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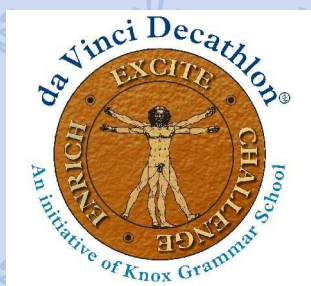
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**Magis Gifted & Talented Program
Information Handbook**



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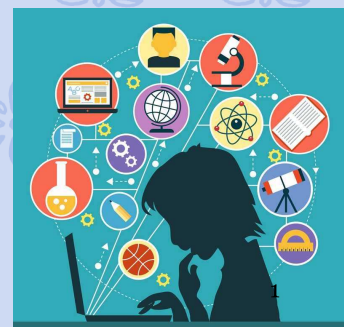
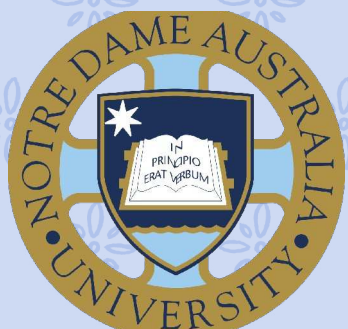
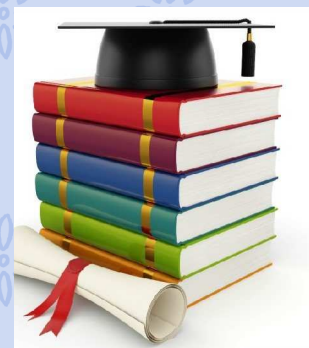


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Magis Program in 2022, and congratulations to all new members who have achieved membership in John XXIII College's Gifted and Talented Program. There will be many great opportunities for you, and you are encouraged to participate in the competitions and programs offered, and to set an example of enthusiasm and endeavour for all students. Be proud of your gifts and use them to serve your house, other students and the college.

This handbook will provide an introductory outline of the Magis program, and it will be supplemented by specific handbooks for all key events, programs and competitions offered. It also includes the Mk.1 version of the Magis Calendar. Dates for many events however are not yet finalised, and there will be regular updates via Magis weekly memos.

Warmest thanks to the wonderful group of Magis student leaders for 2022. All Magis students are encouraged to take leadership roles, and plenty of opportunities will be provided for you, whether in house or interschool competitions, or programs such as the camps and gifted student seminars.

Best wishes to all students. Make this a great year by setting goals, creating strategic plans for success, and showing commitment and positive attitude in all you do. Be proud of your achievements.

Jim Miller

Magis Program Coordinator



Magis Captain 2022
Genevieve Ferguson-Allen



Genevieve delivering an outstanding keynote address at the Magis Middle School Camp at Point Walter, 2020.

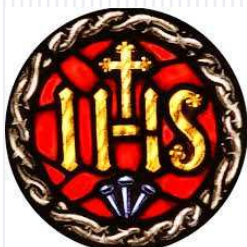
*Attitude
more than Aptitude
determines Attitude*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 2021 ATAR STUDENTS!



Akash Parekh 99.6 Abbey Chapman 99.4 Andrew Priestly 99.35

Magis students Akash Parekh (99.6), Abbey Chapman (99.4) and Andrew Priestly (99.35) were the top performing John XXIII ATAR students for 2021. Akash who topped the list made a splendid contribution to the Magis program with outstanding performances in interschool competitions including Tournament of Minds and Da Vinci Decathlon. He was also the top scoring Champion year 12 in the 2021 House Academic Challenge series.



The Philosophy of MAGIS



Magis is a Latin word meaning '**more, to a greater extent,**' and is one of the core principles of an Ignatian education, and the tradition on which the Loreto sisters and the Jesuit Institute were founded.

Magis an enduring call

- to strive for excellence
- to make the most of our God-given talents
- to use them to serve others



The program is based on the Ignatian tradition of

1. Care of the individual (**Cura Personalis**)
2. Men and women for others (**Homines Pro Aliis**)
3. More - the pursuit of never-ending improvement (**Magis**)



Key Values include

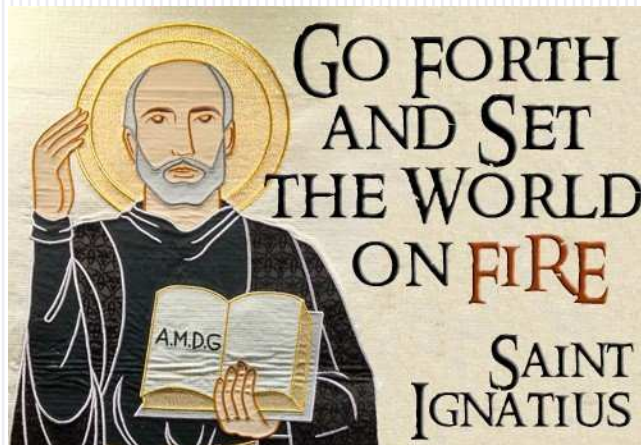
- * Excellence in teaching and scholarship
- * Rigorous thinking and the pursuit of truth
- * The cultivation of lifelong habits of careful observation, critical thinking, creativity, articulate written, oral and moral reflection,
- * Moral development is inseparable from other intellectual pursuits
- * Development of the whole person
- * Academic excellence without being exclusive or elitist



Talents are shared with others, for others



Gifted and Talented: Students can be gifted without being talented. The purpose of the Magis program is to assist students to realise potential (raw, gifted ability) into performance, and to develop their talents to better serve their community and their world



