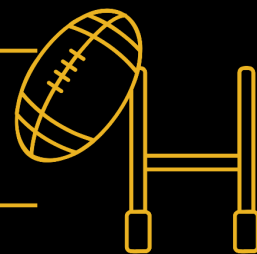






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Week Ending Sunday, 20 July 2025

Directors Notes	<p>It's great to be back out on the rugby fields! With only a few weeks left in the regular season, I encourage all players to dig deep and finish strong.</p> <p>On the international stage, how exciting is it to have the British and Irish Lions touring our shores? While the Wallabies didn't get the result they were after on the weekend, I was impressed by their grit and determination. This Lions squad is a powerhouse, but our Wallabies aren't far off—and I can't wait to see how the rest of the tour unfolds.</p> <p>Training reminders for this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No training for U8, U10 and U11 teams on Tuesday afternoon at Annandale• Morning skills sessions start this week:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wednesdays at Annandale○ Thursdays at North Shore<i>Sessions run from 7:30am to 8:15am</i>• U12 and U17 teams – training as normal this week <p>Finally, keep an eye out for an expression of interest email coming soon for players interested in attending the Viking 10s carnival in Airlie Beach during the September school holidays; Friday, 3 to Saturday, 4 October. This opportunity will be open to U10, U11 and U12 players—more details to come!</p> <p>David Enfantie Director of Rugby</p>
Results and recap from coaches	<p>U17 Girls v North Ward David Enfantie</p> <p>Unfortunately, our game on the weekend will be recorded as a forfeit, as we couldn't muster enough players on the day. This is disappointing, especially since the girls who did play were simply amazing. Our players are growing in confidence each time they step onto the field. Maeve McCullum is stealing the ball at the breakdown; Mikayla Moore is slicing through the defence and Leila Strickland is supporting in attack like a ten-year veteran. Wendy Bire was awarded Player of the Match. Wendy is a crafty ball player in attack and a real rocket in defence.</p>  <p>U17 Boys v North Ward Connor Barrett</p> <p>With the holidays a distant memory and two solid training sessions under their belt, the team was prepared to play with passion and enthusiasm against a strong North Ward side. However, missed opportunities and a weak defensive line saw points quickly scored against them in the first 30 minutes. A 'Call to Action' at halftime shifted the team's mindset and they opened the second half with renewed energy and impact. A try to Connor Thompson, followed by a conversion from Cooper Wilson, lifted spirits and saw the team playing to their potential. While the final score reflected a strong win for North Ward, the team is to be commended for their second-half performance and their display of good rugby. The game</p> 



highlighted the importance of playing together from the first whistle and the consequences of not committing fully to defence. This week they face a double header and if they bring the courage and commitment shown in the second half of this game, both opponents should be worried.

U12 Mixed v North Ward & Brothers | Andrew McKinnon

TGS v Sandcrabs U12

After a really good week of training, the TGS U12 team started a little slow, still shaking off the holiday mode. The team played really well in patches, but our aim is to develop more consistency in our play. Some outstanding individual work from Cameron Small led to TGS's only try for the night. Edvard Pont worked extremely hard on both sides of the ball and was awarded three points. Aston Miller tackled anything that came his way and was awarded two points. Cameron Small was outstanding both in attack and defence, always giving his best for the team. We're looking forward to a strong week of training ahead.



TGS v Brothers U12

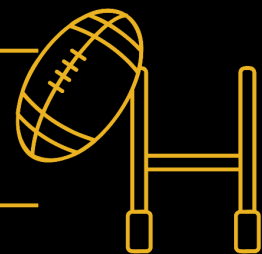
After a tough hit-out the night before, the U12 TGS team backed up against a tough Brothers outfit. I was very proud of the effort shown by all players. Pressure was building at the breakdown and TGS was able to force a number of turnovers.

Some unforced errors in attack prevented TGS from gaining rhythm or ascendancy. Tilly Thompson had her best game of the season with some bruising defence and strong ball carries. Aston Patterson also had his best game of the year and is growing in confidence each week with his switch from the backs to the forwards. Both players were awarded three points.

U11 Mixed v Brothers | Giles Derrett

It was a tale of two halves for the U11 team this week. Our first half was magnificent. Our defence was particularly excellent—moving up together and putting pressure on the attackers, which allowed Jaxon Morris-Steel and Will King to constantly steal the ball at the breakdown. Sadly, we fell away in the second half, which was disappointing. Our commitment in defence dropped and our attack became one-dimensional, lacking the passing and teamwork we saw in the first half. The players should walk away knowing they can match it with the strong teams, which will hopefully hold us in good stead as we head into the finals in a few weeks' time. Player of the Match was awarded to Jack Clark, who is consistently strong each week. We also extend a huge thank you to U17 players Connor and Troy, who assisted the team on the night.





