

Victory at MilSkills for our cadets

A team of Meriden and Trinity Grammar School cadets achieved a remarkable victory at the CAS MilSkills competition held on Saturday 19 October. SGT Varnikaa Kannan (Year 10) wrote down her experience of the day.

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The MilSkills competition was an opportunity for a mix of students in the TGSACU to showcase our skills and teamwork across multiple challenging activities. The team of 12 Meriden and Trinity Grammar School students competed against other CAS schools in Navigation, Radio Telecommunications (RATEL), Fieldcraft, First Aid, and Leadership and Initiative.

Navigation was up first, testing our ability to find our way using only a map and compass. In RATEL, we demonstrated our proficiency in relaying clear, concise messages under pressure, and got to an additional challenge activity because of our outstanding performance.

Fieldcraft involved knots and lashings, communicating through field signals, giving orders, and movement by day in the bush. We were split up into groups of four for each of the segments, and finally came together to receive the orders and execute our movement-by-day activity. Our First Aid knowledge was also put to the test in three different scenarios: a hand laceration, snake bite, and a case of anaphylaxis. We completed this challenge very quickly, which gave us time to socialise with cadets from other schools.

In Leadership and Initiative, teamwork and clear communication were key, because we had to work together to find the correct path in a minefield simulation. However, this was quite challenging because we were not allowed to directly communicate with each other.

This victory is testament to the hard work and dedication of not only our cadets but also our teachers who gave us ample preparation and accompanied us on the day. Without them, this feat would not have been possible.



The TGSACU team with their trophy



Manning the Navigation stand

We would like to thank and acknowledge CAPT (AAC) Reynolds Massey-Reed and LT (AAC) Orlowski for supporting us on the weekend. Congratulations to the cadets on this well-deserved and outstanding achievement!

The Meriden component of the team consisted of CUO Asha Cunningham, CUO Alana Ikladios, SGT Varnikaa Kannan, CUO Olivia Lee, SGT Nicole Li, CDT Juliet Loane, CUO Violet Loane and CUO Isabella Wong.

With that victory under our belt, it's now time to train for the CAS Drill Squad competition!