



Magis Chronicle 2019



Principal Mr Rob Henderson with year 12 leaders Xavier Carr, Charlie Griffiths and Rory Hewson





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Top Left: Optiminds year 7 team

Above: World Scholar's Cup Global Round in Sydney



Secondary Assembly Awards





Magis year 12 leaders Charlie Richards, Rory Hewson and Cullen Binet

Introduction - MAGIS 2019

The John XXIII College Magis Gifted and Talented Program continued to grow significantly in 2019 with three major areas of focus for the year - increasing student participation in key gifted and talented competitions, involving more staff in the program, and creating significant and authentic leadership opportunities for Magis and Altiora members.

Success was achieved in each area of focus. Record numbers of students represented the college in Da Vinci Decathlon, WADL Debating, Optiminds and World Scholar's Cup, whilst all other areas retained their levels. It was also pleasing that a large group attended Academy Conferences' Julie Arliss Philosophy Day for the first time. The second aim - enhanced Staff assistance was also a highlight in 2019, the numbers growing from 12 in 2018 to 30 this year. Warmest thanks to everyone involved - names are listed at the end of this chronicle, but I would specially like to mention here Principal Mr Rob Henderson, Vice Principal Mrs Kath Negus, and Deputy Principal Mrs Jess Bouwman for their great support for the Magis program, Ms Alison O'Connor for again assisting at the Magis Camp, Ms Lisa Martella for her assistance with publicity, Mr Sam Tout for his excellent work creating the Magis videos, and 2019 Coach of the Year Ms Kirralee Dawon for her superb coaching of debating and World Scholar's Cup teams, as well as assisting on both the Sydney and Yale tours.

The third area of focus was student leadership opportunities. In addition to the great work of Magis Captain Rory Hewson and his committee, developments included involvement of talented students particularly by their giving keynote addresses at Magis Academic Breakfasts, coaching and mentoring student teams in areas like debating and World Scholar's Cup, chairing and judging John XXIII College competitions including Public Speaking and Creative Writing, and presenting talks at the Magis Camp - see details in the relevant sections of the book.

Outstanding team performances this year have included a year 7 debating team winning the Christchurch division of WA Debating League undefeated, Year 7, 8 and 10 teams qualifying for the Tournament of Champions in Yale, splendid wins by year 9 and 11 teams in sections of DaVinci Decathlon, the Year 7 Optiminds team made the WA State final, and consistently strong performances in all other interschool competitions. Excellent performances by individuals are highlighted in reports on each event.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in Magis this year. We look forward to a great year in 2020 with several significant innovations to the program.

- Jim Miller Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator



Past Champions and Magis/Altiora leaders Kinia O'Brien, Tom Paparo and Bella Spiro-Harrison were esteemed judges at the John XXIII Public Speaking Competition



Magis Option students performing an Optiminds assessment challenge - Masks



Rory Hewson - Magis Captain 2019



Rory presenting awards at a secondary assembly



Our 2020 Magis Captain Ben Linsten with Alex Panther and Emily Tyson



Year 12 Magis Committee Charlie Richards, Rory Hewson, Cullen Binet

"Leadership is in our DNA, but never self-serving leadership, only Magis-drivenn leadership." - Chris Lowney

MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLARS 2019

Students gain points for Academic Performance as per semester one results, performances in interschool and college gifted and talented events eg Da Vinci Decathlon/John XXIII Public Speaking, cores in the Magis Academic Challenges eg Academic Spelling, and Magis Service.

Year 12



- 1. Rory Hewson
- 2. Charlie Richards
- 3. Cullen Binet
- 4. Sam Falzun
- 5. Aden Cleghorn
- 6. Xavier Carr

Altiora (Senior)



Charlie Richards

Year 11



- 1. Ben Linsten
- 2. Lorian Marshall
- 3. Nick Brennan
- 4. Alex Panther
- 5. Emily Tyson
- 6. Shaun Raj

Year 10



- 1. Caitlin Green
- 2. Bella Pether
- 3. Grace Barbour
- 4. Oscar Hegge
- =5. McKenzie Richardson
- Gabriel Kaye

Year 9



- 1. Genevieve Ferguson-Allen
- 2. Alice O'Sullivan
- 3. Natalie Ong
- 4. Sophie Chew
- 5. James Green
- 6. Bella Boley

Year 8



- 1. Yvette Rigg
- 2. James Mitchell
- 3. Ann Cullity
- 4. Rob Brigg
- 5. Nicholas Carrello
- 6. Jack Brett

Year 7



- 1. Maya Mintz
- 2. Meg Derbyshire
- 3. Massimo Torre
- 4. Jonathan Hie
- 5. Maddie Boley
- 6. Sarah MacFarlane



John XXIII College again fielded a strong team in the Creative Edge Challenge Competition held at Curtin University in March. This year the team consisted of senior students from different years, with Charlie Richards from year 12, Nick Brennan from year 11, and Bella Pether and Akash Parekh from year 10. This competition is ideal for former Optiminds or Tournament of Minds students as it tests intellect, creativity and teamwork, and does not involve preparation prior to the event.

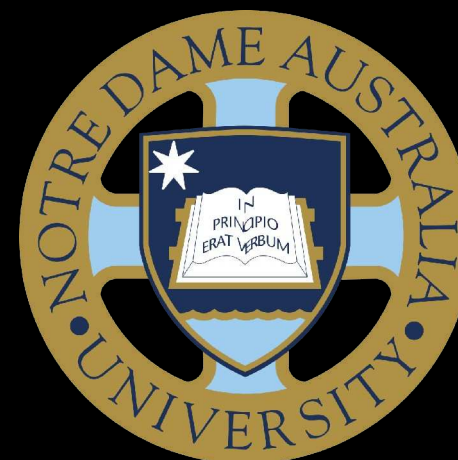


HIC ET UBIQUE





Alex and Elizabeth with Dr Angela McCarthy



University of Notre Dame Australia

CULTURAL DECODING

Two Year 11 Magis students, Alex Panther and Elisabeth Hughes participated in the Notre Dame Cultural Decoding program run at the University over three days in January. This outstanding program led by Dr Angela McCarthy, involves about 25 gifted students from top colleges who participate in a unique, varied program which includes lectures, workshops and interactive sessions run by top NDA lecturers and tutors, plus guest panel members and speakers including this year prominent representatives of five different religions. Current year 10 and 11 students will have the opportunity to participate in the program in January 2020.



