



Christ Church Grammar School

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MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church boys head to School of Excellence

Three boys from Christ Church Grammar School are headed for Canberra next month following an outstanding performance in this year's Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO).

After securing rankings in the top 25 algorithmic high school programmers in Australia, students Joshua Chen (Year 9), Max Godfrey (Year 10) and Ashley Porter (Year 11) have each been invited to attend the School of Excellence at the Australian National University (ANU) where they will spend 10 days undergoing intense algorithm and coding training.

Earlier this year, 27 students from Christ Church contested the AIO which saw two achieve Gold awards, four achieve Silver and eight achieve Bronze.

As the online selection examination for the Informatics School of Excellence, AIO contestants individually write code attempting to solve six algorithmic problems of increasing difficulty across four hours.

"This is the third year in a row that we have had three students invited to attend the Informatics School of Excellence," commented the School's Teacher in Charge of Informatics, Mr Jan Honnens.

"The School of Excellence is the first step on the journey towards the International Olympiad in Informatics, and the boys' next big goal is to qualify for the Selection School in April next year."

"Informatics, being such a relevant and beautiful mix of computer programming and creative mathematical thinking, has become a key motivator for many of our students and has helped unleash their potential in both computer science and mathematics."

"Over the last six years at Christ Church, we have built an enviable culture of enjoyment and excellence in informatics through lunchtime sessions, informatics coding camps, and a year-round involvement in computer programming competitions."

"It is most rewarding to see all that hard work resulting in such strong performances by our boys."

The 2019 Informatics School of Excellence will be held from 13 to 23 December.

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