



Christ Church Grammar School

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report to Synod, August 2016

The highlights of the last year for Christ Church were continued academic excellence demonstrated by a high performing Year 12 and the completion of the renovation of the Chapel.

Enrolments

Total enrolments stand at 1646. There are 497 students in the LW Parry Preparatory School and 1149 students in the Senior School. The number of boarders is 110 including 11 International students and 15 Indigenous students.

Numerous targeted interventions were identified in 2015 and are being actioned to ensure the maintenance and growth of our enrolments. These include a refreshed website, videos and new collateral for all families joining the School in 2017. Additionally, a strategy for preparing our Year 6 boys for the move to the Senior School is being implemented and includes a number of events which straddle the second half of one year and the beginning of the next. These include Orientation Day, interview with every boy (new and existing students), a specific Year 6 lunch and a dedicated information session with parents of Year 6 boys.

Outstanding academic results

In 2015 Christ Church Grammar School had 175 ATAR students and 11 general pathway students.

- 18 of our boys (10 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 99 or higher.
- 26 of our boys (15 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 98 or higher.
- 53 of our boys (30 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 95 or higher.
- 85 of our boys (49 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 90 or higher.
- Average ATAR for the year group: 85.70.
- Median ATAR for the year group: 89.55 (State median 79.10).
- 127 of our boys (73 per cent of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR of 80 or higher, the minimum required for UWA.
- 3 of our boys received general exhibitions, awarded to only 40 students in Western Australia.

Personal and Spiritual Development

The Personal and Spiritual Development program continues to enrich the education of the students. In the last year there has been a particular focus on positive education, including positive self, positive mindset and positive relationships.

The Centre for Boys' Health and Wellbeing continues to assist CCGS boy's age and stage as to their mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing. Christ Church continues to embrace diversity and equality in all aspects.

Staff development

The School continues to invest in staff development, especially for academic staff. In this report period a significant focus has been on formative assessment and digital curriculum content curation.

Co-curricular successes

In the co-curricular arena, Christ Church has enjoyed sporting success with a PSA trophy win in Tennis and second place in Soccer, Volleyball and Badminton. Christ Church boys continue to excel in the diverse range of activities and competitions such as music ensembles and choirs, debating, drama performances through the Midnite Youth Theatre Company productions, Duke of Edinburgh, cadets, mock trials and robotics. The boys also enjoyed success in chess and won the PSA Championship. Academic staff members also continue to provide extraordinary holiday tour opportunities for students to develop their artistic and sporting knowledge and skills.

Community outreach

Our MMG Survey results confirm that CCGS enjoys a very high level of satisfaction for community engagement. The Centre for Ethics are contributors to this space, with speakers brought to the school for the development of our boys and enjoyment of the community consistently receiving high approval from parents. In all aspects of survey (speakers, dinners, events) there is an upward trend over the past three years.

The School currently has 15 Indigenous students based in our boarding house with all supported by scholarships. A dedicated Indigenous Co-ordinator assists the boys bridge the cultural gap and champions their culture in the School community.

In preparation

The CCGS Old Boys' Association is currently planning their Centenary celebrations for 2017. Their major event will be on 1 July 2017 and will include a service in the Chapel, an assembly and a gala dinner.

Strategic Plan 2016-2020

The launch of the new CCGS Strategic Plan was in Term 2 of 2016. The 5 pillars of the Strategic Plan include:

1. Affirm our unique identity and culture of excellence.
2. Deliver a rigorous and engaging teaching and learning program that motivates boys.
3. Advance global citizenship through our internationally minded culture.
4. Attract, develop and value high quality staff.
5. Secure and sustain our school for future generations.

Welcome

The Council and School community welcomes Alan Jones as the new Principal of Christ Church as of January 2016. Alan and his wife Carol are settling well in Perth and within the Christ Church community.

We are fortunate to have a diverse and motivated team who individually and collectively contribute in so many ways. The Council extends its sincere thanks to staff, students, school families and alumni for their contribution to another exciting and successful year.

John Poynton AO
Chairman of Council