



Christ Church  
Grammar School

## **Building good men**

### **Principal's Report**

**December 2018**

#### **Attachment**

- Media Clips

**Old Boys' Association  
Parents' Association**

### **Creating Child Safe Institutions**

The School is seeking endorsement from Council to implement the *Creating Child Safe Institutions* framework published by the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse. The framework will drive implementation of a child safe culture across the School to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

### **Renewal of School registration**

Due to the commencement of a new Chair of Council, Deputy Principal and Head of the Prep School along with new requirements and standards, the date of the School's renewal of registration visit has been changed to Wednesday 19 June 2019.

### **Staffing**

#### Appointments

- Daniela Chacon: Acting Co-ordinator Prep School PMC for 2019 (Internal)
- Troy Higginbottom: Acting Director of Pastoral Care, Planning & Co-curricular (Internal)
- Beatriz Rueda: Prep School Education Assistant
- Hollie Sadler: Acting Co-ordinator Prep School PMC (Internal)
- Sophie Smith: Teacher Librarian
- Kim Tran: Music Teacher
- Warwick Yeates: English Teacher

#### Resignations

- Laura Burt: Outdoor Education Teacher
- Hannah Clynick: Philanthropy Associate
- Sally Evans: Clothing Service
- Clare Macfarlane: English Teacher
- T'Ann Steel: School Teacher
- Leonie Wynne: Executive Assistant to Director of Planning & Co-curricular

### **Briefing the Board**

The AISWA Briefing the Board Conference will be held on Saturday 6 April 2019 at Swan Christian College. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Eun Bryan.

### **Secondary Principals' Advisory Committee**

I have been invited by SCSA to join the Secondary Principal's Advisory Committee. This will be a great opportunity for me to meet and discuss critical issues for the School and the assessment process for our students with other Principals and SCSA.

### **Prep School build**

By the end of January 2019, all Prep School staff and students will have moved into the new building. The official opening will be on the evening of Wednesday 6 February 2019.

### **Prep School House names**

The new Prep School House names were announced at the final Prep School Assembly and Prize Giving on Tuesday 4 December 2019.

Dale House – Goanna/Karda

Forrest House – Crow (Australian Raven)/Wardung

Giles House – (Bottlenose) Dolphin/Kearla

Stirling House – Kangaroo/Yonga

### **New Chair of Council**

As shared in my email to Council on Friday 30 November 2018, the Christ Church community were informed of the new Chair and Deputy Chair of Council and the appointment of Colleen Hayward and Hamish Jolly.

### **Final day for 2018 academic year**

The School celebrated its final day of the academic year on Tuesday 4 December 2018. The final Prep and Senior School assemblies were held on this day and acknowledged the success of the boys over the year in their studies, sport and performing arts.

### **Annual funds received from the WA State Government**

In previous years, non-government schools have been required to acquit the annual funds received from the WA State Government on a fiscal year basis (i.e. 1 July to 30 June), with signed acquittals required to be returned to the Department by 31 December each year. This year, the Department will be shifting to a calendar year acquittal process (i.e. 1 January to 31 December), with signed acquittals required to be returned to the Department by 30 June the following year. The shift is in response to feedback received from schools and governing bodies over the years, indicating that a calendar year acquittal process would better align with school calendars and mirror the Commonwealth Government's grant reporting requirements. This would also allow school auditors the opportunity to potentially sign off on all grant funding received by a school at the same time.

### **School SES scores**

As shared in John Price's email to Council on 20 November 2019, the update of the SES (Socio-Economic Score) based on the 2016 Census has been released. This information was held back whilst the Chaney review (National School Resourcing Board) was conducted on school funding. The decision was made that that using parents 'taxable income' was a better way to arrive at the 'capacity to pay' position. The School will remain on the 2011 funding model and our 2016 SES has increased from 125 to 126 which means we will continue to receive the least amount of federal funding of any school in WA.

### **Freedom of religion**

Beth Blackwood, CEO of AHISA, represented AHISA at the recent Australian Senate inquiry into 'legislative exemptions that allow faith-based educational institutions to discriminate against students, teachers and staff'. Beth cautioned the inquiry that a hasty decision may have unintended consequences and advocated for the release of the Ruddock Review. The report of the inquiry is now available at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal\\_and\\_Constitutional\\_Affairs/Schooldiscrimination/Report](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/Schooldiscrimination/Report).

