

TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE STUDY (TIMSS)

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT PEDARE

One of our Year 8 Maths and Science classes was selected in 2006 to participate in an international study run by the Australian Council of Educational Research.

Known as TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study) this study involves over 350,000 students from 60 countries around the world and is conducted over two years.

The results from Australia have been released and there were 228 schools and 5,500 students in Years 4 and 8 involved in every state and territory. Mrs Meinel's Year 8 Mathematics and Science class was selected at random to be involved in this prestigious study. These are the results of that testing.

In Mathematics, nine Pedare students achieved in the top 1% in Australia, 14 others were in the top 15% and everyone else achieved above the national average.

In Science, four Pedare students achieved in the top 1% tested in Australia, 16 were in the top 15% and 26 out of the 28 achieved scores above the national average.

Besides the testing, these students also answered questionnaires which were used to determine their attitudes towards Maths and Science. **ALL Pedare Christian College students achieved self-confidence levels above the national average, with slightly better results in Maths than in Science.**

Congratulations to all the Pedare students who participated in the testing.