

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# First Scots All Saints College Cattle Team prepares for Blayney, Bathurst and Sydney Royal Easter Shows

30 students from the first ever combined Scots All Saints College Cattle Team have dedicated many hours over the past 4 months to train their steers for cattle judging at upcoming local, regional and Sydney country shows, including the Blayney Show to be held this weekend.

Students from Years 8 to 12 regularly meet on the farm at Scots Campus O'Connell Road every Monday and Wednesday morning at 7am to prepare their Limousin, Angus, Blue E and Charolais steers to be ready for the ring.

For the past 11 years, Agriculture teacher, Mrs Libby Dawes has been coordinating the highly successful cattle team and equestrian programs at the Scots School, now merged with All Saints College in Bathurst to become Scots All Saints College in 2019.

"There is a wonderful sense of comradery amongst the students and I'm so impressed by their positive attitude and commitment to this program. Some are new to showing cattle but have totally embraced the experience, while others have been part of the team for the past 6 years and are now mentoring others," Mrs Dawes said.

Despite the challenges of the drought and grain costs, 23 steers are being prepared by the students.

Mrs Dawes said: "While we always aim to excel and do the best possible, regardless of how successful we are, this is a highly challenging and rewarding program for our students in so many ways, not only building skills in animal husbandry but teamwork, leadership and resilience which are very important traits for our young people.

"Many parents and families support the program by assisting with training and providing their experience and knowledge which is so valuable to our students," Mrs Dawes said.

Scots All Saints College Cattle Team will compete at the Blayney Showground on Saturday 23 March, the Sydney Royal Easter Show in early April in competitions including the 'Hoof and Hook' competition, the Bathurst Show on 3, 4, 5 May.

"Please come out to say hello and support our students. Many have also entered the Young Rural Achievers at Bathurst Show. It is always lovely to see so many familiar faces from across regional NSW. We look forward to seeing you in the day," Mrs Dawes said.

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