

2019-20 MCC Basketball Report

For the 2019-20 season, MCC Basketball was able to secure the newly built Perry Park Recreation Centre which provided us with four courts in the Alexandria precinct in addition to the facilities at Bankstown Basketball Stadium. It is a great pleasure that we have been able to extend our long-standing relationships with both these associations.

Games throughout the season were overwhelmingly played within the ethos and spirit of MCC competition. The loss of one fixture made the race for semi-final places all the more intense. Points for and against were required to decide semi-finalists in the U14s and, significantly, in A Grade where Ashfield, Bankstown and North Shore were all tied on 3 wins. Randwick again took out the aggregate trophy and remain the standard to beat across the competition.

The U/14 and B Grade Grand Finals both featured Randwick and North Shore. Both games followed similar patterns with early commanding leads followed by furious comebacks. In the end, honours were shared with both minor premiers, North Shore U/14s and Randwick B Grade, emerging victorious.

Similarly, the U/15 and A Grade Grand Finals both featured Randwick and Pagewood. The U/15 title game pitted two evenly matched teams who had each gone through the rounds undefeated. In the end, it was Randwick who stayed the most composed in a tough, physical contest that featured a number of desperate, hustle plays befitting a grand final decider.

The A Grade Grand Final also followed a tough, physical theme. A warm-up basket malfunction created a delay to the start time and a move to Court 2 at Alexandria Stadium. On a slightly smaller court, space on the floor was constricted and points in the paint difficult to come by. Superior shooting from beyond the arc guided the minor premiers to a 5 point advantage at the break. With every shot contested in the half-court, buckets were hard-earned at both ends but Randwick were able to eventually carve out the winning margin. Timana Williams (12 pts) and Oscar Williams (9pts) led the scoring for the victors whilst Ethan Prakash and Andrew Swanson (both with 7pts) led Pagewood.

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:

A GRADE SEMI-FINALS		
Randwick 100	vs	Bankstown 39
Pagewood 47	vs	Ashfield 34
B GRADE SEMI-FINALS		
Pagewood 27	vs	North Shore 31
Randwick 38	vs	Bankstown 34
U15 GRADE SEMI-FINALS		
Randwick 60	vs	North Shore 50
Pagewood 55	vs	Wisham 42
U14s GRADE SEMI-FINALS		
Randwick 37	vs	Prakash 34
North Shore 35	vs	Wisham 31

Grand Final results:

Randwick 27	rs	rth Shore 36	4s
Randwick 42	rs	gewood 33	5s
Randwick 42	rs	rth Shore 36	Grade
Randwick 42	rs	gewood 27	Grade