

MEDIA RELEASE

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Unrivalled excellence by Scots All Saints College Equestrian team

A large Scots All Saints College team of 17 riders and 19 horses from across regional NSW, including students from Bathurst, Oberon, Orange, West Wyalong, Narromine, Mendorrnan and Canowindra, had a very successful first show at the 5-day North West Equestrian Interschool's Expo held at Coonabarbran last week.

Over 400 horses and schools from all over NSW, including some from interstate, participated, with Scots All Saints riders competing in many disciplines, including Eventing, Combined Training, Dressage, Sporting, Showjumping, Team Barrels, Team Penning, Active Expo Riding, Pentathlon, Polocrosse and Warrumbungles Way.

Agriculture and Equestrian Team Co-ordinator, Mrs Libby Dawes said our riders worked extremely hard for this event over the past few months and despite the strong competition, their efforts paid off with the team receiving many accolades and championship ribbons.

"It was a fabulous show and I am so proud of each and every rider. Good sportsmanship, fabulous team spirit, supportive attitudes and 'we can' attitudes made for a great 5 days," Mrs Dawes said.

"Scots All Saints College is one of the few schools in NSW that encourages students to bring their horses with them. We have an outstanding Equestrian program and facilities on campus where many of our students can agist their horses on approximately 6 hectares on the school campus. For students who are passionate about horse-riding and being part of a supportive rural community, this is an ideal setting for students to pursue their love of competitive riding and they can choose equestrian as a summer sport."

In a full week of events, starting on Friday with Eventing Dressage, followed by Combined Training on Saturday, Megan Redpath, riding her mare, Rosthwaite Venice Beach competed in her first official 2** competition (115cm courses). Megan excelled placing third overall. Hannah Jonkers, Hannah Gill, Felicity Webb, Sophie MaCallum, Lana Eastment, Rosie Webb and Lottie Telford all placed in their Eventing competition, with Victoria Wythe and Phillipa Webb placing in their combined training. Courtney Roberts also performed well in Eventing.

On Saturday, the Polocrosse began with Division 2 teams in a knockout competition and our team of Felicity Webb, Megan Redpath and Maddie Ford were undefeated moving them into the finals on Sunday. These girls showed that they were a team to be reckoned with and came home with the runner-up ribbon.

Mrs Dawes said: "Division 1(B grade) polocrosse is always a hotly contested competition with some very experienced players. Sisters, Rosie Webb and Victoria Webb, along with cousin, Phillipa Webb played their first rounds and were undefeated. They made it to the finals and with a barrage of yelling and screaming from all the parents and other team members they won 4-0, taking out the title of Polocrosse Champions

2019 (B grade). Excitement was an understatement!”

Other highlights from the event included the popular Working Horse Challenge is always a popular event and Maddie Ford, Jack Graf and Victoria Wythes doing amazing workouts. Congratulations to Victoria who made the top 10 and went into the finals.

From Saturday through to Sunday, Lana Eastment and Millicent Cupples participated in the pentathlon (Showjumping, Running, Bike riding, Flagging and Javelin). Lana Eastment placed tenth in her event.

Monday started with Showjumping, Dressage and Sporting. Again congratulations to Megan Redpath riding her mare, Rosthwaite Venice Beach who took out Champion 105cm. All other riders had some awesome rounds which is due to their dedication to working hard. The school runs regular showjumping lessons at the Scots All Saints Equestrian Centre with Mrs Jennifer Wood, a professional showjumper and coach. Lillian Oke, Victoria Wythe and Katherine Blackburn all rode beautiful dressage tests. Maddie Ford came third in the barrels and Rosie Webb came fifth in the time trial.

Team barrel races saw Scots All Saints lineup with another 45 teams. Maddie Ford, Rosie Webb and Victoria Webb had amazing runs coming fifth overall.

Finally, Tuesday was a slightly more relaxed morning with most of our riders competing in team penning. Congratulations to the team of Victoria Wythes, Hannah Jonkers and Katherine Blackburn placing tenth overall in their division.

Ms Libby Dawes encouraged all new and current students to join the Scots All Saints College Equestrian program as new students in 2020.

As part of our Foundation Year, Scots All Saints College is offering a limited one-off round of scholarship opportunities for new students seeking to enrol at the College in 2020. New Head of College All-Rounder Scholarships support our vision of developing well-rounded young men and women of purpose who are community-minded and are committed to excellence in all of their pursuits.

No testing required, simply submit the student's portfolio with NAPLAN reports and selected students will be invited for interviews with the Head of College. Applications officially close at 4pm Friday 28 June.

Scholarships provide fee relief for the life of the student at the school making it an opportune time to join Scots All Saints College. Please contact, 02 6331 3911 or visit scotsallsaints.nsw.edu for further information.

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