



Cecil Andrews News

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Visit from the Premier

Community consultation last year about public secondary schooling in the Armadale area showed that local parents wanted to see the best possible education provided for their children, with a range of opportunities for them to learn and grow.

The State Government announced in a visit to the school by the Premier Colin Barnett that Cecil Andrews Senior High School would have an academic focus, with changes to be in place for the start of the 2017 school year. A new building will be constructed for science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects – including laboratories, a lecture theatre and preparation areas.

Principal Stella Jinman said that Cecil Andrews Senior High School welcomed a fresh vision. "We're passionate about education – my team of educators are very dedicated and hard-working," Ms Jinman said. "We're delighted that the Government is investing in us, in an area of need. I am delighted Cecil Andrews has been recognised as a hub for learning in the community. This funding will see a further expansion of our high quality teaching and learning programs. The change of focus provides opportunities to hand select the very best specialist academic staff for the extension program for Year 7s to Year 10s, ensuring the very best outcomes for our students. "I think it will be a very modern, 21st century look at what can be done, thinking about an imaginative and creative model of education that is responsive to the community. We're really looking forward to the next chapter."



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School Uniforms

The Uniform Committee would like to thank all Parents and Guardians in supporting our school uniform. It is always pleasing to see our students embracing the uniform throughout the year, taking ownership and wearing it proudly. We have been busy building an excellent relationship with our supplier and always endeavouring to keep costs as minimal as possible whilst maintaining quality. We also appreciate Lowes keeping prices unchanged over the last three years. Your feedback is always welcomed and we appreciate the response to our surveys. We regularly send out SMS messages about discount days, vouchers and sales from Lowes.

Lowes is conveniently located in Armadale Shopping City, 206 Jull Street, Armadale, WA. T: 9399 3142 or online at www.lowes.com.au. Here you may purchase all compulsory school uniform items including jumpers, jackets, shoes, beanies, stockings and scarves along with other non-compulsory uniform items. We look forward to your continuing support.

First Aid and White Card

Students who are on their way to completing the Certificate II in Live Production & Services completed the core units of competency of CPCCOHS1001A **Work Safely in the Construction Industry**. This will help them with stage production set up and keeping themselves safe while on a work site. Some students joined the group so that they can go out into a Building and Construction work experience later in the year. Very valuable!

The Certificate II in Sport and Recreation students completed Apply First Aid HLTFA301C with a St John Ambulance qualified trainer. It was really lucky that this was Pam Rosenbaum – the School Nurse who retired last year – so she knew most of the students.

Consider joining the P&C

Want to know what's happening in your child's school?
Want to have your say?
Want to be a part of the decision making process?
Want to meet new parents in a relaxed environment over a coffee?

The P&C hold meetings once a term, our committee would welcome you and your ideas. We will be welcoming our new "Parents Meeting Room", a place where you can meet other parents, and be more involved with the school and staff, have a cuppa and chat....hope to see you in 2016. To join our P&C please telephone the school on 9497 0200.



In 2015, Cecil Andrews became an Independent Public School which has provided us with the opportunity to manage our own budgets, select staff and deliver a curriculum that best supports our students to continue to be valued, useful, innovative and purposeful members of our society.

Our goal is for students to be lifelong learners equipped to contribute purposefully to our society's future. We believe in 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

During 2015, we have explored the world's best performing school systems and have used this evidence to achieve the best outcomes for the students enrolled at our school. We have searched around the globe for design ideas and innovative learning resources for our exciting new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) building which is due to open in 2017. We are currently searching Australia and overseas for the best teachers to deliver engaging learning environments for our students.

We welcome the new staff members who joined us this year. Our staff and programs are continually setting benchmarks, winning awards and leading the way for our students and community.

In August, in front of a supportive crowd of BHP Billiton, West Coast Eagles, Fremantle Football Club, school and community football representatives, our teacher Austin Ward was announced as Most Outstanding Secondary Woolworths AFL School Ambassador.

This year, our partnership with Clontarf Academy and the Cecil Andrews Armadale Police Rangers has enabled students to develop life skills and further their academic achievements. We continue to partner with our local primary schools to ensure a smooth and successful transition of children between primary and secondary school environments.

We have welcomed Sarah Glanvill to the school who has taken on the role of Head of Department – The Arts, Specialist Performing Arts and Technology & Enterprise. Our school offers an outstanding Specialist Performing Arts Program for selected students in Years 7 to 10. These programs prepare students with creative talent, planning to achieve an ATAR score for entry into a university course or further education in the area of Performing Arts.

We are excited that once again a student from our Specialist Performing Arts program has been accepted in Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Traye Newman has gained entry into the very prestigious and highly competitive Dance degree course. Further, Ruby Harrison and Alannah Leeder have been successful in their audition for Co3, the official youth dance company of WA. These students have worked extremely hard to gain these opportunities and our dedicated staff have guided them every step of the way.

However, we are still focused on what matters most with a tangible emphasis on literacy and numeracy as the foundation for future achievement. We actively seek to include Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as a strategy to engage in the 21st century learner, led by our ICT Coordinator John Townley and his team of passionate staff. We are looking forward to showing you the innovative technology that is being included in our new STEM building.

