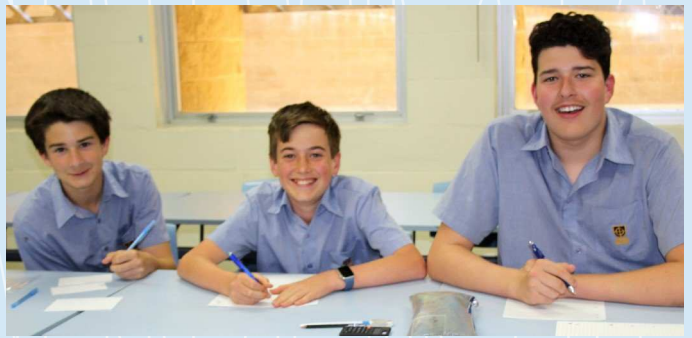


**John XXIII College
MAGIS HANDBOOK
2021**



**Magis
Gifted and Talented Program
Information Handbook**





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INTRODUCTION

Despite Covid 19, 2020 was a year of excellent development in many aspects of the Magis Program. A major highlight was the enormous success of the new Magis House Academic Challenge Program, which saw students from years 7-12 representing their houses in a series of five challenges - Mental Maths, Academic Spelling, Arts/HASS, STEM, and Language/Literature. About 50 students from each year group competed in the program, with years 11 and 12 setting a wonderful example. This program is expected to develop further

Outstanding new gifted and talented competitions in 2020 included Ethics Olympiad, Global Goals Challenge and International debating, whilst Drone Club, Astronomy Club, Tournament of Minds and Mock Trials were aligned to the Magis Program. In 2021 the aim is to participate further in several of these programs, whilst welcoming the return of some of our key events like WADL Debating, World Scholar's Cup and Da Vinci Decathlon which were missing in 2020.

This year there will be a special focus and Magis Leadership, and it is exciting that we have a team of 10 wonderful Year 12 students as key leaders in 2021, with the appointment of the 6 Magis House captains, plus the new role of Magis Secretary. A new Magis Leadership Camp will be held in term one at Point Walter for Magis leaders and other interested students, whilst a Rottneest Enrichment Camp will be held in term two, and the popular Magis Middle School camp in term 3.

Pictured Right:

Outstanding Magis Year 11 /2020 leaders. See the full Year -12 Magis Committee for 2021 on page 4



Magis Captain 2021 Skye MacMillan

This handbook contains an overview of most aspects of the Magis Program and information can also be gained from the Magis Chronicle, Resources handbook, the Magis Folder in the group emails file, Australian Competitions Handbook plus the individual booklets for most key programs and events.

Best wishes to all students for 2021. Set your goals high, plan strategically for success in everything you do, use your gifts and talents to serve others, and above all enjoy the challenge and the personal development that will flow from enthusiasm and commitment.

- Jim Miller Gifted & Talented Program Coordinator



Daniel Poland pictured centre with Julian O'Rourke and Ben Linsten at the Magis Awards Breakfast 2020

2020 ATAR RESULTS

John XXIII excelled in the 2020 ATAR tables, finishing 8th in WA with an average of 89.50. Magis students actively involved in year 11/12 averaged over 94.

Daniel Poland (pictured left) was the top John XXIII student with an incredible **99.8 ATAR**, whilst **Ashleigh Smith 99.4 ATAR** and **Zoe Broderick 99.3** were also outstanding.

MAGIS PHILOSOPHY

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 our founding orders, the Loreto sisters and the Jesuit Institute were founded.



Magis is an enduring call

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

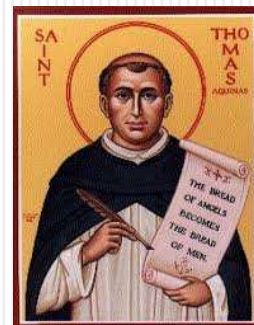
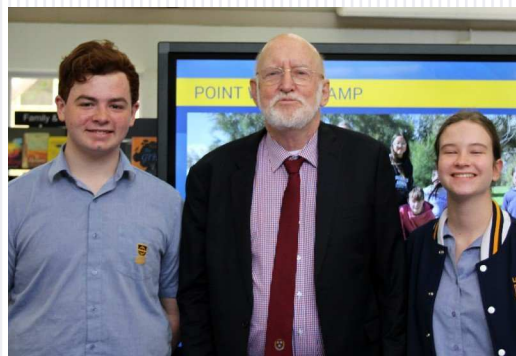
The Program is based on the Ignatian tradition of

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 and oral reflection, 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 other, 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 develop their talents to better serve their community and their world.



MAGIS LEADERS 2021



Skye MacMillan
Magis Captain



Grace Barbour
Magis Secretary



Caitlin Green (C)



Joe Pow (K)



Ben Negus (Lor)



Bella Pether (Loy)



Eve Cullity (C)



Ella Naismith (St.L)



McKenzie Richardson (W)



Gabriel Kaye (W)

Year 11



Genevieve Ferguson-Allen



James Green

YEAR 8



Elsie Samson

Year 10

YEAR 9



Daniel Doran



Jenna Whiston



Gemma Bailey



Meg Derbyshire



Luisa Parish



James Mitchell



Spencer Burchett



Max Watt



Asha Paton



Kai Cranfield

ROLES OF MAGIS LEADERS



Skye MacMillan - 2021 Captain



Ben Linsten - 2020



Rory Hewson - 2019

MAGIS CAPTAIN

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

MAGIS SECRETARY

Keeps brief minutes of Magis meetings, writes letters or emails to invite staff to attend Magis events, and to thank them for their involvement in coaching or managing teams, judging competitions, or attending Magis events. Assists with checking of Magis Results.

