



Christ Church
Grammar School

Headmaster's Report

December 2015

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- Bibbulmun Track donation letters
- Chrystal Springs hut photo
- Media clips

**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Since the last meeting the School has concluded the 2015 Academic year. Aspects of significance in this period are:

- successful completion of Venture 25
 - please see the attached letters in relation to the recent donation to the Bibbulmun Track Foundation in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Venture and the use by the School of the Bibbulmun track during the Venture expedition.
- Year 9 Perth perspectives
- Year 11 exams
- prize giving services for both Senior School and Prep School
- a number of staff farewells, not least of which was a special assembly for me and Annie which was wonderful at a variety of different levels
- reporting for all years.

All of the above reflect the excellent administrative capacity of members of the Executive working alongside academic and non-academic staff members. Members of our services team led by **Mr Conrad Scott** deserve a special mention given the number of chairs and tables that have been moved in the last month!

Given that this is my last Headmaster's report I would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the support of the School Council over my 15 year tenure. Particularly and appropriately I would like to highlight the contribution of **Mr David Fardon** as the single Council Member who has weathered the storm of the 'Wynne Years'.

David joins 50 staff members who have also been here through my time as Headmaster. During the last month I wrote to each thanking them for their ongoing support of me but more importantly for their continued service to the School. It has been an honour for me to lead a school that has high quality staff as such a key element to its success. This applies across all staff, both those in and outside the classroom.

Within this context it is appropriate for me to particularly thank several members of the School Executive who have been such a part of my period of leadership. This in no way diminishes the extraordinary support I have received from all members of Executive during this time, however it is these four people who have been particularly significant as supports at both a personal and professional level.

Mr Murray Robertson, the School's current Director of Staff and Strategic Projects, upon my appointment in 2001 was the Deputy Headmaster of the Preparatory School. During a period of significant growth and change in that part of the School, including transitions between Heads, Murray was the foundation and his hand was never off the tiller. This is a role he continues to fulfil as he so effectively manages the recruitment and development of all staff.

Mr John Price who was appointed as the School's first Director of Finance in 2002. Since that time John has provided me with clear and direct advice as we have together, with the support of Council, prudently and effectively managed the School's financial reality and walked the interesting path that is the interface between School Council and the School's operation.

Mr Mark Morrissey was appointed as the School's Director of Planning and Co-Curricular in 2003. Over the intervening years he has coordinated what is the dynamic program at this School with a balance of acuity and respect for the value of each program as it impacts on individual boys and families. This is a task that requires great skill and empathy and the outcome is a truly exceptional experiences for boys.

Mr Roger Bayly was appointed Deputy Headmaster/Head of the Senior School in 2003. Since that time he has been the most loyal and committed of staff both to the School and to me. Roger's absolute passion for 'the boy' in the context of the complexities of the school experience has completely aligned with my vision for what we do and why we do it here at Christ Church. Any success that may be attributed to my period of leadership also bares the mark of Roger Bayly.

I wish my very best for the School to the future. You will find below the draft text of my contribution to Mitre for 2015:

My time at Christ Church as Headmaster has been a remarkable period of personal and professional fulfilment. From a family perspective, to have arrived with children in Years 5, 6 and 8 and to leave with two of these children now married, living away from Perth and the third fully independent encapsulates the passage of time and change and the reality of the modern family. Annie and I have had the joy of establishing what will be lifelong friendships both within and beyond the Christ Church community and when these 15 years are added to the three spent at Guildford Grammar School in the mid '80s our married life is very connected to the sand of Western Australia. We have been blessed as a family and this will never be forgotten.

It is my view that the leaders of organisations like a school, inherit a particular set of circumstances which they are impelled to respect. It is also their responsibility to grow and create from this culture during their time at the helm. When I arrived at Christ Church in 2001, I was gifted an exceptional school reflective of an inclusive and vibrant environment. I also arrived at a time when circumstances for Western Australia were about to change for the better. My era as Headmaster has been clearly marked by these two sets of related circumstances.

