

Welcoming back to the Honourable Wayne Martin AC KC

This year, Coolbinia Primary School celebrates an incredible milestone - 70 years of promoting education, community, and growth. As part of our celebrations, our School Captains, Layla Somoano and Nick Jacobs, are speaking with former students about their experiences at Coolbinia.

By School Captains Layla Somoano and Nick Jacobs

In early March, we had the privilege of welcoming back to Coolbinia Primary School the Honourable Wayne Martin AC KC, a highly successful student, who went on to be not only a lawyer and judge, but the Chief Justice of the Western Australia Supreme Court, and Lieutenant Governor of Western Australia.

He attended Coolbinia P.S. for years 6 to 7 in 1963 and 1964.

The Honourable Wayne Martin was a personable man. We asked him questions about his memories of Coolbinia and his career. The full interview is available [here](#), Chief Justice Martin told us several interesting things.

He shared his fond memories of Coolbinia, the grassed oval, East of the school was purely bushland, the teachers had a contemporary outlook on learning, and the students were academically very competitive.

The professional achievement the Hon. Wayne Martin is most proud of is his appointment to Chief Justice of Western Australia. He described how the courts perform a very important role in society. The personal achievement he is most proud of was being a father of five children, and grandfather of five.

For the footy fans, his favourite AFL team is the West Coast Eagles, and WAFL team is Claremont. He spoke about the importance of grassroots footy in the community, as an outlet for young men.



The Hon. Wayne Martin gave advice for current students and spoke of the importance of working hard, lifelong learning, and contributing to the community.

After the interview, Grace W and Olive D led a tour of the school, along with Mrs Holland and Leonie Harris from the School Board. He was impressed by how much the school had grown and he loved seeing the oval.

It was a wonderful experience meeting an incredibly successful former student. Thank you to the Hon. Wayne Martin AC KC for sharing his experiences.