



#### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1962, De La Salle JRLFC has grown to become the largest and most successful club in the Cronulla-Sutherland district, and one of the biggest junior rugby league clubs in New South Wales. Based at the Captain Cook playing Fields, Woolooware, De La is as much a cultural institution as it is a sporting powerhouse.

In 2025, we are proud to have fielded 70 teams and approx 960 registered players across every age division, from boys/men's tackle, girls/women's tackle, girls/women's league tag and boy's/men's league tag competitions. Our player base is supported by hundreds of families, volunteers, and lifelong members who represent the heartbeat of De La Salle.

#### **OUR LEGACY**

- 60+ years of history as a foundation club in The Shire
- A proud tradition of producing representative and NRL calibre players
- Repetitive premiership wins with consistent success across grades

#### OUR PURPOSE

- Provide a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment for kids & young adults to fall in love with rugby league
- Build pathways that help players grow from grassroots footy through to representative and beyond
- · Maintain our strong community culture where Mums, Dads, grandparents, sponsors and volunteers all play a vital role in the De La family.

#### **OUR IMPACT**

- 950+ players across 70 teams
- · Thousands of parents, siblings and supporters engaging weekly on game days
- A strong digital footprint with organic reach of over 619,000 views per
- · Strong partnerships with schools, local businesses and The Newtown

At De La, we're proud to say we're more than just a club, we're a family. We trust each other, respect each other and care for each other. We celebrate victory with pride. Defeat with grace. And sportsmanship with a handshake. Because we're blue, red and yellow. De La Salle.



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## **2025 NRL PLAYERS**

#### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

SAM STONESTREET

**CONNOR TRACEY** 

JAEMON SALMON

**REECE ROBSON** 

**SAMUEL HUGHES** 

LUKE METCALF

JED STUART

JAMIE HUMPFREYS









# 2025 NSW/QLD GUP PLAYERS

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

KOBIE WILSON

**CHAZ JARVIS** 

KADE DYKES

**BRANDON FINNEGAN** 

JOSHUA LATHAM

**CHRIS SLATER-RAPTIS** 

**EPARAMA NAVALE** 

SAM STONESTREET

SAMUEL HUGHES

JED STUART

LIAM SUTTON

TYRELL LAFITUNAI







### 2025 JERSEY FLEGG PLAYERS

#### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

**ASHTON SIMMONDS** 

LACHLAN CROSSLE

**CRUIZ DEVINE** 

LACHLAN ARAULLO

KURT MONTGOMERY

**JACK TAPER** 

NICHOLAS STONESTREET

ZANE WATSON

**BRYCE SAIT** 

HARRY SAMUEL

TAJ HUGHES

TANNA FEATHERSTONE

**OSCA CATTON** 

JASPER CATTON

MAX MCCARTHY





## 2025 SG BALL PLAYERS

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

**ALEX CHALLENOR** 

ZACKARIA LEALAIAULOTO

**WILL STEWART** 

TOM WISEMAN

**BEAU WATSON** 





## **2025 HARROLD MATTHEWS PLAYERS**

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

LIAM CHALLENOR

DANIEL GREEN

MAX NICHOLSON

SPENCER SWAN

KYSEN PULEVAKA

**EDDIE NICHOLSON** 

HAIDEN WOOLDRIDGE

ZACH MOLLOY

WILLIAM WATSON

**XAVIER DINUCCIO** 

KAYLAN TURNER

ZIGGY LESTER

JACK STONESTREET







## 2025 REP PLAYERS

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

#### LISA FIAOLA CUP

MAKAYLA VAKAUTA

**CHARLOTTE HALL** 



#### TARSHA GALE CUP

KAHLEA FISHER

TAMIEKA DORAHY

SUMMER ANDERSON

**CHLOE SHEPHERD** 

JESSICA STONESTREET



## 2025 STATE PLAYERS

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

**REECE ROBSON** 





## 2025 INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

#### **MALTA**

COOPER AXIAK
KAHLEA FISHER
ZAHLEE FISHER





#### **ITALY**

ARCHIE RICCIO
NOAH MOFFAT
XAVIER DINUCCIO
LUCA RAJKOVIC
BEN RICCIO



### DE LA SALLE 2025 EXEGUTIVE TEAM

**Title** 

President

Secretary

**Asst Secretary** 

Senior Vice-President

Junior Vice-President

Junior Vice-President

Girls Vice-President

Girls Tag Vice-President

Registrar

**Treasurer** 

Junior League Delegate

**Child Protection Officer** 

Canteen Manager

Bar Manager

**Grounds Manager** 

Gear Steward

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General Committee

General Committee

**General Committee** 

**Name** 

**David Nicholson** 

**Troy Augustus** 

Mary Zdjelar

Mark Cruickshank

Matt Sweeney

Ben Vickers

Katrina Sant

Sam Dorahy

David Luthje

**Troy Augustus** 

Ben Vickers

Katrina Sant

Carla Smith

Jarrod Dykes

Gary Bacon

Leisa Sweeney

Jess Ford

Chloe Craig

Jason Swan

Michael Gamblin

Andrew Loughlin

### DE LA SALLE LIFE MEMBERS

1972 Jack Stewart\* 1976 Pat Donohue\* 1976 Reg Hansard\* 1979 Lloyd Dowd\* 1979 Ron Ricketts\* 1980 Bro. Killian (Ryan) 1980 Ron Streeter\* 1981 Frank McCarthy\* 1981 Paul Newbury\* 1984 Clarke O'Brien 1985 John Ettinghausen 1986 Rob Edwards\* 1987 Danny Lewis\* 1990 Warren Lynch\* 1990 Andrew McDonald\* 1991 Marie Lewis\* 1993 Kevin Moffitt\* 1993 Warren Thomas 1997 Mark Taylor 1998 John Dykes 1998 Dennis Sant 2000 Gary Hilton\*

2002 Steve Finnegan 2005 Colin Beath 2005 Bill Bryant 2006 Ron Arnold 2006 Henry Rodgers 2007 Les Cooke\* 2007 Michael English 2008 Chris Gardner 2009 Roger Lord 2009 Philip Manahan 2011 Craig Hodges 2011 John Little 2012 Kerry Brustolin 2012 Tanya Hilton 2013 Steve Andrews 2013 Darren McConnell 2014 Greg Plevey 2019 Vera Andrews 2021 Mark Sant 2022 David Luthje 2022 David Nicholson 2025 Katrina Sant 2025 Troy Augustus

### DE LA SALLE PLAYING SERVICE

#### 25 YEARS PLAYING SERVICE

2003 Shane Thomas

2013 Daniel Bryant

2018 Shaun Walker

2003 Kyle Cavanagh

#### 20 YEARS PLAYING SERVICE

1987 Michael Finnegan 2003 Brad Cavanagh

1987 Steve Hancock 2003 Nathan Sant

1987 Mark Robson 2006 Nathan Gardner

1987 Robert Rowan 2008 Daniel Bryant

1988 Craig Purcell 2008 Mark Cregan

1989 Mark O'Grady 2009 John Bailey

1991 Peter Newbury 2011 Chris Arnold

1991 Chris Weeks 2012 Chris Pryer

1996 Murray Edwards 2012 Scott Faddy

1996 Mark Sant 2013 Shaun Walker

1996 Bob Tindall 2014 Nathan Donnelly

1996 Shane Thomas 2017 Drew Burns

1997 Darren Thomas 2020 Blake Bouzounis

2001 Matthew Lewis 2021 Matthew Andrews

2001 Gavin Sant 2023 Nathan Andrews

DE LA SALUE

### DE LA SALLE PLAYING SERVICE

### 15 YEARS PLAYING SERVICE

<u> </u>	
1988 Peter McCarthy	2000 Jarrod Watson
1988 Steven Newcombe	2001 John Bailey
1989 Martin Jessop	2001 Nathan Gardner
1989 Darren Thomas	2001 Simon Harvey
1990 Michael McDonald	2001 Chris Jessop
1990 Shane Thomas	2001 David Kennedy
1990 Bob Tindall	2001 Stephen Taylor
1991 Robert Corben	2002 Daniel Bryant
1991 Paul Day	2003 Chris Challenor
1991 Mark Sant	2003 Albert Nasralla
1991 Anthony Vaughan	2004 Murray Taylor
1993 Mark Deluca	2005 Scott Capelin
1993 Gavin Sant	2005 Brendan Jones
1994 Pat Hamill	2005 Josh Palmer
/1995 Matthew Lewis	2006 Chris Arnold
1996 Michael Moffitt	2006 Daniel Harvey
1997 Nathan Sant	2006 Evan Jessop
1998 Kyle Cavanagh	2007 Nathan Donnelly
1998 Brad Cavanagh	2007 Jarrod Dykes
1999 Luke Sant	2007 Grant Palmer
1999 David Watson	2007 Chris Pryer
2000 Michael Buck	2008 Mark Burns
2000 Charles Challenor	2008 Shaun Walker
2000 Mark Cregan	2009 Ron Arnold
2000 Scott Faddy	2009 Mark Beath
2000 Wally Hall	2009 Justin Elliot
2000 Bryce Watson	2009 Matthew Sears
	1988 Steven Newcombe 1989 Martin Jessop 1989 Darren Thomas 1990 Michael McDonald 1990 Shane Thomas 1990 Bob Tindall 1991 Robert Corben 1991 Paul Day 1991 Mark Sant 1991 Anthony Vaughan 1993 Mark Deluca 1993 Gavin Sant 1994 Pat Hamill 1995 Matthew Lewis 1996 Michael Moffitt 1997 Nathan Sant 1998 Kyle Cavanagh 1998 Brad Cavanagh 1998 Brad Cavanagh 1999 Luke Sant 1999 David Watson 2000 Michael Buck 2000 Charles Challenor 2000 Mark Cregan 2000 Scott Faddy 2000 Wally Hall

### DE LA SALLE PLAYING SERVICE

#### 15 YEARS PLAYING SERVICE

2011 Adam Buckley 2018 Zachary Bouzounis

2011 David Burns 2018 Bradley Faddy

2011 Kieran Donnelly 2018 Dean Hodges

2011 Jonathon Harris 2018 William Keppel

2021 Nick McCarthy

2022 Andrew Faddy

2022 Chaz Jarvis

2022 Jarvis Lane

2022 Lewis Slatter

2023 Osca Catton

2023 Ty Curran

2023 Cameron Goodger

2023 Jack McHenry

2023 Max McHenry

2023 Finn Ross

2024 Nathan Fletcher

2024 Blake Gentle

2025 Harley Sammut

2012 Nathan Streak 2012 Jack Keppel

2011 Sam Keogh

2011 Roy Steele

2012 Aaron Bolton

2012 Ben Harvey

2012 Drew Burns

2011 Isaac O'Brien

2011 Matthew Raftery

2013 Zac Steele

2013 Jackson Jobe

2013 Luke Manahan

2014 Adan Burke

2014 Steve Lemone

2014 Jye Mullane

2015 Blake Bouzounis

2015 Mitchell Bouzounis

2015 Josh Cooke

2016 Matthew Andrews

2017 Jason Andrews

2017 Brandon Finnegan

2017 Campbell Plevey

2018 Nathan Andrews



#### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

<u>Under 8</u>	<u>Under 9</u>	<u>Under 10</u>	<u>Under 11</u>
1969 C Grade	1965 A Grade	1963 A Grade	1963 A Grade
1970 B Grade	1969 C Grade	1964 A Grade	1964 A Grade
1979 B Grade	1973 A Grade	1965 B Grade	1965 A Grade
1985 A Grade	1976 A Grade	1966 A Grade	1967 A Grade
1988 A Grade	1986 A Grade	1966 B Grade	1970 C Grade
1993 C Grade	1988 B Grade	1967 B Grade	1972 C Grade
2002 A Grade	1988 C Grade	1968 B Grade	1973 A Grade
2003 A Grade	1990 B Grade	1972 A Grade	1978 B Grade
2010 A Grade	1992 B Grade	1973 A Grade	1979 A Grade
2011 B Grade	1996 A Grade	1978 B Grade	1994 A Grade
2014 A Grade	1996 B Grade	1988 B Grade	1994 B Grade
2015 A Grade	2001 A Grade	1991 B Grade	1995 B Grade
	2003 A Grade	1997 A Grade	1998 A Grade
	2004 A Grade	2002 A Grade	2001 B Grade
	2006 A Grade	2005 A Grade	2006 A Grade
	2011 A Grade	2006 A Grade	2007 A Grade
	2011 C Grade	2007 A Grade	2008 A Grade
	2015 C Grade	2011 B Grade	2011 B Grade
	2016 A Grade	2012 A Grade	2011 C Grade
	2016 B Grade	2014 C Grade	2013 A Grade
	2016 C Grade	2018 A Grade	2014 A Grade
	2017 A Grade	2020 Gold Div 1	2018 A Grade
	2017 B Grade		2019 A Grade
	2019 A Grade		2022 Gold
	2020 Gold Div 1		
	2023 Gold		

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<u>Under 12</u>	<u>Under 13</u>	<u>Under 14</u>	<u>Under 15</u>
1964 A Grade	1963 A Grade	1965 A Grade	1971 A Grade
1965 A Grade	1971 A Grade	1966 A Grade	1989 A Grade
1965 B Grade	1973 B Grade	1967 B Grade	1991 A Grade
1966 A Grade	1975 A Grade	1968 A Grade	1992 A Grade
1968 A Grade	1980 A Grade	1971 B Grade	1993 A Grade
1974 A Grade	1982 B Grade	1972 A Grade	2008 B Grade
1974 B Grade	1985 A Grade	1975 A Grade	2011 A Grade
1976 A Grade	1987 A Grade	1975 B Grade	2013 B Grade
1979 A Grade	1989 A Grade	1976 A Grade	2014 Div 1
1984 A Grade	1990 A Grade	1976 B Grade	2015 Div 1
1988 A Grade	2000 A Grade	1989 A Grade	2015 Div 2
1989 A Grade	2003 B Grade	1990 A Grade	2018 Gold
1990 A Grade	2005 A Grade	1991 A Grade	2019 Silver
1995 A Grade	2006 B Grade	1992 A Grade	2020 Gold
1999 A Grade	2018 Gold	1994 A Grade	2020 Silver
2004 A Grade	2018 Silver	1997 A Grade	2023 Gold
2007 A Grade	2023 Gold	2006 A Grade	2024 Gold
2008 A Grade	2024 Gold	2007 A Grade	
2008 B Grade		2010 B Grade	
2010 C Grade		2014 A Grade	
2014 A Grade		2017 Gold	
2015 B Grade		2018 Bronze	
2017 B Grade		2024 Gold	
2022 Gold		2025 Gold	
2023 Gold		2025 Silver	

