavier helped them chase our score. It was a fantastic and hardworking game and finally, we drew with the Xaviers at score 17 vs 17.

6ths: Scotch vs Xavier Red

Scotch (34) def Xavier Red (31).

Coach: Alex Lawson

The Scotch sixths headed to Xavier for their final game of the season. A well rostered Scotch team utilised their numbers early on, adapting a fast paced, high energy playstyle from the starting lineup, with Charles shooting the ball well from outside the arc and Kingston providing excellent defence and finishing inside the key. Xaviers' continuous scoring efforts saw a close lead 16-21 Xaviers' way by the end of the first half. Scotch's second half against Xavier did not disappoint, Their were tremendous improvements all round defensively, as Sammuel, Ray, and Alan prevented several interior drives and easy layups being scored. The team played an excellent final game and I wish the Year 12's the best for the future.



Opens



Opens



Year 10



10A: Scotch vs Carey

Scotch (42) def Carey (40)

Coach: Jacob Davis

What better way to end a brilliant season than a steal that lead to a score in the dying seconds to win the game. The 10As put together a season to be proud of and our last game was a great showcase of how much the boys have all grown this season. We came up against a tough Carey team looking for revenge after we disposed of them early in the season. Some good shooting from them along with our struggles on the offensive end saw us down 7 to start the second half but the boys weren't having it and were able to rally in a brilliant fashion. Showing what they've been working on throughout the season we put together play after play of beautiful basketball and a late mid range from Rex to tie the game and a pick from Harvey finished on the other end saw us win this nail biter by 2. Huge shoutout to the 10As this season they were a brilliant team to coach. Special shout-out to our co MVP's James Cameron and Nick Rallis and our coaches award recipient Harvey Mudge



Year 10

10B: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

Haileybury (38) def Scotch Blue (31)

Coach: Tom Steventon

The 10B blue team closed out their season with an early morning game against Haileybury Magenta. In contrast to previous weeks, Scotch got off to a strong start and scored on their first two possessions. However, Haileybury quickly got their defence in line, and their zone defence forced too many Scotch turnovers that led to fast-break layups. The game was overall fairly evenly fought however Scotch couldn't quite overcome the deficit and fell by 7 points. Harrison Millar top scored with 14 points, with Nicolas Lodge's 10, Henry Hardy's 5, and Ed Maxwell's 2, all contributing to the scoring. All the boys contributed in major ways over the course of the season and I look forward to seeing where they end up.



Year 10

10B: Scotch Red vs Haileybury

Scotch Red (50) def Haileybury (22)

Coach: Luca van der Sluys

Our final game of the season saw us play Haileybury Black for the very first time, the boys were fired up to finish off the year with a win!! Both teams started off well scoring efficiently in the paint. Haileybury got off to an early lead (9-4) which forced us to drop into a zone in defence. INSTANTLY, the boys started locking down the Haileybury offence and began cooking them up on our end of the court!!! Bolin knocked down two big three pointers although he didn't 'call bank' on one of them!! We luckily had Big Will Richards return to the lineup since injuring his arm and he was a pillar in our zone defence and hit the scoreboard too!! Archie backed up his big performance last week with some tough shots and fancy drives!! Will H had another terrific game leading our offence and making some crucial buckets throughout the game.

Sam P was super active on defence, sparking quick fast breaks and did some nasty drives to the bucket for some elite finishes!! The boys before halftime went on a 19-0 run which blew the lead out to double digits at halftime!!! Zeke had another menacing game inside the paint, not letting anyone through the zone and getting some second chance points himself. Slamming Sammy played with toughness and determination as he helped the team get stops on defence and buckets on offence. Flynn "the dagger" knew this final game was his moment and he took it by the scruff, throwing dimes and getting scores!! The Reds had their first 50 point game for the season as they blew the game out to a 28 point win!!! The boys said it was their best team game of the season which I was very proud to hear!! I look forward to following how all these talented lads go next year and hope I can coach some of them soon!! GO REDS



Year 10

10C: Scotch Blue vs SKC

SKC (47) def Scotch Blue (18)

Coach: Finn Lawson

Scotch college (18) def by St Kevins (47)
To conclude the season, Scotch's 10C blue played their final bout against who else but St Kevins in their gym. With high numbers and high morale, the boys were eager to get it done. St Kevins got on to an early lead with physical dominance key to their success. Angus Woollard got the scoring ticking over for Scotch and Christian Wong and Rory Booth both finding chances offensively but not hitting. St Kevin's took a sizeable margin of 12 points at the half, with a very determined Scotch team eager to play the second half of their last game. Excellent rebounding by Harry Tennett and great offensive and defensive pressure from Mathew and Jason to keep Scotch fierce and competitive against a strong St Kevin's team.

