

## Don Macleod

In 1960, Christ Church Headmaster Peter Moyes appointed Don Macleod to the role of Head of the Preparatory School. Don remained in this role until his retirement in 1986. During his 26 years at Christ Church, Don was an innovative educator and always set out to ensure each boy was individually catered for by the programs on offer.

As well as his innovative educational attributes, Don was instrumental in setting up the Christ Church Special Education Unit for the boys with special needs. Its beginnings as the Remedial Centre was unique in Western Australia in the late sixties, practising a policy of integration. He also played an important part in instigating the pastoral care program, whereby a profile of each boy was built up as he passed through the Preparatory School.



Don's influence extended outside the School, as he was instrumental in the setting up of the Junior Schools Association of Australia, was National Chairman from 1970-1972 and was an original member of the Independent Schools' Education Committee established in 1966 which played an important role in teacher development through in-service courses. He was a member of the Council of the Western Australian Teacher Education Authority and was elected as a Fellow of the College of Education in 1973.

Beyond his efforts in the educational sphere, Don was very proud of his efforts with MLC in having the construction of the Stirling Highway overpass approved, recognising the importance of students having safe access to both schools.

Don, his wife Peg and two sons, Mark and Graeme, lived in Romsey House, which was the junior boarding house. Don and Peg played a significant part in inducting new boys to life in boarding. Having been educated in New Zealand, Don came to Christ Church with a strong rugby background and was instrumental in introducing the game to the School. He also had a great personal interest in art and crafts and became a self-taught and accomplished potter in his retirement.

In recognition of the great impact Don had on the Christ Church community, the Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust has established the Don Macleod Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is made possible by philanthropic donations by the Christ Church community. It will be awarded for the first time in 2019.