

NUMBER 1/2020 Monday February 3

TOP ATAR RESULTS



Charlie Richards and Rory Hewson.

Congratulations to 2019 Magis Captain / College Dux Rory Hewson who gained the highest John XXIII ATAR with 99.65. Charlie Griffiths the top Altiora student scored 98.55. Brilliant performances and contribution to Magis!

Welcome back for what promises to be a really exciting year for Magis. A special welcome to all new year 7 Magis students. There are some major changes in the Magis Program for 2020:

Several Magis John XXIII Competitions will count for **House points** in 2020 including Public Speaking, Creative Writing and the Academic Challenges. Details in the Handbook. **To maintain the status of being a Magis Student you must fill in the simple nomination form and participate in at least two Magis events or competitions for the year.** This applies for all designated Magis students from year 7-12. In other words your MYAT Test results qualified you for Magis but you need to take up the opportunity and participate to remain a Magis student. Those in upper years who did not participate last year simply need to fill in the form to join for 2020. All current names will remain on the Magis group email list for the first half of term 1.

Students who wish to join as **Altiora** members please see Mr Miller ASAP. You need to show evidence of strong academic performance in 2 or more subjects..

All changes are in the **Magis Handbook** which is in the Magis folder. The **Magis Academic Competitions and Resources Handbooks** are also in this folder as are new Magis academic resources and an updated **2019 Magis Chronicle**. Hard copies of all these booklets are available from the Magis office.

We get into action straight away, with the Space Camp meeting on Thursday, and nominations for both WADL Debating and Da Vinci Decathlon out this week. Please check your Magis emails regularly. **There is also an excellent introductory Video on Magis that many of you appear in! It is in the Magis resources folder.**

Best wishes for happiness and success in 2020.

Jim Miller Gifted & Talented Program Coordinator

MEETINGS THIS WEEK



MONDAY

Magis Captain – 1pm Magis office

TUESDAY

Magis Committee (yrs 8-12)

Recess in X10

WEDNESDAY

Space Camp JTC Meeting

Recess in X10

THURSDAY

Year 7 Magis meeting

At homeroom

FRIDAY

WADL DEBATING MEETING

For all interested students years 7-12

Recess In X10

WADL DEBATING 2020



Interschool Debating begins in week 6 and will be on **Tuesday evenings at Christchurch**, but nominations are due soon and teams must be finalized by next week. Students are invited to form teams of 4 or 5 and email names to Mr Miller. There will be a separate meeting in homeroom for year 7's to give details of interschool debating. There will be an **enlarged panel of coaches/managers in 2020** including several outstanding ex-student debaters. A **Debating Breakfast** and several debating seminars will be held in the next month, and a comprehensive **Debating Handbook** will be produced.

NEXT WEEK

WADL Debating nominations close on Friday

GREAT MINDS

Good hearts