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Executive Report

This has been a rather different year for me - one that has been beset by illness, and the subsequent need to have some extended leave. What this does - apart from a very necessary recharging of batteries - is that it allows me to step back from the operations of the school and appreciate what a very fine job everyone involved does. Sometimes it is easy to miss this when you are there, day to day, in the thick of things. Geraldton Grammar is blessed to have at its helm, a wonderful executive led by Mr John Royce in my absence, and a fine staff who really do an exceptional job. This is made more pleasurable by the (mostly!) fantastic students at school, and their very supportive parents. And of course, the Board of Governors, who maintain a wonderful strategic role, as well as being incredibly supportive in my hour of need. So, thank you everyone for your part in the success of another year at GGS, and roll on 2010!

Susan Shaw
Principal

Primary School

2009 marked a new era for the primary school. We increased by two classes and finally were in a position to welcome Mr Alan Evans and Mrs Amanda Cook who share the Assistant Head of Primary role to the primary leadership team.

The highlights of the year were many and varied. The introduction of House Directors for primary saw the House competition step up a few notches and this competition has encouraged friendly rivalry from all Houses. The high standard of the Poetry Performances continue to amaze as does the friendships formed by our House buddy lunch program. This year we introduced a House sporting competition on a Friday afternoon. We look forward to this continuing in 2010.

Our primary choir and percussion ensembles excelled at the Music Festival under the directorship of Mrs Morgan. Our near weekly assemblies showcase the learning that is occurring in the classrooms and we have been delighted with many performances.

Our students were provided with opportunities to attend leadership conferences, the All Saints Literature Festival, sleepovers, year 6 camp, Days of Good Standing, the Wild Man, World of Maths, Vlanga Khoza, Evening of Eminence, discos and other events. These opportunities broaden the educational experience for all.

It has been an action packed year with many things to celebrate on the way. Special thanks to the awesome primary staff, the HOPE team and the parent body for making GGS a great place to be.

Middle School

2009 has been an exciting year in middle school and began with an action packed orientation program that provided students and staff with social, academic, creative and physical experiences and challenges.

Electives have again provided a wonderful opportunity for students from year 7 to 9 to work together and select learning that interests them. Students were able to choose from a total of 23 activities which included cooking, horticulture, CO2 dragsters, circus skills, science talent search, CSI Grammar, board games, film to mention just a few. The Junior Round Square Conference was held in Launceston, Tasmanian and was a great experience for the nine participants. Middle School leaders attended a leadership day in term 1 and a number of students capably and proudly represented the school at local and country week sporting events. The Seven Towards Eight Program (STEP) was a new initiative this year where the year 7 boys and girls participated in activities designed to develop gender specific understanding of adolescence.

When reflecting on the progress middle school students have made this year whether it's with their organisation, social tolerance, understanding of increasingly complex concepts or communication the dedication and effort of all who teach and advocate for middle school students must be acknowledged.

Student Development

This year we sent a small group of year 11 students very early in the year on a demanding Outward Bound journey. This proved to be a challenging experience for the students, but one where they were able to develop stronger bonds and leadership skills in preparation for becoming year 12s in 2010.

For the third year running, the year 12 students along with some other willing helpers in secondary school ran the Batavia Games. This House activity is student led primarily by the senior captains and the year 12s across the whole school. This has been an excellent way for students to demonstrate their leadership qualities and work with other students of all ages.

Every year we have a large number of students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This year the number of students who are completing their Compass Award and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award has increased significantly.

With the implementation of the new courses of study and endorsed programs, students who sail on the STS Leeuwin can achieve recognition and points toward their WACE. This year we had our first two students achieve accreditation toward their WACE by sailing on the Leeuwin and completing the required tasks.

Curriculum

This year has once again been a busy one in curriculum development as we farewell a TEE system in place since the early 1980s and take part in National Testing for the second year for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in addition to trialling some curriculum options for our gifted and talented students and some online study skills programs for our secondary students. Our main academic performance markers of the TEE, where the league tables had us listed behind Bunbury Cathedral Grammar as the strongest performing country school and the National Testing program where we consistently performed above both state and national averages, indicate that we are continuing to perform very strongly in the academic sphere. However I believe that it is our commitment to helping all students improve and achieve their goals which sets us apart.

2009 marks the final year of the old TEE subject system in senior schooling as we complete the transition into new courses of study. We have endeavoured to capitalise on student interest for the new courses and have offered the Psychology, Materials, Design and Technology, Outdoor Education, Physical Education Studies and Philosophy and Ethics courses in 2009 in addition to the more traditional Science, English, Mathematics and Arts courses. In 2010 we look forward to offering Health Studies, Applied Information Technology and Business Management Studies and the return of the Media Production and Analysis. Offering such a wide range of courses to a relatively small cohort is a challenge and I am constantly reminded how fortunate we are to have a wonderful blend of experience, enthusiasm and talent in our teaching staff who put into practice the life long learning message.

Board of Governors

The Geraldton Grammar School Board of Governors during 2009 consisted of Deputy Chair Pauline Bogle and Members Peter Hobbs, Eric Broad, Laurie Dines, Rob Dines, Craig Topham, Janie Ballinger, Garry Hamersley, Jenny Rolston, Jane Leung, Melinda Borchers, Murray Wilding and Marilyn Newport. I acknowledge their contribution throughout 2009 to the Geraldton Grammar School.

Board Members Laurie Dines and Jane Leung stood down from Board duties during 2009 and were replaced by Rob Dines and Melinda Borchers respectively. Both Laurie and Jane have been passionate supporters of the school and we thank them for their service.

Throughout the year, the Board meets monthly and has a number of sub committees. These sub committees include the Values Committee, Remuneration Committee and Finance Committee with a Constitutional Review and Building Committee being established to achieve set outcomes in 2010. It is hoped that we start an Alumni and members of the Board will work with past students including Tanya Newport to facilitate the formal structure of this group. The Board also convenes an annual planning day.

The School Executive and the P&F Executive also attend this forum and together we consider the current and future requirements of the school and our position within the Geraldton community. This year our invited guest was City of Geraldton-Greenough CEO Tony Brun who outlined his vision for an exciting future for Geraldton.

With Susan Shaw unwell during the second part of the year, the Board commends the school Executive for their professionalism and commitment in helping to cover this situation. In particular, John Royce was outstanding in his efforts in standing in as Principal. It proved great testament to Sue's leadership that her Executive were so well placed to take the school forward in her absence.

Graeme Munday joined Geraldton Grammar School as Business Manager midway through the year and has settled in brilliantly. Graeme brings a wealth of financial management skills to the table and was appointed to the role by the Board and Principal.

The Federal Government funding received by the Geraldton Grammar School will see us undertake the extension to the Library and the build of new primary classrooms during 2010. This funding injection comes at an opportune time as the Mid West region is poised for great growth.

The Board also congratulates the P&F for their efforts throughout 2009. A new team is taking this group forward under the stewardship of Melinda Borchers. We wish them every success for 2010.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, we thank you for your involvement with Geraldton Grammar School and look forward to your ongoing support.

Darren Lee
Chair

P&F Report

Every year that parents and friends have fun together and money is donated to the school is a successful one and 2009 is no exception. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to this success.

This year the money raised has been set aside to fulfil an obligation of donating \$30 000 towards the refurbishment of the extension of the art shed that will take place at the end of the year. With the arts program being such an integral part of our school and producing internationally acclaimed students it is certainly a worthy cause.

But the events have not all been focused on fundraising. Socialising and including newcomers into the friendly circle of the Grammar School family have also been utmost in our planning.

The year started off with a well attended Sundowner in term 1, welcoming new parents and farewelling past P & F president Jane Leung whilst enjoying drinks and snacks together. Thanks to Berrice Lodge and her team of "Mind Matters" parent reps who helped assimilate people.

The 100's Club for Eagles and Dockers fans started up early in the year making it the entertaining fundraiser that it is, raising \$9700 for the school. In July a wind up party was held where the \$1000 draws were made with some very happy people walking away. A big thank you to Peter Hobbs and his workers for all their efforts.

