

### PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

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# Class of 2018 breaks ATAR State Record

Perth Modern School is once again the top ranked academic school in WA, achieving a record median Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 97. This is an increase from the past two years of 95.55 (2016) and 95.9 (2017). The school in second place on the league achieved a median ATAR of 92.6—a significant gap between first and second place.

Pooja Ramesh was awarded the Beazley Medal: WACE and 55 students attained an ATAR of 99 or above. Pooja is the fifth student from Perth Modern School to win the top academic prize in the past eight years. Kai Chen, Nicholas Doan, Sunny Lu, Pooja Ramesh and Phil Yang achieved a perfect ATAR score of 99.95.

Students from the Class of 2018 also achieved 17 General Exhibitions, another State record, and nine Subject Exhibitions.

These extraordinary achievements are the result of our gifted and dedicated students working together with our committed, enthusiastic and talented educators. This outcome did not just happen in Year 12, it has been a process of many years in the making. From imbuing a love of learning in the Middle Years to guiding and supporting students in the challenging and fast-paced environment of the Senior School, our teaching and support staff have shown a high level of expertise and professionalism in managing teaching and learning programs that inspire excellence.

Beazley Medal winner Pooja Ramesh said she was proud that she made the most of Year 12, had really enjoyed her subjects and had done them justice.

'In the future I can see myself being a paediatrician and going overseas travelling and being part of Doctors without Borders and contributing as much as I can to research and medicine and being the best citizen I can be.'

Outside of study, Pooja enjoyed dance, yoga and Indian classical music which she is keen to continue during university.

Phil Yang, who achieved a 99.95 ATAR, said he felt very motivated throughout the year, made sure had a plan and didn't leave assignments and studying until last minute.

'I knew I needed to do the best I could to reach my goal of a Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship as I want to study Computer Science at Melbourne University and I knew the benefits of the scholarship would really help me a lot,' he said.

Top of the table: Nicholas Doan, Kartikeya Bisht, Kimberley Tay, Robbie Glyde, Evgenija Blazeska, Justin Liew, Principal Lois Joll, Ruo Yan Lee, Georgia Henderson, Franklin Lou, Pooja Ramesh and Emily Tang.



Pooja Ramesh is the fifth student from Perth Modern to win the Beazley Medal in the past eight years.

Throughout the year, Phil relaxed by playing badminton which he said was important for helping find balance with his study workload.

'I found the best thing about being at Perth Modern is being with other like-minded students who encourage each other to do well and succeed.'

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Tour to Japan









The **Class of 2018** have proved themselves to be a class above in achieving the number one school ranking for the State, breaking the record for median ATAR and winning the highest number of School Curriculum and Standards Authority awards.

Pooja Ramesh is to be congratulated on achieving the Beazley Medal: WACE, the fifth time in eight years one of our students has taken home this medal. Well done also to the students who achieved the highest ATAR possible of 99.95—Phil Yang, Kai Chen, Nicholas Doan, Sunny Lu and Pooja Ramesh.

In addition, 17 students were awarded a General Exhibition, proving the breadth and depth of our students' ability across a range of subjects. On top of all that, eight students won nine Subject Exhibitions, including Roisin Callery who was the top of the State in Ancient History and Biology. I also acknowledge and congratulate Claudia Walton-McDermott for winning the Rob Riley memorial award as the top indigenous student in WA.

The 2018 Year 12 Presentation
Ceremony was held in the Tyler
McCusker Sports Centre on Saturday,
17 November. This very special event
was a wonderful occasion for Year 12
students to have their hard work and
many achievements acknowledged in
front of their families and peers.

## From the Principal

### Enriched curriculum supports students to be their best

The enriched curriculum established for many years at Perth Modern includes a variety of innovations designed to inspire the minds of our students. At Mod, we realise the importance in creating a rich, diverse learning environment where students have the opportunity to explore a broad range of interests.

Students are encouraged to develop thinking and entrepreneurship through 21st Century skills which includes collaboration, knowledge construction, self-regulation, real-world innovation and problem-solving and skilful communication which are embedded within the classrooms. Students are extended beyond traditional subjects to work on real-life projects and learn vital skills such as coding and problem solving. In Senior School, students are encouraged to undertake an Independent Research Project. This project is designed to support students' transition to university as well as allowing them to explore, in depth, a topic they are passionate about. In addition, students are invited to participate in many activities inside and outside of school including a variety of clubs, interstate and international tours, sporting teams, House activities, competitions, special programs such as debating, excursions, incursions and day trips. Special guest presenters are regularly invited to the school to impart their special skills and knowledge in a chosen area. During their time at Mod, students focus on their personal best and are encouraged to be involved in all that the school has to offer.

I believe it is this value adding to a traditional secondary education, as well as the enormously talented students and teachers, that is producing the outstanding WACE results being achieved by our students. As I said in an interview with The West Australian—'We believe if we look after the kids, the ATAR will look after itself.'

Also held on 17 November, the **Pin Ceremony** for incoming Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 students was a delightful occasion to welcome our new students for 2019 and present them with their Sphinx badges in front of their families. The school orchestra performed magnificently and Year 7 Student Councillors **Emanuel Foundas** and **Rishita Sarkhar** spoke beautifully.

The P&C held a fabulous **Christmas Concert** and **Art@Mod Extravaganza** for the school community on Friday, 30 November. On top of a concert with Christmas carols to sing along to, lots of fun activities were run including dance and music concerts, a community and student art exhibition, raffle and auction, games, face painting, hair braiding and a tree decorating activity. Delicious food vans on site were also very popular. The various activities raised money for the Raise the Roof campaign, Friends of Music, Sustainability and the Cambodia Tour.

Prior to the P&C Extravaganza, a **Charity Day** and **Variety Concert** was a fabulous way for students to enjoy some time for wellness and to relax and have fun. More than \$5000 was raised to benefit the charity, **Ronald McDonald House**.

A lovely **Remembrance Day** ceremony was held near the War Memorial on the school grounds to honour and remember those who had given their lives on the battlefields in our name. It was a fitting and moving service that clearly impacted on those present.

Students in Years 10 and 11 were invited to attend a presentation by former WA Chief Scientist **Lynn Beazley**, who discussed her career trajectory and research background as well as her current research and what science discoveries are being worked on in WA.

Congratulations to Italian teacher **Francesca Candaten** who was a finalist in the WAATI Exemplary Teacher awards, Science Laboratory assistant **Lorraine Osborne** who was awarded with a Regional Laboratory Technicians Group Award for Laboratory Staff and

Science teacher **Jamie Morris** who was nominated for an **ASG National Excellence** award

I congratulate the following students on their successes in Term 4:

- Racheline Tantular, Benjamin Caulfield and Pooja Ramesh have been awarded prestigious Fogarty scholarships for their undergraduate study at UWA.
- Connor Redfern and Clementine Smith from the Class of 2018 have been offered a place at the University of Cambridge, Connor to study Computer Science and Clementine to study Law.
- Breanna Fernandes from the Class of 2018 has been awarded a Proteomics Industrial Scholarship.
- Claudia Walton-McDermott from the Class of 2018 won the Academic Dux of 2018 award as part of the Follow the Dream program. Paige Dhu was awarded the Year 11 Academic Student of the Year award.
- The team of Ben Hurst, Pranav Senthil Kumar, Chas Underwood, Christopher Mannaseh and Jamie Laubaccher won the National Chess Championships for the middle years in Melbourne.
- Tristan Le, Oliver Douglas and Alice Rosario in Year 11 were selected to attend the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School at ANU University.
- Huxley Berry and Christopher Leak in Year 10 and Micah Sinclair in Year 9 have been selected for the National School of Excellence for mathematics.
- Lawrence Nheu was the recipient of an individual merit award from the WA Mathematics Olympic Committee.

- Lawrence also achieved 100 per cent in the **Australian National Chemistry Ouiz**.
- Heberet wa Azaro, Reef Kitaeff and Henry Yapeter in Year 11 won positions at the National Maths Summer School.
- Esther Santoso in Year 7, Perri Hinton and Huda Zaidi in Year 8 and Arthur Caspelherr in Year 9 won First Prize for their year groups in the Dante Alighieri Society Italian Speech Competition.
- Fatima Merchant and Conor O'Neill in Year 9 won the British Parliament Debating Competition.
- Hayden Sefton and Lachlan McDonald in Year 11 came second in the Evatt Trophy. Hayden was awarded best delegate.
- Sidney Eric and Anuththara Kuruppu won the first prize at the WA Calligraphy Contest for Year 7 and Year 9 respectively.
- Sharvin Jeyendren, Kaustav Bhowmick and Aditya Bose-Mandal in Year 10 and Rahul Jegatheva in Year 12 participated in the UAE World Youth Scrabble Championships in Dubai.
- Pooja Ramesh in Year 12 has been announced the overall winner of the 2018 Alliance Française competition. Pooja also won first prize in the Year 11/12 category of the Economic Indicators Forecasting Competition run by Murdoch University.
- Perri Hinton in Year 8 and Surjo Mazhar in Year 10 successfully auditioned to perform at Telethon.
- Alice Nixon McIvor in Year 12 has had her artwork, Wedlock, selected for the prestigious 2018 Perspectives exhibition.

- **Joseph Newman** in Year 9 was a finalist in the **1-minute Film Competition**.
- The team of Fatima Merchant and Conor O'Neill in Year 9 won the British Parliament Debating Championships for WA.
- Evgenija Blazeska and Parmida
   Ghobanian from the Class of 2018 made
   the finals of the WAATI examinations
   with Evgenija winning first prize for the
   practical exam.
- The Year 10 Boys team of Ben Caddy, Lachlan MacNeill, Imraan Aung and Aiden Duryea won a silver medal in the Think Again High Beach Volleyball Cup. The Year 11 Team of Lachan McDonald, Yun Zhe, Luke Whittome and Arjun Kang made the semi-final of their division.
- Megan McCaffrey, Josie Trent and Lachlan MacNeill were Individual Year Champions at the School Sport A Division Track and Field Carnival.
- Remi Young in Year 10 was part of the
  WA team that won the National Junior
  Squash Championships, the first time
  WA had won and beating Queensland in
  the final, the state that had won the past
  14 years in a row.
- Lillie Sartori in Year 7 won a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke 12-yearold girls division of the WA State Short Course Championships.
- Tommaso Puccini in Year 9 won the Intermediate Boys Champion race in the School Sport WA Champion Schools Triathlon

Lois Joll, Principal

### Farewell to Roger Hey

A lovely, well-attended farewell was held at Perth Modern School at the end of the year for Director of Music, Roger Hey.

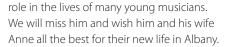


Roger Hey at his farewell.

Roger was a stalwart of the school for 23 years and had contributed greatly to the Music Department over that time.

Roger was passionate about music and its many benefits for students and played a large







The Music Department perform at Roger's farewell: Elizabeth Hamer, Wendy-Cara Dugmore, Elysia Murphy, Michael Rogers, Celia Christmass and Shaunna Powell.

### Perth Mod sets record for the ATAR

BETHANY HIATT, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN



A modern success story: 55 students achieved an ATAR of 99+.

# Perth Modern School is WA's top-ranked academic school, with a record median Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 97.

The school, which caters for some of the State's brightest pupils, was one of 15 public schools to make the top 52 league table for academic achievement based on last year's exam results.

Perth Modern had more than 230 students achieve an ATAR score, which reports a student's rank relative to other students sitting exams the same year, with 55 pupils attaining 99 or above.

The school also produced the winner of the Beazley Medal for being WA's highest-achieving Year 12 student, Pooja Ramesh.

And its name appears more frequently than any others on the table showing the top-scoring schools in each subject, featuring in 26 of the courses it offered.

Perth Modern principal Lois Joll said it was 'an extraordinary outcome' for the school to show continued improvement. It also topped the State for the last two years, with median ATARs of 95.55 and 95.9.

'We would have expected, because of the nature of our students, to do well but we are just so thrilled that the students have value-added on what we would have ever expected,' she said.

Ms Joll said the way the school's timetable worked allowed students to explore their passions by taking seven subjects in Years 11 and 12, instead of being limited to five or six. 'We believe if we look after the kids, the ATAR will look after itself.'

School Curriculum and Standards Authority board chairman Patrick Garnett said Perth Modern's general exhibitions record was a tribute to the hard work of students and staff.

### Pooja is the best of the bunch

BETHANY HIATT, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

Perth Modern School's Pooja Ramesh is the 2018 winner of the State's most prestigious high school award, the Beazley Medal for the WA Certificate of Education.

Pooja is the fifth student from Perth Modern School to win the top academic prize in the past eight years.

