

Media release

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Christ Church Students Ride 200km for Cancer Research

Most Year 12 students would be forgiven for using their Term 3 break to take a well-deserved rest from the cycle of school, study and exams. However, five boys from Christ Church Grammar School decided to use the time to ride 200km in support of cancer research.

Year 12 students Jasper Jones, Zachary Sprunt, James Lugg, Eden Haythorpe and Lachlan Murphy joined over 1000 other riders on October 10 and 11 as they embarked on the MACA Cancer 200 Challenge to raise money for Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

So far, the group has exceeded their humble fundraising target of \$100, raising over \$955.

The group's fundraising page on the MACA Cancer 200 website details their motivation for participating in the challenge, "There is nothing as powerful as a group of people mobilised behind a deeply personal cause that drives them to achieve things they thought impossible.

Our cause is cancer and we are committed to supporting the world-class cancer researchers at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research to drive discoveries to help our friends and family battling this terrible disease now and in the future."

This year, the structure of the Ride was changed in response to the Covid-19 crisis. In order to maintain the safety of the riders, and abide by social distancing guidelines, riders were encouraged to devise their own routes, teams and fundraising targets as long as they rode 200km.

For the last nine years, the MACA Cancer 200 Challenge has raised over \$30m for WA cancer research. Due to the ongoing support they have received, researchers have made significant breakthroughs that have led to kinder treatments and advances in the Perkins goal to make cancer non-lethal.

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