MAGIS COMMITTEE 2022

Year 12



Genevieve Ferguson-Allen
Magis Captain



Samantha Eastman



Tim Gardner



James Green



Natalie Ong

Year 11



Daniel Doran



Gemma Bailey



Meg Cleary



Meg Derbyshire



Sky Pineda Beasley

Year 10

Year 9



Thalia Kurniawan



Luisa Parish



Amelia Watts

Year 8



William Cairns



Sasha Pallis



Charlie Pronk



Grace Nicol



Felicia Zhao

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HOUSE and HOMEROOM CAPTAINS



CAMPION



KOOLYANGARRA



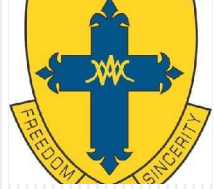
LORETO



LOYOLA



ST LOUIS



WARD

HC	Mr Hooker	Mr Bowen	Mr Gallagher	Mr Yates	Ms Tripi	Mr Kowal
12	Gemima Broderick Jack Chapman	Hugo Croudace Natalie Ong	Will Everett Hannah Giannas	Emmerson Kerr Anthony Nedelkos	Adelio Kilcullen Ashleigh Laurance	Zoe Koong Zac Thompson
11	Kaia Prosper Quinn Binet	Angus Sapsworth Yvie Rigg	Mia Dowdall Samuel Laing	Elizabeth Edwards Nicholas Carrello	Ava Kwei Anna Walsh	Robbie Douglas Elizabeth New on
10	Millie Flower Rebecca Litic	Maya Mintz Wim Parker	Felix Frichot Jacob Davila	Adam Biddle Laura Moore	Joseph Kilcullen Tayla Matera	Massimo Torre Annabel Preston
9	Erin Griffin George Griffiths	Matthew Gardner Zoe McIlree	Ruby Verleg Jackson Boznich	Stavro Karafilakis Alicia Odgers	Oliver Grant-Smith Madeline Nankivell	Lola Kenny Hunter Bovell
8	Grace Nicol Jude Seah	Duccio Fraulini Chloe Bell	Samuel Panetta Lily Lucas	Isabel Logan Ralph Zidar	Annie Annan Angus McCrae	Isadora Thompson Dominic Jeffery

HOMEROOM TEACHERS

	CAMPION	KOOLYANGARRA	LORETO	LOYOLA	ST LOUIS	WARD
12	Ms Armand	Ms Van Dуйn	Ms Toleman	Ms O'Connor	Ms Dawson	Mr Di Giallonardo
11	Ms Poland	Mr Cotter	Dr Casadio	Ms Pillera	Mr Munns	Ms Farley
10	Ms Cinini	Mr Platts	Ms Westlake	Mr McNeil	Ms Aghdasi	Ms De Haan
9	Mr Stanton	Ms Liow	Mr Gleghorn	Ms Holmes	Ms Power	Mr Sell
8	Ms Galati	Ms O'Grady	Ms Bollam	Ms Larson	Mr Masur	Ms Lane
7	Ms Kolka	Ms Myers	Ms Roberts	Mr Connellan	Ms Gray	Mr Oorloff



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ROLES OF MAGIS LEADERS



MAGIS CAPTAIN

The Magis captain reports on Magis events at Secondary and Year 12 Assemblies, chairs parts of Magis committee meetings, announces winners of Magis awards at Secondary assemblies, chairs some Magis Breakfast seminars, provides leadership on Magis camps, writes a report for the John XXIII Yearbook and the Magis Chronicle, and works with the Magis coordinator and Magis leaders to ensure that the program achieves an exemplary standard of excellence.

MAGIS SECRETARY

The Magis Secretary keeps brief minutes of Magis meetings, writes letters or sends emails inviting staff to Magis events and to thank those who coach or manage Magis teams, judge competitions or attend Magis events. The Magis secretary also assists with checking results.

MAGIS LEADERS/COMMITTEE Years 8-12

Leaders speak at Year assemblies encouraging students to participate in forthcoming interschool and house events, and report on participation and successes. They work with House captains in their house to enhance enthusiasm and involvement. These Leaders attend Magis Committee meetings and are encouraged to act as catalysts for development of the program.

HOMEROOM LEADERS (Years 7-12) -

Take a key role in organising teams for all Magis House Academic Challenge events, plus Magis Public Speaking, Creative Writing and Chess, working with House coordinators and homeroom teachers.



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The ELEMENTS of MAGIS at JOHN XXIII COLLEGE



Selection for Magis is initially via the MYAT Testing in year 6 prior to the entry to secondary school. Students will also be selected on the basis of excellent school reports prior to entry, and others will be added on the basis of academic performances at the end of each semester. The **Magis Elective** in years 7 and 8 is for Magis students but is also opened to enthusiastic strong academics who may not have qualified on the basis of MYAT testing. See details of the Magis elective syllabus on page 20. Students who maintain a high standard of academic performance will continue to be recognised as Magis students through to graduation. Staff are made aware of which students are Magis via a symbol on SEQTA. This is important where some gifted students may benefit from differentiated programs within particular classes. All Magis students receive a Magis badge, with a special badge presented to committee members from years 8-12.



The Magis Program at John XXIII includes these components:

1. Opportunities to participate in many interschool gifted student competitions (See ps 12-14)
2. Three major John XXIII Competitions:
Public Speaking - Chess - Creative Writing (Short Stories)
3. A very strong House Academic Challenge Competition based on homerooms teams
4. A comprehensive range of **Academic Resources** in the Magis folder
5. Magis Academic Breakfasts with outstanding keynote speakers
6. Special program opportunities including Bell Shakespeare, Julie Arliss, TED-X, Cultural Decoding and Global Challenge.
7. Associated **clubs** including Drone Club, Robotics, Chess Club, Dungeons and Dragons, and the Shakespeare Club
8. Leadership opportunities including committee membership
9. **Awards** including trophies, book prizes, medallions and certificates awarded for most competitive events at all level.
10. **Magis Camps** at Point Walter and Rottneest in 2022.
11. A wide range of quality coaches for the many competitive events
12. **Tours** including World Scholar's Cup and Jesuit National Debating