All organisations are a reflection of change and continuity. In my first year, the School Council, in its wisdom, worked with me as the naïve, young initiate to craft our School mission. This mission has become the scaffold from which all subsequent changes have been forged. Our continuity, rested in the heart of our motto Deus Dux Doctrina Lux, God is our leader, learning is our light and change in the aspirational expectations of our mission of Boys educated to know, to do, to live with others and to be.

Three strategic plans later and the School has clearly grown and developed always with the boy at the centre. Likewise, I have changed as a leader and been enriched by my experiences. I am most proud of the nature of the boy who is at the heart of Christ Church and who becomes our graduate. When I have spoken of great schools and of Christ Church, I have always made the point that we can accommodate the needs of a family (other than the girls). Inclusivity optimises the Christ Church experience. I was so pleased when celebrating our centenary through artistic installations, that our Old Boys' Association chose 'Stand by Me' and our Parents' Association 'Headspace' as gifts to the School. Both express diversity, individuality and the eclectic nature of our boys set alongside the need for collaboration and community to achieve success. This is the cultural disposition of our School and I have been so blessed to be a part of its evolution.

The School was able to effectively catch the opportunity for growth through our shape for a new century strategy which straddled 2010 and juxtaposed the early and later years of my time as Headmaster. The success of this story sees us now balanced in our phases of learning and in our pastoral, academic and co-curricular constructs in a way that gives a strong foundation for the inevitability of future changes. All that has been achieved during my time has been done so with the incredible support, vision, guidance and friendship of engaged members of the wider School community and the energy of the boys. Most significantly for my role, through the uncompromising support of School Council, and the most remarkable staff. Closest to me have been an extraordinarily talented team of Executive, all of whom have shown such loyalty and such love of our School over the 15 years of my leadership.

In the year of the centenary I penned a poem that I have subsequently read to our Year 12s at the Valedictory Service, it is now my turn to leave with a heart filled with gratitude to all who have been part of my story at Christ Church Grammar School.

Leaving

*It is simply just time and life that
brings us to points where it seems
something ends, something begins.*

*So where are you now?
Boy, man, boy-man?
Sure, un-sure?
Scared perhaps, perhaps not?
Brave, bold?*

*While days have passed
the river has watched you grow,
touched your thoughts,
rippled your soul.
You have been witness to its moods,
Its ebb, its flow.*

*Where and what to know is now yours
to decide with part of you,
some small part of who will forever
be you - touched by the flow of the blue and gold
grown in the push and shove of boys together,
in the space of a school.*

A School with a View.

STUDENTS

THE LW PARRY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Academic

The end of year data has been collected through PAT and PIPS assessments. The data is being analysed and is used to track students over time and inform regarding program effectiveness. The data is also used to inform class teachers as one of a suite of assessments to assist in Semester Two summative reporting.

Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular

The end of year events are complete and are a celebration of the 2015. The Headmaster's Gold Lunch, hosted at Christ Church House, by me acknowledged the 14 Gold Certificate achievers in the Champion Quest. The recipient boys enjoyed this special event of sharing a lunch with the leadership of the school. The annual Nativity gave all boys in Pre-Primary to Year 2 the opportunity to perform to the entire Preparatory School Community. Thanks to **Ms Chantal Hockey, Ms Kerry Maddern and Mrs Tina Dewberry** for their work ensuring the Nativity was another successful performance. Speech Morning closed the academic year and celebrated the Year 6 cohort, their achievements and talents. Prizes were presented by me and the Year 6 boys performed a song. Thanks to **Miss Sarah Seaman and Mr Chris Honey** for preparing the boys for this event.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Academic

The Year 12 WACE examinations concluded with no serious issues apart from those associated with the four breaches in practical examination rules. Three boys have been advised that 10% of their practical mark will be deducted as a penalty. We are submitting appeals to SCSA against the relative harshness of this decision.

The appointment of **Mrs Amy Porter** to the position of the Peter Moyes Centre Coordinator has been welcomed and we are now in the process of seeking a teacher. A sound transition process, meetings with parents and documentation of the boys' needs and challenges will hopefully mean that the new Year 7 students joining the PMC will settle quickly. Other boys managed by the PMC in the Preparatory School will be attached to the LDC in the Senior School.

