



Christ Church  
Grammar School

## **Building good men**

### **Principal's Report**

**February 2017**

#### **Attachments**

- Media Clips

**Old Boys' Association  
Parents' Association**

## **1. Current Significant Issues**

### **School funding**

**(for noting)**

The State Government has confirmed the per capita grant rates for non-government schools for 2017 will be increased by an indexation factor of 1.5%.

### **Roger Herft**

**(for noting)**

Roger Herft has resigned from his position as Archbishop of Perth and will be retiring on 7 July 2017. This decision has come after the recent Royal Commission's inquiry into the Diocese of Newcastle. Roger will remain on the School Council as the Visitor until this date.

## **2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation**

### **Priorities for 2017**

**(for noting)**

- Building good men
- New Prep School build
- Early Learning Centre (ELC)
- St John's Wood playing fields
- Nexus Learning Management System

## **3. Major Key Performance Indicators**

### **2016 Year 12 results**

**(for noting)**

In 2016 CCGS had 173 students who completed a full ATAR; 10 who completed one or more ATAR subjects (but fewer than four) and 8 General Pathway students. The maximum possible ATAR of 99.95 was achieved by two of our students – Leo Li and Ananthakrishnan Koloth.

- 23 students (13% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR  $\geq 99$
- 41 students (24% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR  $\geq 98$
- 70 students (40% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR  $\geq 95$
- 100 students (58% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR  $\geq 90$
- Average ATAR for the year group: 88.60
- Median ATAR for the year group: 92.35 (State Median 80.85)
- 138 students (80% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR that would give them entry to UWA ( $\geq 80$ )

### **Top 50 median ATAR**

**(for noting)**

This list is based on the median ATAR and calculated from all Year 12 students in each school who enrolled in four or more ATAR courses.

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| 1. Perth Modern School                  | 13. John XXIII College             |
| 2. Presbyterian Ladies' College         | 16. Scotch College                 |
| 3. Penrhos College                      | 17. Iona Presentation College      |
| <b>4. Christ Church Grammar School</b>  | 21. Trinity College                |
| 5. Santa Maria College                  | 24. St Stephen's School – Carramar |
| 6. St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls | 26. All Saints' College            |
| 7. Perth College                        | 27. Guildford Grammar School       |
| 8. St Mary's Anglican Girls' School     | 28. Churchlands Senior High School |
| 9. Methodist Ladies' College            | 37. Aquinas College                |
| 10. Shenton College                     | 38. St Stephen's School – Duncraig |
| 11. Hale School                         | 49. Wesley College                 |
| 12. Carmel School                       | 50. CBC Fremantle                  |

## **SCSA award winners 2016**

**(for noting)**

This is the first year since 2010 that the awards have been based purely on exam results, without the inclusion of school scores. This change was made, according to the West Australian, to guard against the perception some schools could gain an unfair advantage. Of the 50 General Exhibitions awarded, CCGS received 9 with the following places – 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup>. We also received 2 Subject Exhibitions for Chemistry and Ancient History and 25 Certificates of Distinction.

General Exhibitions for PSA schools:

- CCGS: 9 (equal top with Perth Modern)
- Hale: 6
- Trinity: 2
- Aquinas: 1
- Guildford, Wesley, Scotch: 0

General Exhibitions for other schools:

- St Mary's: 5
- PLC, John XXIII, Willetton, Rossmoyne: 2
- MLC, Perth College, St Hilda's: 1

## **4. Matters for Noting**

### **Smooth start to the 2017 academic year**

**(for noting)**

The 2017 academic year started very smoothly with boys and staff enjoying an active start for the year. The Orientation days and information sessions were well attended and extremely well conducted. The School campus was highly presentable for the start of the year as a result of the enormous amount of work completed by our facilities, maintenance and grounds teams.