The Beazley Medal is awarded to the student with the highest marks across five subjects, including two from the humanities and two from the maths and sciences. Pooja, who also picked up a subject exhibition for economics, topped the list for general exhibitions, which is ranked in order of achievement.

Her other subjects included chemistry, literature, mathematics methods, mathematics specialist and her favourite, French.

She also took part in the school orchestra and volunteering and fundraising activities.

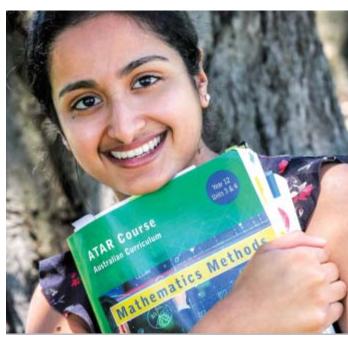
Pooja said she set herself the goal of achieving an ATAR of 99.95, the highest possible, when she was in Year 9 and before she realised how difficulty it would be.

'I really wanted to challenge myself,' she said. 'It had been the dream for a very long time.'

'I'm really happy and grateful to have achieved that result but, even if I didn't, I know that I would have taken away a lot from this year because I did my best and gave it my all.'

Principal Lois Joll said she was delighted for Pooja.

'She deserves the success but, at the same time, she has worked incredibly hard to achieve it,' she said.



Pooja Ramesh. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WEST AUSTRALIAN.

# School Curriculum and Standards Authority award winners



99.95 Club: Nicholas Doan, Pooja Ramesh, Principal Lois Joll and Phil Yang. Kai Chen and Sunny Lu also achieved this outstanding accolade.

#### 99.95 CLUB

Congratulations to the following students who obtained a perfect ATAR of 99.95:

Kai Chen Pooja Ramesh Nicholas Doan Phil Yang

Sunny Lu

### 99 CLUB

Congratulations to the following students who obtained an ATAR of 99+ (this list does not include the students above who scored 99.95).

Mehul Aggarwal Justin Liew Kartikeya Bisht Abby Longmuir Evgenija Blazeska Jemima Loveland **Roisin Callery** Franklin Lou Benjamin Caulfield Cydney Marrington **Chantel Chen** Caroline Nguyen Clare Cheng Viet Nguyen Xi Chin Ali Park Januki De Zoysa Junho Park Karrison Driver Alan Qiu Swarna Gajendran Achyut Rajesh Sahil Gera Anoushka Rastogi Parmida Ghorbanian Connor Redfern Robbie Glyde Indira Senthil Ajeetha

Joshua Green **Bryan Tan** Rachel Guizzo Dri **Emily Tang** Natasha Hartono Racheline Tantular Su-En Hia Kimberley Tay Angela Ho Marika Torihara Yasmine Hosseini Luke Uden Amira Ilyas **Emma Williams** Ramitha Kotuwegedara Alexander Wyatt

Annora Ai-Wei Kumar Aaron Xu
Jai Lawlor Daniel Yang
Ruo Yan Lee Evelyn Yong

### **BEAZLEY MEDAL: WACE**

Pooja Ramesh

#### ROB RILEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Claudia Walton-McDermott

### **GENERAL EXHIBITIONS**

General Exhibitions are awarded to the 50 eligible students with the highest School Curriculum and Standards Authority WACE award scores based on the average of five scales scores with at least two from each of the humanities/social science list and the mathematics/science list.

Kartikeya Bisht Franklin Lou Evgenija Blazeska Sunny Lu Nicholas Doan Caroline Nguyen **Roisin Callery** Pooja Ramesh Swarna Gajendran **Emily Tang** Robbie Glyde Racheline Tantular Kimberley Tay Su-Fn Hia Ruo Yan Lee Emma Williams

Justin Liew

### SUBJECT EXHIBITIONS

A Subject Exhibition is awarded to the top eligible student obtaining the highest combined mark in a WACE course.

**Ancient History** Roisin Callery **Roisin Callery Biology Computer Science** Justin Liew **Economics** Pooja Ramesh French Second Language Robbie Glyde Italian Second Language Evgenija Blazeska **Modern History** Georgia Henderson Philosophy and Ethics Layanna Hepburn **Physical Education Studies** Natasha Hartono



Subject Exhibitions: Robbie Glyde won the Subject Exhibition for French: Second Language and Evgenija Blazeska for Italian: Second Language.

# School Curriculum and Standards Authority award winners

### SUBJECT CERTIFICATES OF **EXCELLENCE**

A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to an eligible student who is in the top 0.5 per cent of candidates based on the WACE course score of the top candidates (whichever is greater) in a WACE course.

**Ancient History Roisin Callery** Emma Williams Biology Roisin Callery Ruo Yan Lee Chemistry Januki De Zoysa

> Nicholas Doan Alan Oiu

Anoushka Rastogi

**Computer Science** Justin Liew **Economics** Juno Bevilaqua Su-En Hia Ruo Yan Lee Sunny Lu Pooja Ramesh

**English** 

**Emily Tang** Jadzia Bamford Georgia Burden Oskar Nivison

Ashley McAvoy Alice Nixon McIvor

French: Second Language Robbie Glyde

**Human Biology Emily Tang** Italian: Second Language Evgenija Blazeska Literature **Roisin Callery** Nicholas Doan

Yasmine Hosseini Pooja Ramesh

**Mathematics Methods** Swarna Gajendran Alan Qiu

> Pooja Ramesh Kai Chen

Phil Yang Modern History **Roisin Callery** 

**Mathematics Specialist** 

Georgia Henderson

Philosophy and Ethics Layanna Hepburn **Physical Education Studies** Natasha Hartono **Physics** Nicholas Doan

Phil Yang Politics and Law

Caroline Nguyen Psychology Jessica Ewin Robbie Glyde Rachel Guizzo Dri

Visual Arts Alice Nixon McIvor



Principal Lois Joll with 2018 Dux Pooja Ramesh and Runner Up Dux Emma Williams

### CERTIFICATES OF DISTINCTION

A Certificate of Distinction is awarded to each eligible student who, in their last three years of secondary WACE enrolment, achieves 190–200 points.

Sahan Abeysinghe Yasmine Hosseini Mehul Aggarwal Mathilda Hunt Liana Aho Amira Ilyas Jadzia Bamford Vivien Ingate Juno Bevilagua Rahul Jegatheva Kartikeya Bisht Daniel Juhasz **Revant Bisht** Mandar Karkhanis Evgenija Blazeska Lacey Klompmaker Nicholas Bong Joanna Ko Chauntelle Bonser Akshit Kotian Shraddha Bose Mandal Ramitha Kotuwegedara Annora Ai-Wei Kumar Lucy Bowman Benjamin Brooks Jai Lawlor **Roisin Callery** Ruo Yan Lee Benjamin Caulfield Justin Liew Chantel Chen Yi Ming Liu Kai Chen Senuri Liyanage Clare Cheng Hemant Loganathan Brian Chi Ja-Yee Loh Xi Chin Abby Longmuir Hannah Clapperton Franklin Lou Jemima Loveland Sunny Lu **Anthony Lucey** 

Januki De Zoysa Nicholas Doan **Shaun Doss** Karrison Driver Breanna Fernandes Hazel Fuller Swarna Gajendran Sahil Gera Parmida Ghorbanian Robbie Glyde Joshua Green Harrison Greene Rachel Guizzo Dri Natasha Hartono Alexander Hedge Georgia Henderson

**Cydney Marrington** Tyler Mathewson Lachlan Murray Daniel Ng Caroline Nguyen Viet Nguyen

**Eloise Oakley** 

Riuna O'Neill

Seamus Pandit

Chloe Ong

Ali Park

Junho Park

Alan Oiu

Sara Pezhhan

Damien Piccin

Adya Ranjan Aneesha Rao Anoushka Rastogi Connor Redfern Jasmine Schmidt Joel Scott Julia Seitz Indira Senthil Ajeetha Inkithan Senthuran Aayushi Shah Clementine Smith Yasmin Smith Pieta Sparrow Jessica Takeda Bryan Tan Gwynneth Tan Racheline Tantular Kimberley Tay Kelsi Taylor Randy Teh Marika Torihara Luke Uden Naoko Uemoto Lara Van Leeuwen Amy Whittle-Herbert Saskia Wibowo Emma Williams Oscar Wilson Matthew Wong Ying Xian Wu Alexander Wyatt Aaron Xu **Daniel Yang** Jessica Yang

Phil Yang

Zeba Zia

**Evelyn Yong** 

Achyut Rajesh

Pooja Ramesh

Layanna Hepburn

Su-En Hia

### **Presentation Awards**



Presentation Awards are received at the Presentation Ceremony at the end of Year 12.

#### **DUX OF** PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Pooja Ramesh

### RUNNER-UP DUX OF PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Emma Williams

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Kartikeya Bisht Sunny Lu Junho Park **Roisin Callery** Kai Chen Pooja Ramesh Indira Senthil Ajeetha Clare Cheng

Nicholas Doan **Emily Tang** Emma Williams Swarna Gajendran Sahil Gera Phil Yang

#### PERTH MODERN SCHOOL AWARDS

#### **COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Presented to Head Boy and Head Girl

Kartikeya Bisht Georgia Henderson

#### LEADERSHIP TO SCHOOL AWARDS

**Presented to Student Councillors** 

Kartikeya Bisht Clementine Smith Georgia Henderson Oscar Wilson Orla Latawski Carlson Z'Whang

#### **HOUSE AWARDS**

**GOLD BADGE** 

Annora Ai-Wei Kumar Mehul Aggarwal Liana Aho **Eloise Oakley** Kartikeya Bisht **Emily Tang** Lucy Bowman Racheline Tantular Georgia Burden Kimberley Tay Kai Chen Luke Uden Breanna Fernandes Emma Williams Rachel Guizzo Dri Matthew Wong Alexander Hedge Phil Yang

**GOLD BADGE PREVIOUSLY AWARDED** Benjamin Caulfield Pooja Ramesh Parmida Ghorbanian Jasmine Schmidt

Su-En Hia Naoko Uemoto Rahul Jegatheva Carlson Z'Whang

Sunny Lu

**PLATINUM AWARD** 

Liana Aho Sunny Lu

Racheline Tantular Su-En Hia Rahul Jegatheva Pooja Ramesh Jasmine Schmidt

#### SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aayushi Shah

#### Australian Defence Force LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD

Navina Stevens

#### THE CLARE CASEY SERVICE AWARD

Racheline Tantular

#### THE CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Rachel Guizzo Dri

#### SUBIACO SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Kylie Tan

### 'ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA' CERTIFICATES FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Mehul Aggarwal Jemima Loveland Liana Aho Sunny Lu Kartikeya Bisht Daniel Ng **Chantel Chen** Viet Nguyen Kai Chen Junho Park Clare Cheng Alan Qiu Xi Chin Achyut Rajesh Januki De Zoysa Connor Redfern Nicholas Doan Indira Senthil Ajeetha Swarna Gajendran Inkithan Senthuran

**Gregor Gear Bryan Tan** 

Parmida Ghorbanian Racheline Tantular Harrison Greene Luke Uden Su-En Hia Alexander Wyatt Ramitha Kotuwegedara Aaron Xu Justin Liew **Daniel Yang** 

Yi Ming Liu Phil Yang Franklin Lou **Evelyn Yong** 

#### YOUTH AMBASSADORS AWARDS

For those who have achieved 100+ hours of service from three different

organisations as well as community-based activities.