The attention of teachers is now focused on report writing, along with final planning for the 2016 school year. The programs for Year 11 and 12 General ATAR courses are largely completed and have been reviewed by former Director of Studies, **Dr Monica Mackay** to ensure compliance with SCSA requirements.

A recent Academic Committee meeting was dedicated to consideration of data systems designed for tracking and for teaching, as informed by the Grattan Institute Report. We are pleased with where we are at with data for tracking and have clear plans for refinements and additions to what we are doing; data for teaching is a far more complex consideration and will be an important focus next year.

Pastoral

New Boys Orientation Program

The New Boys Orientation Program held on Friday 20 November saw 185 boys, 97 from our Preparatory School and 88 from local Primary schools, spend a day in the Senior School. All boys were allocated to their new House groups and the Heads of House ran the program which was designed to familiarise the boys with the location of various Senior School

facilities, House areas and most importantly, enable them to meet each other and make new friends. It was pleasing to note that eleven new boarders made the journey to school for a special boarding orientation program that enabled them to spend a night in the boarding house to assist their transition into boarding.

The Peer Support Leaders training day, led by **Ms Megan Pentony** and eight young Old Boys, engaged 126 Year 10 boys who spent the day learning the range of activities that will be integral to next year's program.

Mr Roger Bayly and **Mr Mark Morrissey** conducted an introductory leadership session with all of the newly appointed School Prefects.

Planning and Co-curricular

Planning of the 2016 calendar of events has been the major focus of the last month. This a complex task to draw all the pieces of the jig-saw together and find coherence and balance across all the different interest that make up the school community.

The selection process of boys for The Beyond Queenslea Drive program is essentially completed for 2016. Approximately 30 boys will take up placements for 2016 at this stage.

The Service in Action calendar has been finalised for 2016 and a preliminary allocation of boys to trips has been completed. Staffing and final student placement will be completed early next year.

Planning and staffing of sports and activity programs is another time consuming priority before staff conclude their year.

Tours

The World Challenge Tour to Peru left on 27 November and is going well. They will return on Christmas Eve. This will include service work in Peruvian villages and also time to see some of the sights.

The Rowing tour to Grafton left on 2 December. The boats were towed from WA and the boys went by airplane. The boy will complete in a range of training programs and then a regatta before returning on 13 December.

The SIA Cambodia tour departs 7 December and returns on 19 December. A group of 12 CCGS boys and 12 St Mary's girls will work throughout the CCF organisation over the next 12 days as well as visiting a number of significant historical sites including the Cambodia killing field.

The German tour also depart on the 5 December and will return on 30 December.

Sport

Sport concluded on Friday 27 November with fixture against Wesley. In the week following CCGS ran the Stuart McGill Cup for the local primary schools, an annual event, which was well attended. Some fourteen teams were entered by local school. In addition we played 7, 8 and 9 cricket matches against a range of local teams in a mini carnival.

Arts

Production of the Year 7/8 play Jungle Story was a sellout success in the Drama centre during week 4.

Outdoor Education

Year 10 Venture 25 has returned and was very successful. Whilst the cooler weather had been appreciated, the stronger than normal winds necessitated assistance to canoeing groups on a number of occasions. There were minor incidents, blister and cut but the incredible experience of this unique 'right of passage' experience for our Year 10 boys continues.

Under the guidance of **Mr Conrad Scott, Services Manager** our Year 10 boys restored a historic hut in Crystals Springs for the Department of Parks & Wildlife. Photos are attached.

STAFF

TEACHING STAFF

Appointments:

Mr Ryan Myles returns to the School as the Director of Koorungal/Co-ordinator of Outdoor Education. Ryan's most recent position since leaving the School in July 2014 has been at Tranby College where he was the Outdoor Education Co-ordinator and Emergency Service Cadet Co-ordinator.

Mr Jay Freap has been appointed as the Assistant Director of Koorungal. Jay has worked at Presbyterian Ladies College since 2012 as an Outdoor Education Specialist. Jay is an Old Boy of the School.

Mr Jack Damon has been appointed as a part-time teacher in the Humanities Department. Jack completed his Graduate Diploma in Education at UWA in November 2015 and during the last six months has been a relief teacher at Hampton Senior High School.