This year we trialled a Corporate Sports day once a month for all parents and older kids to get together on a social level playing bowls, tennis, golf, croquet and sailing. It has been great fun and the various clubs have been very welcoming. Competition varied from strong to useless, but whatever the level there were many laughs. Another big thank you must go to organisers Dave Whettingsteel, Kylee Crabb, Jenny Feltham and Adam Semple.

The Lapathon was another first put on in September for the primary to year 9s to raise money with students, teachers and a few parents enjoying the sunshine whilst walking and running the laps to the music provided by teacher/DJ Mr Russell Pusey. Thanks to Water Corp for donating water for the event. Money raised from the lapathon will go towards providing much needed portable netball hoops and other sporting equipment.

Finally the big event of the P & F calendar was the Art Auction and Cocktail Party held in September. What a great night it was. Despite the lower than expected attendance figures 50% of the artwork sold and gave great exposure to the artists of the region and many great investments were to be had. The artists were delighted to have their work showcased in the MidWest and hope to grow the event for next year. Considering the turnout we still made \$8000. To all the organisers and their working crew of parents, a very big thank you for all your hard work.

Add this to the bulb sales and Queens Supa IGA schools campaign and donations to Courtesy & Cooperation prizes for Presentation Night it has been a fun filled successful year.

On behalf of us all, many thanks to the enthusiastic and hard working committee, parents, staff and friends who have given their time and energy so freely this year. We look forward to your support and welcome you all to join us in working together in 2010.

Melinda Borchers
President

RE Team Report

I'm enjoying getting to know the school and the school community. It's a privilege to build on the great foundation laid by those before me. Previous Chaplains and the RE team last year ably led by Miss Wheat compliment the excellent work being done by all the other parts of the school. The Batavia Arch is a great symbol to illustrate how everything holds so well together. Differently shaped pieces supporting each other by mutual pressure give great strength. The communal support that the staff, Board, parents and students give to our school is held together by Christ himself. Ephesians 2:21 says "Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord." May we continue to depend on Christ to hold our school together and all grow in all ways to His glory.

To that end Christian Education in the Anglican tradition has continued this year for students from kindergarten to year 12, to help them develop in their spiritual life and character. In the primary, Mrs Hamersley has weekly lessons for kindergarten to year 3 and I teach year 3 to year 6. We have explored aspects of the life of Christ that demonstrate his power and authority as God's Son and also God's plan of salvation from the call of Abraham to the settling and deliverance of His people from Egypt through to their settlement of the promised land and how to live God's way. Mrs Hamersley said, "The primary classes that I teach are really involved and the students are even going to the library to find Christian books which is a positive for me."

With year 7 I've used "Big Questions" to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective, teaching the major events, concepts and doctrines of the Bible. Miss Wheat has used "Bible Overview" with year 8 and year 9 to show the chronology and big picture of the Bible with clear links to life now. Year 8 have also used "Mistaken Identity" to investigate the life of Jesus while year 9 had an introduction to world religions. I worked through "A spectator's guide to world religions" with year 10 studying the history and teachings of the five major world religions to understand the various religious worldviews on offer and then looked at relationships.

Year 11 and 12 are encouraged to apply their Christian framework and develop a personal Christian ethic that they will take with them well beyond their years at Geraldton Grammar. This is facilitated through our fortnightly Beliefs and Values program that covers areas such as personal decision making, ethics and current topics from a Christian perspective.

Students also actively participate in both formal and informal times of prayer and reflection. These times may occur in the classroom context, or at whole school services and assemblies. Mr Swartzentruber easily engages a Primary Assembly by his tasty devotions. He said, "The chief aim of my devotions is to introduce students to the God who made us and loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to rescue us. God is the giver of all good things, including the best thing of all: Jesus. Romans 6:23 says that "God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord." The whole school church services are a formal element of Religious Education studies and allow students to take part in the traditional part of the Anglican faith. I would like to thank those mentioned for their enthusiasm and support in 2009.

God bless,

Jenny Day
Chaplain

"I pray that your love will keep on growing and that you will fully know and understand how to make the right choices. Then you will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns. And until that day, Jesus Christ will keep you busy doing good deeds that bring glory and praise to God." Philipians 1:9-11 (CEV)





School Captain's Report

We have both attended Grammar for a long time and it has provided us with many experiences that we know will help us to succeed in the future. As we have grown we have seen the school develop in many ways, however it has always remained to us a symbol of trust and community. From the beginning of our schooling lives we have always been told to make every effort to achieve the best and to make the most of every opportunity. At Geraldton Grammar, we feel that these ideals are encouraged, allowing us to reach our full potential.

As captains of 2009 we have been given the chance to show who we are as people and what we stand for in society. With us, the rest of the Student Representative Council has worked diligently this year to organise many school events which has helped not only to further the school community, but also to support our several well-deserving charities. We believe that this relationship between Grammar and the wider community is essential in helping us grow as students and ultimately, as well rounded people.

A large part of the Geraldton Grammar school experience is partaking in many extra-curricular activities that initiate essential team building and leadership skills between students. Activities such as Outward Bound, Round Square, and the Rotary Youth Programs, cultivate abilities that will serve an important purpose in our futures. These abilities are further developed in other student activities such as Outdoor Education Expeditions and Rush, It's an Artrage II, our annual art exhibition. Such a

diverse range of student based activities enhances and improves a variety of different talents which we will have forever.

As early as the first years of primary school we have had the support and direction of our teachers to guide us through our schooling career. This direction has helped us to be sure of ourselves as we enter the real world and become active members of society. We would like to thank all the teachers that have helped us, however there have been four teachers who have been with us from the very beginning when some of us were only four years old. Mrs Hamersley, Mrs Lodge, Mr Royce, Mrs Morgan, thank you for your continued support over the last 14 years.

As we reflect on our time at Grammar we can see that it has shaped us for the better and made us who we are today. To next year's year 12s good luck for your studies and make the most of every opportunity you are given. Finally to the graduating class of 2009 thank you for your friendship and we wish you all the best in whatever you choose to pursue in the future. We leave you with this quote: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." (Dr Seuss)

Marcus Shaw and Edie Mitsuda

Staff



Front row (left to right): Michelle Webb-Smith, Jenny Day, Dawn Regan, Philippa Gordon, John Royce, Katie Sotiroff, Dallas Bruce, Marilyn Grosthwaite, Kerry Morgan, Kate Wheat

Second row: Diane Hamilton, Sharon Bradley, Gail Davey, Scott Cox, Tyler Swartzentruber, Sue-ann McArthur, Berrice Lodge, Susan Shaw

Third row: Susan Philson, Georgie Bowrell, Betty Della-Franca, Kerry Goddard, Amanda Cook, Julie Carroll, Shelley Sipila, Caroline Hann

Fourth row: Russell Pusey, Anne Fatchney, Jenni Winterbine, Lisa Brennan, Rachel Opalinski, Angela Padman, Merryl Jackson, Melissa Kelly

Fifth row: Shahid Jefcoate, Linda Males, Gaile Racey, Kate Summers, Sally Johnston, Amanda Gaudet, Alan Evans, Loula Schofield, Krisy Vernon, Claire Gasper, Annette Rowland, John Aston

Sixth row: Tonia de Meur, Robert Deurloo, Bernard Gray, Michael Bibrik, Chester Lord, Jenni Winterbottom, Audi Gill, Louise Finnis, Charlorte Jones

Back row: Sean Bennett, Damon Angelatos, Stephen O'Connor, Jarad Lawson, Oliver Murray, Graeme Munday, Christoffer Zander, Gary Racey, Tony Duffield, Ashley Friesen

Absent: Raelene Aston, Jenny Beeck, Aggie Broomfield, Kerin Brown, Kim Chaffield, Stephanie Cremin, Fiona Currans, Nicola Davidsson, Liz Elliott-Lockhart, Warwick Glenister, Joyce Hamersley, Jaci Irving, Karen Jackson, Colin Johnson, Gladys Lauder, Michael Leuluai, Danielle McKay, Judy Minisale, Sharon Moore, Marion Nelson, Bronwen Robertson, Bernadine Rooney,