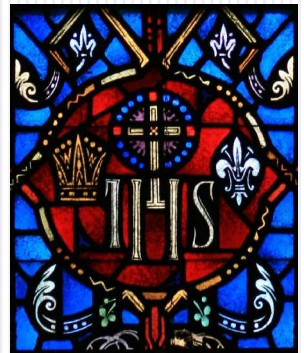
Note: Many Magis events are open to all students

COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is vital in a program like Magis which offers so many different competitions and opportunities. **It is critical that all Magis students read their emails and student notices regularly.**

Key communication methods for Magis are:

1. The weekly **Magis MEMO** emailed to all Magis students
2. The **Daily notices** read in homeroom + notices at **Year and House assemblies.**
3. **Special group emails and Teams on SEQTA.** eg WADL Debating is for Debaters
4. The College **Newsletter**
5. This **Handbook** plus the **Magis Chronicle**
6. **The Magis Noticeboard**





Magis Calendar 2022

SEMESTER ONE



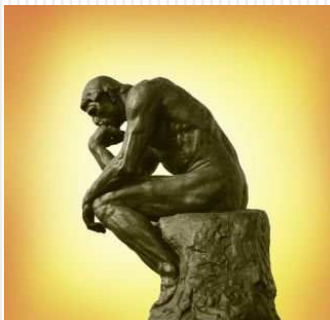
Week	Day/Date	TERM ONE
2	Thurs. Feb.3	Magis Committee Meeting Yr.8-12 recess in X15
4	Feb.22/23/25	Academic Spelling Challenge week (GBLT. 8.30am)
6	Fri March 11	WADL Debating Seminar 7.30am Library
7	Tues March 15	Julie Arliss Senior Gifted Student day* WADL Debating round 1 at Christchurch
7	Wed March 16	Ethics Olympiad Senior training day*
8	March 22/23	House Academic Challenge - Mental Maths
9	March 29-April 1	John XXIII Public Speaking heats this week

TERM TWO

2 (11)	Wed/Thurs May 4/5	Da Vinci Decathlon at UWA Wed: Yrs 7-8 Thurs: 9-10
2	Tues May 3	WADL Debating R.3
3	Tues May 10	John XXIII Public Speaking Grandfinals 6.30pm GBLT
3	May 10/11/13	Homeroom Academic Challenges (Humanities/Arts/Literature)
4	Tues May 17	WADL Debating round 4
4	Fri-Sun May 20-22	Shakespeare camp at Rottnest ex JTC 2.40pm
5	Mon May 23	Ethics Olympiad Day Year 10*
5-6	May 24-July 3	Examinations Semester One - Years 11-12
7	June 7-10	Examinations Year 10
8	Thurs June 16	Personal Project Exhibition 7.15-8.45am
9	Tues June 21	WADL Debating Round 5

Notes

- * indicates all day event
- See the official Magis Calendar from each term - this handbook only includes events with dates decided by Jan.15.
- House Academic Challenge series events are held at 8.35am in the GBLT. Days of week vary - Usually three sections: Yrs 7/9, 9/10, 11/12 except Maths (7/8/9 and 10/11/12). See further details in this handbook.
- Committee meeting calendar will be decided at meeting 1.





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SEMESTER TWO



Week	Day/Date	TERM 3
1	TBA	Creative Edge and Tournament of Minds Team meetings
2	Wed. July 17	John XXIII Creative Writing entries due
4	Tues Aug.9	Bell Shakespeare 1.30pm GBLT
4	Aug.12-13	Magis Camp at Pt Walter
5	Aug.16/17/18	House STEM Challenges 8.35am GBLT
6	Thurs Aug.25	John XXIII Chess Championships begin
6	Aug.27-28	Creative Edge & Tournament of Minds (Sat/Sun)
7	Sat Sept 3	British Parliamentary Debating*
8	Fri Sept.9	House Chess concludes
10	Wed. Sept.21	MAGIS AWARDS BREAKFAST

TERM 4

2	Fri. Oct. 21	International Debating R.1
3	Oct.25/26/27	House Ministry Challenge (Tues/Wed/thurs)
3	Fri. Oct. 28	International Debating R.2
4	Tues Nov.1	Ethics Olympiad Yrs 7/8/9*
4	Fri. Nov.4	International debating R.3
5	Tues Nov.8	Kolbe-JTC Year 7/8 Challenge Day
5	Fri. Nov.11	International Debating R.4
6	Thurs Nov.17	Personal Project Exhibition Semester 2
7	Nov.22-23	Quest at UWA Years 7/8/9 teams Tues/Wed* TBC



NOTES

- * All Day event
- Additional Events in we expect to offer in semester 2 include World Scholar's Cup, TED-X, Famelab and Global Goals Challenge. These will be added to the Magis calendar as soon as they are confirmed.
- TBC = to be confirmed

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Magis Champion Scholars 2021

MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLAR AWARD



Oscar Hegge
Year 12



James Green
Year 11



Daniel Doran
Year 10



Thomas Syminton
Year 9



Jennifer Ong
Year 8



Joy Cho
Year 7

The Magis Champion Scholar Award is the major award presented to the student in each year group who achieves the highest points total based on the system below. It recognises outstanding academic excellence combined with performances in interschool, college and house academic events to recognise students who excel, striving for the Magis.

Students may participate in as many events as they wish, both in the Magis program, and other gifted and talented competitions, and are expected to participate in at least one other Magis enrichment program during the year such as attending a Magis academic breakfast, or programs like Julie Arliss, TED-X or Bell Shakespeare.

Scoring System - all Years: Best 6 scores which must include your school semester one academic result and at least one House Academic Challenge.

