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The formal opening of the College at Stanmore, 18 January 1881

*Sport is a theatre where
sinner can turn saint and
a common man become
an uncommon hero, where
the past and the future
can fuse with the present.*

Anonymous

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The Best
of all Time

The Taylor Brothers

While John Morris ('Johnny') Taylor is acknowledged as Newington's greatest sportsman, his older brother Hugh Taylor (ON 1913) also had an extraordinary sporting record at school. A true all-rounder, he played in the 1st XI from 1910 to 1913 and was Captain for the last two seasons. He was in the 1st XV over the same years, was awarded an Honour Cap three years in row, and Combined GPS 1st XV for two years, the last as Captain. He shot in the Rifle Team, again from 1910 to 1913, and was a member of the Athletics Team in 1912 and 1913. He was awarded a "Triple Badge" (the equivalent of Triple Colours) three times. After school he played rugby at university and played with the Wallabies four times.

When Johnny Taylor left Newington in 1915, *The Newingtonian* described his school career as '...the most brilliant as regards sport of any

Newingtonian, and perhaps of any school boy of New South Wales'. He played in the 1st XI from 1909, at the age of fourteen, until 1915, scoring twelve centuries and three double centuries; and in the Combined GPS 1st XI for five years, two as Captain. He played Sheffield Shield cricket for NSW in 1914-15 while still at school. He played in the 1st XV for five years and in the Combined GPS 1st XV for four. He shot in the Rifle Team for four years and was a member of the Athletics team for five. He was awarded Triple Colours five times, a feat unique in Newington's history. Despite his successes he was popular '...as much on account of his unflinching good temper and as his proverbial modesty.' Between 1920 and 1926, he played twenty Test matches for Australia and 135 first class matches. He also played two Tests with the Wallabies in 1922.



Johnny and Hugh Taylor

A Brief History of Sport

Across the Years

INTRODUCTION

From the founding of the College in 1863, sport quickly attained a prominence that was to very much shape the school's identity for the next 150 years. The ideal of "muscular Christianity" as espoused by Dr Thomas Arnold at Rugby School was wholeheartedly adopted in the colonies and at Newington. Its basis was distinctly Christian emphasising the physical training of a man's body "for the protection of the weak, and the advancement of all righteous causes".



Joseph Coates

Sport, most notably cricket and rugby, were lauded for their perceived ability to contribute effectively towards the development of moral character in young men.

The founding father of sport at the College was **Joseph Coates**. A teacher of history and classics, he became the College's first "sportsmaster" in 1864. A fine athlete and an inter-colonial cricket player, he was renowned as a stern disciplinarian and a "terror to all evil doers". The influence of Coates as both a player and coach at cricket, rugby and rifle shooting, was to shape the College's sporting success for more than thirty years.

THE EARLY YEARS (1863-1900)

The foundation sports of athletics, cricket, rifle shooting and rugby were all played from the earliest days of the College at Silverwater.

The first recorded athletics carnival was held in 1866, whilst ad hoc cricket matches were played against other schools and clubs from the early 1860s. Rifle shooting became established with the Cadet Corp in 1869 whilst the College played the first recorded game of schoolboy rugby against Sydney University in 1869. The following year, in 1870, Newington and The King's School played the first ever recorded interschool game of rugby. The College's first tennis courts were built in the 1880s and the College's first recorded interschool match was in 1887.

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Newington was a foundation member of the AAGPS – the Athletic Association of the Great Public Schools - in 1892. Formal competitions for athletics and rugby began in 1892 and for cricket and rowing in 1893. Rifle shooting was formalised as a GPS sport in 1905.

The early years of the College saw tremendous sporting success with premierships in cricket, rugby and rifle shooting. The year 1889 was an outstanding year for the College, winning the cricket and rugby competitions, as well as the rifle shooting for the third successive year.

There were many outstanding performances in rifle shooting. Indeed, the College was practically undefeated in all competitions during its first few years. In 1870, under the leadership of Commanding Officer Joseph Coates, the College rifle shooting team defeated a team from the 18th Royal Irish, a British military unit stationed in Australia.

Later that year the College team defeated a team of Royal Marine marksmen who visited Sydney aboard the H.M.S. Galatea.

The early years of the College also saw the emergence of many fine athletes across the whole sporting spectrum.

One of the greatest early sportsmen was **Percy Colquhoun** who attended the College from 1881 to 1885. Captaining both the rugby 1st XV and cricket 1st XI in 1885, he was also a talented tennis player. Following school he played inter-

colonial rugby for NSW and in 1887 was rated the outstanding three quarter in Australia. He also represented NSW 55 times in tennis. Percy was also a talented lawn bowler and represented NSW in this sport over two decades.

The early 1880s saw the **Maiden brothers, George and Jim**, produce brilliant performances on the track. Whilst still at school George was the Champion hurdler of NSW whilst Jim was 100 yards Champion of both NSW and Victoria.

The 1880s also saw **James and John Cleeve** both selected to play cricket for NSW whilst still students at the College. In 1889, student **James Egan Moulton Jr** was selected to play in the NSW rugby XV against the visiting English XV.



Tom Garrett in the Australia National Cricket Team, 1886

No discussion about the early days of College sport would be complete without mention of **Tom Garrett and Edwin "Ted" Evans**.

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Tom Garrett attended Newington from 1867-1872 and was an outstanding cricketer. At age 18 he was selected in the Australian Team to play in the first ever Test match against England in 1877.

He later toured England three times with the Australian teams of 1878, 1882 and 1886. During the 1882 tour he played in the Lords Test that led to the creation of “the ashes”. Garrett played 160 times for NSW and 19 times for Australia.

Edwin (Ted) Evans hailed from Emu Plains and attended Newington from 1865 to 1866. At the time he was regarded as the best cricketer ever produced by the College. Playing for the school against Camden Academy in 1866 he famously took six wickets with six deliveries.



1st XV Premiers, 1900

He was selected to play for NSW in 1874 and was rated for a time in the 1870s as the best all-rounder in Australia. In 1876 he was selected, with Joseph Coates, to play for NSW against Victoria. In the second innings Victoria were dismissed for 34 runs with Evans and Coates taking all ten wickets. Evans played 65 times for NSW and 6 times for Australia. He toured England with the Australian team in 1886 with fellow Old Newingtonian Tom Garrett.

As the new Century approached, the 1890s saw the arrival of the first Tongan students at the College. In 1896 **Prince William Tupou** the Crown prince of Tonga, and six other lads, mainly sons of high chiefs, were enrolled at the College. One of these boys, **Moulton Finau**, was to start a family sporting dynasty that would last for seven decades.

A NEW CENTURY DAWNS (1900-1918)

The period from the turn of the Century to the end of the “Great War” saw Newington achieve considerable success on the sporting field and the development of many of our greatest athletes.

Rugby premierships were won in 1900, 1911 and 1912 whilst cricket premierships were won in 1900, 1911, 1913 and 1914. The cricketers of 1900 were undefeated Champions.

Rifle shooting remained a premier sport, winning the Schools’ Challenge divisions at least ten

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times before the start of GPS competition. Between 1898 and 1911 Newington had a remarkable record of success, winning the senior competition in 12 of those 14 years.

The first game of football (called Soccer until 2006) known to have been played at Newington took place in 1915 when a group of visiting British soldiers were invited to put on a match, reportedly providing 'rather an unusual spectacle'.

1911 was a momentous year with the College winning the "triple championship" of rugby, cricket and rifle shooting in the same year.

Four boys were awarded triple colours in 1911 – **Hugh Taylor, Johnny Taylor, Clarrie Prescott and Otto Robertson.**

"Triple Colours" – also known as the "Triple Badge" were first awarded in 1899 to **Moulton Finau.** He was awarded the "Triple Badge" again in 1900. By 1918 the "Triple Badge" had been awarded 23 times to 15 boys.

