

Marist Primary Basketball – Round 2 vs. Padua College

	Result	MVP
5A	Padua 54 Marist 24	
5B	Padua 31 Marist 26	Finn Doolan
	<p>Starting the season 0-2 is definitely not where the 5B's expected to begin their AIC basketball campaign. They came up against a well rounded Padua team in a game that came down to some costly mistakes made by the Marist 5B's. The boys started the game slowly but quickly cut the lead to four entering half time. However, a two minute stretch of basketball at the beginning of the third quarter proved to be the two minutes that decided the outcome due to some costly turnovers and poor defence from the boys. The boys battled back in the last quarter on the back of some back to back clutch baskets from Declan Baines and some good defence where Padua only scored two points for the entire quarter. Sadly, it was too little too late. Finn Doolan earnt the MVP as he was the hardest worker, best defender and best rebounder on the floor. He did everything asked of him and played the style of basketball that is going to contribute to winning games moving forward. The boys showed flashes of the basketball team they can be, but must play that way for the entire game to find success moving forward. Overall, the boys should be proud of their efforts and set their sights on improving at training this coming week.</p>	
5C	Marist 28 Padua 12	George Bond
	<p>A nice win against the Padua lads this week for the 5C team, bouncing back from last week's tough loss. A great team effort, the points this week were shared around between 8 players. MVP George Bond was brilliant in defence stealing lots of balls from the opposition which lead to good scoring opportunities for his teammates. Jack McCurry, top scoring with 12 points, did excellent work under the basket taking rebound after rebound. Finally, Jacob Cagney was selfless in offence consistently looking down the court and passing to teammates under the basket so they could score. Well done everybody.</p>	
5D	Padua 9 Marist 20	Lucas Nightingale
	<p>Going into the game we looked to win the game early. With some great defence and offence we kept the game close at the end of the first quarter. Within the</p>	

	<p>second quarter the lead was slipping away, Padua scoring back to back. The boys dropped their heads a little and although we had a loss the boys played with great heart and chemistry with short sharp passes leading others to score.</p> <p>Overall the boys played well together and improving each week.</p>
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6B	<p>Padua 47 Marist 44</p>	<p>Will Hutchison</p>
	<p>What a game! It could've gone either way and the result was decided on the last play of a fantastic, intense, game. A very significant improvement from last week saw us getting better at passing and rebounding. We still have a lot to improve on but we are on the right track.</p>	
6C	<p>Padua 40 Marist 36</p>	<p>Sam Long</p>
	<p>A thriller under the Greccio Dome. Marist shot out to an early lead in the first quarter, playing great team basketball, moving the ball to find open looks. As the game moved on, Padua settled into their rhythm and started hitting some big shots. The Marist boys fought hard and kept the game on a knife edge right until the final minute. A great game ending in a close loss. Sam Long takes home MVP honours with a stellar defensive display, multiple stops and steals keeping the game within reach!</p>	
6D	<p>Padua 30 Marist 10</p>	<p>Brody Corsini</p>
	<p>Friday night saw the 6D basketball team face off against Padua at Kedron. After a week of intense training focusing on key skills, it was rewarding to see the boys implement these efforts during the first quarter. However, maintaining this momentum proved challenging, and despite their initial success, Padua ultimately dominated the remaining three quarters, securing a 30-10 victory over Marist.</p> <p>Several players stood out with their dedication and hard work throughout the game. Brody Corsini, Mitch Belyea, and James Tatnall exemplified perseverance and team spirit, continuing to push forward despite the game's challenges.</p>	

When the boys adhere to the structures practiced in training, their performance notably improves, and it's always a joy to witness.

A special mention goes to Brody Corsini, who was named Man of the Match for his excellent passing and defensive hustle. His efforts were a highlight and set a commendable example for the team.

Despite the outcome, the game was a valuable experience, showcasing the importance of consistency and teamwork. We look forward to seeing the boys build on this in their next match.