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## **GYC basketballers take Australian championship and runners-up**

Guilford Young College basketballers will return to Hobart championship winners and runners-up from the Australian All Schools Basketball Championships which have been held in Melbourne this week.

In a first for the College, both the boys' and girls' team won the State College Championships held in Devonport in May. This gave them eligibility for the Australia All Schools competition.

The boys' team went through the week undefeated, topping its pool and having a comfortable win in the semi-final before accounting for Cabra Dominican College, Adelaide, 57-45, this afternoon. Although they led at each quarter, the boys were challenged throughout the game.

The girls' team had one defeat before finishing second in its pool; a comfortable win in the quarter-final and a two-point thriller in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost to Queensland's John Paul College, 47-58 this morning, the team that beat them in the rounds.

Today's games were played at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. Other games were played at either the State Basketball Centre or the Knox Basketball Centre.

It is the first time that a GYC girls' team has represented the State. And it is the first time that a GYC team has won.

Both teams played in the U/20 Division 2 of the multi-division championships which attracted 170 teams from 80 schools from around Australia and New Zealand. About 2000 players were involved.

Today's results bring to an end an extremely successful year for both teams.

The boys have gone through the year undefeated. In addition to winning the State College Championship in Devonport, in May, they finished on top of the ladder of the Chargers' College competition; won the SSATIS (Southern Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools) title and then won the SATIS (state) title.

The girls also enjoyed an undefeated Tasmanian season. In addition to winning the State College Championship in Devonport, in May, they won the SSATIS title and then won the SATIS (state) title.

Guilford Young College Principal Mr Craig Deayton said the College community was immensely proud of the young sports men and women.

"What a wonderful way for them to cap off such a robust year. It is particularly pleasing to see such strength from both the boys and girls and from both Years 11 and 12 students.

"While we are delighted with the results, GYC values the teamwork, dedication and responsibility that underpin such achievements. We are also grateful to a number of parents for their ongoing backing, as coaches and members of the support crew. It really is a team effort," he said.

The players and support team return to Hobart Saturday afternoon.

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