### **PLC**

Dr Kate Hadwen has resigned as Principal of PLC as of the end of Tern 2, 2019. Kate will be moving to Sydney and commence as Principal of Pymble Ladies' College in Term 3, 2019.

### **Thank you**

I would like to pass on my thanks to all members of School Council for a fantastic 2018. The School has had a very successful year and the leadership from Council is much appreciated.

# Christ Church Grammar School to have largest solar powered system fitted on an Australian school

November 13th, 2018, 11:00AM | Written by Victoria Rifici | Western Suburbs Weekly NEWS



Christ Church Grammar School's new solar photovoltaic system. Photos: supplied



CHRIST Church Grammar School (CCGS) will have the largest and most efficient solar powered system ever fitted on an Australian school by December this year.

The 670-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system will deliver significant financial benefits, and reduce the school's carbon footprint and CO2 emissions by 655 tonnes annually.



Christ Church Grammar School's new solar photovoltaic system, as seen from the air.

The school selected Perdaman Advanced Energy earlier this year to develop the system.

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Ocean Reef Primary School closed today following extensive overnight vandalism

CCGS Chairman John Poynton said savings made by the school will be reinvested into teaching and further campus development.

Mr Poynton said it was both a business and ethical based decision.

"CCGS has made an investment in solar power because not only do we want to reduce our carbon footprint for the benefit of future generations, we know that it will deliver financial benefits of around \$195,000 per year," he said.



Perdaman Managing Director Dominic Da Cruz said CCGS had plenty of roof space and solar panels work all year to produce electricity.

"Excess energy will be sold back to the grid, and in the not too distant future, batteries will be able to store surplus electricity which will kick in during the School's peak periods of usage," he said.

# Ben's an Olympian when it comes to science

**Ben Davison-Petch won't be relaxing over the summer school holidays.**

The Christ Church Grammar School Year 11 student is preparing for the Australian Science Olympiad's summer school in Canberra in January.

"The Olympiad is held over 16 days at the Australian National University," Ben said.

"There was a three-hour exam in August and they chose the top students from each discipline."

Ninety-four students will be at the Olympiad, where Ben will participate in physics, chemistry, and informatics.

"I really like the maths side of science," he said.

"Applied maths is a lot of fun." Ben hopes to get into computer science, which is something of a family tradition.

"My grandfather on my mother's side studied physics at Cambridge University," he said.

"My grandfather on my father's

side did it at Oxford, and they both did computer science as a career.

"Computer science was a branch of mathematics for a while and became a degree subject only relatively recently.

"It covers how everything works, from the transmission of bits over a wire to how databases work."

Ben said four years of coding and other computer subjects at Christ Church in years 7 to 10 had prepared him well.

"They have good classes here and computer languages I know are Python, Swift, Javascript, C++, and others," he said.

Christ Church science head Edward Hogg said the school was proud of Ben's Olympiad selection.

"It is great to see our boys continuing to excel in the sciences year after year," Mr Hogg said.



**Maths man ...** Ben Davison-Petch with a Wimshurst electrostatic generator in a Christ Church Grammar School lab. **Photo: Billie Fairclough**

# Grumbly-gut monitor wins award for UWA project

**A University of WA research project that uses acoustic sensing technology to detect gut disorders, and could replace the usual invasive colonoscopy method, has taken out a top honour in the Innovator of the Year Awards.**

The WA government awards acknowledge and reward exceptional West Australians who have developed an outstanding innovative product, technology or service.

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) affects 11% of the world's population.

The present method to diagnose it through a colonoscopy is time-consuming, invasive to patients and costly to the health system.

The UWA research team, headed by Nobel laureate Professor Barry Marshall, has developed an acoustic belt that listens to, records and analyses gut noises linked to gut disorders, for faster and more effective diagnosis.

Through the award program, the UWA team will receive commercialisation training, mentoring and advice on business development and finance to help commercialise their invention.