MAGIS HOUSE LEADERS Year 12

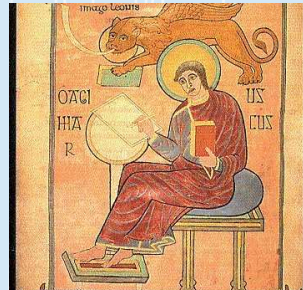
Speak at House assemblies encouraging house members to participate in forthcoming interschool and house events, and reports on participation and successes. They work with House captains in their house to enhance enthusiasm and involvement. Attend Magis Plenary meetings

MAGIS LEADERS Year 7-12

Speak at Year assemblies encouraging participation in interschool gifted and talented events. Report on successes from members of their year in Magis interschool and house events. Attend Magis Meetings.

HOMEROOM LEADERS

Take a key role in organising teams for all Magis House Academic Challenge events, plus Magis John XXIII Public Speaking, Chess and Creative Writing working with the homeroom teacher and House Coordinator.



MAGIS

HOMEROOM LEADERS 2021

CAMPION



Allie Simpson 12



T.J. McGovern 12



Victoria Reading 11



Jack Chapman 11



Evelyn Arundell 10

KOOL-YANGARRA



Alessandra Rizzi 12



Thomas Standen 12



Natalie Ong 11



Xavier Dillon 11



Amelia Worner 10

LORETO



Stella Kenny 12



Lachlan Preston 12



Hannah Giannis 11



Oscar Martella 11



May Verleg 10

LOYOLA



Chloe Anning 12



Isaac Browne 12



Emmerson Kerr 11



Owen Lilleyman 11



Hannah O'Hara 10

ST LOUIS



Imogen Walsh 12



Lucas Limnios 12



Anna Peachey 11



Kieran Rakich 11



Laura Rutherford 10

WARD



Ruby Vlahov 12



Joshua Roberts 12



Zoe Koong 11



Adam Widerman 11



Lux Quinlan

MAGIS

HOMEROOM LEADERS 2021

CAMPION



Levi Lawson 10



Evie Moody (9)



Isaac Thomas 9



Thalia Kurniawan 8



Luke Green 8

KOOLYANGARRA



Daniel McQuillan 10



Maya Mintz 9



Jack Wybrow 9



Daisy Fethers 8



Xavier Burns 8

LORETO



Nathan Gunsekera



Gemma Bailey 9



Thomas Syminton 9



Coco Kenny 8



Sarah Panetta 8

LOYOLA



Andoni Karafilakis 10



Jodie Cockerill 9



Darcy Floyd 9



Lilla Milvain 8



Henry Gooch 8

ST LOUIS



Ben Mignacca 10



Hannah Dale 9



Sam Smetana 9



Jazmin Kirk 8



Marco Zammuto 8

WARD



Isaac Bourne 10



Conny Jansen 9



Lachlan O'Brien 9



Ruby Preston 8



Nick Williams 8

CALENDAR - MAGIS 2021 SEMESTER ONE



TERM ONE

Week Date

- 1 Wed Feb.3 Magis Committee meeting recess X10
- 3 Mon Feb.15 Goal-setting challenge due
- Tues Feb.16 Academic Spelling Challenge 11-12
- Wed Feb.17 Academic Spelling Challenge 9-10
- Thurs Feb.18 High Achievers' Breakfast
- Fri Feb.16 Academic Spelling Challenge 7-8

- 4 Wed Feb.24 Magis Debating Breakfast

- 6 Tues March 9 Mental Maths Challenge 11/12
- Wed March 10 Mental Maths Challenge 9-10
- Thurs March 11 Mental Maths Challenge 7-8
- Fri/Sat March 12/13 Magis Leadership Camp Pt W
- Tues March 16 WADL Debating Round 1

- 7 Wed March 17 Magis Seminar Breakfast No.2

- 8 Mon March 22 Public Speaking heats 7-10
- Tues March 23 Public Speaking Heats 11-12
- Sat March 27 Creative Edge (10-12) at Curtin Uni.

- 9 Mon March 29 Da Vinci Decathlon yrs 9-11 UWA
- Tues March 30 Da Vinci Decathlon yrs 7-8 UWA
- Tues March 30 WADL Debating Round 2



TERM TWO

Week Date

- 2 Tues April 27 Magis Committee Meeting
- Creative Writing entries due
- Public Speaking Grandfinal 6.30pm
- 3 Tues May 4 WADL Round 3
- 3 Wed May 5 Arts/HASS 11/12
- 4 Wed May 12 Arts/HASS 9-10
- Thurs May 13 Arts/HASS 7-8
- Fri/Sat/Sun May 14-16 Magis Enrichment Camp Rottnest

- 6-7 Exams - Senior School

- 6 Tues May 25 WADL Debating Round 4

- 8 Tues June 8 WADL Debating Round 5
- Wed June 9 STEM Challenge 11/12
- Thurs June 10 STEM Challenge 9/10
- Fri June 11 STEM Challenge 7-8

