

Jeans for Genes Day: a chance for WA schools to raise money for Children's Medical Research Institute



Guildford Grammar School students Lawson Harper (16), Sam Weston (17), Lachlan Compton (17) and Scott Piper (17). Picture: David Baylis d479764

DITCHING the uniform to don denim jeans has long been a reason to make a student want to go to school for the day.

It's not only a uniform-free day but Jeans for Genes Day means students across the country come together to raise money for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Registrations are now open for schools to take part in the 25th anniversary, with Guildford Grammar School/Henn's House starting off 2018 as the highest fundraising school in WA.

The Guildford school has taken part in the fundraising drive for about 17 years with Acting Head of Henn's House Jon Field saying it was about teaching compassion and fit in with the school's vision.

"Inspiring students to achieve personal excellence and to be outstanding citizens who work to create a just, loving and peaceful society," he said.

"Charity will always be part of what Guildford Grammar School stands for."

Guildford Grammar Preparatory School also made the top 10 WA school's list, sitting third behind Penrhos College in Como.

More than 12,000 schools nation-wide have taken part in Jeans for Genes Day in the past 25 years, helping fund revolutionary genetic research to help diagnose, understand, and treat conditions affecting kids, including rare genetic diseases, cancer, epilepsy and birth defects.

For more information or to register your school to support Jeans for Genes Day on August 3, visit jeansforgenes.org.au and go to the Get Involved page.

Top 10 WA Jeans for Genes highest fundraisers:

Guildford Grammar School/Henn's House, Guildford \$11,930

Penrhos College, Como \$11,138

Guildford Grammar Preparatory School, Guildford \$6752

Atwell Primary School, Atwell \$5929

Lynwood, Senior High School, Parkwood \$5179

John Curtin College of the Arts, Fremantle \$4955

All Saints' College, Bull Creek \$3651

Roleystone Community College, Roleystone \$ 3465

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, Quinns Rocks \$3160

Mindarie Primary School, Mindarie \$3147

Full story: <https://www.communitynews.com.au/midland-reporter/news/jeans-for-genes-day-a-chance-for-wa-schools-to-raise-money-for-childrens-medical-research-institute/>