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The notion of Elle Woods, Sorority Queen, journeying across the States of America following her true love, appealed to our students at Mod. A rigorous campaign to perform *Legally Blonde* in our new Cyril Tyler Auditorium was successfully mounted by a group of Musical Theatre diehards. Despite well-considered challenges surrounding American stereotypes and suggestions of other popular musicals, the jury was unanimous in its decision: *Legally Blonde* reigned supreme! Upon further investigation, I should not have been surprised. The themes of the musical strongly resonated within our student body—finding creative solutions to overcome insurmountable obstacles and pursuing your dreams and aspirations—no matter the cost or sacrifice.

SALLY FLOYD, DIRECTOR

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From the Principal

Wow, what a sensational Term 3! It was another exceptionally busy time at Perth Modern School with 'Legally Blonde: The Musical' performing to sell-out crowds, the House Athletics Carnival, Science Week, R U OK? Day, the House Bake Off, the English and Literature Conference, Write a Book in a Day plus many more events that took place, adding a real buzz to the campus.

There was amazing student participation and success in an incredible number of competitions, including Big Science, Have Sum Fun, Maths Olympiad, PeCan Capture the Flag Competition, WA Brain Bee, Australian Mathematics Competition, Rotary Four Way Test Speaking Competition, and the West Australian Debating League, to name just a few. Students also enjoyed excursions, carnivals, sporting events, awards, festivals, socials, community service, drama productions and music concerts.

I was delighted to see so many students trying something different and giving things a go, as you never know what will end up becoming a passion or new path in the future.

Legally Blonde: The Musical was an acting and musical extravaganza that broke attendance records for Perth Modern School. Held in our new Cyril Tyler Auditorium, the acting performances were all first class, as was the set design, costumes, choreography and music. Congratulations to the amazing cast and crew and to Director **Sally Floyd**, Assistant Director **Wesley Simkin**, Musical Director **Sally Banyard** and Choreographer **Jessica Paccecca** for an incredible show. Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who assisted behind the scenes, especially **Friends of Music** for running the interval candy bar.

Science Week was a fabulous and stimulating week with students involved in a series of activities and presentations based on the theme 'Glass: More than meets the eye'. The activities celebrated the multiple ways glass has enhanced our everyday lives and scientific knowledge, from telescopes, optical fibre, phone screens and glassware in labs.

The **House Athletics Carnival** was another very successful occasion with **Sampson**, once again, taking home the trophy. The weather was perfect, neither too hot or cold, which allowed a high level of participation amongst students. Student participation was excellent with many students dressed in colourful and creative House outfits—in particular the Year 12 students who were dressed to impress!

RU OK? Day is an important day in the student calendar and serves as a great reminder for students to look out for one another, and the importance of being a good friend and a great listener. The **Wellness Committee** did a fabulous job running a tea stall and we hosted health organisations, Man Up WA, We are Womxn and Beyond All Bounds, as well as the Student Council running their ever-popular sausage sizzle.

Perth Modern honoured **NAIDOC Week** with a whole school assembly and holding various indigenous based activities throughout the week. The theme for 2022 was *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* Follow the Dream students from Belmont City College visited the school for an AFL game and basketball match, which is quickly becoming a tradition, and the Year 8 Choir participated in a workshop with **Kobi Morrison** from the **Madjitil Moorna Choir** who then performed at the assembly. The **Wadumbah Aboriginal Dance Group** performed onstage and conducted a workshop on Aboriginal dance and storytelling. Thank you to the **Student Reconciliation Action Working Group** and Reconciliation Coordinators **Lucy Gunzburg** and **Anneliese Donaldson** for their hard work in making the week's activities a great success.

Visual Art students in Years 8 and 9 had a wonderful experience on the **York Visual Art Enrichment** camp, staying in heritage accommodation with students and being

fully engaged in some fantastic art activities where they could let their creativity shine. Students on the camp also had the opportunity to participate in a **Noongar Six Seasons** workshop with indigenous Elders Tracey Kickett and Audrey Nettle Narkle. The artworks they produced from this workshop were superb and feature on page 27 of this newsletter.

The annual **House Bake Off** featured many amazingly creative entries, from cakes, biscuits and slices, decorated in the four House colours. Ms Tholet, Mr Healy and I were thrilled to be asked to be the judges—though it was certainly a challenge to decide which ones were the winners from so many creative and delicious entries! Well done to all students who participated.

I congratulate the following students on their successes in Term 3:

- **Ellie Malonzo** in Year 8 whose composition, *Violin Concerto in A*, was performed by the **Fremantle Chamber Orchestra**.
- **Madelaine Maxwell** in Year 9, **Paul Hodges** and **Malachi Knight** in Year 8 achieved first place in the **Robocop** competition at Curtin University and competed in the national finals.
- **Santi Chua** in Year 10 is the **2022 WA Brain Bee Challenge** winner.
- **Rafif Kusumo**, **Kenul Senayake**, **Dimas Shevawardhana** and **Samuel Coulson**



- in Year 8 came third in the **Secondary Interschool Numero® Challenge**.
- In the **Australian Maths Olympiad Senior Contest**, **Atharve Sathe** and **Ethan Yap** in Year 10 achieved Silver, **Joel Barris** in Year 10 and **Max Judd** in Year 11 won Bronze and **Beatrice Chong** in Year 9 received an Honourable Mention.
 - **Sam Vallabhaneni**, **Cassie Lee**, **Diya Sanjay**, **Kenneth Cheong**, **Jayden Yip** and **Rayden Oliveiro** achieved First Place in the Year 7 and 8 Division of **Have Sum Fun**.
 - **Rohan Jayaram**, **Raayan Sameer**, **Ryan Hemy**, **Dakota Cole**, **Prashanth Sailendranath**, **Dharmik Thummala** and **Jacob Heath** in Year 8 won the Novice division of the **West Australian Debating League Championships**.
 - **Heidi Gstaettner**, **Jasmine Wu**, **Anoushka Gupta**, **Yasmina Cavosie-Pletsch** and **Paula Gruber Loo** in Year 9 won the **School Girls Chess Championships** and will contend the national title in December.
 - **Oceana Oakley**, **Seneja Williams** and **Nicholas Leendertse** in Year 8 have won prizes in the **Make Your Own Story or Picture Book** competition run by the WA Children's Book Council.
 - **Diya Sanjay** in Year 7 has won first place in the **Musical Theatre Under 13** category at the City of Bayswater Eisteddfod North of Perth Music Festival. Diya also won the secondary division of the **My Future Career Careers of the Future** competition.
 - **Dimas Shevawardhana** in Year 8 received two awards in the **Confucius Institute Mandarin Speaking Short Film** competition.
 - **Chern Yue Khor** and **Chengyi Zhang** in Year 11 received special invitations to attend a music masterclass with renowned pianist **Seta Tanyel**.
 - Year 12 students **Jennifer Le** and **Khush Shah** achieved perfect scores in their **Chinese as a Second Language** final ATAR exam.
 - **Rania Phillips** was the winner and **Porshia Fernando** the Runner Up of the **Year 8 Alliance Français Poetry Recital** competition.
 - **Dipika Choudhury** in Year 12 is the winner of the **WA Japanese Speech Contest** and will participate in the online national final. **Fiona Antony** in Year 11 came second.
 - **Nibesh Khatri** in Year 10 is the runner-up of the **Rotary Four Way Test Speaking Competition**. **Shwetha Rajkumar**, **Rishika Aurora** and **Joshua Soon** in Year 10 also participated in the **Rotary Club of Subiaco Four Way Test Heat**.
 - **Susanna von Perger** and **Parmis Delavarpour** in Year 8 achieved certificates from the University of Sydney for their short film entry into the **Sleek Geeks Eureka Prize**.
 - **Crystal Lee** in Year 8 has won multiple awards and certificates in vocal and dance competitions. Her next challenge is performing in the **Showcase: Australian Dance Championships** on the Gold Coast.
 - **Jasmine Wu** in Year 9 is the first female from WA to win a gold medal at the **National Junior Table Tennis** championships. She also won an U19 Bronze medal at the **World Table Tennis Youth Contender** competition.
 - **Chelsea Wu** in Year 7 has been selected for the **Table Tennis Australia National Development and Heroes Squad**.
 - **Jethro Chen** in Year 8 won the Best Player Award U13 Boys at the **National Table Tennis Junior Championship** plus an additional two silver medals and one bronze. Jethro also won a bronze medal at the **World Table Tennis Youth Contender**.
 - **Gayle Leong** in Year 12 was part of the WA team that won the **Pizzey Tennis Cup**.
 - **Toby Gollogher** in Year 8 and **James Gray** in Year 9 competed in the **AusCycling Junior Road National Championships**.
 - **Fedor Alfimov** in Year 9 competed in an international sailing competition in Tokyo Bay.
 - **Cayden Arquiza-Relenas** and **Devan Finn** in Year 8 both won Silver medals in the **Australian Karate Federation Championships**.
 - **Paul Burnett** from the Class of 2015 won Gold in beach volleyball at the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games**.
 - **James Trevor** in Year 11 and **Lachlan Smith** and **Noah West** in Year 12 were selected as winners of the 2022 'Fanfare' and 'To Country' composition competitions.

Mitch Mackay, Principal

2023 Head Prefects and Student Councillors elected



Emanuel Foundas and Avicknash Dayanandan.

Congratulations to Avicknash Dayanandan and Emanuel Foundas who have been elected by their peers as Head Prefects for 2023.

Student Council for 2023:

Year 7: Isabelle Lim, Sam Vallabheneni, Aneesh Samanta, Renee Tan

Year 8: Andrew Gilleece, Ellie Malonzo, Stella Anthony, Frank Holdom, Avash Shakya

Year 9: Aidan Jang, Isobel Doe, Mahek Aribenchi, Qiufei Li, Shermaine Chan, Thevindu Karunarathne

Year 10: Jessica Bruining, Swara Mali, Kezia Namdin, Ethan Yap, Ajay Bisnath, Chudy Isidienu

Year 11 Prefects: Emanuel Foundas (Head Prefect), Avicknash Dayanandan (Head Prefect), Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthridge, Rishita Sarkar, Shifan Amhed, Anjitha Antony, Ian Lewis

Six out of seven for Sampson

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sampson is building a very impressive record with the House of red winning the House Athletic Championship for the sixth time in seven years. This outstanding result was bolstered when Sampson also won the Novelty Cup.

Hyper participation and great leadership from House Captains, Jasmine Willoughby and Drew Dembo, were important factors in their 2022 success. The Year 12 Race/Parade was the highlight for many with the Class of 2022 setting the bar very high with their creative, vibrant outfits and sense of fun!

Congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and a big thank you to all staff, parent and student officials who helped make the day so successful.



Sampson House Leader Aaron Bell with House Captains Jasmine Willoughby and Drew Dembo.