*The tummy-noise monitor.*

# High kerb concern

**Residents in a short Cottesloe cul-de-sac might have their high kerbing re-done.**

"I didn't think it needed doing. It wasn't bad," Graham Court's Stephanie James said of the high kerbs.

Some residents were surprised when council contractors installed high barrier kerbing, instead of the lower car-friendly kind.

"We have a very small street and there's not much chance of heavy traffic," Ms James said.

"We probably have 20 traffic movements a day.

"We were only informed the week before with a flyer."

She said there were worries older residents in the street might not be able to get their bins over the new kerbing.

Contractors also re-sealed the road, which is off Broome Street.

"In restoring the kerb to the original specifications, some parts of the verge used for parking and other activities became problematic," a council spokeswoman said.

"The council is working with the residents and alterations will be made as necessary.

"If any resident has a concern, they are welcome to contact the council so that we can consider their request."



IMAGE: DAN AVILA

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# Crime spate inside shops

Jon Bassett

POLICE say brazen thieves are stealing handbags while victims are shopping in Subiaco and nearby suburbs and then using stolen credit cards to buy goods.

"In one instance they stole the bag and used the credit card to buy items while the person was still in the shop," Detective Sergeant Paul Vojkovich said.

He said men were also being targeted by thieves.

"Men are leaving their wallets and bags on trolleys, counters, shelves, and thieves take advantage of this," Sgt Vojkovich said.

Police suspect thieves wait outside cafes and supermarkets to identify their victims.

"The handbag could be on a supermarket trolley child's seat and they may follow that person around until they are distracted and then strike," Sgt Vojkovich said.

The contents of a handbag were taken at Golden Choice Subiaco Fresh Market about 2.30pm on November 10.

Police are looking for a suspect described as a dark-

skinned woman, 40-50 years old, 168cm tall, medium build, dark curly hair, who wore a grey jumper, white T-shirt, black leggings and had a yellow handbag.

About 4.30pm the previous day, a man's wallet was taken from his trolley at Coles Subiaco and his credit card later used for fraud in Osborne Park.

A woman's handbag was taken from her trolley at Coles Station Street in Subiaco about 1pm on November 14 and in Mt Hawthorn a woman had her purse taken from her pram at the Mezz Shopping Centre about 4pm on November 8.

In North Perth, a purse was taken from a woman's handbag at Coles, Fitzgerald Street, about noon on November 9, and a purse was taken from another woman at the supermarket about 11am five days later.

A stolen credit card was used for fraud in Subiaco after it was taken from a purse left on a counter at a Cambridge Street, Wembley store about 1pm on November 10, and a man's wallet was taken at Coles, West Leederville, about 4.45pm on November 11.



Ben Davison-Petch and Marcus Handley took part in a five-day leadership training camp to give young people the skills to improve mental wellbeing and help prevent suicide.

Picture: Andrew Ritchie

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## Council approves new school pool with proviso

CLAREMONT councillors decided at their November 6 meeting to:

■ Grant development approval for a swimming pool to replace a 1962-built pool shared by Methodist Ladies College and Christ Church

Grammar School, with the provision it is used only by the school's students and council approval is sought for its use by any outside organisations.

■ Write to all residents of Devon Road, between

Mitford Street and Shenton Road, seeking their preferences for traffic calming, including an option to leave the road in its current state.

■ Accept a tender from contractors Dowsing to be

the council's preferred builder of street paths for the next two years.

■ Reconsider public consultation on proposed changes to dog laws after the item was withdrawn by staff at a later meeting.

## Heads up on health

TWO students from Christ Church Grammar School trained at a zero2hero Camp Hero for a week in October to help prevent suicide in their school community.

Year 11 students Ben Davison-Petch and Marcus Handley were two of 41 students across WA who went to Nanga Bush camp in Dwellingup to complete the five-day intensive mental health leadership program.

The camp, aimed at young leaders from years 9 to 12, enabled students to complete a suicide prevention and alertness accreditation.

Ben said he always had an interest in mental health.

"I've been shaped by a number of events in which friends have spoken to me about rather confronting mental health issues," he said.

# 'Teaching keeps you young'

By DAVID COHEN

**There will be a doctor in the house when Christ Church Grammar School's new preparatory school opens next year.**

Steven Males will move from Aquinas College, where he has been the primary school head, to take up the position of prep school head at Christ Church.