Jeff Snook, Benjamin Stephens, Dianne Taylor, Mary Thomson, Helen Webb

Year 12



Front row (left to right): Isabella Quartermaine, Alana Short, Nicola Walsh, Georgia Stribley, Zoe Collard, Jessica Redway, Ellerby Weldon, Kaitlyn Powell, Caitlin Moustaka, Carly Privett
Second row: Chloe Greenfield, Holly Surliffe, Hayley Hobbs, Amy Triner, Cheyanne de Meur, Edie Miusuda, Raihana Jefcoate, Courtney Bannister, Wendy Mitchell, Emily Webb-Smith

Third row: Vicror Greenfield, Francis Lomude, Joseph Lawley, Austin Hughes, Marley Puru, Joel Gaunt, John Feltham, Thomas Pedlow, Darcy Hay

Fourth row: Kary Nicholson, Renee de Weter, Laura Butler, Olivia Jones, Kitty Howard, Ashleigh Glenister, Yasmin Jefcoate, Lisa Collins

Fifth row: Mrs Jenni Winterbine, Jamey Swarts, Nicholas Potter, Jacob Gundill, Kodhi Aiken, Marcus Shaw, Mr Damon Angelatos

Kindy 1



Mia
Bender



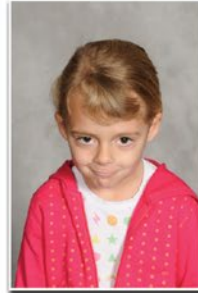
Jett
Bradley



Eliana
Davison



Kory
Dunn



Samara
Edwards



James
Gething



Oliviah
Hancock



Clancy
Hann



Ahalya
Hari-Kumar



Hannah
Heitman



Jimmy
Hyde



Arabella
Ismail



Lily
Klein



Silke
Linton



Lucius
McPherson



Aidan
Peacey



Jarrod
Purcher



Ariel
Teariki-Tautea



Teigen
Turney



Lahni
Williamson



Ryan
Wilton



Kindy 2



Kailee
Atkinson



Georgia
Burrows



Eliza
Della-Marianna



Samuel
Denton



Rangga
Evans



Ruby
Freeman



Torin
Gardner



Taylor
Healy



Manha
Malik



Ethan
Mann



Kristy
Orr



Taylor
Racey



Noor
Salah El-Din



Scarlett
Singleton



Patrick
Smyth



Raine
Wheatley



Charlotte
Williams

Absent: Sarah Chadwick, Jameela Msuo, Jai Plummer





Rose
Adamson



Sebastian
Bradley



Erin
Buckle



Mark
Desmond



Angus
England



Georgia
Fitzgerald



Bradley
Fletcher



Ross
Forth



Kade
Gillingham



Grace
Gouge



Nicholas
Grima



James
Hollins



Caitlin
Kruize



Hugh
Norris



Owain
Price-Walkley



Shelby
Reed



Mikayla
Reynolds



Jacob
Royce



Sebastian
Seidl



Ashley
Tuffley



Abbey
Winterbine



Fynn
Young

Absent: Lily Edwards, Theresa Matangi

P1 D



Elijah
Burrows



Georgia
Cook



Lachlan
Cook



Wade
Cuthbert



Toby
Davison



Ashton
Dunmill



Mylee
Grant



Connie
Greeve



Daisy
Herring



Libby
Hyde



Jaime
Jordan



Ronin
Mayne



Karly
McArthur



Caitlin
Mundy



Will
Nairn



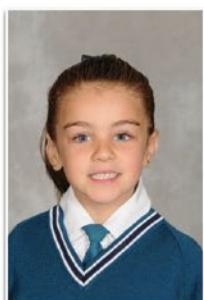
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Nelson



