Basketball: Director David Todd

The 1sts Basketball team has enjoyed an extremely successful 2015 season to date. They have secured both All Schools Tournament Trophies, winning the Sydney Schools Shootout and Trinity Cup which features all schools from the GPS, CAS and ISA Competitions. The 1sts also won their first ever Gold Medal at the Australian Schools Championships in the U17 Division. The GPS Season will be tightly contested in both 1sts and 2nds Competitions, with Scots shaping well in both. The 1sts have nine returning players in 2016, which is shaping to be a strong team. Overall, the basketball program continues to deliver across the age groups, in term four (2014) the U15 Age Group won 87% of their fixtures (A to G Teams, over eight rounds), the U14’s delivered a 76% win ratio (A-F Teams, over eight rounds) and as an entire program, Scots won 70% of fixtures (1sts-14F’s, over eight rounds).

Cricket: Director Ben Sawyer

Following the second day of Round 5 in the GPS competition, both the 1st and 2nd XI won outright in their respective competitions. The 1st XI have performed well all season and remain undefeated, sitting 16 points clear of 2nd place. The 2nd XI is 4 points behind the leading school in their competition and they, too, are well placed taking maximum points with the win against Grammar over the weekend.

In other news, 1st XI all-rounder Henry Thornton was recently selected in the Australian U19’s team and is currently playing the PNG in matches in Brisbane. Later in the year, the Australian team will be playing England in Perth and we wish Henry all the best for this match against the ‘old enemy’.

Water Polo: Director Yvette Higgins

After a successful finish in 2014 and a challenging TransTasman tournament in New Zealand, Scots 1sts continued their undefeated run in the CAS/GPS Round 6 match against Trinity Grammar. Unfortunately in last weekend’s game against Newington, the boys fought hard but went down 11 - 8 against some strong attack and a rowdy home crowd. This match may well have been the premiership decider, with Scots and Newington the only undefeated teams until this point, and with only two games to come. In brighter news our 14A’s and 14B’s remain undefeated and the teams to catch, with some real depth in the 13’s and Prep teams to follow.
Rowing: Director Robbie Williams

As rowing gears up to the Head of the River on the 7th of March, the senior GPS crews are starting to move through the competition into strong positions. The 1st VIII have had strong races over the past two weeks currently sitting in 3rd place with only 1 boat length separating the top 4 GPS crews at the NSW State Championships on February 14. The 2nd VIII continue their very successful season to date winning the State Championships for 2nd VIII’s; this crew will be the favourite to take out the division for the first time going into the Head of the River. All the GPS IV’s are improving their positions each week edging their way into potential podium positions. We all look forward to the Head of the River on March 7 and hope to see a number of families and old boys at the regatta cheering on these young athletes.

Sailing : Director Gary Faulkner

For the first time in the History of Scots competing in the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championships we will field three teams. Our top two teams are so evenly matched that it will be hard to separate them. We are hoping for a first and second on the podium. The third team is made up of Year 8 and Year 9 boys and is not far behind them! Having a strong group coming through the Prep school has made a huge impact on the skill level and harks back to the days when Seve Jarvin (OB ’03) captained the Team. John Cooley (Year 10) narrowly missed out on winning the Australian 29’er National Championships coming in second. He will be a sailor to watch in the future, as he will represent Australia in the Youth World Titles in Wales at the end of the year.

Tennis : Director Ryan Fowler

Tennis is a sport that is coming of age at The Scots College. During Term 4 2014, the program was subject to a major review in efforts to improve the overall delivery, structure and culture. In the senior program this week, Scots Tennis performed very well. In 30 fixtures against Newington, Barker, Trinity and St Joseph’s College, ranging from the 13’s up to the Opens 1st Team, our boys recorded 28 victories, 1 loss and 1 draw. Our 1st and 2nd teams performed exceptionally well to win 10-3 and 12-0 respectively against Joeys.

Extra special mention this term goes to young Kiran Richards (Year 9), who claimed the AAGPS Top 4 Tournament as the best 15 and under player currently in the AAGPS competition. Across the entire 2014 / 2015 tennis season, Scots Tennis has played just over 252 matches with 202 wins, 42 losses and 8 draws- a success rate of 80%. It is great to see such development and depth within the College tennis program and I look forward to more success in the years to come. Scots to the Fore!