Moulton Finau was a superb all-round athlete and played in the rugby 1st XV for 3 years, the cricket 1st XI for four years and the 1st rifle shooting for 3 years. His son and grandson would later represent the College at cricket, rugby and athletics, with his grandson replicating his achievement of twice attaining the "Triple Badge".

Nigel Barker was a champion sprinter and is arguably the finest athlete to ever come out of the College. He played in the rugby 1st XV for

3 years and won the Warry Cup for athletics in 1900 and 1901. Nigel won the 440 yards at the GPS carnival in 1900 and won the treble – 100, 220 and 440 yards – in 1901.

Nigel later represented NSW in rugby and set Australia's first world record – in the 440 yards – in athletics. At the unofficial 1906 Olympic Games he won bronze in the 100 and 440 yards.

In athletics, **Roy Cripps** represented the College in athletics for four years winning five events at GPS carnivals, including a College record in the long jump. He won the Warry Cup for an unprecedented four successive years. He played with distinction in the rugby 1st XV for two years, the cricket 1st XI for three years and the 1sts rifle shooting team. He was awarded the "Triple Badge" in 1917.



Hugh and Johnny Taylor in the 1st XV, 1913

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No discussion about this golden era in College sport would be complete, however, without mention of the Taylor brothers.

Hugh Morris Taylor attended the College from 1906 to 1913. He played in the cricket 1st XI for four years, the last two as Captain. He played in the rugby 1st XV for four years, the last as Captain. He won rugby honour caps for outstanding performance in three of those years. He was selected in the GPS rugby 1st XV in 1912 and again in 1913 as Captain. He was also a member of the 1st rifle shooting team for four years from 1910 to 1913.

Hugh was awarded the “Triple Badge” no less than three times in 1911, 1912 and 1913 and was a member of all three “Triple Championship” teams in 1911. Following school Hugh went on to play four Tests for the Wallabies in the 1920s. As impressive as Hugh Taylor’s record is, it pales in comparison with that of his younger brother.

John Morris (Johnny) Taylor attended the College from 1906 to 1915. He stands alone as the greatest sportsman to ever grace the College playing fields, and perhaps as the finest schoolboy athlete from any school in any era.

Johnny played in the rugby 1st XV for five years, the last as Captain. He won rugby honour caps for outstanding performance in each of those years. He played in the GPS 1st XV for four years, the last as Captain.

He played in the cricket 1st XI for seven years, the last two as Captain. He played in the GPS 1st XI for four years and for NSW cricket colts in 1913, scoring 226 against Victoria. In 1914, whilst still a schoolboy, he was selected to play cricket for NSW in the Sheffield Shield.

Johnny was also a member of the College athletics team for five years and was awarded the “Triple Badge” no less than five times.

Following service in the Great War, Johnny went on to play in 20 cricket Tests for Australia and two rugby Tests for the Wallabies in the 1920s.



Newington College, 1900

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Many a fine Newington Old Boy found their sporting careers derailed by the advent of the Great War. Even more sadly, many of our finest lost their lives in service of their country.

Rugby Union international **William Tasker** died on the battle fields of France as did **Victor Warry**. Victor Warry was an outstanding all-round athlete who represented the College in four sports. He is remembered to this day with the Warry Cup which is awarded each year to the College's outstanding senior athlete. **Gunner Jack Johnson** is remembered through a bequest from his parents. As the Great War drew to a close the "Johnson" Oval was constructed in 1918. As 1918 drew to a close, and with the end of the Great War, a wave of hope and optimism washed over our nation. The period between the Wars would see some of the College's greatest sporting triumphs.

BETWEEN THE WARS (1918-1945)

The 1920s and 1930s saw many fine sportsmen emerge from the College, but premiership success eluded the College.

Moulton won the 100 and 220 double at the 1921 GPS athletics whilst **William (Frank) Wiseman** set a new GPS high jump record at the same carnival.

The rowing 1st VIII won the Head of the River in 1921, the first time an eight had been entered by the College. The cricket premiership was won in 1927 and the athletics in 1928.



Frank Wiseman performing his high jump

Newington was late among the GPS schools in introducing rowing as a sport. The GPS had started competition in rowing within a year of its formation in 1892.

Newington entered two fours in the GPS regatta of 1920. It entered the eight competition for the first time in 1921 in spectacular fashion, winning the 'Head of the River' race.

In 1919, in a match against Scots College, **Ernest Newman** set a College record with a magnificent innings of 297 not out. This record still stands today and is unlikely to ever be broken.

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Newman played in the cricket 1st XI for six years, three as Captain. He played in the rugby 1st XV for four years, two as Captain. He was a member of the 1st rifle shooting for two years and the College athletics team and won the Warry Cup in 1921.

Eric Bardsley rowed in the 1st VIII in 1921 and 1922. He was a member of our very first Head of the River winning crew, and a GPS rowing representative in 1921. He played four years in the cricket 1st XI, two as Captain, and three years in the rugby 1st XV. Following school he played three rugby Tests for the Wallabies.

Between 1923 and 1930 no fewer than seven boys went on to play rugby for the Wallabies. The most notable were Australian Captain (and later coach) **Dave Cowper**, **Bruce Judd** and legendary “hard man” **Aub Hodgson**.



Dave Cowper, Captain of the 1st XV, 1927

Aubrey John Hodgson represented the *Wallabies* 11 times. Rugby writer Spiro Zavos wrote that he was “as good as any contemporary player anywhere in the world” at his peak in the 1930s. *The Sydney Morning Herald* recorded that he could “fill any position in the forwards and his speed and sure hands make him a useful three-quarter”.

The late 1920s were the **Dave Cowper** era. In his final year at the College in 1927 he was Captain of rugby, cricket and athletics as well as Senior Prefect. A two time winner of the Warry Cup, he played in the rugby 1st XV for three years and the cricket 1st XI for two years. Following school he played nine rugby Tests for the Wallabies, including three as Captain.

Harry Kershaw attended the College from 1922 to 1930. He was a member of the Senior Athletics team in 1929 and Captain in 1930. He also played for the rugby 1st XV and cricket 1st XI in 1930. He was also a Prefect and member of the Games Committee in 1930. The Harry Kershaw Cup for best all-round sportsman was donated by his parents after he was killed in action in Papua New Guinea at the end of 1943.

Tom Chessell coxed the rowing 1st VIII in the 1931 Head of the River. Forced to leave school early because of the Great Depression, he later became a fighter pilot during World War II. In 1952 he coxed the Australian VIII at the Helsinki Olympics and later returned to Newington for many years as a rowing coach. Many years later

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his son, **Ian Chessell**, coxed the 1st VIII to victory at the 1963 Head of the River.

The introduction of the House system in 1932 brought House competition into the annual athletics meeting. The Johnson Shield for tennis was introduced in 1932 and 1933 saw the very first Newington swimming carnival.

Cross country races were inaugurated within the College in 1937. These were primarily a component of inter-House sporting competition.

The period between the wars also saw the College's facilities greatly improved. Following a fundraising effort from the Old Newingtonians' Union and a generous donation from the Glasson family, the Glasson boatshed was built at Abbotsford in 1925.



Glasson Boatshed

A further donation by the Glasson family in 1934 saw the Glasson Pavilion built at the intersection of the Old Boys, Johnson and Buchanan Ovals.

No discussion of the 1930s would be complete without mention of **Lupeti Finau**, the son of the great **Moulton Finau**, and a champion all-round athlete in his own right.

Lupeti played in the cricket 1st XI for three years. In 1934 and 1935 was widely known as the fastest bowler in the GPS and gained GPS 1sts selection.

Lupeti also played in the rugby 1st XV in 1933 but sadly, due to illness, did not play at all in 1934 and 1935.

Lupeti took all before him in athletics, winning the GPS 120 yards hurdles for three straight years. In the shot put he recorded two GPS wins and a second placing. He set College records in both events. He won the Warry Cup in 1934 after being runner-up in 1933.

