



# Magis Chronicle 2021

## Magis Gifted & Talented Program









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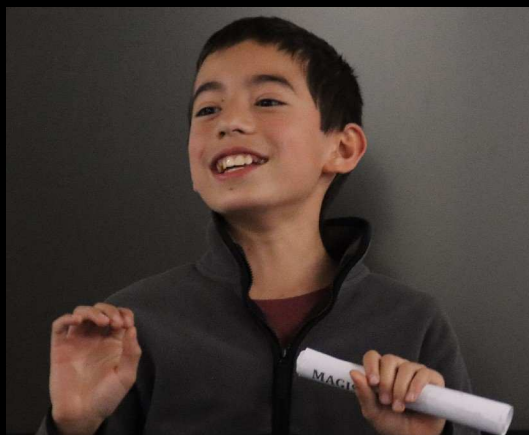
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## INTRODUCTION

John XXIII College's Magis Gifted and Talented Program has continued to grow significantly in 2021, despite Covid denying us the opportunity for World Scholar's Cup, Jesuit National Debating or the Cultural Decoding and Julie Arliss Programs this year. Outstanding new ventures this year included the Intergenerational program with MercyCare, Famelab, and the Royal Commonwealth Society's Speech and Leadership Competition. In addition to the new programs, the college developed both its participation and success rates in top gifted and talented competitions including WADL Debating, British Parliamentary Debating, Da Vinci Decathlon, Ethics Olympiad, Speak for Faith, Creative Edge Challenge, Tournament of Minds, Mock Trials and International Debating.

In just its second year, the Magis-run House Academic Challenge competition continues to develop and flourish, with no fewer than 584 secondary students competing in between one and five challenges in the series, and outstanding participation at all six year levels. Congratulations to Koolyangarra which again won the premiership ahead of Loreto and a vastly improved St Louis, but all houses had some splendid performances over the series. Special thanks to House Coordinators, homeroom teachers, Magis and homeroom captains, and all student participants.

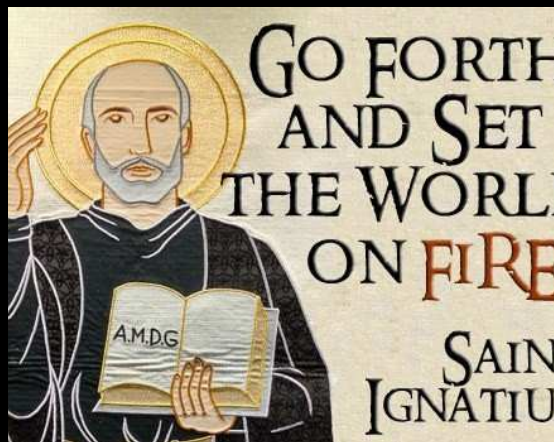
Other Magis-run competitions, the John XXIII Public Speaking, Creative Writing and Chess were all very successful with many superb performances in the Public Speaking heats and finals. Interestingly, the Chess Championship was totally dominated by boys, and the Creative Writing by girls, so we are looking at ways to overcome this including offering Scrabble as an additional competition which the girls may be more likely to show interest in.

There was a record 45 students at this year's Magis Camp which on the review questionnaire received an average mark of 9/10, with only one negative response. All sections of the Camp program received high accolades, and it was pleasing to see the keynote addresses of two Magis leaders, Skye MacMillan and Bella Pether being rated very highly indeed.

As the program continues to develop, many more teachers are now involved - a total of 36 as listed on the final pages of this Chronicle. They and the wonderful parent supporters, particularly in WADL debating and Creative Edge, and at the very successful Magis Awards Breakfast, have made superb contributions to the development of the Magis program in 2021. Warmest thanks to all student participants - your enthusiasm and talent has been inspiring, and above all the year 12 Magis leaders - a truly outstanding group that has given exceptional support in my four years at the college and to whom I am extremely grateful.

Jim Miller

Magis Gifted & Talented Program Coordinator



## Magis Captain's Report 2021

### Skye MacMillan

I am so privileged to be here today speaking to you all. The Magis program has truly grown and flourished in the past six years that I have been at the school and I am so glad that this year I got to help it grow.

The Magis program has done so many impressive things this year throughout all the year groups.

It has been so exciting to see the participation and numerous activities that managed to happen despite covid, including running new initiatives like Fame-Lab and Speak for Faith as well as running usually scheduled events minus World Scholars Cup.

Some of the highlights from this year is the record participation in the homeroom challenges alongside remarkable performances in all the debating programs and creative challenges.

One of my personal highlights from this year was seeing the record numbers at Magis camp and being able to speak and hopefully inspire and guide those kids. As a student who missed out on Magis camp as it was initiated for the year groups younger than me, it was amazing to see the amount of fun and participation that was happening.

I have thoroughly enjoyed participating and supporting the Magis program this year and am proud of everyone here today to be rewarded for their efforts. The Magis program for 2021 has done many amazing things but it could never happen without each and every one of you, including the parents who gave up their time to get you to practices, events and competitions.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for making the 2021 Magis program all it could be.



## MAGIS COMMITTEE 2021



Skye MacMillan



Grace Barbour



Eve Cullity



Caitlin Green



Bella Pether



Ella Naismith



Ben Negus



Joe Pow



McKenzie Richardson

**Above: Year 12 Magis Leaders -  
Below: Years 8-11**



Genevieve Ferguson-Allen (11)



James Green (11)



Daniel Doran (10)



James Mitchell (10)



Yvie Rigg (10)



Asha Paton (9)



Gemma Bailey (9)



Meg Derbyshire (9)



Max Watt (9)



Kai Cranfield (8)



Luisa Parish (8)



Elsie Samson (8)

## MAGIS AWARDS BREAKFAST

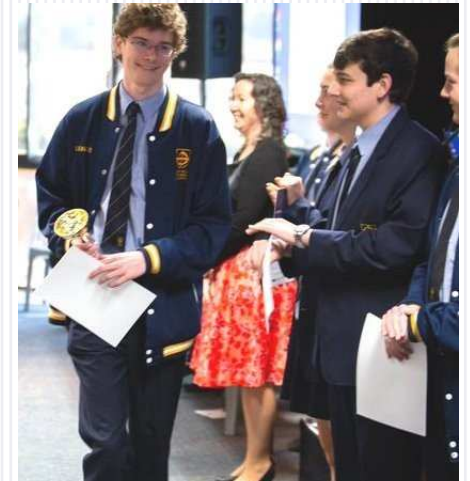




## MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLAR AWARDS



The Magis Champion Scholar Award is the highest award in the Magis Gifted and Talented Program at John XXIII College. It is decided on a points system that foregrounds academic performance from semester one as the highest component in the final score, and allocates points for excellent performances in interschool gifted student events, house Academic series scores, and key Magis-run John XXIII College events including Public Speaking and Creative Writing. Thus, in the spirit of Magis, the top students in these awards are recognised for their all-round academic excellence plus their outstanding contributions to the Magis program, their house and their college.



### MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLARS

#### Year 12

1. Oscar Hegge
2. Ben Negus
3. Caitlin Green
4. Skye MacMillan
5. Grace Barbour
6. Eve Cullity

#### Year 11

- James Green**  
Genevieve Ferguson-Allen  
**Jacob Raj**  
**Natalie Ong**  
**Sophie Chew**  
**Kirsten McCormick**

#### Year 10

- Daniel Doran**  
**James Mitchell**  
**Yvie Rigg**  
**Jennifer Woo**  
**Rob Brigg**  
**Nick Carrello**

#### Year 9

- Thomas Syminton**  
**Meg Derbyshire**  
**Asha Paton**  
**Meg Cleary**  
**Gemma Bailey**  
**Sky Pineda Beasley**

#### Year 8

- Jennifer Ong**  
**Matthew Gardner**  
**Amelia Watts**  
**Thalia Kurniwan**  
**Austin Vujcich**  
**Madeleine Nankivell**

#### Year 7

- Joy Cho**  
**Charlie Pronk**  
**Noa Mintz**  
**Phoebe Walsh**  
**Sasha Pallis**  
**Joseph Scott**



Photos: Top Row: Oscar Hegge, James Green, Caitlin Green, Ben Negus

Bottom Row: Meg Derbyshire, Jennifer Ong, Joy Cho, Charlie Pronk



# MAGIS AWARDS BREAKFAST





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## HOUSE ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP - MAGIS EVENTS



<b>Academic Challenges</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>Public Speaking</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Chess</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL Place</b>	<b>634 4</b>	<b>833 1</b>	<b>747 2</b>	<b>404 6</b>	<b>710 3</b>	<b>554 5</b>

## HOUSE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SERIES RESULTS

<b>ACADEMIC SPELLING</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>MENTAL MATHS</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>ARTS/HUMANITIES</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>LANGUAGE-LITERATURE</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>STEM</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>TOTAL Place</b>	<b>462 3</b>	<b>646 1</b>	<b>592 3</b>	<b>331 6</b>	<b>596 2</b>	<b>442 5</b>

## TOP POINTS-SCORERS HOUSE ACADEMIC SERIES



Year 12  
Ben Negus



Year 11  
Natalie Ong



Year 10  
Daniel Doran



Year 9  
Tom Syminton



Year 8  
Marco Zammuto



Year 7  
Elise Kwei



**HOMEROOM PERFORMANCES  
ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SERIES**



	<b>CAMPION</b>	<b>KOOLYANGARRA</b>	<b>LORETO</b>	<b>LOYOLA</b>	<b>ST LOUIS</b>	<b>WARD</b>
<b>Year 12</b> 83 students	8 Students 302 pts A.Parekh 89	17 Students 700 pts A.Beckwith 85	9 students 392 pts B.Negus 112	17 students 622 pts G.Barbour 103	18 students 510 pts J.Van De Vinne 70	14 students 595 pts O.Hegge 102
<b>Year 11</b> 95 students	17 students 618 pts S.Chew 108	21 students 811 pts N.Ong 124	12 students 404 pts L.Davila 58	16 students 249 pts E.Kerr 39	16 students 658 pts J.Raj 80	13 students 340 pts E.Alvarez 62
<b>Year 10</b> 83 students	8 students 312 pts J.Woo 70	12 students 591 pts R.Brigg 119	16 students 548 pts D.Doran 132	15 students 468 pts A.Karafilakis 87	13 students 483 pts H.Rafiq 95	19 students 418 pts D.Lamattina 58
<b>Year 9</b> 97 students	10 students 265 pts D.Schubert 45	12 students 558 pts M.Derbyshire 84	20 students 735 pts T.Syminton 115	12 students 195 pts D.Floyd 46	29 students 783 pts J.Kilcullen 85	20 students 538 pts X.Jeffrey 98
<b>Year 8</b> 113 students	24 students 877 pts C.Faulkner Hill 78	22 students 850 pts J.Ong 98	12 students 503 pts B.Petsos 112 pts	12 students 360 pts A.Nguyen 94 pts	24 students 768 pts M.Zammuto 115	20 students 449 pts A.Tyson 73 pts
<b>Year 7</b> 117 students	24 students 813 pts J.Scott 98	20 students 683 pts N.Hie 99	18 students 699 pts O.Syminton 109	13 students 263 pts A.Smythe 60	23 students 774 pts E.Kwei 112	19 students 601 pts J.Cho 87
<b>No of students</b> (584 total)	91	104	87	85	113	104
<b>AGGREGATE PTS</b>	3187	4193	3287	2157	3976	2941
<b>TOP HOMEROOM</b>	Yr.8 - 877 pts	Yr.8 - 850 pts	Yr.9 - 735 pts	Yr.12 - 622 pts	Yr.9 - 783 pts	Yr.7 - 601 pts
<b>TOP STUDENT</b>	S.Chew (11) - 108	N.Ong (11) - 124	D.Doran (10) - 132	G.Barbour (12) - 103	M.Zammuto (8) - 115	O.Hegge (12) - 102

**Note:** This chart show the aggregate points for all members of every homeroom. It is different from the system for the House Championship which awards 10 points for first place, 8 for second, 6 for third etc down to 1 point for those between one and ten correct in the particular competition at each year level and for each of the five challenges.



**OUTSTANDING HOMEROOM ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SERIES TEAMS**



**Top Year 7 Homeroom - Champion 7**



**Top homeroom year 8 and top points 7-12 - Champion 8**



**Koolyangarra Years 7-11 Koolyangarra was overall champion House**



**Top year 9 Homeroom - Loreto**





Top Year 12  
Homeroom  
KOOLYANGARRA



Top Year 11 and top  
Senior Homeroom  
KOOLYANGARRA 11



Top LOYOLA  
Homeroom  
Loyola Year 12







The Intergenerational program led by Gabriela Di Perna from Griffiths University in Queensland involved year 7 Magis students from John XXIII College and six residents from Mercycare in Wembley. Over a period of 12 weeks the students interviewed residents and created biographies of each which were featured in a hard-cover glossy book similar to this Magis Chronicle. Interviews were held in the GBLT using the TEAMS program, and in addition there were two wonderful morning teas held at Mercy Village, with highlights including story and joke telling, jokes, singing and great food. Apart from learning and applying techniques of interviewing and writing of biographies, the students related extremely well with the residents, and showed significant growth in maturity and understanding of life during the process. Congratulations and warmest thanks to all involved.