Sara Pezhhan Mehul Aggarwal Pooja Ramesh Mohammed Anwar Jasmine Schmidt Nicholas Bong Julia Seitz Angelina Chan

Breanna Fernandes Indira Senthil Ajeetha

Aayushi Shah Sahil Gera Parmida Ghorbanian **Emily Tang** Racheline Tantular Georgia Henderson Su-En Hia Kimberley Tay Marika Torihara Annora Ai-Wei Kumar Luke Uden Orla Latawski Ja-Yee Loh Matthew Wong Sifan Wu

#### YEARBOOK AWARD

Su-En Hia

Sunny Lu

#### BETTY SAGAR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aayushi Shah

### **Presentation Awards**

CONTINUE

### SUBJECT AWARDS

**Art and Technology Awards** 

**Computer Science** 

Food Science and Technology

Drama Visual Arts Design

**English Awards** 

Ella Mackay Award for English

Literature

**Languages Awards** 

Chinese Background Language Chinese (Second Language)

French Italian Japanese

Mathematics Awards
Mathematics Applications

Mathematics Specialist

**Mathematics Methods** 

Music Awards

Music

**Outstanding Instrumental Music Student** 

**Dettman Music Scholarship** 

Irene Jolley Memorial Choral Award

Tom Kent Scholarship

William and Clarice Stabb Music Scholarship

John Peter Coles Award for Top Vocal Student

Physical Education Awards
Physical Education Studies
Sportsman of the Year
Sportswoman of the Year
Sports Citizen of the Year

Science Awards
Psychology

Biology Human Biology Chemistry Physics

The Dr Albert Walkington Prize for Chemistry and Physics Kartikeya Bisht

**Humanities and Social Science Awards** 

Politics and Law Philosophy and Ethics

MIke McGinley Award for Modern History

Ancient History Economics

Accounting and Finance

Justin Liew Rebecca Rochat Maia Harlap (Year 11) Alice Nixon McIvor Aayushi Shah

Su-En Hia Orla Latawski Angela Ho

Kai Chen Kai Kurasho Pooja Ramesh Evgenija Blazeska Elycia Lao (Year 11) Cydney Marrington

Pieta Sparrow Kartikeya Bisht Kai Chen Sunny Lu Kai Chen Phil Yang

Naoko Uemoto Andrew Chang (Year 11)

Daniel Ng

Naoko Uemoto Jemima Loveland

Brian Chi

Racheline Tantular Benjamin Caulfield

Angela Ho

Chantelle Machado

Natasha Hartono Rahul Jegatheva Kimberley Sorensen Georgia Burden

Anoushka Rastogi Jessica Ewin (Year 11)

Roisin Callery Emma Williams Kartikeya Bisht Kartikeya Bisht Kartikeya Bisht

Benjamin Caulfield Mathilda Hunt Roisin Callery Emma Williams Pooja Ramesh

Elle-John Bitangcol (Year 11)

Nicholas Bong Ruo Yan Lee

### SPHINX SOCIETY AWARDS

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#### **FOUR SEMESTERS**

Mehul Aggarwal Roisin Callery Robbie Glyde Abby Longmuir Daniel Ng Riuna O'Neill Eloise Oakley Anoushka Rastogi

Indira Senthil Ajeetha Clementine Smith Lara Van Leeuwen Yi Ming Liu

**FIVE SEMESTERS** 

Rachel Guizzo Dri Yasmine Hosseini Mathilda Hunt Jemima Loveland Connor Redfern Luke Uden

SIX SEMESTERS

Kartikeya Bisht Evgenija Blazeska Kai Chen

Clare Cheng Januki De Zoysa Nicholas Doan Swarna Gajendran Sahil Gera

Parmida Ghorbanian

Joshua Green Georgia Henderson Su-En Hia

Annora Ai-Wei Kumar

Sunny Lu Caroline Nguyen Pooja Ramesh Emily Tang Racheline Tantular Emma Williams Phil Yang



# Australian Space Design Competition Runners-up

A group of our students recently participated in the Australian Space Design Competition in Brisbane where they were runners-up.

The all-boys team was paired with two other schools to work on the design brief to 'create a workers' space station which is designed to collect and deal with space debris.' The group had to consider the needs of the workers on the space station, who would be working on the station for two years with people coming and going every six months.

Each team had to put their tender forward for judging which included a maximum of 50 slides, a rationale for decision-making and a 20-minute presentation to assess the best design.



Mr Ant Meczes, Head of Science, accompanied the team to Brisbane. He said: 'We ended up runners-up, which is a fine effort for a first attempt. Our presentation was our weakest part, as we didn't finish. But we had one of the best designs and this was brought to notice in the paperwork. The boys loved it!'

### Perth Mod wins National Chess Championships

Our fantastically talented chess students are the national champions for Middle Division after blitzing the field at the National Chess Championship in Melbourne. This is a wonderful achievement considering they were up against the best Australia has to offer.

Congratulations to Pranav Senthil Kumar, Chas Underwood, Christopher Manasseh, Ben Hurst and Jamie Laubbacher. Ben Hurst in particular deserves special mention for remaining undefeated throughout the entire tournament.

In the Allegro warm up tournament, Pranav Sebthil Kumar won first place. The Senior Chess team comprised of Andrey Lugovskoy, Kaustav Bhowmick, Maia Harlap and Rueben Cheuk came sixth out of 25 teams in the Open division.

Well done to our winning players and a special thank you to Leanne Ensly for coordinating the team.

 $Senior\ Chess\ Team:\ Maia\ Harlap,\ Rueben\ Cheuk,\ Andrey\ Lugovskoy\ and\ Kaustav\ Bhowmick.$ 



National Chess Champions: Chas Underwood, Christopher Manasseh, Jamie Laubbacher, Ben Hurst and Pranav Senthil Kumar.

# Tristan, Alice and Oliver selected to trial for the International Science Olympiads

Tristan Le, Oliver Douglas and Alice Rosario in Year 11 have been selected to attend the elite Australian Science Olympiad Summer School held at the Australian National University (ANU).

Tristan was selected for chemistry and Oliver and Alice for earth and environmental science.

They achieved outstanding performances in the competitive qualifying exam held in August, in which over 6,000 students registered to take part. They joined 94 of Australia's highly capable science students at this intensive residential program, working hard to secure a spot in representing Australia at the 2019 International Science Olympiads.

Based on their performance at the summer school, 17 students will be then selected to represent Australia at the International Science Olympiads, and compete against 80 countries to win gold, silver or bronze medals.



Oliver Douglas and Alice Rosario.



### BP Debating, UNYouth Voice and Evatt Trophy Competition

LOUISE SECKER, HEAD OF HASS

Just when you thought the debating and public speaking was over, another opportunity arises from the ashes of our incinerated dreams.

BP Debating pits a pair against three other teams to debate a proposal. With only 30 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech, each pair represents either the Government or the Opposition in the House of Parliament. Just like a real parliament, debaters are faced with interjections that they must deftly address or blatantly ignore, depending on which side of the house offers the question.

Many teams threw themselves energetically into the competition this year with one team featuring Fatima Merchant and Conor O'Neill, taking out the Grand Final Cygnet Junior division. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this fun competition in 2018.

In addition, we also had a number of students participate in the UNYouth Voice competition. Each student delivered a prepared speech and was asked questions by the judging panel. Congratulations to Ruby Paterson and Sophie Gregory who were Highly Commended in the Junior Grand Final and have been invited to participate at the national level in 2019.

Congratulations to Hayden Sefton and Lachlan McDonald who participated in the national Evatt Trophy competition in Hobart. This was an incredible opportunity for them to meet other like-minded individuals from around the country.



Conor O'Neill and Fatima Merchant.



Lachlan McDonald and Hayden Sefton.

### Top results achieved in Italian

Year 12 students Parmida Ghorbanian and Evgenija Blazeska made the final of the WA Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI) awards.

Evgenija won first prize in the competition and received a certificate of excellence for being the best student in the practical.

Perth Modern also achieved great results in the Dante Alighieri Society of Western Australia Inc (DASWA) Italian Speech Competition.

Congratulations to:

Year 7 First Prize Equal: Esther Santoso

Year 8 First Prize Equal: Perri Hinton and Huda Zaidi

Year 8 Second Prize: Ruby Paterson
Year 9 First Prize Equal: Arthur Caspelherr

Years 10 and 11 Third Prize: Lana Pavlovic



WAATI exam: Parmida Ghorbanian and Evgenija Blazeska.



Ester Santoso, Ruby Paterson, Perri Hinton, Huda Zaidi, Arthur Caspelherr and Lana Pavlovic.



# ICAS medal winners 2018

# Congratulations to our students who have been successful in winning an ICAS medal!

Each year, around 1.5 million ICAS tests are sat by students in over 20 countries in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing and medal winners represent the very best of these students.

# Perth Modern ICAS Medal Winners:

**Chelsea Lee** Year 7:

Mathematics

Minxuan Li Year 7:

Mathematics

**Lillie Sartori** Year 7:

Mathematics

Max Wu Year 7: Science
Max Judd Year 7: Science

Megan Tan Year 7: Spelling

**Rishita Sarkar** Year 7: English **Chen Lim** Year 8: Digital Technologies

**Fiara Augustin** Year 8: English

**Joel Brooker** Year 9: Digital Technologies

**Sithum Somarathna** Year 9: Science



ICAS Medal Winners.

Adam McKenzie Year 9: Science
Chas Underwood Year 9: English
Keith Wong Year 9: Mathematics

**Jason Li** Year 10: Digital Technologies and Mathematics

Huan Jie Choo Year 10: Science
Bertrand Nheu Year 11: Mathematics
Justin Liew Year 12: Mathematics
Matthew Wong Year 12: Mathematics
Indira Senthil Ajeetha Year 12: Science

### Claudia and Paige win Follow the Dream awards

# In 2017 Perth Modern School linked with the Follow The Dream Program.

Follow The Dream members are part of an exclusively chosen group of high-achieving Aboriginal students who have university aspirations and demonstrate the appropriate school results, attendance and behaviours to achieve such ambitions.

The program coordinates with a representative of the school to provide Indigenous students with fully paid tutoring support as well as cultural and leadership opportunities. Students also have access to participate in both intra and inter-state excursions and camps to universities providing information on university support services for Indigenous students, alternative entry pathways information as well as many other educational opportunities. Our link with the Mt Lawley based Outreach program has also enabled our students to network with other aspirational Indigenous students from over 20 other schools.

The Outreach Follow The Dream awards ceremony was held at the Kurongkurl Katitjin Centre at Edith Cowan University's Mt Lawley campus. Perth Modern student Paige Dhu in Year 11 was awarded the Year 11 Academic Student of the Year award while Claudia Walton-McDermott in Year 12 won the prestigious Academic Dux of 2018 award. Congratulations to both girls on such a wonderful achievement.



Claudia Walton-McDermott and Paige Dhu.



### **JLTAWA Calligraphy Contest**

Sidney Eric in Year 7 and Anuththara Kuruppu in Year 9 received the first prize in Year 7 and 9 Category respectively at the WA Calligraphy Contest 2018 run by the Japanese Languages Teachers Association of WA.

Using the calligraphy brush skilfully, they wrote the kanji 'kita', which means north and was the kanji of the year for 2017 in Japan. The kanji kita (北, north) was selected as the character best capturing the national mood last year in Japan because of the heightened nuclear and missile threat posed by North Korea









### Alliance Française Examination

Again this year, Perth Modern students have stood out at the Alliance Française Examination. Four of our Year 12 students, Robbie Glyde, Pooja Ramesh, Joshua Green and Clare Cheng, were amongst the 10 finalists in Western Australia.

Pooja Ramesh won First Place at the Year 12 Alliance Française Examination and Macy Sharp won Second Place at the Year 10 Alliance Française Examination.

Bien joué les filles!

Alliance Française Examination winners: Macy Sharp and Pooja Ramesh.

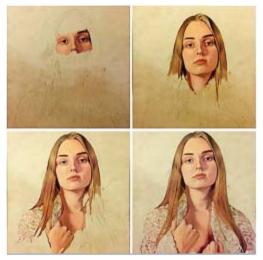
### Alice exhibiting in Perspectives

SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHER

A stunning artwork by Year 12 student Alice Nixon McIvor, Wedlock, has been selected to be on exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia as part of the Year 12 exhibition 'Perspectives 2018'.

Alice has had many of her exquisite realistic portrait paintings on exhibition in various galleries and has been recognised with several awards in her time in ATAR Visual Art. It is a lovely commendation that her large-scale painting *Wedlock* was selected for this annual exhibit.

Alice says that the artwork explores 'lace, a symbol of rebirth and union in marriage, originates from the word 'noose'; to entrap or ensnare. Lace-making in history provided



Wedlock by Alice Nixon McIvor.

young women stability, keeping them out of the presumed inevitability of female prostitution and poverty. Marriage has been packaged as a similar deal throughout history, the source of stability for the everyday woman, relying on her husband to support her life. However, it is odd, as a young woman living in current times of female empowerment and independence, we are still encouraged from a young age to seek out a man, find a rich husband or simply wait for our life to begin once our prince has rescued us. And unsurprisingly the financial dependency this can lead to, can leave women trapped, relying solely on a man to evade poverty, unable to stand alone and sometimes in unhappy situations far from 'happily ever after' with their prince charming.'

Her artwork can be viewed at the Art Gallery from 6 April–1 June 2019.

# Perth Modern wins SCRAM Grand Final

SOPHIE GAUNT,
SCRAM COORDINATOR

This year, Perth Modern School entered two teams into the Schools Conflict Resolution and Mediation (SCRAM) competition.

The competition involves learning and applying the processes of mediation to role play dispute situations. The students had a great time role playing and mediating disputes on topics ranging from trashed gardens, school projects, broken friendships and even broken bird baths.

