



REPORT TO SYNOD, JULY 2011

2010 was a year of celebration for the Christ Church Grammar School community; marking the milestone of our centenary. The entire school community enjoyed a diverse programme to engage current and former staff, students, alumni, parents and friends of the school. Towards the end of 2010 the School Executive and Council commenced a strategic review process to establish new directions to build on the School's established record of success.

Christ Church inspires and develops its students by encouraging diversity, facilitating enquiry and creating an environment in which each individual is purposefully involved. The School's dynamic programmes enable boys and young men to search for their talents and discover their social conscience and character.

A report such as this cannot capture the essence of the School in one year in any detail and I encourage readers to visit the School's website www.ccgswa.edu.au to gain a wider appreciation of the variety of activities and achievements of our students and staff.

Enrolments

Total enrolments stand at 1586, consisting of boys from Pre-Primary through to Year 12. There are 489 boys in the LW Parry Preparatory School and 1097 students in the Senior School. The number of boarders is 113. Demand for places continues to be strong.

Outstanding Academic Results

Christ Church graduating students excelled across a wide range of subjects in the 2010 Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and Wholly School Assessed (WSA) subjects. It is very pleasing that while the School remains academically inclusive, accepting boys of all abilities, it is able to support the boys to reach outstanding results.

Of the 167 Christ Church boys who sat for the WA Certificate of Education (WACE):

- 90 of our boys (54 per cent) achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 90 or higher, putting them in the top 10 per cent of students across the country.
- 63 of our boys (38 per cent) achieved an ATAR of 95 or higher putting them in the top 5 per cent of students across the country.
- 33 of our boys (20 per cent) achieved an ATAR of 98 or higher, putting them in the top 2 per cent of students across the country.
- 23 of our boys (14 per cent) achieved an ATAR of 99 or higher, putting them in the top 1 per cent of students across the country.
- 4 of our boys scored the maximum ATAR of 99.95.
- 5 were awarded General Exhibitions, given to the top 40 students in WA.

We celebrate the achievement of our five boys who won General Exhibitions: Ben McAllister (4th), Patrick Dyer (7th), Winston Kint (14th), Julian Chung (20th) and Victor Yau (24th). We are also thrilled that three of our boys achieved Course Exhibitions, as the top candidates in each subject: Riley Skevington (Music), Michael France (Philosophy & Ethics) and Winston Kint (Physics).

Certificates of Distinction, for the top 0.5% of candidates in each subject were awarded to eighteen Christ Church students. Certificates of Excellence for achieving at least nine A grades in Years 11 and 12 were awarded to 26 students from the 2010 graduating class.

Fifteen of our boys completed a majority of Wholly School Assessed (WSA) subjects. Seven students were enrolled in one or more national training modules or units of competency; two



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students achieved a Certificate II in Customer Contact, one student achieved a Certificate III in Education Support and four students achieved a Certificate IV in Business. Three students obtained a result in a Workplace Learning (WPL) course and six students obtained one or more A grades in their courses.

These academic achievements highlight another terrific academic year for Christ Church Grammar School.

Staff Development

The School continues to focus on professional development, especially for its academic staff. The programme consists of a mixture of in-house initiatives and out-sourced programmes that meet the needs of the whole community as well as individual staff members. The role of Director of Pedagogy also plays a key role in helping to coach and develop teachers in the School.

Co-Curricular Successes

In the co-curricular arena, Christ Church also had its share of sporting success with PSA trophy wins in Rowing, Swimming and Hockey and the JPSSA wins in Swimming and Cross Country. Christ Church boys continue to excel in a wide spectrum of extra-curricular activities and competitions such as debating, chess, music, drama, cadets, sailing, robotics and mock trials. The Midnite Youth Theatre Company productions of *Mnemonic* in the new State Theatre, *Sweeney Todd* and *Boy Overboard* were outstanding. The breadth and strength of our Music Program continues to be a highlight.

Our outdoor education programme has been enhanced with two additional elements that build on the School's water strengths. Our Year 6 boys now all participate in sailing lessons. Year 8 boys now all go aboard the *Leeuwin II* for 6 days, sailing around the World Heritage site of Shark Bay. These two additional activities build on an already extensive outdoor education programme from Years 5 to 11 to expand the boys' capabilities and sense of themselves.

Community Outreach

The Centre for Ethics at Christ Church aims to engage boys in the community's conversation on ethics and spirituality and the way the two connect. The Centre's guests, speakers, workshops and newsletters bring the wider world into the School and help boys, parents and friends find meaning in what they do and the way they live. Canon Frank Sheehan has had an exceptional collection of speakers this year, including luminaries such as Ayan Hirsi Ali, Malcolm McCusker, John Howard, Karl O'Callaghan and Colleen Egan. These and other speakers have supported Father Frank's objective of raising issues relating to ethics and providing a context for student discussion.

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a faith-based service initiative co-ordinated by Christ Church Grammar School. In the past year, students have continued to be taken to another world where all their comfort levels are challenged. This can be deeply confronting, but it draws out something quite wonderful; empowering them with the knowledge that service to others is the way in which a happy life may be lived. India, Fiji, Nepal, Alice Springs and Bali are the Pilgrimage of Hope destinations and preparation for each pilgrimage starts several months prior to departure.

Centenary 1910-2010 and Strategy

Following a year of celebratory events engaging diverse sections of the School community, a fitting final chapter was the publication of *A School with a View*, a school history authored by Wendy Hillman and Peter Edwards. As the centenary drew to a close, the school community has turned its attention to refining a new strategy for the next 5 years. To build on the established strengths of the School, the Council and Executive has identified four themes for the future to explore new opportunities for development and these are:



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- Motivating boys to achieve at their best.
- Enhancing our quality staff in pursuit of the School's Mission.
- Guiding boys to the further development of an international perspective.
- Understanding, enabling and celebrating diversity in the Christ Church context.

Appreciation

As always it is the outstanding efforts of individual staff members within a school community that makes all difference. The blessing that this School has from year to year is the extraordinary staff that in their own unique and special way, contribute to our Mission by demonstrating our values by example. Council extends its thanks to the Headmaster, staff, students, school families and past students for their contribution to what has been an exciting and successful Centenary year.

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