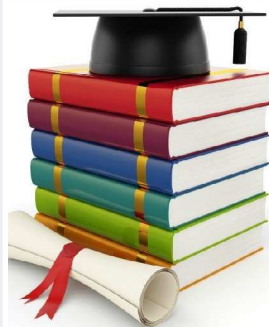
SECTIONS in which you can gain Magis Champion Scholar Points:

1. **Academic results** from Semester One Report (Max: 100 points)
2. Magis **House Academic Challenges** - up to 3 challenges (Max: 30 points each)
3. Performance in up to 3 interschool **gifted and talented competitions** such as WADL debating or Da Vinci Decathlon, including those run via Magis, via learning areas, or external events such as the Tim Winton Writing Award. (Max: 50 points each)
4. Performance in up to two **John XXIII Competitions** run by Magis (Public Speaking, Chess or Creative Writing) (Max: 40 points each)

Note:

* Senior Students may substitute **Magis Service** (Max: 40 points) for service in adjudicating Years 7-9 public speaking heats or creative writing, or speaking at a Magis Breakfast or camp, for their lowest other score apart from the academic performance.

* All students may use their **Goal-setting /Strategic Plan** for Academic success (a compulsory item for yr 7/8 Magis option students, optional for all others year 7-12) to replace their lowest other score. (Max. 30 points)



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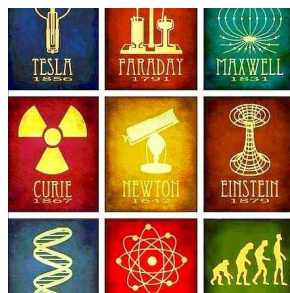
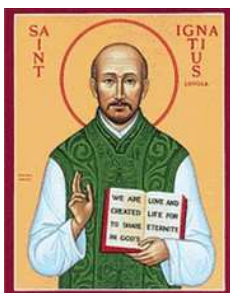
TWELVE STEPS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

CARPE DIEM! - SIEZE THE DAY

To achieve optimal success in your academic pursuits this year :



1. *Have a vision and set goals. Link these to your values.*
2. *Create your strategic plan for academic success.*
3. *Be organised from the start of the year: Exam revision is much easier if your files are well organised.*
4. *Balance the many activities in your life to ensure they do not jeopardise academic success. Be specially careful to control mobile phone and internet social use.*
5. *Get fit! Stay healthy. Watch your diet!*
6. *Understand your learning styles to enhance the effectiveness of your learning.*
7. *Become a reflective learner. Constantly review your progress and adjust your study plans and tactics, but avoid paralysis by analysis. Try using an academic journal to enhance your performance.*
8. *Work on developing a strong relationships with each of your teachers.*
9. *Be positive! Vitality of spirit will make you a better and happier student.*
10. *Work on developing self-discipline. It is vital for happiness and success in life.*
11. *Develop your character and capacity for hard work, but enjoy life. Love your sport, your music, your friends*
12. *Be inspired by the philosophy and ethos of Magis*



WADL Interschool Debating

John XXIII fields ten to twelve teams in the Christchurch division of WADL interschool debating in terms 1-3. Debates are on Tuesday evenings - with 6 rounds plus finals.

Novice (Yr 7/8) debates begin at 5.15 or 6.15pm

Juniors (Yrs 9/10) at 6.15 or 7.15pm Seniors (11/12) at 7.15pm

Training is held by negotiation before or after school or at lunchtime.

See the JTC Debating Handbook for full fixtures, rules and information

left: John XXIII Year 7 team, zone premiers - winners of 3 final rounds and WA Semi-finalists.



MOCK TRIALS

John XXIII Year 11 and 12 Politics and Law students compete in the Secondary School

Mock Trial Competitions are held at the WA Supreme Courts in Perth on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

The Mock trial teams compete in terms one and two, and are coached by Ms Daisy Farley and Ms Morgan Ball.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

Depending on Covid, John XXIII will field teams in at least the WA and Global rounds of World Scholar's Cup in 2022. - Dates TBA

World Scholar's Cup sees teams of three compete in four sections over 2 days: **Scholar's Bowl, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Challenge and Team Debate.**

John XXIII will field up to 18 teams from year 7 to 11, and has sent teams to the most recent Global rounds in Melbourne and Sydney, and to Yale University in USA for the Tournament of Champions.

Training and a Seminar Breakfast are provided, along with handbooks. The World Scholar's website also has excellent resources.



DA VINCI DECATHLON

John XXIII has nominated a team in each year from 7-10 for the Da Vinci decathlon held at Winthrop Hall, UWA.

Years 7/8 Wed May 4 Years 9/10 Thurs May 5

2022 Themes: State: Patterns Nationals: Experimentation

Decathlon's 10 sections: **Art and Poetry, Cartography, Code Breaking, Creative Producers, Engineering, English, Ideation, Legacy, Mathematics/ Chess, and Science.**

Training sessions will be provided over 6-8 weeks leading up to the event.



CREATIVE EDGE CHALLENGE



Regional Final - Sat. August 27 WA Final Sept. 17 Curtin Uni.

Teams of 4-7 in years 7,8,9 or 10

Sections: Science-Engineering, Literature and Communication, Society & Environment

6 week long term challenge from start of term 3

WA Final - 3hr lock-up

Impromptu challenge (4 mins prep) in Regionals and WA

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Regional Final Sun. August 28 WA Final Sept.18 ECU

Teams of 8

Sections: Arts, Language-Literature, Social Sciences, STEM

6 week long term challenge from start of term 3

WA Final: 3 hr lock-up

Impromptu challenges in both regionals and WA



JESUIT NATIONAL DEBATING



A team of 4 year 12 students will compete in the Jesuit National Debating in New South Wales during the second term holidays. Debaters are billeted with families from the host school (TBA).

Each team debates four times over three days (plus final)
Speaking times are 7 minutes.

A full handbook is produced.

FAMELAB

Famelab is an international STEM competition for young adults and students. In WA Year 9 students compete, and the competition is run by UWA and the WA Museum. Students speak for 5 minutes on a STEM Topic.

John XXIII runs a JTC Grandfinal with up to 10 speakers. The winner then speaks at the WA final at the Heath Ledger Theatre in Perth. Xavier Jeffreys represented the school in 2021 and finished third, winning \$500 for himself and \$1000 for the school.