- 9 Wed June 1 Personal Project Opening sem.1
- 10 Tues June 22 WADL Debating Round 6
- Fri June 25 Bell Shakespeare Yrs 7-8 2pm



HOLIDAYS - Jesuit National Debating in Sydney

CALENDAR - MAGIS 2021 - SEMESTER TWO

TERM THREE

- Week Date**
- 2** **Tues July 27** WADL Make-up round 2
Thurs July 29 High Achievers' Breakfast

 - 3** **Tues Aug.3** Lang-Lit Challenge 9-10
Wed Aug 4 Lang-Lit. Challenge 11-12
Fri Aug. 6 Lang-Lit Challenge 7-8

 - 4** **Fri/Sat Aug.13-14** Magis Camp Years 7-9
 - 5** **Sat.August 21** Creative Edge Challenge at Curtin Uni
 - 6** **Wed Aug.25** House Chess begins

 - 8** **Wed Sept.8** WACE Exam Seminar Breakfast
Fri Sept.10 House Chess concludes

 - 10** **Thurs. Sept.22** Magis Awards Breakfast 2021

John XXIII will also participate in the **Global Challenge and Tournament of Minds** in term 3 - dates to be announced.

It is possible that there may be **World Scholar's Cup** Regional and Global rounds depending on Covid.



TERM FOUR

Week Date

- 5** **Wed Nov.10** Personal Project Opening Sem.2

The Magis House Championships and Awards finish at the end of term 3. However the following Gifted & Talented Competitions will be happening in term 4 - dates to be announced:

International Debating - Fridays 3.30-5pm
expected to start in week 2 or 3

Brainways Australian Quest Competition (2 days)
expected to start in about week 6

World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions is normally in term 4 but is unlikely to be held in 2021 because of Covid



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Magis Champion Scholars 2020



Ben Linsten Yr.12



Oscar Hegge Yr.11



Natalie Ong Yr.10



Daniel Doran Yr.9



Thomas Syminton Yr.8



Zoe McIlree Yr.7



MAGIS CHAMPION SCHOLAR AWARD 2021

The Magis Champion Scholar Awards overall academic excellence, gifted and talented competition results at each year level, service, and involvement in the program.

The points system includes points for the following;

1. **Academic Performance** based on your semester one report (100 points)
2. Participation in up to three interschool **gifted and talented competitions** such as WADL Debating, Da Vinci Decathlon, Tim Winton Award etc (Max. 50 points each) (Note: Max. 2 in years 11/12)
3. Participation in up to three **Magis House Academic Challenges** (Max. 30 points each)
4. Performance in up to 3 **John XXIII Competitions** run by Magis (Magis Public speaking Creative Writing or Chess) or learning areas within the school such as the Atticus Finch Award (Max. 40 points each)
5. **Special Sections** - performance in up to 2 (30 points each)
 - A. **Goal-setting Challenge** with Strategic Plan for academic success
 - B. **Academic Journal** kept for at least one term
 - C. **Academic service** including speaking at events such as a Magis Camp or Breakfast, coaching a team of younger students, or judging in events such as Creative writing or Public Speaking.
6. Attendance at least one Magis event for the year (25 points)
eg Magis Camp, Seminar Breakfast, TED-X Talk, Bell Shakespeare etc

CHAMPION SCHOLAR AWARDS

You may participate in as many events as you wish and can receive separate prizes, trophies or certificates for these, but the final winners will be determined by:

Seniors (Year 10-12) Best 6 scores which must include your school academic result and at least one house academic challenge score plus the automatic 25 points for attendance at at least one Magis event for the year as listed above.

Juniors (Year 7-9) Best 7 scores which must include your school academic result and at least one house academic challenge score plus the automatic 25 points for attendance at at least one Magis event for the year as listed above.

OTHER AWARDS

Certificates are presented for top three performers in each section of the House Challenges at each year level. There are trophies and medals for the top aggregates for each year over the series of 5 house challenges. **There are also major prizes, trophies or certificates for all interschool competitions plus the John XXIII Public Speaking, Creative Writing and Chess.**



INTERSCHOOL GIFTED & TALENTED COMPETITIONS

WADL SCHOOLS DEBATING



John XXIII College will compete in the WADL Competition on **Tuesday evenings at Christchurch Grammar School** in 2021. We expect to field between one and five teams at each year level from year 7 to 12. Each team will have a Coach/Manager - either teachers, past students or current seniors (with teachers as managers where a current student is coaching). In years 7-9 all debates will be prepared, whilst in years 10-12 there will be two prepared and four impromptu debates. See the **JTC DEBATING HANDBOOK** for full details. This will be circulated once teams and fixtures are finalised. There will be trophies for top debaters in each year.

Six rounds plus finals this year, with round one expected to be on **Tuesday March 16** and round six on **Tuesday June 22**. Finals will be in term three.

Practice sessions are held for three weeks prior to round one, and then in the week prior to each round. These normally last for about 75-90 minutes and may be held before or after school at times convenient to each team. There will also be a seminar breakfast at the college run by WADL

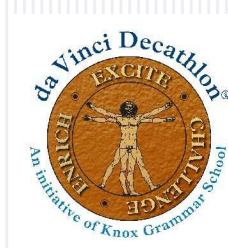
DA VINCI DECATHLON

Monday March 29 - Teams from Years 9, 10 and 11 Tuesday March 30 Years 7, 8
Venue: Winthrop Hall, University of Western Australia

Only one team consisting of 8 members is allowed from each year group

2021 Themes: Regionals: Icons State: Chance Nationals: Space

Da Vinci Decathlon's 10 sections:
Engineering, Mathematics and Chess, Code Breaking, Art and Poetry, Science English, Ideation, Creative producers, Cartography, General Knowledge
Tutors will be provided for all 10 sections - training at lunch or before/after school.



