**AIC Tennis Season Wrap 2019**

St Peter’s Lutheran College emerged from one of the closest matches of the AIC sporting year to claim their seventh successive AIC First IV tennis title during another stellar tennis season for the school.

St Peter’s 8-0 win over a young St Patrick’s College team in last Saturday’s final round sealed the premiership as the school claimed its eighth consecutive AIC aggregate trophy with titles across many of the year levels.

But the winners still paid tribute to Padua College, which finished second with an 8-0 win over St Edmund’s College at Ipswich.

The First IV premiership was effectively decided in round three when St Peter’s and Padua clashed in an outstanding display of skill and sportsmanship. The result had to be decided on a games countback after the teams could not be separated in the traditional format.

That result enabled St Peter’s to gain a vital break over Padua before both teams closed out their seasons in excellent fashion.

This year marked the 20th Anniversary of St Peter’s maiden AIC First IV win. The school was well served by players across their team including Matt Harper who is in line to follow his brother Pat by playing college tennis in the United States next year.

St Peter’s Year 9 player Jordy Larke more than stood up this year, winning most of his matches, despite giving away age to some of his opponents.

Padua will relish the challenge of meeting St Peter’s again next year as they attempt to add to the First IV trophy won in 2001. All members of Padua’s First IV team will return in 2020.

Iona College also threatens to be a serious contender in 2020 after completed its season with an 8-0 over Marist College Ashgrove at the Wynnum Tennis Centre. Iona staged a remarkable comeback after losing in the season’s opening two rounds. They did not drop a match for the rest of the season, winning each round 8-0.

The promising St Laurence’s College team finished the season in style with an 8-0 victory over Villanova College. The result will provide the College with a confidence as their young side also returns for next season.