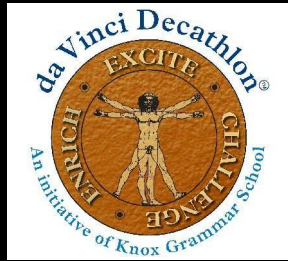


JULIE ARLISS

This year for the first time John XXIII College sent a group of 10 senior students to the Academy Conferences Day held at St Hilda's College. Outstanding English philosopher and educator Julie Arliss presents these outstanding programs around the world and about 300 gifted students from WA colleges attended. Students who attended the program were Rory Hewson, Charlie Richards, Cullen Binet, Ben Linsten, Nick Brennan, Lorian Marshall, Elizabeth Hughes, Eve Cullity and Bella Pether. The student responses was extremely positive, and we look forward to regular participation in this prestigious event.



"Do good and do it well." - Mary Ward



Da Vinci Decathlon 2019

John XXIII College produced some excellent performances at the 2019 Da Vinci Decathlon. Fielding teams in all year groups from year 7 to 11 for the first time, and competing against more than 30 top schools we were particularly strong in the Creative Producers and Cartography sections. Our most successful teams were years 9 and 7, where we finished in overall 7th and 9th places respectively, whilst highlights included victories by the year 11 team in Creative producers and year 9's in Cartography and year 7's were second in cartography and year 9 third in creative producers.

Warmest thanks to staff who assisted in specialist areas:

Ms Morgan Ball (cartography), Mrs Joan Davies (coding), Ms Jo McLaughlin and Ms Bonita Devanand (mathematics), Mr Gerard Cotter (Science) and Mr Simon Carrello (Engineering). Congratulations to all 40 students who represented the college so well in this prestigious event held at Withrop Hall at the University of Western Australia.



Year 9 team

Year 8 team



"We must not let hope abandon us... Optimism disappoints, but hope does not." - Pope Francis



**Top Row: Lorian Marshall, James Mitchell, Charlie Richards
Middle Row: Bella Pether, Caitlin Green Genevieve Ferguson-Allen
Bottom Row: Massimo Torre, Yvette Rigg, Xavier Carr**

"We should be slow to speak and patient in listening to all." - St Ignatius loyola



Year 9 winners Genevieve and Alice with Mr Henderson



The Judges- former Magis/Altiora leaders Kinia O'Brien, Tom Paparo, Bella Spiro-Harrison

Year 12

- 1. Rory Hewson
- 2. Charlie Richards
- 3. Xavier Carr

Year 11

- 1. Lorian Marshall
- 2. Nick Brennan
- 3. Ben Linsten

Year 10

- =1. Caitlin Green
Alex Somlyay
- =3. Bella Pether
Eve Cullity

Year 9

- =1. Genevieve
Ferguson-Allen
Alice O'Sullivan

Year 8

- 1. Yvette Rigg
- 2. Mia Dowdall
- =3. James Mitchell
Daniel Doran

Year 7

- 1. Massimo Torre
- 2. Maya Mintz
- =3. Bella Boley
Joe Stephens



Mr Rob Henderson and Mrs Kath Negus with the major prizewinners and judges.

Creative Writing Results

Year 7

- 1. Massimo Torre
- 2. Maddie Boley
- =3. Luke McLernon
Jasmine Boog

Merit Certificates

- Georgia Perry
- Meg Derbyshire
- Emily Laurance

Year 8

- 1. Tiffany Cesare
- 2. Yvette Rigg
- 3. Seb Raj

Merit Certificates

- Leila Barker
- Niamh Cleary
- James Mitchell
- Zac Schollum

Year 9

- 1. Alice O'Sullivan
- 2. Elinor Webster

Seniors

- 1. Alex Somlyay
- 2. Caitlin Green
- 3. Grace Barbour

Merit Certificates

- Ella Aquino
- Shaun Raj



Three John XXIII College teams competed in the WA Division of the National Quest Competition. Held at the University of WA late in 2018. This event includes one full day of preparation by UWA and Quest staff, and one day of competition in Social Science, the Sciences, and Mathematics. The year 8 team qualified for the national in Brisbane.



Our year 8 team that finished second and qualified for the Nationals!





CHESS

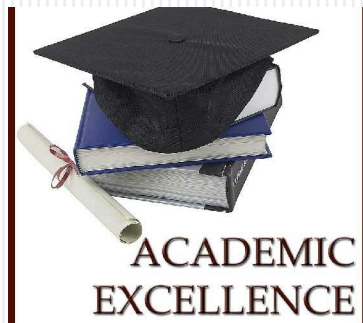
Magis runs the John XXIII College Chess Championship and there were some great matches played mainly in the library at lunchtime and often to appreciative supporters. Congratulations to the 2019 Chess Champions and thanks to all who competed.

2019 CHAMPIONS

- Year 11: Dominic McCleary**
- Year 10: Tom Kitchin**
- Year 9: Charlie Griffiths**
- Year 8: Seb Raj**
- Year 7: Jed Hopkins**



***'One rare and exceptional deed is worth far more than a dozen commonplace ones.'* - St Ignatius**



ACADEMIC SPELLING

MENTAL MATHEMATICS

Year 12

Year 11

- 1. Rory Hewson
- 2. Cullen Binet
- 3. Sam Falzun
- 4. Xavier Carr
- Charlie Richards

- 1. Shaun Raj
- 2. Ben Linsten
- 3. Lorian Marshall
- 4. Nick Brennan

Year 10

Year 9

- 1. Grace Barbour
- 2. McKenzie Richardson
- =3. Oscar Hegge
- Isabella Pether
- Gabriel Kaye
- Ella Aquino

- 1. Natalie Ong
- 2. Noehmi Boehl
- =3. Alice O'Sullivan
- Sophie Chew

Year 8

Year 7

- 1. Rob Brigg
- 2. Tiffany Cesare
- 3. James Mitchell
- 4. Ann Cullity

- 1. Jonathan Hie
- 2. Gemma Bailey
- 3. Massimo Torre
- =4. Angus Furness
- Sarah MacFarlane
- Sophie Dartnell

