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Christ Church Grammar School remembers Matthew Carulli

Christ Church Grammar School is incredibly fortunate to have a very strong, connected community. This kind of unity allows members of the community to be recognised and celebrated in good times and comforted when times are difficult.

The School recently recognised the vision of an exceptional student who passed away 7 years ago.

Matthew Carulli was a student at Christ Church from Years 5 to 11 and despite his illness, Matthew managed numerous school achievements of which any student would be proud.

Matthew spent considerable time at Princess Margaret Hospital, and as a result was asked to join the Princess Margaret Hospital Kids Advisory Group. One of the things that Matthew was very keen to see was a bridge joining the proposed new Perth Children's Hospital to Kings Park. He wanted the bridge to be the connection for children to Kings Park, so that they could enjoy the outdoors away from the hospital rooms and campus. A space to distract patients from hours, days and months of treatment.

Last month the rainbow-coloured Perth Kids' bridge, known as the Koolangka Bridge (which means children in Noongar) linking the Perth Children's Hospital to Kings Park over Winthrop Avenue, was officially opened. This three-metre wide, 217-metre long structure, which has been talked about for many years, will provide patients and families with easy access to Kings Park.

Matthew's parents, Stephen and Shelley Carulli, remain connected to the School, establishing a Scholarship for a worthy young man to attend Christ Church.

This week Principal Alan Jones, Captain of School Manus O'Leary and long-time Carulli family friend Oliver Campbell joined Matthew's parents and walked over the bridge.

Principal Alan Jones said that he hoped members of the Christ Church community and beyond would think of Matthew as they drove under the bridge which spans Thomas Street, connecting the Children's Hospital to Kings Park. Matthew's vision, now a reality, is a beautiful colourful addition to the street scape and will provide much needed respite for so many now and into the future.

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*Pictured from left: Alan Jones, Oliver Campbell, Manus O'Leary, Shelley and Stephen Carulli.
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Pictured: Matthew Carulli. Photo Credit: Christ Church Grammar School