

# Year 8 Captains' Speech – Semester 1 Awards Assembly

Hello everyone and welcome to our mid-year, Year 8 Assembly for 2025.

I cannot believe that we are already halfway through the year! We have all made some amazing achievements, tried new things, and met new people. Congratulations to the people who have been involved in many activities around the school.

So far this year, our school has actively participated in a wide range of interschool sports competitions, offering students many opportunities to showcase their skills and show strong Lilydale High School spirit. Some of the sports we've competed in include volleyball, netball, football, soccer, badminton, and many others.

Each event has brought exciting challenges and valuable experiences for our students, who demonstrated dedication, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm, even on the sidelines. A huge congratulations goes out to all the teams who advanced to the next round of their competitions. Your commitment, resilience, and ability to work together as a team is truly amazing.

We are very proud of the incredible effort that everyone put in. We look forward to even more sporting successes in the coming months. Keep up the fantastic work, everybody!

We finally began our new semester; we now have a fresh set of subjects and opportunities to learn. With the start of the term, everyone found themselves in different classes, many of which introduced topics people had never studied before. Additionally, we were assigned new teachers, some of whom we had never met or been taught by in previous years. It was impressive to see how quickly and positively everyone adapted to these changes. Even though it has been difficult learning new timetables, new teachers, and finding new classrooms, students have shown great enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to embrace new experiences, setting a strong tone for the rest of the year.

The last couple of days we have had our Significant Persons days. Everyone's pieces were absolutely amazing, and you should all be so proud of yourselves. It is a huge achievement to speak in front of lots of people, so congratulations to those who got up in front of everyone and delivered their significant person speech.

Congratulations to everyone who will be receiving one of the many awards we have to present today. Some of these include badges, GPA awards, attendance awards, the excellence awards, and many more.

Thank you everyone for listening! Have a great weekend, and do not forget battle of the bands is here in the theatre at lunchtime; bring a gold coin donation!

**Charlie Glenn. Chloe Stephens, Lenny Akinkugbe and Ethan D'Amico**