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SATIS SWIMMING

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Southern SATIS Carnival

Wednesday 6 March, 2013 was the Southern SATIS Swimming held at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. With many of the MacKillop team already dedicated swimmers, who train many mornings a week, we would like to thank all students who came to training. The team’s commitment to training was fantastic, as was their commitment to continue the tradition of teams gone by - enjoying a hearty breakfast straight after training. The team would like to thank Mr Peter Kay, Mr Michael Conneely, Mr Justin O’Brien and Mrs Katie Gardner for their advice and valuable coaching tips at the morning training sessions. As in previous years, MacKillop had a very talented group of students who all performed to the best of their abilities on the day, helping MacKillop to gain very valuable points for the team. Overall we finished 2nd behind The Friends’ School in the College Co-educational trophy, with our under 15 girls and under 16 girls winning their age group pennants. Thank you to Miss Webb at her first SATIS event for her exceptional organisation, and to Dr Towns for her support on the day.

It was about ten days before the carnival that Mr Kay and I had a look at the SATIS Under 16 girls medley relay record of 2:16. Both of our hearts raced a little when we did the maths and realised that our girls were in a good position to break the record, which had stood since 1999. It was not long after this each of the girls had their target time tattooed onto their wrists by Mr Kay just in case they found themselves focusing on anything other than this goal! I would like to congratulate the AMAZING effort of Demi Crook, Maggie Turner, Nicole Bresnehan and Ashley Steele, who were the record breaking under 16 girls Medley relay team. No one will ever know if it was the years of hard work the girls have put in, or the wrist tattoos from Mr Kay, but either way the team and College are so proud of how the girls controlled their nerves - much better than Mr Kay and me! It was also a very proud moment to hear the MacKillop team cheering so loud which I am sure contributed to the new record of 2:13 on the day. The girls have all been members of the swim team for 3-4 years and we could not think of a more fitting final year result than breaking a record and writing their names into the history books.

Thank you again all the students who trained hard and showed a positive team commitment. The leadership shown by our captains combined with the outstanding performance of individuals helped MacKillop to another very successful southern SATIS carnival.

Overall results:
MacKillop Boys - 4th
MacKillop Girls - 2nd
MacKillop Catholic College - 2nd Junior Co-Ed Shield.

Good luck to the team who will be competing in the State championships on Tuesday 19 March. Fingers crossed for some more outstanding individual swims and maybe a state record!