Program Coordinator  
Gabriela Di Perna





# INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM





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## John XXIII College

### PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIP



Caitlin Green (12)



James Green (11)



Yvie Rigg (10)



Massimo Torre (9)



Charlotte Nutt (8)



Sasha Pallis (7)



Charlie Pronk (7)

The John XXIII College Public speaking Championships culminated in a wonderful Grandfinal night which showcased the outstanding talents of the speakers. Congratulations to all students including those who represented their houses in the heats. Special thanks to our esteemed alumni judges, Rory Hewson, Charlie Richards, Alex Panther and Ben Linsten, all of whom are superb speakers and debaters, to Mr Henderson and Mrs Negus who presented the trophies on the evening, to Skye MacMillan who chaired the evening, and to judges in the heats including Ms Dawson, Ms Farley, Mrs Holmes and Magis Year 12 leaders Eve Cullity, Grace Barbour, Joe Pow, Caitlin Green, Skye MacMillan and Bella Pether.

### RESULTS

#### Year 12

1. Caitlin Green
2. Oscar Hegge
3. Eve Cullity

#### Year 11

1. James Green
2. Jacob Raj
3. Gen.Ferguson-A

#### Year 10

1. Yvie Rigg
2. Daniel Doran
3. Laura Rutherford

#### Year 9

1. Massimo Torre
2. Sky Pineda
3. Felix Frichot
4. Tom Syminton

#### Year 8

1. Charlotte Nutt
2. Aditi Nguyen
3. Madeleine Nankivel
4. Marco Zammuto

#### Year 7

- =1. Sasha Pallis
- =1. Charlie Pronk
3. Joy Cho

### House Places

1. **Campion**
2. **St Louis**
3. **Koolyangarra**
- =4. **Loreto Ward**
6. **Loyola**





# PUBLIC SPEAKING GRANDFINAL





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## JOHN XXIII CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

There were many outstanding entries in the John XXIII Creative Writing Competition (short stories) this year, with Koolyangarra winning the House event from Campion, Loyola, and St Louis and a wonderful and varied panel of judges adjudicating.

### RESULTS

#### Year 12

1. Caitlin Green (C) =2. Grace Barbour , Grace Budimlich (Loy) 4. Ella Naismith (SL))

Year 11: 1. Sam Eastman (K)

Year 9: 1. Asha Paton (K) =2. Sky Pineda Beasley, Meg Cleary (K)

Merit: Meg Derbyshire (K) , Thomas Syminton (Lor)

Year 8: 1. Thalia Kurniawan (C) =2. Luisa Parish & Aditi Nguyen Loy

Merit: Sophie Thomas Barna (Loy) Sancia Annan (SL) Gemma O'Brien (W)

Year 7: 1. Noah Mintz (K) =2. Grace Nicol (C) Phoebe Walsh (SL)

Merit: Charlie Pronk (K) Joy Cho (W) Elise Kwei (SL)

### HOUSE POINTS

**Koolyangarra 52 Campion 36 Loyola 24 St Louis 18 Ward 8 Loyola 4**

**Judges: Shannon Allen, Lorraine Holmes, Clare Galati, Kirralee Dawson, Sr Tess Eliot, Joel Wynn, Mary-Anne Lumley, Caitlin Green, Grace Barbour, Bella Pether**



Caitlin Green



Sam Eastman



Asha Paton



Thalia Kurniawan



Noah Mintz





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**Manesh Nguyen**



**Charlie Griffiths**



**Daniel Doran**



**Tom Syminton**



**Hunter Bovell**



**Ewan Fisher**

## John XXIII CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The John XXIII Chess championship saw many exciting cerebral duels at the different age groups, with Year 12 and year 7 being particularly strong. Loreto House won ahead of St Louis, Koolyangarra and Loyola. Only three girls competed this year, and the Magis program in 2022 will experiment with Scrabble as an additional game with an academic focus, whilst encouraging more girls to investigate and enjoy the subtle strategies of the chess board.

### RESULTS

#### Year 12

1. Manesh Nguyen
2. Cohern Rafiq
3. Ben Negus

#### Year 11

1. Charlie Griffiths
2. Jordan Smith

#### Year 10

1. Daniel Doran

#### Year 9

1. Tom Syminton
2. Massimo Torre

#### Year 8

1. Hunter Bovell
2. Matthew Gardner

#### Year 7

1. Ewan Fisher
2. Jovi Gibson
3. Ollie Syminton

### MERIT CERTIFICATES:

Holly Cannon, Jason Ko, Sasha Pallis, Poppy Finucane, William Cairns, Eli Zuvela, Jasper Bailey, Jonathan Rintoul, Nicholas Hie, Sam Panetta

### HOUSE POINTS

1. Loreto 41 2. St Louis 34 3. Koolyangarra 23 4. Loyola 19 =5. Champion/Loyola 18





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## WADL INTERSCHOOL DEBATING

John XXIII College had a fine season in the WA Debating League's Schools Competition. Our venue was Christchurch and our ten teams competed against top colleges including Christchurch, MLC, PLC, Iona and Santa Maria in our divisions.

Our senior teams from years 11 and 12 had a mixed season with several forfeits either for or against impacting on the season. However they had an exciting final debate in the make-up round, with the year 11's just winning in a high quality debate. Unfortunately we had no year 10 team this year, but two excellent year 9 teams both of which had a couple of narrow losses and could easily have made the finals.

Year 7 and 8 teams were extremely impressive, with all six teams performing very well and three being outstanding. In year 8 Novice Division, Team One (Austin Vujcich, Oliver Grant Smith, Josh Tyson and Cooper Vincent) defeated our Team Two (Thalia Kurniawan, Amelia Watts, Matthew Gardner and Callum De Andrade) narrowly in the first round, then both went through the remaining four rounds undefeated, with Team One being undefeated zone champions and team two runners-up. Team one lost their first round of state finals narrowly.

The other exceptional team was the Year 7 Novice Team 5 which had an outstanding season, zone champions then going on to win three rounds of state finals, losing the WA Semi-Final to MLC on a split decision. The team consisting of Sasha Pallis, Charlie Pronk, Noa Mintz, Catherine Gazia and Tom Beach was coached by Ms Kirralee Dawson. (See photo with Dads on the facing page).

Warmest thanks to the coaches/managers Ms Dawson, Mrs Lumley, Ms Glass, Ms Tatiana Kurniawan, and outstanding alumni Rory Hewson, Charlie Richards, Ben Linsten and Alex Panther who assisted at competition debates or preparation sessions.