The year culminated in Perth Modern School taking out the title and winning the 2019 SCRAM Grand Final. Both teams should be congratulated on their tremendous efforts.

# Year 9 Ningaloo Marine Camp

NINA ANGELI ROQUE AND STEPHANIE TSANG KWONG HONG, YEAR 9



One desert, two thirteen-hour bus rides, four teachers, five days, ten tents, 50 excited students, 0 police and 0 doctors... and we can still say that Ningaloo was the greatest camp ever!

Waking up at 3.00am is perhaps not the best start to the week. Just one hour into the trip we were already getting a little restless and we knew we still had 12 hours to go. After about five stops and 13 hours, we finally arrived at out campsite before dark. After settling in our tents and having dinner, we were encouraged to have a walk on the beach in the dark.



The bright sun outside our tents woke us up before seven every day forcing us to get out of our tents and get ready for our first activity. Every day was filled with new and exhilarating experiences, swimming with sea life, sandboarding down sand dunes and watching the sun set over the horizon. We learnt the ins and outs of life in Coral Bay, especially enduring the scorching sun which melted the road (and the adhesive between the bus and its window).

Those willing to pay extra to do the scuba course, went in a separate group where they dived to the bottom of the world heritage site where they explored the sea life on the sea floor. Those who completed the course earned their scuba certificate.

Despite nearly drowning, getting roasted in our oven-like tents and getting sunburnt (even though we put on thousands of layers of sunscreen), the camp gave us the knowledge of the endangered ecosystem of Ningaloo.

Special thanks go to all the teachers who endured our everlasting wild conversations and activities (instant noodles right before meals), especially Ms Bajrovic for organising this camp and having more energy than us. Ningaloo will forever be an amazing memory and has still left us with post-camp depression. PS Thanks for not confiscating our tea bags, 30 packets of instant noodles, and kettle.



Exceptional students.

# Sydney-Canberra Tour an unforgettable experience

MATILDA LANE-ROSE AND NABILA LEUNIG, , YEAR 9



On our first morning we groggily awoke, shimmied into our finest Perth Modern uniform and headed to our bus, filled to the brim with anticipation for the day ahead. Our first stop was Parliament House, where our trusty Civics and Citizenship textbook came to life. We were particularly grateful to be present for the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse and to hear from Hon Julie Bishop MP.

The rest of our stay in Canberra was packed with an array of exciting events including Questacon (far superior to Sci-Tech), The National Film and Sound Archives and the Royal Australian Mint.

> In Sydney we explored the Powerhouse Museum and watched in awe as the birds at Taronga Zoo took to the skies. Upon arrival at our accommodation at Chowder Bay, we were greeted by a Dutch man named Röell who stood at an astounding 6'8" and would go on to entertain us with maths problems and riddles. Little did we know that the next day would begin with the struggle of trying to keep up with Ms Nicholson's brisk pace! Following a brief breakfast, we were back on our feet walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and around the historic Rocks Area. We were honoured to have the indescribable opportunity to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum and hear the first-hand account of Holocaust Survivor, Helena Goldstein.

> Our time on the tour flew by too quickly and before we could mourn our departure, we took an obligatory visit to Bondi Beach and visited the iconic smiling face of Luna Park.

Thank you to Ms Gaunt, Mr Staffe, Ms Nicholson and Ms Dunbar-Smith for their hard work for creating a tour that was truly unforgettable!





# Tour to Japan an exciting journey

SOFIA KHOKHLENOK AND HUXLEY BERRY, YEAR 10



On the last day before the Term 3 holidays, a group of Years 10 and 11 Japanese students left Perth airport to begin their exciting two-week journey across Japan, which would take us across the country and end in a week with our Japanese Host Families in Akishima City.

During the first week, we travelled at top speeds on the Shinkansen, learned about the harmful effects of nuclear warfare in Hiroshima, experienced the beautiful temples and shrines of Kyoto and explored the bustling streets and lively shopping centres of Osaka and Tokyo. The next week would be spent with our host families.

Undertaking a homestay in Japan provided us with invaluable insight into the life of Japanese people. They experienced what it was like to live, sleep, and eat in a Japanese house, and to go to a Japanese middle school. The homestay also gave us an invaluable opportunity to improve our speaking skills. Moreover, we were all amazed by the generosity of our host families, who took us to a variety of interesting places and kindly gave us gifts. By the time we had to return to Perth, this once in a lifetime opportunity left us with unforgettable memories and life-long friends. This trip, overall, was one unique and incredible experience that we are very thankful to have been a part of.















# China Tour an enriching experience

MEI LI, NICOLA REILLY AND JOHN O'LOUGHLIN, TOUR LEADERS

The second annual Chinese Culture and Economics Tour was a fantastic, unforgettable and eye-opening experience for the 30 Perth Modern students and three staff members in attendance. Those on tour thrived in this nation of 1.3 billion people, having the opportunity to learn a little about the ancient culture and traditions of this incredibly interesting country. Students experienced a broad view of Chinese culture and could see the development of the Chinese economy in reality.

We left Perth and headed off to Shanghai for three days. In Shanghai, the group visited Yu Garden, the Bund and Nanjing Road. At night, students enjoyed the Huang Pu River Cruise to see the night view of modern Shanghai. We had the opportunity to go to Shanghai Disneyland one day, which was magical.

After Shanghai, we rode the bullet train to Beijing for about 4.5 hours. It was amazing to sit on the 320 kilometre per hour fast train. The train travelled through cities and villages and it was great to see the differences between the two ways of living.

Our second destination was the nation's capital and historical city Beijing. Students visited the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, Tian'an Men Square, the Summer Palace and relaxed with the Hutong tour by rickshaw. We also spent one-and-a-half-days staying at Gubei Water Town and climbed the Simatai Great Wall which is one of the Great Walls that was not fully refurbished and still maintains its original appearance.

For a special visit, we were invited to an international agriculture company called Syngenta. The company staff members showed us their research experiment laboratory and explained to the group how their business ran in China and internationally.

After Beijing, we took the bullet train to Xi'an, which is the capital city of China during the Qin dynasty and famous for the Terracotta Warriors. Visiting the Terracotta Warriors was a wonderful opportunity to see the masterful stonework of these life-size models. In the afternoon, we rode bicycles or tandems, along the city walls of the old palace and attended the dumpling-making lessons under the guide of a local chef.



## Connor is off to Cambridge

Connor Redfern from the Class of 2018 is set to follow in the steps of Professor Stephen Hawking and attend Gonville and Caius college at Cambridge to study computer science. Before his death, Professor Hawking was a Fellow at Gonville and Caius.

Connor said that due to Cambridge University's highly selective nature it can offer more in-depth and rigorous courses, covering topics much faster than other universities and allowing for the content to be studied in greater depth.

While employment prospects for all computer science graduates are generally good, Cambridge computer science graduates are highly sought after and are

generally approached by multiple companies regarding employment at the conclusion of their studies,' Connor said.

Connor said he had chosen computer science as advanced programming is the gateway to the practical application of many theoretical subjects.

'This will allow me to indulge in



Connor Redfern with Principal Lois Joll.

my passion for mathematics whilst assisting me to develop real-world uses in many areas,' he said.

Clementine Smith from the Class of 2018 has been offered a place at Cambridge to study Law.

# Julie Bishop tells students not to rush into political life

LLOYD GORMAN, POST

Curtin MP Julie Bishop had some free advice for Perth Modern School students—don't rush into a career in politics.

'I would suggest if you go to university, finish it, get your degree—and if you have an opportunity for a master's or doctorate sure, fine—but I would then pursue a job or career of some sort before going into politics,' Ms Bishop said when a student asked her how to get into politics.

'I think life experience adds a great deal to what you bring into the political arena. 'That's not so say you can't go straight from university into politics, but I don't think you would be doing yourself any favours if you did.'

Just days after the 20th anniversary of being elected the Federal member for Curtin, Ms Bishop was at Perth Mod to share some of her experiences with hundreds of Years 10 to 12 students.

She explained that becoming a partner in a Perth Law firm and her subsequent management training at Harvard University had inadvertently led her to public office.



Clementine Smith, Lois Joll, Benjamin Caulfield, Julie Bishop, Zeba Zia and Abby Longmuir.

'It didn't even enter my head to go into politics for some time,' she said. 'I'd been [at the law firm] for 15 years.'

She went to Harvard in 1996 to study for a 'mini MBA' and two years later, in October 1998, won preselection for Curtin, and then the seat itself.

'I gained qualifications and a career and then I was in a position, I think, to offer something to the electorate,' she said.

### Love of reading brings Grace and Nancy together

At the beginning of 2018, Year 7 student Grace Sinclair was looking for ideas to fulfil the Community Service component of the Pegasus Society, a Perth Modern initiative that recognises participation, effort and commitment to the wider community.

For many years, Grace has been reading classical books to her grandmother over the phone, so her parents encouraged her to think about reading to someone living in residential aged care.

Stephen Grasso, Chaplain at Baptistcare Gracewood Residential Care, helped connect Grace with 95-year-old resident Nancy who shares Grace's love of books. Nancy had started to find it difficult to read books for herself and so Grace's offer to read to her was welcome news.

Nancy had wanted to read *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* for some time and the C.S. Lewis classic proved the perfect starting point with the ladies now well on their way to reading all seven tales in *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

'Grace reads with such expression and passion. It almost transports me into the real scenes so that I can actually see the story unfolding in my imagination', Nancy said.

Despite having more than 80 years between them, Grace and Nancy have developed a strong connection with Nancy even sharing her own personal stories about what is was like to work in the Women's Land Army in Britain during World War II.

'My friendship with Nancy is an enjoyable relationship as I don't just instantly start reading, but I also have a chat to her before and after reading to her,' Grace said.



Grace Sinclair with Nancy.

# Spotlight on Support Staff



Perth Modern School is not only made up of teachers and students, but a range of support staff who keep the school running efficiently behind the scenes. These profiles provide a brief overview of their roles and duties.

### **Administration/Front Office**

Jan Fallows, Karen Wedemeyer, Kaylene Nilsen, Natasha Harlond, Tina Smith, Susan Kohlen and Carol Fursa

Jan Follows is the Manager of Corporate Services and has a busy role as line manager of administration staff, running the school's finances and managing the budget.



Natasha Harlond, Karen Wedemeyer, Jan Fallows, Kaylene Nilsen, Tina Smith and Carol Fursa.

Karen is the Business Support Officer and supports Jan in her role ensuring all finance procedures run smoothly and to auditory requirements while Kaylene and Natasha have specific tasks they manage within the finance team. Tina helps the front office with maintenance issues, purchasing of stationary and other items the school needs as well as supports reception. Carol is the friendly face at reception while Susan manages the enrolment process, as well as providing support to reception and Student Services.



Kerry Kitson

Paige Standen-Burrows

#### **Executive Assistants**

#### Kerry Kitson and Paige Standen-Burrows

Kerry and Paige provide high level administrative support to the Principal and the Executive in a job share capacity. They coordinate professional development opportunities, organise catering for staff events, organise new staff interviews and associated paperwork and liaise with Modernians, Historical Society and other external stakeholder groups.

### **Communications and Marketing**

#### Thalia Cole and Mel Hall

Thalia Cole manages the communications and marketing of the school, compiling the newsletter and annual report, editing The Sphinx yearbook, uploading Facebook posts, taking photos, writing media releases and managing the school website, amongst other tasks. Thalia is also a qualified teacher

and regularly steps in to help with lessons when the need arises. She is assisted in these tasks part-time by Mel Hall.

Thalia Cole and Mel Hall.



### Information Technology

#### **Boris Nastov and Alec Glass**

Boris Nastov and Alec Glass are our amazing technical support officers who work very hard ensuring IT networks are functioning, staff and student computers and tablets are working as they should, and they also set up IT equipment for a range of school events.



Cheryl Lindorff

#### **Music Administration Cheryl Lindorff**

Cheryl has been working for Perth Modern for the past 32 years! Cheryl helps with administration in the Music Department, organising auditions, concerts, programs, instruments and timetables. She also provides administrative support to the Heads of Learning Areas.

# **Careers and Curriculum**

#### Mia Siliquini

Mia provides administration support in Careers and Curriculum and also contributes high level support to the Executive. Mia also helps with organising and setting up for school assemblies and special quest speaker events, coordinates skills week and work placements and is an integral part of helping the Careers

Centre assist students with career advice and scholarship information.



Mia Siliquini

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#### **Home Economics**

#### **Kylie Banfield and Sharon Sibson**

Sharon and Kylie help the Food Technology teachers run practical classes in the school kitchens. They make sure all the ingredients for cooking classes are ordered and organised for the lesson. Kylie also has the additional tasks of helping with the practical set up for Visual Art lessons and helping the Arts and Technology Department display the incredible artworks created by students.