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<u>Under 16</u>	<u>Under 17</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Under 19</u>
1970 A Grade	1973 A Grade	1995 A Gra	de	1964 A Grade
1972 A Grade	1975 A Grade	1996 A Gra	de	1987 A Grade
1984 A Grade	1985 A Grade	1997 A Gra	de	1988 A Grade
1986 B Grade	1989 A Grade	2000 A Gra	de	1990 A Grade
1988 A Grade	1991 A Grade	2001 A Gra	de	1993 A Grade
1990 A Grade	1992 A Grade	2011 B Gra	de	1994 A Grade
1991 A Grade	2009 A Grade	2013 B Gra	de	
1993 A Grade	2014 B Grade	2022 Gold		
1996 A Grade	2015 B Grade			
2003 A Grade	2018 Silver			
2010 B Grade	2022 Gold			
2011 B Grade	2025 Gold			
2012 A Grade		16 6' 1		10 C' I
2014 B Grade Div	<sub>/1</sub> Under	<u> 16 Girls</u>	<u>Una</u>	<u>er 18 Girls</u>
2014 B Grade Div	/ 2 2023 Go	old	2025 5	Silver
2015 A Grade Div	/ 1			
2015 B Grade Div	/ 2			
2016 A Grade Div	/ 1			
2016 A Grade Div	/ 2			
2017 Bronze				
2020 Gold				
2024 Gold				
2024 Silver				



### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

<u>Open Gold /</u> <u>1st Grade</u>	<u>Open Silver /</u> 2nd Grade	<u>Under 20-23 /</u> <u>Emerging Cup</u>
1984	2002	1975
1985	2004	1978
1986	2015	1982
1987	2020	1989
1988	2024	1991
1995	2025	1999
1998		2002
2006		2005
2009		2008
2013		2012
2018		2018
2020		

### Tommy Bishop Shield (U/8s)

2019

2022



#### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Over 35 Mens Tag

2018 Gold

**Under 9 Girls Tag** 

2020 Gold

**Under 10 Girls Tag** 

2022 Gold

<u>Under 11 Girls Tag</u>

2018 Gold

2022 Silver

**Under 12 Girls Tag** 

2020 Gold

2020 Silver

2022 Gold

2023 Silver

2025 Gold

2025 Silver

**Under 13 Girls Tag** 

2023 Gold

**Under 14 Girls Tag** 

2022 Gold

2023 Gold

2025 Gold

2025 Silver

<u>Under 15 Girls Tag</u>

2020 Gold

2022 Gold

2023 Silver

**Under 16 Girls Tag** 

2023 Gold

**Under 17 Girls Tag** 

2020 Gold

2022 Gold

**Under 18 Girls Tag** 

2023 Gold



### DE LA SALLE ANNUAL AWARDS

Kevin Moffitt Memorial Award
Clubman Of The Year
Michael Gamblin

Marie Lewis Memorial Award
Outstanding Contribution To The Club
Leisa Sweeney

Les Cooke Memorial Award
Most Improved B Team
U/15 Silver - Wes Gorman

Marc Leabeater Award
Greatest Contribution To The Senior Teams
Mark Cruickshank

Corrie Cavanagh Award
Under 17 Player Awarded By The Committee
Liam Challenor

Andy McDonald Award
Most Outstanding Coach
Jarrod Dykes

Life Member Senior Award
Outstanding Efforts From A Senior Player
Kai Capelin

Lyn Sant Award
Best & Fairest Tag U/16+
Elise McGregor

Jenny Dykes Award
Best & Fairest Tag U/12-U/15
Jayde Ward

Best & Fairest Player
U/12-U/16 Age Group
Haiden Wooldridge

Junior Tackle Coach
U/15s and Below
Luke Massey

Junior Tag Coach
U/15s and Below
Matt Sweeney

Katrina Sant Award
Girls Tackle Player Of The Year
Dakota Goodwin

### DE LA SALLE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season 2025, a great year of football across the club with over 70 teams and over 1,000 registered players.

This is a great testimony to the great work done by all those involved in the club and I would like to thank the hard-working executives of DLSJRLFC, the age coordinators, coaches, trainers, managers, and players.

We had some great results on the field all year and with almost all our graded teams playing semis, finals, and grand finals, a big congratulations to all the premiership teams.

I would like to congratulate all the award winners and a huge congratulations to those who won perpetual awards in 2025.

I would like to thank Corey Hughes and his team of coaches who had the Harringan Cup team this year, It was a very trying season and the work of Corey and Mark was amazing and even though it was a year of what could possibly go wrong did, it was actually our most successful season to date. Thank you both.

A football club doesn't succeed or survive without sponsorship and would like to thank all those who put money and time into our great club. Please, if you are in the market for anything our sponsors provide, please support them as they support you and your children. A complete list is always found on our website.

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I would like to thank the JRL and its hard-working executives for the season 2025.

Season 2026 is just around the corner and this will be my 10th year as president and will be my last. I look forward to the year ahead and ask that all our DLS community get on board and get behind this great club and make not only 2026 a great year but many more years to come.

Dave Nicholson



### DE LA SALLE SECRETARY REPORT

The year began with fantastic weather that held steady until the final rounds of the regular season, when a few weeks of rain finally arrived and disrupted play. Registration numbers grew across every product, with the highest growth in female tackle players, that saw us go from 3 all-female tackle teams in 2024 to 5 female tackle teams in 2025. But it was still great to see the boys tackle and girls league tag numbers continue to grow.

This year we proudly fielded 70 teams, ranging from our youngest Munchkins through to Over 30s Women's Tag, competing across the Sutherland Shire, St George, Illawarra, Macarthur, and Shellharbour regions. A special mention goes to our first-ever Open Women's Tackle team, who joined the competition in Round 3 and faced the added challenge of travelling the longest distances just to get a game. It was impressive to see our Open Silver side claim back-to-back premierships under the new conference system, capping it off with a hard-fought grand final victory over Arncliffe Scots. Equally remarkable was the U14 Gold team's achievement in securing their sixth consecutive premiership, triumphing in an epic golden-point victory.

Of the 37 competitive age groups De La Salle entered, 29 teams reached the semi-finals, with 9 securing the minor premiership along the way. An impressive 18 teams progressed to the grand finals, and 9 of those went on to claim premiership glory in their respective competitions

It was great to see our teams embrace the NRL rule changes in their second year. Credit goes to the U6s league tag coaches, who have adapted their coaching styles to incorporate these changes, and to the U7s coaches, who successfully transitioned players to tackle midway through 2025. For the newly non-competitive age groups—U10s and U11s boys tackle—the changes have created some unexpected challenges. Significant player movement between clubs has reduced the overall experience for those involved, highlighting unintended consequences that the NRL had not fully prepared leagues for. These issues will need to be carefully worked through moving forward.

With over 200 volunteers across the club, ensuring every Working With Children Check is completed and all coaching and trainer accreditations are up to date is a massive logistical effort. Behind the scenes, the committee works tirelessly to achieve 100% compliance, and I can't thank you enough for your dedication.

A huge thank you to all our coaches, managers, trainers, sponsors, ground crew, canteen helpers, and barbecue team for the incredible effort you put into keeping the club and teams running this year. To my fellow committee members, I'm especially grateful for your amazing commitment—everyone stepped in whenever and wherever needed, week after week.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful season.

Cheers Troy Augustus



### DE LA SALLE TREASURER REPORT

Season 2025 definitely saw a marketable improvement in trading after the disastrous wet weather season prior. While the canteen and bar saw an uplift of 30%+ in sales, there was also a big increase in the cost of goods sold that impacted margins considerably.

Registrations remained steady when compared to 2024, as we kept prices similar, despite the increases that were forthcoming in the clubs operating costs. This was decided based on the minimal number of games played in 2024, when the wet weather took hold. Sponsorship wise, as we saw a drop in revenue from this side of the club, but there is still some incoming over the next month that will flow into the accounts for next season.

There was some great work by Mary this year in curating and managing the merchandise, and we definitely saw an increase in sales there. We'll look to continue to build this area of the organisation next season, as there's some opportunities to explore.

Running extra senior teams in the men's and women's this year, definitely contributes to the extra costs on a weekly basis. Strapping and physio expenses saw an increase that the club had to absorb. As well as a few bus trips for long distance games, really adds up over the season.

It was great to see the fundraiser for Andrew Faddy at the end of 2024 was so well supported and the funds raised was able to help take some of the pressure off the medical bills going forward. Katrina did a great job in driving the womens luncheon, we can't thank her enough to the huge work she put in there. The funds raised from this will be going towards an extra changing area for the girls.

Thank you everyone for a great season.

Cheers Troy Augustus



### DE LA SALLE JUNIOR RUGBY





# DE LA SALLE U/6 GREEN (1)



It was the first season for the Under 6's and it has been such a fun and exciting experience to coach and manage the kids. From the very first training session, everyone was eager to learn and give it a go. Each week we saw big improvements in their skills, like running with the ball, passing to their teammates, and learning how to play together as a team. The kids showed so much energy and gave their best effort every game, no matter the result.

What stood out most was the smiles on their faces and the friendships they made along the way. They learned about sharing the ball, cheering each other on, and showing good sportsmanship. Every try scored and every tag made was celebrated by the boys and the parents. The season was full of fun, laughter, and plenty of proud moments.

It's been a wonderful start to their rugby league journey, and we are so proud of how far they've come in just one season. We can't wait to see them keep growing, learning, and having fun in the seasons ahead.

Coach - Brett Oliver Manager - Jackie Oliver



# DE LA SALLE U/6 GREEN (2)



Having 4- and 5-year olds in the team didn't stop the boys from having a crack all year. There was some tremendous growth from all of the boys with each player showing passion for the game as the season went on! Couldn't be prouder of how they showed up every week.

Kingston - The kid couldn't be stopped this year. Was unstoppable in both attack and defence. He has a bright future.

Fletcher - Probably the most improved player from game 1. He came into his own and showed what he can offer.

Eddie - The quiet achiever. Eddie showed that he was a tough hard worker, living up to the expectations of being a Palmer.

Harry - He's as determined as can be (clearly gets that from his mum). Has a very bright future ahead of him. A future Sharks star!

Matteo - What he lacks in size he makes up in determination. If he grows into a similar build as his dad, the opposition better look out!

Bailey - Showed great promise late in the season. He's a natural out of dummy, showing the same skillset as his old man.

Finn - Solid as a rock in defence and showed great skill and speed in attack. He wouldn't look out of place in a sharks jersey!

Ari - The most committed player in the team. Rarely missed showing up to a game. Had the season highlight - pulling of an absolute speccy of a tag! Austin - As the youngest player in the team and a third generation De La Player,

he always played the game with a smile.

Tommy - The big striding young fell<mark>a showed the same tenacity as his Dad back in the day! At some stages he couldn't be stopped, regardless of whether he was tagged or not!</mark>

# DE LA SALLE U/6 ORANGE (1)



What a season our Under 6 Orange have had! From the very first game, the boys were full of energy, welcoming new teammates, making friends, and having loads of fun along the way. We saw plenty of tries scored, tags pulled, and smiles from ear to ear every single week.

A big shout-out to our cheer squad — mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and everyone else who braved the early mornings. Your cheers and claps made the sidelines just as exciting as the field. Big thankyou to those who captured the exciting moments and try celebrations.

And of course, a huge thank you to Coach Brent. His patience, encouragement, and care kept the boys learning and laughing all season long.

The boys are pretty happy to say goodbye to the tags (they've had enough of those!) and can't wait to start learning how to tackle next year. Watch out — the Under 7s are coming!

Well done, boys, on a brilliant year of rugby league!



# DE LA SALLE U/6 ORANGE (2)



Nickname: The Dela Sonics – because when they run, they're gone in a flash!

What a season it's been for the mighty Dela Sonics! This awesome bunch of little legends brought energy, excitement and endless smiles to every game and training session.

From the very first whistle to the final siren of the season, the Sonics have shown incredible improvement in their teamwork, tagging skills, ball handling, and of course – their trademark lightning-fast runs!

Each player brought their own spark to the field – whether it was chasing down a tag, scoring a sneaky try, or celebrating with a giant team huddle at the end of each match. The laughter, high fives, and "Sonics speed" became a signature part of our team culture.

But beyond the tags and tries, what made this team special was the sportsmanship, effort, and mateship they showed week in and week out. We couldn't be prouder of how far every single player has come – both in their skills and confidence.

A massive thank you to our families for the cheers, support, and sideline snacks, and to our little legends for making this season so special.

# DE LA SALLE U/6 RED (1)



"What an incredible year it has been for the Under 6 Red De La Footy team! Now in our second year together, the improvement across the board has been nothing short of outstanding. The kids have gone from eager beginners to confident little footy stars, showing skill, teamwork, and passion every time they step on the field.

#### Skill Development

From the very first training session to our final game, we've seen amazing progress. Players are:

- Running faster and showing real determination in every chase.
- Scoring tries with confidence and creativity.
- Grabbing tags with precision and speed.
- Understanding teamwork and supporting each other on and off the ball.

#### Game Performance

We won most of our games this season, but more importantly, we played them with great sportsmanship, smiles, and energy. Whether it was a close contest or a comfortable win, the kids showed heart, determination, and a willingness to learn.

Team Spirit

# DE LA SALLE U/6 RED (2)



What a year it's been for our Under 6's! It's been an absolute pleasure coaching this great group of kids again this year. The improvement each and every child has made not only from last year to this but from week to week has made me extremely proud as a coach - you wouldn't pick it's basically the same group of kids.

A big thank you must go to all the parents and parental figures for the effort you put in to make sure the boys got to training and games on time. Your support and commitment don't go unnoticed. A special mention to Tyla, Liam, Wol, Paul and D for all of your extra help and support across the year.

What a great bunch of kids we have here, both on and off the field. They've all become great mates as well as great players, and I truly hope they can stay together for years to come. With tackle footy coming up next year, I have no doubt this group is ready for the challenge and will take it in their stride. The future is bright for this team!

Kyza-Kruez - A real standout again this year. The way Kyza runs and tags is a class above, and you wouldn't think he is young enough to go around in the Under 6's again if he wanted to. One of the fastest players in the comp, he even held his own filling in for the Under 8's and getting some game time on Shark Park.

Teddi - The entertainer of the team, Teddi brought smiles with his antics but also elevated his running game this year. His speed and footwork caused havoc, and his "Superman" tag will be remembered for a long time. A natural gamebreaker.

Nathaniel - The most improved player this season. Nathaniel learnt to run straight and it paid off with metres gained, setting up tries with offloads and scoring his own. His confidence grew every week, and if he keeps it up, the sky's the limit.

Luke - Luke's footy smarts are beyond his years. From clever kicks (that the opposition was definitely not expecting) to smart positioning at halfback, he was always steps ahead. Add in his trademark try celebrations and he quickly became one of the most entertaining players to watch.

Finley - Finley lifted week after week, running hard, defending strong and showing some brilliant offloads. Had the last games not been washed out, he'd have been right in the running for the best player in the comp. A tough competitor with a big future.

Kash - Kash found another gear mid-season and never looked back. He became a strong runner, fierce tagger and consistent try scorer. What I loved most about Kash though is his sportsmanship — always the first to check on anyone hurt, teammate or opponent.

Kaylen - Kaylen is a natural athlete with speed, agility and toughness to spare. He never gives up on a tag and saved plenty of tries with determination. In attack, he could score at will. Ready to shine even more in tackle.

Archie - Archie made use of his size this season, running hard and straight through teams and showing a handy offload. His strength already stands out and will only grow when tackle comes in next year. A real powerhouse.