## CHAMPION DEBATERS 2021

**Year 12: Anastasia Arto    Year 11: Tim Gardner    Year 9: Maya Mintz**  
**Year 8: Thalia Kurniawan /Amelia Watts (=)    Year 7: Charlie Pronk**



## CHAMPION DEBATERS



Anastasia Arto



Tim Gardner



Maya Mintz



Thalia Kurniawan



Amelia Watts



Charlie Pronk





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**DEBATING TEAM of the YEAR: Year 7 WA Semi-Finalists with Ms Kirralee Dawson and some of their loyal supporters**

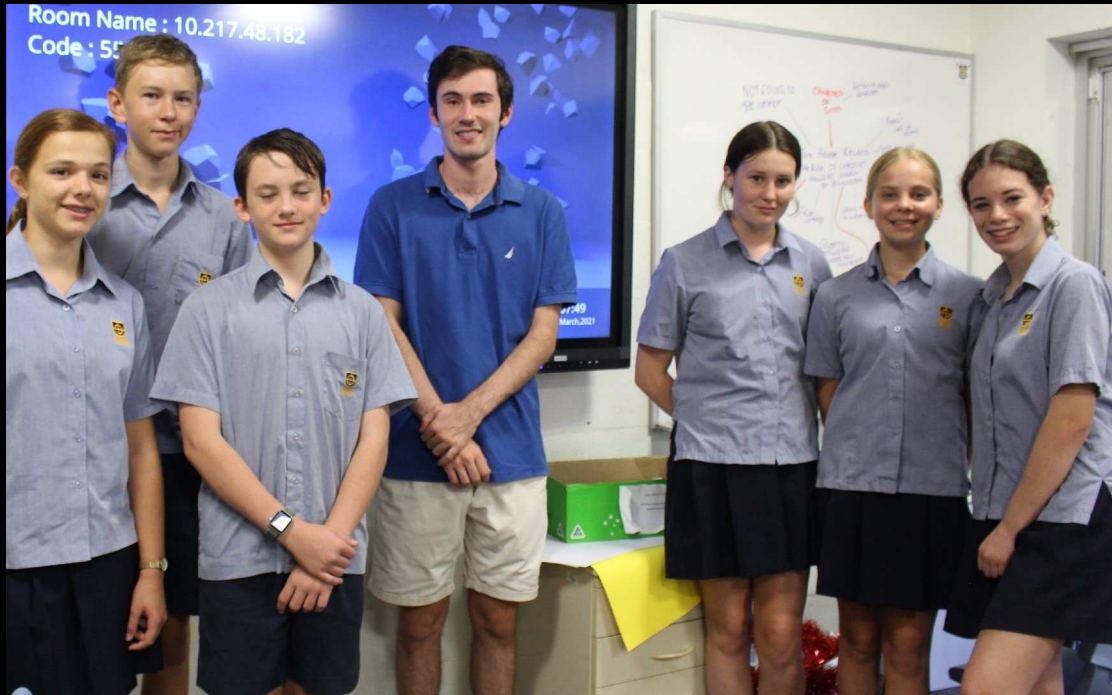


**Year 12 Debating team Mary, Anastasia, Holly and Eve, and Year 11 team Sam, Tim and James with coach Ben Linsten**





**DEBATING 2021**



**Coach Charlie Richards with Year 8 and 9 teams**



**Coach Tatiana Kurniawan with her year 8 WADL team**



**Magis Debating Seminar run by WADL**



## BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING

John XXIII College fielded three teams in the WADL's British Parliamentary Debating season, two teams from year 9 and one from year 7. British Parliamentary debating involves four teams from different schools in each debate, and teams compete in three debates over a full day. Our teams competed on Saturday at Shenton College and Sunday at Bob Hawke College.

All three teams competed impressively, with the two year 9 teams excelling with a first and a second place (out of 4 teams) in the two debates in which the winners are announced. The teams representing the college were:

**Year 9 : Meg Derbyshire and Asha Paton**

**Year 9: Jacob Davila and Thomas Syminton**

**Year 7: Joy Cho and Imogen Thompson**



**Thomas Syminton and Jacob Davila**



**Left: Asha and Meg**

**Above: Imogen & Joy**

**Below: Year 8 WADL teams in action at Christchurch in round one**







## PERSONAL PROJECTS

As usual there were some superb projects submitted at the Personal Project Exhibitions in semester one and two. The range of projects was excellent as can be seen from the photos on these pages. Special thanks to the parents and staff who attended the opening and supported their sons and daughters through what can be a challenging process, and to the staff who judged the awards listed below. It was one of those occasions where at least another ten projects must have been under consideration for awards.



## PERSONAL PROJECT AWARDS

### Semester One

=1. Elise Kwei and Charlie Pronk =3. Max Bailey and Sasha Pallis

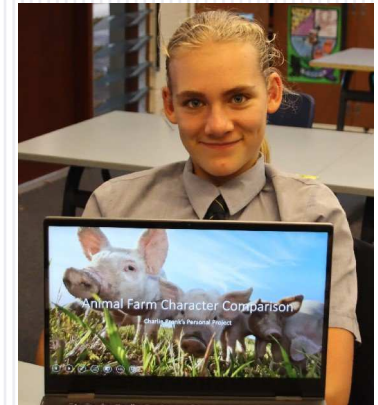
### Semester Two

Year 8: 1. Amelia Watts 2. Kai Cranfield 3. Sam Stokes  
Year 7: 1. Joy Cho 2. Poppy Finucane 3. Ruby Johnston