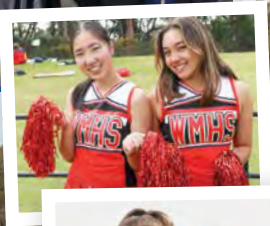
First	Sampson	3822 points
Second	Downing	3807 points
Third	Parsons	3713 points
Fourth	Brown	3027 points

2022 HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Gender	Year	Category	Name
Female	7	Runner Up Year Champion	Skye McCaffrey
		Year Champion	Chelsea Harris
Male	7	Runner Up Year Champion	Tobi Zhou
		Year Champion	Riley Kinsella
Female	8	Runner Up Year Champion	Adele Stegink
		Year Champion	Stephanie White
Male	8	Runner Up Year Champion	Oliver Faix
		Year Champion	Toby Gollagher
Female	9	Runner Up Year Champion	Rosanne Arul Raja
		Year Champion	Jasmine Wu
Male	9	Runner Up Year Champion	Adeolu Adebayo
		Year Champion	Deva Menothuparambil
Female	10	Runner Up Year Champion	Sarah Harris
		Year Champion	Jaun Yum
Male	10	Runner Up Year Champion	Jonathan Foster
		Year Champion	David Esdale
Female	11	Runner Up Year Champion	Lillie Sartori
		Year Champion	Megan McCaffrey
Male	11	Runner Up Year Champion	Conor Blycha
		Year Champion	Mitchell Morris
Female	12	Runner Up Year Champion	Ruby Paterson
		Year Champion	Sophie Hunt
Male	12	Runner Up Year Champion	Thyler Cung
		Year Champion	Monty Bolton

Year Champions and Runners Up.





Students dress in cheerful yellow for RU OK? Day



For RUOK? Day students swapped out their uniform for free dress and enjoyed some wellbeing activities over lunch.

The Wellness Committee ran a tea stall, with the Student Council and additional volunteers running their famous and ever-popular sausage sizzle.

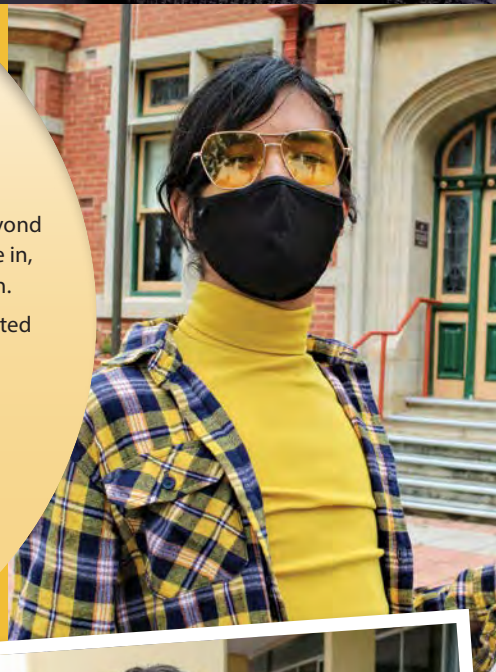
Mental health organisations Man Up WA, We Are Womxn and Beyond All Bounds set up stalls with some games for students to engage in, helping to start conversations on wellbeing and mental health.

Students donated a gold coin for free dress that will be contributed to the RUOK? Organisation.

Remember, you don't need to be an expert to reach out —just a good friend and a great listener.

RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.

Visit www.ruok.org.au/ for support or advice on how to support someone.





Ellie makes her big orchestral debut

THE PERTH VOICE INTERACTIVE

After composing her first orchestral movement at just seven years old, Perth Modern School violinist Ellie Malonzo will finally get to hear a real orchestra play her music. The Fremantle Chamber Orchestra (FCO) will be premiering her latest composition, *Violin Concerto in A*, at the Redemptorist Monastery in North Perth.

Now 12 years old, Ellie will also become the youngest soloist the FCO has featured. But she's already racked up multiple awards, including a first prize in the International Youth Music Competition in June, allowing her to attend the 2023 winner's recital in New York.

Ellie's musical journey began with a gift from her father.

'It all started when my dad gave me a pink ukulele—he plays the guitar—so he wanted me to learn too, but for some reason I put it straight under my chin, got a chopstick out of the kitchen drawer, and pretended I was holding a violin and a bow,' she said.

Ellie's first concerto drew inspiration from mornings with her mother.

'I used to sit in bed on Sunday mornings with my mum and I would sing a melody to her, and she would write it down and play it on the piano,' she said.

'I finished writing the first movement of my first concerto for violin and string orchestra when I was seven; I have always felt that the melodies are the easy part, and the hardest aspect is linking all the ideas together, it's a bit like a puzzle.'

FCO director and cellist Hans Hug is excited for the world premiere of Ellie's concerto and says the event will be a beautiful and historic moment.

'Here we have a person who, already at 12 years of age, is an accomplished violinist, on top of that, a composer, which is quite remarkable,' Mr Hug said. 'At the FCO we try to perform beautiful music and create opportunities for young people, and Ellie is a shining example of this.'



State Champions in Robocup 2022

Robotics is steadfastly becoming a very popular pastime at Perth Modern School. Recently, Paul Hodges in Year 8, Malachi Knight in Year 8 and Madeleine Maxwell in Year 9 achieved first place in the 'Robocup – Secondary Rescue Line' competition at Curtin University.

They then travelled to Adelaide to represent WA in the national competition, where they were performing at a high level until a hardware problem unfortunately caused their robot to fail.

Thanks to Mr Walter Wilson and Anna Pedersen in Year 12 for their assistance and guidance of the team.



Madeleine Maxwell, Paul Hodges and Malachi Knight with their Robocup medals and trophy ... and with the winning robot.

Mod's Santi wins WA Brain Bee Challenge

Well done Santi Chua in Year 10, who has been crowned the WA Brain Bee Challenge winner for 2022. The Australian Brain Bee Challenge is the country's only neuroscience competition for high school students.

Professor Romola Bucks, Pro Vice Chancellor (Health and Medical Research) at UWA, awarded the prize to Santi at a special ceremony.

'Science, and neuroscience in particular, is a great thing to do,' Professor Bucks said in her speech. 'It's not just one topic, it encompasses a broad range of disciplines, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, computer science, psychology and medicine.'

'There is still so much to discover about how the brain works, so it's important to nurture our future generations of scientists and neuroscientists.'

Santi was named the overall winner of the WA competition. He was encouraged to take part in the Brain Bee by his science teacher Mr Ant Meczes.

'It's so interesting to learn new content about how the brain and body work,' Santi said. 'For example, how we feel pain and sense things, it's all happening within us, it's so fascinating.'



From left: Professor Romola Bucks, Santi Chua and A/Professor Jenny Rodger.

'The prospect of representing WA in the national competition is a special and unique opportunity.'

Principal Mitchell Mackay said he was delighted to hear of Santi's win in the Brain Bee.

'Santi is a very hard-working student with fantastic skills in science, and it is wonderful to hear about how much he enjoyed participating in this prestigious and hard-fought competition,' Mr Mackay said.

School Girl's Chess Championships

Perth Modern School all girls' team have romped home to win the School Girl's Chess Championships. Paula Gruber, Yasmina Cavosie-Pletsch, Anoushka Gupta, Jasmine Wu, Sumedha Ghosh and Heidi Gstaettner were amazing at the event, and are now contenders for the national competition being held in December.

'I think more girls should try [chess] and see that it's not just a boys' thing. Girls are just as good as boys, there's just less of us represented.'
Yasmina Cavosie-Pletsch

'I think chess should be considered more than a mere hobby and taken more seriously especially by girls, as I noticed that not as many girls play chess as boys do. I was inspired by my friends to play chess at Perth Modern. I played my first tournament within one year of starting chess with the support and encouragement from my peers in the girls' chess club.'
Sumedha Ghosh

'We need more girl players, so Perth Mod has a little more competition at the State finals next year. Chess is fun, both as a fun hobby or a competitive sport. It also has a lot of benefits. I'm pretty sure my memory's improved from all the calculating and visualising I've done in chess, for one thing.'
Paula Gruber Loo

'Chess challenges my critical thinking, logic, memory and planning skills. It is a great mental sport that has many cognitive benefits, and I also get to meet lots of people and participate in fun tournaments.'
Anoushka Gupta



Paula Gruber Loo, Yasmina Cavosie-Pletsch, Anoushka Gupta, Jasmine Wu, Sumedha Ghosh and Heidi Gstaettner.

'I enjoy the mental stimulation and different variations and it relaxes me from playing table tennis competitively. I think chess is a great hobby to have as it helps improve the mind and is a great way to socialise with people.'
Jasmine Wu

'I like how there's so many different combinations of games and making a single different move can impact the entire game.'
Heidi Gstaettner



Seneja Willamune, Nicholas Leendertse and Oceana Oakley with their award-winning books.

Mod trio create award-winning Children's Books

Three Year 8 students, Oceana Oakley, Seneja Willamune and Nicholas Leendertse, have been successful in the WA Children's Book Council Awards 'Make Your Own Story Book or Picture Book Competition'.

Oceana took home First Place for her Story Book *Survivor* which is about a South Vietnamese girl, who is a refugee trying to survive the aftermath of the war in Vietnam.

'Her father was in the South Vietnamese military and had been taken captive by the Vietcong and so she, her mother and her brother have to flee and find a new home in Australia,' Oceana said.

'I did a History Challenge recently on the Vietnam War and had been reading a book about refugee stories written by children and a lot of those stories were about Vietnamese refugees and so wanted to explore in my book a child refugee's story.'

Seneja came second in the Picture Book category for her book creation *Be Yourself*.

'My book is about a girl who has no friends, but she enjoys what she does and doing her day-to-day activities by herself but then she understands that she is lonely and so she thinks having friends will make her really happy,' Seneja said.

'So, she sacrifices all of her happiness and changes everything about herself so she can have friends.'

'By the end of the story she realises that being yourself is more important than following other people.'

'It felt interesting to find out I had won [this] award as I didn't realise I was capable of winning an award like this. It was a challenge to make pictures that would tell a story rather than words,' Seneja said.

Nicholas came third in the Story Book category for his book *The Dead Tree*. Nicholas said the book is about a boy who suffers the loss of his mum. The boy is also getting bullied and lives with his father who is trying to drown out his sorrows with alcohol.

'They [the boy and his father] have to try to make a new connection together and sow a new seed into their relationship,' Nicholas said.

The competition's judges said his book was a 'sophisticated and ambitious story, tackling complex issues in a sensitive manner.'

Diya is a winner on multiple fronts

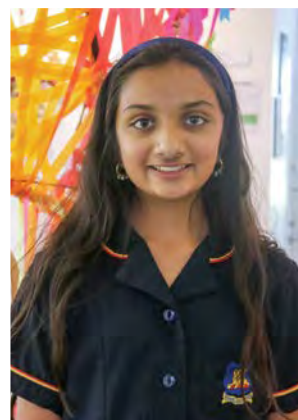
Diya Sanjay in Year 7 has been winning multiple awards in various activities in recent times.

She won first place in the Musical Theatre Under 13 category at the City of Bayswater Eisteddfod North of Perth Music Festival, performing a difficult piece called 'Party Dress' from Henry and Mudge. Adjudicators gave compliments including, 'Well done on such a strong performance of this difficult song with all the shifts and thought changes.'

Your attention to detail was exemplary!

Diya will now go on to perform at the Winners Concert.

In addition, Diya also won the secondary division of the 'My Future Education Careers of the Future' competition, with prize money awarded to the school of \$500. Diya's entry was a video on programming robots that help sick people in remote areas.



Jennifer and Khush achieve perfect scores in ATAR Chinese

Jennifer Le and Khush Shah completed ATAR Chinese as a Second Language in 2021 as accelerated students, with both students achieving perfect scores of 100 per cent in their final exam.

Jennifer said:

'Understanding the Chinese language is more than just memorising tones, vocabulary and grammar structures; it is about fostering new understandings about Chinese culture and history. Learning Chinese has allowed me to have many new and fun experiences; whether it be playing Mahjong, eating dumplings or entering Chinese competitions, I'm sure each of us have had our own way of experiencing a piece of China and all it has to offer.'

Although I have finished the Chinese course, I am still learning new things about the language every day. I am proud to say that Chinese is more than just a subject to me, as it has enriched my daily life with new perspectives, forms of entertainment and ways to communicate with those around me.'