Kylie Banfield

# Facilities Hire Michael Nield

Michael has recently joined Perth Modern School as the Facilities Hire Coordinator. Michael hires out the various venues at the school to external organisations and individuals, ensuring an additional

income stream for the school.



Michael Nield



### Library

#### Kerry Halse and Dorothy Millar

Kerry and Dorothy work in the library assisting students with their enquiries, helping to ensure the smooth running of library services and maintaining the school's extensive book collection.

Dorothy Millar and Kerry Halse.

Lorraine Osborne and Katrina Beresford

**Laboratory Technicians** 

Lorraine Osborne and Katrina Beresford.

Lorraine and Katrina run the science laboratory, setting up the equipment science teachers require to make practical lessons interesting and fun. They also order in and maintain science laboratory equipment.



Andy Kemp and Jeff Allen.

# Gardening and Maintenance Jeff Allen and Andy Kemp

Visitors to the school grounds often express their wonder at how neat and tidy it always looks. This is due to the fantastic work of Jeff and Andy who not only keep the grounds looking great, they are also responsible for the maintenance of all school property. In addition, they also provide services as handymen who can do almost anything practical that is requested of them.

### Cleaning

Andriansyah Agesta, Giuseppina De Nardi, John Doerjat, M Kushantha Fernando, Shafiq Ghazy Rais, Christina Hatzidakis, Heriyanto, Yuri Indra, Eh Ku Soe Rufus, Agus Setyadi, Taryono and Trias Usadana.

Perth Modern School has an amazing group of cleaners, who mostly hail from Indonesia with a few exceptions, who keep the school looking tippy top. Managed by Heriyanto, the cleaners work all hours of the day, including early before school and after school, to keep the school environment clean and hygienic and to help maintain pride in the school environment.



Yuri Indra, Taryono and Trias Usadana.



Heriyanto, John Doerjat, Eh Ku Soe Rufus, Andriansyah Agesta, Shafiq Ghazy Rais, Agus Setyadi, Giuseppina De Nardi and colleague.

# Fabulous memories made at the Year 8 Camp

MONICA FRANZ, HEAD OF YEAR 8

### The Year 8 House Camp was held in Week 4 of Term 4 at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp in Hillarys and was brilliant fun for everyone involved.

The Year 8 students were issued a challenge at the start of the camp—to step outside their comfort zone. There were plenty of opportunities to do so with activities ranging from Flying Fox, abseiling, rock-climbing and the B pump track.

In the evenings, the students were treated to a number of activities. On the first night there was a lip sync challenge, with performances ranging from hip hop tunes, medley of great hits, Queen and some fabulous rap—all greatly impressing the audience. After the entertainment, the Year 8 students were ready to hit the dancefloor at the Halloween disco.

On the second evening, the students had a wonderful African Beat Drumming Workshop with 100 instruments ringing out around the room. The experience was one that would not be easily forgotten. They were also treated to a screening of the movies they made in English in Term 3.

It was a fabulous camp and a great time was had by all.



## Year 9 Ern Halliday Camp

AMELIA EDWARDS, YEAR 9

During Term 4, around 70 students from the Year 9 cohort set off for Ern Halliday Recreation Camp excited and prepared (at least we thought we were) for the few crazy days ahead of us.

After a short bus drive, we arrived at the camp site and quickly headed off to our dorms to settle down before promptly starting our activities. Along with the current Year 9 students, we also had three incoming students for 2019 come along with us. It was a really awesome experience getting to know them and they integrated into our groups very well and I'm positive that they had a great time.

A clear camp highlight would be when all of us went ice-skating on the second night. We were able to have fun together, witnessing and experiencing lots of falls throughout the evening. Ms Scaife even came on the ice for a while and a few of us helped her around the rink.

Outside of our dorms there were basketball courts, a large open oval and a volleyball net. This meant every second that we weren't either eating or in an activity, the vast majority of us were down on the oval having fun.

Whether you were part of the same friend group or not, we all got together and made the most of those few days. I can say for sure that when I left camp, I had made many new friends and had become much closer to the friends I already had.

Only arriving at Mod at the start of this year this was my first, and last, year camp at Perth Mod. I can safely say that it was a definite highlight of the 2018 school year.





# World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions

We began the tour with an extremely long, yet exciting, journey from Perth to New York City. It took us over 30 hours in total and once we arrived, we were exhausted.

Luckily for us, we had a few days in New York City to relax before the competition started. This consisted of lovely sightseeing and a bit of shopping! We also had the chance to visit a few famous American Universities including Princeton, M.I.T., Harvard and of course Yale University, the venue of the Tournament of Champions which is the penultimate competition of the World's Scholar's Cup.

The competition was extremely challenging and we had to use our prior knowledge from studying the vast syllabus in order to succeed. Our writing and public speaking skills were also

put to the test when we competed against teams from all around the world in collaborative writing and debating. However, we had opportunities to interact and build relationships with various other students through many events, whether it be taking Alpaca Selfies at the Scholar's Scavenge, or gaining a better understanding of cultural diversity at the Cultural Fair. I think that the tour was a brilliant way for myself, and the rest of us, to develop our skills and also build up a stable foundation for our futures.

The Tournament of Champions was truly a grand, once-in-a-lifetime experience and I feel extremely grateful to the school for providing us with such an amazing opportunity, Ms Vani Sambhara for organising the trip and Mr Craig Gannon for taking care of us during the course of the trip.

### **Tournament of Champions Results**

CRAIG GANNON, TEAM COORDINATOR

The tournament was held at Yale University in Connecticut USA with approximately 2300 students representing 56 countries. Perth Modern School submitted teams in the Junior and Senior divisions.

Our Juniors performed exceptionally well picking up eight team trophies. The seniors were up against a number of teams which



included students from their final years of schooling or first year of university. One of our teams gained a second-place trophy for

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding individual performances:

**Champion Scholar Junior Division:** Dipika Choudhury

(First time in 11 years an individual from Australia

has been awarded the top prize)

Fifth Place Writing Junior Division: Ryan Joseph Anson Thirteenth Place Debating Senior Division: Hudson Todd

#### **Team Results**

Junior Team 212: Erin Putri Leonardi, Angela Deng and Annika

Heber (Canadian student)—Fourth Place Overall

**Junior Team 211:** Dipika Choudhury, Anna Pedersen and Lucius

Beh—14th Place Overall

**Senior Team 504:** Aditya Bose-Mandal, Jas Choo and Hudson

Todd—27th Place Overall

Senior Team 505: Caleb Zhou, Haarys Aung and Ryan Joseph

Anson—54th Place Overall

### Perri and Surjo rock Telethon





Perri Hinton in Year 8 and Surjo Mazhar in Year 10 successfully auditioned to perform at Telethon to a live audience which was also broadcast on TV.

Surjo sang When I was Your Man by Bruno Mars and played the piano as well as singing. Perri sang a solo of the jazz standard, Fly Me to the Moon.

Well done Surjo and Perri!

Far left: Surjo Mazhar performing. Left: Perri Hinton at Telethon.

### Maths at Mod in Term 4

MARK WHITE, HEAD OF MATHEMATICS



Term 4 began with Perth Mod entering 12 teams into the Western Australian Junior Maths Olympiad (WAJO) held at the University of WA on Saturday, 27 October. This Olympiad is open to gifted students in Years 7 to 10 from all secondary schools in WA and more than 45 schools entered this event.

This was a great day for Perth Mod, easily winning the Olympiad by a large margin! The best performing team made up of Micah Sinclair, Keith Wong, Sithum Somarathna and Lawrence Nheu won the Jack Bana Award for Excellence. While the team of Ethan van Bruchem, Joseph Newman and Sithum Somarathna took out individual awards for outstanding performance.

The presentation for prizes in the Australian Maths Competition was held at UWA on 21 November. Many of our 26 prizes winners were there to receive their award together with our medallist Arthur Caspelherr. Arthur recently travelled to



Jordan Fisker (right) at the Australian Night of Mathematics.



Arthur Caspelherr receiving his AMC medal from the Governor of NSW.

Sydney to receive his medal from the Governor of NSW. At this award night, Ms Lois Joll accepted the Inaugural Champion School award for our school's outstanding performance in competitions run by the Australian Maths Trust.

We have many outstanding mathematicians at Mod and Christopher Leak, Huxley Berry and Micah Sinclair were invited to attend the National School of Excellence held in Melbourne

in November. This program is used to select students for upcoming International Mathematics Olympiads. We also have had Heberet wa Azaro, Reef Kitaeff and Henry Yapeter winning positions at the National Maths Summer School held at the University of Canberra in January. Only the most gifted Years 10 and 11 students are invited to compete at this event and Perth Modern won three out of the six positions offered in WA.



Above: National Maths Summer School: Heberet wa Azaro, Reef Kitaeff and Henry Yapeter with Head of Mathematics, Mark White.
Left: Principal Lois Joll and Bertrand Nheu at the Australian Night of Mathematics.



Ann Tokarev and Ella Fung at the Western Australian Junior Maths Olympiad.



Perth Modern participants at the Australian Night of Mathematics.

## P&C Christmas Concert and Art@Mod Extravaganza



# Perth Modern School held its inaugural P&C Christmas Concert and Art@Mod Extravaganza on Friday, 30 November.

It was a fabulous occasion with the whole school community coming together to enjoy delicious food from the various food vans on site, enjoying fun organised activities, seeing amazing community and student artwork on display and singing along with Perth Modern School musicians to Christmas carols and other classic tunes. In addition, there were heritage trail tours, music and dance concerts and a tree decorating activity to partake in.

We publicly farewelled Director of Music Roger Hey who has been a stalwart of Perth Mod for the past 23 years and the P&C organised and conducted a very successful raffle and auction with all money raised going to the Raise the Roof campaign for our new 700-seat multipurpose auditorium.













#### **Results of Perth Modern School Art Raffle**

Drawn November 30, 2018 Permit number LS212226918

**First:** Ticket 320 Ashok Radhakrishnan

Second:Ticket 109Karolina JuddThird:Ticket 398Lisa CaputoFourth:Ticket 084Carl GuntripFifth:Ticket 010Lois JollSixth:Ticket 295G Slater

**Seventh:** Ticket 189 Ishtar Barranco

# Thank you to our generous donors for the prizes awarded on the night:

- Rosemary Pratt, member, Perth Modernian Society
- Meredith Eddington, member, Perth Modern School Board
- Attika Hotel, Northbridge
- Bodhi J
- UGEARS Australia
- Beyond Rest Wembley
- Simon Johnson, Providore Subiaco
- Ryan Ammon Photography
- West Coast Eagles
- Meg Cowley
- Jana Beauty, Subiaco
- Cathy Blanchflower
- Australian Girls' Choir
- GATCA WA
- Living Colour Hair Salon, Subiaco

Thank you also to auctioneer Matt Birney who donated his time to auction some of the items above.

# Colour, food and fun for Charity Day





Charity Day 2018 was another spectacle of student organisation and participation with students from Year 9 leadership classes, the **Student Council and Sustainability organising** and running a variety of delicious food stalls and activities for the enjoyment of the whole school community.

Stalls such as pizzas, nachos and smoothies all sold out and helped raise an outstanding amount of money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. There were oriental, Italian and many other different food stalls, complemented by the regular favourite, a sausage sizzle.

Activities included a House obstacle course, scavenger hunt, and the ever-popular sponge toss, where students delighted in throwing sponges at their favourite teachers. The spectacular experience was completed by a sensational Variety Concert featuring some outstanding student acts ranging from rock bands, solo singers, and even an interesting mix of instruments including classical and electric. The panel of distinguished teacher judges carefully completed the experience to the elation of the victors as they received their traditional prize: Krispy Kremes.

All in all, it was a day full of colour, food and fun.

















**Charity Day** 

raised more than

### Students learn about the world of work

JANE NICHOLSON, CAREERS CENTRE



Students in Year 10 spent a wonderful week during Term 4 involved in work experience or skills week. Those who attended work placements spent the week learning about the world of work and had placements in schools, pharmacies, hospitals, law firms, vets, child care and engineering to name a few.

Students who attended skills week spent a couple of days at Perth Modern School focused on financial literacy, entrepreneurship and wellbeing. Students also visited Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University where hands-on activities allowed students to explore fields of interest. Students also had the opportunity to spend a day undertaking community service or completed a training course such as first aid or barista.



### **House Leaders Day**

**NICOLA REILLY, MANAGER MIDDLE YEARS** 

In preparation for the 2019 year for House Activities, the House Leaders of 2018, and House Leaders elect for 2019, come together for a day filled with activities and speakers to assist them with the role.