Unfortunately, scotch couldn't handle the St Kevin's offence particularly inside the paint, but a hard-fought match played in high spirits. You should be proud of the efforts you made this season boys, it's been a pleasure! Thanks for the season and good luck in your academic careers and more importantly your basketball careers!



Year 10

10C: Scotch Red vs Xavier

Scotch Red (31) def Xavier (23).

Coach: Oliver Pereira

The final match of the season was played against Xavier College. Our whole team was set and ready for a thrilling last game. With the score board malfunctioning the scores were hidden and provided an aspect of ambiguity throughout the halves. The first half scores were exceptionally close as Xavier led by 2 points. Following this we maintained composure and magnified our efforts finishing the game 31-23 to the Scotch 10c Red. Well done to the 10c red team for the entirety of this season



10D: Scotch

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Coach: Max Searle



Year 10



Year 9



9A: Scotch vs Xavier

NO REPORT

Coach: Ben Fowler

9B: Scotch Blue vs CGS

CGS (42) def Scotch Blue (20)

Coach: Michael Zuckerman

Coming into our last game of the season we were pumped and ready to go. Coming up against by far our best competition of the season, we knew it would not be an easy task to come away with the win. A very tall and strong opponent in Caulfield lined up against us for our final match of the season. We started the game very competitively taking the lead to start things off and keeping it within a four-point game the first half.

Hunter Cook and Oli O'Sullivan were our defensive and offensive anchor in the first half supplying buckets and pressure. However, the second half rolled around and our opponents were too strong. The 42-20 score line doesn't necessarily represent our efforts in this game. We played a very strong team game throughout and really showed our developments through the season. Tom Nicolopolosu had an awesome left hand layup on the break to along with some strong finishes by Pierce Barnett and Jack Mcgregor which provided some scoring power in the second half. Ben Aziz and Johnny Liu provided great leadership and ballhandling against tough pressure throughout the game. Overall a strong end to the season despite the loss where the boys showed massive strides and improvement from the beginning of the season to now.



Year 9

9B: Scotch Red vs Wesley

Wesley (37) def Scotch Red (19)

Coach: Caleb Lingwood-Smith

With a narrow loss last week, the boys were ready to chase a win in their last game of the season, on home soil in the Scotch upper gym. A good early start for the boys kept Wesley to 2 points early in the first half as Scotch started scoring well. Points from the bench from Ethan Liu and Alex Brown and defensive steals from Dami Sun had the boys leading at halftime 12-7. They continued their dominant form going into the second half, really putting the foot down scoring the first 10 points of the half. Hanyang Lyu having 10 points and Edward Chen having 7 points all in the second half helped Scotch to a convincing lead. The boys finished the game strong, adding to the lead and finishing the game with 37 points to Wesley's 19. The last 3 weeks of the boys' playing has been some of the best basketball they have played all season and have finished the season strong.

What a way to finish with a win in our only home game and I couldn't have been prouder of the development of the boys.



Year 9

9C: Scotch Blue vs Wesley

Scotch Blue (40) def Wesley (11).

Coach: Nick Evans

In the final game of the season the 9C Blues came to MSAC with only one win, but that quickly changed after the boys got off to a flying start, with active hands on defence and lots of fast break points from turnover. It was the most complete game the team has played with strong defence, both at the perimeter and in the paint, as well as great ball movement creating good opportunities. Outstanding performance from James Wong who was relentless on defence and finished plays strongly at the rim. Great game also from Ethan Bates, who crashed rebounds and managed 6 points himself. Congratulations to the whole team who played excellently and improved immensely throughout the season. It was good to finish the season on a win and I'm sure there will be more to come for the boys next year.



