

The Secondary Schools Squash State Finals commenced this week with the Senior Boys and Girls divisions competing on Thursday 27th July at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC). The competition was strong this year with many of the girls final placings being decided on total game wins in their round robin competition. The boys also competed in a round robin before playing-off against their opposing pool.

After taking the lead in their respective pools, Trinity Anglican College faced off against Haileybury College for the winners flag. Last year Trinity took out 2nd place and this week topped it by bringing home the winners 1st placed title! This was a grand finish for the Trinity players of this team who were competing in their last year of this competition. Haileybury who finished 5th last year, not only improved their positioning but impressed by taking home 2nd place this year.

In the girls' pool, many commented on the strength of the competition and this was evident in the results that came in throughout the day. Previous year winners Highvale Secondary College was knocked back to 2nd place this year by Templestowe College. Both teams finished even on game wins leaving it to total games won to determine the winner. With only one game separating them, it was enough for Templestowe (10 game wins) to take the winners title, leaving Highvale (9 game wins) to bring back 2nd place.

Despite there being some last minute team withdrawals, the competition was strong, with a combined total of 15 teams competing made up of 6 girls and 9 boys teams. It was great to see many familiar faces returning from previous years and new faces along with them. The enthusiasm and passion of the players, coaches, teachers and parents is encouraging for the future growth of the sport and joyful to see. We hope to see this competition continue to grow in future years.

A big thank you to School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Championships representative Howard Louis for supporting the event and presenting the SSV 'Best Performed Team' ribbons on the day. The best performed teams title was awarded to Templestowe College for the girls and Melbourne High School (A) in the boys division.

Congratulations to all teams who represented their schools. Final placings are listed below, for full results please refer to the Squash & Racquetball Victoria website via below link. Stay tuned for our Intermediate and Junior teams who compete over the next 2 weeks.

<http://www.squashvic.com.au/w/events/event-results>.

Final Placings – Boys:	
1 st	Trinity Anglican College
2 nd	Haileybury College
3 rd	Melbourne High (A)
4 th	McKinnon Secondary College
5 th	Templestowe College
6 th	Melbourne High (C)
7 th	Melbourne High (B)
8 th	Balwyn High School
9 th	St Paul's Anglican Grammar School

Final Placings – Girls:	
1 st	Templestowe College
2 nd	Highvale Secondary College
3 rd	William Ruthven Secondary College
4 th	Dromana Secondary College
5 th	Melton Secondary College
6 th	McKinnon Secondary College