



Christ Church  
Grammar School

## **Building good men**

### **Principal's Report**

**February 2018**

#### **Attachment**

- Media Clips

**Old Boys' Association  
Parents' Association**

## **2018**

Key areas of focus for 2018 include:

- Year 9 Program launch in Week 2, Term 1
- Prep School build
- CIS accreditation
- Staff and student wellbeing
- Environmental sustainability
- New staff
- Nexus

## **2017 results**

The medium ATAR score was 92.45 and Dux of the School, Keaton Wright, received an ATAR of 99.95. Christ Church Grammar School had 165 students who achieved an ATAR and 22 who followed a General Pathway. An additional four students successfully completed their Year 12 education in the Peter Moyes Centre.

- 17 students (10% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR greater than or equal to 99
- 28 students (17% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR greater than or equal to 98
- 61 students (37% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR greater than or equal to 95
- 97 students (59% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR greater than or equal to 90
- Average ATAR for the year group: 88.36
- Median ATAR for the year group: 92.45 (State Median 81.40)
- 131 students (79% of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR that would give them entry to UWA (greater than or equal to 80)

## **Synod resolutions**

The following resolutions were passed at the 2017 Synod in October.

- Synod notes the distress that can be experienced by survivors of abuse when exposed to stories and information about abuse. Synod requests that future Steering Committees of Synod ensure that potentially distressing stories or information be preceded by a warning, and encourages parishes, schools and agencies to likewise take steps to prevent distress to survivors of abuse.
- Synod notes with growing and ongoing concern that more than 10,000 West Australians are homeless on any given night and acknowledges that many caring agencies, including St Bartholomew's and Anglicare WA, are part of an alliance which is focused on ending homelessness in Western Australia within a decade, based on similar successful campaigns overseas.

Letters have been written to the Premier and Prime Minister urging their governments to put homelessness and affordable housing at the centre of their policy and budget agendas. Synod urges all Anglicans, parishes, schools and agencies to register their support via the #EndhomelessnessWA website [www.endhomelessnesswa.com](http://www.endhomelessnesswa.com).

## **Staffing**

Appointments

- Brodie Albert: AFL Sportsready Traineeship, 2018
- Kate Atkinson: Prep School Psychologist, Term 1
- Sharyn Bana: Head of Biology (Internal)
- Jessamy Case: Koorringal Assistant, 2018
- Thomas Goodbourn: Residential Assistant
- Natai Jensen-Krahe: Science Lab Technician
- Rebecca Manning: School Nurse
- Scott McCallum: Residential Assistant

- Joanna Morrison-Mayo: Prep School PMC Teacher, 2018
- Stacey Nener: Prep School LDC Teacher, Semester 1
- Jay Pyefinch: Acting Co-ordinator of Years 4 and 5, 2018 (Internal)
- Tonia Ranford: Prep School Teacher, 2018
- Auguste Sheehan: Koorungal Assistant, 2018
- Tyrone Smallwood: AFL Sportsready Traineeship, 2018
- James Stanton-French: Prep School Teacher, 2018
- Shantelle Vukojevich: Prep School EA, 2018
- Kate Wilson: Music Co-ordinator, Term 1

#### Resignations

- Kian Kuchak: Mathematics Teacher
- Kaine Rogers: Groundsman
- Sarah Stone: Year 4 Teacher and Years 3 and 4 Co-ordinator
- Gisela Zuchner-Mogall: Art Teacher

#### **Father Frank Sheehan**

Father Frank has been awarded in this year's Australia Day Honours List with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Anglican Church of Australia and to the community.

#### **Australia Day 2018 Honours List**

The following members of the Christ Church community were acknowledged as receiving awards in this year's Australia Day Honours List.

##### Member (AM) in the General Division

- David Flanagan (current parent) - for significant service to the mining sector through a range of roles, to higher education, to philanthropy, and to the community.
- Professor Ian Hammond (past parent) - for significant service to medicine in the field of gynaecological oncology as a clinician, to cancer support and palliative care, and to professional groups.
- Dr Philip House (Class of 1971 and past parent) - for significant service to medicine as an ophthalmologist, to eye surgery foundations, and to the international community of Timor Leste.
- John Schaffer (past parent) - for significant service to the community through philanthropic contributions and governance roles with a range of health and cultural foundations.

#### **Start of 2018 academic year**

We have had a smooth start to the year with a positive energy around the campus from staff and students. Enrolments are healthy with a total of 1652 students who commenced on Monday 29 January 2018.