Perfect Score: Natalie Ong year 9

Year 12

Year 11

- 1. Rory Hewson
- 2. Sam Falzun
- 3. Charlie Richards

- 1. Ben linsten
- 2. Lorian Marshall
- 3. Alex Panther

Year 10

Year 9

- 1. Grace Barbour
- 2. Bella Pether
- 3. Akash Parekh

- 1. Natalie Ong
- 2. Sophie Chew
- 3. Alice O'Sullivan

Year 8

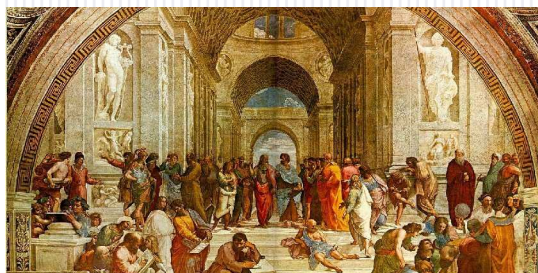
Year 7

- 1. James Mitchell
- 2. Rob Brigg
- 3. Yvette Rigg
- 4. Jack Brett

- 1. Maya Mintz
- 2. Joanthan Hie
- 3. Massimo Torre

Equal Top Scores (29/30)

- Natalie Ong (9)**
- James Mitchell (8)**
- Robbie Brigg (8)**
- Yvette Rigg (8)**
- Maya Mintz 7**





**Creativity Challenge
(Opti-MINDS)**

Year 7

- 1. Xavier Jeffrey
- =2. Evey-Jane Plant
Maya Mintz
Hunter Giles-Stanley

Merit

- Nicholas Silva
- Luka Dillon
- Alejandra Recinos
- Freddy Gleghorn
- Gemma Bailey
- Sara Lazareski
- Meg Derbyshire
- Jacob Davila
- Austin Moltoni
- Hannah Johnson

Year 8

- 1. Spencer Burchett

Year 9

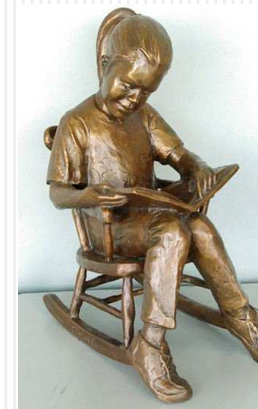
- 1. Alice O'Sullivan

Year 10

- 1. Bella Pether
- 2. Oscar Hegge 48.5
- =3. Caitlin Green , Gabrielle Kaye

Year 11

- 1. Ben Linsten
- 2. Alex Panther



Academic Knowledge Challenge

Year 12

- =1. Cullen Binet, Charlie Richards
- 3. Rory Hewson

Year 11

- 1. Ben Linsten
- 2. Nick Brennan

Year 10

- 1. Oscar Hegge
- =2. Skye MacMillan, Grace Barbour

Year 9

- 1. Alice O'Sullivan
- =2. Genevieve Ferguson-Allen, James Green
Natalie Ong, Bella Boley

Year 8

- 1. James Mitchell
- 2. Jack Brett
- 3. Anne Cullity

Year 7

- 1. Xavier Jeffrey
- =2. Hunter Giles-Shanley
Gemma Bailey
- 4. Meg Derbyshire

DEBATING REPORT



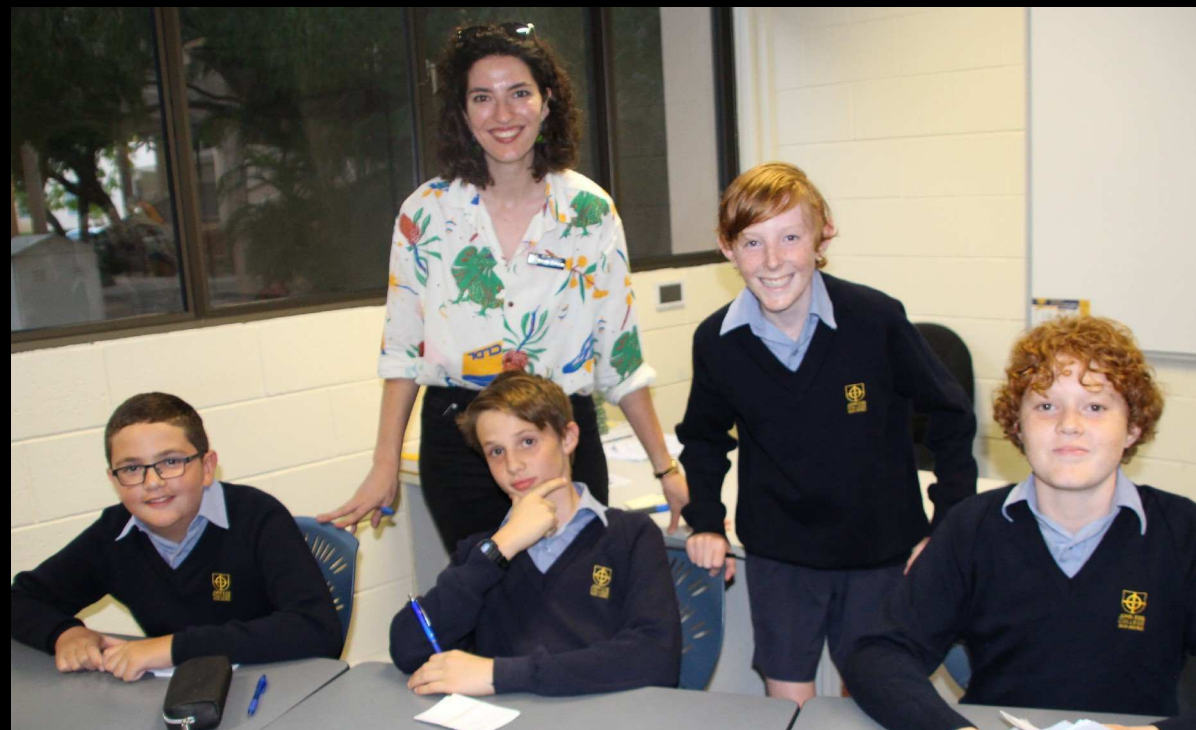
The undefeated Year 7 team: Hannah Johnson, Meg Derbyshire, Maya Mintz, Wesley Spares

John XXIII College had a pleasing year in the WA Debating League Schools' Competition in 2019. Competing in divisions at Christchurch we fielded our record number of teams - 12 this year, including four from year 7. Most teams were very competitive, with the outstanding result coming from the Year 7 team of Meg Derbyshire, Wesley Soares, Maya Mintz and Hannah Johnson which won their division undefeated before losing in the WA finals. Several teams narrowly missed winning their division, whilst in some cases a mixture of forfeits and byes deprived teams of opportunities. The outstanding year 12 team only actually had two debates because of this. WADL is revising their organisation next year adding an extra round of competition and altering times so that novice debates begin earlier.