Year 9

9C: Scotch Red vs CGS

CGS (39) def Scotch Red (27).

Coach: Angus McCleery

The lads went down to Caulfield for their final game of the season. It was a very strong Caulfield side, who probably would've beaten us by 40 at the start of the season. But the Scotch side who has come leaps and bounds in their season, made it a competitive game, holding a lead for most of the first half. Good hustle from Dylan allowed us to get some easy buckets in transition, as Ray kept Caulfield off the offensive glass. Liam and Anthony in particular showed off how much they'd improved, as they looked comfortable with the ball despite Caulfield's relentless pressure. Unfortunately, the lads came short, but I am so proud of how far they have come and they have been a delight to coach them.

9D: Scotch vs CGS

Scotch (31) def CGS (21).

Coach: Miles Tan

On Saturday the 9Ds played their last game of the season against Caulfield. The boys started slowly, allowing Caulfield to jump to a 12-6 lead. However with great defence from Tiger and a couple quick layups for Louis, we managed to claw back into the game. Our second half was superb as everyone contributed to some tenacious rebounding and running on the fast break. Eventually we built a 10 point lead to win. The boys have had a great season and it's been fantastic to coach them.



Year 9



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Year 8



8A: Scotch vs Xavier

No Score Available

Coach: Connor Nio

The lack of a scoreboard and scoresheet at the 8As game at Xavier proved to be a blessing in disguise as they were able to focus not on the result, but instead on enjoying their last game of 2024 as a team. Xavier's formidable transition game kept our defence busy, but we worked hard to make sure it wasn't an easy morning for them. Moving the ball around in offence and keeping each other involved resulted in frequent scoring opportunities, a summer of shooting practice will see us capitalise on these opportunities in the future.

Good effort from all the boys meant that they can carry a lot of confidence going into next season, and will surely grow as a team and enjoy their Basketball in 2025.

8B: Scotch Blue vs Scotch Red

Scotch Blue (43) def Scotch Red (70)

Coach: Cameron Proposch

The lads had a fun little run around against the 8B Red team on Friday afternoon. Although the result was disappointing, it was a good season to be a part of, with many of the boys showing good talent. I wish them the best for future.



Year 8

8B: Scotch Red vs Scotch Blue

Scotch Red (70) def Scotch Blue (43)

Coach: Kalen McInnes

The final game of the season and it's Scotch vs Scotch, our 8B Reds vs Cam's 8B blues. This was going to be a fun game. We came out strong with the first few buckets to build our confidence, and that it did, we couldn't stop scoring, however the Blues were at our ankles chasing as we both wanted the win and the bragging rights. However through great transition offence and many steals we ended the first half ahead by a few goals. Coming into the second we had many stars, from Dante's lock up defence to Nate and Leon's clean moves to the ring. We ended up playing one of the best games I've seen these boys play, not one person didn't play their part, we had Zach rebounding and putting up strong post moves with Daley breaking ankles and popping 3s, along with Errol's team player mindset as he tossed some tuff dimes.

By this stage we were up by a fair margin with not long to go, however each player still kept showing out with some nice steals from Lucas and easy buckets from Cailen, accompanied by some great all round basketball from Tobey. We secured this win with ease, I'm sure Cam won't agree but we showed them that we're the 8B1s. 🏀🏀



Year 8

8C: Scotch Red vs CGS

CGS (34) def Scotch Red (16)

Coach: Ed Blamey

To put it simply, this loss doesn't define the season in any way. After an early start in Wheelers Hill, we came off on the back foot. Some great shooting from CGS was commendable. The boys fought hard to bring it back in the second half. Immy had multiple great drives, both Kevin's and Aidan played tenacious defence. On offence we were able to get many great looks but couldn't unfortunately get them to go. Unfortunately, this proved to be the defence in the defeat. However, 8C Red has improved tremendously throughout the season. On both sides of the floor everyone has gained confidence and it has been amazing to see. It was a pleasure to coach the boys and I hope you all continue with the sport! For one last time, go Scotch!