INTERSCHOOL GIFTED & TALENTED COMPETITIONS

CREATIVE EDGE CHALLENGE



The Creative Edge Challenge events are held each year at Curtin University.

They involve challenges similar to Tournament of Minds and Optiminds, and are designed for teams of 4-8 students.

The **Senior Creative Edge Challenge** event is ideal for the older students as it involves no prior preparation and is completed in one Saturday morning at Curtin University. John XXIII were senior WA Champions in 2018. Our year 8 team finished 3rd in Literature and Communication in 2020. The junior challenge involves a **6-week challenge in term three**. Teams choose one of the following

Science-Engineering

Humanities

Literature & Communication

2021 Dates: Seniors: Sat. March 27

Juniors: August 28

The Junior event for year 7-9 teams is held at Curtin University and includes a **Spontaneous Challenge**

WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

The World Scholar's Cup, like other programs including Da Vinci Decathlon and WADL Debating, did not run in 2020, and is very doubtful for 2021. It is hoped however that regional and Global rounds may be able to be held in Australia in semester two, 2021.

The competition involves teams of three from any year group from year 7-11.

There are four sections in World Scholar's Cup:

Scholar's Bowl, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Challenge and Team Debate.

A JTC Scholar's Cup Guide Book will be produced if the competition goes ahead in 2021

The 2021 theme will be A World Renewed.

John XXIII competed in the Global rounds in Melbourne (2018) and Sydney (2019) and at the Tournament of Champions at Yale, USA in both 2018 and 2019.



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS



Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving program for secondary and primary teams. Teams have six weeks to solve open-ended challenges from the following disciplines:

ARTS STEM LANGUAGE-LITERATURE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Teams of 7 students must come from at least two year groups (Years 7-12) and must include two year 7 students.

On Tournament day students must also complete an unseen **spontaneous challenge**

2021 Teacher Coordinator: Mr Stuart Massey

Dates and further information will become available early in term one.



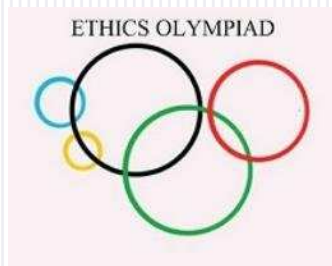
ETHICS OLYMPIAD

John XXIII intends to field two teams in the 2021 Junior (Years 7-9) Ethics Olympiad scheduled to be held in November. The program aims to assist students to develop skills in critical thinking, collaboration and communication.

Student teams consist of 5 students and they participate on the day in 4 Ethics Olympiad heats - dealing with the 8 current ethical cases students prepare arguments for prior to the event.

**EVENT DATE: Early November TBA Competition is via zoom.
It is an all-day event held at school.**

Winning teams have the opportunity to compete at National and International Level via zoom



MOCK TRIALS



The Mock Trials competition is for Politics and Law students in years 11 and 12. The competition takes place at the Western Australian Supreme Courts on Wednesday evenings in terms two and three.

John XXIII won all three Mock Trials in 2020, finishing fourth in WA on percentages.

Teachers in Charge: Ms Daisy Farley and Ms Morgan Ball



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' MOOTING

The University of Notre Dame is expected to offer the Secondary Schools' Mooting competition in 2021. The Program is for senior Politics and Law students, and is likely to run in first term. Teams consist of four students.

John XXIII College won the inaugural Catholic Colleges' Mooting competition in 2018. See the picture below of the WA Champions with the Chief Justice.

Mooting Coordinator/coach: Ms Daisy Farley



JESUIT NATIONAL DEBATING



John XXIII will send a team of four to the 2021 **Jesuit National Debating Championships** in Sydney during the second term holidays, depending on the situation with COVID. Students are billeted with families from the host college, and compete against teams from other Jesuit Schools from around Australia. This is a four day tour with 3 debates of debates and functions.

Debates are impromptu with 45-60 minutes' preparation time, and each school has four debates. The John XXIII team will consist of students from years 11 and 12 only.

Speaking times are 6-8 minutes with a warning bell at 6 minutes.

THE GREAT DEBATERS

INTERNATIONAL DEBATING

John XXIII College will field up to four teams from years 7 to 10 in the International Debating competition in term four, 2021. The competition involves most Australia states, New Zealand, Canada and several Asian countries including Singapore, China and Malaysia. Debates are impromptu with 45 minutes' preparation time and are held on Friday afternoons from 3.30-5.00pm via Zoom (irrespective of COVID).

Interschool debaters and other interested students are encouraged to participate. This is a prestigious competition and an ideal way to develop your debating skills.

A Trophy will be presented to the top student in each year group, and special certificates to all who participate

Speaking times are 3-5 minutes, and there are no points of information.



BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING



In term three the Western Australian Debating League runs an exciting program British Parliamentary Debating, which will suit interschool debaters and students of Politics and Law. The competition is held on Saturdays and Sundays, and each team participates for one full day.