The day started with Maree Pickens from Toastmasters providing strategies for good public speaking procedures. We also had Zac Fitzgerald, School and Community Officer from West Coast Eagles, to talk about the importance of leadership and how to get the most from the team.

In addition to the speakers, we had team building sessions run by the Year 11 students and planning sessions to prepare for 2019. It was a highly successful day and the excitement for the future House activities left us impatient for the new year to start.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Heads of Houses—Mike Brutty, Melanie Wilcock, Mei Li and Matthew Healy for their hard work, dedication and commitment to all the House events.

I would also like to thank the 2018 House Leaders for all their efforts and drive for encouraging their peers to participate in House events.



Matthew Healy and Mike Brutty.



House leaders working together.



House leaders from Parsons enjoy an activity

### Modernians who made their mark



## Pioneer who fought for women's equality

LEN FINLAY, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN



#### Edith Ivy Joll

#### Edith Joll was a graduate of Perth Modern School and Principal Lois Joll's mother-in-law.

While working women today still bang their heads on the glass ceiling, Edith Ivy Joll did her bit to at least get it raised a little.

Having gone through university and gained her degree, which allowed her to teach, lvy, as she was always known, was determined that she would use her qualifications. In immediate post-World War II days, married women who went out to work were frowned upon.

'But she was a woman before her time,' said daughter Alison White. Women carried the country while the men were away during World War II. Having been hailed for teaching during those dark days, lvy was determined that she would carry on after the hostilities. Alison went on: 'To continue to work in the immediate post-war period, when women were expected to return to hearth and home as wives and mothers, was quite rare.

'It must have been very difficult for her given the many obstacles for working women of this period—no child care, little job security and no doubt some societal disapproval.'

However, Ivy persevered. Her task was made harder by the fact that married women teachers were unable to obtain permanency until 1972.

So unfair were the restrictions on women that in most occupations—including teaching—they did not gain equal pay until the same year. Ivy retired in 1975 so had three years of equality for her long battle.

She often complained that, even though she held a senior position, she had to go through the 'ludicrous' situation of having her employment lapse at the end of each school year and hoping to be reappointed at the start of the next year.

Her capabilities and the professional esteem in which she was held were such that she was always reappointed. But she often joked with more than a touch of irony prior to 1972, about her annual 'sacking' and lesser pay packet than her male colleagues.

Ivy was born in Melbourne in November 1915 and moved to Western Australia with her parents, Bill and Hilda Sutton, and her sisters, Bernice and Elva, when she was eight. Her father had been transferred by the Temperance and General (T&G) Insurance Company to establish an office in WA.

The family settled in Claremont and Ivy gained a scholarship to Perth Modern School where she matriculated, and entered the University of Western Australia. At university she met Ted Joll and it was instant attraction. The pair married in 1940 and moved to a small place in Floreat, where they stayed for almost all of the next 63 years until Ted's death in 2003.

As a woman ahead of her times, lvy had a car, a baby Austin. Unfortunately, the wheels of a baby Austin had the same spacing as the tracks of the electric trams which were Perth's main mode of transport at the time. This sometimes led to the car becoming trapped on the tracks to the embarrassment of the driver.

Baby Austins, however, were so light a few able-bodied young men could lift it clear. This also meant it could be lifted from a parking spot and put in peculiar places when the young men were in mischievous

After graduation, Ivy entered Claremont Teachers College, which was closed for much of the Depression years. She was in the first intake after the college was re-opened, in which students undertook a pressure cooker course of six months. By

then, Alison (1943) and son Lindsay (1948) had been born.

After a relatively short period of classroom teaching, she was asked to join the newly formed Guidance Branch in 1951, in the newly created position of vocational guidance officer.

Her job was to give career advice to high school students and to administer the then 'new-fangled' intelligence test where necessary. 'Alison and I were the guinea pigs,' said Lindsay.

Alison said: 'I think I failed every one. But she had decided she had to practise on us before administering them to the pupils.'

Ivy remained with the Guidance Branch for the rest of her working life, rising to the position of senior advisory teacher for physically handicapped children.

Ivy and Ted enjoyed a very full social life interspersed with travel. Politics was one great interest for both of them and they were staunch members of the Floreat Branch of the ALP. Their political interests had an unusual spin-off through Eric Ripper, a nephew who would become deputy premier. Eric left his parents' home in the country to live in the Joll household while attending high school during what were his politically formative years.

Although no champion, lvy was also a keen golfer and was a member of Cottesloe Gold Club for many years. And while she did not set any course records, she did manage a hole-in-one, something many far better players have failed to achieve.

However, Ivy was forced to abandon this and many of her other activities when she developed Parkinson's disease about 20 years ago. While the disease was physically debilitating, she kept an active mind. Said Alison: 'Despite her deteriorating physical capabilities, she was determined to live her life to the fullest and made the very best of what activities she could manage. She never complained and was an inspiration to us all.'



### Ad man loved theatre

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

John Gill was an advertising agent almost by default. In the early 1970s he managed some of the most significant accounts in Perth—Walsh's Men's Store, Charles Beche for shoes and Corot's for ladies' fashion.

He was the sole advertising agent in the early days for John Hughes, now Victoria Park. 'He was a good friend,' John recalled. 'Our ideas were compatible, he was imaginative, flexible and totally honourable.'

In December 1976, Masius Wynne Williams and John Gill Advertising developed the slogan *Keep the West in Firm Hands*, for the WA Liberal Party's successful 1977 election campaign.

At heart John was a playwright, play producer and, with Frank Baden-Powell, co-founder of the Hole in the Wall Theatre. The pair turned a derelict Braille Hall on the corner of Newcastle and Stirling Streets into an experimental theatre-in-the-round with stolen milk crates for seating, and borrowed stage lighting.

John directed many productions over his career and cast many of Perth's finest actors. Some of the productions he is known for directing are namely; *The Knack* which was one of his first productions, *The Anniversary*, *The Homecoming, Woman in a Dressing Gown, Entertaining Mr Sloan, A Day in the Death of Joe Egg, There's a Girl in My Soup and three of John's own plays were also staged—The Procurer, The Talent and The Lovelife of a Crayfish.* 

John Charles Edward Gill was born in Perth on April 24, 1932. He had two younger brothers—Ron and Norman (deceased) and an older sister, Dawn. His mother, Ethel (Ess) had an entrepreneurial convict for a Grandfather—Edward Naughton who arrived in 1855.

Edward and son William, Ess' father, involved themselves in pearling, mining, and hospitality. Her mother, Caroline Adlam, was from a Greenough farming family. Her husband Ron—John's father—arrived by ship from England in search of adventure.

John inherited this passion for entrepreneurship, travel, to the British Isles especially, and adventure. He was a risk



John Gill (top right) with the cast of *The Owl and* the *Pussycat* at the Hole in the Wall Theatre, 1990.

taker but risk tempered by his experience of living through the Depression. He never forgot having to wear Dawn's pink dancing shoes to school, for example, because the family could afford no other. Although the shoes were painted black as a disguise, his humiliation was heightened when it rained, and the paint ran. John's children never knew whether to laugh or cry when they heard the often-told story.

John left North Perth Primary School, with his name on the honour board and a scholarship to Perth Modern School. There, he developed a love of writing, which he never lost, and showed talent as a high

jumper when at the age of 15 he won the State Junior High Jump Championship. That he never told his parents of his entry was typical of his unassuming nature, one of his most engaging characteristics.

As a teenager, John joined Bill and Ida Beeby's Patch Theatre, then the only stage training centre in Perth.

In March 1950 he met 16-year-old Margaret Townsend, an aspiring actress, and before the night was out, 18-year-old John had asked her to be in a one-act play he had written. They married in 1952.

On leaving school, John joined the advertising section of Boans Department Store. Writing crisp, engaging advertising copy, according to the late Bill Warnock, co-founder of the agency Warnock and Sandford, was a good discipline for stage and screen writing. John found it so, and in 1959 established John Gill Advertising while both he and Margaret strived to maintain their theatrical careers.

Something had to give and the marriage ended in divorce. John met Julie Macfarlane, one of Perth's most distinguished models, in 1978 and they married in 1989.

John worked in the James Hardie office for a couple of weeks in his early years and picked up some miniscule asbestos fibres. He died in St John of God Murdoch Community Hospice of mesothelioma on May 26 2018 with his much-loved, extended family at his side

## Italian garden in bloom

FRANCESCA CANDATEN, ITALIAN TEACHER

Early in Term 4, Year 9 students in the Extension Italian class had the unique opportunity to plant traditional Italian herb and vegetable plants.

With the help of the Sustainability advocacy and lovely volunteers from Bunnings, the students planted herbs such as parsley, oregano, coriander, fennel, basil, thyme, tomato and eggplant and learnt some valuable gardening skills along the way.

The students extended their language knowledge and learnt name of plants in Italian, as well as useful expressions and verbs used when looking after plants. When ready, the herbs will be used for delicious Italian dishes prepared by the class.



Dylan Harvey, Arthur Caspelherr, Elijah Pinto and Emma John with a Bunnings representative (middle).

# Top of the class in Chinese

YI YUAN, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHER



Pui Chee Chong, Elle Chentang and Dylan Crowe.

# Term 4 was amazing in terms of our students in Chinese winning awards for their dedication to their study of the Chinese language.

In 2018, the Australia China Friendship Society of WA (ACFSWA) initiated the ACFSWA Chinese Language Student Awards for students who have excelled in the study of Chinese language and culture. Three students from Perth Modern School received awards: Dylan Crowe, Year 10, for Chinese as Second Language, Pui Chee Chong, Year 9, for Chinese as Background Language and Elle Chentang, Year 9, for Chinese as First Language. Elle also won the Chinese State Writing competition.

In the International Chinese Proficiency test this year, Year 9 Chinese as Second Language (Level 3) and Chinese as Background Language (Level 4) students have achieved excellent results. For those who sit at Level 4, the highest-level test, all our students achieved 80 per cent and above and three students obtained 100 per cent: Pui Chee Chong, Kailai Dong and Sidney Eric.



### Students learn about Noongar culture

Perth Modern School Aboriginal Cultural Ambassadors recently engaged in an entertaining and educational excursion to Yanchep National Park.

Noongar guide Derek Nannup took the group through a range of experiences including spear and boomerang throwing as well as giving a thoroughly fascinating talk about Noongar culture, tools and beliefs.

Students left with a greater appreciation and knowledge of Aboriginal culture and renewed enthusiasm to organise celebrations of Aboriginal cultures through events such as school NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation and Sorry Days.





### Making gyoza dumplings

KANAKO MATSUO, JAPANESE TEACHER

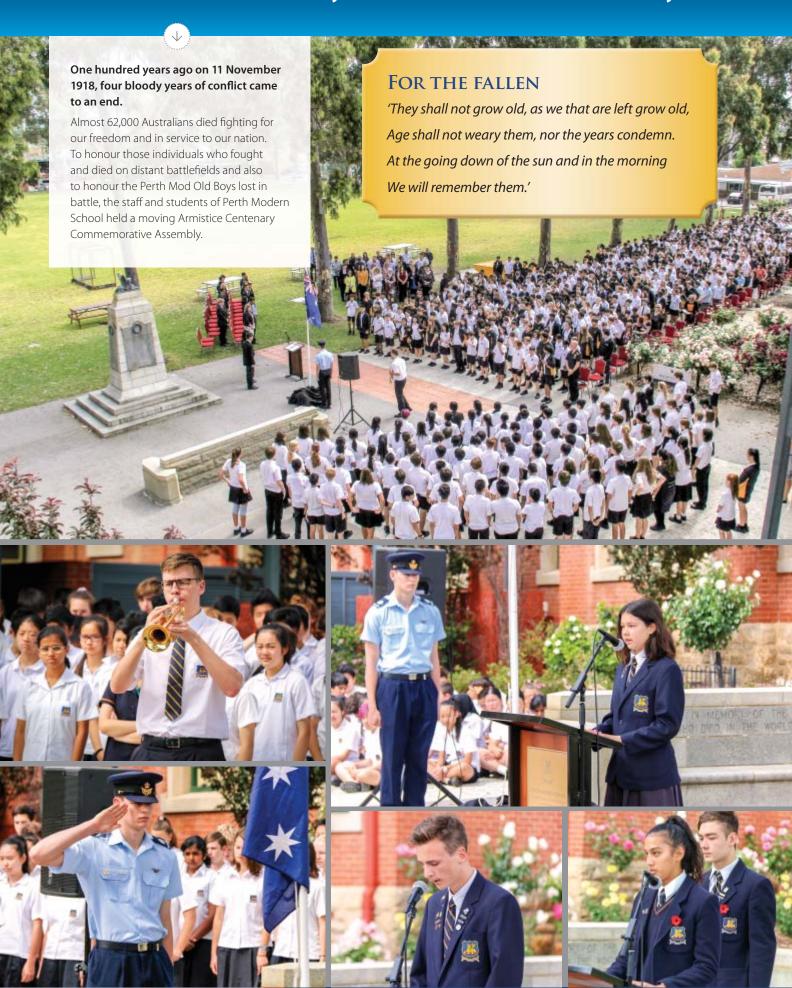
Japanese Mod Time students enjoyed cooking Japanese gyoza dumplings in Term 4.