Year 8

8C: Scotch Blue vs SKC

SKC (37) def Scotch Blue (14)

Coach: Max Tham

The boys put up a valiant effort for their last game of the season. The boys started the game out strong, scoring the first bucket of the game on a beautiful layup. However, St Kevins was not backing down that easily, as they were also able to convert on the next play. For the first half, the boys were neck and neck, trading baskets with each other while playing tough defence. In the second half, the opposing side blew us away and although the boys tried to comeback, they were unable to catch up. Despite this, the boys played with heart and vigour, which is more than what I could ask the boys to do. Overall, the boys showed tremendous improvement and skill throughout the season, both individually and as a team. Once again, I would like to thank the boys for being such an amazing team. I hope the boys continue to play basketball or any other sport next season.



Year 8



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Year 7



7A: Scotch vs SKC

Scotch (40) drew SKC (40).

Coach: Guy Sidalman

The Scotch Year 7A played in their final round of basketball for the 2024 APS season. We faced a strong rival team being St Kevin's College for the second time this season. St Kevin's jumped ahead of us early in the game having a lead of over 10 points before we were able to get our structure sorted. Our 7A group has had trouble all year on the offensive end of the game early on a Saturday this season, but following a timeout and change in defensive structure we were able to gain more stops and confidence on our offensive side through very aggressive PACK-line defense. We were able to quickly go into a run of our own with Alex being a spark off the bench and gain a lead over the St Kevin's side ending the first half. Scotch displayed defence that was levels above any other team this season in the second half which has led us to an undefeated record thus far - however struggled to hold onto the ball on the offensive side with St Kevin's simply out-muscling us in the second half both on the rebound and in transition.

We were able to stay within range of a fully loaded and prepared St Kevin's team with only 7 players as one of our key starter players Nathan fouled out early in the second half leaving the majority of the scoring prowess to Marco who displayed a fantastic offensive arsenal in the second half putting the team on his shoulders once again this season. However it was simply not enough for us to secure a victory this time around as unfortunately we ended up with a TIE (as per the scoresheet) although the scoreboard incorrectly showed otherwise (38-40). With our final game of the season the boys were able to finally taste the sense of defeat after a stellar performance all season which I believe only made them hungrier for more victory in the future!

Year 7

7B: Scotch Blue vs CGS

Scotch Blue () vs CGS ()

Coach: Alex Parker

Alex Parker:

The Scotch 7B basketball team ended their season on a high note, clinching a decisive victory in their final game. With stellar performances across the board, they showcased teamwork and determination. The boys started off hot and built an early lead that carried on for the rest of the game, but after Caulfield hit a couple late 3s the lead dwindled to only a double digit win. Highlights included exceptional shooting from the perimeter and solid defensive plays. This triumphant finish leaves me optimistic and energized to see the boys improvement and success next year.



Year 7

7B: Scotch Red vs MGS

Scotch Red (31) vs MGS (30)

Coach: Josh Cutchie

The 7B Red team had a tough game to finish out the season, with an eventual win over Melbourne Grammar 30:31. The game was back and forth, with Scotch down by 12 points at half time, however the boys were able to scrape back and with 30 seconds left, a contested shot from Elliot sealed the game. Overall it has been a great season with the boys, topped off by a great win to round out the winter season.



Year 7

7C: Scotch Red vs CGS

CGS (26) def Scotch Red (19).

Coach: Seb Richardson

For the last game of the season the boys left everything they had on the court. We were hanging on with Caulfield for the full 40 minutes but couldn't find a way past them as Caulfield won the game 26-19. Caulfield managed to consistently get out and run in transition which really hurt us, but defensively Ned Treeby was a standout along with amazing rebounding by Jackie in his second game with the team. It's been an amazing year with this group of boys and has been an absolute pleasure coaching them and watching them get better each and every week. It was a tough way to finish the season but an outstanding overall year and I wish them all the best for the future.



Year 7

7C: Scotch Blue vs Haileybury

Haileybury (32) def Scotch Blue (12).

Coach: Toby Bierman

The boys were just simply out skilled by a couple players from there team that could consistently hit their layups. We just couldn't get any momentum going in the first half with way too many turnovers and unable to get near the rim with Haileybury's tough defence. Hugo got us going in the 2nd half scoring 3 shot in 2 minutes, giving us a more respectable loss. The boys still enjoyed themselves and had a fun last game of the season. It was great to coach and be a part of their basketball journeys.



Year 7



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