Four teams participate in any one debate, with two schools on the Government side and two the opposition. Full details will be in the **John XXIII British Parliamentary Debating handbook**.

Teams consisting of two speakers can be nominated from any year level from year 7-12. In 2020 we fielded five teams - two from year 12, and one team each from years 8, 10 and 11.



SLEEK GEEK EUREKA SCIENCE COMPETITION

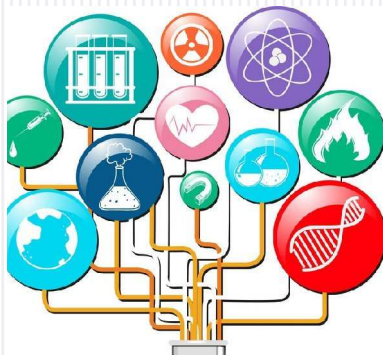
The Sleek Geek Eureka Prize is an opportunity for students to showcase their passion for science and filmmaking. Students are encouraged to prepare a 2-minute video that communicates a scientific concept in an interesting, fun, and accessible manner. The theme for the competition this year is "Big". Students can compete individually or in teams.

So if you are a budding filmmaker and/or really keen on exploring "Big" scientific concepts this may be the competition for you!

For more information on the competition, please come and speak to Ms Casadio and see the website below:
<https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/sleek-geeks-science/>

Competition Coordinator : Mrs Ylenia Casadio

Students will be notified of Information Meetings



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CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITIONS

A key focus for Magis 2021 will be to encourage more John XXIII College students to participate in some of the great Creative Writing Competitions at the state and national level as well as the Poetry competition run by the English department and the Short Story Writing Competition, run by Magis.

The three competitions below will be foregrounded by Magis, but there are many other great creative writing opportunities highlighted in the 2021 Magis Australian Competitions Handbook.

John XXIII Short Story Award Winners 2020

SENIOR SECTION



Caitlin Green

THE TIM WINTON AWARD

The Tim Winton Award for Young Writers encourages innovation and creativity. The judges are looking for stories which show originality. The award does not ask students to adhere to a particular theme in order to encourage innovation and individual ideas. You can choose to submit either a physical or digital copy of your story.

If your story is handwritten you can submit the physical copy, together with your printed confirmation of entry to Subiaco Library in person or via post. If you have a digital copy of your story you can submit it online during the online entry process.



Year 8



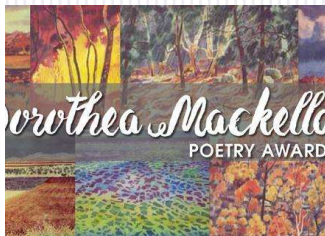
Thomas Syminton (1st) with
Kiera Fong (2nd)

DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARD

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards seek to capture the imaginations 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 ends on the last day of June each year.

Award categories include lower and upper primary as well as junior and senior secondary students. This year's theme is to be announced.



Year 7



Sophie Thomas Barna (right-
1st place) with runner-up Ava
Pruiti

GOLDEN PEN AWARD

Have you got a story to tell? Perhaps there's a small creature, with a big dilemma? Or a big house with small residents? Maybe it's a big idea, told from a small voice? **This year's Golden Pen Writing Award theme is BIG & SMALL.** Ideas are only limited by your imagination, so if you're in Years 4-12, we want you to put pen to paper and think about the world around you, within you and your place within it. Great prizes!

Entries close March 21, 2021



See the Magis Competitions Handbook for details of other great Writing Competitions from Australia and the World.

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HOUSE CHAMPIONS 2020



Above: House Academic Challenge Champions 2020 - Koolyangarra



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP - MAGIS SECTION

The Magis House Academic Championship consists of a total of 8 events open to students of all years from 7-12:

The **5 Academic Challenges** listed on the next page which are held in the GBLT during homeroom (15 minutes). Each Challenge consists of 30 questions. There are 3 divisions each with questions differing slightly in terms of degree of difficulty: Years 11/12 Years 9/10 and Years 7/8



The 3 **John XXIII College Championships** run by Magis:

Public Speaking
Creative writing (Short Stories)
Chess



Points for the five academic challenges and three John XXII College Competitions are based on the following points system at each year level:

First place 10 points Second Place 8 points Third Place 6 points
Fourth Place 4 points Fifth place: 3 points Sixth place 2 points
All other entrants up to the maximum allowed: 1 point

Please note that multiple students can receive the same points for a particular place/score. For instance in some 2020 competitions there were three equal top scores - each would receive 10 points and three equal 4th highest score would all receive 4 points. Overall scores are scaled/modified.



Any number of students may enter for the 5 Academic Challenges, Creative Writing and Chess but only the top 6 in any house for any year group will count for house points. Only 12 (2 per house) can compete at each year level for Public Speaking with the top 3 overall going into the night Grandfinal.



Top-scoring homeroom in 2020 - Koolyangarra Year 10

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HOUSE ACADEMIC CHALLENGES



Year 11/2020 Top Mental Mathematicians



Loyola's Top Homeroom - year 11

The House Academic Challenge Program consists of a series of five challenges listed below. Challenges take place in the GBLT during homeroom time (15 minutes). There are three divisions with slightly different questions reflecting the age of contests.

