

NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO REPORT 2016

This year "Coona" lived up to expectations.....mention that we are preparing to go to "Coona" and the drought is broken.....rain, rain and more rain.....mud, mud and more mud..... however, this did not deter our enthusiastic team members. Friday's competition was completed as per the program, but by Friday afternoon the skies opened up and heavy rain continued until Saturday afternoon. Saturdays' competition was postponed until Sunday and then for the rest of the time the girls competed in their events mostly with their and their horses' ankles in mud. The local shops in Coonabarabran were sought so that gumboots could be purchased! The girls compete in a variety of events including One Day Event, Dressage, Jumping, Sporting, Polocross, Team Barrels, Horse Ball, Team Penning, Stock Horse Challenge, Warrumbungle Way and Hacking. Our team this year consisted of the following students:

- Year 7 - Samantha Cleathero
Tahnaya Mercieca
- Year 8 - Georgia Nagy
- Year 9 - Annie White
Cassie Cleathero
Emily Newman
Isabel Hamer
Jakiya Whitfeld
- Year 10 - Lily O'Toole
Morgen Neal
- Year 11 - Elizabeth Young
Emma Hayden
Rosie Wood
- Year 12 - Gabrielle Newman
Ruby Keith



The results were as follows:

Event	Grade	Name	Place
One Day Eventing	B	Jakiya Whitfield	1st
	C4	Annie White	15th
	C3	Gab Newman	3rd
	C1	Isabell Hamer	5th
	C2	Lily O'Toole	9th
	D1	Emily Newman	1st
Combined Training	D2	Tanaya Mercieca	12 th
	CT1	Cassie Cleathero	4th
	CT1	Georgia Nagy	9th
	CT3	Elizabeth Young	10th
Jumping	CT3	Ruby Keith	5th
	12 years Open	Tanaya Mercieca	2 nd , 2 nd , 3 rd
	14 years Open	Jakiya Whitfeld	4th
	17 years Restricted Height	Ruby Keith	1st
Dressage	2.1	Gab Newman	4th
Sporting	Barrels	Emma Hayden	3rd

This year we must acknowledge our teammate Hayley Porter. Because of her accident earlier in the year, she was unable to attend the Expo. In support of Hayley, the team decided to wear bright pink shirts with lime green ties in the final parade. They stood out clearly from the others and looked fantastic, drawing a lot of attention and comments from the other schools. When it was explained, the others were also very supportive of our presentation. Thank you to the parents who attend the event. Without your support your daughters would not have this experience. Many good times are spent around the campfire enjoying a meal cooked in camp or sitting on the hill watching Team Barrels and Polocross. May we enjoy many more.

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