#### **Holiday works**

Some of the key holiday works program included:

- 14 and 16 Queenslea Drive
- Year 9 Program on campus residence
- Boatshed access project
- Prep School build
- Demolition of parts of current Prep School and addition of demountable admin building and parking
- Walters - new air-conditioning system installation, thermal insulation and associated building works

- Knutsford - new air-conditioning system installation, incoming campus power and electrical distribution upgrade, LED lighting upgrade and C-Bus lighting integration
- CLC and Senior School Library - C-Bus lighting and LED integration and installation
- Visual Arts, Design and Technology Centre - fire pump upgrade
- Q, M, S Blocks - security panel upgrades and swipe card integration
- Prep Library - new classroom setup
- Main campus and playing fields - air conditioning maintenance, emergency exit light testing, window and carpet cleaning, roof and gutter cleaning, routine fire inspection and maintenance
- Gym - timber floor restoration, blue court refurbishment and line marking
- Playing fields - vert mowing, oval re-coring and topdressing

### **MLC Principal**

Dr Marie Perry commenced at MLC on Thursday, 4 January 2018. I met with Marie and discussed the shared goodwill between the two schools and to offer our support.

### **Whole school Assembly**

Council members will be invited to attend the whole school Assembly on Thursday 1 March 2018 in the Blue Gym to celebrate and commemorate the School's birthday, commissioning of Rev Nicholas Russell and recognition of long serving staff members.

### **New Archbishop**

The commissioning of the new Archbishop, The Right Rev Kay Goldsworthy AO, will be held on Saturday 10 February 2018 at St George's Cathedral.

### **Teacher's strike**

The Western Australian Teachers' Union has announced industrial action in protest of the state government's \$64m cuts to education. The cut, which takes effect from 2019, will shut down many school programs across regional and metropolitan areas. One program that will no longer continue due to the cut is the popular Schools of the Air (SOTA) program, which has allowed children in remote communities to participate in classes by using high frequency (HF) radio transceivers. Six camp school sites run by the Western Australian Education Department, as well as residential colleges in Moora and Northam, will also close, axing 170 teaching jobs. The Government's voluntary separation scheme has seen 3,000 jobs targeted across the public sector, with the Department of Education – which makes up 26% of the public sector – set to lose 800 jobs as part of the scheme.

### **Gifted and talented school programs**

Almost \$2m is set to be cut from Western Australia's gifted and talented school programs, with specialist arts school John Curtin College of the Arts and the state's top academic school Perth Modern the hardest hit. The cuts are among \$64m in education savings announced by the State Government in December. From 2019, a total of 18 schools will have their gifted and talented funding cut by 25 per cent.

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# Hunt on for early clues to gut ache

■ **Cathy O'Leary**  
Medical Editor

A WA doctor is investigating if a common and painful gut problem could be traced to childhood factors such as birth weight, diet and even temperament as a toddler.

Fiona Stanley Hospital consultant gastroenterologist **Oyekoya Ayonrinde** has been awarded a grant to delve into the origins of irritable bowel syndrome, the most common gastrointestinal complaint dealt with by GPs.

He is one of four WA Health clinicians awarded a Health Department and Raine Foundation clinician research fellowship this week.

While IBS usually occurs in teenagers or adults, **Dr Ayonrinde** believes the condition may originate in the patient's early years.

The condition is thought to

affect 10 to 15 per cent of people and symptoms include abdominal pain, bloating, diarrhoea and constipation.

**Dr Ayonrinde** will use data from WA's long-running Raine Study to look for links with medication use, infant nutrition, stressful situations, medical diagnoses and behavioural disturbances.

He hopes it could reduce the need for endoscopic procedures that are often used to rule out more serious gastrointestinal conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease and cancer.

Other grant recipients include Princess Margaret Hospital paediatrician Andrew Martin, who is looking at screening children for an inherited cholesterol disorder.

Fiona Stanley Hospital anaesthetist Warren Pavey will study how to use "supercooling" to store donor hearts for longer.

# ABC NEWS

## Perth Modern leads list of WA's top schools by ATAR results for 2017

By Rebecca Trigger

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**The academically selective public school Perth Modern has topped the list of WA institutions with the highest average exam results for the second year in a row.**

Students at the inner-city school scored a median ATAR of a 95.9 for last year's exams, the highest in the state, and a 0.35 per cent jump on last year.

The school also took out a record 13 general exhibition awards, which recognise best all-round academic achievement.

But it was a lower-profile regional school — Manjimup Senior High School — which beat out several high-profile western suburbs private schools to join Perth Modern as the only two public schools to make it into the top 10.

St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls and Christ Church Grammar took out second and third place respectively.

There were 16 public schools and 34 private in the top 50, a 33 per cent jump on last year when public schools made up 12 of the top 50.