THE POST WAR BOOM (1945-1970)

Whilst consistent premiership success continued to elude the College, it continued to produce sportsmen of the highest calibre across a range of GPS sports.

The 1st VIII gained victories in the Head of the River in 1947, 1963 and 1966 and there was a series of wins by the other GPS grades in the 1950s and 1960s. The rugby 1st XV won premierships in 1953 and 1961.

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Between 1948 and 1965 no fewer than seven boys went on to play rugby for the Wallabies. The most notable were **Alan Cameron** who played 20 Tests over a decade, four as Captain, and **Roy Prosser** who played 25 Tests. At the time of his retirement **Roy Prosser** was the most capped front rower in Wallaby history. **Jim Brown** played in the rugby 1st XV in 1950 and 1951 and would later play nine rugby Tests for the Wallabies. Jim still lives on the NSW Central Coast and is the College's oldest living Wallaby.

Frank Dockrey was a superstar of the late 1940s and early 1950s. He played five years in the cricket 1st XI, the last as Captain and made the GPS 1st XI. During the 1951 season he scored two centuries as well as taking 8-26 against Shore. He played four years in the rugby 1st XV and played for the GPS 1st XV.

He was a member of the senior athletics team for three years and in 1951 he was Captain of Athletics and won the Warry Cup.

In both 1952 and 1953 **Graham McGregor** won the 220 and 440 yards at the GPS athletics carnival, whilst **Steve Finau** won both the 120 yards hurdles and the shot put in 1966.

The construction of two new tennis courts behind the Parsonage near Stanmore Road in 1956 provided a boost for the sport, but these remained the only courts available for some years. In 1963 tennis was formally recognised as an alternative school sport and a team was entered in an unofficial schools' competition.

1958 saw some amazing performances on the cricket pitch by **Russell Waugh**. He scored a mighty 187 against St. Josephs and took match figures of 13-96 against Scots.

The year 1962 saw **Warren Turner** set a College record in the long jump which remains standing to this day. His son Lachlan would attend the College some 40 years later and also achieve outstanding sporting success in cricket, rugby and athletics.

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After a hiatus, the Easter Sports were revived in 1964, in conjunction with an Athletics Standards scheme. The purpose of the scheme was to encourage participation by all students, regardless of their athletic talents. The improvement in participation and skills was a significant factor in Newington's successes in the GPS championships in the following decade, in which the College won seven championships, Senior or Junior, in a row between 1972 and 1978.

Steve Finau, the son of **Lupeti Finau** and the Grandson of **Moulton Finau**, was a Champion athlete in his own right. Following in his grandfather's footsteps he was awarded the "Triple Badge" in 1965 and 1966 for outstanding performances in rugby, cricket and athletics. A two time winner of the Harry Kershaw Trophy, he also won the Warry Cup and played rugby for the GPS 1st XV.

1969 was a stellar cricket season for **Danny Webster**. Playing for the 1st XI he took 34 wickets during the years at a cost of a paltry 7 runs apiece. Highlights included 7-47 against Scots, 7-48 against Sydney High and match figures of 10-25 against King's.

Football (soccer) began as a sport at Newington with 'Country versus City' matches among the Wyvern House boarders in the early 1960s. By 1966 teams from the Killara Preparatory School were playing against other schools.

A Basketball Club was established at Newington in 1967. The College first fielded teams in an unofficial competition with five other Sydney schools in 1969.



Michael Morgan sat in the bow seat in the 1963 Head of the River winning 1st VIII. He would later row in the Australian VIII at the 1968 Mexico Olympics winning a silver medal. He returned to the College as a rowing coach in the 1970s and, assisted by long serving master **Bob Buntine**, would create a rowing dynasty which would last more than two decades.

The 1960s also saw the **MacDougall brothers, Graeme and Stuart**, both play for the Wallabies.

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Steve Handley rowed in the 1st VIII in 1965 and 1966. A member of the 1966 Head of the River winning crew, he went on to have an outstanding career as a senior rower for more than a decade, rowing in the Australian VIII at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. Steve later returned to the College and has been a rowing coach and mentor at the boatshed for many years.

THE MODERN ERA (1971-2013)

The modern era has seen a dramatic expansion in the growth of sport at the College. Official GPS competitions are now held for football (soccer), basketball, water polo, cross country, tennis, swimming and volleyball.

Newington won its first GPS tennis premiership in 1978 under the leadership of the inspirational Wayne Shooks. In that same year Shooks was Captain and No. 1 player in the GPS 1st Tennis team.

At the same time a remarkable period of success in the GPS tennis competition started, with the 1sts and/or 2nds winning their competitions 13 times between 1985 and 1996. In 2012 the 1sts and 2nds were both Premiers, repeating the feat of 1992.

The arrival of **Michael Morgan**, a Head of the River winner in the 1963 1st VIII and Olympic-level rower, as a rowing coach in 1974 marked the start of a new era for rowing at Newington. Between 1976 and 1998, the 1st VIII took first



Michael Morgan

place at the GPS Regatta on 10 occasions, along with second place another 10 times, and third place twice. His crews won seven National Schoolboy titles and a wide range of other trophies.

This period also saw a great expansion in the number of crews, especially at the junior level, reflecting the growing depth of interest and talent in the sport. The modern era has seen the College produce no less than 10 Olympic rowers.

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Football was introduced in the senior school in 1973. Initially junior teams were formed to play in an independent schools competition. As the boys in these teams grew, so did the sport. Newington's 1st XI, playing in 1975, was really an Under 16 team thrust into the Open ranks. Football rapidly became a popular sport among the boys. By 1997 there were 17 teams in the senior school and 12 in the preparatory schools; in 2011 there were 31 and 18 teams respectively.

Since the commencement of the official GPS Football competition commenced in 1988 the College has won 15 premierships – the 1st XI in 1989, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2006 and the 2nd XI in 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2011.



Football 1st XI

Under the guidance of **Graham Potter** and **Brian Dene** the College has produced dozens of GPS, State and National Schoolboy representatives in its short history. **Chris Triantis** (2004) would go on to play professional football for Sydney FC.

After a series of inter-school cross country meetings in the 1980s, the official GPS Cross Country competition commenced in 1988.

That year saw Newington's younger teams (Under 14 and 16) winning their Divisions in the new competition. In 2011 the Open Team gained the GPS Premiership, five Newington runners represented Combined Independent Schools in the NSW All Schools Championships, and **Morgan McDonald** (Year 12 in 2013) won the 2011 Australian National Cross Country Championships in his age event.

Basketball quickly became popular among the students and in 1971 the senior Newington team were co-premiers in the unofficial competition. Popular science master **Graham Ley** was instrumental in establishing the sport at the College and he is rightly regarded as the founding father of College basketball.

He was succeeded by **Rex Nottage** who turned the College basketball program into a GPS powerhouse with multiple premierships and a steady stream of young Old Boys graduating to College basketball in the USA.

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Newington's first GPS Basketball Championship, won by the 2nds in 1985, ushered in a glorious period of competition, with the 1sts and/or 2nds winning the competition nine times between 1989 and 1998. The 1sts were undefeated in two of these seasons, as were the 2nds in 1992. The 1sts were Premiers or Co-Premiers from 2008 to 2011 and claimed Bronze in the National Schools Championship at the end of 2011, while the 2nds were also Premiers in 2010 and 2011.

Newington has produced many outstanding individual swimmers over the history of the sport. Success in the GPS competition, however, was elusive until the 1990s. This partly reflected the involvement of many top swimmers in other summer sports: boys competing in Saturday night carnivals were often tired from their efforts during the day. Morning squad training and other initiatives in the 1990s helped to raise the profile of swimming in the school and led to a string of competition successes. These have continued most recently with premierships in the Senior division in 2011 (for the first time ever) and 2012, in the Junior division for the same years, and in the prestigious Open Relay trophy from 2010 to 2012.

Te Haumi Maxwell has set a number of College and Australian age records and is arguably the finest swimmer the College has ever produced.



