Sporting Success in the Junior School

All Saint’s College prides itself on being able to offer a wide variety of activities to cater for students’ different strengths and interests. As well as the many academic and cultural pursuits available to the Junior School students, there are numerous co-curricular and representative sporting opportunities offered that are always well supported. Over the past 12 months the success of the Junior School sporting teams has gone from strength to strength. The current high level of participation across all co-curricular sports at school provides a clear indication of the success of the programme. Participating in sport helps young people develop healthy attitudes about the importance of physical exercise which will stay with them for life.

Having a lot of enthusiastic participants has many positive effects, one of them being success on the scoreboard. This year the Junior School won the Aggregate Points Shield in Division 2 at the HICES Swimming Carnival. This is something that the school has never achieved before and it demonstrates not only that we have some elite swimmers but also shows great strength across all the age groups. Another fantastic achievement we have had on the sporting field of late was that of the Premiership winning Under 12 cricket team. Once again, it was the first time the school has ever won this competition. There have been many other significant achievements worth mentioning as well. In the winter sport season of 2013 our Under 12s netball, Under 12s soccer and Under 11s hockey teams were runners-up in their respective competitions. Such results demonstrate the depth of talent we have across the Junior School in all sports. It is wonderful to see the hard training and efforts of the children pay off.

Winning should not be the priority in junior sport but encouraging children to try their best and be a good sport is what is important. I congratulate not only the students who have been successful by winning competitions but all of the students who enjoy playing a sport for the school.

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