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ETHICS OLYMPIAD

Senior (Yr.10) Training day Wed. March 16
Senior Competition: Mon May 23

Teams of 5

Junior Competition (Yrs 7/8/9): Tues November 9

Students prepare seven cases in advance, then four cases are used on the day.
See Ethics Olympiad Handbook.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING

Term 3 - Dates to be announced - event runs all day Saturday or Sunday

Teams consist of two students two - all years from 7-12

Each team debates 4 times during the day, the first being for practice.

BPD Handbook will be distributed to all team members



ROYAL COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SPEAKING

Two Age sections - open to students in years 7-9 and 10-12

Students speak for 7 minutes (prepared speech) then are questioned by the adjudication panel.

Topic: "If there is one thing I would change..."

Speech needs to reflect Commonwealth/Australian values

INTERNATIONAL DEBATING

Debates run for four Friday afternoons from term 4, week 2.

Debates run between 3.00 and 5.00pm
Teams may be from any year group from 7-10.

Speaking times: 4 minutes (Yrs 7/8) - 5 minutes (Yrs 10/11)



QUEST

Quest is a two-day competition run at UWA in term 4 (Dates TBA) in association with Brainways.

Teams of 5 - JTC will nominate two or three teams.

Day one is a preparation day with UWA staff instructing students.
The competition is on day two (all day in both cases).





GIFTED STUDENT COMPETITIONS (cont.)

SPEAK FOR FAITH

Speak for Faith is a Catholic Education Office Program which requires senior competitors to speak for 6 minutes on a topic nominated by the office. There is also an impromptu section. Judges from the Catenians Club adjudicate, and there are excellent cash prizes for the winners. Last year John XXIII was the only college to have two grandfinalists, Oscar Hegge who was runner-up, and Caitlin Green (above).

SLEEK GEEKS EUREKA SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Sleek Geeks Eureka prize is an opportunity for students to showcase their passions for science and film-making. Students prepare a two-minute video that communicates a scientific concept in an interesting, fun, and accessible manner. Students compete individually or in teams. So if you are a budding film maker and/or are really keen to explore 'big' scientific concepts, this may be the competition for you.

**Sleek Geeks' JTC Coordinator:
Dr Ylenia Casadio**

**ALL OTHER COMPETITIONS COUNT FOR
MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLAR POINTS
including these two great events:**

**HAVE SUM FUN MATHEMATICS
March 11 (Yrs 11/12) March 18 (Juniors)**

ROBOTICS

See Ms Anna Davila for full information



OTHER GIFTED STUDENT COMPETITIONS

See the **Magis Competitions handbook** for details of hundreds of competitions from Australia and beyond covering all areas. All can be used for Magis Champion Scholar points, but students must notify the Magis Coordinator of their participation /successes.

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITIONS

TIM WINTON AWARD

The Tim Winton Award for young writers encourages innovation and creativity. The judges are looking for stories that show originality. The award does not ask students to adhere to a particular theme, and you can choose to submit your entry as either a physical or a digital copy.

DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARD

The Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Awards seek to capture the imagination of school students across Australia, inspiring them to express their thoughts and feelings through the medium of poetry in their pursuit of literary excellence. The competition opens on the first day of March and finishes on the last day of June each year. Award categories include primary as well as upper and lower secondary. This year's theme is TBA.

GOLDEN PEN AWARD

This excellent competition involves writing a story of no more than 3000 words on the theme 'Everyday Magic.' It can be in any form, eg poetry, prose or comics etc. The closing date for entries is March 22, 2022.

See the Scribblers' website for further details.



CLUBS

The following clubs associated with Magis will operate in 2022. Meeting and activity times will be decided early in the year.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Coordinator: Mr Peter Masur

Astronomy nights will be run throughout the year using the college's outstanding telescope. This exciting club is open to all students and is an opportunity everyone should take advantage of.



DRONE CLUB

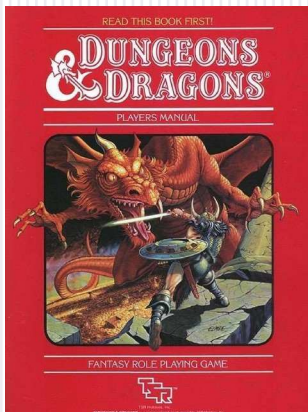
Coordinator: Mr Damian Connellan

The Drone club allows interested students to learn about and use the amazing drone technology. Drone club sessions are usually held twice per week throughout the year.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Coordinator: Mr Damian Connellan

Enter the world of dungeons and Dragons by joining this exciting Club. Magis are now providing badges for club members in 2022.



SHAKESPEARE CLUB

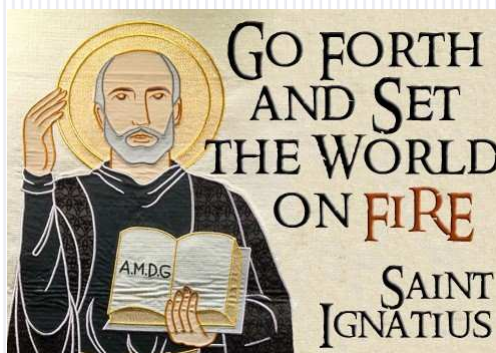
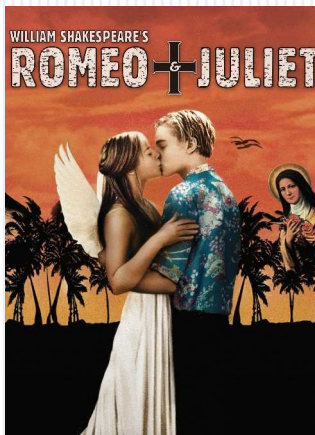
Coordinator - Mr Jim Miller

A club devoted to the world's greatest writer. Activities planned include a Rottneest camp, theatre visits, Shakespeare film afternoons/evenings, performances and a Shakespeare newsletter.