Tallis - "Twinkle Toes" Tallis might not be the biggest, but he plays like it - fast, fearless and determined. With slick footwork and a huge heart, he is also a natural leader and teammate - always looking out for his mates.

Koa - Koa borrowed some tags one week and came back the next as one of the best taggers in the comp. Add to that his speed, toughness and respectful attitude, and he was an absolute pleasure to coach. Hardworking and reliable every week.

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## DE LA SALLE U/7 GREEN



What a terrific season it's been for our Under-7 Green team — every week these boys turned up with big smiles, threw themselves into learning the basics, and left the field having played great and made some amazing friends along the way; from the first wobbly runs and tentative tackles to confident ball carries, cleaner tackles and smart teamwork, each player improved noticeably and supported their teammates throughout the entire season, celebrating tries with high-fives, helping each other up after hard hits, and building the kind of friendships that make sport fun long after the whistle blows; coaches and parents deserve huge thanks for the patience, encouragement and muddy-jersey laundry that made the season possible, and the club should be proud of how well the boys learned safe technique, passing and play-awareness while keeping the emphasis on enjoyment and sportsmanship — a season full of growth, grit and great memories!!



# DE LA SALLE U/7 ORANGE



What a year for our De La Salle Under 7's! Under the guidance of Coach Ben and the famously barefoot Coach Nathan, our crew made the big leap from league tag to tackle and they didn't just handle it, they thrived. Week after week, we saw courage, teamwork and smiles (even after a few bumps and bruises).

- Rory A master tackler who never lets an opponent slip past.
- Pheonix Plays with a huge heart, always looking for his teammates.
- Xav A weapon in defence and electric every time he has the ball.
- Brax Loves a fend you don't want to be in his path when he runs straight.
- Beau Unstoppable when he charges forward.
- Cooper Lightning speed and a joy to watch in open space.
- Brody Strong up the middle, powerful and determined.
- James Gives absolutely everything a go.
- Tyler Brings huge energy in both attack and defence.
- Jed Massive improvement this season even played on after a bloody nose!

From our first tackle to our last try of the season, these little footballers showed skill, sportsmanship and mateship. The future is bright — tackle footy better watch out, De La Salle U8's are coming!

## DE LA SALLE U/7 RED



What a year! Our U7 boys improved out of sight this season. Every single player made big strides in their game. As the boys converted into tackle, they handled the running side brilliantly and, week after week, their defence grew stronger and stronger.

- Jude Once again showed great dedication with a strong running game and much-improved defence throughout the year.
  - Murphy Outstanding in defence and added some very powerful runs.
- Zade With his trademark big left-arm palm, he was tough to stop and solid in defence every game.
- Noah Stayed well away from the sideline, took the hit-ups with courage and tackled superbly for a little fella.
  - Kayden Ran hard all season and his tackling kept improving each week.
- Kyson Showed strong running and tackling this year; exciting to see how he'll keep growing.
- Kade Adapted to tackling brilliantly and produced some very strong runs, complete with his trademark goose-step.
- Ari Powerful in attack and really shaped his tackling as the season went on.
- Reign Improved out of sight with great running and much stronger tackling.

Jax - speed and great defence looking forward To see him grow.

A massive thank-you to our managers Justin and Rachel for all their hard work and organisation throughout the season. And of course, thank you to all our parents and families for another great year of support.

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/7 (1)



This year these group of girls had an amazing first year of footy. Each and everyone has improved so much this year. This was such a great season these girls were so fun and easy to coach and we couldn't be prouder.

Gypsy-Hardworking, amazing tagger.

Rylee- Has improved so much this season. Tagging on point.

Georgie-So coachable Happy and positive.

Marlie-So passionate and an amazing try scorer.

Jamilla- Top try scorer and amazing tagger.

Aubrey-Amazing tagger and committed each week.

Corah-Super fast, so coachable and Fun.

Maddison- Great ball skills, so passionate and committed

Hayley-Super Fast, positive and great try scorer

Thank heaps for an amazing season

Kind regards

Madi, Yalane, Summer

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/7 (2)



Our U7s Girls League Tag team have had the most amazing experience playing their first season together. It's been so much fun watching the girls train and play each week as a team.

The girls have loved playing this sport, and it's been so special to see how much they have learned throughout the season. Every player gave their all, both at training and on game days, showing us just how focused, determined, and happy they were to be out on the field. They should all be incredibly proud of how well they played together as a team.

One of the highlights of the season has been watching the girls receive their Player of the Match awards. We loved seeing their smiles as we celebrated each one of them, which made those early Sunday morning wake-ups completely worth it.

And of course, the girls loved their well-earned lollies at the end of each game, which was a nice reward for all their effort.

We couldn't be prouder of our girls!

Every player brought something spe<mark>cial to the</mark> team, and we'd love to celebrate these:

## Ava – Our Impressive Runner

Ava ran some seriously impressive runs with her zig-zag, twist and turn sidesteps which made her very difficult to tag. She scored some brilliant tries thanks to her skillful footwork which was always exciting to watch.

## Bowie – Our Determined Tagger

Bowie gave it her all every single game. Her determination on the field saw her always going straight for those tags and she scored some awesome tries for the team.

## • Cali – Our Fierce Tagger

Cali's fiercely competitive and never get up attitude saw her grabbing some great tags and scored some fantastic tries.

## • Charlie – Our Elite Runner

Charlie's speed and athletic ability let her sprint the length of the field. Her long runs led to some outstanding tries that brought so much energy to the team.

## • Hallie – Our Swift Tagger

Hallie's sharp focus and quick reactions made her a tagging star. She also scored some impressive tries for the team.

## • Isla – Our Always-Ready Tagger

Isla's positive attitude and great teamwork meant she was always ready to grab those tags and she scored some great tries as well.

## • Paige – Our Strongest Tagger

Paige has a natural tagging skill that helped her stop a lot of tries for the team. She always knew when and how to go for the tag, even throwing her body on the line, and she scored some amazing tries.

## • Sophie – Our Speed Runner

Sophie's speed and agility helped her grab tags quickly and saw her scoring some excellent tries for the team.

A special thank you to our coach, Jason, for everything you've done for the team this season. Your coaching, encouragement, and positivity have meant so much to the girls and all of us.

Thank you also to all the families who've helped out each week whenever needed and to the club for giving our girls the opportunity to learn and fall in love with the sport.

We're incredibly proud of everything the girls have achieved in their very first season.

We can't wait to see them out there again next season, bigger, better, and possibly even a little louder!

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/8 (1)



Immensely proud of our girls after completing their first season of League Tag. At the start of the season, our key priorities for the year were:

- 1) Understanding the role of dummy half and first receiver;
- 2) 'Clearing the ruck' to allow clean service from the first receiver to a runner;
- 3) Spreading out and holding our line in defence;
- 4) Staying positive, especially during periods of the game which went against us; and
- 5) Having fun.

While the cold winter mornings proved a challenge for both children and parents (hello 8am Sundays), it was so pleasing to see the girls develop, improve and achieve all of our priorities as the season progressed, including seeing the girls independently trying to raise the spirits of the team through both their actions and some 'Braveheart' worthy speeches. The true spirit of this little team of warriors was no more apparent than seeing them arm in arm, chanting for a team mate to kick a conversion.



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/8 (2)



The Girls U/8's League Tag team had an outstanding second season, showing huge improvement. This year saw the girls step up to a larger field and learning the key roles of Dummy Half and First Receiver which really improved as the season went on with the passing improving each game.

The girls also had to learn how to kick for goal.

Now that was a challenge.. and could be amusing at times.. but the girls really enjoyed it and it's a skill to work on..

The girls had such a great time at training and their efforts in improving their skills was reflected in their results on the field, finishing the season with just two losses. Their teamwork, growing skills in passing and running, and commitment to defending/tagging made every game great to watch.

The highlight of the year was the Gala Day, which ended up being the final games of the season. The girls played three matches for three strong wins, finishing with an impressive for and against of 52–12.

Well done to all the girls on a fantastic season. You should be incredibly proud, and we're all looking forward to seeing you back out there next year!

Coaches - Ben Harris and John Hol<mark>lyman</mark> Managers - Sarah Ryan and Emma Hollyman

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/8 (3)



The 2025 season has been an exciting and rewarding journey for our Under 8 Girls Tag League team. From the first game, these little legends have shown real growth, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the game.

Despite the disappointment of the final three weeks being rained off, the girls made the most of every opportunity on the field throughout the year. Their progress in tagging, passing, and positional play was evident throughout the season, and their energy never wavered—even when the weather didn't cooperate.

The team spirit remained strong, with the girls supporting each other through every game and training session. Rain or shine, they showed up with smiles, ready to have fun. The missed games only added to their hunger for next season, and we can't wait to see them back out there.



Aria - tenacious need to do her job well and made some high-quality tags throughout the year — Our resident 'have a chat'

Charlotte - First year in the team and had a cracker. Really quick across the ground, tough to tag.

Ellie - Another Rookie who has some wonderful natural talent, lock her down for next year. Speed to burn.

Harlow - Whippet! Had a strong year with some great tries zig zagging her way through any defensive line. Another tough to tag legend.

Immi - Consistent performer and a pleasure to Coach. Love you Darl.

Margot - Another top listener and huge part of the team locking down the wing spot with her defence, made some crucial metres coming out of our end throughout the year. Most Improved this year. Next year is Margot's year with her newfound confidence.

Pay Pay - Ripping in this year with the positional changes and was close to most improved. Defiantly has the most supporters every time she runs out. See you next year Pay.

Winnie - Had a cracking year both defensively and as an attacking weapon. Moves quick across the ground and is very strong. Win is a big reason for our team's success. Doesn't need much coaching, as she 'Already knows'. Love having you around, see you next year.

Zoe - Very consistent and after getting taken out early in the year by her Dad, bounced back strong. High quality middle and a good listener. Great Year Zo.



# DE LA SALLE U/8 ORANGE





## DE LA SALLE U/8 GREEN



A great season for the boys, with coaches Jay and CJ back for a second year — making it fun throughout, keeping things organised (mostly), and teaching the boys a thing or two along the way!

With a few new recruits fitting in seamlessly, the team gelled quickly and hit the ground running... mostly in the right direction!

This year saw the boys step up to a bigger field. Despite the occasional trip over the sideline, they loved the open space — with some sensational tries and equally epic try-savers. We even discovered a few pretty handy goal kickers! The back end of the season got a little soggy but we wrapped up with a very respectable scoreboard: 6 wins, 6 losses, and 1 draw.



# DE LA SALLE U/B RED (1)



## Season Wrap-Up

What a season for the team! They were fantastic—improving week after week in their tackling, teamwork, and speed. The abundance of tries scored this year is a true reflection of their growth, determination, and love for the game.

Here's a look at each of our players and their stand-out contributions this season:

### • Blake - "The Axe"

Blake hit like a truck, chopping even the biggest boys in half with fearless tackles. With ball in hand, he was never afraid to run straight and hard.

## Cooper

Known for his sharp footwork and evasive skills, Cooper's defensive game improved tremendously each week. He became a more complete player as the season went on.

### • Oli S

With speed to burn, Oli needed just a glimpse of space before he was flying to the try line. On top of his skill, he showed the best manners—a coach's dream both on and off the field.

### • Mason

Mason was our "most improved," especially in defence. He often put himself in front of the biggest boys, leading with effort and courage every single game.

### • T

Our twinkle toes! Nothing brought more delight than watching T find open space. A solid all-round player who could create something from nothing.

### • Thomas

A natural talent with speed, toughness, and a kind heart. Thomas can run, tackle, and pass well beyond his years—a true all-rounder.

## Johnny

A born athlete. Johnny tackles like a forward, runs like an outside back, and passes like Nathan Cleary. He makes everything look effortless.

### • Oli

A diamond in the rough, Oli's awareness and unpredictability caused headaches for opposition defences. With great footwork and speed, he's well on his way to being "Gypsy 2.0."

## Hayze

With mean footwork, silky offloads, and explosive speed off the mark, Hayze kept defences guessing and lifted his team whenever he touched the ball.

## Rocky

Rocky's improvement this season was huge. His defence and attacking runs from hooker showed perfect timing, strong footwork, and let's not forget his famous one-handed put-downs!

## James

James is all heart. He may not be the biggest, but he was often first off the line and right into the action. He always gave 100% and did it with a huge smile.

### Ace

Voted Players' Player by his teammates and Best and Fairest by the parents, Ace played every game as if it was Origin. His drive to compete and win for his team never wavered.

This was an incredible year for the boys, each one showing improvement, resilience, and plenty of skill. They've set a strong foundation for next season, and we couldn't be prouder of the 8Red1 family.



# DE LA SALLE U/8 RED (2)





# DE LA SALLE U/8 RED (3)



Another year of footy, and another year of growth for this talented group of young players. Both in their skills on the field and as mates off it.

This season marked a big step up: the boys completed their first full year of tackle, while also learning how to operate with a first receiver directing the team around the park. Across the season we saw huge growth in their teamwork, tackling, and footy skills.

What stood out most wasn't just individual brilliance, but the way the boys grew into a champion team. Everyone contributed, everyone tackled hard, and everyone played their part in producing exciting footy throughout the year.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our awesome group of parents.

A special mention goes to Brad Davis, who took the coaching reins for most of the year and had a really positive influence on the boys. Backing him up was the ever-energetic "hype team" of Luke, Mitch, Rossy & Sara (or Karen as she is known) who kept spirits high with the boys at training and on game day.

Thank you to our manager Ash for keeping the team organised, on time and for making sure the boys had lollies and oranges each week.

All up, it was a season of fun times, big smiles, and plenty of progress. The boys should be proud of the way they've grown as rugby league players and as a close-knit team of mates.

# DE LA SALLE U/9 GREEN



The team played well throughout the season. The team had a lot of new players this year alongside some players who had played a few years. Overall, the team started to really click. There are a few players who would probably suit going up a grade. Some played successfully in the Orange grade a few times. The team in general, really got along and started to work together.



## DE LA SALLE U/9 ORANGE



What a fantastic season! From the first whistle it was clear this would be a special year. The boys started at Cronulla Caringbah, showing glimpses of what was to come. Despite an early loss, their teamwork, spirit, and nevergive-up attitude set the tone.

From then on, they went on an incredible run, losing only one other game all season. Week after week they displayed resilience, growth, and a true teamfirst attitude – their trademark for success.

A huge thank you to Coach Andrew Richards for his dedication and guidance, and to Trainer Boadie Cullen for his energy and support. Together they created the perfect environment for the boys to learn and thrive. Thanks also to Manager Anthony Bouggas for keeping everything off the field running smoothly.

Every player left their mark:

Ace "folding for fun" Bichan – best defender, fearless tackler, line-buster.

James "catch me if you can" Bougg<mark>as – lightn</mark>ing fast, lethal in open space.

Remy "dazzling and busting" Byrne – fearless runner, always breaking gaps.

Lachlan "move out my way" Coleman – tough, determined, hard to stop.

Arrow "tear through defence" Cullen – direct, powerful, unstoppable.

Liam "no nonsense" Kelly – reliable, tough, consistent all year.

Callen "calculated and cunning" Richards – smart playmaker, sharp instincts.

Taj "moving and weaving" Robbins – elusive, creative, dazzling with the ball.

