



MLC's Senior Basketballers Go Out On a High

What a way to go! MLC's Senior Basketball team, most of whom have been playing together since Year 7, ended their school sporting careers on a high, convincing winners over Star of the Sea in the GSV Senior Basketball Grand Final last week.

The Wednesday afternoon match at MSAC was a welcome break for the girls who had spent the day preparing for their VCE exams.

MLC came out strong and were 18 to 4 at half time. Star effected some spectacular steals and were solid in defence but struggled with their accuracy and couldn't match MLC's team cohesion and set plays. The final score was 51 to 15.

MLC's coach Paul Simpson, was particularly proud of his girls given the added pressure of looming exams.

"They have been playing together for a long time now and they really play well as a group," he said.

Mr Simpson knows a good team when he sees one, given he also coaches the Australian Schoolgirls Basketball team, the Victorian Women's Basketball team and the Melbourne Tigers.

"These girls are a classic example of a champion team, rather than a team of champions.

"They are very good Basketballers, but it's their teamwork that helps lift their performance.

Lauren Killmister has played in the team since Year 7 and was a bit sad after the match, realising it was the last time they would play together as a team.

"We've had heaps of fun over the years playing in the GSV competition, other tournaments and the State Championships.

"Winning today has definitely been a highlight for us, but we have heaps of great memories playing school Basketball."

Like most of the girls in the MLC team, Lauren will continue to play Basketball at club level.

And as for the Star girls, most of whom will be in Year 12 next year, the GSV Senior Basketball pennant is firmly in their sights in 2006.

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