

This year the Beechey award goes to Emily Daries, a girl who, since she arrived at the school in Grade 1, has been fully involved in all facets of the school. She has always displayed courtesy, respect and a genuine concern for those around her.

In Grade 7, Emily has exemplified strong leadership, commitment and a mature sense of responsibility. As she has carried out her duties she has shown herself to be an independent thinker and capable of finding her own solutions.

The younger children have found her to be a mentor and guardian who is very approachable and able to communicate on their level. Because she respects her peers, she is respected and valued by them. Emily's genuine concern for others has been practically demonstrated in her involvement, during holidays, with outreach programmes in disadvantaged communities. We know that in the future she will carve a successful path for herself and we at Grove will be proud of her.

As a house captain, a mediator and as chair of the SRC she has proved herself to be a person who is not afraid to speak her mind and stand up for what she believes is right. A young woman of great integrity, Emily Daries is a worthy recipient of the Beechey award.

Dennis Chung has shown tremendous personal growth in the last 18 months. He has matured into someone who has demonstrated great leadership qualities: he has been courteous and respectful and shown care for his peers, but, at the same time, he has had the courage to stand apart from the crowd, when necessary, and stand up for what he believes is right. He has integrity, is responsible and accountable.

His greatest strengths have been demonstrated on the playing fields where he has given of his very best at all times. As a house captain, he has fulfilled his duties more than adequately and has been very involved in mentoring the younger children. His enthusiasm and support at matches, when he was not playing, has been noticed. His care and kindness to the youngsters have resulted in many of them seeing him as a role model. And one was heard to say "I want to be just like him one day".

Dennis has volunteered to help at functions at the school in the evenings and has always been immaculately turned out and displayed his interpersonal skills and his natural gift of communicating confidently with all ages.

Dennis is a worthy winner of the Beechey award and we are confident that with his social and leadership skills he will make a difference wherever he goes in the future.