



# THE WAY





## NASSA VOLLEYBALL GALA DAY

Tough NASSA Volleyball Competition

### **Girls Team**

On Thursday 6 September, a number of secondary students travelled to Minto to participate in the annual NASSA Volleyball Gala Day. The year 7-9 girls team gave 100% and represented the College well, however, were unable to retain the trophy for another year. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool, and fifth overall. In the first rounds the team played Penrith Anglican College (0-3), Macarthur Anglican School (2-1) and Georges River Grammar School (3-2). We came away with 1 convincing win and 2 very close losses. The final game of the day saw the team come against Illawarra Grammar School which we defeated with a convincing 3-0 win. Congratulations to the girls who played every game with enthusiasm, energy and sportsmanship despite being short players on the day. Kassandra Bulaong showed great leadership on the day and was able to demonstrate exceptional skill throughout all the games. The team looks like they will be a formidable threat come next year, with each member demonstrating an increase in skill and strategy as the day progressed. A great day for all involved and we look forward to our next gala

day. Thank you to the following girls who made up the team:

- Kassandra B
- Bianca C
- Zoe H
- Stephanie J
- Ashleigh K
- Emilia M
- Ashley V

### **Boys Team**

The team began their campaign wonderfully with victory over their 1<sup>st</sup> opponent. Aply let by captain and chief motivator Matt D, the team were resolute in their defence with some great blocking from Max R, perfect setting from youngster Jai V, powerful spiking from Luka K, confident accurate serving from Daniel P and great teamwork all round. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> match, our team narrowly lost 2 sets to 1 despite some great saves from the fast reflexes of Cooper C and some power hitting from Dusan S. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> match was our best, with brilliant play and decimation of our highly touted opposition. Ethan S kept us in every point and Daniel M and Daniel P were clinical in their finishing. This victory secured our path to the semi-final where we got off to a flyer thanks to some great play from Matt D. Closing in on the first set, the team uncharacteristically stumbled, allowing them back into the set and then losing it in a tight affair. Despite some signs of a fight back, the rally never came as the team had difficulty shrugging off the disappointment of surrendering the first set and eventually the match. Finishing equal third, the team vow to reach loftier goals at the next opportunity.

Thank you to Mr. Butler and Ms. Mugridge who coached and refereed the teams.

### **Miss Lisa Close**

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