## **Staffing**

Appointments

- Sally Banyard: Music Teacher, Term 1 2017
- Benjamin Bartley: Residential Assistant
- Blake Batten: Systems Administrator, 2017
- Tamara Bowen: Teacher Librarian
- Vicki Briffa: EA PMC Senior, Term 1 2017
- Sharon Bryant: EA LDC Senior, 2017
- Bee Choo: Japanese Teacher
- Claire Hodge: Art Teacher, Term 1 2017
- Georgie Hodges: EA PMC Prep, 2017
- Felice Jennings: EA PMC Senior
- Jarrod Kayler Thomson: Assistant to the Director of Sport
- Joanne Knowles: EA PMC Prep, 2017
- Jeremy Power: PE Teacher
- Madelaine Redman: EA PMC Prep, 2017
- Kim Song: Executive Assistant (Philanthropy), 2 year contract
- Hollie Syred: Prep Teacher, 2017
- Elizabeth Thomas: EA LDC Senior, Semester 1 2017
- Carly Thornton: EA PMC Prep, 2017
- Heidi van Sanden: Science Teacher, Term 1
- Aiden Walsh: Residential Assistant
- Patrick White: Science Teacher, Semester 1 2017
- Nathan Williamson: PE Teacher, Term 1 2017

## Resignations

- Toby Bartle: EA PMC Senior
- Alex Brogan: Residential Assistant
- Cindy Kalma: EA PMC Prep
- Serena Nathan: Communications and Engagement Assistant
- Barbara van Gool: EA Learning Support Prep

## National school fees 2017

(for noting)

The Weekend Australian (January 14 and 15) ran an article in relation to the slowing increase of school fees across the nation in line with the slowing economy. Fees at Melbourne's top private schools have risen on average 4.1 per cent for 2017. Fee growth at schools in Sydney and Canberra has cooled this year, rising 3.9 percent. Chief Executive of AHISA, Beth Blackwood, said schools were mindful of the economic situation. Private school fees across Brisbane and the Gold Coast have risen on average 2.8 per cent for the 2017 school year. According to Beth, schools in Western Australia have attempted to temper fee growth by capping fee increases at around 2.5 per cent. Independent schools, typically derive about 8 per cent of funds from state and federal subsidies, are also facing an uncertain outlook for government support as they enter the final stage of a federal funding package to be renegotiated in 2018.

## Schools build

(for noting)

A number of schools across the nation have large capital works planned and under construction, ranging from observatories, teaching students about the stars, to architect-designed wellness centres built for reflection, meditation and contemplation. Below is a table capturing some of the projects.

School	Fees	Value	Name
Shore, Sydney Church of England Grammar School	\$28,620	<b>\$52.9m</b>	Physical education centre project; indoor pool, gym, basketball courts, PE centre and additional classroom space
St Catherine's Waverly, Sydney	\$32,482	<b>\$63m</b>	Research, performing arts and aquatic centre: stage one of 15 year building program
Redlands, Sydney	\$31,740	<b>\$114m</b>	New learning hub: stage 1 of 20 year masterplan costs \$40m and includes larger classrooms, communal areas for teaching, music centre, pastoral care offices and garden
Melbourne Girls Grammar	\$33,996	<b>\$23m</b>	The Artemis project: health and wellbeing centre with an indoor pool, indoor multi-purpose courts, a gym, breakout spaces and garden
St Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney	\$26,940	<b>\$153m</b>	A nine stage project costing \$153m, first of which is \$12m upgrade to the Therry and O'Neil buildings
St Hilda's, Gold Coast	\$18,903	<b>\$9m</b>	Senior school precinct: a hospitality teaching and kitchen space, recording studio, open plan classrooms, stage, DJ booth, coffee shop, 200 seat cafeteria and careers centre
Wenona, North Sydney	-	<b>\$40m</b>	Wenona 130 Plus: a multi-year plan including a science, technology and maths centre and sporting complex
Brisbane Girls Grammar	\$23,310	<b>\$200,000</b>	A remotely operated, robotic telescope and observatory
Scotch College Melbourne	\$30,528	<b>\$40m</b>	Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Science: art labs and rooftop learning spaces
PLC Perth	\$26,532	<b>\$7.8m</b>	PLC Lighthouse: meditation and contemplative rooms, consulting rooms for visiting specialist and dedicated nutrition areas

## Baby boom

(for noting)

People are leaving Western Australia at the fastest rate on record but the State's baby boom is ensuring the population is still growing. According to the Bureau of Statistics a net 2805 people left WA for another part of Australia in the three months to the end of June 2016 – almost 30 per

day. This has contributed to the slowest population growth on record for WA. The sharp fall in overall population growth, which is well short of the State Budget forecasts, would have been substantially worse if not for the lift in number of newborns. These numbers may reflect in our enrolments numbers in years to come.