Jan
Pieterse



Summer
Roderick



Holly
Ruttle



Indi
Smith



Daniel
Thorniley



Jacob
Walton



Chelsea
Williamson



Year 1-2 CL



Stephanie
Boehlke



Charlotte
Broad



Darcy
Cardinal



Lucas
Chesson



Reilly
Cure



Neisa
Dunn



Tessa
Grima



Owen
Heitman



Bradley
Innes



Degan
McDougall



Hayden
Messina



Omari
Msuo



Natalie
Robbins



Charlie
Simpson



Nicole (Lisa)
Tamoua



Callum
Teakle



Bohdi
Thackray



Abby
Topham



Meg
Vlahov



Maggie
Walton



Lawrence
Yerex

Absent: Riley Edwards, Heidi Lefroy



Year 1-2 M



Tess
Adamson



Sam
Atkinson



Emily
Brown



Andrew
Carroll



Ryan
Dennett



Angus
Elliott-Lockhart



Wil
Gething



Cooper
Jefferies



Madisyn
Jeffery



Danial
Khong



Reece
Maisey



Janelle
Manu



Teagan
Mundy



Samuel
Pepper



Tabitha
Rowe



Sophie
Simpson



Bronte
Volkerts



Emmett
Yerex

Absent: Jean-Jacques Perry, Dazza Sweeney



Year 2-3 S



Harry
Adamson



Tayla
Bailey



Luke
Black



Digby
Boschetti



Kane
Chesson



Zachary
Dennett



Adam
Desmond



Amy
Figueiredo



Neve
Fitzhardinge



Kelli
Fletcher



Hayley
Frank



Thomson
Jeeves



Jarred
Link



Lauren
McKay



Blake
Messina



Tahni
Orr



India
Peel



Murphy
Thackray



Jake
Tonkin



Blake
Weldon



Jack
Williams



Reuben
Woodcock



Zali
Young



Year 2-3 G



Bridget
Baldock



Maverick
Barry



Jessica
Bradley



Inoke
Bula



Amelia
Burrows



Kelsey
Christoffersen



Isabella
Cuzzola



Nathanael
Day



Lachlan
Donaldson



Cameron
Fawell



Fergus
Fitzgerald



Isabelle
Fleay



Charlie
Freeman



Emily
Grima



Fraser
Ismail



Tayla
Kolln



Isabella
McIvor



Louis
Pepper



Irene
Roy



Ruby
Singleton



Lucy
Smith



Jacques
Wasley



Year 3-4 D



Dylan
Austin



Halina
Boehlke



Bailey
Crothers



Matthew
Donaldson



Tashi-Anne
Elliott-Lockhart



Caitlyn
Epps



Jordan
Greenwood



Eliza
Hebiton



Thomas
Johnston



Tye
Jolley



William
Klein



Mason
Larard



Coby
Lee



Zachary
Longhurst



Brooke
Maisey



Leighton
Mundy



Elodie
North



Mercedes
Simpson



Grace
Smith



Brynn
Teakle



Emily
Winterbine

Absent: Annabelle Blake



Year 3-4 S



Ethan
Barry



Madeleine
Broad



Eleanor
Collins



Megan
Courtney



Alexandra
Cuzzola



Zahn
Dunmill



Ryan
Gates



Maddison
Jefferies



Ali-Ahmed
Jehangir



Joshua
Jennings



Muhammad
Malik



Megan
McClurg



Ashlee
Orr



Benjamin
Rowe



Georgia
Rowe



Omar
Salah El-Din



Sahil
Shah



Bjorn
Tranquim



Ethan
Wasley



Lauren
Watt



Angus
Wood



Ashlyn
Zander



Year 4-5 V



Gabrielle
Baldock



Kate
Black



Rebekah
Bones



Thomas
Cant



Daemin
Cook



Rhianna
Figueiredo



Cody
Forster



Catie
Gates



Jessica
Giudice-Nairn



Reginald
Hayward



Kyla
Irving



Spencer
Larard



Shannon
Marsden



Obie
Mayne



Alex
McKay



Bayley
Messina



Clark
Millman



Lily
Pepper



Christopher
Robertson



Lucy
Robertson



Brendan
Scott



Eliza
Singleton



Caitlin
Symes



Sophia
Whettingsteel



Year 4-5 S



Owen
Blayne



Kyla
Buckle



Danielle
Carroll



Laetyn
Cook



Sarah
Courtney



Mikaela
Desmond



Samille
Edwards



Regan
Fitzgerald



Emily
Gill



Hannah
Greenaway



Lachlan
Holt



Summer
Irving



Saad
Jehangir



Adam
Khong



Ella
Morison



Rukaya
Msuo



Blake
O'Meara



Jaiden
Peddie



Taj
Rowe



Eboni
Seymour



Paul
Sutherland



Bailey
Vlahov



Courtney
Watt



Isabella
Willcocks

Absent: Amanda Tamoua



Year 5-6 C



Emily
Blayney



Molly
Boschetti



Emily
Bradley



Marc
Christoffersen



Sophie
Clarke



Charlie
Collins



Theo
Davidson



Angus
Dufour



Padraig
Earnshaw



Brendan
Fawell



Amelia
Harris



Wade
Humphrey



Tahlia
Irving



Michael
Keogh



Marcus
Longhurst



Kealy
Lorne



Jake
Maisey



Rett
Millman



Eden
Morgan



Joseph
Palmer



Abby
Rayner



Jonathon
Robbins



Ebony
Teakle



Ella
Tomkins



Jake
VitaljichTydd



Year 5-6 E



Callum
Bender



David
Blayney



Rosie-Ann
Bogumil



Alicia
Callaghan



Sasha
Chaulk



Kyle
Duda



Lewis
Earnshaw



Brayden
Fleay



William
Glass



Taylor
Goddard



Ryan
Hobbs



Cassidy
Jeeves



William
Main



Mitchell
McLeary



Nikayla
Moodley



Carly
Peddie



Ashley
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Brianna
Short



Zoe
Stott



William
Sturcke



Natalie
Symes



Ramon
Tranquim



Stuart
Vlahov



Kodi
Williamson

Absent: Coby Brown



Year 7 A



Isobelle
Anderson



Samara
Austin



Tiahn
Fitzhardinge



Monique
Greyson



Jesse
Hunt



Michael
McKay



Sinead
O'Meara



Oliver
Padbury



Kate
Pannell



Ainsleigh
Powell



Jamie
Reynolds



Alan
Roy



Logan
Stahli-Horne



Sarah
Summers



Chad
Topham



Messina
Tully



Ethan
Walton

Absent: Christopher King



Year 7 B



Lauren
Atkin



Alexa
Borchers



Matthew
Carroll



Tamlyn
Cramer



Ariane
Greenfield



Hannah
Greyson



Erin
Harring



Lucy
Klein



Jesse
Lee



Cameron
Napper



Travis
Robertson



Rachael
Scott



Miles
Starling



Broderick
Thorniley



Courtney
Webb



Riley
Wilton



Sheridan
Yelverton



Year 8 A



Boo
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Kayleigh
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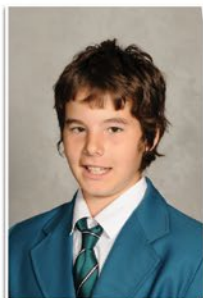
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Vivien
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James
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Kieran
Thomas



Rhianna
Tunks



Aliesha
Watson



Denver
Weldon



Hovea
Winston

Absent: April Porter, Demi Williams



Year 8 B



Alise
Bender



Lachlan
Burr



Liam
Christensen



Red
Crothers



Kate
Forsyth



Ruby
Hayward



Jessica
Kendall



Kelly
Loveland



Jackson
McClurg



Layuren
Moodley



Caitlin
Morgan



Sally
Moustaka



Aliyah
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Kyminah
Murphy



Jake
Nicholls



Thomas
Pollard



Matthew
Robertson



Phoebe
Royce



Sonja
Tennberg



Chloe
Vince



Toni
Walden



Harry
Wellington



Year 8 C



Angus
Blake



Cameron
Borchers



Nikolaos
Bouzalakos



Joshua
Cooper



Caitlin
Crothers



Charlie
Francis



Amber
Hay



Mahnoor
Malik



Julian
Neuweiler



Brydee
North



Stacey
Purcher



Lucas
Rayner



Ben
Rolston



Grace
Royce



Farah
Salah El-Din



Emily
Salter



Jarred
Smith



Vivienne
Smith



Rebecca
Symes



Chloe
Taylor



Dorothy
Teariki-Tautea

Absent: Nyan Du



Year 8 D



Courtney
Bain



Lewis
Barnetson



Amy
Bradley



Shaun
Burgess



Yani
Connors



Jessica
Ellis



Shahriar
Haque



Kieran
Harris



Monique
Johnstone



Narina
Kleinsman



Kara
Markham



Claire
McArthur



Leticia
McPhillips



Darrien
Nightingale



Dylan
Noble



Megan
Rogers



Emily
Semple



Tayla
Smith



Rydel
Stanton



Avon
Vlahov



Jayden
Wheatley



Dean
Williams

Absent: Quinn Lefroy



Year 9 A



Lachlan
Britt



Georgina
Broad



Ainsley
Chivers



Jacinta
Crabb



Kate
Feltham



Brody
Fewster



Amber
Gaunt



Hamish
Holt



Brody
Humphrey



Hasan
Jehangir



Sacha
Jones



Thomas
Lawley



Bon
Marriott



Alison
McLay



Robert
Mitchell



Chrusla
Nicholls



Carly
Scott



Liam
Simpson



Will
Stanton



Louise
Symons



Alexander
Thurkle



Stevie
van Duyn



Jamie
Williams



Marshall
Yelverton

Absent: Aung Du, Taiya Flynn



Year 9 B



Jayden
Beckwith



Samuel
Bones



Steele
Brennan



Stevie-T'Neal
Broadbent



Tanya
Burges



Annabelle
Campbell



Kiralee
Chidlow



Hayley
Cowcill



Jeremy
Crabb



Liam
Earnshaw



Denby
Evans



Jason
Fawell



Jacinta
Heyward-Criddle



Taylor
Hoey



Liam
Hunt



Tatiana
Kessler



Reece
McKenzie



Josephine
Morgan



Angus
Parker



Calvin
Plozza



Benjamin
Ramsay



Morgan
Short



Brayden
Smith



Curtis
Tunks



Andrew
Wilding



Year 9 C



Nathan
Brown



Marshall
Burton



Patrick
Butler



Bronte
Cohen



Andrew
Crabb



Symone
Fitzgerald



Bonnie
Glass



Jarrad
Holmes



Courtney
Hutchinson



Jack
Klein



Siobhan
Macdonnell



Jessica
Mateljan



Bailey
Minissale



Daniel
Owen



Courtney
Parmenter



Hollie
Patterson



Kyle
Robertson



Aaron
Short



Jamie
Sutherland



Tia
Thorby



Jesse
Webb-Smith



Zoe
Wilton

Absent: Jason Harding, Jay Nicholson, Brooke Smith, Lydia Young



Year 10 A



Lainie
Bancilhon



Samuel
Bulten



Emily
Cole



Treerak
Corner



Sarah
Dring



Kara
Hay



Teegan
Hickey



Kellie
Hobbs



Lindy
Keogh



Cameron
McAleese



Sophie
Moustaka



Alexis
Payne



Alecia
Perry



Christopher
Rogers



Tom
Speldewinde



Mark
Welsh



Jasmine
Williams

Absent: Tait Lefroy, Kodi Price



Year 10 B



Samuel
Baker



Rachel
Black



Indyana
Chambers-Galloway



Wiehan
de Bruyn



Kelly
Edwards



Benjamin
Francis



Shaun
Galloway



Kelsie-Lee
Harrington



Amelia
Keynes



Rachel
Marsden



Stephanie
Mateljan



Sally
McClurg



Molly
Moustaka



Adrianna
Poot



Thomas
Rayner



Darren
Smith



Tyler
Stuart-Davies



Charles
Thurkle



Jake
Vieweg

Absent: Jean Duncan, Cale Millett



Year 10 C



Karleigh
Anderson



Mitchell
Baillie



Sam
Bannister



Amy
Davis



Cody
de Meur



George
Giudice-Nairn



Bonnie
Hughes



Tessa
MacLeod



Chantelle
Muir



Breana
Napper



Michaela
Perry



Emma
Reynolds



Harley
Royce



Samuel
Royce



Klay
Sipila



Gerry
Smith



Ian
Spencer

Absent: Charles King, Caitlin Tully



Year 11



Kym
Anderson



Lucy
Ayling



Melissa
Black



Joel
Bones



Elina
Bry



Thomas
Campbell



Rhys
Cardinal



Dimity
Chivers



Sheldon
Eley



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Gerrard



Jessie
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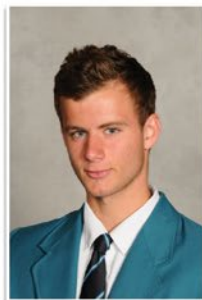
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Philipps