Jagger "just watch and clap" Russell – composed, classy, natural leader.

Zach "you shall not pass" Short – rock-solid, shutting down attack.

A big thank you to the parents for your unwavering support – none of this happens without you.

The 2025 season was one to remember, built on friendship, teamwork, and values as much as results. The boys should be proud of themselves, and we can't wait to see them return in 2026 even stronger.

Congratulations U9 Orange – what a year!



# DE LA SALLE U/9 RED



This was a new team put together at the start of the season, and what an incredible journey it has been. From the very first training session, the boys showed a willingness to learn, support one another, and grow together as a team.

Their development across the year has been outstanding. They embraced new plays with enthusiasm, enjoyed testing them out on the field, and by season's end had become an exciting and entertaining team to watch. The progress in both their individual skills and their teamwork was clear each week.

From learning about blockers and sushi wraps, to adding in a bit of coke and skibidi bops, there was always plenty of energy and fun. Every now and then, a little bit of Chicken Little made an appearance too, keeping spirits high and the game enjoyable for players and spectators.

It has been fantastic to see the boys' confidence, commitment, and love for the game grow throughout the year. They should all be very proud of their efforts and achievements this season.

## DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/9



Thanks to my support crew, Kyle, Chad, Kaitlin, Chantel. It takes an army to prepare these girls for each game. Thanks to all the parents for getting the girls to training and games, it was great to see the girls improve through the season.

Vivian - full of energy and can sprint the length of the field faster than Usain Bolt. Maeve - your dummy and run is second to none.

Ivy - always smiling and your passing has improved out of sight.

Grace - your talk on the field is a huge asset to the team, a real leader in defense.

Elke - a real halfback in the making.

Charley - gives 110% at every training and game.

Nirvana - passing, running, tagging skills just kept getting better every week.

Olivia - turns every half break into a try.

Millie - your kicking game is better than Nathan Clearly's

Emesyn - can score a desperate try whenever we need one.

While we may not have chalked up many wins for the season, it was a successful year in developing our skills and working hard to get better every week. The little super stars were so much fun to coach. Well done girls.

## DE LA SALLE U/10 TAG



This was our very first year together as a team for Under 10 Girls League Tag, and for many, their very first season of league tag! From the beginning, the girls built wonderful friendships and came each week with smiles, energy, and a love for the game.

Our focus was on teaching the values of team sport, not just about winning, but about working together, supporting each other, and giving their best for the team. Week by week, the girls grew in confidence and skill, showing just how much they had improved from the start of the season to the finish.

We're so proud of how far they've come, and we hope they continue to enjoy being part of team sports, whether that's league tag or something new, while building friendships, confidence, and skills that will stay with them both on and off the field. We hope to see you back in 2025!



# DE LA SALLE U/10 ORANGE



### Team

On behalf of John and Gambo, I would like to say what a pleasure it was to coach these young men.

It was exciting to see how much they improved, particularly in defence. On a number of occasions they kept the opposition to zero points, winning the majority of their games. They played with great spirit putting the team first. COEN & FLETCHER: Our muscle up front, never took a backwards step.

HENDRIX & HARLEY: Our D/H who scored some great tries and tackled strongly against larger opposition.

BLAKE & LEVI: Our Mr Fix Its. Played a number of positions, solid in both attack and defence.

MATEO & KAI: Our two speedsters, scored some long range tries & made some great cover tackles.

BROOKLYN & COOPER: Two of our fittest players, who trained and played well all year.

FLETCHER & BEAU: Our most consistent F/R,s who set up a number of tries and solid in defence.

KOA: Our forward leader, scored some cracking tries along with some big hits. Was the dominant forward in the competition.

I would personally like to thank John and Gambo, and all the family members for their support. (special mention to the Lang's) for their assistance.

Enjoy the break and hopefully see you next year.

Luke Massey

## DE LA SALLE U/10 GREEN

What a fantastic year it's been for our Under 10's Green team! This season brought plenty of excitement and growth, especially with five new boys joining us — most of whom had never played footy before. It's been awesome to watch them all develop their skills, confidence, and teamwork as the year went on.

We've been lucky once again to have such a great group of families involved. A huge thank you to our team management and trainers for keeping things running smoothly, and to all the dads who jumped in to help run drills and support the boys at training — that makes a massive difference. And of course, to the mums who kept us all organised (and sane!) throughout the season — we couldn't do it without you.

It's been another truly blessed year, surrounded by great people — both old faces and new. I feel really fortunate to be part of such a tight-knit, positive group that genuinely looks out for each other. I'm already looking forward to continuing our catch-ups and get-togethers over summer. Most importantly, I know these boys are building friendships that will last well beyond their footy days — and that's what it's all about. Couldn't ask for anything more.

## Ash Easey

I finally got the Bruiser Brothers — Ash and Beau — back in the team this year, and it was great to have them both out there again. Ash slotted straight back into the forwards like he'd never left, bringing his trademark powerful runs and bonerattling hits from the get-go.

What makes Ash such a weapon is his versatility. He's got the strength to smash it up the middle when we need the hard yards, but also the speed and skill to take it wide and find space — which was often the perfect way to break through some of the tougher sides with strong defensive lines.

Defensively, Ash was rock solid all season. You'd always find him right in the middle when the big collisions were happening — never one to shy away from the contest and always leading by example with his toughness.

Ash, it's been awesome having you back this year, mate. You've got that perfect mix of strength, skill, and heart, and when you're switched on, you're a real gamechanger. Keep that intensity up, because with the way you play, you'll always make an impact.

### Aston Joseph

Aston was a reliable and consistent presence in our backline this season, using his speed, awareness, and determination to make strong, key runs out wide.

He showed great commitment in defence, often shutting down opposition plays and holding his ground under pressure. No matter the situation, Aston could always be counted on to do his job and do it well.

He's the kind of player every team needs and always playing for his mates. Whether it was chasing down loose balls, backing up a teammate, or finishing off a set with a smart run, Aston's effort and attitude were top-notch all season. One standout moment came when the boys put together a beautiful backline shift — and Aston hit the line perfectly, flying onto the ball out wide. He then stood up three opposition players with skill and confidence before crossing for what was easily our best backline try of the year. That brilliant effort earned him Man of the Match, and rightly so.

Fantastic season, Aston — you've shown great growth, skill, and team spirit. Well done, mate, and can't wait to see what you bring next year!

## Beau Easey

Beau started the season as our first-choice fullback and did a remarkable job in that role. He showed great footy awareness, always knowing exactly when and where to chime into the backline. His timing and support play led to plenty of cracking tries throughout the season — and just as many were saved thanks to his tenacious defence and fearless tackling.

Late in the year, we decided to throw Beau back into the forwards — and what a move that turned out to be! In his very first game back in the pack, he went out and absolutely creased the opposition with some punishing defence. He was on fire from the first whistle, setting the tone for the whole team and earning himself a well-deserved Man of the Match that day.

Beau's got that rare combination of strength, skill, and smarts that lets him dominate in both the backs and the forwards. No matter where he plays, he gives 100% every time and always makes an impact.

Beau, it's been awesome to coach you again this year — you've shown you can do it all, and it's going to be great to watch you develop even further in the years to come. Keep that fire and toughness going, mate — just like your twin bro you're built for footy!

### Blake Brusso

Blake had another of his trademark years, showing the same determination and intensity that make him such a force on the field. His strong runs and fearless tackling continued throughout the season, often taking the lead in defence with Bam and setting the tone for others to follow. Every play sees Blake fully committed, with a look of purpose on his face that shows he's ready for anything. He never shies away from contact and consistently demonstrates the intensity and drive in his plays. Another great year of footy, Blake—keep bringing the effort and passion, little man!

## Boyd Nash

Well, well, what can I say...I've seen Boyd over the years show plenty of talent with each year growing as a player but this year his actually said I'm here to have a proper crack. His first showing of this new level of footy he perfectly timed for the weekend his parents were away (classic) & got himself man of the match but from there on in he seriously went to a new level. The most noticeable part was his intensity at training & willingness to extras that on a select few boys choose to do. I could see he had really found a hunger for the game & was great to see him looking to play to his full potential. He was again our go to dummy half & was a key part of our arsenal in attach. Defensively was where I could really see his efforts with Boyd making strong defensive plays & not as a one off but consistently. Boyd efforts didn't go unnoticed getting a much deserved call up to the A's & finishing the last few games of the year with them. Now you're achieving new heights in the game Boyd you will only go up & on from here, congratulations on the best back award, great year of footy mate!

## Chey Walton

This was Chey's first year of footy, and even though he was a late addition to the team, he quickly became a much-welcomed part of the side. From the moment he joined, Chey brought exactly what we needed out wide — a bit of flair, speed, and spark.

He's got a really dynamic running style and was always good for those explosive runs that made great metres when we needed them most. Each week he kept improving on the last, and it was honestly hard to believe he hadn't played before this season. His natural ability and willingness to learn made him an easy fit into our backline and a valuable part of our attacking game.

Chey was not only great to coach but also a great kid to have around the group — always respectful, eager to learn, and with a good attitude that lifted the team.

A special thanks goes out to Chey and his family for the huge effort they put in every week, making the trip all the way from Bundeena for training and games. That level of commitment and support never went unnoticed and was truly appreciated by everyone involved.

Can't wait to see what Chey does next season — with another year under his belt, he's going to be a real handful for any defence.

### Duke Payne

This season was Duke's very first year of footy, and from the very start he showed the kind of attitude every coach loves to see. He came to training eager to learn, always listening carefully and giving his best effort. Early on, Duke was still finding his confidence in defence which is the biggest thing to do when starting off.

That all started to change when he had some one-on-one sessions with Mitch working on his defence, and it was clear he was determined to improve. Week by week, those extra efforts started to show on the field.

As his confidence grew, so did his presence in the game. Duke began to back himself with strong runs down the field, taking on defenders and pushing our team forward. Later in the season, you could really see everything coming together — the confidence, the training, and the hard work. He started making some excellent tackles, shutting down opposition players and showing that he was willing to do the tough work for his teammates.

What stood out most about Duke this year was his willingness to keep turning up, keep trying, and keep at it no matter what. As a coach, one of the best parts of the job is getting to watch the boys improve over the course of the year — and that's exactly what we got with Duke. He's been a fantastic addition to our little team, and we're all excited to see how he builds on this great first season.

## Frank Cerchi

This season, Frank showed plenty of heart and commitment every time he pulled on the jersey. He held his spot tight out in the backline, always ready to support our big forwards as they charged down the field which is such an important role in the team. Frank would look to get in for one of his quick darting runs when the opportunity would arise making some needed metres down the field.

The big moment play which was close to the highlights of the season came in the game against the Taren Point team, when Frank almost pulled off what would have been the try of the year, chasing down a cross field grubber kick, the whole crowd on their feet, from our view Frank got the ball down but the referee who definitely needed classes thought otherwise. It was a special effort and showed how close he is to breaking through for those big moments & the fact he was up in the line putting himself in the right position for the play was most important.

What really stood out this year was that he's a great kid, always coachable & willing to keep turning up and doing his best. That kind of attitude is what makes a good teammate and a valued part of the group.

With another year of training, growth, and confidence, there's no doubt Frank will continue to improve and take his game to the next level. We're all looking forward to seeing what he can do next season.

## Hudson Haig

Another strong season from Hudson, who pretty much picked up right where he left off last year. He continued to impress with his smart plays, crafty skills, and strong, intentional defence. Playing in that key first receiver role, Hudson did a great job directing the team around the field and setting up the boys for success.

His footy IQ is right up there — always thinking two plays ahead and making it look easy. One of the standout moments of the year was when he chased down a beautifully weighted kick and scored what was easily our most skilful try of the season. Clever as ever, Huddy was always in the right place at the right time, reading the game beautifully.

But the moment that really summed up Hudson's toughness and character came in a game where he injured his leg in the very first minute. You could tell he was hurting, but with no reserves left, Huddy just got straight back up, hobbled onto the field, and kept going. Within minutes he'd made a cracking break down the sideline, giving the team a huge momentum lift. Later in the game, he went one better — stepping, bashing, and barging his way through the defence for nearly half the field to score the try of the day and earn himself a well-deserved Man of the Match.

Hudson's leadership, resilience, and game awareness make him such a valuable player to have in any side. Another great season, mate — you should be really proud.

## Hunter Taria

This was Hunter's very first year playing footy, and you wouldn't have known it by the way he fitted straight into our team and into the forward pack. From the very beginning, he showed no fear taking the ball up and running hard into the opposition. His strong forward runs quickly became a real weapon for us, helping the team gain metres and build momentum whenever we needed it most. Hunter is only going to get more unstoppable the more he plays, great start to footy mate!

### Henry Bradley

This being Henry's first year of footy, you never quite know how a new player will adapt — but from the very first trial match, we knew there was something special about him. Henry showed grit and determination right from the start, with a competitive streak that stood out immediately.

We decided to trial Henry at dummy half, where he provided great service and handled the role like he'd been playing there for years. A few weeks in, he asked, "When can I run the ball?" after watching Boyd do his thing. We told him, "If you see a gap, just go for it, mate." Well, that was all he needed to hear... that very game he went on to score four tries, all from dummy half, absolutely tearing the opposition apart. Needless to say, he earned himself Man of the Match, and it went down as one of the best individual performances we saw all season.

Henry's grit and determination showed every single game. His defence was rock solid — especially impressive considering he often defended out wide on the wing, where he stopped plenty of breaks with his fearless tackling. Later in the year, we trialled him at fullback, and he took to it like a natural — stopping more

tries than I could count! One moment that stands out was when one of the opposition's big forwards thought he'd crash over for sure, but Henry came charging in, put his body on the line, and dropped him cold.

What a cracking season, Henry. It's been remarkable watching you grow each week — your toughness, courage, and natural instincts for the game are outstanding. From what we've seen so far, you're going to be someone special to watch in the years ahead

## Jack Joseph

Jack was one of our first receivers this season and a huge part of getting the boys up and firing each week. He's got that natural leadership about him — always talking, organising, and steering the team around the field like a little on-field general. You'd often hear him barking out directions — who's running where, when, and how — and the boys followed.

One of Jack's standout talents is his kicking game. Time and again, he put in some absolute pearlers that led to a few of our most classic tries of the season. Whether it was a clever grubber in behind the line or a big down field kick, Jack always had a knack for turning a simple play into a scoring chance.

Jack's tenacity and competitiveness really set him apart. He never takes a backward step, no matter who's in front of him. One memorable moment came when an opposition player decided to try and put one over Jack — Within seconds, Jack had him tied up screaming for mercy.... after that the other kid was walking off in tears, no doubt rethinking his life choices!

It's easy to forget this is only Jack's second year playing league, because he already plays with the confidence and game awareness of someone who's been at it for years. His competitiveness, footy smarts, and leadership make him a well-rounded player and a huge asset to the team. Can't wait to see how far he goes in the seasons ahead.

## Kolbyn "BAM" Sharman

This was by far Bam's biggest & best year to date, and what a year it was! Every single week he turned up ready to go, and you could just see the fire in his eyes. He literally transformed into a wrecking machine out on the field, inspiring his teammates and setting the tone as we went into some of our biggest matches of the season.