**Staff recognition****(for noting)**

We have revised the way staff will be recognised for years of service. Staff will be acknowledged at 15, 20 and 25 years of service with each milestone celebrated with various certificates, service pins and acknowledgement on honour boards in the staff rooms.



# More action, less talk, says school captain

By DAVID COHEN

**The gap between rich and poor is the biggest problem the world faces, Ollie Henderson says.**

The Christ Church Grammar School student has been chosen as school captain for next year and says he admires leaders who do more than talk.

“Some people are eating off silver plates and some don’t have enough for one meal,” Ollie (17) said.

“It needs to be solved and rich people need to do more about it.”

Ollie became school captain after putting up his hand to be a prefect in Queenslea House.

“If you’re elected, boys in

Years 10, 11 and 12 and teachers vote on who would be the best captain,” he said.

“I did give a 20-second speech for being a prefect, but you don’t really lobby for being captain.

“It’s one of the great things about this school; most people know each other and have a good understanding of people.”

The role includes making about half a dozen major speeches during the year, introducing guests at the weekly chapel assembly, and weekly meetings with both the prefect group and staff, including principal Alan Jones.

“It’s a great honour, and I really like getting involved with people,” Ollie said.

“I don’t want to delegate, I want to get involved.

“I play tennis and footy, and

a previous leadership role was being captain of the state tennis team this year.

“Tennis is an individual sport, but I also love footy because of the team culture.

“I’ve been lucky enough to be part of three Corr Cup Tennis winning teams and the most memorable win would have to be in 2014.

“It was even sweeter that we beat Scotch to take the title.”

Ollie said immediate past school captains Owain Chandler and Jack Hawkesford were good role models.

“I also admire my parents – they’ve been very good to me,” he said.

“Dad was a school captain at Aquinas and has given me a good understanding of what it takes.”



**The top job ...** Ollie Henderson has been picked to be Christ Church Grammar School’s school captain. **Photo: Paul McGovern**



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## Crusading medic honoured

**Shenton Park orthopaedic surgeon Graham Forward will fly to Dubai next week to accept an award from Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum.**

Sheikh Hamdan, who is the deputy ruler of Dubai, will present Dr Forward with the Hamdan Award for volunteers in humanitarian medical services in recognition of his role as the founder and CEO of Australian Doctors for Africa, a local group achieving big things.

Dr Forward's award was announced in Dubai last month and is one of 15 awards with a total value of over \$1million being presented by the sheikh.

Dr Forward formed Australian Doctors for Africa (ADFA) after visiting Africa to offer medical help after the 2004 tsunami.

ADFA began to provide volunteer orthopaedic medical teams to support communities in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Somaliland and the Comoros Islands.

These medical services have gradually expanded to include gastroenterology, urology, paediatrics and cardiology.

ADFA also sends medical equipment, medical supplies and medication to Africa, and this year sent off its 50th container.

In Africa, it has embarked on projects to renovate operating theatres and improve facilities through building programs.

This year ADFA raised its



Graham Forward

profile in Africa by hosting an international gastrointestinal disease conference in Madagascar that attracted 300 delegates and speakers.

Teams of doctors and nurses go to Africa to train medical teams there in a range of surgical procedures, including treating talipes (club foot).

Dr Forward completed his medical training at the University of WA in 1986 and has worked as an orthopaedic surgeon in the private and public sector, including in Broome and Derby and on Christmas Island.

He will be presented with his award on Wednesday, December 14, in the Rashid Hall Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.



# Weekend camp builds friendships

New friendships were made during a long-weekend camp at Christ Church Grammar School last weekend.

It was the 10th three-day Sony Foundation Holiday Camp for children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Year 12s from Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College were companions to the two dozen visitors.

Christ Church student James Borshoff said the aim was to provide a fun camp at no cost to parents.

"It's also to provide children opportunities they might not otherwise experience; to offer respite for families; and to offer our companions an opportunity to grow, learn and serve others," he said.

The Year 12s went through an

application process to volunteer at the camp.