"The new building is an amazing facility and I'm very happy to be joining a great school," Dr Males (44) said.

"I'd achieved a lot at Aquinas - Christ Church was a great opportunity."

Dr Males finished his PhD in 2015 with a paper called One to One Laptop Program: Effect on boys' education.

It was the result of a three-year study that tracked 196 students at a boys' school and how they used laptops for learning in junior and middle school.

"There's a need to make sure there's a purpose when using technology," Dr Males said.

"It's about keeping a balance, especially for a young boy."

"We need to make sure they do all the other things that are important in their formative years as well."

Dr Males was recently interviewed about the online shoot-em-up game, Fortnite, which he described as highly addictive.

"It can consume a young person," he said.

"It's important parents are aware of its addictive nature."

"Parents are the real moral



Steven Males is the new prep school head at Christ Church Grammar School. Photo: Paul McGovern

educators of our children - they help us in keeping the balance."

Dr Males also lectures bachelor and master's degree students at Notre Dame University in Fremantle.

He said he'd had a great computer-aided design teacher when he was at school.

"He was sincere, a great presence, and loved what he did," Dr Males said.

"You could see he was passionate about what he was doing."

He said he'd become a teacher partly to be a positive influence on children.

"It's a privilege - and you seem to stay young," Dr Males said.

"You have children for only a relatively short period, but what you can do for them in that time is amazing."

Dr Males has been primary school head at Aquinas for more than a decade.

Christ Church principal Alan Jones said Dr Males had considerable experience in pastoral care and boys' well-being.

"Dr Males is a wonderful addition

to the executive team and possesses the depth and breadth of experience, and the drive and leadership qualities, required to ensure the prep school continues to deliver the highest quality, progressive education," he said.

## College boy rides into bus

A Shenton College student's foot was seriously injured when he was hit by a bus near the school last Friday afternoon.

Police said the 15-year-old had been riding a bike with a friend at about 3pm when he and his mate stopped in a Stubbs Terrace traffic island.

Bystanders saw the boy ride into the path of the 998 bus.

The bus braked sharply, but ran over the boy's foot.

An ambulance took him to Perth Children's Hospital, where he had surgery.

"The police have since advised the driver was not at fault and there will not be any further investigation," a Public Transport Authority spokeswoman said.

"The driver has been offered counselling."



# Connection in the dark woods

Local production of Tony Award winner offers many life lessons, writes **William Yeoman**

**T**he essence of fairytales is that they can look at and confront very difficult situations but they distance them into the realm of art and imagination to do so," writer and fairytale scholar Marina Warner said in an interview once upon a time.

Midnite Youth Theatre Company artistic director Gregory Jones would seem to agree as he and the company prepare their production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony Award-winning take on favourite fairytales, *Into the Woods*.

"Fairytales can be much deeper and darker than you think," he says. "This is an intricate piece in which, in the first act, all the characters are quite selfish. The second act explores the repercussions (of their actions) as they see each other for the first time and connect as a community."

In the musical, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Cinderella find themselves wandering in the same dark woods. Tying the various fairytales together is that of the Baker and his Wife, who search for items to lift a spell that has been cast upon them.

Well-known numbers include *Children Will Listen*, *Agony* and *No One is Alone*. "It's a



Midnite Youth's *Into the Woods* cast members Jackson Griggs, Erin Craddock, Hannah Jones, Nic Millar and Ellen Brookes. Picture: Iain Gillespie

beautiful show to direct and perform in," Jones says.

"You go on a journey of transformation and learn that, although the world can be

daunting, you're never alone."

He says it's especially important for young people to see the bigger picture and look after each other. "Think about

what might happen if a real giant appeared in your backyard," he says, suggesting obvious political parallels.

"The story has a lot to do

with the world we live in right now." The production features the talents of musical director Jackson Griggs and 16 members of the company in the 18-25 age group. Jones says key to that idea of nobody being alone is having the seven-piece band on stage.

"I've tried to intertwine the musicians into the story, not as actors but as musical storytellers," he says. "So when Jack sings *Giants in the Sky*, for example, he's actually not alone — the band is on stage with him.

