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MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church takes award for outstanding service to youth and highest number of Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Christ Church Grammar School has been recently honoured for its long-standing support of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

The School received recognition for outstanding service as a Licensed Award Centre, contributing to the development of young Australians and being a significant contributor to the Award since it began 60 years ago.

Five students from the School recognised for achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Awards:

- Nicholas Patrikeos (Year 12) Gold
- Joshua Fry (Year 11) Silver
- Jonathan Chew (Year 12) Silver
- Cameron Garside (Year 12) Silver
- Leo Brown (Year 10) Bronze

Nicholas achieved his Gold Award in August this year making him the 6th Christ Church boy in history to achieve all three levels of the Award. To achieve the Award, Nicholas took part in activities such as Army Cadets, Taekwondo, Cross Country and Piano.

School Principal Alan Jones said, "Christ Church celebrates a unique history with the Duke of Edinburgh International Award dating back to 1976 and is honoured to have taken this journey as the boys, community, and school are all beneficiaries."

"We have seen over 530 boys from Christ Church achieve the Award through activities such as sport, service in the community, outdoor expeditions and international exchanges. Many of our boys are qualified by the time they have completed Year 10 and in 2018, Christ Church was recognised for having the highest number of awardees."

"Each year, the Duke of Edinburgh International Award inspires millions of young people around the globe to dream big and take on challenges aligned to physical recreation, skill, service and expedition."

"Through developing transferable skills, increasing their physical fitness levels, cultivating a sense of adventure and volunteering in their community, the Award helps young people to find their purpose, passion and place in the world."

Christ Church Grammar School will host the Duke of Edinburgh International Award's ceremony on Monday 25 November.

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