Prizes in Alliance Française competitions

YVAN TAILLANDIER, FRENCH TEACHER

In Term 3, we have had some fantastic results for our students studying French.

In the Alliance Française Poetry Recital competition, Rania Phillips was the Year 8 State winner and Porshia Fernando the Year 8 Runner Up.

In Year 10, Spandan Kankumbkar and John Peiris were invited to the poetry final.

Perth Modern School also had six students selected for the Alliance Française speaking exam, from only 20 chosen from across WA. Archana Saravanaperumal came second for Year 11 and Chau Tran came second for Year 12.

Porshia Fernando and Rania Phillips were prizewinners in French poetry.



WA Japanese Speech Contest

KANAKO MATSUO, JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER

Dipika Choudhury in Year 12 and Fiona Antony in Year 11 participated in the WA Japanese Speech Contest held at Hyogo Cultural Centre.

Fiona received the second prize for her speech titled 'One's Own Success' and Dipika won first prize for her speech titled 'Girls' Future and STEM'. They both performed excellently with beautiful pronunciation and spoke fluently during the Q&A session following their speech.

After winning the secondary school category in WA, Dipika will participate online in the national final.

Dipika Choudhury and Fiona Antony at the WA Japanese Speech Contest.



RIGHT: Dimas Shevawardhana won two prizes in the Confucius Institute's Mandarin Speaking Short Film Competition.

ABOVE: A still from his film.



Confucius Institute Mandarin Speaking Short Film Competition

MEI LI, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHER

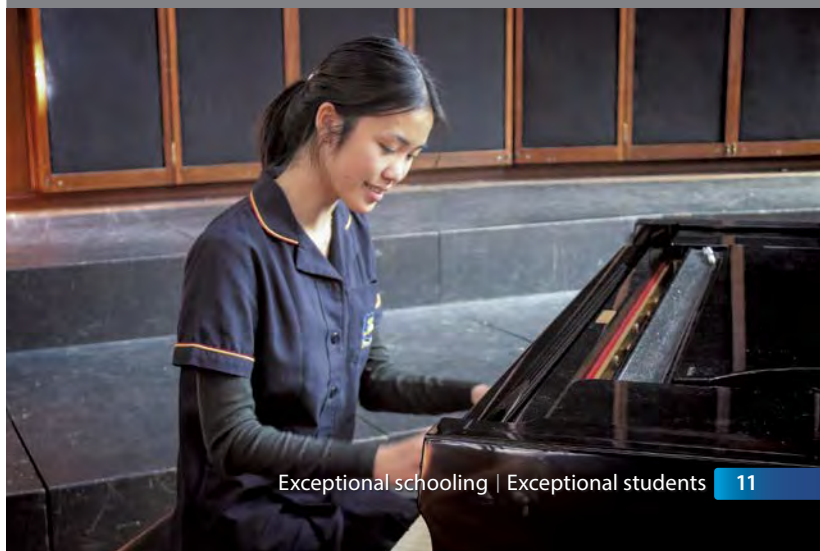
The Confucius Institute Mandarin Speaking Short Film Competition gave students an opportunity to showcase their talents to an appreciative audience of Chinese language speakers. There were ten different schools submitting their creative and entertaining films.

Our Year 8 Chinese Second Language student Dimas Shevawardhana received two awards, the best documentary and People's Choice which was voted on by WeChat users. As a prize, Dimas received a \$400 gift card.

Chern Yue and Chengyi invited to Piano Masterclass with Seta Tanyel at WAAPA

Top Year 11 Music students Chern Yue Khor and Chengyi Zhang received a special invitation to attend a Masterclass with Seta Tanyel, a London-based Armenian pianist. Seta has won major prizes at the inaugural Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition, and the Beethoven International Piano Competition in Vienna.

Chern Yue Khor practises the piano in the Beasley Hall.





Crystal dances her way to the top

Crystal Lee in Year 8 has been entering national and international singing competitions and achieving gold medals for her efforts! Crystal is also highly accomplished in ballet.

Below are just some of her achievements in 2022:

- 2022 European Summer Music Competition
Vocal Talent Category (Age 10–13) – Awarded Gold Prize
- 2022 Cardiff Piano and Vocal Competition
Vocal Talent Category (Age 10–13) – Awarded Gold Prize
Awarded The Best Performer to Represent Australia
- 2022 London International Music Competition Voice Junior I – Awarded First Prize
- 2022 Red Maple Music Competition, Summer Season 2022
Voice Junior Category, Age 13–14, Advanced – Awarded Second Place Winner
Awarded: Audience Award Winner
- 2022 Helene Gowers Ballet Schools: Performance Awards Exam Cecchetti Classical Ballet Syllabus, Advanced 1A Level – Awarded Pass with Highest Distinction
- West Coast Dance Festival: First Prize for Classical Under 14 Solo Novice; First Prize for Jazz Under 14 Solo Novice; Honourable Mention for Lyrical Under 14 Solo Novice; and Special Mention for Contemporary Under 14 Solo Novice.

Her next challenge is performing in the Showcase: Australian Dance Championships being held on the Gold Coast in January 2023.

FROM TOP: Crystal Lee in her classical dance costume for the West Coast Dance Festival, where she won two first prizes; and Crystal in rehearsal for the Fremantle Eisteddfod where she sang *La Pastorella*.

Jasmine, Chelsea and Jethro are top in Table Tennis

Three Perth Modern School students, Jasmine Wu, Chelsea Wu and Jethro Chen, have been blitzing the national Table Tennis circuit recently.

Jasmine Wu is the first-ever female from WA to win a junior table tennis gold medal at the national level, making her the number one female in her age category in Australia. The Year 9 student won gold in the U15 Table Tennis Australia (TTA) Tour in Brisbane. She also won a silver medal in the U17 Girls division.

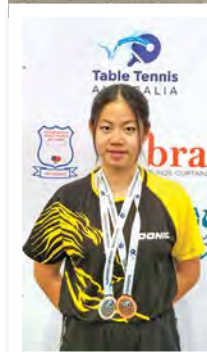
Jasmine's younger sibling, Chelsea, is following in her footsteps, with both Wu sisters being selected into the Table Tennis Australia National Development and Hopes Squad.

In a recent media article, Jasmine said it was 'exhilarating' to win gold at the national level as she had previously won silver medals in national singles competitions.

'After winning triple state titles from WA, Queensland and Victoria, at 13, I was ecstatic for being the first WA girl ever to win Gold at the Table Tennis Australia national tour,' she said.

Jasmine and Jethro have also performed strongly in the World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Contender international competition held in Darwin. This was a very high-level international competition including players in the top 20 world youth rankings from Asia, Australasia and North America. Jasmine played up her age and was awarded an U19 Girls Fourth place Bronze trophy.

Jethro was amazing at the 2022 National Table Tennis Junior Championship, winning Best Player Award U13 Boys plus an additional two Silver medals and one bronze. Jethro also performed admirably at the WTT and was awarded the U13 Boys semi-finalist Bronze trophy.



FROM TOP: Jasmine Wu in action; and Jasmine and Chelsea Wu at the National Table Tennis championships.

FAR LEFT: Jasmine Wu with her gold and silver medals from the National Championships.

LEFT: Jethro Chen

PHOTO COURTESY TABLE TENNIS WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Gayle helps win the Pizzey Tennis Cup for WA

Perth Modern's very own tennis gun Gayle Leong has helped WA win the Pizzey Cup National Championships. The last time a WA team won the Pizzey Cup was 25 years ago.

Years of training at a high level and a week of top-level tennis from 27 August–3 September against Australia's best junior tennis players resulted in the win for the WA team.

This is Gayle's highest achievement in her junior tennis journey so far and full credit to her as she undertook a full training load in tennis on top of studying six ATAR subjects and being a Student Councillor.

Gayle Leong with the School Sport Pizzey Cup.



Five 'Mod' students compete in the Australian Karate Federation Championships

Five Perth Modern students (three current and two incoming) recently competed in the Australian Karate Championships and performed very well, doing the School proud.

Here are their results:

Cayden Arquiza-Relenas in Year 8: Silver medal in Children's Team Kata.

Devan Finn in Year 8: Silver medal in Kumite Individual Male Children and Silver Team Children's Kumite.

Reece Miyamoto in Year 7: competed in Individual Male Children's Kata and Kumite Individual Male Children.

Marcel Williams, incoming Year 7: Bronze medal in Kumite Individual Male Children and Silver Team Children's Kumite.

Kian Arquiza-Relenas, incoming Year 7: Silver medal in Children's Team Kata.

LEFT: Five Perth Modern School current and incoming students attended the Australian Karate Federation Championships.

Novice Debating Champions

ANISH BADGERI, DEBATING COORDINATOR

2022 was another successful year for Perth Modern School's debating program, with one of our Year 8 teams taking out the Novice Championship at the Schools Debating Grand Final held at Hackett Hall.

Congratulations to (pictured right) Prashanth Sailendranath, Rayaam Sameer, Ryan Hemy, Dharmik Thummala and (front row) Jacob Heath, Dakota Cole and Rohan Jayaram for their efforts this season.

In the Grand Final, the team was affirming the motion 'This House would introduce a quota for disadvantaged students in selective schools' and presented a persuasive and dynamic case against their opposition, Shenton College. Rohan was recognised for his excellent characterisation and arguments with the Best Speaker Award at the Grand Final.

Congratulations to all students who competed in this year's Schools Debating Competition. Perth Modern School had a record-breaking 60 teams with almost 300 students participating this year. Of these, 20 advanced to the Finals and 16 were Division Winners. The School looks forward to seeing more student success in other debating and public speaking opportunities this year.



Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Susanna von Perger and Parmis Delavarpour in Year 8 achieved certificates from the University of Sydney for their short film entry, *A Star is Born*, which was entered into the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize 2022.



Fedor travels to Japan to compete in sailing

Year 9 student Fedor Alfimov recently travelled to Japan to compete in a sailing competition held in Tokyo Bay, the same bay in which the Olympic Laser competition was held.

'Over three days of medium to light wind I was getting consistent placings. It was quite intense as the level of competition was high,' Fedor said.

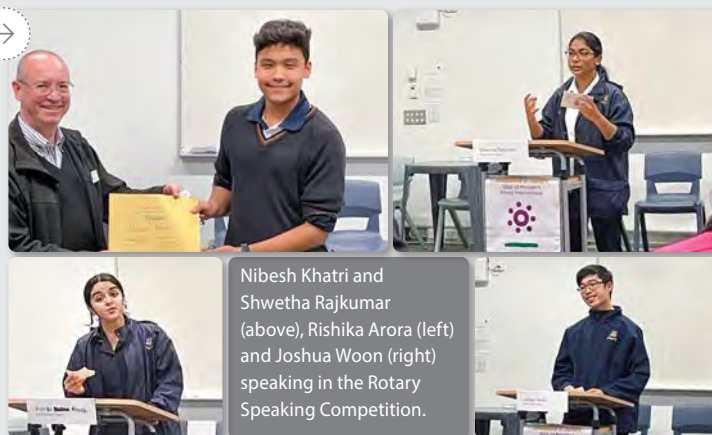
What a wonderful opportunity—congratulations Fedor.

Fedor Alfimov competing in Japan.

Nibesh is Runner-Up in Rotary Four Way Test Speaking Competition

Nibesh Khatri has been named runner-up of the hotly contested Rotary Four Way Test Speaking Competition. His speech on dealing with high expectations achieved very high scores from the judges.