It was wonderful this year to have great support from teachers who came along to act as managers or coaches for the 11 teams. Warmest thanks to Deacon Aaron Peters, Mrs Mary-Anne Lumley, Ms Debra Needham, Ms Bonita Devanand and Ms Kirralee Dawson for their sterling efforts on those bleak Tuesday evenings throughout the debating season. Ms Dawson also assisted with the coaching sessions held before or after school and at lunchtimes. At the Magis Awards Breakfast the following trophies were awarded for the champion debater in each year level.

Champion Debaters

- Year 12 - Rory Hewson
- Year 11 - Ben Linsten
- Year 10 - Skye MacMillan
- Year 9 - Genevieve Ferguson-Allen
- Year 8 - James Mitchell
- Year 7 - Meg Derbyshire

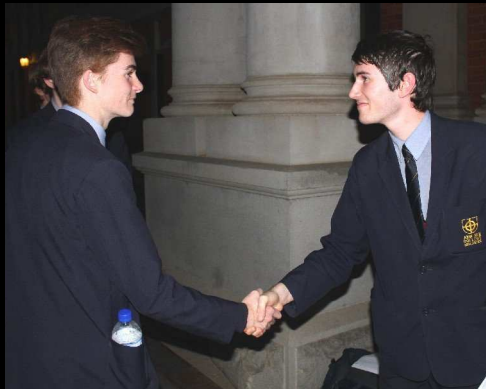
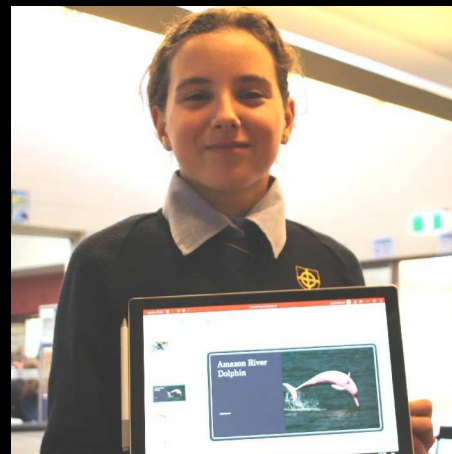


Ms Dawson with the strong year 8 boys' team



Year 9s - Bella Boley, Emilia Boog, Kirsten McCormick

"In Jesuit spirituality, Magis means doing the more, the greater, for God."



Jesuit Debating Championship

The 2019 National Jesuit Colleges' Debating Championship was held at Xavier College in Melbourne this year. John XXIII was represented by Rory Hewson, Cullen Binet, Xavier Carr and Aden Cleghorn. The team performed well, did not make the finals this year, but enjoyed the opportunity immensely. Congratulations to Magis Captain Rory Hewson who was selected in the Australian Team for the second year in a row, and special warmest thanks to Ms Daisy Farley for her great work taking over supervision of the team at the last moment.

Pictured at right:

Jesuit National Debating teams and officials



British Parliamentary Debating

Once the WADL Schools' Competition concludes, the League holds an exciting and rather different form of debating, British Parliamentary Debating. In every debate four schools compete, each with two members who take the roles of politicians on either the government or opposition. There was some superb debating on the day, and two of our top year 11 debaters, Ben Linsten and Nick Brennan enjoyed the opportunity and performed extremely well against teams from many of WA's top schools.



Speak For Faith Public Speaking

Held at the Catholic Education Office, the 2019 Speak For Faith Competition with its excellent prizemoney attracted outstanding speakers from many top Catholic Colleges to compete in heats and finals.

John XXIII College was represented superbly by top public speakers Rory Hewson and Charlie Richards, with Rory making the Grandfinal and finishing third against six outstanding opponents.



John XXIII College Jesuit National Debating team: Xavier Carr, Rory Hewson, Cullen Binet and Aden Cleghorn at Melbourne's Xavier College



**ALPHA MOTIVATION
- David Castellani**

Our first Magis Breakfast for 2019 featured Alpha Motivation Director David Castellani. David is an outstanding presenter who has become a regular supporter of Magis via his exciting programs delivered at the academic breakfasts and the Magis Camp. David's theme for this Breakfast was the use of the internet and social media, and he focussed dynamically on both the positive and negative potentialities, giving some seriously valuable insights and advice.



"God has his time for us all." - Mary Ward



Fr Michael McMahon

Outstanding philosopher and theologian Fr Michael McMahon delivered our second breakfast seminar for 2019, aimed at year 12 ATAR Religion and Life students. Father Michael's talk was on Secularism, and he presented many profound insights into this central topic on the syllabus. Father Michael is a very distinguished Oblate priest and it was a great honour to have him as our second Magis speaker for 2019.



"This above all to thine own self be true." - Polonius in Hamlet

WA DEBATING LEAGUE

Just before the start of the WA Secondary Schools' Debating Competition two key members of the League gave an excellent presentation to members of our debating teams, including separate sections for novice and more experienced debaters. The event was well supported by the students, and the coordinator of the Christchurch divisions of the competition, Madu (pictured at right), aided by experienced adjudicator Christine, gave some excellent advice to our students.



"Be seekers of truth and doers of justice." - Mary Ward



Our 2019 Magis and Altiora captains, Rory Hewson and Charlie Richards gave superb keynote addresses on the art of public speaking at a Magis Breakfast held just prior to the running of the John XXII Public Speaking competition. Rory and Charlie are truly outstanding speakers, performing superbly in Mock Trials, Public Speaking and Mooting, as well as WADL, Jesuit and British Parliamentary debating. This was an excellent example of the focus this year on Magis Service, and several other Magis Committee members assisted with chairing or adjudicating the public speaking heats for younger students.



