

2025 Girls Basketball Report

On Tuesday 1st April the Western Suburbs/Inner West and Wiley Park Girls Basketball team competed at the Sydney East Trials. The best players in the region were attending.

Our first game was against Balmain/South Sydney. From the opening whistle, both teams brought strong energy and hustle. Balmain started strong, gaining an early lead, but our girls responded with solid defense and teamwork to stay within striking distance. The first half saw some excellent passing and smart plays. In the second half, Balmain maintained their momentum, but our team never gave up. We ultimately fell short with a final score of 22–13.

Our second game was against Cronulla. The team came out firing, showing incredible teamwork, sharp passing, and relentless defense. The offense clicked beautifully, with multiple players contributing to the scoreboard and keeping the pressure on Cronulla throughout the game. We won with a score of 44-14.

Our third game was against Botany Bay/Georges River. Inner West showed moments of promise, especially in the second half where they tightened their defense and fought to close the gap. However, missed opportunities and a struggle to convert under pressure saw them fall behind again in the last few minutes with a score of 44-25.

The fourth game was against Sydney Coastal/Eastern Suburbs. From the outset, Sydney Coastal controlled the pace of the game, applying relentless pressure on defense and keeping Inner West's scoring opportunities to a minimum. Their tight zone defense forced turnovers and made it difficult for Inner West to find rhythm on offense. The final score being 29-7.

The fifth game was against Sutherland/Engadine. The game was a rollercoaster from start to finish, with momentum swinging back and forth as both teams fought tooth and nail. Sutherland came out strong, applying early pressure with quick ball movement and aggressive drives to the hoop. But Inner West responded with grit, matching their intensity and keeping the scoreline tight with a tie to end 22 all.

Our final game was against Sutherland/Engadine again. Determined to end the day on a strong note, Inner West came out with energy and focus. Their defense was sharp from the get-go, forcing turnovers and limiting Sutherland's scoring chances. On the offensive end, Inner West moved the ball well and found great looks under the basket. Ending the day with a win and placing fifth overall.

We were lucky enough to have 2 students selected in the possibles v probables game. Neriah Ugarte and Samantha Susanto (Summer Hill) performed strongly and impressed the selectors. Both girls were chosen in the final Sydney East team. All girls were perfectly behaved and a credit to their schools.

Miss Simpson and Mr Chen
Coaches





Ella Nassar (Strathfield North), Neriah Ugarte (Summer Hill), Elise Tung (Strathfield South), Esther Kim (Mortlake), Vivienne Purser (Canterbury), Eliza Nevandra (Drummoyne) and Samantha Susanto (Summer Hill)