



Swimming Report

The 2012 season has produced yet another year of success and improvement for the GPS swim team. The increased depth of the squad saw High swimmers in nearly every race at the GPS carnivals, and this was reflected in the quality of our relay teams, as well as the results of the overall point score, in which the junior swimmers came fourth. This was a great improvement from previous years. In addition, six High swimmers represented the GPS at the CIS State Carnival. More swimmers progressed through to the CHS State Carnival in 2011 and the highly competitive nature of the GPS carnivals made the 2012 outcome outstanding.

Ennes Mehmedbasic - Captain of the Swimming Team

MIC Report

It was quite exciting for me to observe the increasing stature of Swimming as a GPS Sport this year. This year as we put up a twenty plus man squad while St Ignatius, Newington and Scots had squads of over fifty boys. Some of their swimmers were performing well at State and National level and were therefore a good standard for all the other boys to compete against. All of these things excited the swimmers and gave them additional impetus to perform really well.

The effort made by all the Swimmers to attend GPS Swims and to go to CHS was really laudable. Huge thanks to lots of boys who filled in at the last minute and who swam quite competitive times for High. Real thanks to our most competitive swimmers who reliably turned up every week to compete in all their age events. Thanks also to their parents who supported their sons by watching every week.

Our 2012 squad was comprised of :

Year 7 -

Harvey Luo, Kevin Guo, Corey Won, Kim Kyne, (Cameron Ma, Charlie Weng, Tommy Weng and Connor Fisher)

Year 8 –

Kazuo Nakamura, Jason Qiu and Jun Kurosawa

Year 9 -

Leonard Mah, James Chee, Andrew Trajcewski, (James Tinker, Jake Davis).

Year 10 –

Eugene Lee, Michael Sawang, Darren Chien, Michael Jun and Yu Peng Man

Year 11

George Dzero

Year 12

Ben Wilcox, Shaun Pak, Ennes Mehmedbasic (Captain) Seraj Saleh, Dominic Mah,

As you can see from this list in some years High did not have enough swimmers to make a relay team. Four really competitive swimmers are needed in each year level and some good quality extras are also needed to make the squad strong enough for the new brand of GPS Swimming Competition which is an emerging force in GPS Sport.

Stand out swimmers this year were: Harvey Luo and Kevin Guo, Kazuo Nakamura and Jason Qiu, Leonard Mah, Eugene Lee, Michael Sawang, Darren Chien, Michael Jun and Yu Peng Man.

Big thanks to the faithful stalwarts – Ben Wilcox, Ennes Mehmedbasic, Sean Pak (Vice Captain) and to on call swimmers who turned up all the time – Seraj Saleh and Dominic Mah.

Lastly, a very heartfelt thanks from me as a total rookie MIC, to the long suffering swimming parents and the senior swimmers who coached me patiently through a new experience. I would particularly like to thank Mr Guo, Mrs Chee, Mr Sawang and Mrs Lee for their kind assistance. I may have forgotten someone important - if so I apologise.

The lesson High can learn from this year's efforts in the pool are that all of our swimmers need to be committed to a training program. If they are not they may still be good enough for the second tier events but the High Squad will absolutely not be good enough to have a go at winning GPS outright. Good luck to all these boys in Swimming 2013.

Mrs Crothers