"They tell us why they want to do it, any previous experience they have, and what they expect to get out of it," Christ Church's clinical nurse manager, Joanna Simpson, said.

The event started with face-painting and art and craft, swimming, and karaoke.

There was also surfing, fish and chips, a fire truck visit and a disco.

The Sunday featured a Christmas lunch and appearances from Santa and magicians.

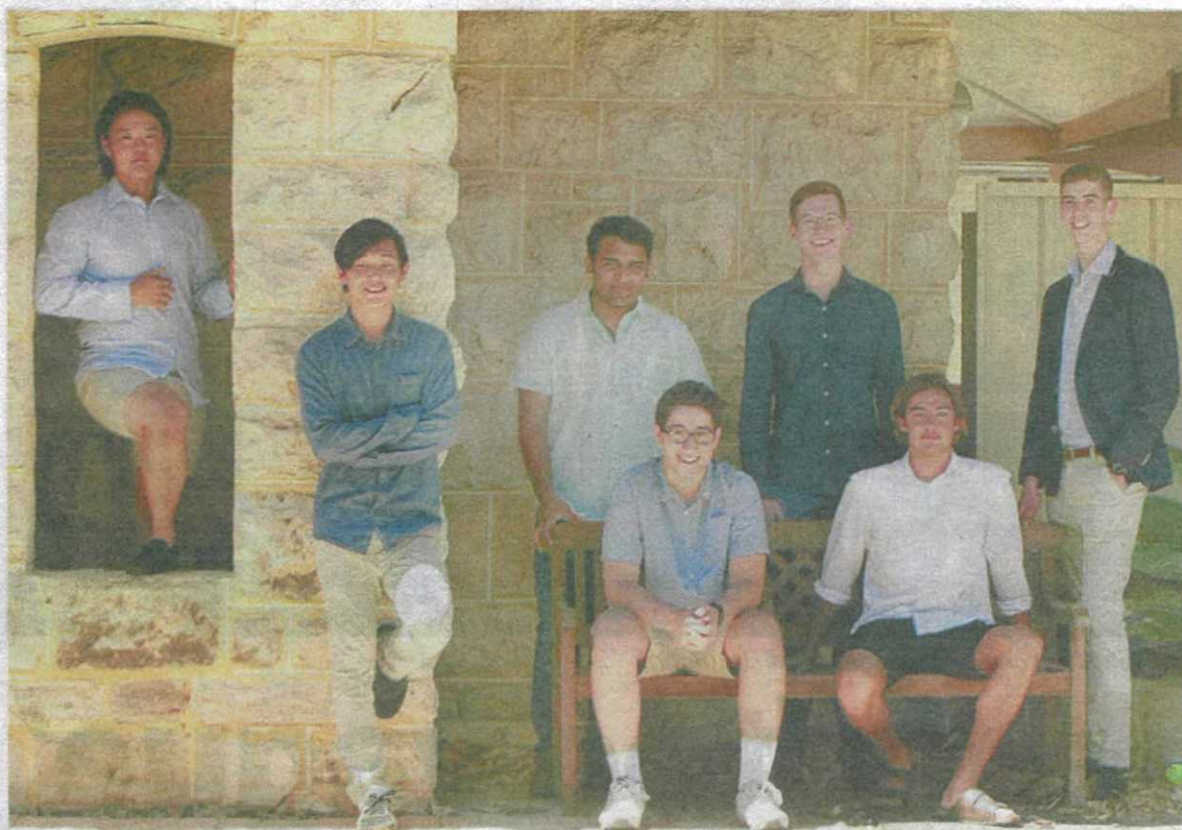
Year 11 students from both schools act as assistants at the camp with the aim of being companions the following year.

Companions wore blue shirts; assistants orange; staff green; and nurses red.



**Camp kids ...** James Borshoff, left, Matthew Jones, Bella Sonneman-Smith, and Caitlin Clarke camped out last weekend. Photo: Paul McGovern





**Star students ...** Christ Church Grammar School boys Leo Li, left, Devin He, Ananthu Koloff, Nicholas Pizzino, Ben Anderson, James Borshoff and James Blaxill won general exhibitions. Photo: Billie Fairclough

## CCGS head praises 'sensational' result

By DAVID COHEN

**Leo Li was wearing his Christ Church Grammar School cufflinks this week.**

The keen musician was one of the Claremont school's star students from the Year of 2016.

