

WELCOME BACK, SCOTTY JAMES

One of Scotty James' first stops after returning home with his PyeongChang Winter Olympics bronze medal was to visit his biggest fans at Tintern Grammar.



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The chant starts ... Scotty, Scotty, Scotty ... it gets louder and louder as anticipation builds and soon the room is filled with thunderous excitement. During February this was a familiar sound at Tintern Grammar as the School community eagerly awaited alumnus Scotty James' participation in the Snowboard Halfpipe competition at the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics. Our Junior School students and teachers gathered on Wednesday 14 February to watch Scotty compete in the final and win bronze. Just one week later we came together again to welcome Scotty and the James family to Tintern for a very special assembly.

It was clear to see that Scotty was at ease back home with his family and reconnecting with his biggest fans at the Welcome Back Assembly. Our Junior School students will never forget meeting their alumnus hero and the incredible opportunity to hear from an Olympian who has experienced such highs and also overcome challenges in pursuing his dream. Scotty's valuable advice that things don't always go to plan, but you re-adjust and keep pushing forward, are words of wisdom for us all.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING IN ACTION

Scotty James is an example of a 21st Century learning story. During his secondary school years Scotty continued his education beyond the classroom, developing 21st Century skills of collaboration, teamwork, problem-solving, resilience, accountability, flexibility and

adaptability as he dedicated himself to training and competing on the snowboard circuit. But when back at Tintern, whether as a student or visiting as an alumnus, he fits right in as though he has never been away, a testament to a well-rounded and balanced individual.

INAUGURAL AVENUE OF EXCELLENCE INDUCTEE

In 2017, Scotty was one of ten inaugural alumni inductees into the Tintern Grammar Avenue of Excellence. Scotty was inducted as an acknowledgment of his dedication and significant achievements in snowboarding, with accomplishments prior to the 2018 Winter Olympics, including 2015 and 2017 gold medallist at the FIS Snowboard World Championships, 2016 bronze medallist and 2017 gold medallist at the Winter X Games, as well as representing Australia at the 2010 and 2014 Winter Olympics.

A HUMBLE ROLE MODEL

Scotty James is an incredible role model for our School community. He is humble, approachable and embodies the School Compass values; commitment, integrity, independence, compassion, fulfilment, respect, confidence and responsibility, in all he does. During his February visit the Year 6 Batters Cross House Captains presented Scotty with a special award – the Gold medal for being the person most reflecting the School Compass values. We were fortunate to welcome Scotty back to Tintern on 22 June to meet with our secondary school students.