Well done also to Shwetha Rajkumar, Rishika Arora and Joshua Woon in Year 10 who performed strongly in the Rotary Club of Subiaco Four Way Test Heat with Shwetha being named runner-up behind Nibesh.



Nibesh Khatri and Shwetha Rajkumar (above), Rishika Arora (left) and Joshua Woon (right) speaking in the Rotary Speaking Competition.



Toby and James compete in the AusCycling Junior Road National Championships

Toby Gollogher in Year 8 and James Gray in Year 9 recently competed in a gruelling 35km road race as part of the AusCycling Junior Road National Championships. Well done James and Toby!

< Toby Gollogher competing in the road race.

✓ James Gray (in WA State kit) and Toby Gollogher (in black) compete in the U15 criterium.



High Distinctions in the 2022 Big Science Competition



Congratulations to the following students who achieved a High Distinction in the Big Science competition.

The Big Science Competition is a 50-minute, multiple choice competition for students in Years 7–10 testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting)!

YEAR 7

Akshayan Mukunthan	Ivy Delauney-Meyer
Amber Phua	Jacinta Kearney
Andy Huynh	Krutav Tiwari
Angela Huang	Maduricaa Yohanathan
William (Bee) Barnes	Mathoosan Murugavel
Brijesh Kangeshwaran	Max Burton
Cameron Soh	Metta Chua
Diya Sanjay	Sushree Mangla
Grace Sharma	Thenu Hettiarachchi
Isabelle Lim	



YEAR 8

Caiyan (Catherine) Yu	Parmis Delavarpour
Jayden Yip	Rayden Oliveiro



YEAR 9

Ava van Dommelen	Gabriel Calupig
Brendan Goh	Rayan Jape
Eric Yun	Richa Tota
Ishika Balram	Sonia Yeo
Jinzhao (Ethan) Xu	Sophia Sadekova
Kshithij Chandrashekar	Suhi Kaur
Lodinu Kalugalage	Thomas Ballintijn
Matthew Choy	



YEAR 10

Ajay Bisnath	Joshua Whale
Atharva Sathe	Rainier Wu
Dhruv Patel	Santi Chua
Ethan Widjaja	Shardul Inamdar
Hannah Symons	Vinura Elvadura
John Peiris	

Congratulations to our Big Science High Distinction winners!

Science Week 2022



Glass: More than meets the eye

The theme for National Science Week in schools in 2022 was Glass: More than meets the eye. The week's activities celebrated the many roles that glass plays in our lives—from phone screens and optical fibre to glassware in labs.

The Science Department had several activities on offer for students; as well as other departments who wove the theme into their curriculum. Activities included a glass box escape room, kaleidoscope, terrarium and stained glass 'biccie' making.

Fascinating talks on koala chlamydia vaccines, the annual Physics Breakfast and FameLab science communication competition finals were also held.

It was a wonderful week of interesting and intriguing activities that illuminated everything glass.



2022 Secondary Interschool Numero® Challenge

MR MICHAEL DEAN, SCIENCE TEACHER



For the second year, Perth Modern School took part in the Frank Drysdale Secondary Interschool Numero® Challenge, with one team making the finals. The successful team featured Samuel Coulson, Kenul Senanayake, Rafif Kusumo and Dimas Shevawardhana. This group of students also made the finals last year.

Numero® is a mental maths card game, requiring quick thinking and clever strategy to create number sentences with numbers and mathematical operations. Many of our students begin their involvement in Numero® in primary school. The secondary school challenge is highly competitive, and our team placed third out of 12 finalists.

It was a great experience, and we look forward to fielding teams in the event next year. Congratulations to all students involved.



Our State Finalist team for 2022: Rafif Kusumo, Kenul Senanayake, Dimas Shevawardhana and Samuel Coulson.

Students lead School Tours

The demand for tours of Perth Modern School by prospective parents and students is very high, with tours being run twice per week through term time.

Specially trained students volunteer their time to take these tours and do a fantastic job showing the tour groups the School's facilities, providing information on the School's history and heritage, and revealing firsthand what life is like as a student at the school.

The tours are a great way to show our potential families what a fantastic place Perth Modern School is and helps inform them if this is the right place for them.



Tour Guides Alex Crosbie and Ruhansi Abeywickrama.



Tour Guides Mahek Aribenchi and Kshithij Chandrashekar.



Tour Guides Poojani Ranamuka Kankanamalage and Joshua Whale.



Tour Guides Asha Scaddan and Sai Akhil Kambala.

Mathematics goes from strength to strength

MARK WHITE, HEAD OF MATHEMATICS



During August and September, we entered teams into the prestigious MAWA Have Sum Fun Mathematics competitions. Each division has teams of six students competing with schools from all sectors in four gruelling rounds of challenging maths problems. Perth Modern teams achieved first, second and third placings.

Our results are below:

First place: Years 7 and 8 Division

Sam Vallabhaneni, Cassie Lee, Diya Sanjay, Kenneth Cheong, Jayden Yip and Rayden Oliveiro.

Second and Third places: Years 9 and 10 Division

Second Place: Atharva Sathe, Ethan Widjaja, Santi Chua, Beatrice Chong, Jude Shen and Anoushka Gupta.

Third place: Ethan Yap, Joel Bariss, John Peiris, Ishika Balram, Ram Manav Soni and James Ji.

Third place: Years 11 and 12 Division

Ethan Wang, Shen-Kit Hia, Chen Yu Lim, Daniel Kong, Avicknash Dayanandan and Rishita Sarkar.



ABOVE: Winners of the Years 7 and 8 Division: Cassie Lee, Kenneth Cheong, Sam Vallabhaneni, Jayden Yip, Diya Sanjay and Rayden Oliveiro; and Team 2 in action

BELOW: Teacher Divya Khetarpal with students Daniel Kong, Rishita Sarka, Shen-Kit Hia, Avicknash Dayanandan, Chen Yu Lim, Ethan Wang and Head of Mathematics Mark White.



Australian Mathematics Competition

Perth Modern has continued their success in Maths competitions by gaining fantastic results in the Australian Maths Competition held on 3–6 August. Our students won 18 Prizes, 120 High Distinctions, 345 Distinctions and 246 Credits. To win a prize a student must score in the top 0.3 per cent in their division.

Well done to the following prize winners:

•	Year 7	•	Year 8	•	Year 9	•	Year 11	•
•	Angela Huang	•	Luke Antenucci	•	Anoushka Gupta	•	Max Wu	•
•	Sam Vallabhaneni	•	Rayden Oliveira	•	Beatrice Chong	•	Max Judd	•
•	Mark Lee	•	Ethan Yap	•	Year 10	•	Year 12	•
•	Chelsea Wu	•	Caiyan (Catherine) Yu	•	Ethan Yap	•	Thyler Cung	•
•	Sidhu Subbaiyan	•		•	Joel Bariss	•		•
•	Akshayan Mukunthan	•		•		•		•



Australian Maths Olympiad Competition – Senior Contest

Of all of the Maths Olympiads, the most prestigious is the Senior Contest which is only by invitation from the Australian Maths Trust. Less than 100 students from across Australia are invited—those who have demonstrated high ability in other Olympiads and competitions.

Students selected from Perth Modern School won two Silver awards, two Bronze awards and an Honourable Mention.

Silver Atharva Sathe (Year 10) and Ethan Yap (Year 10)

Bronze Joel Bariss (Year 10) and Max Judd (Year 11)

Honourable Mention Beatrice Chong (Year 9).

Beatrice Chong, Atharva Sathe, Joel Bariss and Ethan Yap.
Absent: Max Judd.

Success at the PeCan Capture The Flag Competition

Perth Modern had two teams achieve success at the PeCan Capture The Flag 2022, which is a jeopardy style Capture the Flag computer security competition for beginners, intermediate, and advanced high school students in Year 10 and above. There were 50 challenges over a broad range of topics such as webex, crypto, reverse engineering, and forensics.

Advanced: First place

Riley Haswell	3 Advanced	11
Rainier Wu	3 Advanced	10
Stefan Ciutina	3 Advanced	11
Orlando Morris-Johnson	3 Advanced	11

Intermediate: Third place

Santi Chua	2 Intermediate	10
Atharva Sathe	2 Intermediate	10
Dasindu Pandithage	2 Intermediate	10
Ronan Naidu	2 Intermediate	10



Legally Blonde breaks box office records

SALLY FLOYD, DIRECTOR



At a time when fighting to overcome stereotypes and staying true to yourself is more important than ever, Elle serves as a role model for us all, highlighting the importance of embracing who you are and being true to yourself: values embodied by the cast, musicians, and crew of *Legally Blonde*.

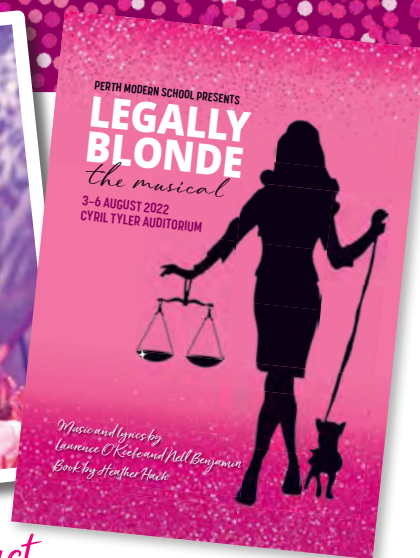
The production celebrated the dreams of youth, the power of sisterhood and the importance of grit and determination; all with a healthy splash of pizzazz and sass. *Legally Blonde* wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Perth Modern School community.

To quote Shakespeare, 'To thine own self be true. And it must follow as the night, the day, Thou canst then not be false to any man.'

A very special thank you to Assistant Director Wesley Simkin, Musical Director Sally Banyard, and Choreographer Jessica Paccecca for their incredible creative work on the production.

Thank you also to everyone involved in *Legally Blonde* either onstage or backstage and our wonderful audience members, who came to see the show in record numbers.