Mr Ryan Dawson has been appointed as the Teacher of Drama and Dance in the LW Parry Preparatory School. Ryan has recently returned to Perth after residing in the U.K for several years where he worked as a performer on London's West End for seven years. Most recently Ryan has spent the last year training as a primary school teacher after gaining a place on the 'School Direct' teacher training program.

Internal Appointments:

Mrs Amy Porter has been appointed as Co-ordinator of the Peter Moyes Centre (Senior School).

Dr Stephen Zander has been appointed as Acting Head of Physics (Term 2-4, 2016).

Miss Kalika Duck has been appointed as an Associate to the Centre for Pedagogy for 2016.

Resignations:

Mr Greg Lindorff

Greg leaves us after 16 years as the School's Head of Library. He was instrumental in the creation of the CLC's Library precinct and has been a dedicated member of staff through his time here.

End of Contract

Mrs Abby Callow completes her two year contract in the Prep School Art Department whilst **Mrs Julie Bosnich** and **Ms Katie Koch** have completed their one year contracts in the Senior School Science Department teaching Chemistry and Biology respectively.

SUPPORT STAFF

Appointments:

Mr Mark Illich has been appointed as the Design and Technology Technician. Since 2002 Mark has been self-employed working as part of an art team assisting in the fabrication and installation of many public artworks in Perth.

Resignations:

Mrs Naomi Kerr

Naomi has worked for just under 5 years in the Senior School Peter Moyes Centre and leaves us to take other employment opportunities.

End of Contract

Miss Shannon Watters and **Miss Karina Podmore** leave us after one year stints as Koorungal Assistants and **Mr Phil Barker** leaves us after a year of terrific contribution in the Senior School PMC.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Student achievements

- Dining with the Headmaster
- Innovation on show in Design and Technology exhibition
- Venture success
- Prep Boys capture the Christmas spirit
- Boarding orientation
- Prep boys shine at assembly
- Rock Workshop perform at premier live music venue
- CCGS young philanthropists
- Christ Church welcomes new families
- Boys recognised for their mathematical minds
- Christ Church boys recognised for their philosophical minds
- Remembrance Day 2015
- Inspired to be leaders by past CCGS Prefects
- Artists in residence motivate Prep boys
- Informaticians shining at CCGS
- Senior School Art Exhibition
- Prep boys attend Future Problem Solving Nationals
- Surf cadets awarded LotteryWest grant

Media

- Jonathon Nagappa - Duke of Edinburgh
- William Hu – ABC radio interview and Today Tonight interview and segment
- Jasper Jones – ABC interview

Admissions

Tours for 2016 have been booked and planning has commenced for new family events. The prospectus is currently being redesigned with a new version planned for Second Term 2016.

Old Boys Association

The following reunions and events took place in November:

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| • 4 Nov 2015 | Melbourne Chapter Lunch (25) |
| • 5 Nov 2015 | OBA assembly (46) |
| • 20 Nov 2015 | Businessmen's Lunch (101) |
| • 20 Nov 2015 | Class of 1990 – 25 year reunion (85) |
| • 21 Nov 2015 | Class of 2000 – 15 year reunion (37) |
| • 26 Nov 2015 | Life Members' sundowner (200) |

Businessmen's Lunch

One hundred attendees came together for a very successful Businessmen's lunch on 20 November. The food and there were many comments about the high standard of catering. The venue looked good but venue management was disappointing causing some last minute hiccups. The theme was timely and well executed.

OBA Scholarship Trustees

The process and approach for scholarships in 2016 have been mapped and will be socialised with the Old Boys' Association members early next year.

Parents Association and Auxiliary

Recent events completed include:

- Taste of Christ Church Saturday 14 November – 350 tickets sold
- Parents' Association meeting and presentations of life membership certificates to David Payne and Janet Brogan
- New Parents Morning Tea Friday 20 November.

We are currently finalising details for the following December/January holiday programs:

- Pro football camp 14 to 16 December
- Kirby Swim coaching course 12 to 13 December
- SONY camp 11 to 13 December in Walters House
- WACA cricket training 11 & 13 December
- CCGS Rowing camp 22 to 26 in Knutsford House
- Mickey Arthur cricket clinic 2 to 4 and 27 to 29 January
- Brad Armstrong Basketball clinics Monday to Friday 7 December to 29 January
- Minecraft creative 18 to 22 January.