Leo was dux and was one of nine Christ Church students to win general exhibitions in the Year 12 WACE exams.

But his general exhibition was sixth in the state and he was pipped at the post by CCGS's Ben Anderson, who was ranked fourth.

Seven of the nine met proud-as-punch school principal Alan Jones, who described their achievements as "sensational".

"We had almost 200 boys in Year 12 and their median score was almost 93 - that shows a culture of learning," Mr Jones said.

"I saw the boys meeting each other before and after school during the year, helping each other with their study.

"Research shows unless boys are motivated, they can lose interest.

"But our Year 12s last year were motivated, because Christ Church values all achievement

equally."

Only 50 general exhibitions were awarded, with the marks taken from five subjects.

James Blaxill (26th) was a gold Duke of Edinburgh award winner; Nicholas Pizzino (18th) helped CCGS win the PSA chess competition; and Leo and Ananthu Koloth (27th) were keen musicians.

Devin He (39th) played soccer, is also a musician, and was in debating and mock trials.

James Borshoff (47th) and Leo helped their school win the tennis Corr Cup.

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## CCGS head praises 'sensational' result

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Ben Anderson is an accomplished pianist and was also in debating and mock trials.

Thomas Waring was 37th and Tom Robins was 48th.

Ben said motivation and having goals were keys to his academic success.

Leo said there was stiff competition for school dux and for the Beazley Medal, which was won by Perth Modern School's Caitlin Revell.

"It's who gets lucky on the day," Leo said.

"But everyone's hard work paid off."

CCGS also won subject exhibitions for chemistry and ancient history, and 25 certificates for distinction.

Perth Modern School students also won nine general exhibitions.

Hale won six, St Mary's five, PLC and John XXIII two each and MLC and St Hilda's won one each.

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# A window into young minds

SARAH McNEILL

The Year 12 Perspectives exhibition is a barometer of what young people are thinking and feeling, and this year's high school artists seem to demonstrate a new level of maturity.

One of the chosen exhibitors, George Gare, of Swanbourne, a 2016 graduate from Christ Church Grammar School, noted that art had "moved away from teenage angst".

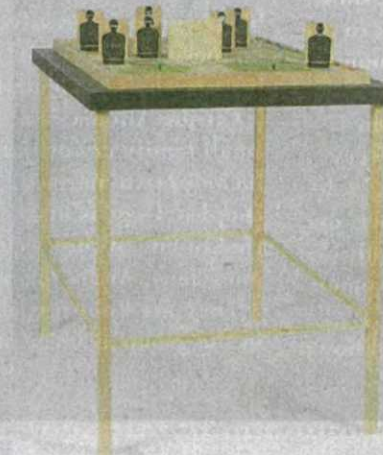
The exhibition opens at the Art Gallery of WA next Saturday and there is a strong focus and on broad social issues, primarily using three-dimensional forms.

George lived in Fremantle when he was young and his sculptural work, titled 28 Bayly Street, Port Beach, Fremantle, is an expression of how the port city has changed even in his lifetime.

His plywood light box with colourful resin boxes illustrates how the streets he used to love and recalled as being part of a village atmosphere have now become absorbed into a bustling industrial port full of shipping containers.

George will study architecture at UWA this year.

Jack Retallack, of Subiaco, also in Year 12 at Christ Church Grammar last year, created a free-



standing board game, Play the Man.

It brings together his love of art and sport, but with the added element that the viewer, unsure how to play this board game, will focus on the figures which, like many sporting heroes, become targets of unwanted attention.

Abby Kendell, a graduate of Perth Modern School, said she wanted to "explore the idea of how some aspects of an individual can cause them to be degraded or judged as a whole by an intolerant society".

She explained that her ceramic sculpture, titled The Transgression of the Seemingly Miscreated, was the physical manifestation of a person's unchangeable part – such as religion, sexuality, race or gender

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■ TOP LEFT: Jack Retallack, Christ Church Grammar, Play the Man, 2016 MDF, pine, acrylic paint, photographic prints.

■ LEFT: Abby Kendell, Perth Modern, The Transgression of the Seemingly Miscreated, 2016 ceramic.

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