THE PREE VIEW

AROUND THE SCHOOL WITH OUR PRINCIPAL, MR PREE

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CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS ✦ AROUND THE GROUNDS ✦ BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Maximus on his selection in the WA State Basketball Team! Following a six-month selection process, Maximus will travel to Newcastle, NSW, to compete against athletes from across Australia.

COMING INTO VIEW

Kindy Picnic
25 November 2026

The Kindy Picnic will be a lovely opportunity to spend time with our students and families in a relaxed setting.

ELC Nativity
30 November 2026

Our youngest students will bring the Christmas story to life, and I'm excited to share this special occasion with our families.

House Charity Day
27 November 2026

Our School will come together for the final House Charity Day of 2026. We will be collecting items for our dedicated students to take on their service tour to Cambodia to donate.



FAST, FIERCE & FOX PROUD!

FOXES ON THE RUN!

I was proud to attend the NIPSSA Athletics Carnival on Thursday 22 October at Halsworth Park and see so many students wearing orange and representing our School.

Although we didn't finish on top, the behaviour and sportsmanship our students displayed was a real highlight.

"Congratulations to all students who represented St James' so proudly!" *- Mr Hocking*

Supporting their teammates, respecting their competitors and giving their best effort, our Foxes gave us plenty to be proud of.

My thanks must go to Mr Hocking, Mrs Geracitano and the supporting staff who worked with our athletes two mornings a week to prepare them for the carnival.

A great deal of hard work goes into training and preparation, and I sincerely appreciate their time, dedication and encouragement.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of The Pree View! I look forward to sharing highlights from my visits, activities and events across the school, celebrating the everyday moments that make St James' special.



Trade Centre extension takes shape

A SNEAK PEEK INSIDE

I recently joined Mrs Briggs and Chair of School Council, Mrs Keva Crouch, for a closer look inside our Trade Centre extension.

With the internal spaces taking shape, the visit offered an exciting glimpse of the new facilities and the opportunities they will bring for our students. While there is still work to be done, it was encouraging to see the progress firsthand.

We look forward to sharing more photos as this new learning space comes to life.



"Seeing the Trade Centre extension take shape is incredibly exciting."

—Ms Keva Crouch

This Month in Pictures



During my walk around the School grounds, I was particularly impressed by how wonderful our vegetable garden is looking! A big thank you to the staff and students involved for their hard work and dedication in keeping it thriving.



Exciting times for our Year 11 students as they received their Leavers' Jackets!

A special milestone as they prepare to step into their final year of schooling in 2027.



Our Term 4 Principal's Lunch with the Junior School was a slice of fun! It was wonderful to share some pizza, great conversations and plenty of smiles with our students.



Our Junior School students are enjoying their new handball courts, proudly supported and funded by the Student Action Group!
A fantastic initiative that is sure to be a hit at recess and lunchtime.



Maritime safety lessons for our future skippers

LEARNING THE ROPES OF WATER SAFETY

I recently joined our Junior School students for a Maritime Safety Education excursion, where they learnt valuable lessons about staying safe on the water.

Students explored how to prepare for a boating trip, from checking the weather and packing essential supplies to understanding the safety equipment required on board.

Living in a coastal community, these lessons are particularly relevant to our students. Developing safe boating habits from a young age helps our future boaters and skippers make responsible decisions and enjoy the water safely.

"They loved the flares!"

—Mrs Geracitano

Get Involved!

Have something exciting happening in your classroom or around the School? Mr Pree would love to be invited! Whether it's a special event, classroom activity, student achievement or an opportunity to see learning in action, he is always keen to get involved and celebrate the wonderful things happening across our School. Simply email principal@ with the details!

Making Memories, One Adventure at a Time

The Great Outdoors – Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp

I was fortunate to visit our Year 10 Outdoor Education students during their annual Margaret River Expedition, and the smiles on their faces certainly made the four-hour journey each way worthwhile!

Throughout the week, students embraced a range of challenges, including caving, abseiling, kayaking, hiking and campcraft. Carrying their own equipment, setting up camp and preparing meals provided valuable opportunities to develop independence, resilience and teamwork.

Beyond the adventures, it was wonderful to hear about the friendships strengthened, laughter shared and memories made along the way, especially around the campfire at night.

Experiences like these are an important part of learning beyond the classroom, encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones, support one another and build confidence.

My sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide these wonderful opportunities for our students. I have no doubt this will be an experience our Year 10s remember long after their time at St James'.

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- Mr Pree