"Magis is the power to shatter the illusion that we are separate from each other."



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

Who better to give advice to our aspiring World Scholar's Cup representatives than our 2018 Tournament of Champions team, Alex Panther, Ben Linsten, and the top Australian TOC performer, Emily Tyson. They delivered excellent speeches to a large audience, and were well supported by top WSC debater, Skye MacMillan. At both Yale and at this year's WSC Global round in Sydney all teams were undefeated in their three debates.

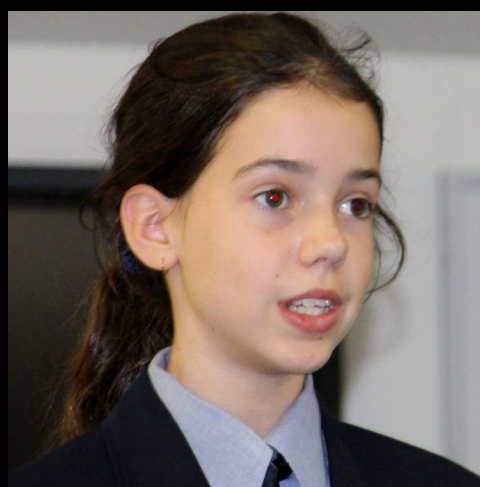


Above: Ben, Alex and Emily

Far right: Skye



"Gather for yourself in your youth a great treasure of good habits." - Mary Ward



"The best leaders realise that the more they focus on making other people successful, the more successful they become." - Turak



Bella, Natalie and Genevieve (Yr.9) - top performers

John XXIII College fielded a record 12 teams in the 2019 World Scholar's Cup Perth round held Sacred Heart College in Sorrento. All performed well and all qualified for the Sydney Global Round to which we sent three teams.

Highlights of the Perth round for John XXIII College included:

54 gold and 48 silver medals

Top-Performing Teams: Junior

- 1. Year 9 (Genevieve Ferguson-Allen, Natalie Ong, Bella Boley)
14 gold medals, 7 silver plus overall 12th out of over 150 teams
- 2. Year 7: (Hannah Johnson, Maya Mintz, Bella Boley)
(7 gold medals, 4 silver)
- 3. Year 8: James Mitchell, Nick Carrello, Angus Sapsworth)
(6 gold medals, 7 silver)

Top-Performing Teams Senior

- 1. Year 10: Skye MacMillan, McKenzie Richardson, Gabriel Kaye
(6 gold medals, 3 silver)
- 2. Year 10: Oscar Hegge, Caitlin Green, Olivia Eastwood
(4 gold medals, 6 silver)

Other Highlights

Genevieve Ferguson-Allen 2nd in debating Olivia Eastwood 3rd in Writing Gabriel Kaye 6th in debating Top junior team overall second in debating with two top senior teams above in 6th and 9th places overall.

Top Performers: Seniors: Gabriel Kaye Juniors: Genevieve Ferguson-Allen



Three outstanding year 10 teams



Maddie, Hannah and Maya - a superb year 7 team

"Oh my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served." - Ignatius Loyola



"If one has knowledge, he shares it with the one who does not possess it: and also if one has honours, riches." - St Ignatius



WSC Global Round Team 2019

WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP GLOBAL ROUND

John XXIII College sent three teams to the WSC Global Round in Sydney this year, and all three performed very well, each qualifying for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University in November. **Yvie Rigg**, the Junior team captain was the highest scorer overall for our junior team, whilst **Bella Pether** who captained the seniors was their top performer.

More than 2100 students competed from 28 different countries at the magnificent Sydney International Conference Centre (ICC), John XXIII won 63 medals - 36 gold and 20 silver. The Year 8 team producing the top performance overall with 23 medals (16 gold, 7 silver), whilst the Year 7's won 13 gold and 4 silver, the senior team winning 7 gold and 9 silver.

Standout performances were **Yvie Rigg** with 7 gold and 2 silver medals, and 10th place over in debating against over 1200 students, and the superb effort by the **Year 7's** in finishing 7th out of 400+ junior teams in the Team Writing Challenge.

Congratulations also to **Maya Mintz** on a terrific performance in the Showcase event. The success of all students was a great credit to them and to the college, and my special warmest thanks go to them and **Ms Kirralee Dawson** and **Mr Christian Thompson** who did a wonderful job assisting both at the competitive events and the exciting Sydney Tour highlights. Our teams were:

- Junior Team 120:** (Year 7) Madeleine Boley, Maya Mintz and Hannah Johnson
- Junior Team 119:** (Year 8) Yvie Rigg, Anne Cullity and Spencer Burchett
- Senior Team 620 :** (Years 9/10) Bella Pether, Bella Boley and Eve Cullity



