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AND
THE ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA**

A TEN YEAR HISTORY OF GIRLS SPORT

The Co-Educational schools from the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria (AGSV) and the Associated Public Schools (APS) are proud to celebrate ten years of combined Girls' Sporting Competition. Since 2000 the Co-Educational Schools belonging to the APS and AGSV have combined to provide an outstanding sporting competition for the girls at their respective schools. This competition continues to grow in the number of participants and sports. The competition has successfully provided well organised, competitive games for girls of various abilities and ages. The twelve schools are confident that the competition will continue to flourish and expand over the coming years.

A brief history of the competition shows that girls in the APS had been playing sport against each other since the 1980s and the APS Co-Educational schools were looking to expand the competition by the late 1990s. The Geelong schools led the way in co-education with girls fully integrated from the start to the finish in both schools in the 1970s. At Caulfield Grammar School and Wesley College the girls competed in Firsts teams as separate campuses and both of these schools were keen to field a combined Firsts team in a number of sports so were looking at expanding the competition for Firsts teams as well as at all levels.

Three AGSV schools, Assumption College, Yarra Valley Grammar and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, had been Co-Educational since the 1970s, girls in those schools having competed very successfully in mid-week competitions such as the Southern District Sports' Association.

In 1997 Ivanhoe Grammar School, through Principal Mr Rod Fraser, and Girls' Sport Coordinator Mrs Wendy Kelly, expressed interest in playing matches against some of the APS Schools as they were seeking a competition for the girls at their Plenty Campus. During 1998 Ivanhoe participated in the APS winter season. By late 1998, the Principals of the other four AGSV Co-Educational schools had agreed that the establishment of a Saturday morning competition for their girls should be pursued. At the same time the APS Heads, with the strong support of the Principal of Caulfield Grammar, Mr. Stephen Newton and the Chair of Heads, Dr. Ross Millikan from Carey Grammar, were looking to expand the APS competition for girls and it was suggested that the AGSV and APS look at a combined competition.

Their vision for a combined competition, supported by the AGSV Girls' Sport Coordinators and the APS Girls' Delegates led to the formation of the excellent competition which we have today. The Executive Secretary of the AGSV, Mr. Allen Crawley and the Secretary of the APS, Mr. Morris Brown were very supportive in preparing fixtures and developing the rules and regulations which guide the competition.

A combined ten school competition began in the Winter Season of 2000 with Basketball, Hockey and Netball being played by AGSV schools Assumption College, Ivanhoe Grammar, Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, The Peninsula School and Yarra Valley Grammar and APS schools, Carey Grammar, Caulfield Grammar, The Geelong College, Geelong Grammar and Wesley College. Haileybury joined the competition in 2005 and Mentone Grammar in 2006.

The competition has continued to expand and the number of teams entered has more than doubled over ten years with up to twelve schools now competing in eight sports (Badminton, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Netball and Soccer).

AGSV/APS Premierships for Firsts teams were introduced from 2001 and the winning teams are awarded the Premiership Cup and their names are recorded in the Premiership Books.

Some Representative matches between the APS and AGSV girls commenced in 1999 and selection in these teams (Summer and Winter) is highly sought after by students from both Associations.