In defence, Bam was absolutely relentless. Time and again he drove opposition players backwards, sending them 10 yards back up field, and before they had a chance to recover he was already lining up the next poor bugger who dared to have a run. His tackling was fierce, his effort never wavered, and his presence alone lifted the energy of the whole side.

But it wasn't just the physical side of Bam's game that made a difference this year — it was his leadership. He played to his strengths with that big booming voice, bellowing out calls of "HOLD, HOLD, HOLD UP!" and charging forward to take on any attack that came our way. The boys fed off his confidence and courage, knowing Bam would be the first one there to lead the charge.

If you know Bam, when he's on a mission he's going all the way. Even when he came off for a well-deserved break, he would continue standing on the sideline, screaming "HOLD, HOLD, HOLD UP!" so loud and continuously that it would have been more exhausting than being on the field. That's what you get with Bam — all heart, relentless effort, and the stuff great players are made of. What stood out most about Bam's season was the way he rose to the occasion every time the team needed him most. Like all the great players, he saved his best for the biggest moments, and he did it time and time again. It's been a blessing to have him in the side this year, and he's once again proven himself as one of the true leaders and game-breakers in our team.

It wouldn't be a season report without one of Bam's classic funny moments. After one of his big games, I pulled him aside to let him know how well he was doing, breaking down some of his actions and explaining how much they helped the team. The strange thing was, he was only half paying attention, constantly trying to look behind me. I thought it was a bit odd, so I asked, "You okay?" He looked me dead in the eye and said, "Look, I really need to get the last piece of those delicious oranges before someone else does." I laughed my head off — and that, right there, was classic Bam, perfectly capturing his all-in attitude on the field and his love for the little joys off it.

Thanks for everything mate, you have well and truly earnt the best and fairest award this year. I've been blessed again to have you in my team & what a privilege it's been!

## Lenny Cavanagh

Big Lenny Cav was our powerhouse this season. Every time he tucked the ball under his arm and went charging down the field, you knew anything could happen. His big, barnstorming runs often left defenders scattered in his wake, and just when the opposition thought they had him wrapped up, he'd produce a clever little offload to keep the play alive.

Lenny went to a new level when on our home turf. One unforgettable game saw him cross the line for three rampaging tries and then step up under pressure to slot a goal that sealed the win by just two points. That effort earned him a well-deserved Man of the Match, but he wasn't done yet — the very next home game, he backed it up with another match-winning try, showing he could handle the big moments when it mattered most.

What makes Lenny such an exciting player isn't just the size and strength he brings to the field, but the confidence and belief he carries with the ball in hand. Knowing that when Lenny got going, something special was bound to happen. It's been a fantastic year for Big Lenny Cav, his definitely got the Cavanagh footy DNA and as a coach, I can't wait to see what comes next. With another year of growth, effort, and experience, there's no telling just how far his footy can take him.

## Lorcan Kim

This was Lorcan's first year of rugby league, and what a treat it was to have this big fella as part of our side. A bit of a gentle giant off the field, but when the whistle blows, he's got the ability to flick that switch and bring real impact — and that's such an important part of footy: being able to get yourself ready for the contest. As the year went on, Lorcan really started to realise his own potential — learning how to use his size, strength, and presence to his advantage. Each week you could see his confidence growing, and with it came some massive moments for our team.

My favourite memory of Lorcan was in our second game against Cronulla Caringbah. They'd beaten us the first time around, but this time things were different. At the start of the second half, Lorcan fired himself up, took the tap-off, and absolutely went rampaging through the opposition — charging halfway down the field before it took half their team to drag him down. The very next play, Hunter went on a big run of his own and scored under the posts — the start of what turned into the comeback of the year where we beat the undefeated team by 2 points. It was one of those moments that sums up what Lorcan brought to the team — power, heart, and belief. Once he realises just how much damage he can do on the field, there's no doubt he'll be a real force in the years to come.

## Zayn Wooldridge

I've always said Zayn has plenty of talent — and this year, we got to see it in full force. I'm not sure what sparked the fire — maybe his iPad was in for repairs during the footy season — but whatever it was, it worked! Zayn absolutely turned it on this year. He'd always be the first to put his hand up to sit on the bench — maybe to give the other boys a fair crack first — but when he came on, you could feel the whole team lift. The energy changed instantly. Zayn would tear into the line with power and purpose, and suddenly the boys would all start powering forward behind him.

There were often times I'd need him to have a run at the back end of the set so the other boys would get a decent go — because when Zayn got going, he'd charge up half the field or finish the play himself with a try. His strength, speed, and determination made him one of our biggest impact players all season. Zayn, you've got all the attributes to be a great footballer — skill, aggression & natural talent — and this year you showed everyone that you're the real deal & a much deserved winner of the best forward amongst a very strong forward pack. Keep that fire burning, mate, because the sky's the limit for you.

# DE LA SALLE U/11 ORANGE (1)



Boys showed great attitude through the season and really gelled as a team. Although tight for numbers, they always tried their best and kept other sides to better scores than what we expected. We really improved out ball skills and attack through the middle of the year and our defence was excellent towards the end.

Bashie was a standout every game and Tal was a try scoring machine in space. Luca was definitely most improved closely follow by Elias. The new boys into the club were awesome particularly past the mid point in the season. Ox was given the nickname "Axe"due to a couple of big hits and Jax's footwork and speed landed him a couple of "try of the year" nominations. We had the return of Ash and Jack halfway through and the team lifted again. Both have excellent years and was great having them back. Flynn worked hard at dummy half all year and was always solid setting up our attack. Nat was awesome all year and his attack got better each game. Very creative at 1st receiver and constantly had the defense guessing.

Great year boys and it was a pleasure being involved. Thanks to all of the other parents for help and support.

# DE LA SALLE U/11 ORANGE (2)

This year our Girls took on one of the toughest challenges in footy - playing in an all-boys competition. That's no small thing. Every week they lined up against bigger bodies, faster games, and a whole lot of physicality. But instead of backing down, they stood tall and showed everyone what true grit looks like.

These girls didn't just play, they competed. They tackled hard, ran fearless, and backed each other no matter what the scoreboard said. The courage to walk onto that field each week, knowing the challenge ahead, says everything about their character. They've proven that rugby league isn't just a boys' game - it's for anyone brave enough to lace up and rip in.

More than that, they've set the standard for the younger girls coming through De La Salle. They've opened doors, broken down barriers, and shown that with heart and determination, you can belong anywhere.

Respect to our Mob - you've made your Coach, your teammates, family and yourselves proud.



# DE LA SALLE U/11 RED (1)



What a season for the Under 11 Red 1 boys! From the first preseason session, we knew we had a big squad full of energy, new faces, and plenty of enthusiasm. The boys gelled quickly, learned to trust each other, and played some seriously tough footy every single week. There were games that went right down to the wire, some big wins to celebrate, and a few tough lessons along the way – but that's what makes great footy teams in the long run. Throughout the year, the boys celebrated the highs of hard-fought wins and learned valuable lessons from tough losses, showing maturity well beyond their years. Passing got crisper, defence got stronger, and their team structure really started to click. Most importantly, they played for each other – and had a whole lot of fun doing it! Unfortunately, the season ended on a disappointing note with washouts curtailing some momentum, but the platform laid this year promises an even stronger 2026.

## Player Highlights

Lennox Swan – An elusive ball runner and exceptional last-line defender who has a knack for turning defence into long-range tries.

Chace – Relishes the contact, a rock-solid middle defender who plays with controlled aggression and sets the tone physically.

Sio – A powerful, robust ball carrier who consistently challenged the opposition with his strength and determination.

Atticus – Our dependable vice captain with a relentless work rate and a strong presence running the edge.

Sterling – Deceptively quick and powerful, a reliable backline finisher with some memorable corner tries this season.

Nash – Huge in defence and crafty in attack, his vision and work rate often created opportunities out of nothing.

Jay – A natural organiser with a cheeky attacking style that constantly kept defenders guessing.

Tommy – Fierce in front-on defence and smart with the ball, especially his short passing game.

Lennox Sweeney – Tough and fearless, thrives on contact and leads by example with his organisation.

Nate – Takes on the hard carries and has a knack for slipping out a cheeky offload when least expected.

Knox – Punches well above his weight with tough defence and sharp service around the ruck.

Cruz – Lightning fast and elusive, a real danger out wide and a great finisher. Will – A tireless worker who loves the tough stuff and is rock-solid in front-on defence.

Hunter – Graceful and fast with the ball, versatile across positions and hard to contain when given space.

The entire team should be proud of their efforts this year. On behalf of the coaching and managing team – Swannie, Nathan, and Amanda – we thank the boys for their commitment and the parents for their support. We can't wait to see what this group achieves in 2026!



# DE LA SALLE U/11 RED (2)



Bodhi Loughlin – Bodhi really worked hard for his team this year, his ability with the ball was outstanding. He led the team around the field each week as first receiver. He never backed down and would always put his hand up to do the hard work. It was a strong year for Bodhi.

Flynn Batty - Flynn leads by example each week and was always willing to do the hard work when the team needed it. He is always one of our best players each week, exceptionally consistent. It was an excellent year of football for Flynn and has a big future in front of him if he wants it.

Liam Dreis – Liam's first year with De La and what a talented footballer. Liam played in the halves for us this year and has exceptional ball skills and a great kicking game, he led the team around the field each week and was great team player who always put his team first

Adyson Greig –Ady's a talented and competitive footballer, leads by example each week with his attack and defence. He is a great player for the team, he played nearly every position again for us, Ady is just as comfortable in the middle at hooker or playing full back.

Morgan Sidey – Morg's has all the ability in the world, his speed and agility blew the opposition away, he finished the season exceptionally strong and was one of the most improved players this year.

Xavier Brown – Xavier played well from the get go, leads by example each week. Xavier was responsible for some of the biggest tackles this year that really lifted his team. He was just as devastating in attack who got the team going forward.

Hugo Ettridge - excellent year by Hugo, leads by example each week with his defence and his attack, he is an extremely talented player with a big future and a big heart. Runs hard, tackles hard and plays hard, no challenge is too big for Hugo Jack Vickers - another very good year of football from Jack, he was always in the thick of it, his game and confidence improved as the year went on, he always puts the success of his team before his own achievements, Jack was one of our most improved players.

Jessie Webber – Leads by example each week, Jessie provided much of our go forward this year, a big, strong determined player, hits hard in defence and makes the opposition take note. His game is built on effort, there was absolutely no difference in determination from his first run of the game to his last Jude Cooper – loves the intercept! Jude has a real desire to achieve the most he can out of each game, he has a truck load of ability and a great team member. Very elusive in attack and a great defender. Jude was one of most improved players

Archie Kelly - Archie is a super reliable footballer, we knew what we were getting each week, never takes a backwards step and completes everything with 100% effort. He would really get in the face of opposition players and put them of their game

Isaac Tokaduadua - Isaac first year of football with De La, what a talented player! His ability on the field is outstanding, he would be one of the most dangerous players in the age group in both attack and defence. He is a very tough kid with a never quit attitude. An extremely valued member of this team.

Harry Alvaro – What a Hard worker! Harry just keeps pushing on. His effort on and of the ball was outstanding. Harry provided the team with heaps of go forward this year and worked his hardest in defence. On several occasions Harry defended our try line with 4 or 5 tackles in a row

Overall, a good season of football for this team, tough at times but it just bought the best out of them. Seeing this team rise to some of the challenges each week was very humbling to see as their coach and a credit to them. What sets this team apart is their deep understanding of a team first mentality which is exceptional for a group of young boys. They are by far the most improved team in the age group and if they can stay on this course, the sky is the limit! I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team each week and getting to know the new players and families.



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# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/11 (1)



Our Under 11 Girls League Tag team entered the 2025 season full of energy, excitement, and a strong sense of team spirit. With just one new player joining the squad, the girls built on their existing connections and welcomed their newest teammate with open arms.

A major focus this season was making sure that every player had the opportunity to develop their game by playing in every position. Whether in attack or defence, at first receiver, dummy half, or out wide, each girl embraced the challenge and showed real growth in their understanding of the game.

Throughout the season, we placed a big emphasis on energy and effort, two things the girls brought in abundance every week. Whether it was chasing down a runaway tag, supporting a teammate, or running back to the line with purpose, they constantly gave their best and encouraged one another to lift. Their attitude at training and on game days reflected the values we set as a team from day one.

While the weather disrupted a few Sundays, the girls made the most of their opportunities with high-quality training sessions against the boys league teams. Week by week, their confidence grew, their teamwork improved, and their effort never dropped.

Most importantly, they played with great sportsmanship. Every player contributed to the team's success and created a supportive environment.

It's been an incredible season and we're so proud of each girl's progress. We can't wait to see what they bring to the field in 2026!

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/11 (2)



We could not be prouder of our U11 girls league tag team and the way they carried themselves throughout the season. Week after week they showed effort, resilience, and above all, teamwork. We welcomed some wonderful new additions this year who blended seamlessly into the team, and our returning players continued to build on their consistency and strength. Including a snapshot highlight for each player:

Avie – Our zippy pocket rocket dedicated in attack and defence.

Andi – An unstoppable force anywhere on the field, always giving 100%.

Akira – Focused and determined each week with a strong kicking game.

Sailor – Showed amazing growth in confidence and in play.

Zali – Impressive all round and hard to stop every single game.

Indigo – A determined and strong player in attack and defence.

Emily – Quick and agile in attack, matched with great tagging.

Layla – Our tagging machine extraordinaire and fantastic all rounder.

Zoe – Our fearless fullback and strong attacker and tagger.

Kaydence – A powerful player who showed fantastic growth this season.

Naia - A consistent player with a solid tagging game every week.

We finished our season under the lights against Brighton Seagulls in a special mid-week game, after rain had washed out our last two weekends. Every player contributed something unique and special to the team. They supported one another, grew as players, and played the game with enthusiasm. We can't wait to see them back on the field next season.

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/11 (3)

Our Under 11 (3) Girls League Tag team began the season as a mixture of girls who had played league tag before and a few that hadn't however, the majority of the team hadn't played together as a group. We decided that we wanted to challenge ourselves and made the decision to go up an age group which meant probably half the team were playing up an age group. This proved to be the right move for us and on top of that the girls completed the season in the top grade with a 50/50 win loss ratio but more importantly some great improvements across the board in terms of the way the girls played the game, the way they competed and probably the greatest area of improvement was the way they defended (apart from freezing cold mornings at Yarrawarrah). They're a great group of players and with the right focus and energy at training and the games will continue to improve, we had a lot of fun and we look forward to another great season in 2026!



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/12 (1) GOLD



Well ... what a season!

After finishing runners up the last two seasons, we were determined as a group to go one better this year. So proud of the girls to achieve this as undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers. A convincing victory in the grand final capping off a season where the girls really started "playing footy".

A huge thankyou to the parents - such a supportive group who come to every game and don't hesitate to help out when asked. A special thanks to assistant coach Scott and manager Eloisa who were there every step of the way.

To the girls - such a wonderful group of girls... so talented and just had too much speed for the other teams. But even more importantly, their skills are developing with their support play and passing and vision improving which is so pleasing for a coach to see. And to see this group hanging out together off the field is really "what it's all about".

