



NEW STRUCTURE OF THE SCOTS SCHOOL CATTLE SHOW TEAM FOR 2017-2018 SEASON

After discussion with the Headmaster and senior Cattle Team students, there will be some significant changes in the structure of The Scots School Cattle Show Team which will benefit all members, parents and the school. From the 2017/18 season The Scots School Cattle Show Team will run with the following new structure:

- Students will be able to join the team from Term 3 Year 7
- All team members will participate at both Blayney and Bathurst shows
- ONLY Mentor and Co Mentor students will attend Sydney Royal
- Co Mentors are those students who have been paired up with another Co Mentor – they are not quite mentors but have enough experience and exhibit qualities that very closely meet the criteria of a mentor (see below) to work together and be Co Mentors
- For a student to be considered as a Mentor or Co Mentor they MUST attend both Blayney and Bathurst Shows for at least ONE season and they must exhibit qualities that meet the criteria for a mentor (see below)
- ALL students attending Bathurst Show MUST take part in the Young Rural Achievers' Program
- Following one entire season members will be formally offered positions of Returning Junior, Mentors or Co Mentors

Criteria to become a Mentor:

- Attend both Blayney and Bathurst shows for at least ONE season
- Exhibit leadership qualities :
 - Ability to communicate effectively, confidently and respectfully with other students and parents
 - Make educated decisions (in liaison with myself or a parent helper) relating to the handling of your animal
 - Be an active, punctual, mature, respectful, committed member of the team
 - Exhibit the ability to handle the workload of being a Mentor with the balance of keeping up to date with all other school commitments.
 - Demonstrate compassion and support for fellow students of all levels



- Demonstrate and encourage a 'team' mentality in terms of support of all team members and their animals at all times (including at shows during competition)
 - Be able to follow instructions from Senior members, parent helpers
 - Be committed and reliable in weekday, weekend and holiday feeding (where applicable)
 - Demonstrate your 'team' mentality by helping others when it is needed (without having to be asked)
 - Demonstrate a 'get in and have a go' mentality
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- Exhibit confident and competent cattle skills which can be demonstrated independently:
 - Catch and restrain an animal and apply a rope halter
 - Demonstrate confidence during the cattle breaking in process (under the supervision of your mentor)
 - Demonstrate confident and safe skills during times cattle are being 'difficult'
 - Lead and exhibit an animal at a level that would be expected in a show ring using appropriate ring craft
 - Wash an animal
 - Use a blower correctly
 - Fit a show halter correctly
 - Prepare an animal for the ring – 'fit' the animal
 - Take part in a Junior Judging competition

 - Have permission from parents to take on the responsibilities of a Mentor or Co mentor and to be committed to attending Sydney Royal Show.

 - Ensure that your behaviour, school attendance and academic effort at school are consistently of a high standard so that you will be held in high regard as a School representative in the Cattle Team

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