



# Christ Church Grammar School

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church's unique Aboriginal art installation**

With the recent opening of Christ Church Grammar School's new Preparatory School, four amazing, unique indigenous art pieces have been unveiled and will grace Manjar Square – the Preparatory School's meeting place.

Young Aboriginal artist Kamsani bin Salleh created art pieces that bring to life the four Preparatory School houses or factions.

School Principal Alan Jones commented, "Kamsani is renowned for his art and his amazing work will absolutely resonate with our boys - past, current and future. The art is symbolic and acknowledges the School's link to the Whadjuk Noongar people."

"His ability to reflect the natural world with intricate designs and striking black line work is impressive. He has incorporated the six Indigenous seasons and important aspects of native animals."

"It is important to us as a school and community to recognise and preserve the history and culture of our Aboriginal people."

"The land the School is built on is of significance for the Whadjuk Noongar people, and today the School continues the tradition of being a place where boys learn to become responsible young men and future leaders of their communities."

"The new Houses are Karda (Goanna), Wardung (Australian Raven), Kearla (Dolphin) and Yonga (Kangaroo)."

"These have been named after animals indigenous to our land, some we still see and others that have not been seen in this area for a while."

"We believe that this will provide the boys with the opportunity to connect to their environment on a deeper level and significantly, they will be part of a change that will last the next 100 years."

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