Felipe
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Ramsay



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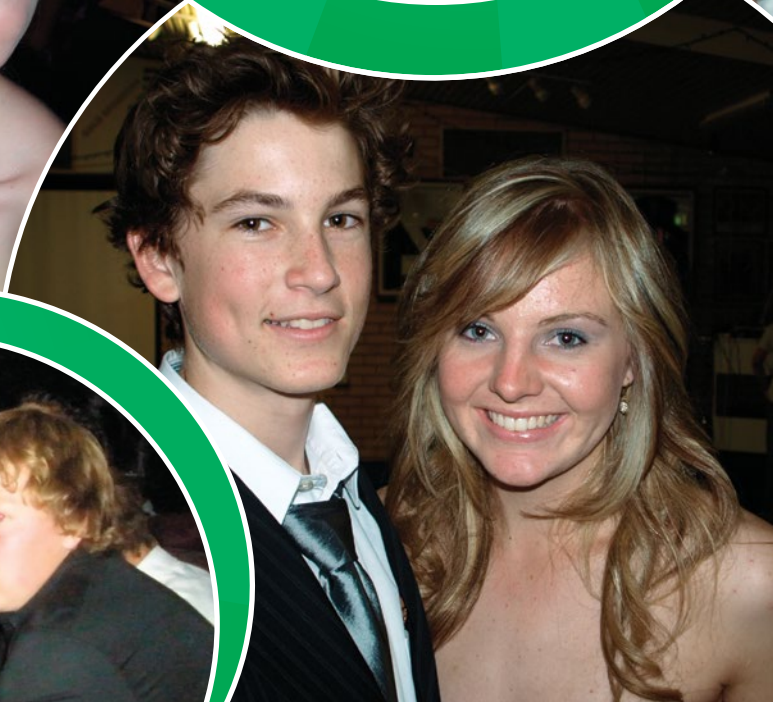
Emma
Whettingsteel



Amy
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Absent: Kate Gannon, Rebecca Wacker

Spring Dance 09





Year 12



Kodhi
Aiken



Courtney
Bannister



Laura
Butler



Zoe
Collard



Lisa
Collins



Cheyenne
de Meur



Renee
de Wet



John
Feltham



Joel
Gaunt



Ashleigh
Glenister



Chloe
Greenfield



Victor
Greenfield



Jacob
Gundill



Darcy
Hay



Hayley
Hobbs



Kitty
Howard



Austin
Hughes



Raihana
Jefcoate



Yasmin
Jefcoate



Olivia
Jones



Joseph
Lawley



Francis
Lomude



Wendy
Mitchell



Edie
Mitsuda



Caitlin
Moustaka



Katy
Nicholson



Thomas
Pedlow



Nicholas
Potter



Kaitlyn
Powell



Carly
Privett



Marley
Puru



Isabella
Quartermaine



Jessica
Redway



Marcus
Shaw



Alana
Short



Georgia
Stribley



Holly
Sutcliffe



Jamey
Swarts



Amy
Triner



Emily
Webb-Smith



Ellerby
Weldon



Nicola
Welsh

Absent: Matilda Robinson, Jordan Yelverton

Senior Formal 09





Boarders

The Geraldton Residential College continues to be well attended and enjoyed by Geraldton Grammar School. Our students old and new have experienced a secure and happy year living, working and making memorable friendships at the Residential College.

The Geraldton Residential College is to hold the Annual Presentation Ceremony for our seven year 12 learners on 26 October where they will publicly be acknowledged and thanked for their involvement and contribution to the Residential College over the years. They are Holly Sutcliffe, Laura Butler, Amy Triner, Kaitlyn Powell, Wendy Mitchell, Jacob Gundill and Jordan Yelverton. We wish them well as they leave the Residential College and continue on their personal journeys.

Special recognition and thanks must be extended to Holly Sutcliffe in year 12 who has performed exceptionally well as the Head Student of the Geraldton Residential College this year. It was wonderful to have one of our own learners in such an important and influential leadership role at the Residential College.

Additional expressions of gratitude must be made to Mrs Joyce Hamersley who brought a genuinely maternal presence to the Residential College visits this year.

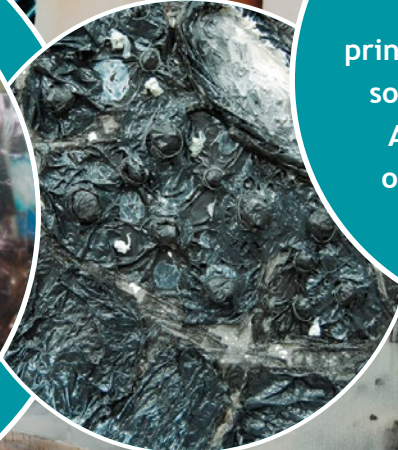
The Residential College always made Mrs Hamersley and myself feel most welcome by the delicious meals provided to us, especially the Wednesday evening roast dinners.

Final thanks to the Residential College's Management and the warm and caring team of staff for their outstanding work, support and guidance at all times and who make our students feel so at home while away from home.

Chester Lord
Geraldton Grammar School Liaison teacher to the Geraldton Residential College



Fine Arts



Art in 2009 was filled with a variety of media. This year's graduating Art students used ceramics, printmaking, textiles, painting and photography to create some wonderful art works. The annual 'Rush....it's an Artrage' exhibition was held at the ACDC gallery. It opened on August the 15th. The exhibition featured work from Years 10,11 and 12.



Chapman House

Congratulations to all students in Chapman House for the way in which they conducted themselves in 2009. Once again they showcased their great spirit in a vast array of House activities.

During the primary poetry event the Chapman students shone with some outstanding individual achievements resulting in a first place overall. The cross country event saw some amazing performances and terrific sportsmanship. Both the swimming and athletics carnivals provided opportunities for students to demonstrate personal strengths and team spirit. Chapman primary have made a worthwhile contribution to the sporting, cultural and social and emotional elements of House in 2009.

Whilst the highlight of the year for the Chapman secondary team would have to be achieving second place in the secondary athletics carnival in term 3, the Chapman team participated in all events this year with great pride and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to all of the staff and students who have contributed to the great entity that is Chapman. Let's continue the spirit of Chapman and 'bring' all we can next year.

GO CHAPMAN!

Primary House Director

Mrs Betty Della-Franca

Secondary House Director

Ms Louise Finnis

House Captain

Raihana Jefcoate

Middle School Captains

Angus Parker (Semester 1)

Liam Earnshaw (Semester 2)

Primary School Captains

Carly Peddie (Semester 1)

Padraig Earnshaw (Semester 2)



Greenough House

Over the past few years Greenough has proved itself to be the benchmark of the House competition. Although the opposition has definitely lifted their rating, we again featured prominently. It is too early to report a victory, but it will be a hat-trick if we do.

This year the Buddy lunches were streamlined to encourage interaction by the students completing a simple activity or game. The new format was a hit with the students as it gave them far more reasons to chat with their buddy.

Primary students successfully participated in a range of House activities during 2009. The swimming, poetry, cross country and athletics competitions provided our students with many opportunities to display their effort and excellence. Students also enjoyed sharing in buddy activities with their primary and secondary buddies.

In the secondary school, Greenough was responsible for hosting the soft ball and tee ball competitions which all students enjoyed. We also ran the Aqua Lapathon and it was great to see the students soaking wet and having a ball.

Throughout 2009, our students have strived for excellence and contributed to the rich tradition of Greenough House.

Thank you for everything Greenough. Good luck and don't forget... Go Greenough!