CHESS CLUB

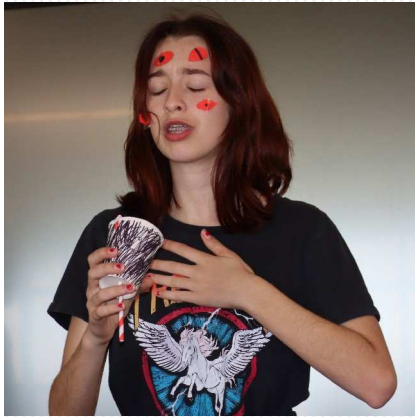
Coordinator: Mr Connellan

Devoted to this great game for the more erudite students. Magis will as usual run the Chess Championship and this year also offer a Chess seminar Breakfast.



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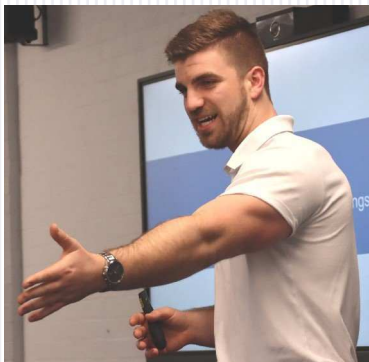
The Magis Camp for years 7-9 students is held at the beautiful Point Walter campsite:

Dates: Friday/Saturday August 12/13

Students leave the college at 3.15pm on Friday and return at about 5pm on Saturday (TBC)

Students sleep in quad rooms each with ensuite. Meals are always excellent.

The Program includes - professional presenters - Magis competitive events, keynote senior speakers - Flying Fox - Talent Show - River walk to jetty etc



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CALENDAR OF MAGIS HOUSE EVENTS 2022

Term One

Week 4: **Academic Spelling Challenge** Tues Feb.22 Yrs 7/8 Wed Yrs 9/10 Fri Yrs 11/12

Week 8: **Mental Maths Challenge:** Tues March 22 Yrs 10/11/12 Wed March 23 Yrs 7/8/9

Week 9: **John XXIII Public Speaking** heats lunchtimes all week

Term Two

Weeks 2-3 **Arts/Humanities & Language Lit. Challenges**

Fri May 6 – Ys 7 and 9 Wed May 11 - Yrs 11/12 Fri May 13 - Yrs 8 and 10

Week 3: Tuesday May 10 **John XXIII Public Speaking Grand final**

Week 9: June 20 **John XXIII Creative Writing (Short Stories)** entries due

Term Three

Week 5: House **STEM Challenge** Tues Aug.16 - Yrs 9/10 Wed - Yrs 11/12 Thurs- Yrs 7/8

Week 6: **House Chess** begins Tues Aug.30

Term Four

Week 3: **House Ministry Challenge** Tues Oct.25: Yr.11 Wed. Yrs 9/10 Thurs Yrs 7-8

Note: All **Homeroom Challenges** are held in the GBLT at 8.35am during homeroom

Public Speaking heats are held at lunchtimes and the Grand final at 6.30pm in the GBLT

Chess matches are played at lunchtime or by arrangement

Creative Writing entries must be submitted as Word documents on or before June 13



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POINTS SYSTEM FOR MAGIS HOUSE EVENTS

(This system applies for all Magis events)

At each year level: 1st place – 10 points 2nd place - 8 points 3rd place – 6 points
4th place - points 5th place – 3 pts all others 1 or 2 points*

Best 6 competitors for each house score points At each year level

Where there are equal places both gain the allocated points

Eg three equal 2nd placegetters would all receive 8 points

HOMEROOM ENTRY LIMITS

Academic Challenges: maximum of 12 students per homeroom with top 6 scoring points which count for the House championship (Others will score points towards individual awards)

Creative Writing: No limit on number of students but maximum of 2 entries per student

Public Speaking: maximum 3 per homeroom

Chess: maximum 4 per homeroom

Note: Homeroom teachers please do not bring full homerooms to any Academic Challenge events in the GBLT – maximum of 12

AWARDS

Homeroom Academic Challenges - Certificates for 1st/2nd/3rd in each year for each challenge (presented at House assemblies)

Overall Aggregate Top Point Scorers for all challenges (Best 4 to count)

1st place – Trophy 2nd and 3rd places - medallions (Presented at Secondary Assemblies)

Public Speaking - Certificates of Excellence presented at House assemblies

Trophies/medallions (1st,2nd, 3rd) presented at the Grand final evening

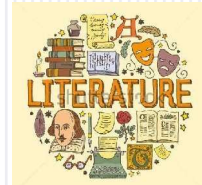
Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd presented at Magis Awards Breakfast

Creative Writing Awards (book prizes 1st place plus certificates for 1st, 2nd, 3rd) presented at Magis awards Breakfast. Certificates of Excellence presented at House assemblies

Chess Awards Trophy for 1st place, silver and bronze medallions for 2nd/3rd

Presented at Magis Awards Breakfast

HOMEROOM ACADEMIC CHALLENGE INFORMATION



ACADEMIC SPELLING

30 questions - different sets of questions for years 7-8 / 9-10 / 11-12
Questions are taken from all learning areas.

MENTAL MATHS, STEM and MINISTRY

30 questions - different sets of questions for years 7-8 / 9-10 / 11-12
Mental Maths – only 2 sections 10-11-12 and 7-8-9

ARTS/HUMANITIES and LANGUAGE-LITERATURE

20 questions Arts/Humanities then 20 questions Lang-Lit. on same morning
Counts as two separate sections as in previous years

RULES

- All students are eligible for the House Academic Challenges
- Homeroom teams should consist of 6-12 students
- Remember to bring a pen
- You must not sit next to anyone – one seat space apart
- Mobile phones seen will be confiscated
- Questions will be repeated once only
- Silence once the challenge starts
- Write your name in full on the Answer sheet
- Write your year and house on the answer sheet
- Students arriving late may start at the first question called after they arrive
- No writing after TIME is called – 10 seconds after the final question

Note:

Students should note that the champion student for each year in the Academic Challenge series is decided by the aggregate of your best 4 results.
The Magis Champion Scholar Award however counts your best 3.