As another Jack — Jack Zipes, a recent translator and editor of the original *Brothers Grimm folk and fairytales* — says: "Though patriarchal notions flourish in most of the tales, there are subversive tendencies that can be seen in the resistance of young women, who are not satisfied with their positions in life."

It's another message — along with concern with community, responsibility and the power to dream — that has lost none of its currency. Perhaps you shouldn't go into the woods at midnight.

But going *Into the Woods* with Midnite can be strongly recommended.

*'You . . . learn that, although the world can be daunting, you're never alone.'*

**Into the Woods** is on from Wednesday-Saturday at Studio Underground, State Theatre Centre of WA. Book at [ptt.wa.gov.au](http://ptt.wa.gov.au).



# Aquatic hub best in class

Victoria Rifici

CONSTRUCTION of an aquatic precinct for the use of Methodist Ladies College (MLC) and Christ Church Grammar School (CCGS) could begin next month.

The Town of Claremont recently approved the joint development application to build a 40m x 25m pool on MLC land.

Part of the plan features the relocation of 19 car parking bays, modifications to MLC changing rooms and a communal student area at CCGS.

The precinct will feature an existing CCGS 50m pool, along with the new pool, all enclosed by a single fence.

"I'm very excited to be principal at a time when we're hoping to fulfil a community project we've wanted for many years," said MLC principal Marie Perry.

"This aquatic precinct will be fully heated and will allow our students to swim all year round."

The grassed area in



An artist's impression of the new aquatic precinct.

front of the MLC sports hall – visible from Stirling Highway – will be removed for the new pool, which will function as a 25m lap training pool, an Olympic-sized water polo court or two water polo training courts.

MLC and CCGS will host minor inter-school, intra-school, weekend and training activities in the pool, with no major inter-school events or external club use.

CCGS principal Alan Jones said the joint aquatic precinct would be among the best of its kind across independent schools.

"Health and wellbeing is such a significant part of our education program, and both schools will be able to utilise the facilities for their respective physical education lessons and sports programs," he said.

"With a shortage of water polo facilities in Perth, we are looking forward to being able to train and play our home PSA fixtures in the new pool."

MLC has set a \$1 million fundraising target for the aquatic precinct, which is anticipated could be ready for use in 2020.



Close ties: Liam Henry, Isaiah Butters and Dontay Bolton wear their product. Picture: Daniel Wilkins

## LADS COLLAR THE KEY TO SUCCESS

**JOSH ZIMMERMAN**

THREE boys from the bush have found an ingenious way of putting their Aboriginal heritage front and centre in boardrooms across Perth, while making a pretty penny along the way.

A couple of weeks ago Christ Church Grammar School boarders Isaiah Butters, Dontay Bolton and Liam Henry launched Tied to Culture,

an online business selling indigenous-inspired ties designed by the boys themselves.

They come from Halls Creek, Katanning and Tammin respectively, and their venture has proven a runaway success, with an initial manufacturing run of 200 selling out within days.

"We originally came up with the idea for the ties during NAIDOC Week and decided to turn it into a

business from there," Isaiah said of the success.

The three are in Year 11 and plan to use the profits to set themselves up as they move to university and TAFE next year. They also donate a dollar from each tie sold to charities Pink Ribbon, Beyond Blue, and Madalah, which paid for their scholarships.

The ties are available in blue, pink, purple and red, and cost \$35 each. To place an order, visit [tiedtoculture.com](http://tiedtoculture.com).



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## The Future Looks **Bright**

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**“ We are conveying to our students that everyone has a part to play in creating a more sustainable world... ”**

The School selected Perdaman Advanced Energy earlier this year to develop the solar photovoltaic system for its Claremont campus. Mr John Poynton AO, Chairman of Christ Church Grammar School, said savings made

by the school would be reinvested into teaching and further campus development. Mr Poynton said it was both a sound business decision and an ethical one.



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School Principal Alan Jones said, “We are conveying to our students that everyone has a part to play in creating a more sustainable world. Christ Church Grammar School is setting a new benchmark for the scale of solar deployed on a school campus and I expect more schools will follow.”



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