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Top Sydney schools face off at Parramatta this weekend for farmers

In an Australian first, leading independent schools are turning Saturday's GPS Rugby Premiership into a face-off to raise money for farmers, in recognition of the rural families in their communities.

The King's School, which is hosting the premiership, has joined with The Scots School, Tara Anglican School for Girls and Tudor House help those in rural communities.

Mr Tony George, Headmaster of The King's School, said NSW is suffering the worst drought in 50 years, and the wellbeing of those in our community who have struck hard times is top of mind.

"This Homecoming Weekend is about connecting city to country, throwing an arm around a mate and giving our farming families a sense of respite from their daily trials and tribulations," said Mr George.

"Times are tough, but as a community we are pulling together in the name of mateship, hospitality, generosity and wellbeing.

"We are honoured to be partnering with Rural Aid, which is well known for its Buy a Bale drought assistance campaign, to raise funds for those who have been hardest hit."

More than 300 Old Boys from across New South Wales, will converge on the School grounds to lend their support.

The King's School Old Boys Union will host five major reunions over the weekend, and Scots College Old Boys have been invited to join the celebrations.

The King's School Boarder Parents Committee in partnership with The King's Rugby Club and Parents Association, will host their annual 'Parent Roundup', where parents will catch up with old and new friends while watching the game.

"During the festivities, volunteers from Years 2 to 12 will be collecting money for Rural Aid with a bucket appeal – giving students a chance to chat to guests about the plight of farmers and why our Schools are coming together to show our solidarity for those doing it tough."

Donations can also be made at on the [website](#). Here, people can choose to Buy a Bale for stockfeed, water, diesel fuel, or family hampers, and even identify the region you would like to support. Online donations are tax deductible.

Mr George said the School community has already kicked off fundraising efforts with \$27,165 raised by The King's Rugby Club, Baker Hake House and Tudor House, including from City to Surf and Talent Night fundraising events.

"If the past generosity of our community is anything to go by, we know this is just a sign of great things to come to help those who are facing a hard road ahead," said Mr George.

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