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The MAGIS ELECTIVE - Years 7 and 8

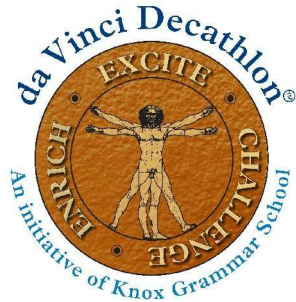
The Magis elective option in years 7 and 8 runs for one semester, with 5 periods per fortnight in year 7 and 3 periods in year 8.

The Elective Syllabus

- 1. Goal-setting and Strategic Plan for Academic Success**
- 2. Resilience** for Gifted students
3. Introduction to major gifted student competitions (These will differ from year 7 to 8 but will include challenges taken from 4 of the following:
WADL Debating **Da Vinci Decathlon**
Creative Edge **Tournament of Minds**
Ethics Olympiad **World Scholar's Cup**
- 4. Creative Writing**
Students create a short story of 200-1200 words on any topic: In semester one all entries go into the John XXIII Short Story Writing Competition.
- 4. Introduction to Philosophy**
Year 7: Great Greek Philosophers
Crash Course philosophy - 4 video lessons
Year 8: Eastern Philosophers (Confucius, Buddha)
Crash Course vids; (3 lessons)
- 5. Personal Project**
Students may choose any appropriate topic and produce a personal project which will be introduced and displayed at the Personal project Opening. Students have a least one period per week allocated to PP for about 16 weeks of the semester.

Students are assessed on each of the above sections of the course apart from resilience. The personal Project is worth the most marks at 30% with the Philosophy assessment test worth 20% and the other five sections 10% each.

A comprehensive range of handbooks and videos will be provided to assist students with the Magis elective.





JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PUBLIC SPEAKING

This is a Magis-run event open to all students and counts for both House and Champion Scholar points

All homerooms may enter up to four students for the John XXIII Public Speaking Competition which counts for House points. There is a separate competition for each year group.

Speakers may speak on any appropriate topic:

Speaking times: Years 7-8-9: 3 minutes Years 10-11-12: 4 minutes

Public Speaking heats begin in week 9 of term one, and are held at lunchtimes in different classrooms, normally with a panel of three adjudicators for each year, including senior Magis students and at least one teacher for years 7, 8 and 9 divisions. One of the judges chairs each heat.

The Judges score the event as per debating, but with emphasis on manner than most debating judges, and students are expected to use palm cards and must make good eye contact with the audience.

This is NOT a Public Reading competition.

40 points for matter (content) 40 points for manner 20 points for method

The top 3 speakers then compete in the **Grand final on Tuesday May 10 at 6.30pm in the GBLT**. Three top ex-student debaters or public speakers normally adjudicate, and awards are presented by members of the senior leadership team at the end of the evening

All speakers earn house points and receive Certificates of Excellence, whilst the grandfinalists all receive trophies or silver or bronze medallions.

The Grand final is filmed and a highlights video will be available for all students as in 2021.



Above Mr Henderson, Ms Negus and judges with 2021 Finalists

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JOHN XXIII COLLEGE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Begins Term 3 week 6 Tuesday August 20

The competition is open to all students from year 7-12 and is held in year divisions. Competitors who win their first round proceed to round 2 and so on. In each round players have two days to play their match, and special rules include maximum time of 30 seconds per move. Chess boards are available from the Magis office and the library and must be returned after each match.

Awards: Trophies for winners, medallion for runner-up. Certificates of Merit for top four at each year level.

House Points: 10-8-6-4, then 3 or 2 points for winners of 1 or 2 rounds, 1 point those who lose in round 1.

John XXIII Creative Writing Competition

Entries Due Monday June 20 - Term 2, Week 9

The John XXIII Creative Writing Competition involves the writing of short stories

- 🕒 Students may write on any topic
- 🕒 Suggested length 200-1500 words
- 🕒 Entries must be submitted as Word Documents
- 🕒 Maximum of 2 entries per student

Book prizes will be awarded for the winner and runner-up in each year level. Certificates of Excellence will be awarded to the best short stories at each year level.

Best entries from year 7-12 will be published in a colourful book.

House Points: 10-8-6-4-2 at each year level, then 1 point for all other entries up to maximum of six per homeroom.



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MAGIS ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Apart from this Handbook there are four main sets of Magis Resources

- 1. The Magis Resources Handbook**
(Available as a digitally in the Magis resources folder and as a hard copy booklet on request)
- 2. The Magis resources folder** which contains these sub-sections:
 - Essay-Writing
 - Goal Setting
 - Journal Writing
 - Memory
 - Resilience
 - Year 12 Survival Kit
 - Exam techniques
 - Great Minds
 - Learning Styles
 - Mind Mapping
 - Study Skills
- 3. Handbooks** (digital and/or hard copy) for most gifted and talented competitions and programs such as Personal Projects, Philosophy and camps
- 4. The Magis Chronicle:** Glossy hard cover book which provides reports and comprehensive photographic records of all Magis events each year.

Note: All Magis handbooks can be found in PDF Form in the Magis folder in the group email files.