I would like to thank my wonderful staff, both teaching and non-teaching for all that they do day in, day out at our school. I would also like our students, parents, community and the volunteers that sit on the P&C and School Board. You are a magnificent team of professionals that are focused on achieving great outcomes for our students. May you enjoy the holiday season and take care over the break. See you in 2016 as we continue to achieve excellence together.

Stella Jinman – Principal



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Year 11 & 12 students who have been signed up for a School Based Traineeship! It is an excellent way to combine employment, training and getting a nationally recognised qualification.

Our Retail Make Up & Skin Care students have had a theme every week that they have to create on each other. One particularly memorable class was the Zombie Day. This is a picture of Natasha Otway as the model for stage makeup and special effects that make her look like she's one of the living dead!

Natasha Otway, Jessica Byrum & Natasha Searle

Melanie Butler
Nakisha Ogilvie

Neihana Takiwa
Jacob Rainsford
Jasmine Williams
Jarred Campbell

SBT Certificate II in Retail Make Up & Skin Care
SBT Certificate II in Hospitality
SBT Certificate II in Hair Dressing

SBT Certificate II in Hospitality
SBT Certificate II in Retail Services
SBT Certificate II in Business
SBT Certificate III in Hospitality

Spring into Training Academy, Perth
El Mexicano, Armadale
The Cutting House, Gosnells
Dome, Kelmscott
Foot Locker, Armadale
Curtin University, Bentley
Hungry Jack's, Armadale

Work Place Learning

Once again we have had extremely supportive community businesses that have allowed our students to develop their workplace skills. Thanks to:

- Best and Less
- Jetts Armadale
- Sizzler Kelmscott
- Curfew Cabinets Pty Ltd
- Snap Fitness Armadale
- Salon Express Armadale
- Karizma Hair Studio
- Perth City Glass
- Willandra Primary School
- Armadale Reptile Centre
- Great Beginnings Childcare
- Bakers Delight Haynes
- Infusion Hair Jetts Armadale
- For Paws Pet Grooming Salon

Vocational Education and Training

This year has been moving ahead at a rapid rate and lots of our students have been doing fantastic things in vocational training. There are so many opportunities for them to follow their dream career pathways!

Congratulations to the following students who are over at various TAFE campuses on a Thursday and/or Friday:

Pre-apprenticeship In School (PAiS) (Thursday and Friday)

Bradley Angelini Cert II in Automotive Light Servicing Tech
Mitchell Hovell Cert III Engineering (Technical)
Kurt Sawyer Cert II in Automotive Heavy
Ethan Gosselink Cert IV Digital Gaming
Laura Davis Cert II in Hospitality (Kitchen Ops)

Polytechnic West, Midland
Polytechnic West, Carlisle
Polytechnic West, Midland
Polytechnic West, Thornlie
Challenger Institute, Beaconsfield

Profile Qualifications

Jean McDonald Cert III in Events
Shanara Quartermaine Cert IV Business
Alysha Briggs Cert II in Health Services
Andrea Menor Cert I in Hospitality

Twilight Ryce Cert III in Beauty Services
Adrian Wilkins Cert II in B&C Para Professional
Nikita Gibbons Cert II in Community Service (Childcare)
Brodie Bryce, Joshua Shipard & Joshua Pedder Cert I in Agriculture

Central Institute, Northbridge
Central Institute, Northbridge
Central
Challenger Institute, Beaconsfield

Central Institute, Northbridge
Central Institute, Northbridge
Polytechnic West, Midland
Hillside Farm



Girls in S.T.E.M.

Every girl needs the chance to explore the fascinating world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Ms Gilbert (Follow the Dream) led a group of girls through the event that showcased the diversity of occupations that a STEM pathway can lead to and broke down the stereotype that these jobs are only for boys!

There were hands on activities delivered by experienced personnel, including talking to industry professionals and touring the premises at Central Institute of Technology. The activity highlights were definitely the Civil & Structural Engineering bridge building and Science where students examined their hair under a microscope and classified it into one of three types.

We thank Secondary Pathways and Gail Manson for the support of engaging girls in STEM and for providing this amazing opportunity.

Three Day 'Try a Trade'

The Construction Training Fund sponsors fantastic opportunities for students to get out of the classroom and do some hands on training in Building and Construction Industry pathways. Year 10 students have been able to participate in two Try a Trade opportunities over the last weeks.

Silver Trowel Try a Trade

Twelve students went to Silver Trowel in Cannington and worked on projects in Carpentry (wooden Thor hammer), Tiling & Plastering (mosaic house numbers) and Brick & Block laying. All the students were complimented on their work ethic (although there were a few groans on the last day sweep up!)

MPA Skills (Master Plumbers Association) Try a Trade

Twelve year 10 students were given an opportunity to engage in some hands-on experience in the Plumbing & Gas Fitting and Painting & Decorating industries. The students showed dedication, enthusiasm and a genuine interest in getting involved in the tasks. The first project was to make PVC cricket wickets and then the students had a go at bending and welding copper pipe.

Construction Fund Talk

Students from the year 10 Metal and Wood classes had the opportunity to listen to Aidan from the Construction Training Fund discuss career options and training pathways. There

is a huge variety of pathways available to students, from employment in the traditional trades to administration. All the students and staff who attended found it of great benefit and helpful for future decision making.

