

MCC Basketball Report

With the Trial round cancelled due to wet weather, MCC Basketball was straight into competitive games at our two venues, Bankstown and Alexandria Basketball Stadiums.

Games throughout the season were overwhelmingly played within the ethos and spirit of MCC competition. The loss of one fixture to wet weather made the race for semi-final places all the more intense. The Under 15 season for example ended with 4 teams, Pagewood, Lewisham, Ryde and Bankstown all tied on points for 4th place. Randwick again took out the aggregate trophy with only one loss in 24 games across 4 age groups - an outstanding achievement.

The Junior Grand Finals both featured Randwick and North Shore. After two high quality games, honours were shared with both minor premiers, Randwick U14s and North Shore U/15s, emerging victorious. The B Grade Grand Final was a repeat of 2018's decider between Randwick and Pagewood, with Randwick reversing last year's result and claiming the title.

The A Grade Grand Final featured a quite special achievement. The Senior students from Randwick and Ashfield had matched up in every Grand Final since their time in the U/14s. Their final game proved to be an absorbing contest. Cheered on by a vocal supporter group, Ashfield came out making their shots and led by 3 at the break. The lead swung throughout the second half with Randwick also finding range from distance and using their size advantage on the offensive glass. In the final seconds, Ashfield captain, Nicko Timonera, found some space to the bucket and levelled the score at 66-all. In overtime, it was Randwick captain James Mei Edwards, who stepped up with 5 of his 14 points leading his school to a 4 point win.

Thank you to all schools that have made the season a successful one, especially the coaches, team managers, referees and support staff. Basketball continues to provide students in our MCC schools with opportunities for education, learning and growth in the summer months.

Semi-final results:

Randwick 72	vs	Kogarah 50
Ashfield 64	vs	Pagewood 52
B GRADE SEMI-FINALS		
Pagewood 46	vs	Ashfield 45
Randwick 76	vs	North Shore 38
U15 GRADE SEMI-FINALS Court 3		
North Shore 75	vs	Pagewood 43
Kogarah 44	vs	Randwick 51
U14s GRADE SEMI-FINALS Court 4		
Randwick 86	vs	Kogarah 40
Pagewood 35	vs	North Shore 45

Grand Final results:

Randwick 57	vs	North Shore 50	U14s
North Shore 46	vs	Randwick 34	U15s
Randwick 40	vs	Pagewood 17	B Grade
Randwick 70	vs	Ashfield 66 OT	A Grade