MAGIS STUDENTS 2022

Preliminary List only. See updated list on Magis Noticeboard. The list includes Altiora students years 10-12



Year 12	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Laura Bantock	Emily Barbour	Amber Armstrong	Callum De Andrade	Jasper Bailey	Tahj Arundell
Zoe Bennecke	Leila Barker	Gemma Bailey	Jackson Boznich	Max Bailey	James Braddock
Amelia Boog	Quin Binet	Sky Pineda Beasley	Rafael Beer	Thomas Beach	Kieran Brewer
Sophie Chew	Ava Bostelman	Jasmine Boog	Hunter Bovell	Ruby Bogoiias	Liam Burns
Lily Convery	Robert Brigg	Piper Brooks	Isabella Capalingua	Noah Boruff	Arabella Buzzard
Chaney Dunuwich	Spencer Burchett	Megan Cleary	Luke Carrello	Bradley Connor	Myles Cabassi
Will Everett	Tiffany Cesare	Sophie Dartness	Kai Cranfield	William Cairns	Harvey Cairns
Genevieve Fergusson-Allen	Amerie Chai	Jacob Davila	Sylvia Czaiko	Christopher Cesare	Liam Carr
James Green	Declan Cleary	Meg Derbyshire	Sophie Gianni	Cho Joy	Adam Clarke
Jacob Griffiths	Anne Cullity	Luka Dillon	Luke Green	Maya Corbett	Sophie Cleary
Joshua Howard	Sofia De Francesco	Zai Fergusson-Allen	Isabelle Counsel	Jeremy Downes	Christopher Cooney
Adelio Kilcullen	Daniel Doran	Kiera Fong	Chloe Fanaowrios	Poppy Finucane	Ollie Dailly
James Kirwan	Rachel Flavell	Felix Frichtot	Oliver De Francesco	Catherine Gazia	Luciana Daza Fritz
Keeva Kirwan	Jack Harrison	Angus Furness	David Gardner	Nicholas Hie	Daniela D'Cruz
Zoe Koon	Marie-Claire Hicking	Evangeline Garreffa	Matthew Gardner	Jeffery Dominic	Lydia DeFrancesca
Dominic Korn	Charles Hodge	Frederick Gleghorn	Olivia Gardner	Isabelle Hayes	Matteo De Pardo
Indi Korzynski	Victoria Hurley	Giles-Shanley Hunter	Luke Green	Ruby Johnstone	Monet Dillon
Ashleigh Laurance	Victoria Hyde	Xavier Jeffrey	Erin Griffin	Carla Kavanagh	Cardy Douglas
Harrison Lucas	Ruby Kaye	Hannah Johnson	Poppy Hartfield	Elise Kwei	Hannah Engelbrecht
Holly Martin	Anthony Karafilakis	Joseph Kilcullen	Samuel Hughes	Isabella Mansom-	Charlotte Foot
Kirsten McCormick	Ava Kwei	Emily Laurance	Jazmin Kirk	Auraujo	George Foster
Charlotte Moody	Samuel Laing	Eloise Loveridge	Thomas Kirwan	Lauren McLernon	Stella Fullerton
Anthony Nedelekos	Marshall Lalor	Sarah MacFarlane	Thalia Kurniawan	Matthew Mignacca	Angie Gardner
Renae Nikoloski	Delia Lamattina	Gracie McCrae	Sophia Lamattina	James Miller	Harper Gillespie
Natalie Ong	Charley Laver	Maya Mintz	Sylvie Lipscombe	Noa Mintz	Peter Gilling
Benjamin Ottobrinio	Conor McCormick	Genevieve Moody	Tadhg McGoldrick	Joseph Nankivell	Rani Gleghorn
Noemi Pinheiro Boehl	Ben Mignacca	Jasmine Naismith	Zoe McIlree	Grace Nicol	Callan Griffiths
Lucy Purcell	James Mitchell	Eva Papantoniou	Ella Matthews	Christian Oldmeadow	Jayden Gope
Kieran Rakich	Murali Nguyen	Evey-Jane Plant	Madeleine Nankivell	Sasha Pallis	Angie Gardner
Ava Rawson	Alex Petsos	Bella Samson	Aditi Nguyen	Samuel Pannetta	Ali Garreffa
Zachary Skerrat	Gracie Plant	Kate Shirley	Clara North	Charlie Pronk	Harper Gillespie
Xavier Smith	Hannah Rafiq	Nicholas Silvagni	Jennifer oing	Samson Pusey	Sam Gooch
Lucinda Tassone	Seb Raj	Thomas Syminton	Luisa Parish	Joseph Scott	Callan Griffiths
Alice Williams	Yvie Rigg	Massimo Torre	Bianca Petsos	Jude Seah	Charlie Haines
	Laura Rutherford	Angelique Watson	Elisabeth Samson	Oliver Syminton	Peter Harsanyi
	Angus Sapsworth	Max Watt	Maxwell Smith	Angelina Smythe	Sade Hewes
	Eliza Smith	David Webster	Sam Stokes	Mhembere Tozivaishie	Joshua Hill
	Saskia Thomas	Angela Williams	Poppy Thorpe	Louisa Utting	Christie Ho
	Thomas Upton	Michael Woo	Joshua Tyson	Lily Van Pelt	Max Hutchison
	Jorja Van Pelt	Yuka Yamada	Austin Vujcic	Archer Versteegen	Pearce King
	Aurette Vidyagiri		Andie Watson	Thomas Walsh	Ewa Krolik
	Anna Walsh	38	Amelia Watts	Luke Wandel	Elena Kyndom
	Jenna Whiston		Elizabeth Webster	Benedict Watt	Jade Laws
	Jennifer Woo		Marco Zammuto	Jackson Watts	Sara-Jayne Lau
				Felicia Zhao	Jonah Liew
			Year 7 (S-Y)	44	Lelani McDonell
			George Smith		Josh MacFarlane
			Ethan Soh		Cillian McGoldrick
			Joshua Standen		Kyle Mashangu
			Scott Stynes		Alyssa Mignacca
			Oliver Summers		Erin Moore
			Freya Svendsen		Jack Nageon De
			Max Tonich		Lestang
			Campbell Tonkin		Alyssa Nelson
			Joseph Troon		Xavier Parker
			Shan Tyler		Indi Porteous
			Sam Watt		John Pringle
			Sasha Watt		Max Purvey
			Marcus Wims		Samson Pusey
			Rory Woods		Edward Randklev
			Takahiro Yamada		Jacob Scott
			Isabelle Yu		

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