U10 Grammar Black v Teachers West | Luke Brennan

Grammar Black returned from the school holiday break with fresh legs and plenty of enthusiasm, taking on a tough Teachers West outfit in what ended up a 35–10 loss. The scoreboard didn't reflect just how close and competitive the game was, with some outstanding defence and strong patches of play from the Grammar boys. Shaking off the holiday cobwebs, the team showed real intent early, matching Teachers West in the middle and showing glimpses of flair that would make any Wallabies selector take notice for the next Lions Tour! Captain Jacob led from the front, popping up all over the field and putting his body on the line in both attack and defence. "Wrecking Ball" Reuben turned heads with fearless, charging runs—showing true grit in a breakout performance we didn't know he had in him. Normally one of the more subdued and smaller players, he stood tall and earned himself MVP honours with a courageous effort. A huge Grammar shoutout to George Pont, who stepped up to help the boys when they were short on numbers—showing true Grammar spirit and sportsmanship. A solid bounce-back performance and a great base to build from as Term Three footy kicks into gear!



U10 Grammar Gold v Charters Towers | Martin Tait

Unfortunately, we received a forfeit from Charters Towers this week. We're looking forward to getting back on the field next week.

U8 Grammar Black v Grammar Blue | Hannah Lambert

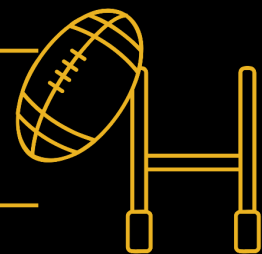
Rugby was the real winner in our big match against Grammar Blue. While we didn't come away with the result we were after, the game was tremendous fun and both players and coaches enjoyed their time out on the field. Well done to everyone for their sportsmanship and wonderful school spirit. Congratulations to Brody Riddlestone for winning Player of the Match this week.



U8 Grammar Gold v Charters Towers | Ricky Evans

This week, Grammar Gold took on Charters Towers in a late-night match under the lights at Toyota Park. The team started off strong, claiming a few quick tries and for a moment it looked as though we might be on our way to another win. However, Charters Towers fought back hard. They began to take advantage of our defensive formation, finding ways through our line with a combination of tactical runs and brute strength. Our boys responded well to the challenge, doing their best to get passes





away, offload the ball and form rucks during the game, but these skills proved a little tricky to execute consistently on the night. The pressure from Charters Towers continued throughout the game and despite a well-fought battle, we couldn't secure the win this time. That's not to say there weren't plenty of moments of brilliance. Hudson Murr put a lot of points on the board despite the opposition finding ways to take him down. Mantaj Jhutti scored a fine try of his own and also made a fantastic pass assist that led to another. Tommy Brookfield made some powerful runs through the centre and William Norris, on his first attempt as captain, led the team well. Jack Poole looked dangerous and like scoring on multiple occasions, stopped only by running a little too close to the sidelines, while Jim Baker used his strength to drive the ball forwards and Joseph Carter-Powell got stuck in with the tackles. It was a valiant performance and one we can certainly learn a lot from.



In training, we will put more practice into our defence and tackling. We'll also add more focus on forming and clearing the ruck and, as always, supporting our teammates. We don't have long to go in the season, but this team will keep pushing right through to the very end. Go Grammar Gold!

U8 Grammar Blue v Grammar Black | David Santiero

Friday evening saw Grammar Blue take on Grammar Black in an exciting all-Grammar clash. While Grammar Black came away with a 40-15 win, it was a night full of effort, learning and great sportsmanship. The focus for Grammar Blue in recent weeks has been tackling and the boys showed just how far they've come. There were some determined efforts in defence, with a few standout try-saving tackles that had the sideline cheering. The team never gave up and showed real heart in every play, even as the scoreboard didn't go their way. Despite the result, the boys had a fantastic time on the field, playing the game they love and sharing plenty of smiles. Both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship, shaking hands and encouraging each other throughout. Well done to all players for their effort, spirit and teamwork. Onward and upward, Grammar Blue!

Important Dates

Term	Week	Date	Event
3	5	Saturday, 16 August 2025	Semi Final Games (1)
3	6	Saturday, 23 August 2025	Semi Final Games (2)
3	7	Saturday, 30 August 2025	Grand Final Games
3	9	Saturday, 13 September 2025	Club Rugby Awards Night - North Ward Gymnasium

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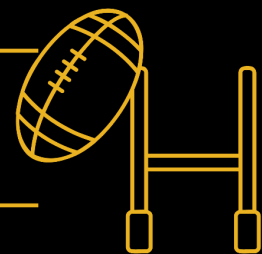
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