HGT Presentation (Hospitality Group Training)

On Monday 23rd June, the Year 10 Food Science class were able to watch Industry Consultant Kirsty from HGT demonstrate the best way to make chicken parmigana and caramelised pear and rocket salad. The students enjoyed listening to Chef Kirsty, her demonstration of knife skills and even had a go at making their own dish.

HGT also currently work with some of our students, through School Based Traineeships, to complete hospitality qualifications.

Get Into Resources!

The resources industry provides a variety of great workplace opportunities for professionals, trades and technical. Often students are unaware of the positions available and the prequalification's they need. This day was specifically for year 10 students to assist with subject choices for year 11/12. Nine students caught the train with Ms O'Donoghue into the city to at Central Institute of Technology. There was lots of hands-on content including a visit to "The Cut" underground training mine and professionals including a geologist, geophysicist and environmental scientists willing to give advice and direction.





Curtin AHEAD Program

In March, twenty-two wonderful Year 11 students, involved in the Curtin AHEAD Program, had the opportunity to attend Curtin University's Bentley campus. This gave the students the opportunity to explore the campus, go to information sessions, interact with university students, visit faculties and take part in library, seminar, art and sporting activities.

The Curtin AHEAD program aims to encourage students to consider University as a post school option through activities both in school and on the University campus. The aims of the program are to:

- develop a greater awareness of university within the school community.
- encourage and motivate students to consider continuing their education at university.
- help students develop academic, personal and social skills.

The program included an in school workshop and a one day visit to Curtin University, and covered:

- identifying post high school career goals;
- knowing how to find more information about post high school study opportunities;
- planning a post high school career pathway;
- identifying personal learning style;
- identifying effective study techniques related to a particular learning style; and
- having a greater understanding of the university entry process and the life of a university student.

The students worked and interacted fantastically and a great time was had by all. The Curtin University Staff looked after us really well and provided excellent activities, guidance, refreshments and hospitality throughout the day. It was a pleasure to work with such wonderful students, who will achieve great things in the future!!

The Proof is in the Pudding



Laura Davis (Year 11), an entrant in the 2015 VETiS commercial Cookery competition, has been awarded the Joint Gold Medal in our region's category. This means she may be eligible to represent WA at the national competitions in 2016.

There were 16 entrants and scores were given for five areas: bruschetta, chicken, vegetables, brownie and WHS/hygiene.

Laura's participation is proof that she has been able to complete a series of demanding tasks to industry standard under pressure and will be presented with her medal at a ceremony at the end of 2015.

The success continues with Melanie Butler (Yr 12) nominated for best School Based Trainee for the HGT awards by her employer (Max) at El Mexicano in Armadale.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships allow high school students to study, work and train for employment and Melanie goes every Wednesday to the workplace to work towards completing a Certificate II in Hospitality (SIT20213). This gives her a head start in her training when she transfers to being a full time apprentice chef.



Kadence wins Cockburn Idol

March 2015 saw our very own Kadence Tahana win his category in the Junior Idol section of Cockburn Idol 2015.

Singing Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud" he won over the judges with his smooth vocal tone and skilful guitar playing. As one of our Year 10 Performing Arts students it was a fantastic experience for Kadence as he learnt about the audition process, sang to thousands of people and played on the same main stage as Eskimo Joe, who was the top billing act of the night.

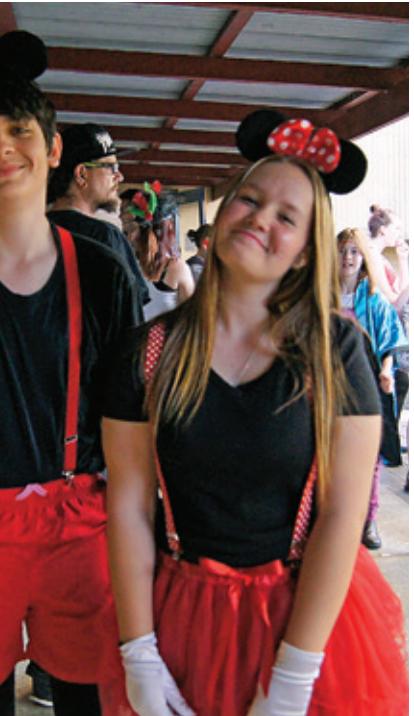


Students sing live on 6PR

Students Alicia, Rhianna, Caitlin and Alannah sang live in the studio on Night 5 of 6PR's High School Christmas Song Competition.

The girls sang Happy Xmas (War Is Over) and an original song I'm Still Okay. The competition showcased ten Perth schools that battled it out to bring their unique spin on festive tunes to get us into the holiday mood.







Relay for Life



On Saturday 10th November at 10am a resilient team of staff, students and families commenced the Relay for Life at Fremantle Oval. Relay for Life is a 24 hour team relay with the aim being to raise money and awareness for the work of the Cancer Council. As a team we raised over \$1600, with the 30 teams involved raising a grand total of just over \$105,000.

These individuals should all be congratulated for the way they represented the school, themselves and their families over the duration of the event. Given that it was the last weekend of the holidays made it a little bit more difficult for those involved. The Relay itself was a great opportunity for staff and students to work together for a fantastic cause. It was made even better because we ended up with two teams, which created a fantastic competitive environment. The 24 hours was spent running/walking over 200km in the 24 hours. The staff and students shared plenty of laughs over the weekend; much of this was because the team members were delirious through lack of sleep.