### Best Process Journal 2021 - Joy Cho



Elise Kwei



Charlie Pronk



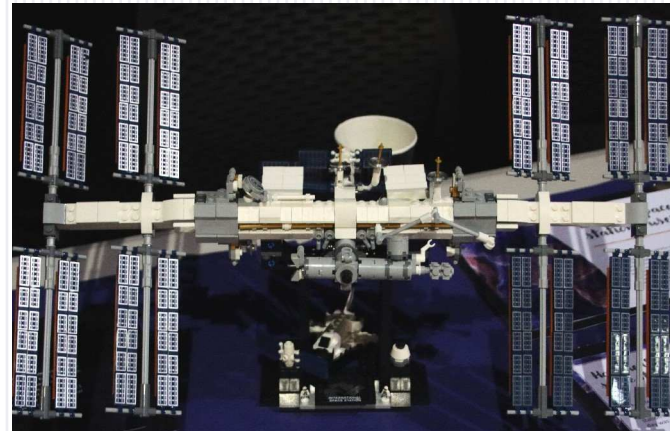
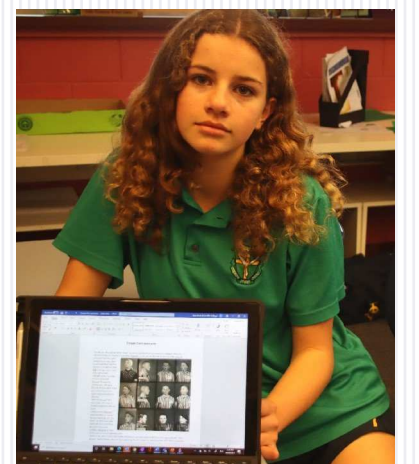
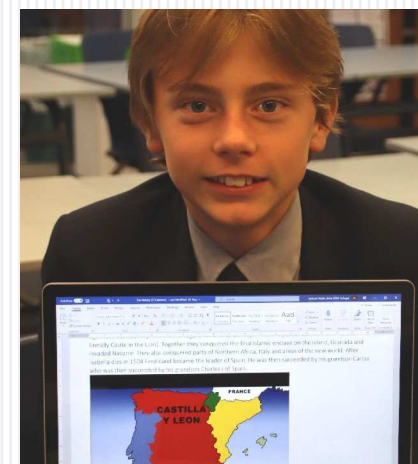
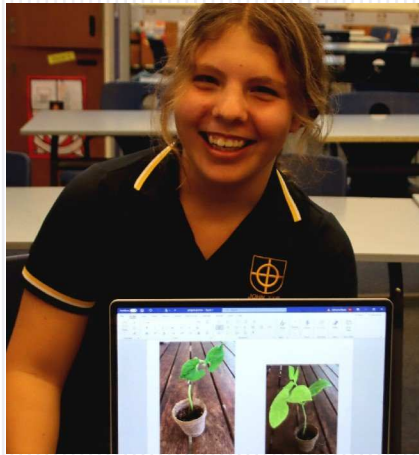
Amelia Watts



Joy Cho



# PERSONAL PROJECTS





## Magis Chronicle 2021

### MAGIS CAMP

This year's Magis Camp was a great success, with a record 45 students attending and beautiful weather at the outstanding Point Walter campsite.

Highlights of the Program included superb Workshops by WA Creative Edge Director Kathy Boyatzis and Alpha Motivation Director David Castellani, and outstanding keynote addresses by Magis Year 12 leaders Skye MacMillan and Bella Pether.

The talent Show was as popular as ever, run this year by year 9 students Gemma Bailey and Max Watt, whilst the Point Walter Beach walk provided a relaxing break in the proceedings.

The camp review saw all aspects of the camp receive a very high approval rating with the camp itself receiving an overall rating of 9/10 from the 40 campers who filled in the survey form. Special warmest thanks to Mrs Alison O'Connor and Mrs Lorraine Holmes who gave wonderful assistance at the camp, and Skye and Bella for their exceptional talks which the students enjoyed immensely.





MAGIS CAMP 2021





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**BELL SHAKESPEARE**



One of the highlights of the Magis program each year, Bell Shakespeare, returned to the college in 2021 with an entertaining, educational and inspiring performance in the Roncalli Hall.





MAGIS - HIC ET UBIQUE





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### MOCK TRIALS

John XXIII College again competed in the prestigious Mock trials Competition held at the Supreme Court of Western Australia, and as always competed at a very high standard although missing the finals in 2021.

Congratulations to coaches Ms Daisy Farley and Ms Morgan Ball, and to the year 11 and 12 students who competed with great talent and enthusiasm.

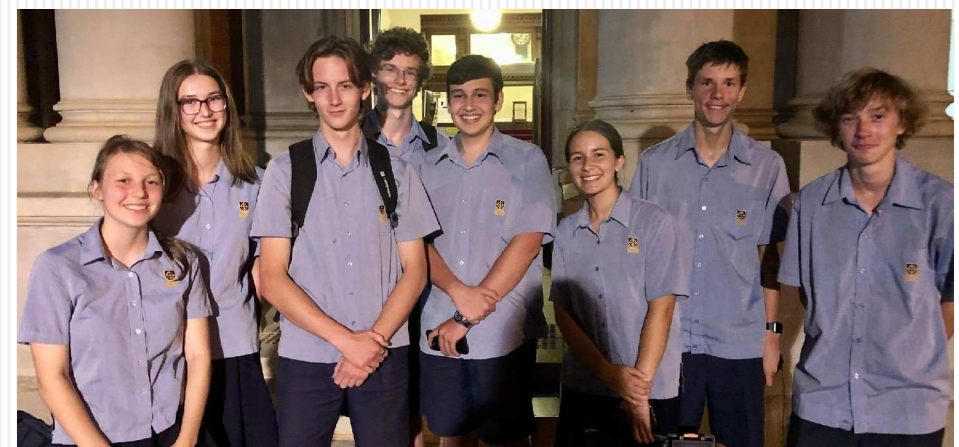
The following awards were presented at the Magis awards Breakfast:

**Mock Trials Award of Excellence 1921: Ben Negus**

**Mock Trials Spirit Award: Kady Wall**

### Certificates of Excellence

Oscar Hegge, Skye MacMillan, Ben Negus, Rebecca Harsanyi, Lily Convery, Lydia Davila, Zoe Furness, Tim Gardner, James Green, Kady Wall, Lucinda Schubert, Tom Williams







### SPEAK FOR FAITH

John XXIII College was represented in the Catholic Education Office's Speak For Faith Competition by two outstanding year 12 students, Oscar Hegge and Caitlin Green. Both Oscar and Caitlin (pictured at left) reached the Grandfinal after heats held over successive weekends. John XXIII was the only college to achieve this honour.

Oscar received the award as W.A. runner-up, and both represented the college superbly. This reversed the result of the John XXIII Public speaking competition, which Caitlin had won narrowly from Oscar.

Special thanks go to the Darling Range Catenians committee who have organised this important event.

### SENIOR DEBATERS



Senior debaters prior to the start of the WADL final make-up round at Shenton College





### 2021 National Schools Constitutional Convention

Three very talented Year 12 Politics and Law students, Caitlin Green, Oscar Hegge and Benjamin Negus, were among a select group of students from around Australia attending the 26th National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC). Previous years, the National Convention has been held at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House in Canberra – but due to COVID restrictions, national delegates zoom called from their various state capitals. The Convention is supported by all state and territory Ministers and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

As national delegates, representing Western Australia, Caitlin, Oscar and Ben were selected from over 800 students from government, independent and Catholic schools, most of whom took part in conventions in their home state or territory.

The topic of the 2021 Convention was ‘*Should the Constitution have a new preamble that would recognise our history, our aspirations and the many peoples and groups that make up our nation?*’ This topic provided students with the opportunity to explore the present Constitution and contemporary issues. Other elements of the program included a zoom call with the Governor General, David Hurley, and presentations from leading constitutional experts.