Te Haumi Maxwell in action

Water Polo started at Newington in 1987, with two Under 15 teams training for the independent schools competition that was inaugurated the following year. An Open team was also formed in 1988, and a 2nds team the following year.

The completion of the indoor swimming pool, with its even depth, in 1993 provided improved facilities. The 2nds won unofficial premierships, in the form of the Willis Shield, in 1995 and 1996. Young Old Boy **James Clark**, competed in the Australian Water Polo team at the London Olympics.

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Water Polo is now played through a full combined GPS/CAS competition. Strong seasons in 2010 and 2011 saw the senior Newington teams separated from the competition winners by the narrowest of margins. In the 2012 competition, Newington had its strongest year so far: the 1sts were Champions, winning every game in the competition, the Under 16As were undefeated Premiers, and the 2nds were runners-up.

Newington first competed in the winter sport of Volleyball in the inaugural 2003 season with four other GPS schools. There has been a full GPS competition, with 1st and 2nd divisions, since 2004. Newington also competes in the NSW Schools Cup competition.

The 1sts gained second place in the 2009 and 2010 GPS competitions. In the 2012 season the 2nds had their best result ever, finishing second in the GPS competition, just a single set short of being equal premiers.

Newington continues to compete in fencing in the modern era and **Steve Auguloupis** (1983) won 10 consecutive Australian titles after leaving school.

The modern era has also seen a dramatic improvement in the College's sporting facilities. The 1990s saw a new boatshed built at Abbotsford and a new 'state of the art' sports complex built at the Stanmore campus.

The foundation sports of rugby, cricket and athletics have had much success in the modern era. Between 1972 and 1978 either the junior or senior athletics teams won the GPS carnival, whilst the rugby 1st XV won premierships in 1979, 2010 and 2012. In both 2010 and 2012 the 1st XV were undefeated Champions.

Between 1979 and 2005 no fewer than five boys went on to play rugby for the Wallabies. The most notable were long time Test Captain **Nick Farr-Jones**, who captained the Wallabies to win the 1991 Rugby World Cup and Test Captain **Phil Kearns**, who played for the Wallabies for a decade. Interestingly, both Nick and Phil played in the 2nd XV whilst at school.



Phil Abbott scoring against Grammar, 1996

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The modern era has also seen 23 boys win selection in the Australian Schoolboys rugby team. **Phil Abbott** was selected twice in 1996 and 1997 and **Hugh Roach** was selected twice in 2009 and 2010. Hugh was capped 11 times and remains the most capped Australian Schoolboy player.

The coveted “Triple Badge” has been awarded four times in the modern era to **Michael Mannix** in 1981, **Jason Reilly** in 1998, **Lachlan Turner** in 2005 and **Oscar Pryor Lees** in 2012.

If anyone qualifies as a modern day superstar it is **Lachlan Turner**. Best known for his professional rugby career with the NSW Waratahs and the Wallabies, Lachlan had a stellar sporting career at the College.

Lachlan played for three years in the rugby 1st XV, 2 years in the 1st XI cricket, and two years in the Senior Athletics teams. He was Captain of all three sports in 2005 and played rugby for the Australian Schoolboys. He twice won the Harry Kershaw Cup in 2004 and 2005 and won the Warry Cup in 2005. Lachlan and his father also have the honour of holding current College athletics records, albeit records which were set 40 years apart. Lachlan holds the College record for the 110 metre hurdles which he set in 2005. His father Warren’s long jump record, which was set in 1962, also remains unbroken to this day.

Cricket has tasted success with the 1st XI winning the GPS premiership no less than six times, being 1970, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1999 and 2003. Two of the most influential players of the modern era are **Nathan Ashley** (1991) and **Troy Stanley** (1995). Both Nathan and Troy scored three centuries for the 1st XI, with Nathan scoring a titanic 167 not out against King’s.

No mention of the modern era would be complete without mentioning the achievements of all the summer sports in 1992. For the first time ever, the College gained a clean sweep of all eight summer GPS sport premierships. 1sts and 2nds premierships were won by tennis, cricket, basketball and rowing.



Newington crowd cheering 1st XV Champions, 2010

1992

A very special sporting Year

In 1992, Newington College created a GPS record in the 100th Anniversary year of AAGPS sport, that will never be beaten and may never be matched by any other school.

In the summer season of 1992, Newington's GPS sporting teams, both 1sts and 2nds, won all eight premierships outright in all four sports, cricket, basketball, tennis and rowing achieving a clean sweep of all trophies for the first time in GPS history.

This achievement is a credit to the Headmaster **Tony Rae**, the Sportsmaster **Ian McLean**, the Masters in Charge of each sport, the coaches of each team and of course the boys. The fact that this achievement included all four summer sports, highlighted the depth of talent of the teams and the excitement generated encompassed the entire College.

The 1992 GPS Basketball teams were undefeated for the first time in Newington's history. The 1st's were Champions and broke many records throughout the season. The 2nd's won their first competition game against Scots by only one point but went from strength to strength to win the premiership.

The Cricket 1st and 2nd XI were both premiers. The 1st's had many tight matches, none more so than the final battle against St. Joseph's College. Needing to win outright, they came from behind in the first innings to victory. The 2nd XI showed they were a premiership team, having a substantial lead going into the final

match against St Joseph's and fighting hard to avoid an outright defeat in front of a very patriotic Joeys crowd which knew that a victory to them would deny a Newington clean sweep.

The Tennis teams included boys from Years 7 to 12 and won their premierships playing teams that were often much older and more experienced.

In Rowing, the 1st and 2nd XIII's felt the pressure of winning both events to achieve the 8 out of 8 record on the last Saturday of the Summer Sport Season out on the Nepean River. The 1st XIII was a champion crew and gave Newington its fourth successive Head of the River trophy. The 2nd XIII were a crew of Year 11 boys and showed the way with a solid victory.

To add to these record summer achievements, the GPS swimming relay team and rifle shooting teams won their respective competitions.

The winter season teams also enjoyed success. The 2nd XV Rugby team were Joint Premiers. The 1st XI Soccer team were crowned GPS champions and became the first GPS school to achieve the "double" by winning the NSW Independent School's Cup.

Overall, Newington won a record 11 out of 15 GPS competitions by the end of 1992.

We are delighted that members of the Class of 1992, led by John Venetoulis, will present a jersey to the College to recognise their achievements at the 150 Years of Sport Lunch today.

The
Finan
Family

Three Generations

One of the first group of Tongan students who came to Newington in 1896, Moulton ('Moulton', also known as 'Dave' at school) Finau was the first of three generations of outstanding sportsmen with the name of Finau. Moulton Finau, who remained at Newington until 1901, was a member of the 1st XI for five years, the 1st XV for four years and the Rifle Team for three years. This included the premiershipteam-winning rugby and cricket teams of 1900. He was awarded a "Triple Badge" twice, as well as a rugby Honour Cap, and was selected for the Combined GPS 1st XI in at least two seasons.

Moulton Finau's son, Lupeti, was another great all-rounder. At Newington from 1933 to 1936, he entered both the 1st XI and 1st XV in his first year at the school. As well as the 1st XI, he was selected for the Combined GPS 1st XI in 1934 and 1935. Sadly, illness prevented him from playing in the 1st XV during those years. He was an outstanding athlete, winning a succession of events at the School Sports for each year he was at Newington and winning the Warry Cup for Open Athletics Champion in 1934. At the GPS Sports he won the Open Shot Put twice and the Open Hurdles three times. His sportsmanship and school spirit were recognised with the award of the Old Boys' Prize and the William Horner Fletcher Prize.