Lifetime memories were made this season and I thank you all for being a part of it.

Zeldi - a superb athlete who is a sight to behold in full flight. Scored some sensational tries, an absolute pleasure to coach, great season.

Niamh - one of our hard running middles, Niamh continues to improve, and I love that with the ball she is now looking to her support as well. She made some huge tags in the GF.

Chloe - fastest in the comp! We all loved watching her score some amazing tries but watching her chase down opposition attackers was so inspiring to her team mates. What a player.

Laura - a gifted, natural footballer, Lua was our primary first receiver and led the team around the park. Was the calming influence on the team and so reliable to make the big play when needed, a superstar in the making.

Sia - breakout season for Sia at fullback - made so many try saving tags, was superb under the high ball and her kick returns were simply amazing, just carved them up! Two long range tries in the semi just when the team needed it, then a beauty of a try and try assist in the GF topped off a superb season

Ruby - speed to burn! One of our hard running links, Ruby is starting to realise her power when hitting holes. Had some brilliant moments with the ball in hand this season and was a very solid defender.

Piper - always listens to instructions and just gets it done! One of our brilliant dummy halves, used her skills to put doubt in the mind of the markers every time. Always ran hard and made metres with the ball.

Jemima - another gifted athlete, "Jimmy" had a superb season capped off with being a two try hero in the GF! One of our strike wingers like her twin, wouldn't trade her for anyone!

Charlotte - gave 100% every game which is all I can ask for! A brilliant runner of the ball, as Charlotte's passing game develops she will continue to evolve into a very very good footballer! A sensational season.

Bec - a natural athlete, not only is Bec possibly the best goalkicker in her age group, but she can run and pass as well! As her skills continue to improve, Bec will become a serious player. Great season.

Isla - another one of our great dummy halves - with her speed, Isla was always a threat when she went herself. Has all the skills, and seemed to always make a break when we needed it most.

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/12 (2) SILVER



A really amazing season of growth for this team. Every one of the girls excelled in their positions and continued to improve all year. Their effort levels were outstanding especially in the games when we were short on players. The girls really worked hard at training and developed a great understanding of the game as the season went on. They were constantly playing a really good game structure that was very entertaining to watch for coaching staff and parents. We couldn't be more proud of how well they improved this year.



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/12 (3) SILVER

What an incredible season it has been for the girls in their very first year playing league tag together. The improvement from that very first game right through to the Grand Final was nothing short of amazing, and it truly showed what a talented, determined, and competitive group they are.

Their teamwork and resilience were rewarded in the best possible way – going all the way to the Grand Final and winning the premiership! This is an outstanding achievement and a true reflection of their commitment, effort, and spirit throughout the season.

As coaches, we couldn't have asked for a better group to lead. The girls were an absolute pleasure to coach – eager to learn, supportive of each other, and always giving their best effort. They didn't just grow as players; they grew as friends too, forming strong bonds on and off the field. The way they encouraged one another and celebrated each other's successes made them a true team in every sense of the word.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents for your support and encouragement throughout the year — it really made a difference. Special thanks to my co-coach Chris, an absolute legend of a coach and human, and to our superstar manager Elyse, who kept everything running so smoothly behind the scenes.

This has been a season to remember, and I couldn't be prouder of the girls and what they achieved together. We can't wait to see them build on this success and come back even stronger next year. Congratulations team – you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!



# DE LA SALLE U/12 (1) GOLD



#### 2025 Season Overview

The De La Salle U12's had an outstanding season, showcasing grit, growth, and great sportsmanship. Across the year, the team played with heart and determination, losing only two games — one of which was the grand final. Despite the final result, the boys should be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements throughout the season.

### Team Development

Every player showed noticeable improvement, both individually and as part of the team. Skills sharpened, confidence grew, and the boys consistently demonstrated teamwork and resilience. The coaching staff and families watched with pride as the team evolved into a cohesive unit that supported each other on and off the field.

### **New Additions**

We were thrilled to welcome TJ, Grayson, and Tyce to the squad this year. Each of them brought fresh energy and talent to the team, quickly becoming valued teammates and contributing to our success. Their integration was seamless, and their impact was felt from the first whistle.

### Season Highlights

- A strong regular season with only one loss.
- Reaching the Grand Final, a testament to the team's hard work and consistency.
- Development of leadership and camaraderie among the players.
- Supportive families and community spirit that lifted the team every week.

### Looking Ahead

While the grand final didn't go our way, the experience has only made the team stronger. With the foundation laid this season, the future looks bright for these young athletes. We're excited to see what next year brings and confident that the boys will continue to grow and thrive.

#### Thank You

A big thank you to the Coaching Staff, Team Managers, Parents, and Supporters who made this season possible. Your dedication and encouragement are the backbone of our club.



# DE LA SALLE U/12 (2) BRONZE



This season was a true test of resilience for our Under 12 Bronze team. We faced numerous challenges from the start: integrating seven rookies, merging two squads, and battling an unprecedented number of injuries—both on and off the field. Developing strong combinations and ensuring continuity in positions was a constant challenge, but through it all, our boys grew stronger week by week.

After a tough opening round, the team knuckled down and began to find their rhythm. We not only started winning games but pushed the top teams to the limit, coming close to upsetting both eventual grand finalists. The most rewarding part of the season was witnessing the growth in confidence and skill. Early on, intimidation was evident, but through hard work and consistent results, the boys began to believe in themselves—and that's when we saw their best rugby league.

- Tate consistently showed up and gave his all, with exemplary training attendance.
- Alvin brought infectious enthusiasm and made significant tackling improvements throughout the year.
- Nate, in his second season, showed impressive growth and understanding of the game.
- Jake was sidelined most of the year with injury but returned with determination, leading by example.

- Ollie (Campbell) suffered a tough early-season injury but remained a dedicated supporter on the sidelines.
- Beau, a rookie, developed steadily and scored some fantastic tries.
- Xzavier, another rookie, embraced learning with a positive attitude and took on the tough hit-ups.
- Bentley was rock solid in defence and always stepped up to fulfill the team's needs.
- Ollie (Baffski) was hitting great form before injury struck, looking forward to next year.
- Chase, a talented rookie, showed promise that will only grow next season.
- Corbin, our mid-season signing, led from the front, oozed enthusiasm, and was a welcome addition.
- Eli (Mitchell) gave his all whenever he could play, always upbeat on the field.
- Alex took on a real leadership role this year, helping guide the team across the park.
- Toby had a strong rookie season with many powerful runs.
- Lenny was one of the biggest improvers through the year, excelling in both defence and attack.
- Simeon had a cracking first year, becoming a key attacking weapon unafraid to tackle anyone.
- Jett, a standout rookie, tackled everything, played through injury with heart and eagerness—a true pleasure to coach.
- Eli (Maynard) led by example as our strongest defender, consistently taking tough runs and setting the tone.
- Jack had a breakout year, leading the team in attack and defence while topping the try-scorers list, played with so much heart.

A huge thank you to Darren and Pete for their unwavering support; without them, fielding a team each week would not have been possible. Thanks also to the parents—your patience and perseverance throughout a tough year were remarkable. No complaints, just steady encouragement, and resilience that builds character.

We are proud of what we accomplished in 2025 and look forward to coming back even stronger in 2026!



# DE LA SALLE U/13 (1) GOLD





# DE LA SALLE U/13 (2) SILVER



2025 was a challenging year for the under 13 Silver team with a number of injuries and shortage of players.

Week after week though, the players did their best to compete while short and will hopefully learn some resilience after their experience.

There are talented players in the team who have natural ability and will continue to develop.

I encourage each player to continue to play league as the discipline, habits and teamwork learned will help them grow as young men.

I'd like to thank our trainer Luke Fisher, manager Katie Fisher and also Gary Bacon for the work done throughout the season as well as each player and parent for persisting through a challenge year.

Thanks Chris



# DE LA SALLE U/13 (3) BRONZE



This season has been a special one for our Under 13 Bronze boys. Having coached this group for the past three seasons, I've had the privilege of watching them grow year by year, not only in their skills, but in their bond as teammates and mates. From finishing 4th in our first year, to 3rd the next, and now claiming 2nd place this season, the improvement speaks for itself.

What stands out most is the way these boys have gone into battle for each other week in, week out. Their dedication at training, willingness to work hard, and hunger to learn has paid off as they've sharpened their individual skills while developing a strong team identity. The respect and trust they've built for one another has been a huge part of our success.

I'd like to give a special mention to the two players who stepped up from the Under 12s to join our side this year, Simeon Lee and Jack Woods. Playing above their age group is never easy, but both boys slotted in seamlessly, gave it everything, and played some outstanding footy. We're grateful to have had them as part of our team, and they've set a great standard with their effort, attitude, and skill.

I couldn't be prouder of this group and how far they've come. Their growth as footballers and as young men has been a privilege to witness, and I know they've got even bigger things ahead.

### DE LA SALLE U/13 TAG GOLD

Well, that was an exciting season! Some games we struggled to field a team and others we had 5 on the bench. We suffered through injuries and were grateful for Mayah and Isla who started the season with us and wish them well as they continue to recover. Our U13's League Tag team made it all the way through to the Grand Final and showed each other what you can achieve when we work as a team. The GF was an absolute nail biter, and we came out with a 12-12 draw even after extra time. Unfortunately, the Gymea team finished above us on the ladder, so they took the win, but to say we were proud is an understatement. The girls played to the very last second, giving it everything they had.

Keely and Summer, our amazing coaches, developed new skills over the course of the season whilst ensuring there was a focus on fun along the way too. Team shoutouts: our most improved players Avani, Mischa and Hannah; our amazing attackers, Malia, Libby, Oakley, Immy, Havi and Bella; and our terrific taggers: Tilly, Ava, Eden and Emily; and our kicker for the season, Miami. As a team this year we really found our groove and made plays as a team, supporting each other in attack and backing each other up in defence. It was a very enjoyable season, and we would like to thank the parents for getting the girls to training and the games, and for being the girl's biggest supporters. We hope to see everyone back next season.



# DE LA SALLE U/14 (1) GOLD



The boys did well this year. We were tested more this year than in other years gone by. The size of some teams and how much they have grown compared to our boys is very noticeable. But to our boys credit we trained very hard, worked on our skill and worked really hard on our defence. Our skill level and the boys ability to defend was in the end the difference between us and other sides Thai season. We were dealt a big blow with the loss of one of our main men Jaxon Sorenson, but to everyone's in the teams credit they took up the slack and were still able to win the premiership. Well done boys I'm very proud of you all.



# DE LA SALLE U/14 (2) SILVER



The 2025 season was one to remember for the Dela boys. From the very first kick-off, the team showed heart, toughness, and commitment to each other, growing stronger every week.

The regular season wasn't without its challenges. Injuries, tough opposition, and a few close losses tested us. But the boys stuck together, kept working hard at training, and showed true resilience. We finished the regular season in 4th place, proving we had the ability to match it with anyone when we played our brand of footy.

Finals footy brought out the best in the team. With nothing to lose, the boys lifted to another level. Game by game, they built confidence and momentum, knocking off higher-placed sides through sheer determination, grit in defence, and some outstanding attacking footy.

That all led to the Grand Final, where Dela showed the true spirit of the club. In front of family, friends, and supporters, the boys produced their best performance of the year. Every player stood tall, from the forwards laying a strong platform, to the backs finishing with skill and flair. The result: Dela crowned premiers after an unforgettable Grand Final win.

This season was about more than just results. It was about mateship, teamwork, and never giving up. To come from 4th place and take out the title shows what can be achieved when everyone pulls together and believes.

A big thank you goes out to managers, trainers, parents, and supporters who made the season possible. And most importantly, congratulations to the players – your effort, passion, and love for the game brought a premiership home to Dela.

2025 – A season we'll never forget. From 4th place... to Grand Final champions.



### DE LA SALLE U/14 GIRLS TACKLE



What a year! We are officially the motley crew.

We started with 21 girls signed up and ended up with 19 finishing the season.

We had plenty of girls eager to play with only 1/2 a dozen with any experience. Although we were a motley crew we knew we had talent. Combining talent and lack of experience in the team took a bit of time. It would have been great to have a preseason of training. However we had a trial game the first week we trained. It was sink or swim for us. To make it worse we played some big girls from out of area. Our girls were getting psyched out by their size.

This was a bit of theme for the early part of the season. Then as time got on each girl in the own time there confidence grew. Contact now became fun! Some of our experienced players I'm sure run at the opposition rather than into a gap because it's fun to bulldoze through.

Once the girls confidence grew more and more girls wanted to start and we found positions that suited the team. Towards the end of the season just before semis there we strung a lot of wins under our belt and self belief grew. We were now playing as a team.

A highlight and I'm sure all would agree is when we beat como in the semis in the last few minutes. They were a more experienced side at the beginning of the season I would say but ended up beating them coming third over all. Girls, we are so proud of your efforts this year and hope to see you all next year.

Mackenzie (c): super strong, loud and leader of the pack

Willa: tough, never gives up

Macy: will give anything a go. Positive spirit.

Neva: very passionate, loved being involved, team player

Brielle: run it straight, tough

Isla: tough, takes the hard hit ups

Olive: our hardest runner, scary with great ball skills

Summer D: very fit and athletic. Great attitude Eva: great attitude, tougher than she knows Layla: great hooker, did some great scoots Cali: brave, played her best in the semis Sienna: pocket rocket, strong out wide

Caity: strong runner and defender in the middle

Ashley: confidence grew, strong centre

Ava: absolute fire cracker, great running and defence all year Summer R: she can tackle, she can run. A soft spoken beast

Georgia: strong runner, never scared to hit hard

Semara: fit, great trainer, strong in the backs or the forwards

Evie: great all rounder, can kick as well Mika: great ball skills, pleasure to coach



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/14 (1)

The 2025 season has been one of growth, resilience, and plenty of excitement for our U/14 Gold (1) Girls League Tag team. This group of players, who are all a year young in their age category, took on the challenge of playing up an age group—and what a fantastic effort they have put in.

Throughout the season, the girls showed glimpses of just how talented they are. While consistency was sometimes a challenge, with performances varying week to week, there were many matches where the team really clicked. When they applied themselves, the girls displayed an attractive brand of league tag that was fast, skillful, and a joy to watch from the sidelines.

We were fortunate to have some outstanding individual talent in the squad, and these players often set the tone and led the way in our toughest games. More importantly, however, the team as a whole grew in confidence and ability as the season went on.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly making it all the way to the grand final—a remarkable achievement in itself. Although the elusive premiership slipped through our fingers this time, the experience of playing on the big stage will only fuel the team's hunger for success in the seasons ahead.

On behalf of the players, a huge thank you must go to Kelly for her efforts as team manager and to Nathan for his dedication as coach and trainer. Your hard work behind the scenes and on the field made everything possible. Finally, to all the parents who supported, assisted, and cheered each week—your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Well done, girls, on a fantastic season. We can't wait to see what you achieve next year!



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/14 (2)



What a year from the girls. From not losing a game, taking the Minor Premiership and then going all the way and winning the Grand Final.