Oscar, Caitlin and Ben



### National Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Competition

Three Year 7 students worked hard at preparing for the National Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Competition – a science communication prize organized by the Australian Museum. This year, students had to prepare a two minute video on the theme of “BIG” and our John XXIII students delivered in a big way. The topic that the students chose included:

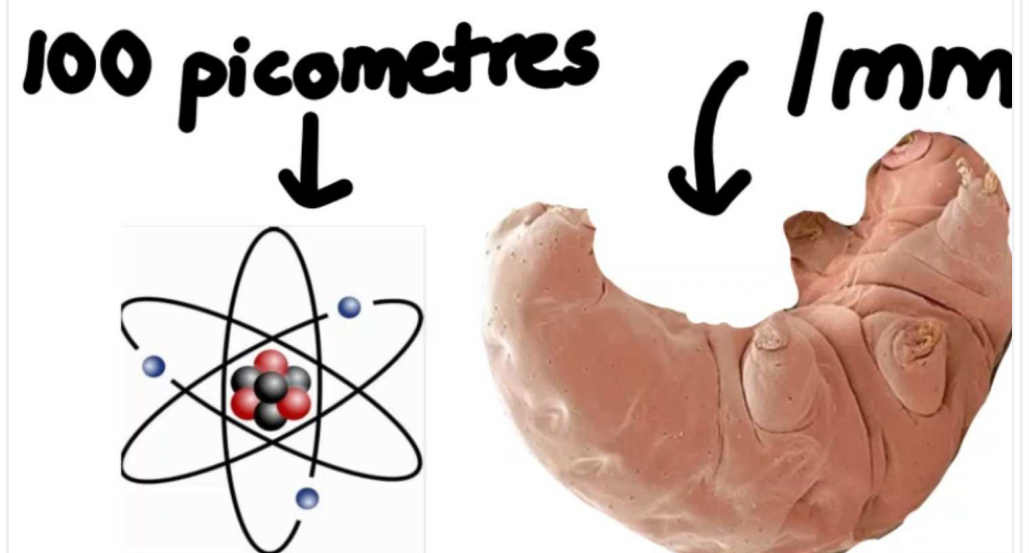
“Manipulating Atoms” by Phoebe Walsh (Year 7 St. Louis) – the Big science on nanoparticles.

“Big - It’s a Matter of Perspective” by Charlotte Long (Year 7 St. Louis) – the view according to a Tardigrade

“Physics of the Big Gold Swing” by Jovi Gibson (Year 7 St. Louis) – all about how to get the biggest swing in golf.

The students received commendation certificates from the National Science Museum Well done Phoebe, Charlotte and Jovi!

- Dr Ylenia Casadio







**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Unfortunately the 2021 Royal Commonwealth Public Speaking Competition was cancelled at the last moment, so as three candidates had worked hard to prepare for the event, we held an John XXIII version, much like the heats of Famelab. Yvie Rigg from year 10 was the winner, ahead of Meg Derbyshire and Asha Patonn who also performed well. Congratulations to all three girls, and special thanks to Ms Lana Turner and 2022 Magis Captain Genevieve Ferguson-Allen for their assistance with judging the event.



Meg

Asha



Yvie







## DA VINCI DECATHLON

Congratulations to all students from years 7 to 10 who participated in the 2021 Da Vinci Decathlon at the University of Western Australia's Winthrop Hall in March. John XXIII teams performed very creditably against 25 of the top colleges in WA to gain Certificates (placing in the top 3 schools) in 4 events:

**Year 9 Creative producers – 1st place**

**Year 8 Engineering – 3rd Place**

**Year 8 English - 3rd place**

**Year 7 English - 3rd**

## COACHES

Warmest thanks to the teachers who assisted the teams:

**Ms Morgan Ball and Mrs Margaret Yoon (Cartography),**

**Ms Joan Davies (Coding), Mrs Jo Friel (Maths)**

**Mr Gerry Cotter and Dr Ylenia Casadio (Science)**

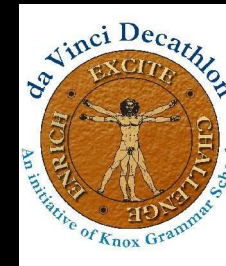
**Mr Nathan Munns (Engineering) and Ms Eva-Marie Catina (Gk)**







Year 7



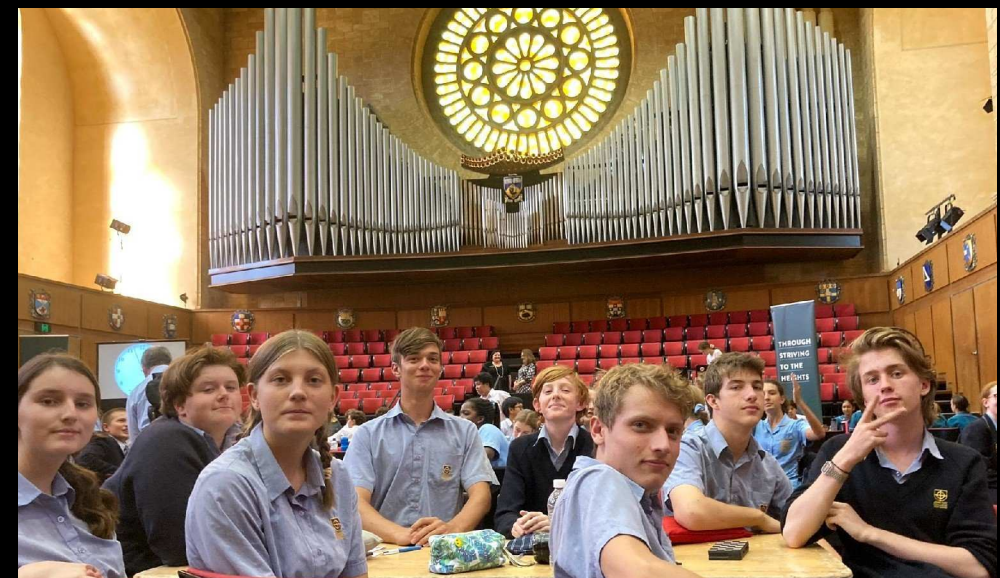
Year 8



Mr Nathan Munns conducting an Engineering Prep. Session



Year 9



Year 10



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### DRONE CLUB

A dedicated group of students under the expert guidance of Mr Damien Connellan has participated in Drone Club sessions throughout 2021. The boys involved have developed many skills and are dedicated to this amazing technology.





**TOURNAMENT  
OF MINDS**



John XXIII fielded a Science-Engineering team in this year's Tournament of Minds Competition at Edith Cowan University. Although not making the finals, the team represented the college extremely well, showing talent, creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork. Special thanks to Mr Stuart Massie who facilitated the team through its many training sessions including weekends. Mr Massie's support of the Tournament of Minds Program over many years has been outstanding.

