



## KOREAN REPUBLIC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM

**The highly anticipated Women's Football World Cup has just kicked off, and the Korean Republic Women's National Team has wrapped up their intense training at Thomas Hassall as they seek Cup Glory.**

The work of Jason Swan (Grounds Supervisor) and Sonny Makko (Director of Football / Sports Facilities Manager) has meant that we have been able to host a world-class football team who have been able to benefit from the College's world class facilities. In every major sporting competition, preparation is the key to the team's confidence. The Korean team has had the privilege of training at top-tier facilities, providing them with the best environment to fine-tune their skills and ensure peak physical fitness.

On Wednesday of this week, many of our College students were able to witness the team's final training session, and some had the chance to rub shoulders and speak with the players and coaching staff. The Korean Republic is currently ranked 15th in the world. They will be part of Group H throughout the World Cup tournament and play matches against Colombia, Germany, and Morocco. While we do hope the Matildas go all the way to World Cup glory, it will be great to have another team to support throughout the tournament.

A big thank you to Ross Whelan (Principal), Jason Swan, Sonny Makko, and many others for organising such an amazing event for our college and strengthening our relations with the global community.

Some staff and students reflected on the week and here is what they said:

*"This team is amazing, and it's great to see such a professional team come to the College." - Dusan C (Year 10, Football Representative)*

*"This is my dream. I have loved seeing them come and train the past weeks. I have loved getting to meet some of the players and coaching staff. I can't wait for the tournament to begin. It has been some of the best days at the College in my time and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." - Cynthia N (Year 12, College Sport Captain, Football Representative)*

*"What an opportunity for our students to witness some of the best athletes in the world on the same oval our students use daily. This is certainly a great encouragement and inspiration for our many talented athletes. I cannot wait to see some of our student be part of many national teams like this in the future." Mrs Irene Focas (Senior School Sports Co-ordinator)*





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