



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WRAP UP

Thank you for such a great year in sport.

It has been a pleasure to see so many students progress to higher representative levels or try out new sports.

Sport is an integral part of the Thomas Hassall Anglican College life and plays an important part in the development of the whole person. Thomas Hassall has a proud sporting tradition and we applaud those who give it a go as much as those who excel. As always, this year was filled with excitement, heartache, nail-biting finishes, and championship wins. While some of our teams lacked a little experience and confidence they developed tremendously over the course of the season. Team's work ethic and passion for the various games was infectious and it was so much fun to see such a highly competitive group of Thomas Hassall students compete in the various competitions throughout the year.

I encourage every student next year to be even more passionate, committed and determined to represent our College well. A massive thank you to all the staff who have coordinated, coached and assisted the sports department as well as the parents who have been endless supporters of our student's outstanding achievements this year.

We have had successes this year with the following teams and individuals winning and being selected for higher levels across the following sports:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer

- AFL
- AFL 9s
- Softball
- Athletics
- Cross-country
- Swimming
- Waterpolo
- Mountain Bike Championships
- Snowsports

It is also sad to see our sports assistant leave us after being so valuable this year in the organisation, and running of, all our sporting carnivals and events. **Stephanie Taylor** was an amazing asset to Thomas Hassall throughout the year. Her dedication and quality of work as well as her initiative and drive has helped in the smooth running of both the Junior and Senior School sport departments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Stephanie for her continual support, guidance, and encouragement she have provided to teachers, coaches and students alike. It has been a privilege to have her as a colleague and she will be missed greatly. Stephanie has set the bar high in her work ethic and the extra hours she worked while maintaining the standard of excellence that has become her trademark in anything she does.

Stephanie leaves us to attend Wollongong University to study Primary teaching with a view to specialise in teaching students with disabilities. Next year she is also the assistant coach of the first ever Australian Blind Football Squad who will compete in international competitions. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this new journey outside Thomas Hassall.