**MAGIS CAMP**



**Magis Camp Year 8 Talent Show performers**





### CREATIVE EDGE CHALLENGE 2021

John XXIII had a terrific year in the Creative Edge Challenge event held at Curtin University. This major WA event includes schools from all around the state, and we fielded teams from years 7, 8 and 9 in 2021.

In the Regional Round our teams performed superbly, with the outstanding year 8 team winning through to the WA finals, in Society and Environment, whilst the Year 7 Literature and Communications team won honours and narrowly missed the Grandfinal. The Year 9 team competing in the Literature and Communication section probably deserved a Spirit Award, as they had been plagued by injury and illness leading up to the Regionals, yet produced an impressive performance in the face of adversity.

Year 8's performed brilliantly in the WA Grandfinal to be runners-up to an exceptional year 9 team from Iona. Congratulations to all teams and special thanks to our wonderful parent supporters and to Mr Damien Connellan for his assistance to the year 9 team at the Regionals.

#### TEAMS

**Year 7:** Charlie Pronk, Sasha Pallis, Noa Mintz, Catherine Gazia, Phoebe Thomas, Joy Cho

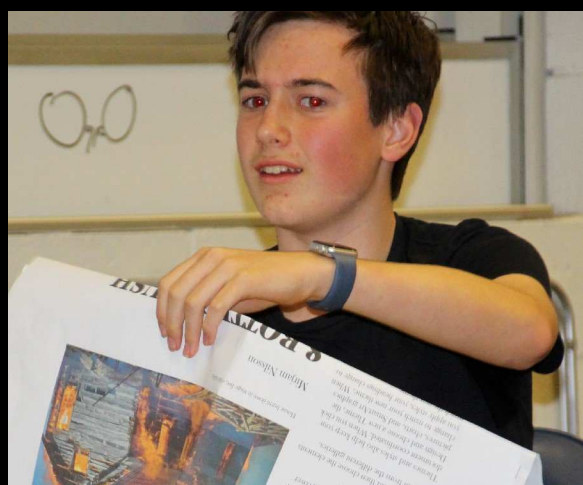
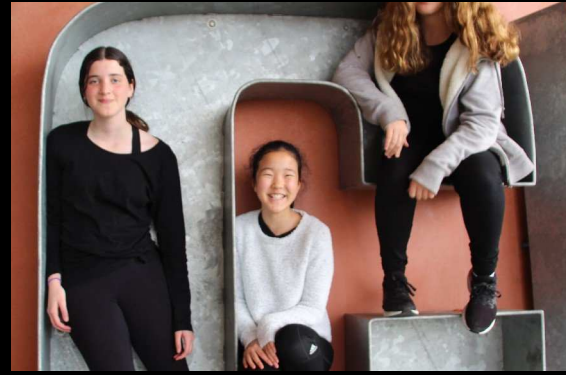
**Year 8:** Luisa Parish, Elsie Samson, Amelia Watts, Zoe McIlree, Jennifer Ong, Poppy Hartfield

**Year 9:** Thomas Syminton, Amber Armstrong, Sky Pineda Beasley, Meg Cleary, Gemma Bailey





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CREATIVE EDGE CHALLENGE





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Xavier Jeffery



Meg Derbyshire



### FAMELAB

John XXIII competed in the WA section of Famelab, an international competition focussed on STEM in which each contestant is required to present a six-minute talk on a topic related to Science, Engineering, Technology or Mathematics. The competition is for year 9 students.

Five contestants from our college competed in the college event, from which the winner moved to the WA final. Warmest thanks to the Science Department and Ms Daisy Farley for their great work adjudicating our school grandfinal.

The winner of the college section was Xavier Jeffreys, who then went on and represented the college with distinction in the WA final held at the Heath Ledger Theatre in Perth. Xavier finished in third place which meant a \$500 prize for himself and \$1000 for the Science department at school.

Congratulations to all contestants on the high quality of each talk and the Science department for their support of this important new Magis event.



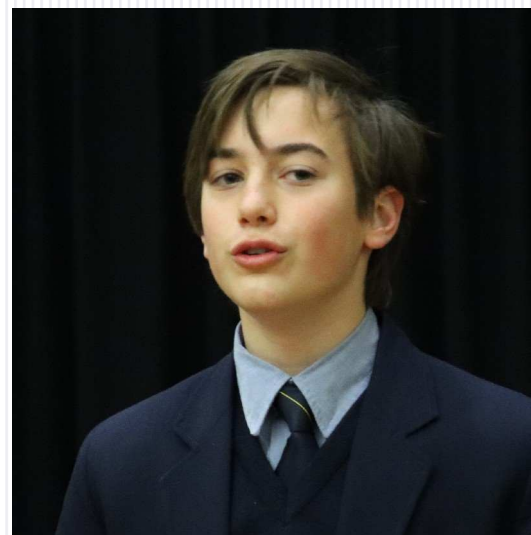
Part of the judging panel



Campbell Riley



Tom Syminton with Mr Moran



Tom Syminton



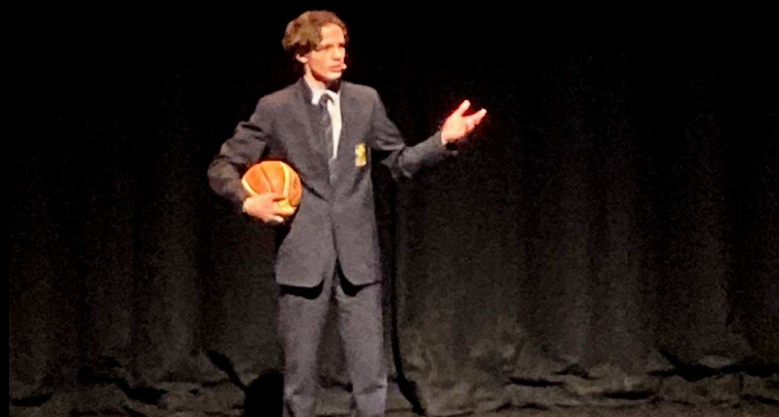
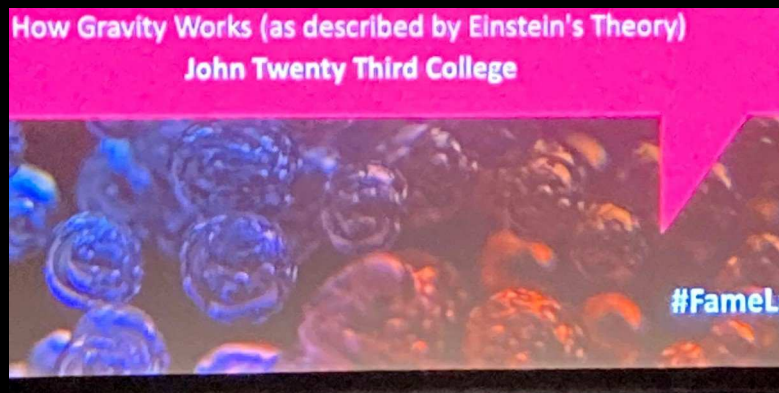
Asha Paton



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FAMELAB WA GRANDFINAL

Held at Heath Ledger Theatre, Perth



Xavier delivering his speech on gravity

Xavier and family with one of the judges from UWA.



