



## Principal's Report to the P&C February 18 2020

<b>School Life</b>	<p>The <b>2020 school year</b> has started smoothly, with students settling in quickly and staff engaging students in their programs. The <b>exceptional results of the Class of 2019 in the WACE</b> have been acknowledged and celebrated by the school. The Class of 2019 produced outstanding results in the WACE and achieved the number one ranking in the league table with a median ATAR of 96.7 against a state average of 81.35, with four students achieving a 'perfect' ATAR of 99.95 and 67 students achieving an ATAR of 99+. In addition, 16 General Exhibitions were received and seven Subject Exhibitions. In total, 181 students achieved 252 WACE awards. To see the full list of awards please see the January newsletter extract.</p> <p>Many of these award winning students attended a <b>whole school assembly</b> on Friday, 7 February where their significant achievements were acknowledged. Each student was presented with a memento and warmly applauded by the school community. <b>Joshua Boon</b>, who achieved a 99.95 ATAR, told those at the assembly that achieving such a high school was the result of hard work and dedication to his studies and that sacrifices including time with his friends and socialising were made along the way. He said he was prepared to make those sacrifices to reach his goal, but that individual students must determine their own journey in the ATAR/WACE and decide what sacrifices are worth the end result. He thanked the staff and students for the supportive environment he encountered achieving his final result. Students who had received a <b>Sphinx Foundation Scholarship</b> were also acknowledged at the assembly by Sphinx Foundation President <b>Peter Farr</b> who handed out their certificates. Scholarship recipients and Modernians mingled together for refreshments after the assembly.</p> <p>The <b>School Curriculum and Standards Authority Awards Ceremony</b> is being held at Government House on Wednesday, 19 February with students receiving acknowledgment for winning General Exhibitions, Subject Exhibitions and Certificates of Distinction. I will be attending the ceremony and it will be wonderful to see so many Perth Mod students represented amongst the awards.</p> <p>Already it is clear that the majority of our <b>Year 7 students</b> are quickly adapting to their new environment. With the support of Head of Year 7 <b>Nathalie Rimando</b>, advocacy and classroom teachers, the students have been well supported to integrate into the community at Mod.</p> <p>On Friday, 31 January an estimate of more than 150 parents attended a presentation on <b>Positive Education</b>, which is being incorporated into Perth Modern's educational ethos in 2020. The <b>P&amp;C</b> held a Meet and Greet prior to the occasion, offering refreshments to parents and the chance to meet members of the executive. Prior to the presentation, P&amp;C President <b>Phil Marshall</b> gave a brief speech about the P&amp;C and the different ways they support the school. Thank you to Phil and all members of the P&amp;C for their contributions to the event.</p>
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Two **Prospective Parent Information Sessions** were held on Thursday, 6 February. Parents and their children attended to hear about the Perth Modern School curriculum and opportunities offered for gifted and talented students. Prior to the morning session, approximately 20 Year 10 students took parents and children on tours of the school's facilities. Thank you to **Thalia Cole** and **Val Furphy** for their hard work in making these events a great success.

Recently I was part of a launch of the **Stories of Subi** project which had involved some of our Year 10 students who last year researched an historical place or person connected to Subiaco as part of their Independent Research project program with teacher Jarrad Strain. Run by DevelopmentWA and launched in Subiaco Square, the colourful stories of Subiaco's history and heritage have been brought to life using augmented reality (AR). Visitors can view the stories and hear our students about their work through a mobile phone app. The project provides a rich, interactive window into Subiaco's past

A community service tour took place over the summer holidays was the **Cambodia Tour**. Apart from visiting the sights, students spent a number of days painting a local primary school and participating in a tree planting project. Students also donated clothing items donated by the Perth Mod community that were greatly appreciated by local villagers. Thank you to **Dr Brodie Reid** and **Monica Franz** for accompanying the students.

