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Knowing what motivates boys is key focus

MOTIVATING boys to achieve their best by themselves and together is a main focus at Christ Church Grammar School. Principal Garth Wynne said: "Motivating boys of all abilities and backgrounds across the rich tapestry of opportunity provided by the school program is already one of our core strengths. However, we are committed to continually improving all that we do." In 2009, Christ Church created the Centre for Pedagogy as a dedicated commitment to ensuring the art and science of teaching were placed at the forefront.

"We made the decision based on the strong belief that it is the quality of teaching, more than anything else, that makes the difference in a child's outcomes through their

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educational journey," Mr Wynne said.

In 2011, the school conducted independent research on motivational drivers for boys, in particular Christ Church boys.

This comprehensive research enabled the school to create a Christ Church Pedagogy in 2012.

The document, which describes the art and science of teaching, underpins the learning experience teachers strive

to provide for boys at the school and includes how parents, the boys and school leaders can work together to motivate students.

Earlier this year, Christ Church hosted the first International Boys' School Coalition Regional Conference.

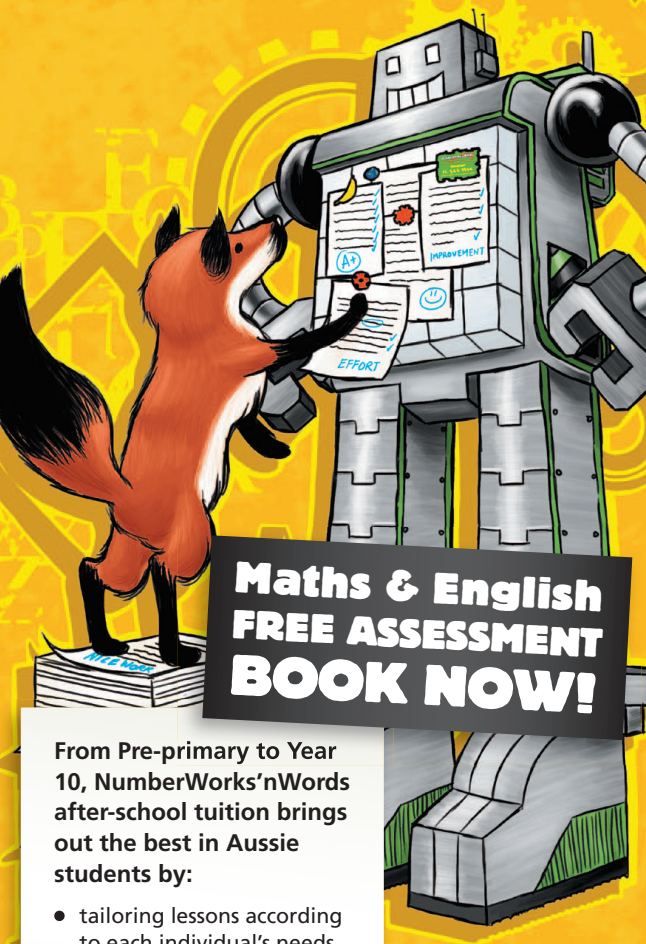
More than 90 educators from Australia and New Zealand, focused on the development of boys, attended the conference on the subject of building character.

Mr Wynne, who is the coalition's regional vice-president, says understanding what motivates boys is an important ingredient in the school's diverse community, where individuals are honoured and boys are encouraged to recognise their individual gifts and talents.



■ Christ Church Grammar School is committed to providing opportunities for boys to achieve their best.

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SWIMMING, cycling, paddling and running around Rottnest Island is a challenge for even the fittest, and teams are lining up for the Race Around Rottnest on September 21.

As well as taking part in an adventure race they will be supporting Autism West, the race's chosen charity.

Autism West provides emotional and practical support for families dealing with autism, including tools for children to reach their full potential.

One hugely successful research project supported by Autism West has resulted in the development of an iPad app, TOBY Playpad, to help children with autism learn.

The Australian innovation is transforming the lives of children with autism spectrum disorder.

Silvana Gaglia, president of Autism West, said the technology had the potential to revolutionise therapy techniques and help families worldwide.

"TOBY Playpad empowers parents and carers with children who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, providing them with tools to immediately commence therapy activities at home during the crucial early intervention period."

Available on iTunes, TOBY Playpad was

developed by computer scientists led by Professor Svetha Venkatesh at Curtin University, who was supported by both Autism West and the Australian Research Council.

Professor Venkatesh said the program was not designed to replace one-on-one therapy but had

brought evidence-based therapy techniques into the home for little cost.

A typical day with TOBY might include a total of 20 minutes using the app and a similar amount of time doing other TOBY-directed tasks that weave into daily routines and the child's play interests.

Children learn more than 50 skills both on and off the iPad.

TOBY costs \$27.99, and all proceeds from its sale contribute to ongoing research into autism.

Registrations are now open for the Race Around Rottnest – go to www.racearoundrotrtnest.com.au to register.



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