



Rugby Results

Team	Villa	Padua	Iona	SPLC/ATC	SPC	SLC	
6A Player of the Match	12 – 24 Will Hutchinson						
6B Player of the Match	24 – 12 Ethan Muspratt						
6C Player of the Match	5 – 17 Ethan Moody						
6D Player of the Match	15 – 27 Henry Julicher						
5A Player of the Match	22 – 7 Archer Hardiker						
5B Player of the Match	19 – 22 Jimmy Sexton						
5C Player of the Match	5 – 10 Sam Brown						
5D Player of the Match	10 – 35 Nick Bray						





Around the Grounds

6A

A difficult loss to start the season for the 6As but a game that highlighted the work that needs to be done for the boys to be successful this season. There is lots of talent in the side with a number of boys tightly contesting positions across the park.

The side started well dominating possession early and getting out to a 5-nil lead. Villa's big forwards stepped up to take control of the ruck and the Marist boys lost their shape Villa's outside backs ran around a disappointing Marist defensive line to score 3 quick unanswered tries, to go into halftime with a 17 – 5 lead.

The challenge at halftime was to regain control of the contest and go back to basics when in possession. The second half was a hard-fought contest, but the Marist team continued to give Villa too much possession with easy turnovers. A 7-all second half showed that there is a lot of potential in the side if they are willing to work hard and work together as a team.

Looking forward to a great season!!

6B

The 6Bs had a positive start to the season with a 24-12 win over Villanova. The game was closely contested with Marist leading by one try at halftime. The forwards worked hard to provide the ball to the backs who managed to score through the scrum half.

6C

You can't fault the 6C boys' effort today against Villanova. They fought hard and displayed some great resilience. Although, we went down narrowly, 17-5. As a team we ran the footy with great intent, however, ball security can be improved. We've got a skilful team which I believe will be destructive when we use the width of the field.

Player of the Game: Ethan Moody

Ethan was very courageous in defence today, putting his body on the line for his team. He led by example and highlighted the style of an aggressive defence that is awesome to watch!

6D

Villanova got out to an early lead, but the Marist boys rallied hard to fill in where was needed and score a few quick tries after the break. In the end, Villa was too strong, running away with the game but the Marist boys can be commended on their efforts playing a full 50 minutes without subs.

5A

It was a scrappy game from the beginning although the Marist 5As fought hard and put points on early. After many penalties, the boys worked hard to hold onto possession and found themselves too bunched to move forward. However, their great defensive efforts stopped Villanova from making the line. After halftime, the boys worked as a team to show some width and depth and used the ball well to score a few more points. Well done on a great victory.





5B

Great day to kick off the season against a very big Villanova 5B. Despite their size, Marist dominated the scrum and used the tight heads well. The Marist boys utilised their width well and were able to spin the ball wide often and make use of some great running rugby. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold on in the end and lost on the final buzzer with a try to Villanova well done to the boys.

5C

The game was a real arm wrestle - Villanova dominated possession but the Marist boys were courageous in defence and managed to keep them to only 2 tries. A late try from Marist put them back in the contest but unfortunately, it was too little too late. A great game of rugby with some huge efforts shown all over the field.

Sam Brown was player of the match for his playing his heart out and creating lots of space for the outside back with his running game.

5D

A close first half gave way to a very dominant Villa side who just seemed to be doing everything right. Lots of turnover ball from Marist gave Villa the majority of possession and allowed them to score without difficulty – it was a closer game than the score portrayed but shows there is room for improvement.

Nick Bray was awarded the player of the match for completing every tackle and always getting in position over the ruck, he also scored a runaway try.