PHILANTHROPY

Donor engagement and acquisition

The inaugural Senior School Grandparents event was held to coincide with our all-of-school Remembrance Day service. Over 300 grandparents attended and they were encouraged to register as members of our 'Queenslea Club' during morning tea. Queenslea Club members, traditionally past parents of the school, receive a quarterly update on School activity via a dedicated club e-newsletter, a quarterly 'Centre for Ethics' e-newsletters and are incorporated into our Annual Giving campaigns.

All families associated with the donation of Prizes or Awards in both the Preparatory and Senior Schools' were invited to morning teas either before or after each assemblies associated with their prizes.

Offices of Philanthropy and Old Boys' – Communication Processes

We have introduced a new model of communication between our two offices for events and activities of our Old Boy constituency. At briefings on each OBA hosted event we are able to identify prospects and ensure all significant activities and details are recorded on Synergetic.

ICT

As mentioned in the previous report the school has committed to continue its current device program throughout 2016. In November orders were placed for both 2016 staff and student devices.

The items include staff laptops and iPads for the iPad program.

The staff laptops are refreshed on a three year cycle and the latest iteration of this occurs in 2016.

210 Apple Macbook Pro Retinas were ordered.

In addition, 650 Wi-Fi only 64Gb Grey iPads were ordered with embossed Dux cases. These devices will be issued to years 7, 9 and 11 in 2016. Years 8 and 10 will be re-issued with iPads from 2015, while the Year 11s will retain their current iPad over the holiday period. The iPads for Years K - 6 will be refreshed with 2015 iPads from years 8, 10 and 12.

The school was able to secure the staff laptops at a price prior to the price increase brought on by the falling Australian Dollar, resulting in a saving of approximately 10%. Unfortunately, this was not the case with iPads as they have risen by approximately 10% across all resellers.

Further review of the devices used within the school is expected to occur in 2016.

Implementation of the Koorinal Internet has also commenced in November and is progressing towards completion in February 2016.

GOVERNANCE/FINANCE/FACILITIES

Strategic endings

Council will find as an upload to their blog the MMG Survey's for staff, parents and students for 2015.

This in-depth analysis of the School's performance against national benchmarks again provides both affirmation and opportunity for improvement. It certainly provides the incoming Principal with an analysis of the School's position over time given that this is the fourth survey of this type.

Council will also find uploaded a summary progress report, summative one would suggest of the School's Strategic Plan – 2011 to 2016. I am comfortable that the direction taken and the programs initiated and enhanced over this period have positioned the School well for the future. A vibrant staff culture is combined with strong enrolments for at least three years, an excellent balance sheet and performance in all areas of the School program that is at a very high level.

Council

The new Principal, **Mr Alan Jones**, visited the School from 23-27 November 2015. A busy schedule was prepared which allowed **Mr Jones** to get a good feel for the operation of the School and for individual meetings with respective Executive.

The civil contractor (DM Civil) has started the remediation program at Brockway. The program is expected to take 14-16 weeks but the School has now asked the contractor to give it a price on also completing work on the car parks, bus turnaround and infrastructure work for the ablution and change room block. A revised program and updated project costing is being completed by the project manager (Tabec).

The School is continuing to liaise with the Town of Claremont on the issues in the third 'draft' of the traffic management plan. At this stage the ToC have not responded to a series of requests for an update on the process.

Finance

The draft annual budget for 2016 has been presented to the November Council meeting for consideration. Council has approved this budget which recommends tuition and boarding fee increase of 3.5% for 2016.

Council has asked for some additional information on the level and category of rebates offered in the School. This work has been completed and a preliminary analysis of the PMC cost has also been forwarded to the Treasurer.

The School has completed a tender process for all catering on the campus. This exercise has result in the incumbent, Alliance (Spotless) retaining this contract for a further 3 years. The School has just received the banking tender documentation from both Westpac and Nab for consideration. These tenders would also appear to produce significant savings to the School. This tender should be finalised in the next couple of weeks.

