



President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to JTAS/TAS cricket in Term 1. The teams have been selected, training has commenced and we look forward to another good season of cricket.

Meeting

Our first CSG meeting for 2018 is on Wednesday **7 February 2018 at 7pm** in the Library. All are welcome.

Cricket Dinner

Our annual cricket dinner has been booked at **Kedron-Wavell RSL** for **24 March 2018**. Please mark this date in your calendar and we will let you know when Flexischools is open for business. Trophies will be awarded to all BNJCA and TAS/JTAS players on the night. The raffle and auction prizes and the farewell performance by Full Distortion are worth the wait.

Some Match Reports and Pictures

Pre-season Trial Game – 27 January 2018

Vertical tutoring cricket style came to St Paul's on 27 January 2018 when a compilation of players ranging from Grade 8 to Grade 12 came together for a 40 over aside cricket game under the **tutor ledge** of Head of Cricket, Mr Lachlan Sykes.

The weather was perfect for cricket and the main oval wicket was a credit to grounds staff. Despite having not been cut or rolled since mid-March 2017 the first pitch was well rested and came up well.

St Paul's Red reached 8 for 127 after the allotted 40 overs with solid batting from Captain Billie & Ben leading the way for their team. St Paul's Green returned serve with 9 for 211 with Captain Sam & Zane leading the way in scoring more than a few boundaries.

The winner was cricket and the opportunity for the younger players to play on the main oval with the older boys was invaluable. Vertical tutoring cricket style looks here to stay and the season is off to a terrific start.

Next assignment for the St Paul's 1sts was the annual Wanderers fixture on 31 January 2018. Fair to say the boys got some cricket lessons last year – let's see what the 2018 game throws up!

Special comments from Head of Cricket, Mr Lachlan Sykes:

"Life at St Paul's School is characterised by the connections developed across different year levels. Sporting teams, like tutor groups, should provide an atmosphere where players feel safe, secure, and engaged in the school community. For me personally, I particularly enjoyed watching the younger Intermediate players showcase the incredible depth we have currently coming through St Paul's cricket. For some players, it was their first-time batting, bowling, and fielding on the main oval. One of the cultural strengths of cricket is the manner in which younger or older siblings compete and mentor each other. I know I am not alone in recognising the profound mental and physical learning contexts which arise in different cricketing scenarios. I sincerely hope that participants who were at the match go back to their respective teams and launch into the TAS season feeling better equipped for the challenges which lie ahead."



Wanderer's Game – 31 January 2018

The annual game between the St Paul's First XI and the Wanderers Cricket Club took place on the main oval at St Paul's on 31 January. The weather was fine and hot (more like extremely hot).

The Wanderers are a club of past and present grade players who kindly give up Wednesdays during the cricket season to play school teams. The game are normally 50 overs aside starting at 10.00AM. This year four St Paul's old boys also joined the Wanderers – thanks Harry, Angus, Mat & Josh for playing.

Tradition has it that the Wanderers bat first (easier on them as they arrive at various times). The Wanderers put on 9 for 213 before lunch was called. This was a good bowling effort by St Paul's given the Wanderers score in the corresponding game last year was close to 400. Bowling honours went to Ben with 4 for 23 off 7 and Sam with 2 for 15 off 4.

St Paul's replied with grit and determination and finished on 8 for 140. Top scorers were Sarah and Ben on 26.

Whilst its good to have a win the coaching and tips given freely by the Wanderers players are invaluable and helpful to our players. Rotate the strike was high on the tip list this year.

Next assignment is an away game against St Columbans on 3 February to start the TAS season proper.





TAS Games 3 February

Sad to say that all TAS cricket games were washed out on Saturday. This is a rare event across the whole region but two days of steady rain meant pitches could not be prepared and games started.

Hard to believe the Firsts played on the main oval in 34° heat on Wednesday but couldn't train on Friday or play on Saturday due to rain - but that's cricket!

Looking forward to Round 2 against West Mac already and the start of the JTAS cricket season.