Primary House Director

Mr Tyler Swartzentruber

Secondary House Director

Mr Rob Deurloo

House Captain

Hayley Hobbs

Middle School Captains

Sacha Jones (Semester 1)

Georgina Broad (Semester 2)

Primary School Captains

Taylor Goddard (Semester 1)

Ramon Tranquim (Semester 2)





Irwin House

Congratulations to everyone in Irwin. We've had a fantastic year of making both new primary and secondary buddies with lots of fun shared activities like balloon buddies, games and quizzes. We started 2009 off with the swimming carnival. Sophie Clarke (House Captain) led the charge down the pool in her rather oversized hat!! Term 2 saw the House competition heat up with the poetry competition. Everyone should be extremely proud of their performances as we have some amazing talent. In term 3 Rett Millman (House Captain) led us in chants and cheers for the cross-country and athletics carnival. Our two House Captains have been awesome in providing both support and encouragement towards us all both on and off the sporting field, and really need to be congratulated. But most of all, a huge congratulations goes to everyone who received credit slips. These have helped immeasurably in our House points tally and I know everyone out there contributed fantastically with their behaviour. So congratulations to everyone, and here's to all the fun and strengthening of friendships next year!! GO IRWIN!!!

Primary House Director

Mrs Liz Elliott-Lockhart

Secondary House Director

Mr Damon Angelatos

House Captain

Kodhi Aiken

Middle School Captains

Lachlan Britt (Semester 1)

Courtney Hutchinson (Semester 2)

Primary School Captains

Sophie Clarke (Semester 1)

Rett Millman (Semester 2)



Murchison House

Just like our crayfishing brothers and sisters of the ocean we have had a topsy turvy year. We won a couple and lost a couple in 2009 but as always we are leaders in team spirit. Our annual events were held with pride and team work thanks to the wonderful group of students and staff members who wear the Murchison emblem with pride.

Each term, primary students get together as buddies and enjoy some time of friendship and fellowship. A great time was had by all at each event during the year and it is wonderful to witness fairness sprinkled with a determination to win (our future world leaders). Monday lunches are always fun in the primary as we get to sit with our House buddy and it is always exciting spotting our high school House buddy around the school.

The secondary Murchison team started the year in an outstanding fashion by winning the inter house swimming competition followed by a close second place in the theatre games. Good efforts in the cross country and the interhouse quiz events have resulted in Murchison being very well placed for a final win in the overall competition this year.

Participation is what builds this house; remembering for instance a girl, new to the school in year 8, who decided to do 25 m butterfly knowing very well that she would most likely have to utilise the lifesavers at the Aquarena or the boy who happily jogged the 400m fully aware of his time being approximately 3 times that of the winner.

Thank to all Murchison staff and students for their efforts throughout the year!

Primary House Director

Mr Jarad Lawson / Mrs Sue-ann McArthur

Secondary House Director

Mr Chris Zander

House Captain

Renee de Wet

Middle School Captains

Bronte Cohen (Semester 1)

Jesse Webb-Smith (Semester 2)

Primary School Captains

Natalie Symes (Semester 1)

Emily Blayney (Semester 2)



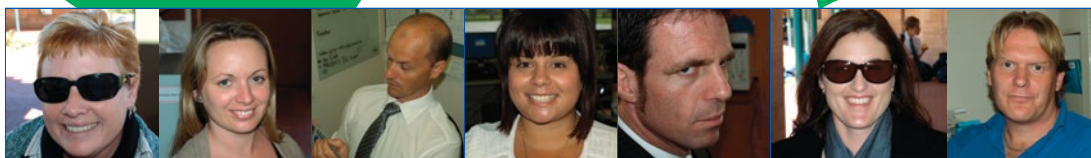


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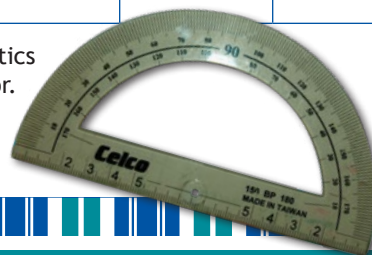
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Which teacher(s)	Sharon Bradley	Dallas Bruce	Scott Cox	Claire Gasper	Oliver Murray	Jenni Winterbine	Chris Zander
Used to be a p.E. Teacher							
Knows what wan and Ian actually means							
Favourite shops is kikki k							
Grew up in tamworth							
Comes from walkaway							
Has a slight east enders addiction							
Thinks that malmo ff is preferable to the eagles							
Only recently invested in a mobile phone							
Prefers arabica to robusta							
Has got 50+ pairs of shoes							
Thinks jon bon jovi is hardcore							
Was once dead							
Drives a 1961 fb							
Has a black belt in brazilian jiu jitsu							

Tick the appropriate boxes and submit the answer to the Mathematics department and you will be in the running for a king size protractor.
Entries close week 5 term1, 2010



English

The vibrant English department began the year in style with its annual trip to Perth to taste the cultural delights on offer. Selected middle school students were creatively inspired through a three day writers' camp organised to coincide with the All Saints Writer's Festival. Mr Pusey, Miss Finnis and Mrs Crosthwaite accompanied this eager group of writers to the innovative workshops on offer and facilitated the meeting of many of the Festival's guest writers.

Ms Davidson coordinated our group of keen student writers in the Regional Youth Literature Days run by Fremantle Literature Board. Students were entertained by well known writers Maureen McCarthy, Archie Fusillo, Isobelle Carmody and Markus Zusak and appreciated the benefits of having their writing work shopped by these successful writers.

The high quality of the work produced by our students has also been demonstrated through our students' willingness to participate in many State and National English based competitions. Winning entries in The West Australian Young Writers Award, All Saints College Literature Festival and Randolph Stow Young Writers' Awards provided affirmation of the calibre of our students' work, in particular brother and sister team Jesse and Emily Webb-Smith.

Many students have also been recognised within the school with the English department's 'Student of the Week', which identifies and rewards students for commitment to their English studies. The involvement in these activities throughout the year not only provided students with a wider audience but also with a much needed voice.

2009 brought many changes to the English department with the departure of Ms Alison Millen and Mr Cranwell as they accommodated different career pathways. Mr McAulay joined the remaining staff of Miss Finnis, Mr Pusey, Mrs Crosthwaite and Ms Davidson. Our dynamic and willing staff members have worked together to create a harmonious and productive learning environment which has allowed for the successful implementation of all English programs this year. We look forward to another year of challenges to thrive on and new students to celebrate as we undertake another year of English at GGS.



Science



It has been a typically and appropriately busy year for us all in the Science Department.

Our students have:

- dissected and filmed lamb hearts
- balanced a giant lever
- heated water using cardboard solar hot water heaters
- revegetated the dunes at Point Moore
- cleaned up our beaches
- made nylon
- attended the Bayliss Youth Lecture, "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes"
- grew vegetables
- Science Elective students scored in the top five schools in the state in the Science IQ competition
- won High Distinctions in the Big Science competition
- made genetic Mr Potato Heads
- examined the life developing in our eco-lake
- propagated plants asexually
- dissected rats' reproductive and digestive organs
- scored Distinctions in the UNSW Science Competition Assessment
- generated electricity on our powerful generator bike
- made electric motors
- attended an astronomy talk at QPT
- completed biology field work on the year 11 Camp to Kalbarri
- investigated movement down a ramp
- competed in the Physics and Chemistry Olympiads
- built a catapult in the Tournament of Minds Competition
- cultured bacteria
- attended the Physics Fun-Day at Adventure World, Perth
- competed in the Engineers Challenge
- had a lot of cool fun with dry ice and liquid nitrogen
- and along the way managed to learn a little about themselves and the wonderful world we live in!

Staff: Mrs Angela Padman, Mrs Caroline Hann, Miss Claire Gasper, Miss Dallas Bruce, Mr Damon Angelatos, Mr Greg Cranwell (Semester 1), Miss Amanda Gaudet (Semester 2), Mrs Jenny Beeck, Mrs Jenni Winterbine, Mr John Royce, Mrs Rachel Opalinski, Mrs Sharon Bradley, and help from Mr Bernard Gray and Mr Colin Johnson.



SOSE



Society and Environment as a learning area aims to empower students to critically engage in the wider world around them and assisting them to better understand their environment and their place in it. It also endeavours to instil a sense of personal and collective responsibility, national pride and instil a sense of heritage.