Facilities

The School has started the process of completing a full feasibility for the proposed new Preparatory School. The project control group ('PCG') continues to meet fortnightly with Donaldson+Warn ('D+W') to progress this proposal. This group has now been directed by the Building & Development working group to remove the proposed water polo pool from the basketball court area as it had become an impediment to sensible planning of this facility.

The School is currently completing the planning to do a significant refurbishment of the Walters Boarding House and the residence at 14 Queenslea Drive. Whilst both projects are completely discrete both are in need of substantial maintenance programs.

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Tuesday, 24 November 2015

Mr Garth Wynne
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Dear Mr Wynne,

Bibbulmun Track Donation

On behalf of the Board, thank you sincerely for your generous donation to the Bibbulmun Track Foundation.

100% of the funds will be allocated to our bridge appeal and used for the restoration of River Road Bridge near Pemberton. This is a great boost to the project and will enable us to commence the systematic maintenance program outlined by Maitland Heritage Engineers.

We look forward to publishing a follow-up article in our Bibbulmun News magazine including a feature story on the outdoor education ventures that Christ Church Grammar conducts in the south west and on the Track.

Please pass on our thanks to the Council.

Yours sincerely

Linda Daniels
Executive Director



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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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19 November 2015

Bibbulmun Track Donation

Dear Linda

I write on behalf of the School Council and the wider Christ Church Grammar School community.

Last year I contacted you to let you know that 2015 is the School's 25th Venture. This pivotal outdoor education experience, which takes place in the south west of our beautiful State, in, around and on the Bibbulmun Track is an iconic part of a student's experience of our School. It would not be possible without the track.

To reflect the gratefulness this School community feels, please find enclosed a cheque for \$25,000 which we know the Foundation will put to very good use. We hope that the relationship between the Bibbulmun Track and the students of Christ Church Grammar School will continue for many years to come.

Yours sincerely

Garth Wynne
Headmaster

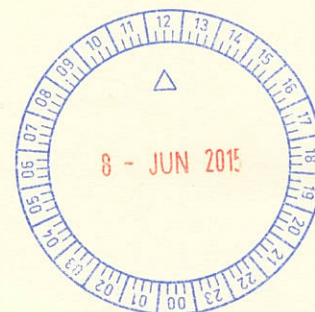
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Thursday, 04 June 2015

Mr Garth Wynne
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Dear Mr Wynne,

Bibbulmun Track Donation

Further to my letter in December 2014 regarding the donation from Christ Church Grammar School for the Bibbulmun Track, you may be aware that the Bibbulmun Track suffered extensive damage in the February 2015 bushfires. Losses included 70 kilometres of track, four campsites and two significant bridges including the historic Long Gully Bridge south of Dwellingup.

I am writing to confirm that our original suggestion to allocate the funds toward the restoration of River Road Bridge is still our preference. The bridge is located in the section of Track most used by Christ Church Grammar students and, whilst we will need to find funds to replace the Long Gully Bridge, the restoration of River Road Bridge is still a high priority.

As previously mentioned, the Board has approved the installation of a plaque to acknowledge the donation and we would of course acknowledge the school through our publications, media releases and social media.

We are incredibly grateful for this support from your school and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Linda Daniels
 Executive Director



Following in father's wake

By DENISE S. CAHILL

SAM Gilmour, of Mosman Park, is a finalist in the team's category of the WA Sports Federation awards, which will be held on December 7 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The 22-year-old was also short-listed for Sports Star of the Year – the same award his father Peter Gilmour won in 1987.

Sam followed in his father's sailing footsteps at the age of 10 and has been a member of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club since 2004.

Along with Neptune Racing members Chris Smith, Adam Negri, Justin Wong, Niall Morrow and Cameron Seagreen, Sam won the World Championships in Poland last

September, earning the team a wildcard in to the World Match Racing Tour event in Sweden.

Neptune Racing is currently 11th on the tour and ranked number five with the International Sailing Federation.

The team will compete at the Warren Jones International Youth Regatta – a qualifier for the World Match Racing Tour – in February.

Sam said he sailed four or five days a week and when he was not on the water, he was working on the boat with his teammates or coaching at the RFBYC.