The students mixed all ingredients in a big plastic bag, then wrapped them with gyoza skins making shapes nicely. They tried not to burn them and it was very successful. The crispy skin and juicy meat were a perfect combination and all the students enjoyed the delicious gyoza!



Japanese Mod Time students thoroughly enjoyed making gyoza dumplings.

# **Armistice Centenary Commemoration Assembly**



# Mind over Matter—Science and English link up!

DR CAITLIN McGUINNESS, ENGLISH TEACHER



Students in Year 10 ATAR English enjoy a visit from WA based scientists to learn more about the technical elements of science writing.

During Semester 2, one of our Year 10 English ATAR classes had a specific focus on science writing, science fiction and communication in science. We invited several WA based scientists in to speak to the students in this class, including Emeritus Professor Andris Stelbovics, Susan Kreemer-Pickford, Professor Mya Keep and Dr Slava Kitaeff.

We were greatly assisted in this project by Ms Helen Pedersen, the mother of one of our students and an engineer working at UWA. The scientists visited on two separate occasions and the students asked them several questions about their work, issues relating to current trends in scientific fields and their pathways to success.

The course wrapped up on a high note with a visit from Dr Erica Smyth, an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and a Companion of the Order of Australia. The class was captivated by her experiences of working in a number of different scientific industries, visit to CERN and predictions about likely scientific challenges and directions in Australia's future.



Sean Wilke, Jason Dean, Jordan Fisker, Jack Blyth and Keith Wong in the helicopter simulator.



## Year 9 Science students win PCWA Next Generation Schools Expo Challenge

CHRIS RAPLEY, SCIENCE TEACHER

Students from Year 9 participated in the Next Generation School Program sponsored by the Petroleum Club of WA (PCWA) during their science course during this year. The program focused on exploring prospective careers in the energy industry as some of our students may wish to develop skills in this area.

The PCWA hosted an expo day at Edith Cowan University with 18 of our students representing Perth Modern. Here, they competed against other schools from WA in an energy industry scavenger hunt and experienced the technical and behavioural opportunities that this sector has to offer. Two of our teams won the top prize of a Helicopter Underwater Evacuation Training (HUET) day in Fremantle. Students experienced a simulation of emergency evacuation from a sinking helicopter simulator to an offshore oil platform to be ready for a helicopter rescue.

Our thanks to the PCWA sponsors and in particularly the staff at IFAP for their wonderful interactions with our students as well as our staff, Mr Benn, Dr Reid and Mr Rapley for their time and encouragement.

Jack Blyth, Jordan Fisker, Sean Wilke, Eshaan Singh, Jason Dean and Keith Wong survival stroking to the safety raft.

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## STEM students provide the spark

A delegation of teachers and students from Perth Modern School took a leading role at the It Takes a Spark STEM Conference at John Curtin College of the Arts during Term 4.

Mr Rapley and Mr Young's Year 11 ATAR Engineering students showcased their mechatronic projects to other schools, industry representatives and university staff while Mr Chisholm and Mr O'Loughlin presented to teachers about the Year 9 Leadership and Enterprise Program.

Years 7 and 8 students from Mr Strain's Aeronautics Club ran sessions on using Model Rockets to explore STEM principles. Members of the delegation were also afforded the opportunity to interact with sessions and stalls covering Al, VR, Design Challenges, Critical Thinking and many other modern STEM concepts. Thank you to Mr O'Brien and Mr Rapley for their efforts on the Conference Steering Committee.



Year 11 ATAR Engineering students



Students from the Aeronautics Club.

### Miyu Yoshida helps deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture

### KANAKO MATSUO AND MATTHEW TODD, JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Students studying Japanese welcomed a new assistant teacher in April of 2018. Her name was Miyu Yoshida and she came from Yamaguchi Prefecture University in Japan to help our Japanese students with their language study. It was very fortunate for us to have Miyu until the end of Term 4. She assisted senior students with their speaking practice and introduced Japanese culture to junior students. With help from Miyu, Year 12 students improved their communication skills greatly so that they could perform confidently in the WACE practical exam.

Later in the term, Years 7, 8 and 9 students worked on a cultural project about the Japanese New Year that had been prepared by Miyu. Our students enjoyed learning about traditional customs for the Japanese New Year and created unique greeting cards, known as Nengajo, writing messages in Japanese and drawing a picture of boar, the animal zodiac for 2019. We appreciate all the support Miyu gave to the Japanese program at Perth Modern throughout 2018.



Oneli Weerasinghe, Alisa Prayurasiddhi, teaching assistant Miyu Yoshida and Michael Thomas.

# French students celebrate end of year with fun dinners

The Year 10 French class ended a great year by going to Chez Pierre in Nedlands.

The students had an amazing time, ordering and conversing in French, while eating delicious French dishes such as escargots, crème brûlée and duck confit

Our lovely Year 12 class enjoyed a traditional French raclette, a semi-hard cheese, with their teachers, Mlle Ramiah and Mme Gerber, to celebrate the end of their secondary school journey studying French.



Year 10 French class.

## Youth Ambassadors rewarded for top efforts

KENDRIE DYMOCK, YOUTH EDUCATION OFFICER



# Our focus for Term 4 was celebrating the achievements of the Youth Ambassadors who have assisted different organisations and events by volunteering their time.

We held the Youth Ambassadors Award Breakfast, honouring those students in Year 12 that have dedicated either 50 or 100 hours, or more, of their own time to various community service organisations. This year, 13 students received the Youth Ambassadors Award for 50 hours or more of community service, while 26 students were awarded the award for 100 hours or more. Students should be congratulated for this wonderful achievement as the criteria is not easy to meet and occurs during the busy Senior School years. Invited guest presenters Janmarie Michie and Nicole Sachse from the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation spoke of the importance volunteers have in our society to maintain the good work of organisations that support those in need.

Youth Ambassadors have also enjoyed being involved in the 40 Hour Backpack Challenge. This year World Vision changed the pitch and emphasis of their main event from the 40 Hour Famine, with refugee displacement overtaking famine as the largest global crisis.

The aim for individuals participating in the challenge was to live out of a backpack for 40 hours with only access to essentials. This resulted in participants gaining a sense of what it is like for refugees and displaced people to have to suddenly leave almost everything behind.



Some of the Perth Modern students who participated in the Backpack Challenge with representatives from World Vision.

Over the 40 hours, students were directed by the World Vision organisation to complete 12 different challenges. While our students didn't experience the realities refugees face, the challenges provided an opportunity for understanding what the life and journey of a refugee might be like.

Representing Perth Modern School in this challenge were 40 students, who raised \$2086 for World Vision, a fabulous result. Students chose to complete the challenge in groups and spend the whole 40 hours together, or to complete the 40 hours individually and really understand how refugees would feel undertaking their journey alone.



Youth Ambassadors Award Breakfast.

# Years 7 and 8 students sail the Swan River to celebrate a fabulous 2018

To mark the end of a fabulous year at Perth Mod, Years 7 and 8 students stepped aboard a river cruise on a balmy summer night.

Leaving from the Barrack St Jetty, the cruise headed down the Swan River toward Fremantle at a relaxed pace, ready to rendezvous with dinner at East Fremantle Pier. The atmosphere was not as relaxed inside as students hit the dance floor to both new and old songs. The old songs stole the night with a loud sing-along to the Spice Girls and dance moves to the *Macarena*.

It was a great way to celebrate a successful year for the students and to spend time socialising with one another away from school.



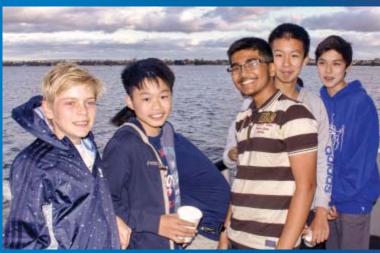












# Black Swan Youth Portrait Prize opening night

ceremony.



Bridie Dempster and Visual Art teacher Sarah Eve



Erica Lee



Perth Modern School was represented by three artists out of 30 from across WA: Year 11 student Lucinda Thai Letran and Year 9 students Bridie Dempster and Erica Lee. Visual Art teachers Sarah Eve and Katie Chin were in attendance at the opening to support them in their success.

It was exciting also to see the portraits of the 30 young artists on display on the Yagan Square digital tower and on billboards in front of the Art Gallery of WA for the duration of the exhibition.



Lucinda Thai Letran and Visual Art teacher Katie Chin.

### From Vinyl to Divinyl

Vinyl's characteristic ability to become malleable when heated and then 'lock in' the desired shape when cooled make it ideal for craft projects.

A prime example are the beautiful hand painted bowls created by Art Recreation students in Term 4. Don't believe the bowl was once an LP? Flip it over—the original record label is there, sealed for posterity with a glossy clear finish. Groovy!



Some of the striking vinyl hand painted bowls made by Art Recreation students.

Meg Adams, Alice Rosario and Rojin Moradi Zaniani.

## Art Rec catching the light at The Goods Shed

SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHER

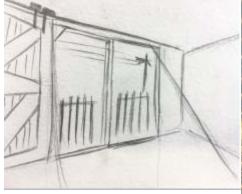


### I've always been moved by words and language and then one day I realised there was a language in light.—Bruce Munro

Art Rec students visited Claremont to attend The Goods Shed gallery space to view the exhibit featuring photographs of the light installations of internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro, which are site location specific and have been displayed around the world. The exhibition explained the perspectives, experiences and inspiration that have made him one of the most acclaimed light artists in the world.

Students were wowed by his latest epic installation called Field of Light, Avenue of Honour that was held in Albany to commemorate the Anzacs. Students felt moved by his work and were curious to how they might have felt if they experienced the artwork in person rather than just viewing the small photographs.









Bruno Munro exhibition images at The Goods Shed.

Exceptional students.

### House murals

SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHER

During Term 4, students were provided the opportunity to work with professional artist Leo Flavel and learn new painting techniques, in spray paint, acrylic and paint pens. Students who signed up for this incursion enrichment activity spent the day with the artist and worked collaboratively with each other to create four murals based on House themes.

It was a big day, full of bright colourful paints and great designs celebrating the school spirit and community. Students working well together sharing creative ideas and supporting each other, the final outcome of four massive canvases highlighting what each House was about was a great achievement for all involved.



Parsons mural.

### Patterned puzzle reveals Surrealist

Junior Mod Art Club began Term 4 with a secretive art project, each receiving a piece of a puzzle that required them to paint using varied tones of colour and overlay with patterns in lights and darks.

Once finished they pieced the puzzle together revealing infamous Surrealist artist Salvador Dali.



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Downing mural.

## Senior Arts and Technology Showcase



Vivien Ingate



Savanna Kileff



Lucinda Thai-Letran



Zachery Thexeira



# This years' Senior Arts and Technology Showcase was a fantastic evening celebrating the hard work and talents of the Arts and Technology students.

Held in the Mills Building Gallery, Year 12 ATAR Visual Art students displayed a full year's worth of artworks. The majority were 2D works in drawing, painting, digital painting and photography and their chosen topics to explore were primarily around ideas of identity and a feminist perspective on society.

Year 11 ATAR Visual Art students displayed a variety of artworks completed this year, ranging from textiles, ceramic sculptures, mixed media sculptures, digital art and paintings. Concepts explored included identity, journey, nostalgia, relationships and the influences of social media.

Year 10 Visual Art students exhibited intricate ceramic and coloured glazed sculptures presented in glass cloches. Intricate designs and fine detailing were also featured in Year 10 Woodwork and 3D design sculpture models, one of which featured a race car and a spaceship from Star Wars films.

Year 10 Food Science students displayed a variety of magazine articles researching and exploring fad foods and crazes, including freak shakes. Students showcased their knowledge on nutrition and food styling skills.

Gallery manager Miranda Brown from Linton Kay Galleries was a guest judge for the following awards in the Visual Art category:

- Year 12 Outstanding—Alice Nixon McIvor
- Year 12 Highly Commended— Vivien Ingate
- Year 11 Outstanding—Izabella Bird
- Year 11 Highly Commended— Damien Nelson.