The Cast

Leads / Principals

Elle Woods | *Perri Hinton*
Chloe Christiansen (Understudy)

Emmett Forrest | *Spencer Scarparolo*
Pierce Brady (Understudy)

Paulette Buonofuonte | *Jaymie Whibley*
Jasmine Temby (Understudy)

Pilar | *Tae Geddes*

Margot | *Ashlyn Tiedtke*

Serena | *Ally Firth*

Callahan | *Alex Zheng*
Oscar Gates (Understudy)

Warner Huntington III | *Daniel Brown*
Seth Pinto (Understudy)

Vivienne Kensington | *Freja Salt*

Brooke Wyndham | *Olivia Wild*

Kyle B. O'Boyle | *Emanuel Foundas*

Enid Hoops | *Grace Brown*

Supporting Roles

Elle's Mom | *Ashlee Henry*

Elle's Dad | *Ian Lewis*

Kate | *Jade Seabrook*

Sundee Padamadan | *Ian Lewis*

Aaron Schultz | *Max Murray*

Dewey | *Saman Azam*

Nikos Argitakos | *Loic Dutry*

Carlos | *Max Germano*

Grand Master Chad | *Frank Holdom*

Winthrop | *Aden Chia*

Pforzheimer | *George Keane*

Lowell | *Tony Nguyen*

Whitney | *Felicity Mayo*

Chutney Wyndham | *Katy Morley*

Judge | *Sasha Benness*

D.A. Joyce Riley | *Saman Azam*

Court Stenographer | *Natasha Robinson*



Ensemble Members

Saman Azam, Sasha Benness, Bella Blythe, Sienna Bowden, Pierce Brady, Jessica Bruining, James Carroll, Claire Champion, Allie Chan, Aden Chia, Chloe Christiansen, Tuppence Cornelius, Millie Cullender, Anneke Dekkers, Callum Dekkers, Claire den Hollander, Oscar Gates, Max Germano, Zara Hadingham, Ashlee Hemy, Frank Holdom, Verity Hughes, George Keane, Saskia Kennea, Crystal Lee, Ian Lewis, Qiufei Li, Zelia Lim, Sophie Litic, Felicity Mayo, Katy Morley, Ellissa Murday, Max Murray, Tony Nguyen, Sophie Nham, Oceana Oakley, Esther Paterson, Rania Phillips, Seth Pinto, Lakshana Ravindranathan, Natasha Robinson, Diya Sanjay, Jade Seabrook, Avash Shakya, Alyssa Soeseno, Toby Syers, Jasmine Temby, Vinuja Thibbotuge, Vanessa Ting, Tara Vulin, Shan-Mei Wan, Jessica Wilson, Kat Wilson, Taj Wynne and Sonia Yeo

Year 10 Dancers

Nandita Ashok, Sophia Atartis, Daisy Atkinson, Jiaying Gu, Sarah Harris, Verity Hughes, Hannah Jee, Anthia Latt, Saya Lee, Phoebe Salim, Vinuja Thibbotuge and Jessica Wilson



The Musicians

Conductor	Mrs. Sally Banyard
Keyboard 1	Mr. Jackson Griggs
Keyboard 2/Rehearsal Pianist	Ms. Mia Brine
Saxophone	Charley Vukojevich
Flute	Sophie Royle
Clarinet	Anika Hunter
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	Georgia Stewart
Trumpet	Ms. Zoe McGivern
Guitar	Xavier Anthony
Bass	David Chidzuey
Percussion	Olivia Christiansen
Drums	James Fi





Rowing on the rise at Mod

ISABEAU VAN DER KOOP, YEAR 11



With talented (but unfortunately injury-prone) Physical Education ATAR student Joanna Craigue stepping into her role as Rowing Captain for 2022, the Perth Modern Rowing Club was bound for a good year. We trained two afternoons a week for several months down at WA Rowing Club near Elizabeth Quay, to be prepared for the Regatta State Finals.

There were a few improvements from last year—we had about twice as many rowers, with plenty of new Years 10–12 students

joining us, received some beautiful new rowing gear (including a splash jacket!), designed and painted a banner, and hosted two social events for the club throughout the season.

Over the three regattas we participated in throughout the season, the Girls Coxed Quad managed to slice almost two minutes off their time, achieving a time of 4:19, while in the second regatta the Boys Quad managed to achieve 3:56. Our Mixed Quads also cut one minute off their time between the first and final regattas.

We also had three double sculls participating for the first time—Joanna and Anna in the Open Girls division, achieving second place one race and a time of 5:08, Lachlan and Alex in the Open Boys division with a time of 4:28, and Abhigyan and Raahim in the Year 10 Boys division, achieving a time of 5:33 and the record for the most lanes crossed within a single race.

That concludes Perth Modern's second rowing season! A big thank you to Ms Kate Holland and our coaches Alyssa, Josh and Bailey.



A beautiful day for a practise row down the Swan River.

Year 12 students Joanna Craigue and Anna Pedersen.



The Perth Modern School Rowing team have had a good year.



New heights reached in Perth Modern Volleyball

JAN SONDER-SORENSEN, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Paul Burnett (right) won Gold in Beach Volleyball at the Birmingham Commonwealth games.

After the excitement of Modernian volleyballer Paul Burnett (Class of 2015) winning a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, our future stars took to the courts for the Schools Cup competition.

With lots of teams, venues and days, the volleyball program was stretched to its limits. Our teams faced the challenges head on and managed to succeed in many of the groups. In all, six of our teams made the grand finals for their divisions.

Our Year 7 Boys B and Year 10 Boys A finished as runners-up, while our Year 9 Honours, Year 8 Boys A, Year 8 Boys B and Year 9 Girls A were the champions in their divisions.

Congratulations to Harrison Sartori, Frank Holdom, Thanos Limnios and Damini Chu who were all named as Most Valued Player in their team.

Thanks to all the players and the students who doubled their commitment by also coaching other age groups. Without their dedication these competition results would not have happened.

Finally, congratulations to our future stars Kararr Majri, Harrison Sartori and Wember Xu who have all been selected for the WA team this year. Harrison was also selected for the 2022 National Beach Volleyball competition held in Coolangatta, coming 11th nationally alongside his playing partner.



Frank Holdom



Thanos Limnios



ABOVE: Harrison Sartori playing at the National Beach Volleyball competition.

LEFT FROM TOP: Year 9 Honours Champions; and Year 8 Boys A Division Champions.

Djilba – York Visual Art Enrichment Camp

KATIE CHIN, VISUAL ART TEACHER



The blooming yellow fields of canola in glorious sunshine provided a picture postcard setting as we arrived at the historic town of York for our 2022 York Visual Art Enrichment Camp.

Thirty-five creative and passionate Years 8 and 9 Visual Art students arrived at our unique York heritage accommodation—the old Barn which was originally part of the Faversham House Homestead—which would be our home for the next few days. The town offered a unique insight into WA's rich and colourful past, both before and after European settlement in 1831. York was the first inland town in the State and has many heritage-listed Victorian and Federation buildings along the beautiful Avon River.

Students were fully engaged in each activity including: pastel drawings of York's iconic Japanese Wheat sculptures; night-time silhouette painted lanterns; collective Six Seasons inspired paintings; Seed Pod inspired clay sculptures; and Photosensitive paper—nature printed paper with an Ode poem, dedicated to their time in York. A quiz night on the second night provided much laughter and fun.

It was a privilege to have Elders and sisters Tracey Kickett and Audrey Nettle Narkle visit us. Tracey and Audrey welcomed us to Ballardong Noongar Country and shared their interesting memories and anecdotes of growing up in York. We also heard the Dreaming story of the Two Hills, one of which, Wongborel (Mt Brown), the group had climbed the previous afternoon. The climbers were rewarded with a spectacular view of rolling green pastures interspersed with yellow canola fields in the late afternoon sunshine.

Tracey talked about the importance of the Noongar Six Seasons, their varied characteristics and influence. She brought many varieties of flora, describing their medicinal uses and in what Noongar Season they appear and flower. This provided inspiration for the students who collaborated in six groups, brainstorming subject matter and composition for each season.

Each group worked productively on a canvas, in the fresh sunny country air and the results are six creative interpretations of the Noongar Seasons for our school. We are so proud of the students' collective efforts resulting in the six beautifully painted canvases of the Six Seasons.

On our journey back to school we stopped at the Mundaring Sculpture Park for lunch and visited the Mundaring Arts Centre. Students viewed an innovative printmakers exhibition that tested the perimeters of what a print could be. In a group discussion we identified significant themes including humanity, mortality and social injustices. These activities focused on extending students' practical skills and knowledge of Australian history and local Indigenous Australian culture and its histories in a meaningful and enriching immersive learning experience.

The camp was a great success, and I can confidently say that everyone involved had a great time.





Six Seasons Workshop



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2022 English Literature Conference



FROM LEFT: A/Professor Tanya Dalziell, Professor Tony Hughes-d'Aeth, Marksman Lloyd and Emily Sun.

The English Department organised a highly successful Year 12 English Literature Conference held at the school on Friday, 12 August. Various speakers gave informative and interesting presentations, helping our Year 12 students prepare for their ATAR exams and become better writers and thinkers, both creatively and analytically.

Presenters:

John Kinsella, Australian Poet, Novelist and Essayist.

John Watson, Principal Consultant English at the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

Emily Burton, Multi-disciplinary performing Artist and Poet.

Ruby-Jean Hindley, Indigenous ATAR English and History Teacher and Council member of ETWA.

Alexander Thorpe, Writer from Fremantle.

Emily Sun, Perth Writer and Poet.

Tanya Dalziell, Associate Professor School of Humanities, Discipline of English and Literary Studies at UWA.

Raathi Chota, Author, Blogger and Book Reviewer.

Marksman Lloyd, Local Rap Artist, Poet and Speaker.

Georgia Richter, Editor and Publisher for Fremantle Press.

Maddie Godfrey, Writer, Educator and Inspirational Feminist.

Tony Hughes-d'Aeth, Professor of English and Literary Studies at UWA.

Claire Jones, President of the English Teacher's Association of Western Australia (ETWA) and Lecturer in Literacy Studies and Creative Writing at UWA.

Ron Barton, Published Poet, experienced teacher and a speaker at TEDx Mandurah.

Lisa Mack, English and Literature Teacher at Perth Modern School and Secondary Educational Consultant.

Rachel James, English and Literature Teacher at Perth Modern School and council member of ETWA.

David Ellis, English and Literature Teacher at Perth Modern School.

FROM LEFT: David Ellis, John Watson, Raathi Chota and Ron Barton.



Write a Book in a Day

VYOM PATOLIYA, YEAR 12



Write a Book in a Day 2022 was a flurry of excitement, creativity, and diligence. Students were challenged with the 12-hour task of creating a children's book from scratch, being only provided some prompts to guide us.

An astounding 22 groups, totalling 150 Perth Modern School students, participated in the competition this year, spending the whole day to illustrate, write and let our creative juices flow.

These endeavours proved quite fruitful, raising close to \$14,000 dollars for the Kid's Cancer Project.

The competition was and remains an amazing opportunity to both give back to society and develop valuable teamwork and leadership skills, and is an entertaining way to enjoy the day with your friends, building memories that will last.

In recent years the books have primarily been made through software such as Photoshop and Procreate, and budding digital artists thrived and were able to put their skills to the test in this competition. It was all organised and kindly run by the English Department staff. Delicious pizza and snacks were included for dinner as well!

Winners will be announced before the end of the year.



Class of 1992 catch up for 30 Year Reunion



Members from the Class of 1992 recently enjoyed catching up for their 30 Year Reunion, which was held at the school.

Lots of laughs and reminiscing of their days at high school could be heard as the group eagerly chatted amongst themselves. Some of the attendees brought their children along to see the school their parent had attended.

Students Ellie Malonzo, Shermaine Chan and Loren Wilde volunteered to give the group school tours, where the Modernians marvelled at the building upgrades, new technology in classrooms and the fabulous new buildings that had been built since their time at the school.

^ The Class of 1992 Reunion.

▽ Loren Wilde and Ellie Malonzo conducted school tours for the group.



^ Some of the Reunion attendees brought their children along to see the school their parent had attended.

> Shermaine Chan leads one of the tour groups.



^ Class of 1992 alumni visited the History Centre as part of their Reunion. The History Centre is staffed by volunteers and helps reconnect past students with the school's history and heritage.

< Reunion attendees were treated to a delicious platter of food.

Year 6 Transition and Enrichment

Our incoming Year 7 students for 2023 have been enjoying some activities at the school as part of their transition to high school. Transition activities help students become familiarised with the school, each other, and their new teachers. In 2022, the program has been restructured so it continues in Advocacy through Term 1 next year, to help students build on their new friendships.

Student volunteers have been helping to run enrichment activities which have included making pancakes, sense of belonging challenges, PE games, basketball, table tennis, board games and quizzes, amongst others. Our older years students who have volunteered have really enjoyed helping and bonding with the new cohort.



ABOVE: Year 10 students recruited to help with transition: Poojani Ranamuka Kankanamalage, Madison Naylor, Nuala Holland, Ayesha Chopra and Loren Wilde.



Our incoming students have been enjoying transition activities at the school.



