

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Report

On a beautiful Sydney day the 1<sup>st</sup> XI suffered their first competition defeat for the season against competition leaders St Patrick's at Strathfield. Having lost the toss, the St Pius team worked hard on a good pitch with their best fielding and bowling effort of the term.

With wickets in hand the home side hit out aggressively in the last 6 overs to build a formidable total. Mac Carrall (1-25 off 9 overs) restricted the batsmen in an excellent spell, while Tim McLachlan and Liahm Williams produced special deliveries to clean bowl two set batsmen. The loss of early wickets by SPX made the chase very difficult but Nick McLachlan (35) showed great resilience before being the last man out.

There were positives for the team to take into their trip to Brisbane for the Christian Brothers Carnival in January.

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