Divisions are Years 11/12, Years 9/10 and years 7/8

The five Challenges are:

- 1. Academic Spelling** - 30 questions taken from all learning areas
Dates: Term One week 3 (See Magis calendar)
- 2. Mental Mathematics** - 30 questions: arithmetic, algebra and geometry
Dates: term one: Week 6
- 3. Arts/HASS** - 30 questions from Arts and Humanities
Dates: term Two weeks 3/4
- 4. STEM** - 30 questions from science, technology, engineering and mathematics
Dates: Term Two, week 8
- 5. Language-Literature** - 30 questions on literature, grammar, vocabulary etc
Dates: term 4, week 3

See the Magis calendar for dates for each year division. **Dates are subject to change.**

Below: Ward's top homeroom 2020 - Year 11



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John XXIII College Public Speaking Competition

The Public Speaking competition is a major event each year, with heats involving two students from every homeroom at the college. The top three speakers from each year group then qualify for the Grandfinal at the start of term two, which is judged by a panel of outstanding ex-student debaters and public speakers. All grandfinalist receive a trophy or medallion. The Public Speaking also counts for House points with the points system being:

1st- 10 points 2nd - 8 3rd - 6 4th - 4 all others: 2 points

Topic: Any appropriate topic

Speaking times: 2-3 minutes years 7-9 3-4 minutes years 10-12

2021 Heats - Term 1 weeks 8 and 9

Grandfinal - Term 2 week 2 Wednesday April 28



Top left: Mr Henderson with James Green ; Mrs Negus with Madeleine Nankivell

Above: All Grandfinalists

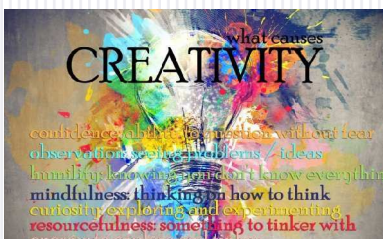
JOHN XXIII CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION SHORT STORIES

This Magis Competition is open to all students from years 7-12, There are book prizes for winners and runner-up in each year, and certificates of distinction for all the best performers. The top 25-30 short stories are then published in a glossy booklet.

Suggested Short Story length: 250 to 2000 words

**All entries must be emailed to Mr Miller as
normal WORD documents**

Entries close: Tuesday April 27 (Term 2 week one)



John XXIII CHESS Championship



The John XXIII Chess Championship, run by Magis, is open to all students from year 7-12 and is part of the Academic House competition. Up to 6 students from each house may nominate from each year group, and the competition is run on a knockout basis. Most games are played in the library, at lunchtime, but opponents may play anywhere, anytime by arrangement, within the 3 days allowed for each round to be completed.

House points: 1st place 10 2nd place - 8 3rd place 6 4th place 5th/6th 3. All others winning a round - 2 First round loss - 1

Trophies for first place and medals for 2nd / 3rd each year group



MAGIS GOAL-SETTING CHALLENGE (optional)

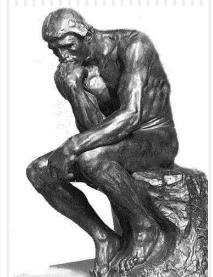
The Magis Goal-setting challenge counts for 30 points for the Magis Champion Scholar Award and is considered a very important brief task for Magis students. There are two sections:

1. Goal-setting where students are required to set SMART Goals for themselves in academic pursuits plus a range of other personal goals
2. Students must also create a strategic plan for academic success.

Articles on both goal-setting and strategic plans are in the Magis Resources handbook and Resources folder and entries should be informed by these.

ACADEMIC JOURNAL (Optional)- 30 points)

Students keep an academic journal for a minimum of 8 weeks/1 term. Hard copy journals are available or these may be completed online. Instructions are in the booklet and articles to assist are in Magis Resources



PERSONAL PROJECTS

The year 7 and 8 Magis option classes complete an International Baccalaureate-style Personal Project as part of their assessment. Students have about 15 weeks to complete the program. Class time is allocated for work on the projects, but depending on the nature of the task, many students complete a large part of it at home.

Students may choose a project topic of their choice, and we have seen art, pottery, drones, trebuchets, light sabres, books of poems or short stories, family histories, glossy picture books, projects on history, astronomy, mythology, nature, fancy dresses and other clothes, powerpoints, sporting club histories, some great recipes and foods, and various powerpoints and videos created over the years - to name just a few.

One of the key aspects of the Personal Project is the process journal which requires the students to plan their project carefully, organise timelines and purchases, and constantly reflect on their work, tweaking it to gain their best possible results. The process journal is an important part of the assessment.