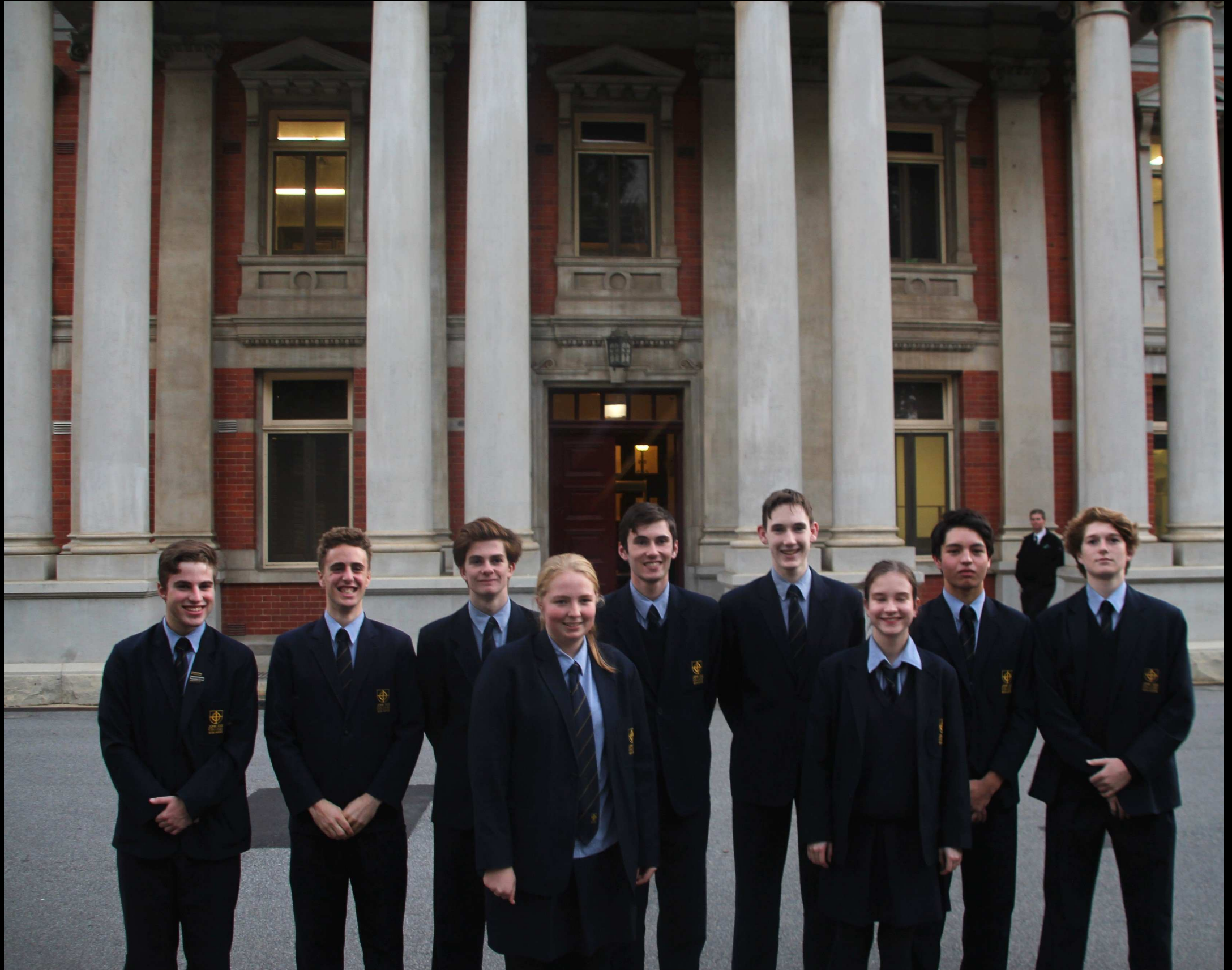
Sydney Harbour Bridge - Year 7 and 8 teams with Ms Dawson



At Taronga Park Zoo

"For it is not knowing much, but realising and relishing things internally that satisfies the soul." - St Ignatius



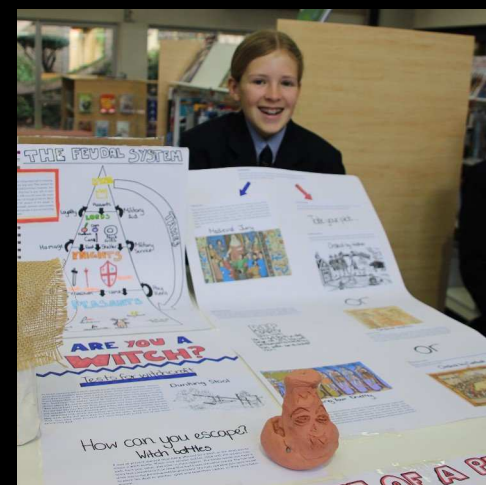


Competing at the Supreme Court, the John XXIII Mock Trials under the expert guidance of Ms Daisy Farley assisted by Ms Morgan Ball, performed superbly to get through to the fourth round. Magis leaders Rory Hewson, Charlie Richards and Cullen Binet played the major roles in this exceptional team.

Magis: "Each activity of daily life in which we stretch ourselves on behalf of others is a prayer in action." - Richard Foster



The John XXIII College Tournament of Minds STEM team performed superbly to win the WA Section of the competition then competed very well in the National Finals in Tasmania. Congratulations to Mr Damien Connellan and the team.





One of the assessments for the Year 7 Magis Option classes this year was the Opti-MINDS WA Social Sciences Challenge on the history of MASKS!

"God's purpose in creating us is top draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth." - St Ignatius



The 2019 Magis Year 7 Camp was held at the beautiful Point Walter Campsite in August. Keynote speakers David Castellani from Alpha Motivation and Kathy Boyatzis from Creative Edge Thinking gave superb workshops, and another wonderful highlight was the excellent contributions of Lorian Marshall from year 11 who delivered a wonderful keynote address on leadership, and Alice O'Sullivan (Year 9) who gave a powerful talk on overcoming adversity. Daniel Doran from year 8 helped significantly by running the Talent show and participating in the program. The program also involved three Magis Academic Challenges and a morning exercise session on the beach at Point Walter. Special thanks go to Mrs Alison O'Connor who played a vital role of supervision on the camp, and Mrs Jackie O'Sullivan for her valuable assistance.

Left and right: Lorian Marshall and Alice O'Sullivan

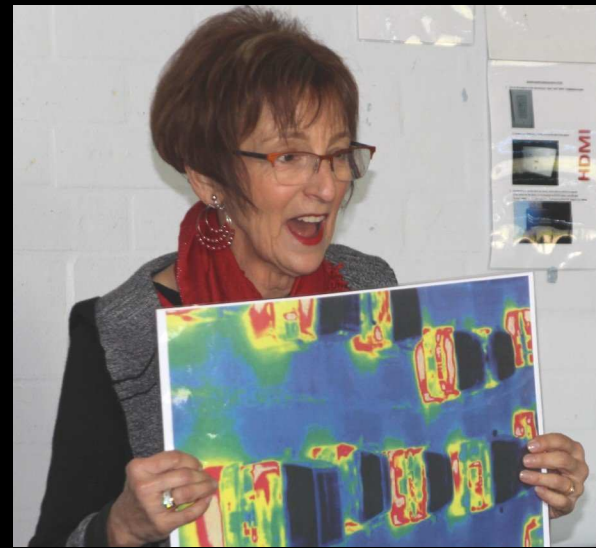




David Castellani



MAGIS CAMP SCENES 2019



Kathy Boyatzis



"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or the life of another." - Helen Keller



OPTI-MINDS COMPETITION

For the first time John XXIII College fielded Year 7 teams in both the Language Literature and Science Engineering sections of this prestigious gifted and talented competition which is held at Curtin University.