Liam and I have been involved with the girls from the start and have loved watching them grow year on year. From starting in the silver comp and winning a few GF's, then moving to the gold comp last year. Playing against some quality opposition has lifted these girls to the next level. We had 2 new additions to the team this year, being Jayde and Scarlett. They both brought a new dimension in our attack and defense. The most pleasing thing from the coach's perspective is how these girls buy in week on week. They learnt a few new plays this year which really elevated their attack and had the opposition teams in all sorts.

A big thank you also to Mika and Mick for your help, both with playing and coaching. Your efforts did not go un-noticed.

Looking forward to another big yea<mark>r in 26. Br</mark>ing it on.

# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/14 (3)



These girls have so much to celebrate from this 2025 season.

My first year coaching and I couldn't be prouder to have guided these girls all the way to the finals.

We began the season talking about the importance of what it meant to be a part of this team.

We focused on a fighting spirit, getting the enjoyment back in their game, owning and controlling the game on the field, and playing together as a team.

As the girls started to find their rhythm they had everybody talking. All the training sessions were paying off as they executed all their learnings and started to walk away with some big wins.

They climbed the ladder to finish in 4th position.

Giving huge accolades to being the only team to have had a draw with the number one team. The team who also took out the GF win. Also taking a huge win from a 3rd position team (both De La teams). It's was De La V De La all the way.

At the start of the season these girls had doubt and hesitation to stay in the Gold division. This team has shown they deserve to be in this competition and gave their very best efforts each week on and off the field.

The most rewarding part has been watching these girls fight through every game, turn themselves around at half time to get those wins, seeing the commitment from every player, but mostly it has been the enjoyment and fun the girls have had together on the field, at training and outside of training with all the extras we did as a team.

Some stand outs to mention are our Team Captain Mackenzie with a voice that shook up the opposition. Summer for her try saving tags, throwing her body on the line every time. Neva for never giving up on her team. Evie for decoding the opponents plays and always creating and putting her team members in the gap for the try. Isla, always consistent on the wing and the best chaser we have. Willa our defensive Queen, never misses a tag. You have been so valuable in every game. Elodie, your goal kicking has been the difference to that final score board.

I was once told

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN TO BE A WINNER"

These girls have won more than a title, they have won the season.



### DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/15 GOLD



Our Tag League team had a fantastic season, with every player showing noticeable improvement from the very first game. Several players took on new roles throughout the year, which helped the team develop a stronger all-round game and build confidence in different areas. Despite a few challenging matchups and some tricky weather conditions, the team continued to show up each week with determination, enthusiasm, and a great attitude.

Over the course of the season, we saw real progress in passing, communication, and defensive organisation. The teamwork displayed on the field was outstanding, and many of the tries scored were the result of quick thinking and excellent collaboration. Just as important was the sportsmanship shown by all players, who consistently supported one another and played the game with respect.

Each player contributed in their own way and played a valuable role in the success of the team. The effort put in at both training and on game days created a positive and enjoyable environment for everyone involved. Parents and supporters should be extremely proud of the group's development this season, and we look forward to seeing the team continue to grow and achieve even more in 2026

# DE LA SALLE U/15 SILVER



### 2025 Season Wrap-Up

What a season! The boys came together as one squad, bonded as a true team, and led strongly by Captain Charlie Whitford. With a roster of 21 players, versatility was the key — everyone had the chance to mix it up in both the forwards and the backline, showing grit, guts, and plenty of flair.

### The Forwards

The big men up front set the platform all year, never afraid to take the hard carries and smash through opposition packs.

- Tayne "Thomas the Tank" Cavanagh once he got going, there was no stopping him.
- Will "Red Nose" Sutherland not just for Christmas but charging hard all season.
- 2025 Coaches award
- Felix Challenor the quiet achiever and try-scorer, consistent runs through the middle.
- Brock Doyle breathtaking performances every match; his charging runs always got the crowd going.
- Brody "Jaws" Scholtz dangerous with every hit-up.
- Bear Laffan lived up to the name, fierce and unrelenting.
- Cooper Jones the mighty engine room, punching well above his weight.
- Zack McElroy always in the niggle, never backed down, and played hard all year
- Charlie whitford a true Captain 2025 best forward

#### The Backs

Speed, flair, and plenty of tries – our backs lit up the field and gave us highlight reels all season.

- Cruz Wever weaving magic in attack.
- Leroy Lester pure speed to burn.
- Fynn Beaumont dependable, dangerous, and a constant threat.
- William Gardiner made the fullback role his own, directing traffic and showing instrumental running and defensive skills. 2025 Best Back
- Brody Thurkettle sharp and reliable, always making the most of his opportunities.
- Cooper Gorman high energy, a standout season with the boot kicking our goals.
- Harry Fisher eyes-up footy, and a few sneaky tries to his name.
- Dane Gosby stepped up whenever needed, with some legendary performances.
- Jesse Steen versatile and solid, excelling in every position he was thrown into.
- Leon Cvetanovski elusive, quick, and consistent all year.
- Joshua Madigan a strike weapon, always dangerous.
- Cooper "Legs" Digger in his first season, became the team's secret weapon. A mighty finisher who even wanted to go back on with a broken leg!



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/16 (1) GOLD



The 2025 League Tag season was met with great anticipation after a long summer, with the girls keen to show their talents on the field and push for another successful season.

It was a mixed start for the team with us struggling to field a full team each week due to conflicting commitments, injuries and JRL transfer issues. No matter the team we fielded each Sunday, they always showed up with enthusiasm and a desire to win. For many games the girls had no reserves, so had to dig deep and work together as a team. This gave the girls an opportunity to step up and improve their individual skills and fitness, and also fill roles that they were not usually accustomed to. The girls were competitive in every game, and as we had beaten every team during the course of the season, I was confident that if we made the finals we were a good chance to go all the way.



Following on from a strong win in week one of the finals, we met a committed Kingsgrove team in the final. After a slow start, the girls fought back and drew the match to go into extra time. Unfortunately the final result did not go our way but they showed great resilience, commitment and sportsmanship on the field which always makes it a pleasure to coach and watch them play. In the end with washouts, bye's and a couple of forfeits, we were not able to gain any momentum and consistency in our game to be playing at a level that I know we are capable of. I thank the girls for their effort and commitment to training, and for being a great group of friends who I am proud to coach. You all bring a fun and positive attitude to training and the game, which I hope continues as you mature and head into the senior grades.

Thanks to Drew for stepping up and undertaking the Level 1 trainers course this season and running the water. We would not have been able to take the field this season without you. Also thanks to Amber for manning the desk and keeping the girls and opposition in check. I hope you all enjoy your summer activities and hope to see you back on the field next season.

Cheers, Todd



# DE LA SALLE BLUES TAG U/16 (3) SILVER



Another great year with lots of highlights and improvements from the girls. This year we finished the regular season as minor premiers and although we didn't take out the title, we played every game with a good attitude and a smile on our faces. I'm so proud of the girls and with another successful year behind us, I'm sure that next year we'll go one better.

Best and fairest Luca , was in everything and consistently put us in good positions on the field

Most improved Olivia , was always putting in the effort and got better with every game

Coaches award Zara, our hard running enforcer

Players player and top try scorer Ellie Mae, lightning fast try scoring superstar, she also topped the try scoring for the whole comp.

Thanks to Trev, Nat and our cheer squad legend parents for all the support.



# DE LA SALLE U/16 (1) GOLD

This season began full of promise, with the team going undefeated through the first block. Unfortunately, injuries started to take their toll, making it difficult to keep a consistent lineup on the paddock each week. Despite the setbacks, the boys battled hard and fell just short of the grand final, going down to Kingsgrove in extra time during the preliminary final.

The coaching staff are incredibly proud of how these young men played and carried themselves throughout the season, especially under challenging circumstances. A big thank you to the boys and their families for their commitment and support.

Coach: Mark Zdjelar Manager: Bec Hughes

Assistants: Dave Hughes, Heath Taper, Tim Rapp

### Player Highlights

Kaike McKinlay

Returning after several seasons in the Eastern Suburbs comp, Kaike was a versatile and valuable addition. Elusive in attack and fierce in defence, he earned Best Back.

Harper Evans

A tough forward with a big engine, Harper led from the front all season. His leadership and consistency earned him Best Forward.

Brodie Dorahy

Always busy around the middle, Brodie's vision and timing were elite. He drove us forward and was rock-solid in defence, winning Best & Fairest. Archie "Deadly" Smith

A quiet achiever who played multiple positions with effort and enthusiasm. A great clubman and reliable performer.

Axel Murphy

Back from an ACL injury, Axel returned stronger than ever. His defence at centre was outstanding, and he topped the hit-up count regularly.

Talen Blanch

A sharp finisher with speed to burn. Tal made line breaks and scored tries, while defending bravely despite giving away size.

Ziggy Hughes

Aggressive in defence and damaging in attack, Ziggy gives 100% every game. Returned strongly after a mid-season injury.

### Charlie Rapp

Charlie's defence and kicking game were key assets in the halves. A consistent performer and positive leader.

### Jack Whitaker

A fierce competitor who brings energy, direction, and toughness. His leadership was felt every time he took the field.

### Marshall Anderson

Switched to hooker early but returned to halfback as the season went on. His kicking game was a standout, especially in tight contests.

### Curren Taper

A genuine finisher with pace. Curren locked down the wing late in the season and showed flashes of brilliance.

### Zayne Armstrong

A relentless front-rower who thrives in tough games. Zayne led the hard carries and brought intensity to every contest.

### Ryan Zdjelar

Our nuggety front-rower with a love for tackling. His defence was a highlight, and his running game improved significantly.

### Harley Earl

A powerful runner who could shift momentum with a single charge. His defence and work rate were outstanding.

### Haiden Wooldridge

"H" led from the front and found ways to win. His leadership was vital—when he spoke, the team listened. Haiden was awarded Junior Player of the Year. Joel Bishop

Found his groove on the wing this season. A big-bodied runner whose carries gave us extra punch and plenty of tries.

### Lawson Rinaldi

A powerful ball runner who played edge and middle. Once Lawson taps into his full potential—look out.

### Noah Kennedy

Started in the halves and showed great footy IQ. His combination with Joel was a highlight, especially his long cut-out passes.

### Xavier Young

A graceful speedster in broken play. Sadly, a recurring knee injury requiring surgery sidelined Xavier for much of the season.



# DE LA SALLE U/16 (2) GOLD

Our 15 year old boys took on the big challenge of stepping up to 16 Gold competition.

I couldn't have been more proud of all the boys & their commitment to the challenge.

Every single week they turned up to training with a great enthusiasm and thirst to improve and train hard.

The season presented a few challenges along the way, but the "whatever it takes" mentality was truly incredible and they way they performed against the older boys was remarkable & inspirational.

Making the finals was a great achievement that the boys should be extremely proud of!!

Finally Thank you to Jade, Ryan, Mark, Reece & Gaz for all your hard work and effort throughout the season both during the week and on game day.

Well done Boys!!





Undefeated throughout the 2025 regular season, the Under 16 Silver team had a year to remember. Playing fast and attractive footy, we scored an average of 27-points per game, while conceding on average of just 8-points per game. The boys' progression as a team in 12-months was never more evident than thrashing last year's premiers Como in the preliminary final 36-6.

The 16 Silver is a team that the entire De La Salle football club can be proud of due to their respect, mateship and passion for the jersey. Such was the consistent level of performance from every individual in this team, not a week went by when we didn't have multiple try-scorers and equally multiple performances worthy of man of the match.

Our extraordinary comeback from 24-12 down to Brighton in the grand final with five minutes remaining at Jubilee Oval will stay with all those who witnessed it forever. Nothing showed the grit, belief and spirit of the boys more than when we were able to send the game into golden-point extra time by scoring a try with seconds to go to make it 24-24. Although we were beaten 25-24 in golden point, the boys' proud families and parents stood in admiration of their epic fight back.

As a team, we had so many outstanding contributions, however Hugh Leilua (best forward), Jensen Withers (coaches award), Byron Sharman (best and fairest) and Ryan Klaassen (best back) were all worthy award winners due to their impact on this team.

This is a team that coaches Justin Turner and Mark Sant, manager Dave Leo and trainer Dave Riccio are extremely fortunate and privileged to have shared every moment of the 2025 season.

Well done boys.

## DE LA SALLE U/16 GIRLS TACKLE



Firstly, Justin & I would like to extend a sincere thankyou to the ladies and their families from Engadine and Aquinas for joining our Under 16 Ladies team this year. Without your involvement, we would have struggled to take the field each week. The players from all three clubs quickly formed a strong bond, which was evident in their teamwork and some exciting tries throughout the season.

All players embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, quickly picking up the skills and spirit of the game.

Most of our team were 15 years old, playing up in the Under 16 division. Despite this they showed incredible courage and stamina, holding their own against older opponents and proving they belonged on that field.

Both Justin and I are incredibly proud of the team's progress and camaraderie. We're looking forward to the 2026 season, confident that the team will continue to grow, sharpen their skills, and hopefully bring home a premiership.

Best Back: Ruby Lane

Best Forward: Shay Bailey

Best & Fairest: Zahlee (Bill) Fisher



### DE LA SALLE U/17 GOLD



Season 2025: Minor Premiers and Premiers - What a year and what a win!

This year, the boys had a shorter season due to the Harold Matthews season starting later. I want to congratulate all the boys who played and made the Harold Matthews 2025 squad.

A big congratulations goes to Liam Challenor, who won the Rep award for Sharks HM 2025.

This season will be one of the greatest I feel the team has had. However, it will also be remembered for injuries to several of our boys. But with injuries comes opportunities.

This year, a few boys had to step up to replace the injured players, and I feel the growth in the boys games was remarkable. It made the season a real joy to coach and be involved in. Players played out of position and ripped in with no questions asked. We had a goal this year to win the comp and build on the past couple of years' momentum, and we achieved that. We won in another Golden Point game against another great team, Aquinas.

I want to thank Mark Z from the 16 Golds for allowing a few of the boys to back up.

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We had a few new boys to the club this year Chase, Tal, and Dylan. All three made the transition to the club and were valuable members of the squad. Noah Moffat decided to strap the boots on a few rounds into the season and made a huge impact on the team. I really hope to see him back again next year.

Congratulations to our team award winners:

- Zac Woodger Player of the year
- Jack Stonestreet Back of the year
- Xavier Dinuccio Forward of the year
- Liam Challenor Corey Cavanagh Best and Fairest award (Club Award)

I want to thank Katie, Locky, Wilso, and last but not least, Clayton, for helping me with the team all year.

Next year will probably be the last year the boys will have together as a group. I think many of them will go onto bigger and better things in life. So, let's all get around it for 2026 and go get a 4peat!

Looking forward to next year, Nicho



# DE LA SALLE U/18 GOLD





## DE LA SALLE U/18 GIRLS TACKLE



Firstly, I'd like to thank my friend Trina for convincing me to coach this side — it was an absolute privilege to lead such a talented group of rugby league players.

A huge thank you also to Dean and Shane for all your help and support throughout the year. Having never coached a teenage girls' rugby league team before, I initially thought I'd need to completely change my coaching style. But after just a couple of weeks of getting to know the girls, I realised I didn't need to — they brought the same commitment, energy, and passion that any great team does.