Sitiveni ("Steve") Finau rivalled his father's and grandfather's sporting records at Newington. Coming to Newington in 1956, he was a member

of the 1st XI, 1st XV and Senior Athletics teams three years in a row, and was selected for the Combined GPS 1st XV in 1965. He won Athletics and Rugby Colours twice, as well as Cricket Colours. He was especially successful as an athlete, winning the McKimm Cup for Under 14 Champion and the Warry Cup. At the GPS Athletics in 1966, he emulated his father by winning the hurdles and the shot put; he was also the College's discus champion for two years. The ONU Service Prize for Athletics recognised his behind-the-scenes contribution to the sport.



Steve Finau, Moulton Finau and other Old Boys, 1963

The
Turner
Family

Father and Son

Warren Turner, who attended Newington from 1958 to 1962, was another great all-rounder, with a particular passion for athletics. He was a member of the Senior Athletics team for three years, was awarded Athletics Colours and won the Moulton Cup for Under 16 Champion and the Warry Cup. At the GPS Athletics in 1962 he won both the hurdles and the broad (long) jump. His services to the sport over these years were recognised with the ONU Service Prize in 1962. In other sports he played in the 1st XI for two years and in the 1st XV in 1962, winning Rugby Dates for that year. Warren's son, Lachlan ('Lachie') Turner, has been one of Newington's most outstanding sportsmen of recent years and remains a prominent first grade rugby player. At Newington for his secondary schooling from 2000 to 2005, he was a member of the 1st XV for three years and of the 1st XI and Senior Athletics teams for two years. He has the remarkable distinction of having been Captain of all three sports in 2005, also winning Triple Colours that year. He was the College's Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Open (Warry Cup) Athletics Champion and was awarded the Harry Kershaw Cup for best all-round sportsman two years in a row. After being selected for the GPS Rugby Reserves in 2004, he played with the GPS 1st XV and the Australian Rugby Schoolboys the following year. The award of the ONU Service Prize for Cricket and of the William Horner Fletcher Prize for Public Spirit and Service in his final year is an indication of his off-field contribution to Newington and its sporting life.



Lachie Turner visiting Wyvern House



Athletics

Undoubtedly the students took part in athletic exercises from the very start of the College, but Newington's first athletic sports meeting is recorded as taking place in December 1866. There is a detailed newspaper account of the annual sports meeting of 1868, in which the events included a three-legged race, 'throwing at the wicket' and a 'Wild-goose Chase', as well as more conventional events. Novelty events remained a feature of the annual carnivals until the 1930s.

The Warry Cup, awarded each year to the College's champion Open athlete, has its origin in the College Cup, first known to have been awarded in 1884. It was renamed in memory of Victor Warry (ON 1914) who was killed in the First World War.

The Annual Sports Day became a major event on the College's calendar, both from the sporting perspective and as a social gathering for the students and their families and friends. The introduction of the House system in 1932 brought House competition into the annual athletics meeting. In 1946, an Easter Sports carnival was added to the calendar, in which every student was required to compete in at least one event. The Annual Sports continued later in the year, with a focus on the championship events. A series of invitation and other multi-school carnivals led to the annual GPS Championships in October.

After a hiatus, the Easter Sports were revived in 1964, in conjunction with an Athletics Standards Scheme. The purpose of the scheme was to encourage participation by all students, regardless of their athletic talents. The improvement in participation and skills was a significant factor in Newington's successes in the GPS championships in the following decade, in which the College won seven championships, Senior or Junior, in a row between 1972 and 1978.

In 1988 the athletics season was changed from the second half of the year to the first half, as a result of the introduction of the four-term year. One benefit was a reduction in the number of rugby injuries affecting promising athletes.

Athletics remains a prominent sport at Newington, with the College's Senior Team becoming GPS Champions in 2012.

The official GPS Athletics competition commenced in 1892. The competition was divided into two levels, Senior and Junior, in 1912. A third level, Intermediate, has been added recently

GPS PREMIERSHIPS

Junior: 1917, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1925, 1928, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977

Senior: 1972, 1978, 2012

Athletics Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Captain	Greg Halpin (C)	1973
Sprints	Nigel Barker	1901
Sprints	Roger Pollett	1978
Sprints	Jim Maiden	1880s
Sprints	Roy Cripps	1917
Sprints	William Feggans	1968
Sprints	Josh Ralph	2009
Mid Dist	Daryl Latter	1960
Mid Dist	Philip Purcell	1966
Mid Dist	Ian Cameron	1971
Mid Dist	Peter Farr-Jones	1978
Mid Dist	Jack Hiscox	2012
Mid Dist	Neville Payne	1980
Hurdles	Lachlan Turner	2005
Hurdles	George Maiden	1880s
Hurdles	Lupeti Finau	1936
Shot Put	William Meywes	1978
Shot Put	Tepai Moeroa	2013
Shot Put	Steve Finau	1966
Long Jump	Lachlan Little	2012
Long Jump	Warren Turner	1962
Long Jump	Roy Cripps	1917
High Jump	Stephen Rae	1978

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
High Jump	Frank Wiseman	1922
High Jump	Rob Lanceley	1996
Coach	Gary Knoke	Staff
Coach	John Giuffre	Staff



Basketball

A Basketball Club was established at Newington in 1967. The College first fielded teams in an unofficial competition with five other Sydney schools in 1969.

The sport quickly became popular among the students and in 1971 the senior Newington team were co-premiers in the unofficial competition. The following year the 1sts team adopted their first uniform (until then they had worn their PE shirts), followed by the other teams in 1973. Later in the decade, permanent courts were laid out near the Resources Centre, now demolished.

Newington's first GPS Championship, won by the 2nds in 1985, ushered in a glorious period of competition, with the 1sts and/or 2nds winning the competition nine times between 1989 and 1998. The 1sts were undefeated in two of these seasons, as were the 2nds in 1992.

The completion of the Physical Education Centre in 1993 provided more basketball courts; Newington now has five courts. Basketball remains a popular sport at Newington and its teams are highly competitive.

The 1sts were Premiers or Co-Premiers from 2008 to 2011 and claimed Bronze in the National Schools Championship at the end of 2011, while the 2nds were also Premiers in 2010 and 2011.

The official GPS Basketball competition commenced in 1975, with both First and Second Grade trophies.

GPS PREMIERSHIPS

1st: 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

2nd: 1985, 1989, 1991, 1992, 2005, 2010, 2011

Basketball Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Guard	Daniel Hill	2011
Guard	Lachlan Urwin	2011
Guard	Justin Bosilkovski	2005
Guard	James Wang	2005
Forward	Cameron Stewart	2011
Forward	Guy Ammit	1987
Forward	Tim Purcell	1996
Forward	Luke Devlin (C)	2009
Centre	Nick Kay	2010
Centre	Lewis Holey	2012
Centre	Alan Massey	1998
Centre	Steve David	2008
Coach	Rex Nottage	Staff
Coach	Graham Ley	Staff



Cricket

Cricket has been played at Newington since the College's earliest days at Silverwater. Initially school teams played ad hoc matches against other schools and local clubs. Indeed cricket at Newington was organised as a club, with Masters and former students able to play in the school's teams.

Two prominent cricketers to emerge from Newington in the 1860s were Edwin 'Ted' Evans and Tom Garrett, both of whom subsequently played for Australia. Jack and Jim Cleeve played for NSW while still at school in the 1880s. John Morris 'Johnny' Taylor (ON 1915), Newington's most famous cricketer, played seven seasons in the College's 1st XI and subsequently played twenty Tests between 1920 and 1926.

The annual rhythm of regular cricket competition was broken by the influenza epidemic of 1919, when most inter-school matches were cancelled and Newington played only one match. It was in this match that Ernest 'Lully' Newman (ON 1921) scored a record 297 not out.

Cricket remained the principal summer sport at Newington, but success in the GPS competition largely eluded the College until 1970, when both the 1sts and 2nds were Premiers. Despite competition from the newer summer sports, the 1990s represent Newington's 'golden age' of GPS competition. The 1sts and/or 2nds finished as Premiers in seven seasons between 1990 and 1996, with the 2nds undefeated in

1995. This period also saw a series of overseas tours by Newington teams in a range of age groups, a tradition which continues today.

