

## MCC Cross Country Report 2019

The 2019 MCC Cross Country carnival took place at King Georges Park, Rozelle with the course freshly marked out by the council and distances specifically set out to cater for the varied age groups. The Opens division initiated the day running a total of 8km which was a double lap of the bay run. The points were evental shared across the competing schools with no school dominating the top places. Kye Hammons from Lewisham finished the stronger of the competitors and gave North Shore a small lead in aggregate results of the carnival.

The under 16s division immediately followed with a course length of 6km. Randwick's James Robinson was too strong for the field, however North Shore took up 3 of the top 5 places to attract maximum points for the round.

The carnival program then swapped to include the junior events with the under 12s, followed by the under 13s both setting off for a 3km distance. Dylan Nadal from Kogarah was the champion for the under 12s division and Thomas Hynes from North Shore taking out the under 13s. At this stage of the carnival, North Shore was leading the aggregate field, with Randwick closely behind, courtesy of a plethora of high placings.

The under 14s division saw a change in fortunes on the aggregate table, with Randwick taking out 4 places in the top 10 and North Shore falling behind. Champion of the 4km distance was Alessio Parisi from Ashfield, their sole champion on the day.

The final race was the under 15s division, also covering a distance of 4km. Randwick once again too strong taking out 1st and 2nd, with Lachlan Stanfield beating all competitors by a considerable distance, ultimately cementing the aggregate trophy.

The final placings on the day are listed below:

School	Points	Place
Randwick	924	1st
North Shore	810	2nd
Kogarah	798	3rd
Lewisham	635	4th
Ryde	622	5th
Pagewood	572	6th
Ashfield	320	7th
Bankstown	204	8th

Most improved was Lewisham, increasing their 2018 score by 177 points.