



Christ Church Grammar School

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MEDIA STATEMENT: Indigenous art lights up Manjar Square

Four amazing, unique indigenous art pieces have been unveiled at Manjar Square – Christ Church Grammar School’s new meeting place for boys from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6.

The launch saw boys, staff and members of the Christ Church community formally introduced to four new Preparatory Houses; Karda (Goanna), Wardung (Australian Raven), Kearla (Dolphin) and Yonga (Kangaroo) and their new emblems.

Young Aboriginal artist Kamsani bin Salleh was commissioned to create the art pieces.

As an emerging artist/multimedia practitioner and the 2018 recipient of the WA Young Person of the Year Award, Kamsani uses his art as a platform to educate the public about his Aboriginal heritage in a way that bears relevance to modern times.

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.”

“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.”

“It is important to us as a school and community to recognise and preserve this history and culture.”

“The new Houses 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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