



## Warm Welcome to 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you after a vibrant and energetic week one.

It has been a tremendous start to 2019. Monday witnessed our students returning to their school and a number of students attending St. Andrew's Grammar for the first time. It was an exciting day connecting students with teachers and it was fantastic being in classes and seeing the wonderful dynamics between the students and our teachers.

Our focus in 2019 is to work as a K-12 school where transitions are carefully handled and where Primary and Secondary school work hand in hand. This is the real strength of an all-through school and something that this school needs to ensure that our students gain from. Whether it be pedagogy, academic studies, sports or house system we see 2019 as a fresh start. A start to ensure the programmes we offer are as good as they can be. As a result, we will be working hard this year to build on and expand the programmes available to your students with an enhanced Sporting programme; academic afterschool tutorial programmes; House system and Co-curricular programme.



We will work hard at ensuring that we are effectively communicating with you and in doing so continue to develop very positive relations with you, our parents.

We see 2019 as a fresh start for the school, where high expectations are shared, every student aspires to achieve their own level of excellence and where enjoyment of school by every student is paramount to everything we do. A happy child learns best and we aim to ensure that every student reaches their own level of excellence.

You will see later in this edition various welcome events and celebrations that we have had week 1 as well as a summary of our excellent ATAR results. We had some outstanding results of which have been shared and we will continue to build on these results further.

**Craig Monaghan**  
**Principal**

## 2018 WACE Results

We can be genuinely proud of the Year 12 students from 2018. Our students within the ATAR and alternative pathways programmes have done very well and have certainly made St Andrew's Grammar and no doubt their families extremely proud.

St Andrew's Grammar was one of 40 schools in Western Australia that had fewer than 20 full time WACE eligible Year 12 students and consequently did not feature in many of the tables reported by the media. The following provides a snapshot of the 2018 WACE results:

- ⇒ The percentage of our students who achieved an ATAR of 90 and above continues to grow, with 31% of the 2018 cohort in this category.
- ⇒ Our 2018 DUX Joren Regan scored an ATAR of 98.2, placing him in the top 1.8% of the 13 093 students in WA who sat four or ATAR examinations. Congratulations Joren!
- ⇒ Our VET students continue to achieve outstanding results. As was the case in 2017, 100% of our VET students successfully completed their qualifications. This is compared to just 71.9% across WA.
- ⇒ 100% of our WACE ATAR students who applied for a University place were offered a position. One non ATAR student was also been offered a University position.
- ⇒ Our students continue to enrol in an array of University courses, including Engineering, Advance Science programmes, Architecture, Information Technology, Medical Studies, Management and Commerce.
- ⇒ Two of our students were awarded a Certificate of Distinction and three students were awarded a Certificate of Merit by SCSA in acknowledgement of their outstanding achievement over Year 11 and 12.
- ⇒ In 2018, 33.9% of Western Australian students prequalified by achieving Band 8 or higher in NAPLAN, whereas 46.15% of our students prequalified.



Congratulations to all our students on their achievements and our team of dedicated teachers who inspire our students to achieve their best, while instilling in them a desire to continue to learn, to give back and to care for each other.

At St Andrew's Grammar we strive to help our students discover their best. Our Class of 2018 has certainly done so, and we are very proud of every one of them.



**Necole Chamberlain**  
**Head of Secondary**

## Enhanced Co-Curricular Programme

The staff have reviewed our recent offerings and are of the opinion that we need to offer that much more in relation to our afterschool and before school offerings.

Our staff have agreed that every staff member will offer two CCA activities of which they are passionate about, to students whether it be during lunchtime, or before or after school.

The CCA programme will offer a balanced sports, academic, cultural and performance arts programme and we will be actively encouraging students to be involved.

Mr Jacob Whiteaker will be organising and communicating with parents in regards to this programme.

## Our Whole School House Tabloid Competition

A new school year brings with it a renewed vision of our House System at St. Andrew's Grammar. This year we have introduced a St. Andrew's Grammar House Cup where points are accumulated across Primary and Secondary. The Primary and Secondary House Championship still remain, but with the new overall House Cup comes greater opportunity for Primary and Secondary Schools to integrate with one another.

