



## New playing fields realise the vision of single location for sport

Christ Church Grammar School has always encouraged its students to be physically active and enjoy the benefits of sport and recreation.

Several decades ago, the members of the Christ Church Grammar School Council had a vision. They determined that significantly more space for sporting endeavours would be required and that it would be invaluable to have one single location for the School's playing fields, rather than existing across multiple locations.

In 1999, the School purchased 8.6ha of land near HBF stadium, with the view to remediate an old tip site and transform it into substantial green playing fields for the students and the community to enjoy. This became a reality in 2016 with the opening of the St John's Wood playing fields (SJW) in March that year. Since then, both Christ Church students and the surrounding community and beyond have enjoyed using these manicured and maintained expansive green ovals for recreation.

With SJW playing fields fully operational, the School continued to look for an opportunity to fulfil its vision of consolidated playing fields and commenced discussions with the State Government regarding a remnant tip site adjacent to SJW. The land requires substantial remediation, but presents an opportunity to deliver a significant increase in playing fields within the precinct for the benefit of the Christ Church and broader community.

The School recently received confirmation that the transaction for the additional land has been finalised. With the prospect of this new parcel of land being developed, the students of Christ Church and the broader Perth community will now have access to an amazing sporting precinct bordering HBF Stadium, the University of WA playing fields and John XXIII College.

The School wishes to thank its community members for sharing in the vision and their unwavering support.

### **Timeline**

- 1910 - Christ Church Grammar School established
- 1952 - Christ Church applies to join the PSA but needs playing fields
- 1959 - The School purchases bushland at Mt Claremont from the City of Perth
- 1963 - Some of the land is developed into ovals and a pavilion
- 1984 - Discussions with City of Perth about opportunity to purchase land near Mt Claremont playing fields
- 1988 - City of Perth informs the School there is no additional land possible
- 1999 - School buys 8.6ha land near HBF stadium
- 2016 - St John's Wood playing fields are opened
- 2018 - School commences discussions with the State Government regarding purchasing land near St John's Wood playing fields
- 2022 - School purchases tip site adjacent to St John's Wood playing fields

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