New grass tree added to the school grounds

Over the October holidays, our gardeners Evan and Mick were very busy. They cleaned up the nursery area, added some nice benches for our pots and made sure the area is reticulated. It is looking fabulous!

They also planted a grass tree (*Xanthorrhoea australis*) in the wheelchair ramp area near the basketball courts which is believed to be approximately 120–150 years old. This is a wonderful addition to our school gardens.

Plants and flowers photographed in their exquisite detail



Year 8 Photography students enjoyed an excursion visiting local parks and gardens to photograph up close some beautiful flowers and plants.

'Our class went out together as a group to a local park. We were given many opportunities to catch our own individual insights into nature as photographers.'

Using our cameras, we were able to catch unique glimpses of what we saw and recreate it for other people to see. It was a fun experience to have with our friends, and overall, really enjoyable!'

Hannah Shaddick

'The photography excursion has been one of the best ones yet. While it was only two periods, the time we spent photographing the natural beauty hidden in plain sight was incredible.'

We first visited Totterdell Park, which is known by many as the park across the road on the way to Leederville. Upon closer exploration, we found countless mesmerising flowers hidden among the bushes, including the elusive but iconic Bird of Paradise.

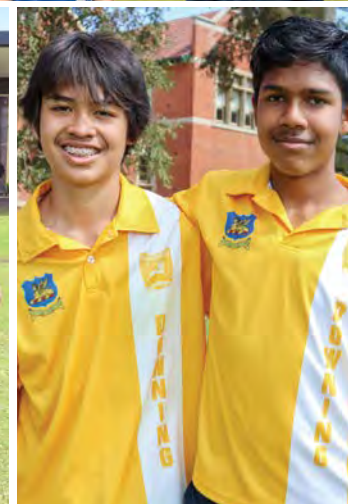
We then took a short walk to the main destination, Harold Boas Gardens, where we took many incredible photos of the mesmerising flora across the period of an hour.'

Avash Shakya



Year 8 Focus Day emphasises fitness and wellbeing

The wellness of students was the emphasis for the Year 8 Focus Day. Students participated in many fun activities throughout the day, including meditation, yoga, team building, self-defence, hip hop, Fitbox, mindful art and making protein balls. The final activity was watching the classic movie *Shrek II*, providing students a chance to unwind and be together.



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

ANNELISE DONALDSON, RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gather on traditional lands of the Noongar people to continue our learning journey together. We acknowledge that this school is on Whadjuk Noongar boodja and recognise the strength, resilience, and capacity of Noongar people. In this educational institution, we recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first teachers, learners, and storytellers of this land. We would like to offer our respect to Elders past and present, and to our emerging leaders.



House of Colours

We can also relate our school's House colours to Noongar culture. Some great connections can be drawn from your House colours!

Downing—the colour yellow actually represents Djilba, which is the current Noongar season we're in, because it begins with yellow flowering plants like acacias.

Sampson's colour is red, which is important to Noongar culture through Wilgee, a red ochre used for decorations, art, ceremonial or medicinal purposes.

Parsons' green relates to Darmoorlu, the ringneck ('twenty-eight') parrots; a flying green bird.

And **Brown**—which is blue—can be represented through keip, the Noongar word for fresh water that surrounds the Whadjuk landscape through ocean and river.





NAIDOC Week at Perth Modern school

NAIDOC Week was celebrated during Week 2 of Term 3 with the theme of *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* We celebrate NAIDOC week to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Throughout the week, classrooms were saturated with activities and learning that allowed staff and students to celebrate and acknowledge the incredible contributions of Indigenous Australians. Our week ended with a whole school NAIDOC Assembly which was filled with performances and culture.

The Year 8 Choir participated in a workshop with Kobi Morrison from the Madjitil Moorna Choir who then performed for and with the school. The Wadumbah Aboriginal Dance Group also performed and shared some stories and yarns. A select group of students then participated in a fun workshop with the group.

Follow the Dream students from Belmont City College visited us for an AFL game and basketball match, which is becoming an annual tradition.

Thank you to the dedication of the Student Reconciliation Action Working Group and students and staff at Perth Modern for their participation and celebration of culture during the week.



RIGHT AND BELOW:
Sustainability – Connecting with Country.



Majestic musical melodies at Mod

PHILIPPA ROY, HEAD OF MUSIC



What a wonderful term of music it was for students in Term 3! From the Senior Showcases, Spring and Modernian Concerts, Year 8 workshop with Kobi Morrison from Madjtil Moorna Choir, performing for the NAIDOC assembly, Year 12 Recital and Year 12 farewell plus Band and Choir Festival performances, students were amazing in their ability to consistently perform at the highest of levels.

Senior Showcases

- This term the Senior Ensembles performed their last performances with the Year 12 students of 2022.
- With a wonderful number of solos and variety of repertoire, these concerts had something for everyone and showcased the exceptional level of skill that the ensembles have achieved throughout this year.

✓ Symphony Orchestra and soloist Lachlan Smith.



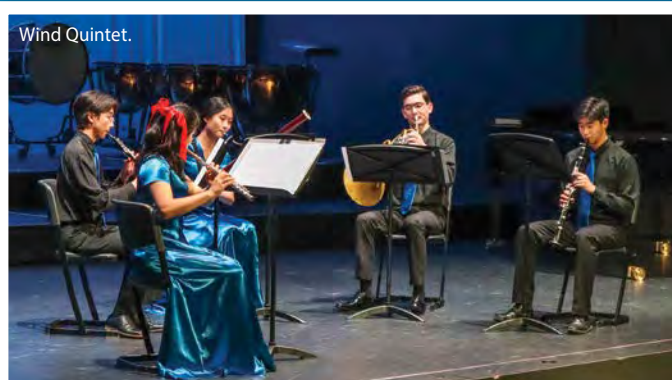
Schola Cantori.



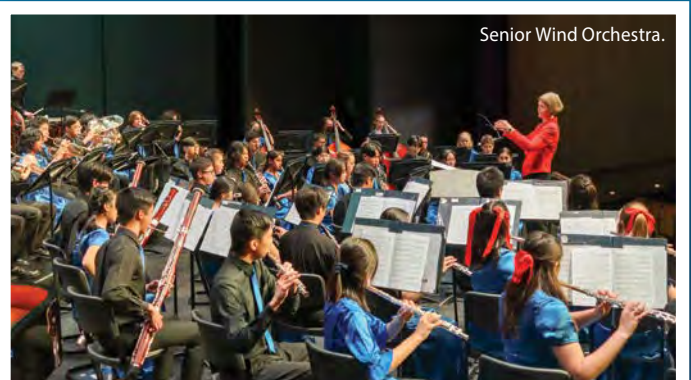
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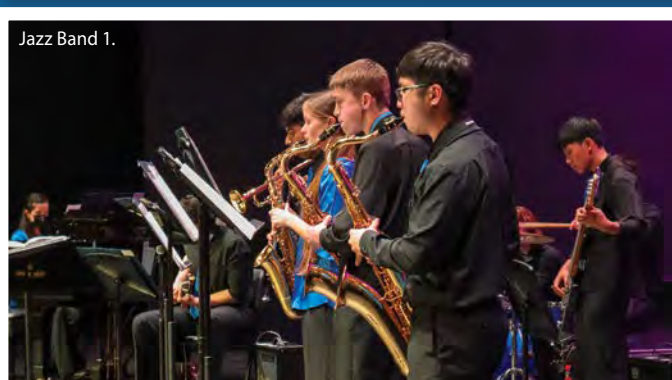
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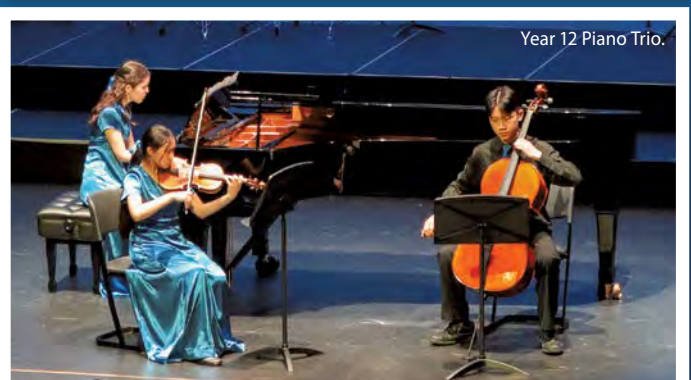
Senior Wind Orchestra.



Jazz Band 1.



Year 12 Piano Trio.





Spring Concert

The ensembles in the Spring Concert brought Term 3 to a close with wonderful performances and boundless energy.

Demonstrating a range of styles and expertise, including students conducting, they performed at their best to a 400-person strong audience.

Contemporary Ensemble 2.



Junior Guitar Ensemble.



Year 8 Choir.



Year 9 Choir.



Wind Band 2.



Concertino.



Combined Concertino and Sinfonia Strings.





Modernian Concert

In what has become a Perth Modern School tradition, Modernians were entertained at a lovely concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra and Senior Wind Orchestra for the Perth Modernian Society Annual Reunion held on September 10.

- The students performed exceptionally well and Modernians were treated to some Year 12 solos as well as old favourites. Concluding with *Moderna Scola* sung by the audience and performed by the Senior Wind Orchestra, this was a wonderful event.
- v Senior Wind Orchestra with saxophone soloist Charley Vukojevich.



Year 8 Incursion

Year 8 Music students were fortunate to participate in a workshop with Kobi Morrison from the Madjitil Moorna Choir. In this experience we engaged in learning Noongar songs and language in a positive and enriching environment.

The students were then fortunate to perform some of the songs in the NAIDOC Week Assembly and look forward to continuing to engage with the repertoire during the remainder of this year.



The Year 8 Choir rehearsing with Kobi Morrison for the NAIDOC Assembly.



Year 12 Farewell

The Year 12 music students of 2022 are a remarkable group of young adults who have been unfailingly optimistic and open-minded when managing the obstacles in their path.

They have created a community around themselves full of friendship across year levels, support others in their music journey and consistently strive to expand and challenge their understanding and skill level. We were fortunate to be able to farewell them before their final performance in September.

The students took us on a wonderful virtual journey through their experiences and music. We wish them well with their future endeavours and hope they continue to keep music a part of the next step in their journey.

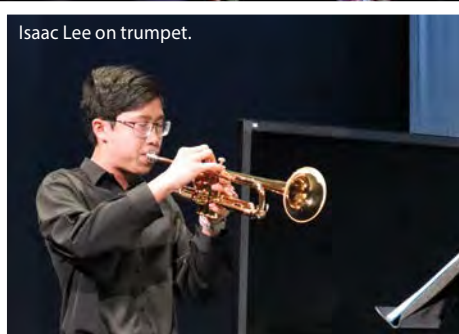


Year 12 Recital

Year 12 ATAR Music students performed an extract from their practical exam program to an appreciative audience in August.

This performance was linked through friendship and excellence as the students supported each other to present at their very best. It was a wonderful opportunity to see them perform their exam repertoire and for the audience to join them in celebrating the culmination of their ATAR Music journey.

Isaac Lee on trumpet.



Olivia Christiansen playing the vibraphone.



Sarah Crawford on piano.



Festivals

Wind Bands 3 and 4, Jazz Band 1, Contemporary Ensemble 1 and Chanteurs performed as part of the Band and Choral Festivals throughout Term 3.

Congratulations to all students in these ensembles and their ensemble directors for their outstanding performances at these occasions.

Congratulations also to Noah West on Drums and Tri Nguyen on Trumpet who both received a Certificate of Musical Excellence WAAPA Award for their performances as part of Jazz Band 1 at the Jazz Festival.