Everyone involved, including the families of the participants, should be commended on the role they played in this significant event. The students once again showed what being a Cecil Andrews student is all about and received many acknowledgements over the weekend from the organisers and other teams.

Our team consisted of:
 Nathan Squires
 Austin Ward
 Abraham Cheng
 Kasie Franklin
 Brendan Lewis (Year 12)
 Cameron Davies (12)
 Corey Butterfield (12)
 Jesse Sing (11)
 Jamie Hack (11)
 Melissa Mills (Jamie's Aunty)
 Liam Richardson (11)
 Nixon Kim (11)
 Bruno Faulkner(10)
 Mark Kershaw (10)
 Ryan Harp (10)
 Bailey Woodward (10)
 Enrique Aiken-Featherstone (10)
 Michael Millington (10)
 Rylan Patterson (7)



Teacher wins AFL Ambassador Award

In August 2015, in front of a supportive crowd of BHP Billiton, West Coast Eagles, Fremantle Football Club, school and community football representatives, Austin Ward was announced as Most Outstanding Secondary Woolworths AFL School Ambassador. WA football commission education manager Sharon Wilson said Mr Ward would now be invited to the national function and AFL finals series games in Melbourne.



Local Students Benefit From Scholarships

A scholarship fund set up years ago by a former President of the Rotary Club of Armadale, Phil Phillips, continues to assist students from our local high schools. Hayley Suchodolski from Cecil Andrews was one of three students awarded the Phil Phillips Incentive Scholarship in 2015.

Rotarians Eileen Alford and Joe Kalajzich conducted a thirty minute interview to select the winner. The Rotarians were looking for students who put in one hundred per cent to their schooling as well as an understanding of what an education will mean to their future and the future of their community.

Hayley is very deserving of her win. Past President Irvin Phillips presented the awards and shared a little about his father and how the scholarship came about



Students Shine at Umpiring Clinic

More than 50 students from diverse backgrounds had the opportunity to experience life as an AFL umpire and test their umpiring skills at Domain Stadium on Wednesday, November 18, as part of the Umpiring Diversity Academy Program.

Students from Clontarf College, Coodanup College, Gilmore College and Cecil Andrews Senior High School took part in field, goal and boundary umpiring clinics over the six-week program headed by Umpire Development Manager Dean Margetts, Senior Competitions Talent Pathways Manager Tim Priest and WAFL Umpire Manager Darryl Sinclair.

The program ran off the back of a \$10 000 grant the AFL provided to the West Australian Football Commission to invest in including more multicultural umpires in the state's umpiring system.

Community Engagement Manager Paul Mugambwa said the program provides another avenue for students from diverse communities to be involved in football beyond that of playing the game.

"We have been amazed by the turnout and enthusiasm that the program has generated and are now looking forward to taking it further and linking youth from diverse communities to the existing umpiring pathway" Mr Mugambwa said.

Umpire Development Manager Dean Margetts says the focus of the program is to identify a handful of students who have the ability to umpire at the WAFL level. "The focus and challenge is to take this 'feel good day' and transition that into more umpires at the district level to service matches heading into 2016" Mr Margetts said.

Cecil Andrews SHS student Bruno Faulkner attended the three clinics offered through the program and said it had been a really eye-opening experience.

"We do a lot of football at school from a player and coach perspective and the umpiring program offers something a bit different. I have learnt how to umpire from the boundary, field and goal and how to assess free kicks."

Dean Margetts said the energy and buy into the sessions had been outstanding and is hoping to have some umpires lined up for upcoming football carnivals like the Nicky Winmar Cup which kicks off in March. Once the kids return to school in 2016 we will be running a refresher course, to maintain the momentum we have generated so far."



Specialist Australian Rules Football Program

At Cecil Andrews we are fortunate to have formed significant relationships with the key stakeholders in WA Football. The WA Football Commission, the West Coast Eagles Football Club and the East Fremantle Football Club have all provided the students in the Specialist Program with opportunities they may not otherwise get.

During the year some of our students took part in the West Coast Eagles Indigenous Leadership Program. This program aims to provide our Indigenous students with the skills necessary to be leaders, not just to other Indigenous students but across the entire school population. Over the course of eight weeks the students covered topics such as cultural identity and health and nutrition. Vision of our staff and students was also used on Eagle Vision, a program that aired on Channel 7, further endorsement of the great work our students do. To wrap up the program, the students visited Domain Stadium to explore the venue and try out their skills on a professional playing field.

Throughout Term 4 our Year 10 students completed their Level 1 Coaching Accreditation. This accreditation will allow them to coach Junior levels of football in WA, including assisting next year with the Lower School Football Team. They learn a variety of skills, such as communication,

planning and self-reflection. East Fremantle FC played a significant role in this, with Daren Bell, the Development Officer, spending a lot of time working with the students and assessing their overall coaching ability.

Finally, we had a group of students involved in an Umpiring Diversity Program. These students received expert support at school in regards to field, boundary and goal umpiring. This course culminated in a visit to Domain Stadium to take part in an 'Umpiring Experience'. All students involved completed their AFL Green Shirt Umpiring Qualification, which we hope they will use at both school and community level.

As can be seen, the students involved in the Specialist Australian Rules Football Program are kept busy all year round with a variety of opportunities. It has been great to see the students engaging appropriately with all these programs and I'm sure that they have each taken something from them.

