



## • AFL GIANTS CUP STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thomas Hassall Anglican College came third in the AFL Giants Cup State Championships.

The cup was held in Wagga Wagga on 20 July.

The carnival saw our team represent the Northern NSW zone against winners from the Southern NSW regions including Wagga Wagga, Southern Riverina, and South Coast to find the eventual State winner in the GWS cup.

Every team played at least two pool matches followed by possible finals. Thomas Hassall's results for the day were as follows: Game 1: Thomas Hassall 3:7:25 defeated Castle Hill 0:9:9, Game 2: Thomas Hassall 1:1:7 loss to Scots School, Albury 4:3:27.

Our Open girls team had a competitive day at Robertson Oval in Wagga, winning one of their pool games, having a loss and eventually finishing third in the state.

Our first game saw our team dominate early possession in the first half, apply scoreboard pressure to Castle Hill with an early goal. Thomas Hassall lifted, and despite Castle Hill's best efforts, were able to kick the next several goals to record a solid victory in some crisp conditions.

Our team then backed up against Scots School Albury, where our passion, drive, speed and grit kept knocking them to the ground. Unfortunately Scots School Albury came away with the win, however, our team is now not only known as the Northern State champions but as the team that upset the Southern zone who have AFL running through their veins. They continue to surpass the expectations of the AFL convenors and imprint this team as one of the best in the state.

The team consisted of the following girls: **Cody Burchell, Claudia Cavallaro, Alana Cenatiempo** (Captain), **Georgia Cosier, Rhea D'Mello, Alessia Gullotta, Emily Kiosoff, Chloe Lam, Mia Maricic, Caitlin Markuse, Erenie Michael, Anthea Mihalatos, Laura Monti, Lydia Quartiero, Shannen Safi** (Captain), **Jorydn Sinclair, Tatijana Skrobonja, Sandra Srun, Yulika Stratti, Tiana Todorovic, Courtney Woods.**

Mr Palmer and Miss Taylor lead the team with their skill and love for the game. Their encouragement of the girls both on and off the field ensured a very cohesive team who represented the College well. Special note also to the morning devotion and pep talk by Mr Palmer which focused our girls ready for the day, and to Miss Close who helped train and motivate the girls throughout the AFL season. Thank you also for the parents who made the long trip down to support us, their help was greatly appreciated on the day. We look forward to the development of our AFL program in the coming years as we continue to make our mark.

We will participate in the U15 Giants Cup State final this term, and look forward to maintaining our high standard.