To kick things off in 2019 all students participated in a House Tabloid Sports competition on Monday 11 Feb 2019. The Primary school competed in 3 sections; Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and finally Year 5 and 6. Students participated in a range of relay style races and it was wonderful to hear so much cheering from students, parents and staff – the noise could be heard all over the school! Each Primary House had Secondary students leading chanting and assisting with the organisation of their Primary counterparts. The overall results from the Primary School section of the Tournament were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – Apollo  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Artemis  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Demeter  
4<sup>th</sup> – Poseidon



It was then the Secondary students turn to battle it out for their House in a variety of different events including 'The Human Knot', 'The Balloon Race' and 'The Great Balloon Pop Royale'. There was an enormous amount of House Spirit shown by all students as they enjoyed the healthy competition against one another. Students were split up into 4 sections; Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and 10 and finally Year 11 and 12. There was a lot of good will between Houses throughout all of the Year groups and the event proved to be a hit with all students of the school.

The results of the Secondary School section of the tournament were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – Poseidon  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Artemis  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Apollo  
4<sup>th</sup> – Demeter



With all Houses enjoying success throughout the Day it was a close finish to determine our Whole School House Champion for the Tabloid Sports Carnival in 2019. The final results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – Poseidon  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Artemis  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Apollo  
4<sup>th</sup> – Demeter



I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for their participation in the event. To Mr Psanoudakis and Ms Stewart, thank you for both putting on an amazing event. It was a very positive way to start our school year. Onwards and upwards for the remainder of the year in our reinvigorated House System which involves more competitions that cover a range of different aspects of life at St. Andrew's.

**Paul Donaldson**  
Director of Sport



## International Greek Language Day 9<sup>th</sup> February

After years of campaigning by academics, educators and Greeks of the diaspora, the 9<sup>th</sup> February in 2018 was officially declared International Greek Language Day. The specific date coincides with the Commemoration Day of Greece's National Poet, Dionysios Solomos, (died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1857) whose lengthy poetic composition to Freedom makes up the lyrics of the Greek National Anthem. It is our pleasure to celebrate this International day celebrating one of our mother tongues at school – Greek!

As you may well know Greek has a long and well-documented history (the longest of any Indo-European language) spanning 34 centuries. It holds an important place in the history of the Western world and Christianity; the canon of ancient Greek literature includes works such as the epic poems of the Iliad and the Odyssey. Greek is also the foundational language of Western science, especially astronomy, mathematics, logic, and philosophy, such as the Platonic dialogues and the works of Aristotle. The study of ancient Greek writings and society constitutes the discipline of Classics. Countless Greek words enrich other languages, culminating in the international medical terminology in which about 80 percent of the scientific terms have a Greek root.

As the official language of two EU member states, Greece and Cyprus, it is one of the 24 official languages of the European Union and by a rough estimate, is currently spoken by nearly 13.2 million people in Greece, Cyprus and the Greek diaspora around the world.



### St. Andrew's Grammar International Greek Language Day 2019 !

Never fear! There are many ways to celebrate the Greek language and culture which we will be exploring here at St. Andrew's Grammar: these will be encouraging students and parents to speak more Greek at school and home; inviting non-Greek friends to partake in a uniquely Greek celebration; playing of Greek music; and cooking Greek food. There will be a focus of this in all Greek classes this week and next.



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ΓΛΩΣΣΑΣ**

On Friday 8 February, students, teachers, parents and distinguished guests attended our School's Blessing, the cutting of the Vasilopita and the celebration of the International Greek Language Day. The Blessing of Water service is celebrated when a school is blessed, at the start of the school year and with the beginning of new responsibilities.

The very Reverend Archimandrite Elpidios and Father Milan recited some prayers to request that God's grace be bestowed on the school in the New Year. After the solemn blessing, the Fathers blessed individual students, teachers, parents, the classrooms, offices, buildings and all school grounds.

By sanctifying our work and study space with the newly Blessed Water, we extend the Grace of God to our own individual dwellings.

Vasilopita is the traditional cake with a lucky coin baked into it, honoring our Holy Father Basil the Great. The Fathers blessed the St. Andrew's Grammar Vasilopita and along with our Principal cut a cross into the entire Vasilopita before cutting the first piece for Jesus Christ, the second for the Virgin Mary, the third for Saint Basil, the fourth for the poor, then for the school, for the Principal, for Mrs Chamberlain, for Mr. Cronin and then one piece for each guest and one for each Class/Form group.

Following the Blessings, we celebrated the "International Greek Language Day". The

Honourable Consul of Greece Mr. Koliadis and our Principal Mr. Craig Monaghan said a few words about the International Greek Language Day and Aristotelis Androutsos and Natalea Lampropoulos honoured Dionisios Solomos and recited some of his poems.

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish you all a very blessed, happy, productive and lucky New School Year!

**ΕΥΧΟΜΑΣΤΕ ΣΕ ΟΛΟΥΣ ΜΙΑ  
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ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΙΚΗ και ΤΥΧΕΡΗ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ!**

