

# NEWINGTON COLLEGE RUGBY SUPPORT GROUP Newsletter - Season 2009

## To Newington Parents and Boys

Welcome to another year of Rugby at Newington! We look forward to catching up with 'old' rugby families and welcoming those who are new to Newington College.

We hope that your son is interested in playing Rugby for Newington. If so, he can look forward to several years of enjoyment on the field in a safe environment overseen by dedicated and highly skilled coaches.

The Rugby program at Newington is supported by the **Rugby Support Group [RSG]**. The RSG has been established for 12 years and its mission is to promote rugby at the school and to provide financial and moral support to the College and boys at the three campuses, from the First XV at Stanmore through to the under nines at Wyvern and Lindfield.

Each year we encourage the boys in Year 7 to try Rugby as their winter sport and we are pleased to say that, over recent years, an increasing number of boys are doing just that! For each Year 7 boy that signs up for Rugby we give them their own full sized **Newington Rugby Ball** to keep and practice with at home.

One of the areas of major support that the RSG undertakes is the funding of all specialist coaches for the season. This year, we will be **providing in excess of \$35,000** to ensure that every team in every grade has a specialist coach. It also ensures that each team will be filmed at least once during the season. So that means that irrespective of what level of experience your son has of Rugby, he will be taught the skills safely and correctly from the first time he pulls on the black and white jersey.

**RSG meetings** are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month during Term in the Function Room above the Gymnasium and all are welcome. Meetings commence at 6.30pm.

### Who's Who at Newington Rugby:

<b>Rugby Administrator</b>	Mr Mark Dickson
<b>Director of Coaching</b>	Mr Andrew Hill
<b>RSG President</b>	Grant McKenzie
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	Thomas Harmon and Rod Bosman
<b>Secretary</b>	Mark Bland
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Hauptman

For RSG contact details and to keep up to date with Rugby draws/ results/ events please go to:

<http://www.newingtoncollege.nsw.edu.au/public/SecondarySchool/Sport/Sports/Rugby.cfm>

### 2009 Rugby Fixtures

6 April	RSG Meeting – Function Centre at 6.30pm
4 May	RSG Meeting – Function Centre at 6.30pm
23 May	Trials - NC vs St Andrew/St Pius (away)
30 May	Trials - NC vs St Patricks (home) – RSG BBQ

1 Jun	RSG Meeting – Function Centre at 6.30pm
6 Jun	Long weekend - no GPS matches
13 Jun	Trials – NC vs High/Various (home) – RSG BBQ
20 Jun	Trials – NC vs Scots (away)
26 Jun	Jersey Lunch at Waters Edge from 12 noon
27 Jun	NC vs. Kings (home) – RSG BBQ
1 Aug	NC vs. St Ignatius (away)
3 Aug	RSG Meeting – Function Centre at 6.30pm
8 Aug	NC vs. St Josephs (away)
15 Aug	NC vs. Shore (home) – Back to Newington day
22 Aug	NC vs. Grammar (away)
29 Aug	High forfeit
5 Sep	NC vs Scots (home) – RSG BBQ

### Fund Raising

The major role of the RSG is to raise funds to support the school in the supply of equipment and coaches and to assist with the funding of Rugby Training Camps. This fundraising is mainly in the form of the **Jersey Lunch**, our famous barbecues at **Home Games** and encouraging all Rugby Families to become **Members of the RSG**.

The **Jersey Lunch** will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at Waters Edge, Pier One, Walsh Bay and the highlight of the Lunch is the **presentation of jerseys** to the First and Second Fifteen players for 2009. This year our Guest Speaker will be ARU High Performance Unit Director **David Nucifora**. The **Jersey Lunch** is a great opportunity for 'old' Newingtonians to get together and for all parents [not just those of the First and Second XV players and not just fathers!] to celebrate Newington rugby in a very convivial atmosphere. The booking form is available on the website and I encourage you to book now to avoid missing out.

When there is a 'home' game at Newington the RSG run **BBQ and refreshment stands** at the College. Parents of boys volunteer to work on the BBQ stands for an hour or so and it is a great way to meet fellow rugby parents and to help play your part in supporting rugby at Newington. We also provide the best bacon and egg rolls, that breakfast of champions!

**Membership** of the RSG is a vital way to support our fundraising activities. Membership is for six years or the 'life' of your first or only son's time at Newington and so is particularly attractive to Wyvern and Lindfield parents.

Again this year, we have committed substantial specific funding to support the coaching programs at both Wyvern and Lindfield, together with specialist coaches for every C, D and E team in every age group. We can only continue to do this if you support us. Our membership form can be found on our website and it will be the best \$100 you will spend at Newington!

Thank you for your support of Rugby at Newington and we wish all the boys the best for the season.



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