



# Christ Church Grammar School

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: Award winning Christ Church Grammar School chapel turns 50**

This month marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the iconic Christ Church Grammar School chapel.

Known for its innovative design and breathtaking views of the Swan River, the chapel was the centrepiece of an ambitious masterplan to re-shape the campus in 1967 and a highlight of Peter Moyes' 30-year tenure as headmaster of the School.

After a building-fund appeal to implement the plan exceeded funding expectations, construction of the chapel commenced in 1969.

The chapel was designed by John Lidbury of architecture firm Hobbs Winning Leighton and Partners, and was awarded the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) Bronze Medal in 1970. In 1995 the Council of the National Trust of Australia (WA) resolved that the Christ Church Grammar School Chapel be classified and entered in the Trust's List of Classified Heritage places.

An extensive renovation in 2013 by school architects Donaldson & Warn resulted in seating capacity expanding to 1200 people and improvements to the chapel's audio-visual capabilities and ventilation. The faithful re-design retained much of the original design, including the sanctuary cross, candlesticks and door handles designed by local sculptor Hans Arkeveld.

The School plans to celebrate the anniversary with many members of the Christ Church Grammar School community when restrictions related to COVID-19 are lifted.

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