An Old Boys' cricket club started in 1887, eight years before the foundation of the Old Newingtonians' Union. It was revived in 1931 as the Wyvern Cricket Club, which has continued, with varying levels of activity, into the recent era.

The official GPS Cricket competition commenced in 1893. As early as 1897 there were 1st and 2nd Grade competitions, while a trophy was instituted for the 2nds competition in 1915.

GPS PREMIERSHIPS

1st XI: 1893, 1900, 1911, 1913, 1914, 1927, 1970, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1999, 2003

2nd XI: 1900, 1921, 1958, 1970, 1978, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996

Cricket Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
1	Troy Stanley	1995
2	Ashley Campbell	1900
3	Johnny Taylor (C)	1915
4	Ernest Newman	1921
5	Thomas Garrett	1871
6	Nathan Ashley	1991
7	Hugh Taylor	1913
8	Arthur Brown	1900
9	Walter Brown	1918
10	Frank Dockrey	1951
11	Edwin Evans	1867
12	Moulton Finau	1901
Reserves	Russell Waugh	1958
Reserves	Jack Cleeve	1880s
Reserves	Jim Cleeve	1880s
Coach	Ben Jarvie	Staff
Coach	Paul Bourke	Staff



Cross Country

Cross country races were inaugurated within the College in 1937. These were primarily a component of inter-House sporting competition.

For most of the period since then, cross country races have taken place around the College grounds and in the streets surrounding the Stanmore campus. The availability of the Sydney Olympic Park after the 2000 Olympics provided a much improved venue for training and competition.

After a series of inter-school cross country meetings in the 1980s, the official GPS Cross Country competition commenced in 1988. That year saw Newington's younger teams (Under 14 and 16) winning their Divisions in the new competition. In 2011 the Open Team gained the GPS Premiership, five Newington runners represented Combined Independent Schools in the NSW All Schools Championships, and Morgan McDonald (Year 12 in 2013) won the 2011 Australian National Cross Country Championships in his age event.

GPS PREMIERSHIPS

Open: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2011

Under 16: 1988, 1993, 2000, 2004

Under 14: 1988, 1989, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009

Cross Country Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Cross Country	Morgan McDonald	2013
Cross Country	David Dreverman	2002
Cross Country	Greg Bennett	1989
Cross Country	Joshua Ralph	2009
Coach	Doug Anderson	Staff



Fencing

Fencing was first taught at Newington in the 1880s as an 'extra' subject. In 1884, it was reported that a Fencing Club had been started by the School Sergeant 'some time ago'. It was not until 1978, however, that fencing was revived as a sport at the College.

Initially, instruction took place at lunchtimes and participation was limited to students in Year 10 and above. In 1982 Newington students entered the NSW Schools Championships for the first time and in 1986 took part in their first match against another school. In 1986 also, the 1sts team came third in the NSW Boys' High School Foil Team Championship; they came second in the Championship the following year and won the NSW Academy of Fencing's All Hallows Trophy.

The development of the sport had been remarkably rapid. A high point was reached in 1989 when the 1sts won all their competitions, including the Australian Schoolboys' Fencing Team Championship. They won the same title the next year and the team members received Fencing Colours for the first time. Newington fencers won the trophy for Best Boy Fencer in the NSW Fencing League in four out of the five years between 1989 and 1993.

The captain of the sport at Newington is called the 'Captain of Foils', reflecting the fact that fencers at the College use the foil, rather than the other fencing weapons, the sabre and the épée.

Fencing is not an official GPS sport. Newington, like other schools, competes in the schoolboy divisions of the state and national competitions.

Fencing Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
	Steve Augoloupis	1983
	Tristan Chan	1990
	Bradburn Turner	1990
	David Baker (C)	2003
Coach	Simon Jin	Staff



Football

It is likely that students kicked footballs around the open spaces of Newington House at Silverwater during the earliest years of the College. From 1869, however, rugby was the established football code.

The first game of football (called Soccer until 2006) known to have been played at Newington took place in 1915 when a group of visiting British soldiers was invited to put on a match, reportedly providing 'rather an unusual spectacle'.

Football began as a sport at Newington with 'Country versus City' matches among the Wyvern House boarders in the early 1960s. By 1966 teams from the Killara Preparatory School were playing against other schools. Football was introduced in the senior school in 1973 on the recommendation of Headmaster Tony Rae. Initially junior teams were formed to play in an independent schools competition. As the boys in these teams grew, so did the sport. Newington's 1st XI, playing in 1975, was really an Under 16 team thrust into the Open ranks. Football rapidly became a popular sport among the boys. By 1997 there were 17 teams in the senior school and 12 in the preparatory schools; in 2011 there were 31 and 18 teams respectively.

By 1988 all the GPS schools had football teams, enabling an official competition to commence that year. Newington's 1st XI won its first GPS

Premiership in 1989, starting something of a golden age for the sport. Between 1989 and 1998, the 1sts and/or 2nds were GPS Premiers or Co-Premiers on ten occasions.

Indoor soccer, now known formally as FUTSAL, has been played in the Preparatory Schools since the 1990s.

The official GPS Football competition commenced in 1988.

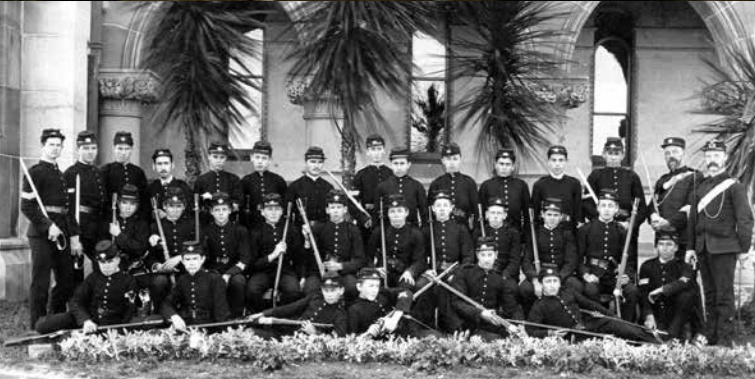
GPS PREMIERSHIPS

1st XI: 1989, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2006

2nd XI: 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2011

Football Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Goal Keeper	Max Bowen	1986
Defender	Harry Adamou	1985
Defender	Jordan Townsend	2011
Defender	Luke Gearin	2009
Defender	James Holland	2013
Midfielder	Robert Morrison	2007
Midfielder	George Zabetakis (C)	1992
Midfielder	Andrew Peros	1998
Midfielder	Adrian Collins	1996
Striker	Callum McGrouther	2010
Striker	Nikt Wong	1989
RESERVES		
Goal Keeper	Iain Whitehead	1993
Defender	Robert Orth	1989
Midfielder	Richard Amer (Ellis)	1994
Striker	Dane Rampe	2008
Coach	Brian Dene	Staff
Coach	Graham Potter	Staff



Rifle Shooting

Rifle shooting started as a sport at Newington soon after the formation of the College's Cadet Corps in 1869.

Initially rifle shooting was organised through a Rifle Club which competed against other schools, amateur clubs and even regular and volunteer military units. There was a close connection with the Cadet Corps: while Cadets did not have to join the Rifle Club, only Cadets were permitted to join. Later the club was split into senior and junior divisions, with a Carbine Club (carbines were short rifles used by the younger Cadets) for the junior boys. Masters serving as officers in the Corps could also compete, though not always with beneficial results.

Newington's first school match was won against Camden College in 1869. The next year Newington's 'mere schoolboys' defeated a crack team of Royal Marines from the visiting HMS Galatea. In addition to matches against other individual schools, teams and units, Newington regularly entered the NSW Rifle Association's competitions, winning the Schools' Challenge divisions at least ten times before the start of GPS competition. Between 1898 and 1911 Newington had a remarkable record of success, winning the senior competition in twelve of those fourteen years.