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## INTERNATIONAL DEBATING

After a successful first season in International debating, John XXIII is fielding three teams in 2021, with a year 9 team of Gemma Bailey, Tom Syminton, Hunter Giles- Shanley, the Year 8 team Amelia Watts, Thalia Kurniawan, Matthew Gardner and Callum de Andrade, and year 7's with Charlie Pronk, Joy Cho, Tom Beach, Phoebe Walsh and Felicia Zhao. Year 8 and 9 teams both had two excellent wins against top Eastern States teams, whilst the year 7 team was impressive against older teams. Special thanks to Ms Daisy Farley for her great work with the year 8's.



Year 7's in action



Deep in concentration



Year 8: Thalia, Amelia and Callum



9: Tom Syminton, Hunter Giles-Shanley, Gemma Bailey



7: Charlie Pronk, Tom Beach, Joy Cho, Felicia Zhao



## ETHICS OLYMPIAD

John XXII College was represented this year in the Ethics Olympiad by fine year 7 and year 9 teams, coached by Ms Morgan Ball and Ms Daisy Farley. Their performances against top colleges was of the highest quality. Congratulations to all students in this outstanding competition.



Top: Year 7: Imogen, Joy, Phoebe, Charlie, Molly and Chloe with Ms Ball  
Below: Year 8: Meg C, Meg D, Asha, Sky, Gemma







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## HONOUR ROLE

### STAFF/COACHES and JUDGES ASSISTING MAGIS



#### Presentation of Awards

Mr Rob Henderson, Mrs Kath Negus, Mrs Jess Bouwman

#### Da Vinci Decathlon

Mrs Joan Davies (Coding), Ms Morgan Ball (Cartography), Mrs Margaret Yoon (Cartography), Mr Gerry Cotter (Science), Dr Ylenia Casadio (Science), Mr Nathan Munns (Engineering) Mrs Jo Friel (Maths), Ms Eva-Maria Catina (Gen.Knowledge)

#### Creative Writing

Mrs Shannon Allen, Ms Kirralee Dawson, Ms Clare Galati, Mr Joel Wynn, Mrs Lorraine Homes, Sr Kath Eliot

**Mock Trials** - Ms Daisy Farley, Ms Morgan Ball

#### WADL Debating

Ms Kirralee Dawson, Mrs Lorraine Holmes, Mrs Mary-Anne Lumley, Mrs Shane Glass, Ms Tatiana Kurniawan, Mr Rory Hewson, Mr Charlie Richards, Mr Ben Linsten, Ms Alex Panther

#### Public Speaking

Ms Kirralee Dawson, Ms Alex Panther, Mr Rory Hewson, Mr Charlie Richards, Mr Ben Linsten, Mrs Lorraine Holmes

**Ethics Olympiad** - Ms Morgan Ball, Ms Daisy Farley

**Sleek Geeks** - Dr Ylenia Casadio

#### Famelab

Mr Greg Moran, Mr Damien Connellan, Mr Simon Carrello, Dr Ylenia Casadio, Ms Carla Tripi

**International Debating** - Ms Daisy Farley

**Creative Edge Challenge** - Mr Damien Connellan

**Tournament of Minds** - Mr Stuart Massie

**Drone Club** - Mr Damien Connellan

**Speak For Faith** - Ms Lana Turner

#### House Academic Series

Mr Simon Carrello, Mr Ciaran Gallagher, Ms Morgan Ball, Ms Carla Tripi, Mr Darren Kowald, Mrs Shauna Craig, Ms Daisy Farley plus all 36 homeroom teachers

**Personal Projects:** Ms Mary-Anne Lumley, Mrs Lorraine Holmes

**Magis Camp** - Mrs Alison O'Connor, Mrs Lorraine Holmes



## 2021 Coaches of the Year

Ms Kirralee Dawson - Year 7 Debating - WADL Semi-Finalists (3 finals wins)

Ms Tatiana Kurniawan - undefeated in coaching her year 8 Debating team



Ms Kirralee Dawson, Ms Daisy Farley



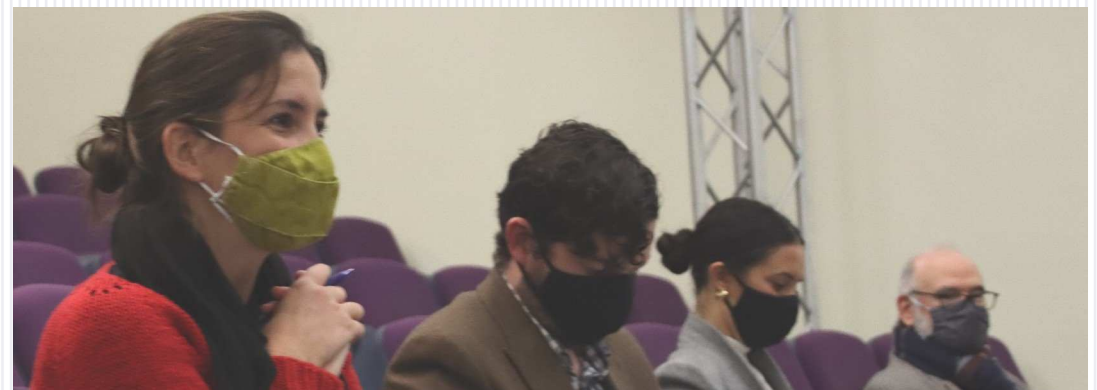
Ms Tatiana Kurniawan



Mr Damien Connellan with Mr Rob Henderson



Mr Stuart Massie



Famelab : Dr Casadio, Mr Carrello, Ms Tripi, Mr Moran



## SPECIAL THANKS

To Ms Lisa Martella and Mr Sam Tout for their wonderful support for the Magis Program





Mrs Joan Davies - Da Vinci Coding



Charlie Richards - year 9 debaters



Ms Kirralee Dawson and Year 7 Debating WA Semi-Finalists



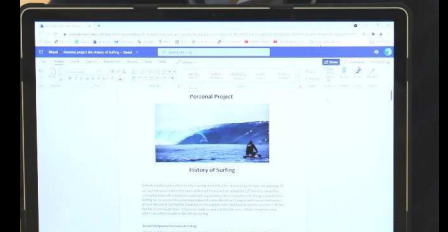
Ms Morgan Ball with year 7 Ethics Olympians



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