**PHOTO:** Perth Modern School, in Subiaco, has topped the ATAR league tables this year. (Wikimedia Commons: Kollision)

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### Top 50 schools in WA by ATAR results

#### Median ATAR result

Perth Modern School  
 St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls  
 Christ Church Grammar School  
 Penrhos College  
 St Mary's Anglican Girls' School  
 Santa Maria College  
 John XXIII College  
 Manjimup Senior High School  
 Presbyterian Ladies' College  
 Carmel School  
 Perth College  
 Hale School  
 Willetton Senior High School  
 Iona Presentation College  
 Rossmoyne Senior High School  
 Shenton College  
 All Saints' College  
 St Norbert College  
 Methodist Ladies' College  
 John Calvin Christian College  
 Ursula Frayne Catholic College  
 Trinity College  
 Churchlands Senior High School  
 Sacred Heart College

**EMBED:** Graph: Top 50 WA schools by ATAR



School and Curriculum Standards Authority executive director Allan Blagaich said he did not think the State Government's funding cut to the gifted and talented program would affect the rankings of public schools in the future.

Selective schools cater for the specific needs of high-achieving students.

The Government announced last year it was lopping almost \$2 million from the program, with Perth Modern and John Curtin College of the Arts to be hardest hit, part of sweeping cuts designed to save more than \$60 million from the education budget over the next four years.

Perth Modern — the state's only academically selective school — stands to lose \$225,000, while it will lose a total of \$1 million by 2019 from cuts to other areas.

"I don't believe that the gifted and talented programs, in terms of funding, ... will affect the performance of kids in years 11 and 12," Mr Blagaich said.

"The adjustment, as far as I understand, will really impact the administration levels."

## Rankings not a total measure of schools

Mr Blagaich warned parents to examine other factors outside of the annual rankings when trying to choose the right school for their child.

"We would really strongly urge parents not to just look at the tables as they are presented, you actually have to look at all the tables, and also make a good decision around all of the other measures that you would put in for determining where your child would go."

He said pastoral care, social and emotional support, extra-curricular sporting and other activities were all important things to consider.

The mean ATAR result across all schools was 77.5.



**PHOTO:** School rankings are only one measure of a school's performance, experts caution. (Reuters)

## Big jump in vocational student numbers

The number of students achieving vocational certificates spiked this year, with an extra 1,227 students achieving a Certificate II in 2017 compared to last year.

An extra 567 students achieved a Cert III or IV this year, bringing the total to 4,649.

Meanwhile the overall number of students undertaking studies for a Western Australian Academic Certificate grew 2 per cent this year to 25,954.

Fewer students sat for the ATAR for university entrance this year.

In 2016, 58 per cent of Year 12 students took the exams, while this year it was 54.7 per cent.

Above 95 per cent of all eligible Year 12 students achieved numeracy standards, while more than 97 per cent demonstrated basic reading and writing standards.

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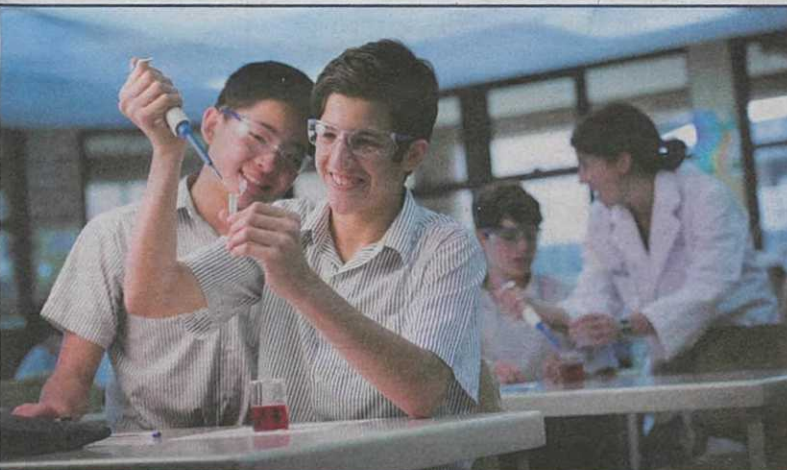
## INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 14 March

9.00am to 10.00am

To attend please visit  
[ccgselc.eventbrite.com.au](http://ccgselc.eventbrite.com.au)

## Christ Church Grammar School celebrates and values all that it means to be a boy



Book online and join one of our school tours, commencing at 9.00am.

### PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Wednesday	7 February
Tuesday	20 February
Wednesday	7 March
Tuesday	13 March
Wednesday	28 March

### SENIOR SCHOOL

Tuesday	6 February
Wednesday	14 February
Tuesday	27 February
Wednesday	21 March
Tuesday	27 March

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