Again, these opportunities wouldn't be possible without the support of a variety of people and organisations. I would like to thank all of them and hope that we can continue to develop these relationships for many years to come.

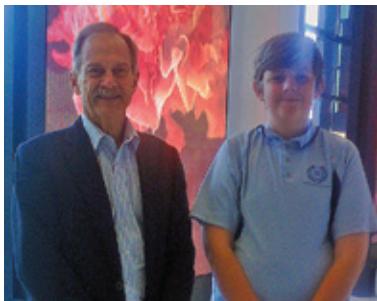


Days for Girls Volunteer Program

The staff and students at Cecil Andrews Senior High School recently asked "How can we help and make a difference?" and as a result the school is partnering with Days for Girls Australia, a not for profit organisation creating a better future for girls by providing advocacy, reproductive health education and sustainable feminine hygiene products.

Our team of staff and students regularly meet to sew kits which are distributed to women and girls in 85+ countries providing them with access to sustainable feminine hygiene products. Would you like to join them?

We acknowledge our students for their helpfulness and service who are using their own two hands to change the lives of women and girls around the world. A big shout out to the staff who are providing the guidance, skills and support to make it happen.



In Pursuit of Science

Professor Klinken, Chief Scientist of WA hosted a visit from Year 9 student Callum Butler.

After spending some time with Professor Klinken, Callum enjoyed a tour of the Harry Perkins Medical Research Centre and was intrigued by the staircase that is designed to look like DNA.



The VET Awards continue...

Nathan Dibbs has been awarded Western Australian recipient of the 2014 Australian Vocational Student Prize. Whilst at CASHS Nathan completed: Certificate II in Music, Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology (Pre-apprenticeship Vehicle Servicing – Light) and Certificate II in Live Production, Theatre & Events.

Twilight Ryce (left) won The Australian Super VET Awards for Excellence at our recent Presentation Night. This award acknowledges young people whose passion, drive, willingness to learn and work hard has helped them achieve excellent outcomes in their chosen VET studies. Students eligible for this award must have completed a VET qualification and at least 2 units of workplace learning and demonstrate energy and integrity in their chosen VET study as well as commitment to their personal and skills development.

Twilight has been an enthusiastic and focussed VET student achieving excellent outcomes. Her management includes going offsite 1 day per week for VET qualifications and, at times, a second day for related work experience. She excelled in the skills of Certificate II in Retail Make Up & Skin Care and the Certificate III in Beauty Services.

Twilight Ryce completed her first 10 days of work experience at a beautician service at the end of 2013. She commenced and completed a Certificate II in Retail Makeup and Skincare at Central Institute of Technology as well as 2 more work experience placements in 2014. She then progressed in her training to complete a Certificate III in Beauty Services at Central Institute of Technology in 2015. She has enrolled in the Certificate IV/Diploma of Beauty Therapy with a clear direction of her future pathway.

For students considering their VET options, The Career Centre provides free and independent training information and career guidance. www.careercentre.dtd.wa.gov.au



Cecil Andrews Armadale Police Rangers

In 2015, the Cecil Andrews Armadale Police Rangers joined us on campus to provide an additional service to the youth of our school and the Armadale area.

Police Rangers do a variety of activities that most cadet groups do, such as knots and navigation, bush survival skills and community service. However, the Armadale Police Rangers do much more than that! They also focus on learning valuable life skills like basic bike repairs, basic car maintenance and road awareness. To reward all Rangers for participating in all these lessons and activities they go on a variety of camps as well as some exciting outings. The Police Rangers meet every Wednesday from 6 till 9pm in the gym at Cecil Andrews during the school term.



Wadjemup a Success

Words and photos by Dale Watkins

Boys from the Cecil Andrews Academy were rewarded for their efforts at school and training when they were selected to take part in the Annual Wadjemup Cup football carnival.

The Wadjemup Cup is held at Rottnest Island and hosts five teams, which are made up of players across 16 Western Australian Academies.

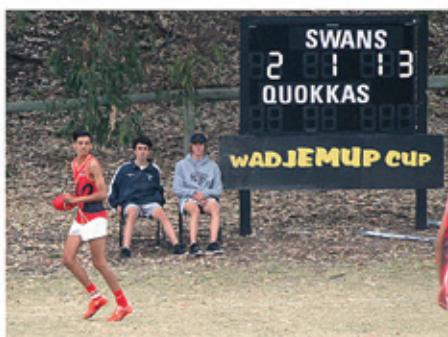
Over the course of the weekend, the boys had a chance to make new friends. For the Cecil Andrews boys it was Gilmore and Clontarf who we spent the most time with, as the three Academies joined to form the Swans team.

We were also kept thoroughly entertained. Thanks to Coxy and Murace from the Sevenoaks Academy for organising the Amazing Race on Friday night. Games like 'Play the Pirra' gave us all a good laugh. On Saturday night, Ant-Man screened at the Rottnest Picture Hall and was a great way to relax after the footy carnival.

Many of Clontarf's corporate partners attended the weekend and were impressed with the behaviour and sportsmanship from all Academies.

The message was relayed to Academy staff that the Cecil Andrews boys were very well mannered and we would like to congratulate Braiden Quatermaine, Ashley Joseph, Mark Thomas, Jayden Little, Ty Williams and Kelvin Ishiguchi for being good blokes.