Hunter Giles-Shanley's Drone



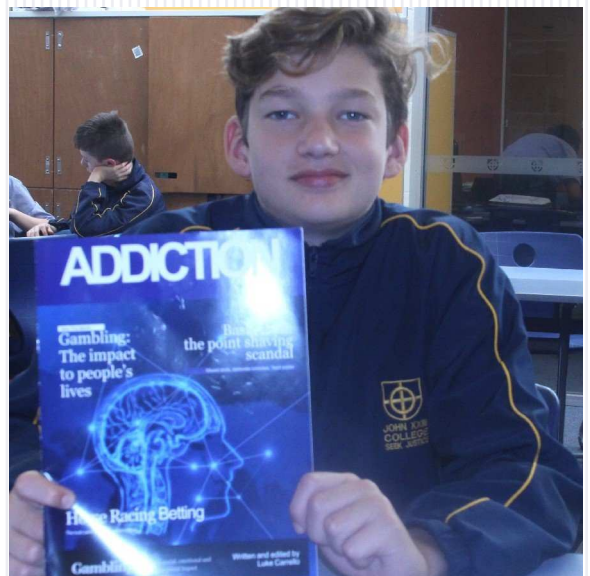
Kiera Fong's Cookbook - Matcha



Orlando Seah's guitar made from recyclables



At the Personal Project Display



Luke Carrello's book on Addiction

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MAGIS CAMPS

1. Magis Leadership Camp

Dates: Friday March 12 3.30pm - Sat 3pm

Venue: Point Walter Campsite

Students: Magis and other student leaders yrs 9-12

This is a new camp which will focus on developing Magis key students as servant leaders. Key presenters will include Dr Corin Boyd, an outstanding young veterinary surgeon from Murdoch University who has lectured overseas, Mary Retel, the former Deputy Director of Catholic Education and David Castelellani.

2. Magis Enrichment Camp

Venue: Rottnest Island Geordie Bay Chalets

Dates: lunchtime Fri March 14 to 9.30am
Sunday March 16 Term 2

Year groups: Magis student from years 9-10

Maximum of 18 students are able to attend

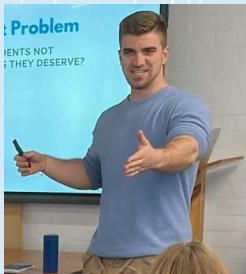
3. Magis Middle School Camp

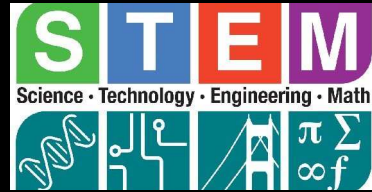
Venue: Point Walter Camp

Dates: Fri August 13 4pm to Saturday 3pm

Year groups: Years 7, 8, 9

Key Presenters include Kathy Boyatzis from Creative Edge Thinking, David Castelellani from Alpha Motivation, and a panel of top year 12 students. There will also be the Talent Show!





STEM CLUBS associated with Magis

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Coordinator: Mr Peter Mazur

Astronomy nights will be run regularly 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 Damien Connellan

The Drone Club enables interested students to learn about and use the amazing drone technology. Drone club sessions are usually held twice per week for most of the year. Look out for details in the daily notices and the Magis weekly memos.



SPECIAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



GLOBAL GOALS CHALLENGE (above)
3 day challenges at different college - Dates TBA

In 2020 John XXIII College participated for the first time in the **GLOBAL GOALS** Program run over three days at Servite College with ten of our year 7 students involved. It is intended to nominate three year teams at different venues in 2021. This free program is a unique opportunity for students to enhance their learner capabilities as they engage in an intensive design process aligned with curriculum outcomes. Challenge-based enquiry will develop students' higher-order and critical thinking skills as they tackle real world problems. With cross-curriculum opportunities in Science, Technologies, Engineering, Maths, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Challenge sees students striving to create a sustainable future for all. Collaborating in small groups, students will explore diverse issues, including climate change, poverty, inequality, energy, youth job opportunities and more.

BELL SHAKESPEARE

The famous Bell Shakespeare group will perform a new presentation for year 7-9 students in the Roncalli Hall in term three. The program is always exciting, informative and interactive.

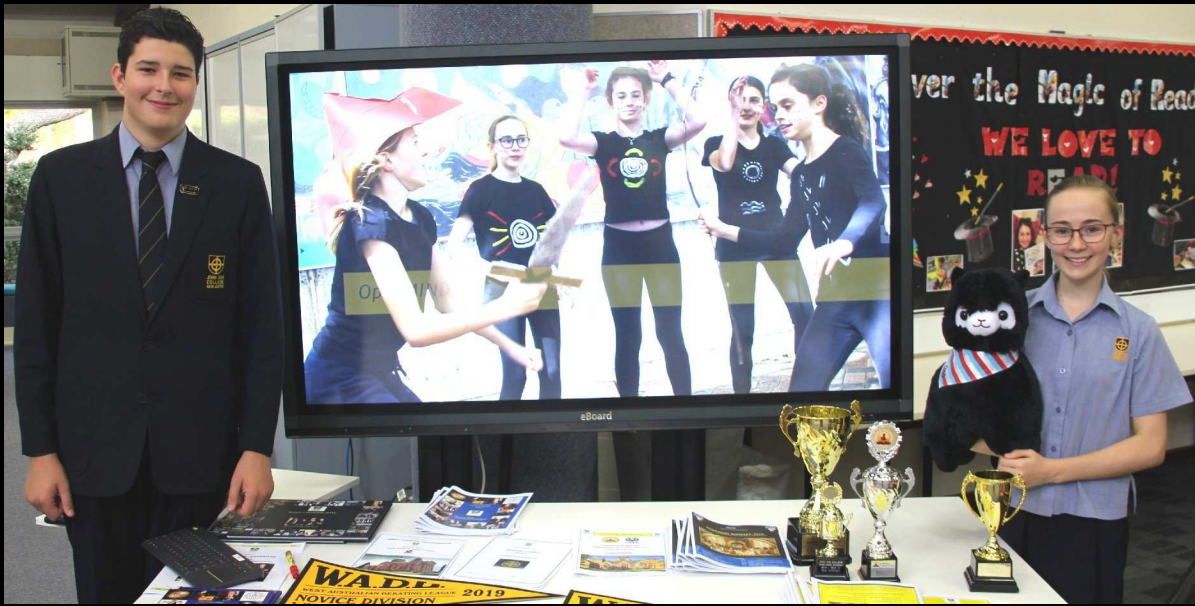
2021 Production: SUCH SWEET SORROW Date: Friday June 25th 1pm

Other Events may include **Academy Conferences (Julie Arliss)** and **TED-X Talks**

Both are yet to be confirmed for 2021.



