

### **U13 Black**

The SPX u13 cricket team won the toss and elected to bat against Collaroy Cricket Club. We crashed to 25 all out. This was a difficult result to accept for the boys after putting in their best performance of the year in the previous week. The Collaroy bowlers were excellent, bowling a consistent, full straight line. In previous games we were able to weather good bowling spells by applying our game plan of defending the good ball and putting away the bad ball. Many lessons were learnt on the day about focus, application and treating each ball and game on its merits.

At the break the boys collected themselves, regained focus and attempted to defend the small total valiantly. Collaroy were able to chase down the total in 8 overs.

We look forward to the remaining 3 regular round matches with a finals berth well within reach and the prospect of many more runs to be made and wickets to be taken.

### **SPX Green 186 def. Peninsula Pacers 114**

On a beautiful morning at Oxford Falls we won the toss and batted. Their opening bowlers swung the ball immediately, and we lost a couple of early wickets to be 2/6. The boys recovered well, with Rory Rapa (51\*) and Zac Nadeem (18) putting on 36, followed by Rory and Felix Keeler (19) adding 40. At drinks we were 4/102 and targeting over 200. Unfortunately, we lost two wickets in the over after drinks and had to rebuilt. Xavier Doherty (37) batted very well, and combined with Ali Fernandes (18) for 40, before we were bowled out for 186.

We bowled and fielded well from the start, with some good tactics from captain Rory. Although we didn't take a lot of early wickets, we contained them very well and at drinks they were 3/53. From there we kept the pressure on and bowled them out for 114 off the last ball of the innings, to win by 72 runs. The wickets were shared around and everyone bowled well, with the highlights being Zac Chippendale's beautiful outswinger to knock their best batsman's off stump over, and our spin triplets taking a combined 4/27.



Rory Rapa