During the period up to the First World War, rifle shooting had as high a status in the College as cricket and rugby. Separated from the Cadets,

rifle shooting continued after the war, though generally with a lower profile. A miniature rifle range was constructed in the mid-1950s, being replaced by an enclosed range in 1983.

After a hiatus in the 1970s, rifle shooting was reintroduced in 1980, using small bore target rifles in place of the venerable .303s. Helped by the new indoor range, Newington soon became a dominant participant in the GPS Small Bore competitions, with seventeen premierships among three grades between 1985 and 1997. In 2012 the College re-entered the Large Bore competition.

The official GPS Rifle Shooting competition commenced in 1905, but Schools Challenge premierships were counted in members' GPS records back to the start of the GPS in 1893. A 2nds competition was added in 1917.

PREMIERSHIPS

Large Bore: 1894, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1933, 1934, 1935

Small Bore 1st: 1985, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008

Small Bore 2nd: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002

Small Bore Under 16: 1995, 1996, 2002

Rifle Shooting Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
	Hector Kennedy	1880s
	Moulton Finau	1901
	Thomas Parker	1900s
	Otto Robertson (C)	1913
	Ian Potts	1937
	Graham Wells	1956
	Peter Maundrell	1963
	Alexander James	1987
	Aleks Strikis	1998
	Evangelos Kalyvas	1999
	Alex Mandat	2003
	Brayden White	2005
Coach	Charles Buchanan	Staff



Rowing

Newington was late among the GPS schools in introducing rowing as a sport. The GPS had started competition in rowing in 1893, a year after its formation.

Newington entered two fours in the GPS regatta of 1920. It entered the eight competition for the first time in 1921 in spectacular fashion, winning the 'Head of the River' race.

Initially the school used the Sydney Rowing Club's shed, but the original Glasson Boatshed at Abbotsford was built in 1925 following fundraising and a major donation. It was replaced by a new boatshed in 1994.

The rowing season as we know it now gradually took shape over the early decades, with initial training and regattas before the end of each year, followed by intense training and a series of invitation and other regattas in the New Year, culminating in the GPS Regatta. Newington introduced its own invitation regatta in 1967.

The GPS Regatta was initially held on the Parramatta River, moving to the Nepean River at Penrith in 1936. In 1996 it moved to the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith Lakes.

Newington's second Head of the River win came in 1947 and its third in 1963. There was a series of wins in the other GPS grades in the 1950s and 1960s. The arrival of Michael Morgan (ON 1964), an Olympic-level rower, as a coach in 1974 marked the start of a new era for rowing at Newington. Between 1976 and 1998,

the 1st VIII took first place at the GPS Regatta on ten occasions, along with second place another ten times, and third place twice. His crews won seven National Schoolboy titles and a wide range of other trophies. This period also saw a great expansion in the number of crews, especially at the junior level, reflecting the growing depth of interest and talent in the sport.

The official GPS Rowing competition commenced in 1893 with an VIII and a IV competition. 2nd IV (1918), Third IV (1920) and Fourth IV (1927) competitions were subsequently added, while a 2nd VIII competition was added in 1968. In 2001 a Third VIII and three Year 10 VIII competitions were added, followed by a Fourth Year 10 competition in 2009. A range of other junior crews also compete.

PREMIERSHIPS

1st VIII: 1921, 1947, 1963, 1966, 1976, 1977, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1998

2nd VIII: 1968, 1972, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1996, 2011

1st IV: 1925, 1927, 1951, 1957, 1967, 1982

2nd IV: 1970, 1993

3rd IV: 1964, 1966, 1968, 1990, 1993

4th IV: 1980, 1981

1st Year 10 VIII: 2001, 2010

Rowing Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
1	Steve Handley (C)	1974
2	Rob Jahrling	1992
3	James Chapman	1997
4	James Stewart	1991
5	Geoff Stewart	1991
6	Stephen Stewart	1995
7	Richard Wearne	1989
8	Matt Long	1993
Cox	Piak Moses	1991
Coach	Michael Morgan	1964
	Bob Buntine	Staff
	Tom Chessell	1931



Rugby

Newington's first rugby match was against the Sydney University Club in 1869 and was reportedly the first match in Australia by a regular school team. With rugby still in its formative years, the match was played with a round ball and twenty players per side. The following year saw Newington's first match against another school (King's), reportedly the first inter-school match.

Starting with King's and Grammar, Newington's teams played against a growing group of schools until the start of official GPS competition in 1892. Games were also played against a range of local clubs, including the University club. As with cricket and rifle shooting in this period, rugby was organised as a club, with Masters and Old Boys able to play. During much of this early period '...football was distinguished more by brilliant individual effort than by concerted action', but from around 1890 systematic training and coaching were the norm.

The traditional shape of the rugby season, with a series of trial and other non-competition matches followed by the GPS competition rounds, was settled early. In the first decades of the GPS competition, however, each school normally played each other school twice, rather than the once of today.

Until the advent of soccer (now called Football) in the 1970s, rugby was the dominant winter sport at Newington: the great majority of

Newington boys played rugby until this time. This common experience over such a long period of time has made the rugby tradition at Newington strong and enduring. As Sir Iven Mackay (ON 1900) wrote in 1938: 'Only fifteen boys can play in the first team, but all boys who play whole-heartedly, whatever the grade, can derive from their football a full measure of exercise, enjoyment, a sense of fairness and a manly outlook.'

The tradition was celebrated in 1970 when Newington and The King's School marked the centenary of the inaugural inter-school match with ceremony and forty-five matches between the schools' teams.

Rugby at Newington remains strong, with 26 senior school teams and eleven teams from the preparatory schools competing in 2011. GPS premierships, while not numerous, have been spread across the history of the school, while the current strength of the game is reflected in the 1st XV's Premierships in 2010 and 2012, in both cases as 'GPS Champions': undefeated in the GPS season. The official GPS Rugby competition commenced in 1892. A 2nd Grade trophy was introduced in 1913.

PREMIERSHIPS

1st XV: 1896, 1900, 1911, 1912, 1953, 1961, 1979, 2010, 2012

2nd XV: 1963, 1964, 1966, 1987, 1992, 1993

Rugby Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Front Row	Roy Prosser	1959
Hooker	Hugh Roach	2010
Front Row	Stuart MacDougall	1965
Lock	Alan Cameron	1947
Lock	Hugh Taylor	1913
Blinside Flanker	Joel Luani	2010
Openside Flanker	Tim Law	1979
No. 8	Aub Hodgson	1929
Half	Sandy Pearson	1936
Fly Half	Johnny Taylor	1915
Wing	Brian James	1960
Inside Centre	Apolosi Latunipulu (C)	2010
Outside Centre	David Cowper	1927
Wing	Lachlan Turner	2005
Fullback	Steve Finau	1966
Res	Bruce Judd	1924
Res	Jim Brown	1951
Res	Graeme MacDougall	1958
Res	Mark Baldwin	2010
Res	Iven MacKay	1900
Res	Frank Dockrey	1951
Res	Michael Mannix	1981

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Res	Nigel Barker	1901
Coach	B Gill	1991
Coach	R Hille	Staff



Swimming

Recreational swimming was a part of outdoor life at the College's first home at Silverwater. In October 1863, the acting Headmaster, James Egan Moulton, nearly drowned while swimming in a nearby creek and was rescued by two students.

A Swimming Bath was constructed in 1894. While suitable for recreation and swimming lessons, it was too small for competition and serious training. These activities took place off-site. A new outdoor swimming pool was completed in 1969, while a small pool was also available at the new Lindfield Preparatory School opened in 1967. These modern facilities enabled much greater participation in swimming at Newington. Facilities improved again with the Stanmore pool's replacement by a heated indoor 25 metre pool and adjacent learning pool as a part of the Physical Education Centre opened in 1993.

Newington has produced many outstanding individual swimmers over the history of the sport. Success in the GPS competition, however, was elusive until the 1990s. This partly reflected the involvement of many top swimmers in other summer sports: boys competing in Saturday night carnivals were often tired from their efforts during the day.

