

2025 Ross Kelly Cup

Our boys traveled down the M1 to compete in the Ross Kelly Cup Carnival

On Tuesday, our group travelled down to Sydney for the Ross Kelly Cup Camp, where we checked into Lane Cove Discovery Park alongside Newcastle High. Together, we formed one rugby league team for the upcoming carnival. That evening, we attended the formal Ross Kelly Cup Dinner, where all Clontarf academies gathered to celebrate the spirit of coming together and participating in this special event.

On Wednesday, we began the day with an unforgettable experience—climbing the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the city from such a unique perspective. After the climb, we had some downtime at a local shopping centre, giving the boys a chance to grab lunch and explore the shops. Once back at our accommodation, the boys had time to shower and relax before we joined Newcastle High again for a team dinner, preparing for an early start the next day.

Thursday morning, we were up bright and early to head to the Tuggerah Sports Complex for the Ross Kelly Cup rugby league day. Throughout the day, the boys showed excellent rugby league skills, strong Clontarf spirit, and great behaviour both on and off the field. Impressively, the team went undefeated in the pool stages and were narrowly beaten by just one point in the quarter-finals—a tough but proud result.

After the carnival, we grabbed dinner and finished the night watching the Thursday night NRL game before heading to bed. On Friday morning, we packed up and travelled home, wrapping up what was an incredibly successful and enjoyable camp. The boys mentioned how much they enjoyed the experience, and it was clear that the memories made will last a long time.