Kelvin also was awarded the Clontarf Spirit award for the way he conducted himself over the weekend. The trip was a huge success for us and none of that was measured on football ability or results.





Clontarf Academy goes from strength to strength



During 2015 the Clontarf Academy continued to build solid foundations within the school community and achieved very visible outcomes for members. The Academy has grown from 16 boys to 46 Indigenous boys showing a keen interest in becoming part of the group.

The strong message from the Academy to the Indigenous boys at Cecil Andrews is that Clontarf Academy students should strive to be the leaders in the school. This means being in class and actively participating in lessons. As a result of this approach to self-discipline many of the boys have grown in maturity and self-esteem and have a clear understanding that they are the driving force behind the success of the program and the success of their own lives.

During the year, many activities are planned and organised for the boys including leadership activities and camps to build self-esteem, team work and camaraderie amongst the group which we hope will turn into lifelong friendships. In addition, the boys participate in football and sporting games.

A very important part of the Clontarf Academy program is to prepare the boys for life after school. This involves ensuring the boys are ready for the workforce or further study. During the year, the boys visit work sites and interact with many people from various community organisations. This builds confidence and independence and holds them in good stead when they are out in the real world on their own. The boys have visited work sites including the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Iluka, Water Cooperation, Crown Casino Complex, Coca Cola Amatil and the Cervantes Lobster Factory. This gives the boys a good understanding of what jobs are out there and the understanding

that Academy staff will help them find the job suited to them.

Getting the boys to school and to staying at school is a key focus of the Clontarf Academy. In 2015, the attendance figures for the boys averaged 80% – a great improvement over 2014 where the average attendance of Indigenous boys was around 50%. The boys, through consistent attendance and good behaviour, earn their right to attend camps and activities.

One of the tools that make up the attendance strategy is the morning training and breakfast program. This program encourages the boys to wake up early and get active in the mornings. Training sessions are based around fun footy and other sporting activities. The fun games and activities create plenty of laughs and this positive energy flows into the school day and the boys look forward to the day. During breakfast, staff from the Academy sit with the boys and talk about life. Depending on the season, attendance for the morning training and breakfast program range between 15-25 boys.

A highlight of 2015 was seeing three Clontarf Academy members graduate after successfully completing Year 12. We congratulate these boys and acknowledge the hard work and effort they put in over the years at high school. These boys and two other senior Academy members celebrated with a trip to Melbourne as a reward for their commitment to their education and to the Clontarf Academy.

The Cecil Andrews Clontarf Academy is managed by Karl, Dale and Clem. The school community acknowledges the energy, passion and commitment they have shown over the year which has helped drive and shape the Academy.





Follow the Dream

'Follow The Dream' is a voluntary program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who have university or VET aspirations and who demonstrate the appropriate school results, attendance and behaviour to achieve such ambitions. The program assists students to constantly strive for excellence, set challenging goals and take the necessary steps to achieve them.

The Follow the Dream students attend personalised after-school tuition to support them in continuing to achieve excellent outcomes at school, in addition to activities such as: subject and career counselling, cultural activities, WACE preparation courses, study skills seminars, guest speakers and visits to post-school destination sites, including universities and TAFE centres.

This year, students have visited Curtin University, Murdoch University, Edith Cowan University and the University of Western Australia, as well as Central Institute (TAFE).

Students who attend the Follow the Dream after-school tutoring program at Cecil Andrews SHS also come from Armadale SHS and Kelmscott. Outreach programs are run at Lesmurdie SHS and Southern River College. Students combine to go on the excursions together.