I congratulate the following current and past students for their achievements at the end of 2019 and beginning of 2020:

- Recent graduates **Jasmine Schmidt, Racheline Tantular, Jessica E. Knight** and **Kathryn Skinner** have been awarded New Colombo Plan scholarships by the Federal Government.
- Class of 2019 graduate **Camille French** was awarded the **Ted Maslen Award** as the top student in the WACE living in South Perth.
- Class of 2019 graduate **Joshua Boon** has been awarded the **BHP Excellence Scholarship** from Curtin University.
- **Micah Sinclair, Lawrence Nheu** and **Keith Wong** were invited to the **AMOC School of Excellence** held in Melbourne in December.
- Avril Keenan in Year 12 was named Dux of her **Senior Non Commissioned Officers course** in the Air force cadets and **Anthony Hicks** in Year 12 passed the highest cadet course on offer, the **Cadet Under Officer** course.
- **Celia Orgeas** in Year 7 was recently announced the winner of the Mastercard Young Innovators Challenge for 2019/2020.
- **Kaustav Bhowmick** in Year 12 achieved second place in the **Japanese Language Speech Contest** national final in Sydney.
- **Michelle Fernihough** in Year 10 and **Arthur Caspelherr** in Year 11 received scholarships to take part in the **Science Under Sail Australia (SUSA)** program.
- **Esther Santoso** in Year 8 came second overall in the **Language Perfect World Championships**.
- **Sidney Eric** in Year 8 has achieved a **Level 4 Diploma in Music**

	<p><b>Performance Piano Recital</b> with distinction from <b>Trinity College</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alexandra van Shie</b> in Year 11 is the Water Corporation Metro winner of the <b>Words for Water Challenge</b> run by the Literature Centre.</li> <li>• <b>Sithum Somarathna</b> in Year 10 was the winner of the <b>Table Tennis WA School Challenge</b> Open Mixed Singles.</li> <li>• <b>Jasmine Wu</b> in Year 7 won a silver medal at the <b>Table Tennis Australia National Hopes Challenge</b> for Under 12 Girls.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff news</b>	<p>We are pleased to welcome our new teaching staff in 2020. Joining us are:</p> <p>Operations Manager: Heather Boyd (replacement for Grant Staffe who is on leave for 2020)</p> <p>Innovations Manager/HASS – Myra Grace (replacing got Jarrad Strain who is on leave for 2020)</p> <p>GATE Online: Sarah Mirco</p> <p>Arts and Technology: Jessica Pacceca (Drama)</p> <p>Science: Sarah Ransom, Claire Humphrey and Sonja Bouwer</p> <p>Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS): Anish Badgeri</p> <p>Health and Physical Education: Sharron Marron, Lucy Gunzberg</p> <p>Mathematics: Michael Dean, Victoria Diep, Khaun Chua and Isaac Kogodi</p> <p>English: Stephanie Roper</p>
<b>Facilities</b>	<p><b>Large Capital Projects – commenced</b></p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p><b>Minor works – in progress</b></p> <p>Fire extinguisher maintenance</p> <p>Varnish TMC floor</p> <p>Redo old gym floors</p> <p>Carpet in S1</p> <p>New light in auditorium</p> <p>New lights in TMC walkway</p> <p>Maintenance of Split system aircon throughout school (2 visits)</p> <p>Acoustic panel in front office</p> <p>Remard entry from Roberts Rd</p> <p>Carpet in Beasley workroom</p> <p>Clean Stokes windows - ext and internal</p> <p>Install new lock and handle to store room AL4</p> <p>Install limestone garden beds - Andrews</p> <p>Refix HASS blind</p> <p>Remove pinup board S10</p> <p>Paint AL6</p> <p>BCA works - High Maintenance works - funded by Dept</p> <p><b>Department of Education/BMW Facilities Projects</b></p>

	<p>Retaining walls/trees adjoining basketball courts and netball courts - now with Dept</p> <p>Working with the Dept to remove double glazing - Beasley building - Dept cost – completed</p>
<b>Parents and the Community</b>	<p>The <b>Modernians met</b> on February 17 and discussed scholarships and other ways to support the school.</p> <p>The <b>School Board</b> held their open annual meeting on November 26 and welcomed parents who were interested in proceedings.</p>