The Science Engineering team produced a creative solution to a rather difficult STEM construction challenge and represented the college with great enthusiasm. Special thanks to Mr Peter Masur for his outstanding efforts assisting the Science Engineering team which consisted of Felix Frichot, Jonathan Hie, David Watt and Luka Dillon.

The Language Literature team excelled, qualifying for the WA State Final. The team competed impressively against very strong teams in the final. The team consisted of Meg Cleary, Maya Mintz, Alejandra Recinos-MacLellan, Hannah Johnson and Sara Lazareski.

Special thanks to the wonderful group of parents who supported the teams on the Saturdays at Curtin.



"The word magnanimity is closely linked to the Magis ... it means greatness of spirit." - Barton T.Geger S.J.

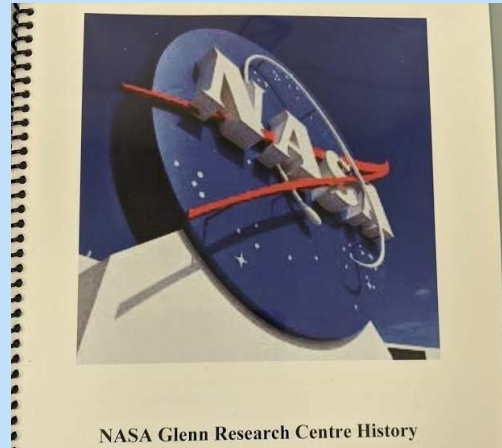


The famous Bell Shakespeare Company again performed at John XXIII College in 2019 and was again one of the highlights of the year. The production 'Just Romeo and Juliet' was attended by over 80 students from year 7 and 8, a number of whom were invited from the audience to assist in the production. Bell Shakespeare's professional productions are ideal for imparting a love of the world's greatest playwright to younger students, with their subtle mixture of comedy, farce and tragedy.





Meg Derbyshire speaking at the Opening



Alejandra Recinos's NASA Project

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Twenty year 7 students produced an amazing array of personal projects in second semester, presenting them to staff, parents and students in later November. Congratulations to all students involved on the excellent quality of their exhibits. Students also were required to complete a Process Journal for this International Baccalaureate style program. Seven students gave brief talks at the Opening Breakfast. Warmest thanks to all who attended the Opening, and special thanks to staff judges Ms Lorraine Homes and Ms Kirralee Dawson, and student adjudicators Grace Barbour, Caitlin Green and Skye MacMillan.

Top Projects

1. Xavier Jeffreys - Music and the Human Brain
2. Hunter Giles-Shanley - Creating Material
3. Alejandra Recinos- MacLennan - NASA Research Centre
- Maya Mintz - The World of Abstract Art

Best Process Journals

Gemma Bailey, Meg Derbsyshire, Alejandra Recinos, Xavier Jeffrey

Below: Jacob Davila's Lacrosse Stick - he created a company and website.



Xavier Jeffreys



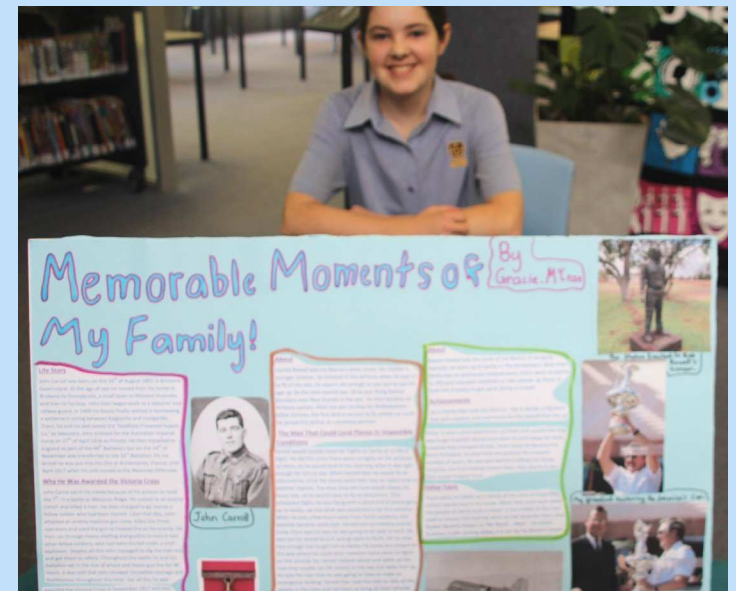
David Webster with Mrs Jess Bouwman



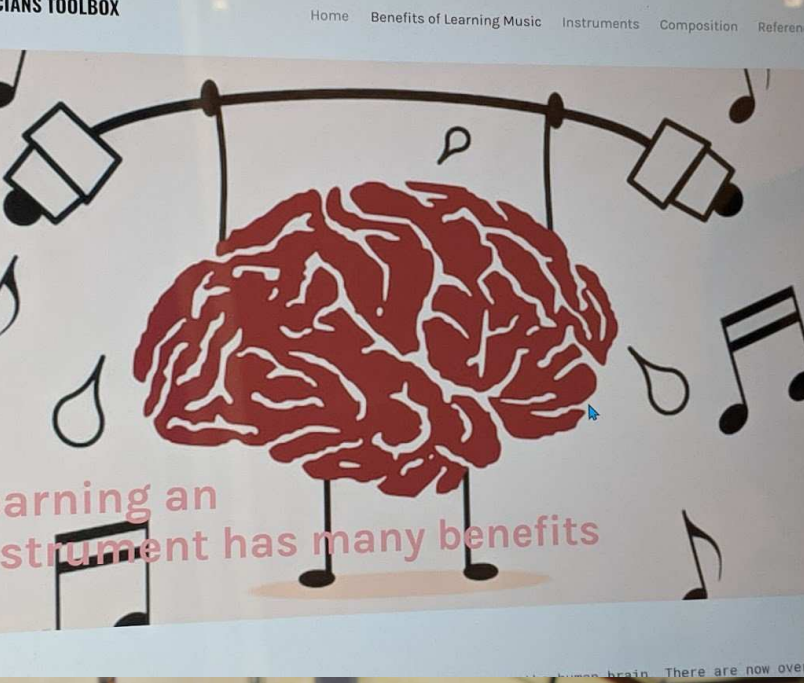
Luke McLeron - Music website



Hunter Giles-Shanley with his amazing creations



Gracie McCrae with her Family History





Gold Medallists - Junior Debating



On Broadway



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP - TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