With that in mind one can determine that Society and Environment is well equipped to achieve these goals. It encompasses a wide and vast learning area. Historical and geographical values, knowledge and skills are studied and explored and it has been an exciting and successful year in implementing Philosophy and Ethics (which extends across many practical and academic disciplines) and Psychology (which focuses on self and relationships in society) as new courses of study which have proved to be popular, rewarding and informative.

None of this would be possible without a strong and capable team of staff each with their own set of strengths and interests. I would like to extend my thanks to Anne Faichney, John Aston, Angela Padman, Sharon Bradley and Sally Johnston. Alison Millen left us to pursue her library studies mid-year and we would like to acknowledge her time and

effort invested into middle school Society and Environment while at Geraldton Grammar School. We welcomed Richard McAulay this term and he has already made his mark on his students and lessons with his energy and enthusiasm.

Another feather in our cap as a learning area can be attributed to Angela Padman and her knowledgeable work with the Eco Lake. The Eco Lake provides invaluable and important hands on experience for students enriching their understanding, workings and implications of the local and broader environment.

Once again our students of History shall be working with the United Nations Youth Organisation providing various Human Rights and International Awareness workshops early next term. This has proved to be a highlight for students in the past and we hope the participants make the most of this exercise.

Finally we wish our year 12 Students well in their final examinations and their journeys ahead. The end of the year and beyond promises to continue to deliver exciting opportunities for Society and Environment and we look forward to making the most of the challenges that lie ahead.

Chester Lord - Head of Society and Environment

Technology & Enterprise



Health & PE



LOTE



Drama



Media



Lie down and close your eyes.
Breathe in through the nose and out through an open throat.
As you breathe in, relax your nostrils and imagine they are like two straws. Allow oxygen to flow in.
As you breathe out, visualize your body releasing carbon dioxide.
Fully fill your lungs with oxygen for 6 counts, then release the breath in 6 counts. Focus on breathing in and breathing out. Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, out.

Now feel that your head is heavy as if you were lying in sand. This is the overwhelming power of studying media in year 8. Feel yourself falling for the power of Media Studies . . . falling . . . falling . . . falling.
Allow your mind to relax as you create a logo that expresses who you are through colour, shape and the raw symbolic power of the animal kingdom.
Your mind's eye sees through the lens of a camera. Ask yourself "Who am I?" and explore the embodiment of your answer through portrait photography. Reveal the inner you by creating an photographic image of your true self.
If you find yourself thinking too much or worrying, take a deep breath in, hold it and then let the air out while releasing that thought. Year 8 Media should leave you with an overwhelming sense of calm.

Let your head drop forward. Feel the neck stretch at the back before raising your head again; repeat at a constant speed with one fist raised in the air as a salute to rock. Welcome to year 9 Media.

Tense your shoulders as you explore advertising in the music industry by creating a CD cover for an original band in the style of your choice. Notice the contrast between the different musical styles and how they are presented to the world.

Progressively follow your body and mind's instincts as you create a music video for a song by visualising the music as a series of images and then strive to make those images a reality.

Take a deep breath and prepare to enter the higher state of consciousness that is Media Studies in year 10. Take another deep breath, and as you breathe out, say, "Aaaahhhh." This is a sound of recognition as you leave the world of short-form media and explore film-making in all of its culturally significant glory. Expose yourself to films from around the world and across the ages.

Go out and explore your life and your world through the power of moving images by creating short films to bring out the inner talents you always knew were there. Congratulate yourself for taking the time to unwind and become centred, focused, calm and more in tune with yourself.

Return to normal breathing, and take a moment to recognize how you feel right now, YOU ARE A MEDIA STUDENT; a beautiful, fully formed creature on the path to true self-actualisation.

Media Studies...a subject for the mind, body and soul.

Music

Students had heaps of fun in Music during 2009!

Middle school music

Both year 7 classes studied Music for a semester, learning about different cultures and listening to music from around the world. They also did lots of singing and even learnt some songs in other languages.

The year 8s were immersed in the music of Brazil, studying different aspects of samba music. Students used rhythms they had learnt to compose their own samba pieces and enjoyed participating in the class bateria (samba ensemble). Each class performed at an assembly in bright colours and an explosion of sound!

Year 9 students discovered the main types of contemporary music styles, including R&B, hip hop, punk, metal and classic rock. As well as listening to pop music and learning how to analyse songs by their stylistic characteristics, students also learnt about treble and bass clef note names, wrote short compositions and performed in class.

Upper school

The year 10 class had a busy year improving their musicianship and aural skills. Students learnt about major scales and intervals, and then used this music theory knowledge to compose short pieces. They studied a range of musical styles from the Middle Ages to today, including classical music, jazz and pop music. Investigation tasks also allowed them to look closely at particular composers and performers from different musical periods.

Year 11 Music ran for the first time this year, which was very exciting! Miss Wheat took these students through the new Music Course of Study, which included many performances, listening and analysis tasks, and a thorough study of six set works throughout the year. These students will go on to complete tertiary entrance courses in 2010.

Other

As well as class music, students have been involved in a number of musical events throughout the year. A dedicated samba bateria participated in the annual Geraldton Music Festival during term 2, taking out the trophy for best secondary percussion ensemble which allowed them to perform at the winners concert at the Queens Park Theatre. The secondary chamber choir has rehearsed regularly and performed at Companion Time at the QE II Centre. Students have also formed a small worship ensemble to back up the singing at church services.