ABOVE RIGHT: Jazz Band 1.
RIGHT: Contemporary Ensemble 1.

Year 11 Drama presents *Midsummer Dreaming*

WESLEY SIMKIN, DIRECTOR



***Midsummer Dreaming* is a unique and inspiring production that examines the tenets of Shakespeare's original play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, through a Noongar context.**

Initially co-created by Ian Wilkes and Moya Thomas, the text uses Puck as a conduit between the fairy-spirit world and modern-day Perth. Stories from the Dreaming, including the Waugul and Woodarjties, are poetically woven throughout the text and serve as a springboard for the lovers' trials and tribulations in the bush. This is a performance I have always hoped to share with the Perth Modern School community.

Over several months, Year 11 Drama students worked tirelessly to bring this classic Shakespearean play to an audience. Not only have they overseen the performance side of this work, they have also established a conceptual vision; working together to execute a range of designer roles. I have absolutely loved collaborating with this group of passionate and dedicated young people.



Year 9 Ten Pin Bowling Social

MOOSA KAZIM, YEAR 9



The Year 9 Ten Pin Bowling Social was a wonderful end to the term. Considering that our tests had all recently concluded, bowling was the perfect activity for us to relax and enjoy a little.

With three hours of time and two games of bowling available, we were given plenty of time to enjoy the night. Whether it was getting strikes, eating food or just catching up with friends, everyone could appreciate the event how they wanted.

Congratulations to Riley, Thevindu, Vihaan, Aanisha, Mr Healy and Mrs Lightfoot for scoring more than 120 points in a game!

We would all like to thank Ms Wilcock and the Student Councillors for their efforts in organising the event. It was a perfect send-off to the holidays and after a well-deserved rest, it's time to look forward to Term 4.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Kat Wilson, Abigail Brown, Miranda Salt, Maddie Vajayan, Charlotte Dell, Binthi Gunawardhana, Tweesha Khut and Sowmya Sundru.

Chloe Christiansen, Sienna Bowden, Mackenzie Strahan, Rose Fairey and Millie Cullender.

Semindee Kudabalage and Bess McWaters-Smith.

Jacob Allan, Teerth Chauhan, Max Murray, Evan Tan and Drew Stanborough.

The staff attending.

Maddie Vajayan, Sasha Benness, Charlotte Dell and (front) Qiufei Li and Tweesha Khut.



Hot competition in the 2022 House Bake Off



This year, we received more than 100 entries into the House Bake Off, making it a very challenging taste testing operation for the judges, Principal Mitchell Mackay, Associate Principal Fiona Tholet and Manager Middle Years Matthew Healy.

It was noted Mrs Tholet was very thorough, Mr Healy was overwhelmed by all the colour ... and some say that Mr Mackay is still in the staff room tasting all the delicious entries!

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Small Sponge Cakes

1st	Sam Vallabhaneni	Sampson
2nd	Sophie Nham	Brown
3rd	Swara Mali	Sampson

Biscuits

1st	Ishika Balram	Sampson
2nd	Shiyi Zhang	Brown
3rd	Chloe Christiansen	Brown

Cupcakes

1st	Sophie Nham	Brown
2nd	Kaleb Lowrie	Parsons
3rd (draw)	Zoe Edwards	Downing
	Tiana Adam	Brown

Sculptures

1st	Elyshia Ooi	Sampson
2nd	Ann Sam	Brown

Honourable Mention

Artem Akselrod	Parsons
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Associate Principal Fiona Tholet, Manager Middle Years Matthew Healy and Principal Mitchell Mackay were the judges.





The following obituary appeared in *The West Australian* newspaper on 12 May 2022.

Ray of sunshine in field of radiology

Dr Peter Breidahl

Radiologist

Born: Stawell, Victoria, 1927

Died: Perth, aged 94



Medical professionals deal in hope and expectation as well as science—and radiologist Dr Peter Breidahl often drew laughs on recounting one of his strange starts with a happy ending.

One Sunday night, after he and his wife had gone to bed, the phone rang. A GP in the Perth Hills was asking for an X-ray of his dog who had apparently swallowed the doctor's false teeth. Dr Breidahl, a stickler for service at all hours, dutifully headed off to supervise the task.

The "magic" of seeing inside bodies revealed nothing untoward. He did eventually find out that the GP found his teeth under his bed. A false alarm, certainly.

Dr Breidahl was a much-valued upholder of scientific explanations during his extensive involvements with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.

He held multiple roles in the WA branch and was college president in 1980 and 1981.

The doctor's son, Dr Bill Breidahl—also a distinguished Perth radiologist—says his father's combatting entrenched Sydney and Melbourne attitudes four decades ago called for negotiation skills to maintain the college as a truly national institution. "Dad filled the role with great diplomacy," he noted in his eulogy.

"Dad was a college examiner for many years, expecting high standards, and was awarded life membership. He published extensively in scientific literature, with an emphasis on the spine."

It was not only Peter Breidahl's professional expertise that struck patients and colleagues, including radiography staff who produced the images on which he cast an expert eye. There was work ethic that steered him to meet every patient personally, whereas many specialists contended themselves with inspecting the X-rays.

Away from work, Peter and his wife, Rae, were known for generosity as owners of a property at Margaret River. One of his former medical assistants, Bill Thomas, recalls being

one of 60 Breidahl staff bused from Perth for an overnight stay and lavish dinner at a motel in the 1980s. "All at Peter's expense," he adds.

Less spectacular Breidahl benevolence as evident in his reducing fees, without fanfare, for those patients who he considered deserved a little assistance. It was a way of showing respect and acknowledgment for people who had probably not enjoyed the largely comfortable upbringing he had.

Peter Dean Breidahl was born on December 5, 1927 in the western Victoria town of Stawell, to Ethel (née Dean) and Dr Harold Breidahl, who had completed postgraduate work in biochemistry at the University of Melbourne before going on to gain a medical degree.

The surname is from Denmark, where Peter's grandfather had been born.

Tragedy struck. Ethel died soon after giving birth to Peter. To get as far away from Stawell as possible, in 1929 Harold drove across the Nullarbor and bought a home and established a medical practice. Once settled, he sent for the children, Hal, Barbara and Peter, who had stayed with relatives in Melbourne.

While attending Highgate Primary School, Peter won a scholarship to Perth Modern School. A year younger than his cohort, he gained five exhibitions and bursaries to attend university. Perth had no medical

school then, so he applied successfully to Melbourne. Too young to start there, he filled in time doing a Bachelor of Science at The University of Western Australia.

In Melbourne, playing hockey was a consuming interest. On graduation, he returned to WA, doing an internship and residency at Royal Perth Hospital.

Choosing to specialise in radiology, he enrolled at Melbourne's St Vincent's Hospital, and was particularly happy the day he heard that Rae Waters, a nurse whom he had met at Cottesloe, had moved to Victoria to study midwifery. They married in December 1955.

On finishing his radiology training the following year, he did his physician training at Royal Melbourne and passed the physician fellowship exams. A scholarship to study overseas led to stays in Britain, Norway, Denmark and Sweden, meeting his wish to keep up with technological advances.

Returning to Perth in 1960, Dr Breidahl set up a private radiology practice, as well as acting as consultant for more than 30 years to Royal Perth, King Edward Memorial, Sir Charles Gairdner and Princess Margaret Hospitals. His enduring objective was twofold: assessing radiological images as carefully as possible ... and passing on wisdom that helped junior people, particularly those at the beginning of their professional pathways.

PATRICK CORNISH



Visual Art showcases creativity and originality

Innovation and exciting artworks on display at *Meta*

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

The *Meta 2022* Art and Design exhibition, presented by North Metropolitan TAFE Gallery Central, showcases innovative and exciting creative works by Years 11 and 12 students enrolled in visual art and design courses.

Through a rigorous selection process Perth Modern School was represented by the following senior Visual Art students:

- Ella Fung, Year 12 (painting)
- Miles Tawns, Year 12 (video and three drawings)
- Sachi Elliott, Year 11 (painting)
- Parker Kenworthy, Year 11 (painting)
- Loic Dutry, Year 11 (painting).

Exhibitions like these provide an excellent opportunity for students to show their work to a wider audience in a professional gallery space and to see the themes and materials explored by other students across the state.



^ Darcey Weber won the Traditional Media Award and the Overall Winner Award.

√ Jennifer Mullan and her entry *In Breathing Memory*; and Ashlee Hemy and her entry *Mother Gaia*.



Hyper Art Awards

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

The *HyperVision* exhibition is an annual exhibit open to all emerging and professional artists. The exhibition is a great opportunity for students to have their artwork on public display and get recognition for their hard work and talent in this creative area. Darcey Weber in Year 12 was named the Overall Winner.

This community exhibition is always a pleasure to attend, and this year Perth Modern School students achieved some fantastic results:

Runner Up Experimental Award: Miles Tawns in Year 12 for *No Holds Barred*

Traditional Media Award: Darcey Weber in Year 12 for *Leave Nothing But Footprints*

Sculpture Award: Matilda Kosok in Year 11 for *Tell Us of a Time*

Highly Commended Award: Iris Reed in Year 12 for *Persephone's Undoing* and *Wrath of Medusa*

Overall Winner Award: Darcey Weber in Year 12 for *Leave Nothing But Footprints*

Participation awards to:

Darcey Weber, Year 12, for *Ajana*

Hannah Symons, Year 10, for *Florence*

Ashlee Hemy, Year 10, for *Mother Gaia*

Claire den Hollander, Year 10, for *Reflections*

Olivia Chi, Year 10, for *Inseparable*

Jennifer Mullan, Year 11, for *In Breathing Memory*.

Outside the Frame

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

Now in its 22nd year, the City of Armadale's *Outside the Frame Art Awards* showcases some of the best contemporary artworks by Senior School artists across Perth.

The opening night is always a treat, with food trucks and music. The exhibition is professionally curated and judged, and we are proud to say that Perth Modern was the recipient of the School with the best Collective Artworks Award.

Student winners:

Mila Arthur, Year 11 – Winner Textiles Excellence award

Olivia Meaney, Year 11 – Winner Mixed Media Excellence award

Ella Fung, Year 12 – Winner Painting Excellence award

Students represented:

Benedict Widjaja, Year 11

Iris Reed, Year 12

Susanna Che, Year 12

Jennifer Mullan, Year 11

Artworks by Iris Reed (top) and Mila Arthur.



St George's Cathedral Art awards

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

The *St George's Cathedral Art* exhibition is open to all art and design students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in all educational sectors and is now in its 19th year. There were three entries by Perth Modern students: Ella Fung in Year 12 submitted her painting *Rise and Grind*, Rachel Tan in Year 11 submitted an elaborate paper cut artwork and Hayley Mills in Year 10 entered a charcoal portrait of her grandmother.

Each year this annual exhibition gathers momentum as one of the most important art education events in the Western Australian student art calendar and provides an outstanding opportunity for secondary schools to present students' work in the unique 'gallery' of St George's Cathedral, Perth.

Awards and prizes are generously provided by private donors and awarded to selected works by a prestigious panel of judges.

Congratulations to Rachel Tan for winning Highly Commended in the experimental category and Hayley Mills who won the People's Choice award.

The students gain valuable experience from participating in this exhibition, and the catalogue provides a welcome addition to each artist's portfolio.

FROM TOP LEFT: Guests view the artwork on display at the St George's Cathedral Art awards; Hayley Mills, winner of the People's Choice award.

PHOTOS BY DAVID BOARDWAY.