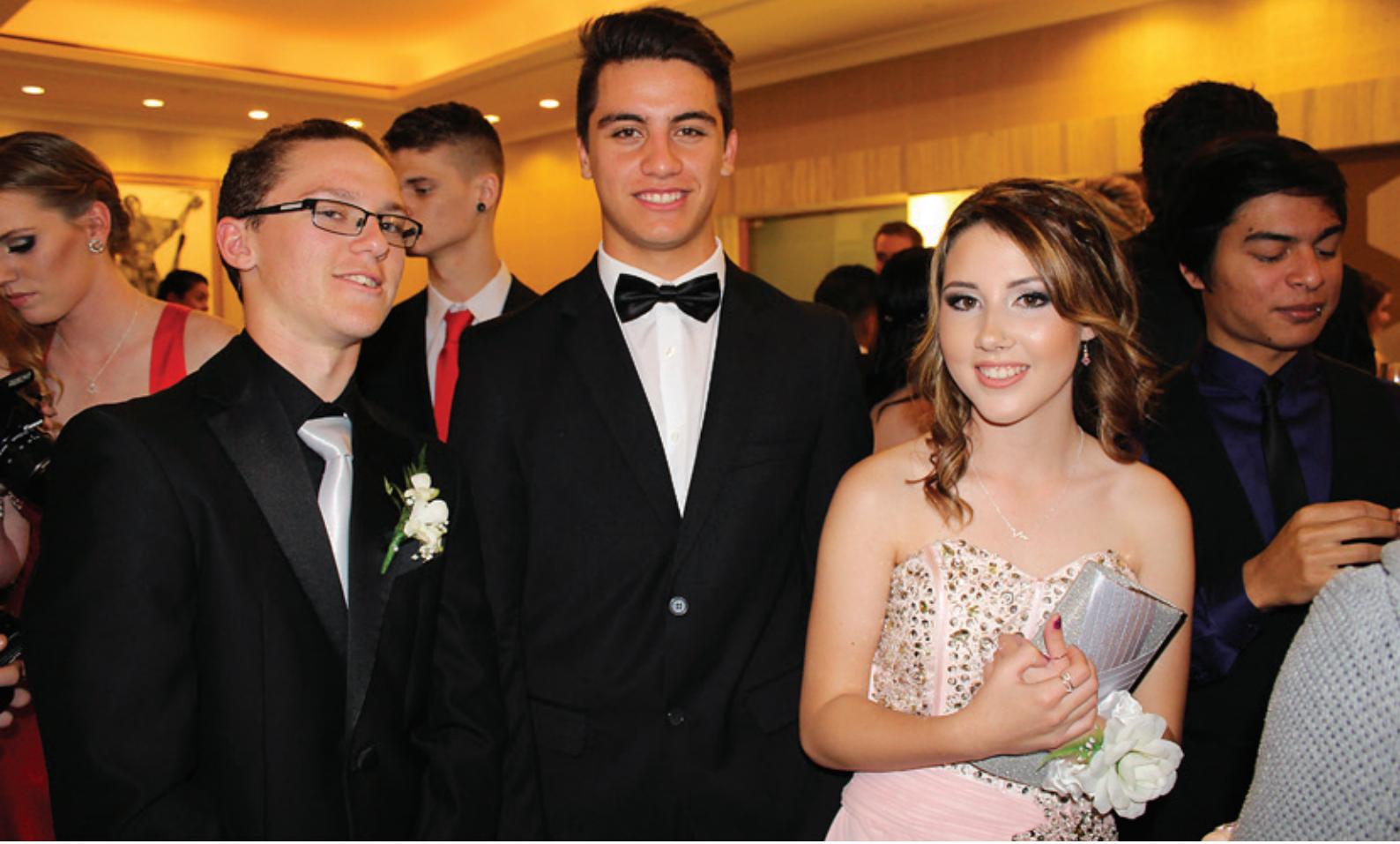
In Term 2, fifteen students from years 7-10 participated in a new initiative called "Create the Dream", which ran after school one day a week. The students identified post-school destinations that might suit them, with a focus on considering university as an option. As part of the program they spent a day at Curtin University, exploring the campus and visiting their areas of interest. The visit also included science and cultural activities.

Family members were invited to a launch at the start of the program and also to the last session, when the students shared their experiences. As a result of the program, students have a clearer understanding of pathways that might suit them and have learnt that university could be an option for them. For example one student commented, "I really enjoyed the program and it made me think that I might go to uni when I get older."

In terms 3 and 4 students are visiting local primary schools to share their culture through activities they have developed. They are reading stories (including in Noongar), doing art and sports activities and three of the boys are playing the didgeridoo.

Four Follow the Dream students from four different high schools have applied to attend a one-week residential Engineering Camp at Curtin University in January. The students all met through attending the STEM excursion at central TAFE together earlier in the year.

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School Ball

The Year 11 and 12 School Ball was held at the exquisite Duxton Hotel in Perth on Friday 7th August.

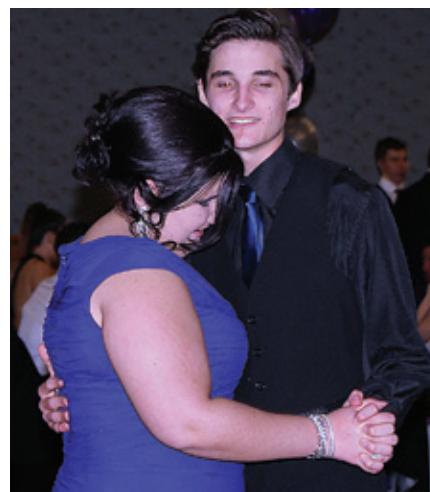
The Ball Committee worked tirelessly to make the arrangements for this special event. One hundred and two staff, students and their guests attended the evening.

Guests enjoyed Mocktails, followed by a delicious three course buffet and there was plenty of dancing throughout the night.

The ball theme colours were purple, silver, black and white and the theme was Hollywood Masquerade.

The Award winners were:-

- Belle of the Ball – Twilight Ryce
- Beau of the Ball – Cameron Roberts
- Best Dressed Female Year 11 – Erica Saint
- Best Dressed Male Year 11 – Nixon Kim
- Most Unique – Isabella Sullivan
- Best Dressed Female Teacher – Ms Hooton
- Best Dressed Male Teacher – Mr Squires





Performing

Endurance Dance Concert

In August the Dance students presented their annual Dance Concert "Endurance". Students from the Specialist Performing Arts program (year 7 – 10) and the upper school Dance courses (year 11 and 12) presented dances in the genres of Hip Hop, Jazz and Contemporary. Students performed two shows to the community and showcased skills and technique learnt in dance classes. The night featured Traye Newman a year 12 student who had recently returned from a residency at Quantum Leap, Canberra's youth dance company. Choreography was created by the dance teacher Mrs Cuellar, Scott Elstermann (a recent WAAPA dance graduate) and of course the students themselves. Year 11 and 12 Production and Design students showcased their skills in lighting, sound and backstage management for each performance.