Morning squad training and other initiatives in the 1990s helped to raise the profile of swimming in the school and led to a string of

competition successes. These have continued most recently with premierships in the Senior division in 2011 (for the first time ever) and 2012, in the Junior division for the same years, and in the prestigious Open Relay trophy from 2010 to 2012.

Between 1903 and 1921 All Schools races were held over various distances at each School's Swimming Carnival. Official GPS competition started in 1922 via a GPS Relay at each school's swimming carnival. Newington's first Swimming Carnival was held in 1933. Full unofficial competition started in 1987; the official GPS competition started in 2000 and was split into Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions in 2006.

PREMIERSHIPS

Open Relay: 2001, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Senior: 2011, 2012

Intermediate: 2008, 2009, 2010

Junior: 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012

Swimming Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Swimmer	Michael Bradford	1970
Swimmer	Alan Cheung	1990
Swimmer	Ian Sarno	2008
Swimmer	Warwick Bowes	1963
Swimmer	Te Haumi Maxwell (C)	2013
Swimmer	Bruce Havilah	1980
Swimmer	Harrison Pullinger	2010
Swimmer	Lachlan Reid	2011
Swimmer	Luke Pavasovic	2005
Diver	Grant McGregor	1977
Coach	Jeff Snare	Staff
Coach	Evan Deane	Staff



Tennis

Newington set up its first tennis court in the 1880s, laid out in the paddock where the day boys kept their horses. It was reportedly so uneven that '...masters refused to play in case they should break their ankles'. An improved lawn court was laid out soon after. The College's first inter-school tennis match took place in 1887 and a second court was constructed.

A Tennis Club operated in the 1890s and organised tournaments in which additional courts were marked out on the cricket oval. For many decades, however, the sport was largely confined to internal competitions, including House competitions and Boarders vs Day Boys, and recreation. A Tennis Committee was established in 1932 and inter-school competitions took place during the 1930s.

The construction of two new courts behind the Parsonage near Stanmore Road in 1956 provided a boost for the game, but these remained the only ones available for some years. In 1963 tennis was formally recognised as an alternative school sport as part of Headmaster Douglas Trathen's goal of widening the choice of sports. A team was entered in an unofficial schools' competition. Two more courts were added in 1971 and, with the start of GPS competition the following year, systematic efforts were made to build up the standard of play at Newington.

Newington won its first GPS tennis premiership in 1978. Facilities were further improved with the construction of a tennis pavilion, named in memory of Simon Stiles, a member of the 1978 team who had died in 1985. At the same time a remarkable period of success in the GPS competition started, with the 1sts and/or 2nds winning their competitions 13 times between 1985 and 1996. In 2012 the 1sts and 2nds were both Premiers, repeating the feat of 1992.

The official GPS Tennis competition commenced in 1972, with trophies for the 1st and 2nd Grades.

PREMIERSHIPS

1st: 1978, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2012

2nd: 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2012

Tennis Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Tennis	Kerry Trollope	1961
Tennis	Wayne Shooks (C)	1978
Tennis	Vaughan Connor	1986
Tennis	Andrew Bates	1989
Tennis	Steve Randjelovic	1992
Tennis	Akram Zaman	1996
Tennis	Harrison Lombe	2012
Tennis	James Palmer	2012
Coach	John Brown	Staff
Coach	Peter Robertson	Staff



Volleyball

Newington first competed in the winter sport of Volleyball in the inaugural 2003 season with four other GPS schools. There has been a full GPS competition, with 1st and 2nd divisions, since 2004. Newington also competes in the NSW Schools Cup competition.

The 1sts gained second place in the 2009 and 2010 GPS competitions. In the 2012 season the 2nds had their best result ever, finishing second in the GPS competition, just a single set short of being equal premiers.



Water Polo

Water Polo started at Newington in 1987, with two Under 15 teams training for the independent schools competition that was inaugurated the following year. An Open team was also formed in 1988, and a 2nds team the following year. In 1989, also, the Under 16As won the NSW Waterpolo Inc. Shield. This and other early successes in the new competition quickly established a solid basis for the sport at Newington. An unusual experience in these early days was the presence of girls in a Barker College team.

The completion of the indoor swimming pool, with its even depth, in 1993 provided improved facilities. The 2nds won unofficial premierships, in the form of the Willis Shield, in 1995 and 1996.

Water Polo is now played through a full combined GPS/CAS competition. Strong seasons in 2010 and 2011 saw the senior Newington teams separated from the competition winners by the narrowest of margins. In the 2012 competition, Newington had its strongest year so far: the 1sts were Champions, winning every game in the competition, the Under 16As were undefeated Premiers, and the 2nds were runners-up.

PREMIERSHIPS

1st XIII: 1990, 1991, 2001, 2007, 2012

2nd XIII: 1995, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2007

Under 16: 1989, 1990, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012

Water Polo Dream Team

POSITION	NAME	YEAR
Water Polo	Ben Barrett	2002
Water Polo	Nick Barrett	2005
Water Polo	Peter Blanch	2002
Water Polo	James Clark	2008
Water Polo	Reed Cotterill	2012
Water Polo	Dino Dongas	1995
Water Polo	Sean Green	1992
Water Polo	Matt Hannan	2011
Water Polo	Anthony Hrysanthos (C)	2013
Water Polo	Peter Miller	2007
Water Polo	James Smith	2013
Water Polo	Jeremy Van Asperen	1998
Water Polo	Ben Zonaras	2007
Coach	Ian Trent	Staff



Other Sports

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Evidence indicates that an early form of Australian Rules Football was played at Newington in the late 1860s prior to the introduction of rugby. In recent years teams from Newington's Preparatory Schools have participated in the NSW/ACT AFL Paul Kelly Cup primary schools' competition.

BOXING

Boxing was initially introduced as a sport for the Boarders in the 1930s. Regular competitions, extended to include Day Boys, were held into the 1950s.

CROSS FIT

The Cross Fit program, subsequently named Newfit, was introduced as an alternative to team sports at the start of 2012.

CYCLING

A Bicycle Club was established at Newington in 1885. Over the next few years, members participated in schools' and club competitions, along with day trips and 'moonlight runs' on their penny farthings, 'safety bicycles' and hybrid 'kangaroos'.

GOLF

Golf was established as a school sport in 1958. For the following several years, teams and individual golfers competed successfully in District and State schoolboy competitions.

GYMNASTICS

From the time that Newington built its original gymnasium in 1890, gymnastics were part of physical education. For some decades, a display by the College's gymnastics team was a feature of Speech Days.

JUDO

Judo became a part of the sporting program at Newington in 2002. Participants do not compete with other schools, but engage in friendly bouts to test the skills that they have learnt.

SAILING

A Sailing Club was formed in 1966, holding a regatta with twelve boats that year. Unfortunately the Club was short-lived.

Other Sports

SNOWSPORTS

Covering skiing and snowboarding, snowsports first became a sport at Newington in the 1990s. Following a hiatus of more than a decade, Newington returned to the NSW Interschools Competition in 2009

SOFTBALL

Softball started as a school sport at the (then) Killara Preparatory School, with the first interschool matches being played in 1961. In more recent decades it has become popular as a summer sport at both Preparatory Schools.

SQUASH

Squash was initially introduced as a sport in 1968. Re-introduced in 1972, squash was discontinued after several years, due to the difficulties associated with not having courts available on campus.

TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis has long been a popular recreational sport at Newington, notably among the boarders. An internal competition is known to have existed from 1953 to 1977, but not at the inter-school level.

TEEBALL

A game derived from baseball designed for children, Teeball was introduced in Wyvern House in 1989 and has since been a popular sport for younger boys at both Preparatory Schools.

TUG OF WAR

An Olympic sport between 1900 and 1920, tug of war bouts were a regular feature of sports carnivals and rugby matches at Newington throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



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