Year 8 Visual Art Perth Zoo excursion

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

We could not have asked for a nicer day at the zoo for our Year 8 Visual Art Zoo excursion. After so much rain the week prior, the sun came out and the clouds drifted away; this was greatly appreciated by animals and people alike.

The excursion involved 50 eager Year 8 Visual Art students with sketchbooks and pencils at the ready, drawing a large variety of animals, concentrating on observational and gestural drawing techniques.

The observations and information they collected will inform their research of an endangered native Australian animal, looking at their survival traits and main threats. They will then design a 'protector creature' with the behaviour, adaptations, and purpose of protecting and aiding the survival of the endangered species. We look forward to seeing these sculptures come to fruition.



Year 8 Visual Art students at the Perth Zoo.

Ava and Millani chosen to exhibit at *Young Originals*

KATIE CHIN, VISUAL ART TEACHER

More than 230 people attended the *Young Originals* exhibition opening on August 10 at Spectrum Project Space, ECU Mount Lawley.

It was a lovely experience for attendees who had the opportunity to talk with successful students and their parents and hear the stories of their amazing artworks. In attendance were students, families, teachers, school principals, senior managers from the Department of Education and other invited guests.

Despite the public health complications this year, 212 works were entered by schools and 77 pieces eventually selected for display. A superb curating effort by Danielle Fusco, ECU Galleries Coordinator, brought out the very best in the works. The exhibition sang with colour and form, ideas and messages.

Two of our Visual Art students were chosen to exhibit: Ava van Dommelen in Year 9 for her Surrealist ship sculpture and Millani Booth in Year 11 for her sculptural 'Ring of Trees' artwork. Congratulations to these two up-and-coming young artists!



^ Ava van Dommelen's Surrealist ship artwork.
< Principal Mitchell Mackay with Millani Booth at the *Young Originals* exhibition.

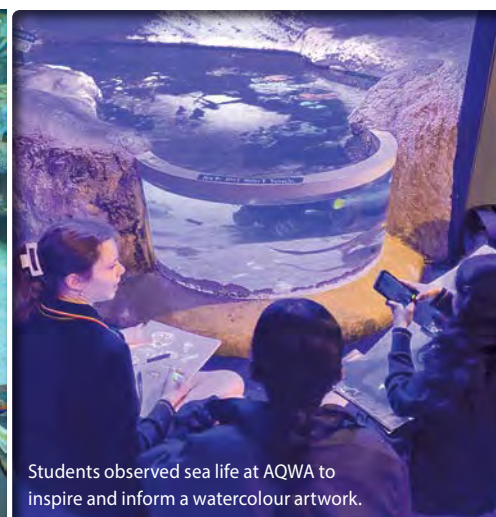


Sea life made into watercolour at AQWA

SARAH EVE,
VISUAL ART TEACHER

Year 9 Visual Art students visited the Aquarium of Western Australia (AQWA) as part of their research and study of sea life for their term project.

Jellyfish, turtles, snapper, stingrays and sharks are some of the sea life students drew and painted in watercolour. Students took back to school numerous drawings to inform and inspire their final circular canvas celebrating the beauty and wonder of the ocean.



Students observed sea life at AQWA to inspire and inform a watercolour artwork.

Mixed media paintings made in Art Club

SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHER

Taking inspiration from a real or fantasy landscape, students explored a variety of mixed media to create bright colourful paintings.

Beginning with drawing, then adding watercolour, textural paper collage, acrylic paint and posca pens, students transformed their blank canvas into a unique artwork.

Each artwork is a celebration of colour and spontaneity in the art-making process. Students enjoyed exploring with a range of media during this project.

> Art Club students with their landscape creations.



Toasty treats in Year 9 Outdoor Education

SARAH LIGHTFOOT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Year 9 Outdoor Education students have been enjoying the great outdoors this term, participating in archery, cycling, tent set-up, Trangia cooking and campfire cooking.

A highlight of the term has been building and lighting campfires. Students were able to toast marshmallows and cook up a feast in the school's firepits.

In Term 4, the adventure will continue—students will explore orienteering and fishing on the Swan River.

RIGHT: Lawrence Keenan and Marley Fradd hit the bullseye.

FAR RIGHT: Drew Stanborough, Lawrence Keenan and Marley Fradd enjoying the campfire.



Joanna Jiang, Rosanne Arul Raja, Celia Orgeas, Riddhi Bajaj and Helen McCaul enjoy toasting marshmallows.



Joshua Saragih, Sofia Dolphi, Jaiya Marns-Morris, Dion Foundas, Benjamin Bauer and Sai Akhil Kambala cook sausages and onions on the campfire.

Riley Clayton, Joshua McKeone, Aakash Gogulakrishnan, Jacob Allan, Riley Wilson, Oliver Cresp, Hugo Schifferli and Arvin Hosseini cooking snags on their campfire.

Saya Mallen, Jasmine Wu, Amber Chai, Tweesha Khut and Sienna Bowden enjoying campfire cooking.



'Visually stunning' performance at Youth On Health Festival

MELANIE WILCOCK, DANCE COORDINATOR



The Year 10 Dance elective students performed beautifully at the recent ACT – BELONG – COMMIT Youth on Health Festival, held at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre on 9 September.

This year's theme was 'Wellness' and our dance item, titled 'Coping with Loss', explored the five stages of grief. Being aware of the grief stages and how we uniquely experience them can increase self-understanding and compassion. It can help us better understand our needs and prioritise getting them met. This process allows us to meet the pain of loss as we adapt to a new reality.

We portrayed this message and told a story through our dance, receiving a Certificate of Merit for presenting a 'Sensitive, Visually Stunning Performance'.

Our performance received some excellent feedback from the judges, and we are proud to have made it through to the Grand Final being held on 28 October.



The Dance students said:

'It was an enjoyable experience.'
Vinuja Thibbotuge, Year 10

'I bonded with my teammates along the journey, while meeting various other talented dancers from other schools.'
Sophia Atartis, Year 10

'I was privileged to be a soloist and enjoyed my role in the dance.'
Jiaying Gu, Year 10

'It was a very fun experience to perform on a large stage. There was lots of excitement leading up to the event.'
Saya Lee, Year 10

'We were lucky to be presented with such an opportunity where we could grow as dancers.'
Nandita Ashok, Year 10

The judges said:

'Visually stunning piece.'
Judge 1

'Brought a tear to my eye.'
Judge 2

'Fabulous storyline.'
Judge 3

Health and Physical Education update



Jacinta Kearney, Tobias Zhou, Aaron Thow, Devan Finn and Sebastian Thomas have been identified as potential elite athletes.

WAIS Talent Search nets five Mod students

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Once again, 60 of our students had the chance to participate in the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) Talent Search held in the Tyler McCusker Sports Centre in August.

- The program is focused on finding future elite athletes for Olympic sports. A team of trained sport science professionals run a series of short tests and based on the results, individuals are invited to enter a specific sport program.

Students who received an invitation in 2022 were Year 7 students Tobias Zhou and Jacinta Kearney (kayaking and cycling), Year 8 students Devan Finn (cycling) and Aaron Thow (kayaking and cycling), and Year 9 student Sebastian Thomas (kayaking).

Sports Education in Physical Education Program

LUCY GUNZBURG,
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Throughout Term 3, our Years 7 and 8 students have been participating in Sports Education in Physical Education Program (SEPE) during their regular Physical Education lessons.

This program involves students collaborating with their peers and taking ownership over creating and running class tournaments. Soccer was the chosen sport for Year 7 students whilst the Year 8 students chose basketball.

Once the core skills for each of these sports were learnt, the students were then required to take on specific roles and responsibilities such as team coaches, captains, umpires, equipment officers and tournament directors.

It's always exciting to see our students rise to this challenge and demonstrate vital skills such as teamwork, organisation, collaboration, problem-solving, sportsmanship and communication skills—all while having a lot of fun!

Once the fixtures had concluded, finals were played, and classes were able to crown an overall victorious team and celebrate the season's Most Valuable Players (MVPs).



Girls make Northern Final series of SSWA Basketball

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our junior basketball teams competed in the SSWA School Championships in early August with Senior Years students providing excellent coaching.

All teams played well, and our Girls A team qualified for the final series in September. Thank you to our student coaches Parsa Seyfi, Jazz Ohayon, Rohaan Mendez, Adib Ahmed and Arsalan Mishani. Thanks also to our team managers, Mr Mortadza and Mr Bell.



Hockey competitions heat up

JAN SONDER-SORENSEN,
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

After fierce competition against the powerhouses of school hockey both our junior and senior teams missed the grand final by a slim margin.

The junior team competed in the Ross Meadows Shield, where a hard-fought draw saw us miss the semi-final on goal difference. Meanwhile, the senior team made it to the semi-finals of the David Bell Cup but were beaten by arch-rivals Shenton College. These strong results continue our strong performances in hockey over the past five years.

A huge congratulations to Tom Brook and Megan McCafferey in Year 11 who were selected in the WA State teams for hockey. Tom took home a gold medal in the Under 18 Australian Championships, while Megan's team finished fourth this year.



ABOVE RIGHT: Megan McCafferey (with ball) playing for the State team.

RIGHT: Tom Brook in action.
FAR RIGHT: Tom Brook (in front row, third from left) won gold for Western Australia.



The Junior hockey team.



The Senior hockey team.



Year 8 Boys are the Junior League Volleyball Champions

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys Volleyball team who won their division of the Junior League Volleyball Grand Final.

Showing great skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, they were worthy winners of the trophy. Well done to Thanos Limnios who was named Most Valued Player.

The Year 8 Boys Volleyball team after they had won the Junior League Volleyball Grand Final.



Students learn to bstreetsmart

SARAH LIGHTFOOT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Year 10 students were part of more than 8000 students who attended RAC Arena for RAC bstreetsmart, a road safety event designed to show students the realities of risky behaviour on the roads.

The major components of the day included the re-enactment of a crash scene, hearing from people whose lives have been affected by road trauma and students were also given the opportunity to speak with emergency services personnel.

Major contributors towards this event included the RAC, WA Police, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, St John Ambulance and Royal Perth Hospital.

Arvin Nair poses with police officers at the bstreetsmart event.



Perth Modern Musicians perform for the Queen, 2005

With the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we remember the amazing 2005 Perth Modern School Music Tour, when our students were privileged to perform for Her Majesty in Westminster Abbey.



Conductor Bruce Herriman with musicians in Westminster Abbey. Maeve Lander performs *The Last Post* as part of the Dawn Service.



Mod staff walk the walk

LISA TAYLOR, WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Walking first appeared as an Olympic sport in 1908, with the women's competition being added 84 years later in 1992.

The distances covered in these events are anywhere between 3.5 and 50 km, with the latter being far more than any Mod staff would cover walking to the servo and back or doing laps of their kitchen bench.

That said, many of the staff who took part in Term 3's walking challenge completed 10,000 steps per day—roughly 7.5 km according to most converters.

While this effort seems remarkable, the most impressive element of the competition was the effort put into naming the teams. Among the best-named teams were the 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers', 'Cirque de Sore Legs', and 'Pies and Sausage Strolls'—obviously puns are a strength among Mod's staff. Thanks to Ron Barton for his creative writing skills and walking research!

The winning team, the Walkaholics Anonymous, was made up of Melanie Wilcock, Ant Meczes, Aaron Bell and Rachel James. It was a hot competition; participants enjoyed lots of friendly banter and sharing of funny stories about how they clocked up their steps. Competitors enjoyed a range of wellness spot prizes and the winners will be heading into Rebel Sport to perhaps purchase some new walking attire!

Acknowledgment: Thank you to Dr Katrina Stratton, MLA for Nedlands, for sponsoring our competition.



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