The UWA commerce graduate said he was excited to be nominated for the two awards but there was no pressure to follow in his father's winning footsteps.

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Sam Gilmour (22) and his dad Peter.

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Duke duo ... Michael Lukin, left, and Rory Brett excelled in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. **Photo: Paul McGovern**

Perseverance pays off

Two Christ Church Grammar School boys had a big night in the music room at Government House.

Year 12 students Michael Lukin and Rory Brett were congratulated by Governor Kerry Sanderson for winning the Duke of Edinburgh's international award.

To earn his award, Michael learnt to play the organ, and helped children in Cambodia for two weeks.

He was also very active in school sport, participating in cross-country, tennis and athletics, and umpiring hockey and tennis.

Rory went on a student exchange to Germany for a month, and trekked for 10 days

on the Bibbulmun Track.

He also got involved in a food rescue charity at school, played tennis and football, and sailed to Rottnest with Sea Scouts.

People aged 14 to 24 complete five categories in the award: service, skills, adventurous journey, physical recreation, and residential project.

"I think it rewards perseverance, as opposed to being exceptionally good," Michael said.

"The award shows people are determined to stay with the job."

Rory said his trip to Rottnest took a lot of planning.

"I did things [for the award] I would not normally have done," he said.



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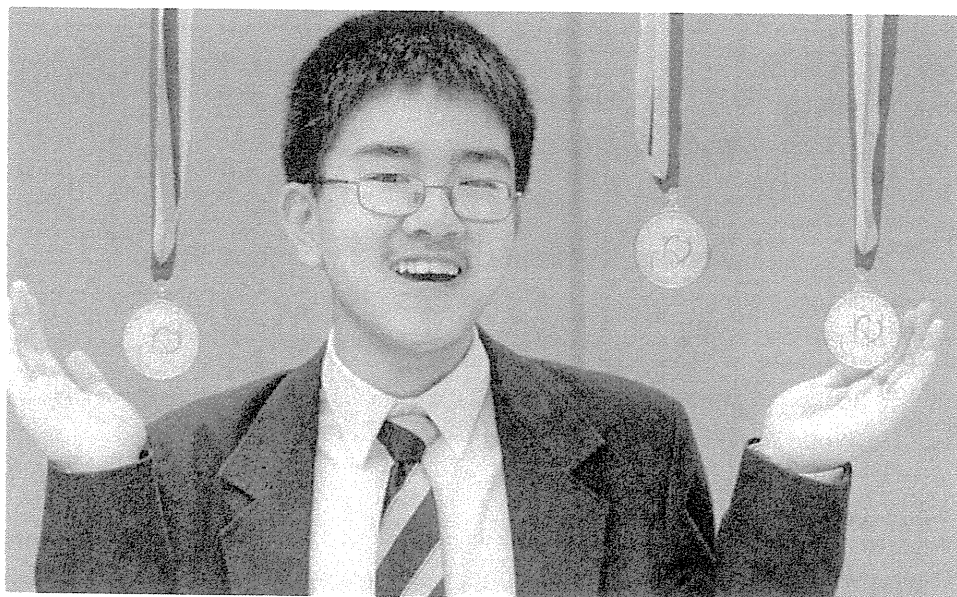


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Numbers man: Christ Church student William Hu. Picture: Danella Bevis

Crunching numbers and composing melodies go hand-in-hand for William Hu.

At just 14, the Christ Church Grammar School student recently picked up his third Australian Mathematics Competition medal.

He and two other WA students won medals at Friday's 2015 Australian Mathematics Completion in Perth.

Year 7 student Huxley Berry, of Perth Modern School, and Year 8 All Saints' College student Aidan Smith also received top honours.

William has also been recognised for his skills as a pianist. He won first prize at the American Protege International Music Talent Competition.

Australian Mathematics Trust executive director Mike Clapper said this exemplified the link between mathematics and music.

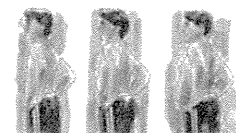
He said the exceptional results from 31 students across the country showed the high calibre of mathematics students around.

OUR PICKS

WA prospects catch eye of national selectors



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