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OPEN DAY - MAGIS DISPLAY
with Meg Cleary and Max Watt assisting



MAGIS MASS PREPARATIONS
Directed by Mrs Maryanne Lumley

MAGIS SEMINAR BREAKFASTS

A series of Seminar Breakfasts will be held during the year, with keynote addresses or mini-workshops provided by external key speakers, elite past students or current outstanding senior students.

In 2021 the library will only be used in term one prior to renovation. The GBLT and the Circle of Friends CAFE will be used for the rest of the year.

The Program is still being finalised but will commence with speakers from the WA Debating League.



Top Left: WADL Below: Philosopher Fr Michael McMahon; 2019 Dux Rory Hewson; Students at Debating Workshop

MAGIS CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. Eligibility:** Magis students are initially selected on the basis of MYAT testing in year 6. However students who excel in academic performance overall at any year level (top 50 places) may apply to join. In addition other students not in the top 50 but excelling in one or more subjects may join via the Altiora strand of Magis.
- 2. Which Magis programs are only open to Magis students?**
The only programs open only to Magis students are World Scholar's Cup, Da Vinci Decathlon, the Year 7 Magis option, Julie Arliss - Academy Conferences, NDA's Cultural Decoding and the role of Magis captain for the college. However where Magis teams in the in the category above need extra members any student may join the team. eg a Da Vinci team of 8 could include 5 Magis and 3 other students.
- 3. What major competitions/programs run by Magis are open to all students?**
All apart from the above: eg All debating competitions, all House Academic Challenges, Tournament of Minds, Creative Edge, all STEM competitions, Bell Shakespeare, Ethics Olympiad etc,etc

Above right: Badges: Magis, Altiora and Magis Committee





Above: 2020 inaugural Magis Academic House Champions - KOOLYANGARRA

MAGIS MAJOR AWARDS 2020

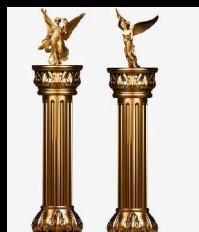
(See the Magis Chronicle for full Results including interschool events)

CHAMPION HOUSE MAGIS EVENTS: KOOLYANGARRA

RUNNER-UP TO CHAMPION HOUSE: LORETO

Magis Champion Scholars

(See points system in Chronicle)



Year 12:	1. Ben Linsten	2. Alex Panther	3. Daniel Poland
Year 11:	1. Oscar Hegge	2. Bella Pether	3. Skye MacMillan
Year 10:	1. Natalie Ong	2. Sophie Chew	3. Lucinda Tassone
Year 9:	1. Daniel Doran	2. James Mitchell	3. Robbie Brigg
Year 8:	1. Thomas Syminton	2. Massimo Torre	3. Meg Derbyshire
Year 7:	1. Zoe Mcllree	2. Elsie Samson	3. Amelia Watts

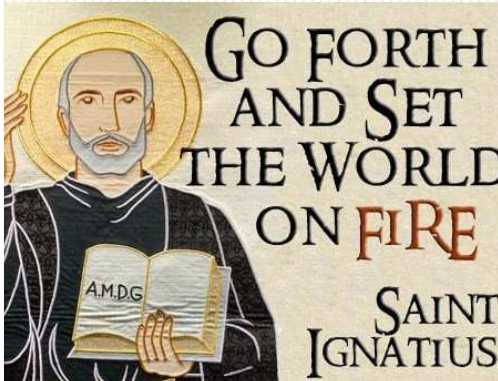


HOUSE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SERIES WINNERS

(Series of 5 challenges)

Year 12:	=1. Ben Linsten, Jacob Rigg	3. James Langton
Year 11:	1. Grace Barbour 2. Ben Negus	3. McKenzie Richardson
Year 10:	1. Natalie Ong 2. Sophie Chew	3. Lucinda Tassone
Year 9:	1. Daniel Doran 2. Robbie Brigg	3. James Mitchell
Year 8:	1. Thomas Syminton 2. Xavier Jeffrey	3. Meg Derbyshire
Year 7:	1. Marco Zammuto 2. Khyan Mann	3. Matthew Gardner

Congratulations to the Year 12 -2020 cohort - a superb performance to finish 8th in the state! Top ATAR results from Magis Year 12 Magis students were Daniel Poland (99.8) Ashleigh Smith (99.4) and Zoe Broderick (99.30) sensational results!



COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is fundamental to the smooth running of any program, and it is critical that Magis students and those entering Magis events **read their emails** and **Student Notices regularly**.

Key communication methods for Magis are:

1. The **Magis weekly Memo** Emailed to all Magis and Altiora students
2. The **daily notices read in homeroom**
3. **Special group emails** for many events such as Tours, WADL Debating, World Scholar's Cup (message goes only to participants)
4. The **College Newsletter** - Magis section every week

Please listen also to messages from **Magis House Captains** (House assemblies), **Magis leaders** (Year assemblies) and your **Homeroom leaders**.