Youth on Health Festival

In September selected Specialist Performing Arts students participated in the annual Youth on Health Festival (YOH Fest) at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Schools from all over Perth were invited to present dance pieces that explore a health message and this year it was "Equality". We were strongly represented by students in year 7, 8 and 10 who looked at the equality that exists in the community in which live. Students danced and used their voices to present a message of respect and harmony. At the end of the night our team won the well-deserved award of "well drilled troupe".

Another Graduate off to WAAPA

Traye Newman, a Specialist Performing Arts student (Drama, Dance and Music) student and graduate of Stage 3 Dance, Stage 3 Drama and a Certificate II in Music has gained entry into the very prestigious and highly competitive Dance degree course at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). Whilst at school, Traye participated in annual Dance concerts, Youth on Health Festivals and performed for whole school assemblies. In 2013 he successfully auditioned for Steps Youth Dance Company and has since performed major seasons at the State Theatre Centre of WA. In 2015 he was given the opportunity to take a student residency at Quantum Leap (QL2) where he participated in workshops and performed for Canberra's youth dance company. In October 2015 he performed with Co3 (formally known as Steps Youth Dance Company). In Music, Traye has performed in many school concerts, most notably as a support act for Samantha Jade at Sienna Woods in 2013. His commitment to the Performing Arts and dedication to achieving excellence in performance has seen Traye mature into an invaluable member of the Performing Arts team and seen him excel in his skills and techniques over his five years of study.

Spectrum Music Concert 2015

This year, the Year 11 and 12 Certificate II in Music students hosted their annual Music Concert, aptly entitled Spectrum, as the age group of performers ranged from Year 7 to Year 12. Thirty eight different acts played for just over two hours

in the Performing Arts theatre – turned Spectrum club on Wednesday, 16th September. For some of our new Year 7s it was the first time they have ever performed music live in front of over 170 audience members.

Songs ranged from Ed Sheeran's I See Fire; Oasis' Wonderwall; Beyonce's If I Were a boy, performed by the Year 7 band; Meghan Trainor and John Legend's Like I'm Gonna Lose You performed by an all-girl Year 8 band; Angus and Julia Stone's Big Jet Plane to Rage Against the Machine's Bulls on Parade and Blink 182's Dammit. With an array of different music and the range of performers spanning over six years, the night was one many will always remember.

Songmakers Workshop

Cecil Andrews was chosen as one of fifty schools around Australia to host the APRA / AMCOS Songmakers workshop. The Music department, led by Miss Melanie Fowler, was honoured with a two day songwriting workshop hosted by one of Western Australia's most famous icons. Kav Temperley, lead singer and bassist for the alternative rock band Eskimo Joe. The band has won eight ARIA awards with songs such as "Black Fingernails, Red Wine", "Foreign Land", "Wake Up" and "From the Sea". Kav was joined by Anna Laverty (producer), who has worked on bands such as Florence and The Machine, Depeche Mode, Bloc Party and Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds.

Sixteen students from years 10, 11 and 12 were mentored by one of Australia's best songwriters and producers in a two day collaborative workshop, the end result being four professionally recorded originals made solely by the students. It was an intensive, real world program where students were able to be creative and record new music in the classroom.

Before the creativity began, students were in awe of Kav, telling of his career highlights, current industry practices and why creating original work is so important for today's career musicians. Examples of getting started with a song and the collaboration process, along with production planning, arranging, recording and copyright were real world tips students can take into the future.

The intense two day workshop was a complete success and showed an avenue for students to be heard through song.

Visual Art

In the Visual Art Department this year, students in year 10, 11 & 12 ATAR, VET and General courses have had the opportunity to contribute art works for many community exhibitions, as a part of the focus on engaging students in industry standard practice. Students submitted work for the Propel Youth Arts Sketch Book project, the St George's Art Exhibition, the Metamorphosis Exhibition, the Outside the Frame Awards hosted by the City of Armadale, and the Yr. 12 Perspectives Exhibition, hosted by the Art Gallery of WA.

Chloe Abram, one of our Yr 12 ATAR Visual Art students had her artwork 'Sticks and Stones' selected for the prestigious Young Originals Exhibition, hosted by the Department of Education and Edith Cowan University.

This year was also very exciting for our middle school students as it was our first entry into the City of Swan Hypervision Art competition. We had three finalists Tannamin Brown (Year 7), Cindy Kyawhatut (Year 7), and Callum Butler (Year 9). Hypervision is a competition run by the City of Swan to showcase the work of local young people. The exhibition included artwork in the form of digital, photography, fashion/ jewellery, sculpture as well as traditional artwork. The artworks were displayed at the Midland Gate Shopping centre during the July school holidays.

All our student artwork is celebrated in a large scale exhibition at the Annual Cecil Andrews SHS Arts Festival, and our year 10 Visual Graphics students were very excited to be invited to assist in the design and production of this year's Arts Festival Invite. It has been a year of success, as we have seen our bright young artists take hold of the wonderful opportunities offered throughout the year.

Exciting news for 2016

In February 2016 Specialist Performing Arts students will attend a professional performance of The Lion King musical at Crown Theatre, Burswood. The Lion King is a professional production featuring African style music, dance and puppetry. Further, in 2016 selected Specialist Performing Arts students will perform in a whole school production of 'Annie Jnr.' the musical. Students from across the school will also have an opportunity to showcase their talents through their involvement in the design and production team.





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