The skill level within this group was nothing short of exceptional, but even more impressive was the kind of people they are — respectful, determined, and supportive both on and off the field.

Although we didn't quite finish where we initially hoped, we still proved ourselves as the best team in the Sutherland Shire. I couldn't be prouder of what we achieved together.

To all the girls — I wish you every success in whatever path you choose to follow. You have what it takes to reach your full potential, both in rugby league and in life.

Thank you all for an incredible season. I absolutely loved every minute of it!

#### DE LA SALLE OPEN WOMENS BLUES TAG

The Open Women's League Tag had a strong season stepping up from the under 18 competition (where half the team were still eligible) to make it all the way to the Grand Final for the third successive year.

When the team were switched on, there was a lot to like about the way the girls played showing they can match it with any team in the competition. Most of the opposing teams had been playing Opens for years, and the girls showed they were able to step up against the more experienced teams. The win against Gymea in the preliminary final a highlight and the girls made Joeys fight all the way in the Grand Final

Injuries are a part of sport and it was great to see Mia Bishop Breelle Bailey return from serious knee injuries this season and both were key players. Unfortunately injuries claimed Zara Owsnett and Alana Caristo who missed the big games. Ella Metselaar backing up after playing tackle all bumped and bruised was brave and showed her mental and physical toughness through the year.

While the commitment to training and early game times was challenging at times through the year, it was great to see the girls still playing at an age when other options can take over.

Award winners

Player of the Year - Breelle Bailey Coaches Award - Mia Bishop Most Improved - Alana Caristo

Its a pleasure coaching the girls and look forward to seeing them back on the field next year!



#### DE LA SALLE OVER 30 WOMENS BLUES TAG

Our Women's Over 30's League Tag season began with a number of new and returning faces to the team. In a season that saw our style of play evolve from the previous year, it was very pleasing to end the regular season in 2nd place overall. With limited training time for various reasons (weather, field availability, family commitments) the girls did an extraordinary job to compete the way they did each and every week. It became the norm that opponents would make comment on the way we played the game with skill, speed and exceptional sportsmanship.

#### Some mentions:

Leisa, Melissa, Loz, Leigh, Karlee and Jess: Our ever reliable middles who provided the platform in which we were able to win 11/14 of our games. Thank you for your continued effort throughout the season.

Lisa, Bridgette, Courtney, Chloe, Lexi and Aimee: Our edge players who were always willing to get involved and share the workload on both sides of the ball. Thanks for providing energy to the middles and enabling us to play an expansive style of footy this season.

Kim, Sarah, Shannon, Michaela and Anna: New to the team in 2025 and always keen to contribute and learn. Thanks for joining us this year.

Elise and Tay: Steering the team around the park with your leadership, playmaking, incisive running, and game-saving defensive efforts. Elise was the competitions overall Top Try Scorer (29) and 3rd overall Point Scorer (118). Tay was 5th Overall Top Point Scorer (92) in the comp.

A thoroughly enjoyable season and I would like to thank everyone for committing their time to the team.



#### DE LA SALLE OPEN WOMENS TACKLE

2025 Season Report – Inaugural Open Women's De La Salle Team The inaugural Open Women's De La Salle team was born this year — and what a season it was!

Thanks to the rallying efforts and hard work of Katarina and a core group of girls, the team was officially on the draw by Round 3. The competition featured a mix of Group 6, Sutherland Shire, Illawarra, and Group 7 teams, giving our women the chance to test themselves against opponents from right across the Southern corridor region.

The season began with a bang in a try-scoring frenzy against the West Devils at home, giving everyone an early glimpse of just how talented this group was. With every training session and game, the team grew closer both on and off the field — building genuine bonds, developing their footy, growing their love for the game and some unlocking a missing love of rugby league. Despite a handful of forfeits and washouts, the girls finished with 7 wins from

Despite a handful of forfeits and washouts, the girls finished with 7 wins from 9 games, cementing their place in the top four finals. In the semi-final, they produced a strong performance against Avondale, winning 32–20 and showcasing how far they had come as a connected unit.

That victory set up a preliminary final against Oran Park — the first time the two sides met all season. Sticking to the game plan and trusting each other, the girls prevailed 22–10, booking themselves a place in the Grand Final. Grand Final day brought huge excitement — for many, it was their first time being part of something so special. On a windy day in Camden, the girls went down 18–12 to a well-drilled Camden outfit, but they left nothing in the tank and did the club proud.

This season was about much more than results. The girls built friendships, reignited their love for the game, and created memories that will last a lifetime. Most importantly, they laid the foundations for the legacy of women's rugby league at De La Salle — something that will only grow stronger from here.

A special shout out to the 18's girls who stepped up throughout the season to help cover numbers. Your strength, skill, and attitude were incredible, and your future at the club is so bright. You were an important part of this team's journey, and we're excited to see what you'll achieve in the years ahead.

#### Player Awards

- \* Female Player of the Year Dakota Goodwin Returning to the game after several years away, Dakota showed incredible leadership and encouragement for those around her. Willing to rotate positions whenever the team needed, she embodied our values, setting standards that made her an irreplaceable part of our campaign.
- \* Open Women's Best & Fairest Jayme Latu Jayme's dominance week in, week out, never went unnoticed. From barnstorming runs to bone-rattling tackles, she consistently stood tall and wore the jersey with pride.
- \* Most Improved Back Jade Stewart With each game, Jade's confidence and experience grew. She became a damaging force with the ball and a tackling machine in defence, proving to be a reliable and influential presence in our backline.
- \* Most Improved Forward Charlotte Rollason Charlotte's move to second row elevated her game to another level. A true strike weapon, she crossed for 12 tries this season and became one of the most dangerous forwards in the competition.

Congratulations to each and every player for their time, commitment, and dedication throughout this historic first season. You've set the bar high, and we couldn't be prouder of what you achieved together. BRING ON SEASON 2026!



#### **EMERGING CUP**



After an up-and-down start to the first half of the season, the boys rallied together and dug deep, finishing strong with a six-game winning streak. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, with two washout rounds cutting our season short and costing us the chance to sneak into the top four.

It was a very enjoyable season, with plenty of growth both on and off the field. Half the squad also backed up for A Grade and the Hartigan Cup in the finals, which was a fantastic effort.

Bring on 2026!



#### DE LA SALLE OPEN SILVER



#### Open Silver

Well what a year, after winning the competition in 2024, you never know who will turn up and play the following year. It was pleasant surprise to see so many faces ready to lace the boots up again in 2025.

As we began the season, I could tell the team I had was something special, from the comradery during games to the social bond at drinks and training. I knew if we played to our ability we would be very hard to beat. Our first lost came in round 5 against Bosco, and it was the wake up call we needed. From then on, we showed true grit and determination and knew what we had to do every week to win.

Our prelim-final against Gymea was unbelievable, the boys threw the ball around and everything stuck like glue in the first 20 minutes, going 22-nil up was a champagne like moment, but in true second grade style, the cut-out passes started going over the sideline or being knocked on. But the boys got themselves to the big dance again, and we had to play an unfamiliar opponent in Arncliffe, due to the new conference system being played. The boys were solid, and without our silky halfback (Cullen Whetu), others had to step up. Some special mentions went to Ethan Whetu, Riley Lester, Jackson Lee and Tyson Jackson who left some real impact on the game, and ultimately we ran away victors 18-10.

This club is truly a family, not only to me but to many of the players that pull on the jersey and that can only happen when people from the committee to the canteen to our trainers and managers sacrifice their own time and for that I say thankyou and I can't wait for 2026 to come around and we defend our title (again)!! Regards Hodgo

#### DE LA SALLE OPEN GOLD



Our Open Gold Team had a slow start to the season this year winning 2 of our first 5 games. The turning point of our season was losing to Joeys 26-0. After that game we sat in their dressing room and had a heart to heart talk as a team. We were lacking team culture and our team identity. The boys started to put in the hard work at training and started to reap the rewards. We went on a 9 game win streak to end up getting the minor premiers.

I think back over the year we had some great wins Joey's at home after the bell, Gymea at Gymea on their life members Day, Gymea at home when it was 11 on 13 for the 2nd half. All theses victories came from each and everyone of you not wanting to let you mate, team or club down. It was unfortunate the way we ended the year in the semi's but that's footy, you must turn up every game.

This year was one of my most enjoyable years of footy, to be around the team environment again was amazing. Every single player that played A Grade this year gave their all in training and on game days. I want to thanks all the players for all their effort throughout the year. We really come together as a team and built the mate ship within the team and the seniors player group. I'd also like to thank Scott Faddy for all the work you did throughout the year and game days couldn't have done it without you mate. Also, to Troy and Shank without all your help the year wouldn't have been so successful as it was thanks guys.

To all the players, this year didn't end the way we wanted it to but we will learn from this and come back bigger and better next year. Let continue to build what we have started and start our own De La Dynasty.

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#### HARRIGANS CUP

The Harrigan Cup 2025 campaign started strongly with good depth in De La contracted players including some returning old boys looking to win a comp with De La, we also had a strong squad with Newtown and Sharks helping and started the season with two massive wins when had all players on deck. It was then that we basically had an injury run you couldn't script, we used 56 players in just 17 games this season and quite simply it becomes near impossible to build connection. In saying that the Coaches, Support team, Players and young kids that came through Emerging Cup, A grade and young Sharks reps that stepped up really handled themselves in style against players with vast NRL experience, teams with huge budgets, but they never ever took a backward step. We did beat Wests down at Wests also with a pretty inexperienced side and despite losing a player to a broken ankle during the game, the game being stopped and oved to another field we managed a way to win and that was a big memory, and showed the talent within the group.

Despite all the things that went wrong with weather, travel, late changes, and horrendous injuries including 14 players with season ending and 8 serious operations the guys kept turning up and even managed to win De La Salle's 1st ever Harrigan Cup Semi win which was a stirring comeback victory against Corrimal. To Corey Hughes who stepped in as Head Coach, I thank you as a mate and as a Coach you taught us all how to handle adversity, things not in our control and you have got some old school resilience and toughness that many can learn about. Andrew Faddy stepped into the Assistant Coach/Trainer role with aplomb and I hope he continues on that path with the club. To Dougy, and Horto my word you guys were busy and had more work than I wanted you to have in 2025 thanks so much for your time and support. While Larry Leabeater is the unsung hero of De La Seniors, the bloke is a champion who goes about his work quietly to help all and we are blessed to have him help us as a club.

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We had the squad to win it, of that I am so certain, the proof was in our early wins and then even the performances we put in with sides that took the field later in the year and still managing to be competitive and winning a semi despite so many injured. It really just went pear shaped, there were times I didn't even want to look at the phone given the bad news we seemed to endure each week, all week but that is life and its how you respond. Our leaders Jacko and Jazz played through pain, injury and all the head winds and deadest just kept ripping in, I want all you boys to keep playing and go out as winners and we will do our best to make this happen.

Jaz Flavell player of year - As good a club leader as you will see, the way he played last two months was simply exceptional. He trained so hard late in year and showed our other senior players how to do it in gym sessions and take it out on the paddock and compete at every single play!

Noah Lester - A good kid, and very talented player who doesn't miss in D, he outpointed some big name and big money centres at opposition clubs this year.

Congrats to the De La sides that made the semis, the GF, and those that won the comps, and those that had Fun playing with mates which is what the sport and club is about, win well, lose well, enjoy the contest - shout out to our Seniors with Dykesy to win the comp with A Grade next year, 2nd Grade the best side in the club to watch play as mates to go again and win three straight next year, & Emerging Cup to keep building and get that elusive comp they deserve. I hope all you boys stay around in 2026!



#### DE LA SALLE SOCIAL MEDIA

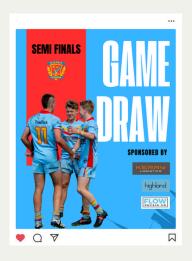
Our channels don't just tell the story of De La, they amplify it. Every post, reel, and update is designed to connect with our players, families, and community while reaching new audiences across The Shire and beyond. It's been a big year, and we'll try to make 2026 even better.

Look back from some memorable moments from the year:













#### DE LA SALLE 2025 PREMIERS



**U14 SILVER TAG** 



U12 GOLD TAG

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U14 GOLD TAG





**U14 GOLD TACKLE** 



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#### **U14 SILVER TACKLE**

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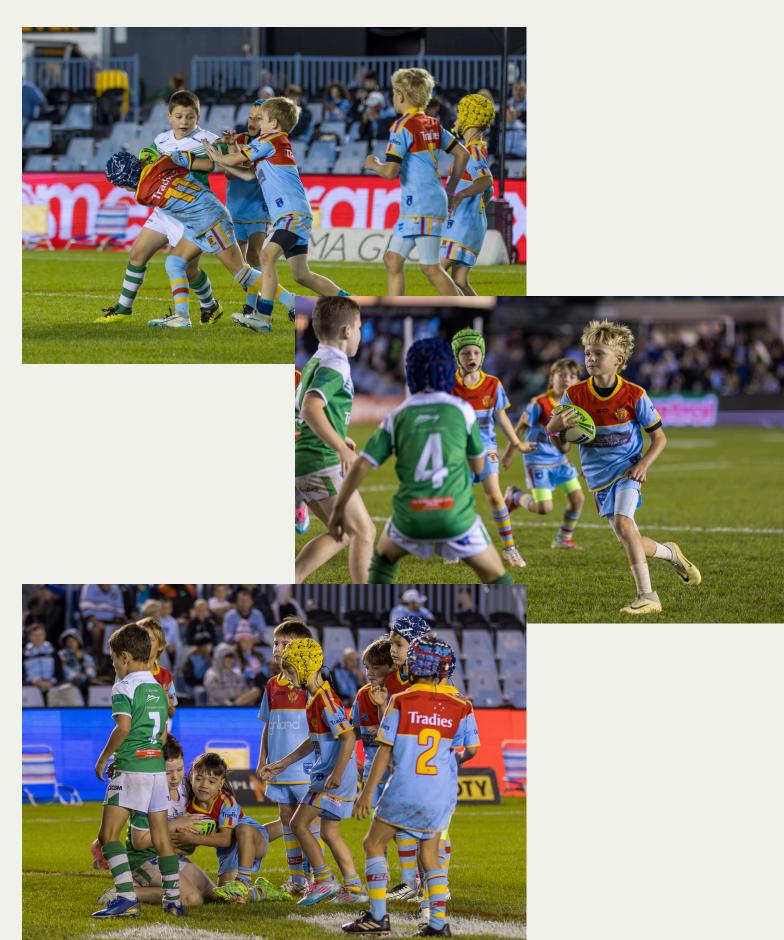
















































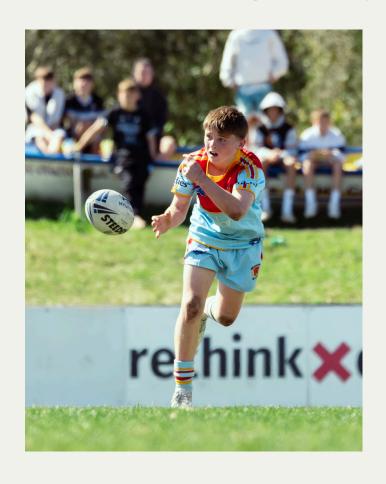


































































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