





## AICES BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Thursday 8th March, 5 Thomas Hassall students represented NASSA as part of the AICES basketball gala day (Elijah Cruz, Nathan Murdocca, Marco Kalic, Brock Page and Luke Vernados). AICES is made up of 8 different associations representing 75 different schools and over 26,000 students. Having half the NASSA team made up of Thomas Hassall students was an impressive achievement considering the team is selected from 8 different schools! The team started the day well with convincing wins over Combined Districts Secondary Sports Association (53-41) and Southern Anglican Schools Sports Association (55-47). The last game of the pool stages was against last year's winners, Hunter Region Independent Schools (HRIS). Despite HRIS being significantly bigger and stronger, NASSA was able to come away with a 55-47 win. They went on to beat Independent Sydney and Districts in the semi-final 52-40 and faced up against HRIS in the final. Unfortunately, HRIS had worked out a game plan to compensate for the depth of 3 point shooters in the NASSA team and managed to take the win 42-38. Well done to all the boys who represented the College and NASSA extremely well and displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Congratulations to Nathan Murdocca and Brock Page who were also selected to represent the AICES team