Guest artist and gallery owner Leo Flavel awarded the following:

- Most Creative—Year 11 Claudia Civitella
- Most Innovative—Year 11 Victoria Henderson.

And Kylie Banfield, our Arts technician, awarded the Packers Prize to Year 11 student Izabella Bird for her refined self-portrait and embroidery artwork *What was I wearing (Why does it matter?)*.



Izabella Bird with her artwork What was I wearing (Why does it matter?).



Jay Choo

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## Frankenstein examined at HyperPrometheus

SARAH EVE. VISUAL ART TEACHER



Students from Art Rec visited PICA for a special exhibition, HyperPrometheus that commemorated the 200th anniversary of the publishing of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, or the Modern *Prometheus* (1818).

Considered by some to be the first science fiction novel, *Frankenstein* is both a celebration and warning of the seductive powers and unforeseen outcomes of scientific advancement. It uncannily predicted a world in which humans are able to overcome our limitations through human/non-human hybridity, reproductive and genetic manipulation.

Students experienced a guided tour explaining how *HyperPrometheus* recontextualises *Frankenstein* for the new millennium within the realms of contemporary and biological arts. Monsters and monstrous creatures abound, in works that test our understanding of what it is to be human, living, natural, functional, valid or valued. Students were fascinated and intrigued by the variety of work and inquisitive nature of the themes, questioning their own ideas of what it is to be human and the future we shape.



Students at the HyperPrometheus exhibition at PICA.

### Brown wins House Drama 2018

LISA ANDREWS, HOUSE DRAMA COORDINATOR

# The competition gets tougher every year at House Drama!

All four plays this year were written by students, and they encompassed a range of interesting and entertaining storylines. Parsons gave us the classic *Cluedo* characters in a murder mystery. Brown gave us a timeless duel between angels and demons, all trying to do their best for the humans by running funeral parlours. Sampson delved into the politics of the school staff room and the dangers of trying to cheat. Whodunnit in the Downing play? Turns out it was the Sound Designer!

Well done to all of the Directors and cast members for outstanding performances. Congratulations to Brown, who at the end of the day ran away with the trophy.

House Drama: The cast from Brown celebrates their win.



# Think Again High School Beach Volleyball Cup

MIKE BRUTTY, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



### The Beach (Volleyball) Boys have performed in yet another captivating set...

The Years 10 and 11 boys competed in the Think Again High School Beach Volleyball Cup on Sunday, 28 October.

It was the boys' first attempt at beach volleyball and the strong sea breeze that kicked up mid-morning definitely provided an additional challenge. The Year 11 Boys team impressed, finished top of their pool before going down to Merredin College in the semi-final.

After winning their semi-final, the Year 10 Boys team came up against Hale school in the Grand Final. Both teams played well but, in the end, Hale just edged us out, leaving our boys with silver medals, still very much an impressive result.



Lachlan McDonald spiking.



Year 10 Boys team–Front: Lachlan MacNeill and Imraan Aung. Back: Aiden Duryea and Ben Caddy.



Year 11 Boys team—Front: Lachlan McDonald and Arjun Kang. Back: Yun Zhe Wong and Luke Whittome.

### Year 9 Aquatic Recreation End of Year Excursion

SARAH LIGHTFOOT AND SCOTT MARSHALL, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### What a way to finish a fantastic year! We began the day with an epic surf at Trigg Beach.

There were many thrills and spills, and of course a lot of laughter as the group carved it up in the surf. Next, we adventured to Hillarys for a 3km kayak paddle and some fun games in the choppy swell of the ocean. We finished the day with a swim and some body boarding at Sorrento Beach. A great day was had by all and everyone slept well that night.



## Boys Year 7/8/9 Cricket Fixture vs Kent Street

JAN SONDER-SORENSEN, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



In what is now becoming a yearly fixture, a group of Years 7–9 cricketing boys travelled to Kent Street Senior High School to enrol in their Cricket Course and take on their talented bunch of cricketers.

It was the first time playing on a 'real' turf pitch for some of the boys and a great experience for them.

The boys batted first on what could be described as a bit of a 'minefield', with the ball bouncing over the batsman's head at one end and rolling all the way along the ground at the other! The boys batted valiantly to post a score of 147, a fantastic effort on that particular pitch.

The boys then fielded like demons and bowled a consistent line and length, which, for a team assembled only a week before was a very mature effort. In the end our boys were too good for Kent Street and we restricted them to 132.

It was a fantastic win and a great end to what was a superb day out for the boys!



Perth Modern Years 7-9 Cricket team.

### Year 9 Outdoor Education BIG DAY OUT!

SARAH LIGHTFOOT AND JAN SONDER-SORENSEN, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As a finale to a great semester's work in Year 9 Outdoor Education, the class headed to the Swan Valley Adventure Centre for a challenging day, jam packed full of fun.

We were put through a range of challenging team building activities, where students were able to develop and demonstrate their communication and leadership skills. We concluded the day with a paddle down the beautiful Swan River. The aim was to stay dry, but a few students ended up wet from head to toe after their canoes tipped all the way over.

Balance, team work and good communication was the key to this fun canoeing activity.



### Mod wins Mixed Hopman Cup

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



It was an outstanding result by our tennis team to win B Division of the annual Mixed Tennis Schools Hopman Cup.

Team members Caleb Adams, Emma Black, Sithum Somarathna and Gayle Leong played brilliantly all day. The competition is for students in Years 7–10 and our team quickly adapted to the format of the competition. Well done to all our teams and the good news is that all will still be eligible to play in the competition in 2019.

Mixed Tennis School Hopman Cup B Division champions: Sithum Somarathna, Caleb Adams, Gayle Leong and Emma Black.

# School Sport Track and Field Carnival

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Some excellent individual performances and the presence of a number of Year 12 students were highlights for our team at the School Sport Division A Track and Field Carnival in October.

Congratulations to Megan McCaffrey, Josie Trent and Lachlan MacNeill, who were all Individual Year Champions of their respective age groups.

Other outstanding performances were recorded by Emma Black, Kevin Tirta, Nyah Gray, Tommaso Puccini and Kiran Tibballs.

Right: Year 12 students Lachlan Duncanson, Rahul Jegatheva, Georgia Burden and Kiran Tibballs enjoy their last School Sport Track and Field Carnival.







Lachlan MacNeill





# Lillie wins bronze in the WA State Short Course Championships



Lillie Sartori in Year 7 achieved a bronze medal in the final of the 50m backstroke in the WA State Short Course Championships 12-year-old female division.

Congratulations and well-done Lillie.

Lillie Sartori

### Girls Cricket: Perth Scorchers Cup

SCOTT MARSHALL AND JAN SONDER-SORENSEN, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Last year our Years 7/8 Girls Cricket team were the inaugural winners of the Girls Cricket Perth Scorchers Cup. This year our girls became the hunted as they set out to once again become champions, albeit with a few fresh faces in the group.

The girls played amazingly well in each game and had a strong squad of 15. It was amazing to see such enthusiasm for the game from the girls and great to see how much they improved over just a few net sessions and a few games.

Unfortunately, this year the girls couldn't quite take out First Prize, but they did exceptionally well to finish fourth and had a lot of fun in the process.

It is great to see the girls with such passion for the game of cricket, and hopefully this continues to grow in the years to come.



Perth Modern School came fourth in the Girls Cricket Perth Scorchers Cup.

## Girls AFL—Fremantle Dockers Cup

SCOTT MARSHALL, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



It was fantastic to see the tenacity and attack the Perth Modern Girls team had on the ball at the yearly Fremantle Dockers Cup hosted at City Beach Oval.

Perth Modern were represented by a mix of Years 7 and 9 students (Year 8 students were on their school camp) and they played fantastically well all day. They also had a huge amount of fun while they were doing it, managing to kick a couple of goals that even Josh Kennedy would be proud of!

It was a fun filled day out for the girls and I look forward to next year's carnival.



Years 7 and 9 AFL Girls team.

# Tommaso is the Intermediate Boys Individual Triathlon Champion

Year 9 student Tommaso Puccini achieved an outstanding result at the School Sport WA Champion Schools Triathlon event held at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre on November 1.

Tommaso won the Intermediate Boys Individual Champion that earns him automatic qualification for the national competition held in 2019. Tommaso has trained consistently this year and we are very pleased to see his hard work and dedication resulting in such excellent rewards.





In action: Tommaso Puccini.

### Remi helps WA secure National Junior Squash Championships

Remi Young in Year 10 was part of the WA State Squash team that was crowned National Junior Squash Champions in Darwin. This was the first time WA had won the championships, beating Queensland in the final, the state that had won for the past 14 years in a row! Remi came fifth in the Individual Championships, losing only 10–12 in the fifth set against the eventual winner.



In action: Remi Young.

# Sphinx Society Membership

SEMESTER 2, 2018

Congratulations to the following students who obtained Sphinx Society membership in Semester 2, 2018.

### Year 12

Kartikeya Bisht Evgenija Blazeska Chauntelle Bonser Roisin Callery Benjamin Caulfield Kai Chen Clare Cheng Agampodi De Zoysa Nicholas Doan Swarna Gajendran Sahil Gera Parmida Ghorbanian Robbie Glyde Joshua Green Rachel Guizzo Dri Georgia Henderson Su-En Hia Yasmine Hosseini Mathilda Hunt Annora Ai-Wei Kumar Ruo Yan Lee Yi Ming Liu Jemima Loveland Sunny Lu Lachlan Murray Daniel Ng

Caroline Nguyen Chloe Ong Achyut Rajesh Pooja Ramesh Anoushka Rastogi Connor Redfern Indira Senthil Ajeetha Inkithan Senthuran

Clementine Smith Emily Tang Racheline Tantular Luke Uden Lara Van Leeuwen Emma Williams Ying Xian Wu Phil Yang

### Year 11

Meg Adams Tyara Aung Hasti Bahar Seth Bardsley Elle-John Bitangcol Joshua Boon Fanija Calevska David Cao Louis Copland Jessica Ewin Taylor Fenner Heyang Guo Joseph Hays Kim Ho Katrina Hooper Gary Huang Rana Ibrahim Phoebe Irawan Triyan Jha Kyden Kho Matthew Kuan Madeleine Lang Chenyuan Li
Aiden Littlewood-Johnson
Vishmi Liyanage
Louisa Lok
Lachlan McDonald
Ananya Mehta
Antony Mizzi
Aaditya Mone
Rojin Moradi Zaniani
Aditi Murali
Bertrand Nheu

John Oh Ji Wan Park Lana Pavlovic Joel Phillips Shiv Rao Parsa Rastegar Lari Cleo Robins Robert Scriba Shivangi Sharma Sarthak Shukla Mehar Singh Aluid Soh May Sung Shanae Sung Sean Sutton Nicole Tjahyadi Heberet wa Azaro David Wilson Henry Yapeter Clare Yeap Rainah Zaheer

### YEAR 10

Nina Adam Julia Aguinot Saaiq Ahmed Aakash Annadurai Mirielle Augustin Haarys Aung Imraan Aung Isabelle Bannerman Harshdeep Banwala Huxley Berry Dimitrij Blazeski Jas Choo Jasmine Chua Tessa Cliff India Creed Dylan Crowe Khang Dang Martin Desa Parami De Silva

Claire Doan Cait Dowley Tanisha Dunuwille Zane Foster Yi Xin Gao Eve Gibbon Lavanva Goel Prisha Goel Ezekiel Goh Abbey Green Sarah Gregory Jenny Guigayoma Derek Guo Su-Jyn Hia Jasper Jackson Akash Jayaram Talola John Ryan Joseph Anson Sofia Khokhlenok Braedyn Koh Ivan Kwek Celina Le Jasmyne Le Alan Lee Ruo Xuan Lee Jason Zi Ran Li Jason Feng Li John Li Raymond Li Yitong Li Christie Lim Cindy Liu Lachlan MacNeill Nicholas Mahoney Daniel Marns Blake Mathieson

Matilda Mills Tatiana Ng Taisha Kim Hui Nguyen Luca Niculae Nimani Pallewela Milly Petterson Virginia Plas Regina Raharjo Niuya Ramesh Hasindi Ranasinghe Danielle Riha Alexander Robertson Genevieve Ryan Alief Scott Thea Setiawan Tisha Shah Hariharan Shankar

Colin Melville

Jay Sharma Ava Shaw Ethan Shaw Ashish Siby Tina Soodi Shoar Conor Stephens Zachery Thexeira Ethan Tjoa Caroline Tsang Kwong Hong Jayden Vu Arielle Watts Savindi Wimalarathne Owen Winarto Shin Yi Wong Carl Xu Mia Yokohata Harrison Yoo



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