John XXII College performed very creditably at the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions at Yale University and returned with all five team members receiving medals, a total of 7 gold medals and 9 silver competing against over 1000 of the best students around the world, representing 60 different countries. Congratulations to the Junior team of Yvette Rigg, Ann Cullity and Spencer Burchett, and the seniors Bella Pether and Eve Cullity, on representing the college so well. Yvie Rigg was the outstanding individual performer with 7 medals including four gold, and had the distinction of winning a major trophy for third place overall in the debating, an excellent achievement against scholars from all over the world. The team enjoyed three excellent tour days in between the competition, with two days in New York highlighted by visits to the Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Station, Times Square, Broadway, the top of the Rockefeller Building, and MOMA, whilst the tour of Boston also included visits to the famous Harvard and MIT Universities, which along with Yale meant tours of three of the world's greatest tertiary institutions. Special thanks to Ms Kirralee Dawson for her wonderful assistance on the tour.

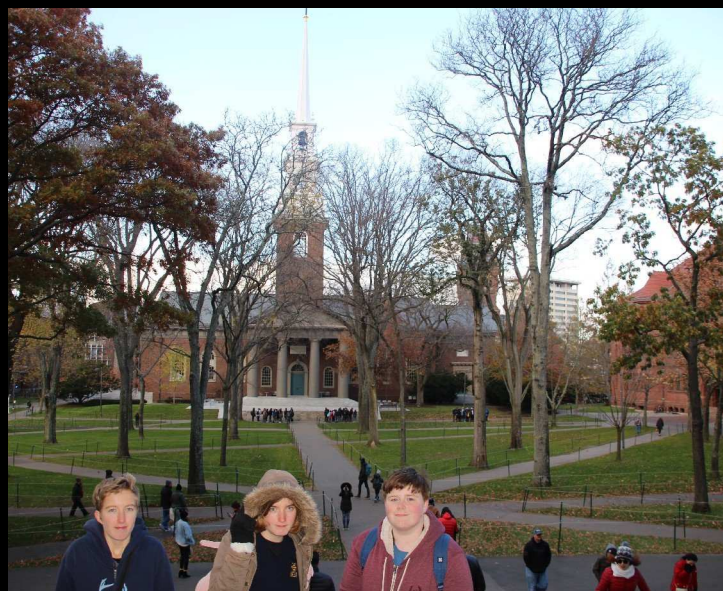
- Jim Miller



The John XXIII Yale Team 2019



Side view of the stage area of Woolsey Hall



At the Harvard University Quadrangle



Donald Trump arriving to greet the team

"Start being brave about everything." =- Catherine of Siena



The John XXIII College team with Ms Dawson at M.I.T.



The colour and excitement of Times Square



Golden leaves on the Green at Yale



Broadway Magic

Magis: "Truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. The lion will defend itself." - St Augustine



QUEST COMPETITION 2019

Year 9 Magis 9 students Bella Boley, Sophie Baron-Hay and Charlotte Moody participated in Brainway's Quest Competition at the University of Western Australia, an exciting event which features instruction from university lecturers on the first day and competition on the second. The team performed extremely well to come third in the Year 7-10 section.

Pictured at left: The quest team of Bella Charlotte Moody, Sophie Baron-Hay and Bella Boley.

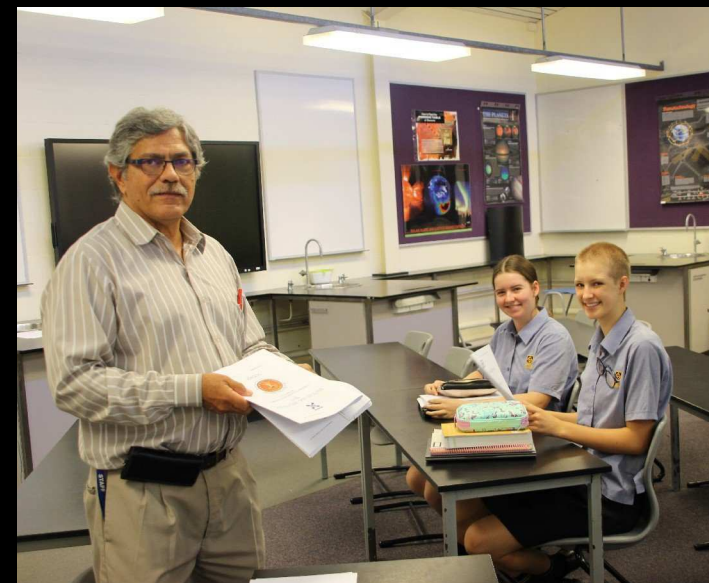
Below: More photos from the Personal Project Exhibition







PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
 Mr Rob Henderson, Mrs Kath Negus, Ms Jess Bouwman
MAGIS BREAKFASTS (7)
 Mr Doug Watson, Mrs Lorraine Holmes, all library staff
WADL DEBATING
 Mrs Bonita Devanand, Deacon Aaron Peters, Mrs Debra Needham, Ms Kirralee Dawson, Mrs Mary-Anne lumley
CREATIVE WRITING
 Mrs Katie Imhoff, Mrs Lorraine Holmes
PUBLIC SPEAKING
 Mrs Kalo Green , Mrs Katie Imhoff, Ms Mary-Anne Lumley
DA VINCI DECATHLON
 Ms Morgan Ball, Mr Gerry Cotter, Ms Bonita Devanand
 Mrs Jo O'Loughlin, Mr Simon Carello, Mrs Joan Davies
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS / OPTI-MINDS
 Mr Damien Connellan / Mr Peter Masur
WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP
 Ms Kirralee Dawson, Mr Christian Thomson
VIDEOS and PUBLICITY
 Mr Sam Tout, Ms Lisa Masella
QUEST - Ms Shannon Allen, Deacon Aaron Peters



"Go forth and set the world on fire." - St Ignatius





Year 7 Magis Camp 2019

MAGIS CHRONICLE 2019



Magis Champion Scholar Winners and Placegetters 2019