Outdoor Education

Year 10



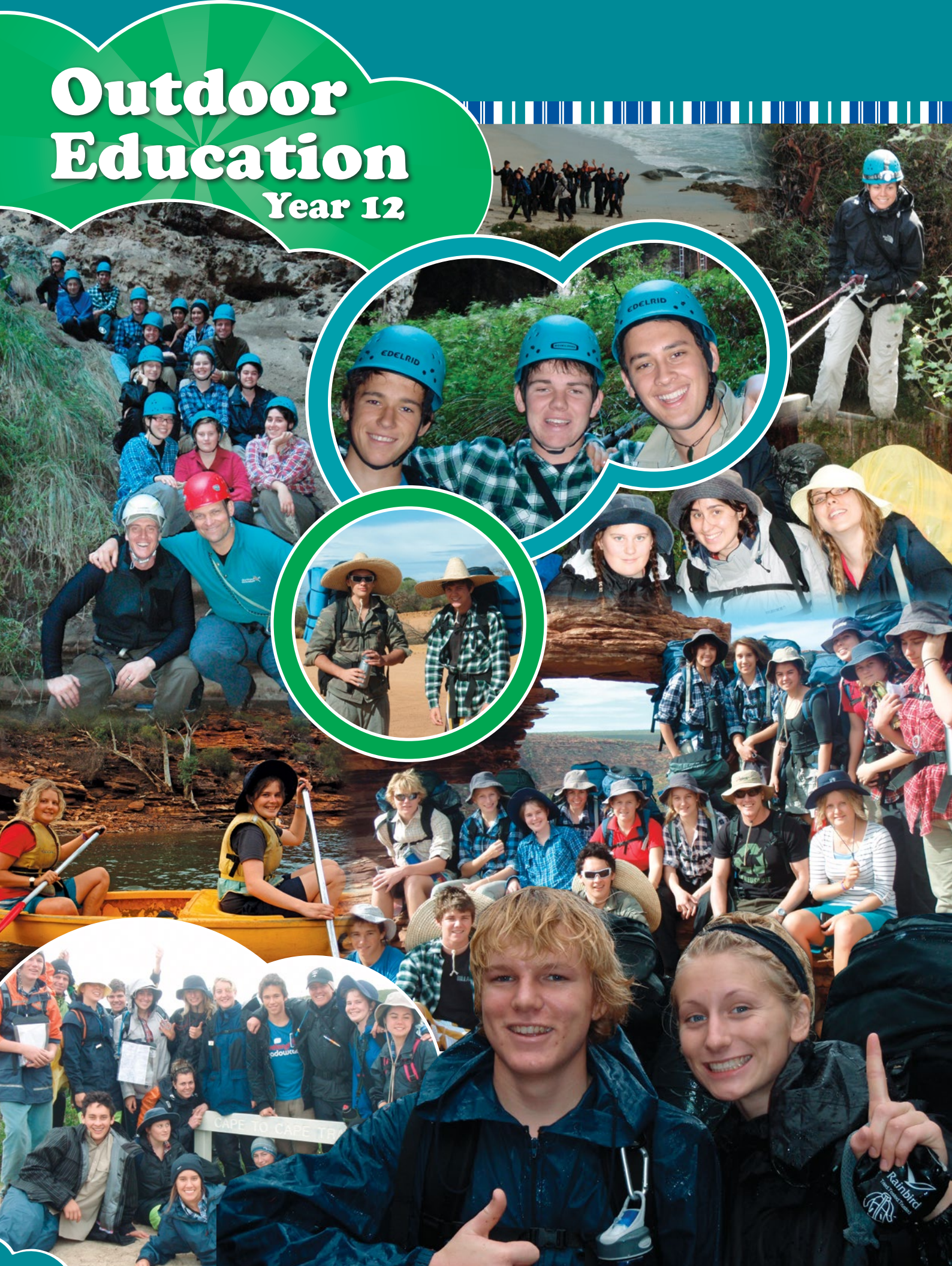
Outdoor Education

Year 11



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Year 12



Batavia Games



Primary





Primary





Primary Camps



Primary HATS



Primary Sport





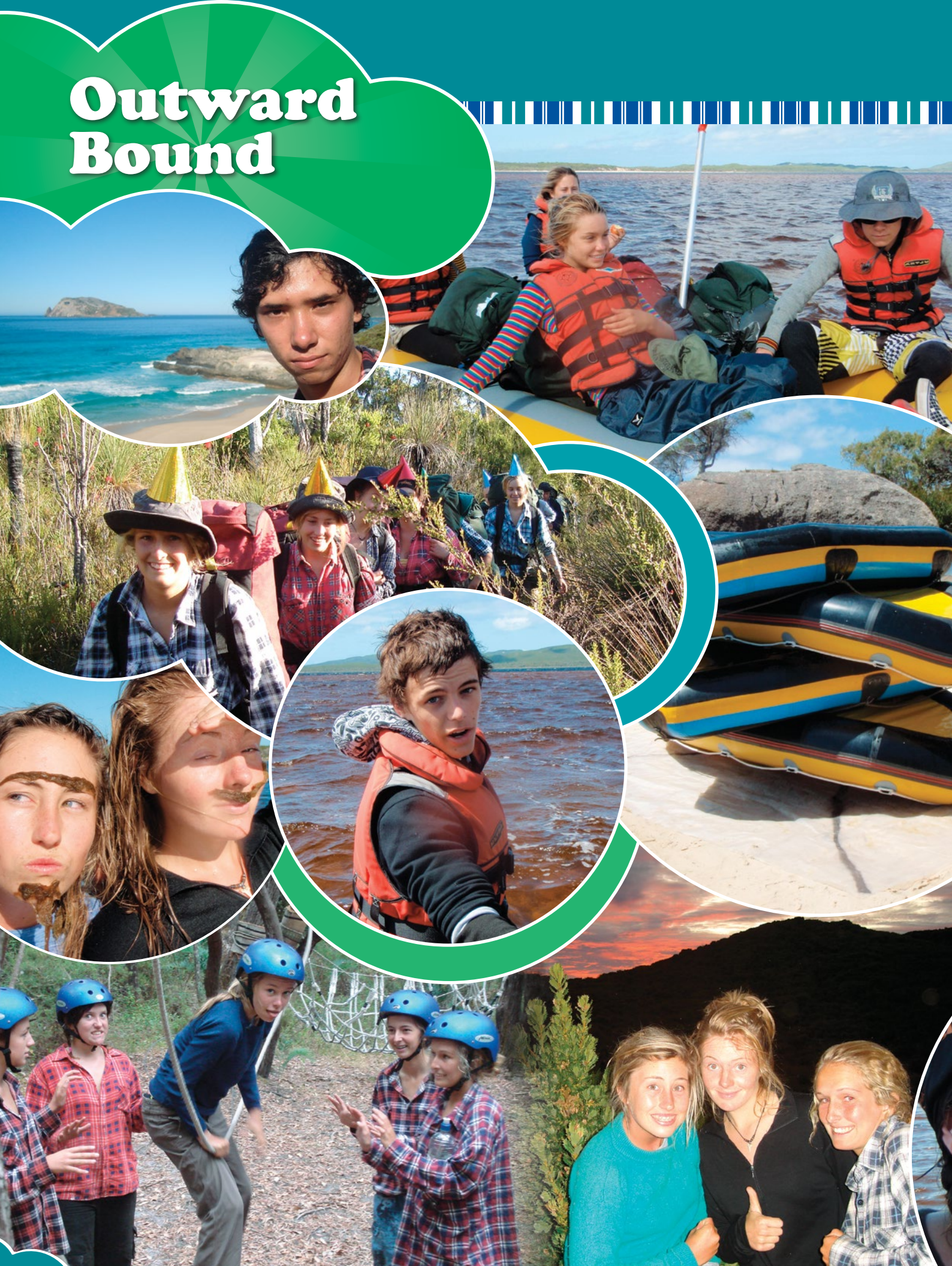
Outward Bound

A collage of photographs capturing various outdoor activities. At the top left, a green sunburst graphic contains the text 'Outward Bound'. The photos include: two students smiling with headlamps; a group of students in a forest; a large portrait of a student in a camouflage hat; students in helmets participating in a team-building exercise; a group of students in orange life vests on a blue raft; a student in a green jacket; and a group of students in hats posing together. The collage is set against a teal background with a white and blue striped border at the bottom.

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Outward Bound





Bibbulmun Challenge



This year, Geraldton Grammar School entered an all female team in the Bibbulmun Challenge consisting of two parents (Sharon Barnetson and Lisa Greeve), a staff member (Pip Gordon) and a year 10 student (Sophie Moustaka). The competition consists of four heats, each containing four teams. In our heat our team came up against OAM (old army men), High Calibre Engineers and Westone. Each team was trusted with many objects, including an unboiled egg (ours was called Frida) that we had to keep intact for the whole trip. Westone were off to a fantastic start, dropping their egg as they stepped off the bus. The weather was the hottest ever recorded before in the challenge, but that didn't deter anyone. Over the next four days the teams travelled about 50km over some incredibly challenging and beautiful terrain and on the way made some great memories.

Each team participated in many physical, mental and teamwork challenges such as horizontal bungee, boat construction and racing, billy cart fixing, quizzes and what seemed like endless riddles. There were also a number of first aid scenarios that tested our team's nerve and knowledge.

By the end of day three OAM had a reasonably convincing lead on our team so we decided to work together to consolidate our lead on the other two teams. When we finally arrived at the final destination the scores were announced.

Geraldton Grammar School was placed second in our heat (it doesn't really matter by how much...) to OAM then came Calibre Engineers 540 points behind us, then in last by only 20 points were Westone. Overall the team had a fantastic four days and met lots of great new people. Geraldton Grammar School would like to thank Market Creations for putting up the registration fee for the second year running and also Fountains Chemmart Pharmacy for the first aid supplies.

Sophie Moustaka, year 10 student

Round Square



Camps Week

Year 9



Year 10



Surfing Camp

Year 8



Secondary Sport





Ecolake



It has been an exciting year for the Geraldton Grammar Wet Land Sanctuary with many students working within the outdoor classroom. Students were able to care and learn about their natural environment by model boat racing, taking water samples, tree planting, weed management and aquatic identification.

Ski Trip



Choir



Our primary music groups have continued to enjoy music and perform with enthusiasm throughout the year.

At the Music Festival held in term 2, our Senior Choir won first place and the Perpetual Trophy for 2009. The year 5/6C Upper Primary Percussion group also won first place and the Perpetual Trophy for 2009.

Taking out first place in the Middle Primary Choral Speaking were the year 3/4S class and the Junior Primary Choir were awarded second place.

Successful music exam students were Isabella Willcocks, Danial Khong, Adam Khong and Mikayla Moodley.

Our primary choir combined with the secondary choir to sing at the year 12 Graduation church service. The group looked and sounded fantastic and helped to make the service extra special for the year 12 students.

