

# Elite 9's Rugby League

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March the 13 and 15 years Rugby League teams played in the Elite School's 9's Gala Day at Cabramatta Oval. Year 7 students were keen and excited as this was their first opportunity to represent the school in their TSP sport. 3 teams were entered: 13A, 13B, and 15 years.

## 13A

**First up** was Ashcroft. After a few minutes it was evident that the Hills team were the dominant side, but they still needed to ensure a good win. Full time score: 20 – 4.

**Game 2** – Again facing a weaker side, Illawarra B, Hills were quick to score. Full time score: 26 – 0.

**Game 3** – A tougher opponent this time – Matraville. Although a smaller team they could pass the ball around and the Hills defence had a job to do. Matraville score first and at half time the score was 4 – 4. A motivated side returned for the second half and at full time the score was 14 – 4 – Hills victorious again.

**Game 4** – The last of the pool matches against Endeavour.....

**Semi-Final** -As winners of the pool we faced the 2<sup>nd</sup> place of pool B – Illawarra A team. An even matched game throughout. The boys were getting frustrated and the game was tight, 0-0 at half time. In the second half both teams lifted to play some outstanding football but both sides had strong defence and at full time the score remained at 0-0. A tense few minutes followed. Each team checked to rule book to predict the decision. The officials called both team managers over. First try score goes into the final .... There was no score. Penalty count....that was equal. First penalty awarded .... That team was.... The Hills!!! Not a great way to win but .....we were in the Final and the boys were excited to say the least.

**The final** was against Westfields, a very big strong team. They scored in the first few minutes and our boys looked tired and dejected. But they played hard, but couldn't break the defence of Westfields. At half time the score was 12-0 but the boys were still confident. After some big attempts Westfields proved too strong. Final score:26-0. Not a great way to end a very successful day. The boys never gave up and all players put in 100%. A great effort overall finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their first event for 2009.

## **13 B**

**Game 1** against Westfields. A tough start but a promising one with all boys playing with a great deal of enthusiasm. 2 great tries against a much bigger side. Final score 26-8 to Westfields

**Game 2** Vs Hunter The boys struggled to gain possession but worked hard for the entire game. Final score 30-0 to Hunter

**Game 3** Vs Engadine - After 2 tough losses the boys were motivated and keen for a win. They played with great enthusiasm and put on some big runs to take out the game 18-4. A great win!

**Game 4** Vs Illawarra A – The team was confident coming off their win and ran onto the field ready for a big game, still a chance to come second in the pool with a big win here. It was not meant to be. The opposition were tough and took out the game .....