

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **QMS SCHOLAR FIRST IN BC**

#### *Fifth Time in Seven Years QMS Student Claims Top Spot*

**May 8, 2017 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – *Alexander Munro* of Queen Margaret's School has won first place in British Columbia for the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League (CSAL) Scholastic Challenge. This year's win increases the School's record to five provincial championships in seven years.

CSAL's Scholastic Challenge is an online academic competition open to all Canadian Grade 6 students. The contest is a one hour multiple choice test containing 100 questions in six categories: general knowledge, language and literature, social studies, science and mathematics. This year's provincial champion thought the format and content of the test was a fun chance to explore his knowledge. "I normally don't do well on multiple choice tests, especially timed ones," explains Munro. "I thought the questions were interesting because we don't normally get tested on such a broad range of content. I was completely stunned when I found out I earned first in BC."

The win may have been a surprise to Munro, but this was not the case for QMS Junior School Principal, Susan Cruikshank. "Alexander has always been an enthusiastic reader and voracious learner, and his ability to retain details is impressive," shares Cruikshank. "His curiosity about the world and current events comes through in classroom discussions each day. We're very proud of Alexander."

The provincial championship was again a surprise for Grade 6 teacher Fiona Morrison. "I'm so excited for these students and thrilled they find this competition a healthy and fun opportunity to challenge their familiarity with the curriculum materials," adds Morrison. "Over three-quarters of the class placed above the national average. Any teacher would be proud of that level of accomplishment."

#### **About Queen Margaret's School**

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School (QMS)** is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a co-ed Early Childhood Education program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory High School for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus school English riding Equestrian Program and an intensive ELL Program. The school's comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular program provide opportunities for achievement and personal growth through academics, sports, visual and performing arts, riding and community service. We prepare students for university, for higher education, for life.

For more details about Queen Margaret's School, please visit the school's website at [www.qms.bc.ca](http://www.qms.bc.ca).

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**Photo** (by *Hayley Picard*): QMS Grade 6 student *Alexander Munro* proudly displays his 2017 Canadian Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge provincial championship trophy.

