



CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CHS RUGBY CLUB: Team reports:

FIRST XV

The Rob May Builders Cambridge High School 1st XV had a steady growth year in 2021. After losing the entire starting backline from the previous year the coaches had to start from scratch to build a competitive backline.

The team had three pre-season games for 1 win and 2 losses and took part in the inaugural Rob May Builders CHS Fast XV's losing to Tauranga Boys High School in the final.

They built into their regular season beating Hamilton Boys High School Gold Team first up and only losing one game to Matamata College during the regular season. It was Matamata College who they met in the Division 1 final with the boys coming up short after working hard. We had 19 of our 25 players included in representative development squads over three grades Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18.



We would also like to thank all of our Sponsors who got involved and came along on the ride this year your support is very much appreciated.



Girls XV

Overall, the Cambridge Girls First 15 had a fantastic season, only losing one game in the final to Sacred Heart Girls.

There were two pools in division one. We topped our pool beating TA, Ham Girls Development, and Rototuna. We then played cross overs and made it into the final verses SHC. It was great final, and our girls punched well above their weight and were happy as at the finish.

Our team went from strength to strength during the season. We had a huge influx of Year 9s this year and at least a third of the team had never played rugby 15s before. The girls are so eager to learn and were quick to catch on. The structure of rugby they played was fantastic and the level of support we attracted on the side-lines was an awesome testament to the positive style of rugby we were playing.

As coaches we really enjoyed coaching this team and are super proud of all their achievements both individually and as a team.

From our team Liv Haycock, Lara Harris, Keelah Bodle and Renee Garrett made the Harlequins Waikato Under 18 team. Several of our younger players have also been nominated for the Harlequins Waikato U16 team. Team has yet to be announced.

Second XV

The 2nd XV began the season with some tough Pre-Season games to battle harden them for the year. The squad kept growing with 32 players at training one week (even though we had lost 5 on the bounce)!. After grading the team were placed in a tough 8 team competition including HBHS U15A and St Johns U15A. The team produced some great performances even in defeat. The highlight of our year was a win over Melville HS 1st XV and beating our local rivals Te Awamutu 2nd XV. The team continued to show commitment in trainings and games even when the going got tough. Many players were able to get quality game time and develop their skills, and hopefully some will continue to grow as players and young men and seek to play 1st XV in 2022.

Under XV

The Players bonded well and earned bonus points on most of their games win or lose. A top four placing on the table at the end of the round robin is a successful result and the Coaches are very pleased with the player's progress.

Some players who hadn't had much game time in the past got plenty this season and the boys are looking forward to the summer season of Touch and sevens.

Next year will see most of the squad moving into the 1st and 2nd XV set up so it was the last season playing together and they have trained hard learnt heaps and played with pride.

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The parents and supporters have been great.



Under XIV

With a large squad to rotate the season threw up some challenges for the coaches and managers. There was some spirited games and close results.

The squad has plenty of speed so there should be a good turnout for sevens and Touch over the summer. Next season there will be a weight grade team as well as open weight which should mean a more manageable squad size.