Best band in land

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THE school’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been judged the finest Youth Concert Band in Australia.

The ensemble competed in the premier Junior A Grade division of the 2011 Australian National Band Championships, held in Adelaide from April 22-26. It was awarded a remarkable 479 out of 500, and brought home several trophies.

Knox print publications manager, Janet Naylon, said it was an achievement that had not been attained by any other single school-based band.

Adjudicator, Major Graham Lloyd, described their performance as, “a stunning rendition of a tremendously written work. Solid, exciting – the adjectives can go on.”

On Anzac Day the ensemble marched in the Adelaide Anzac parade and then performed at the 2011 Grand Anzac Day Concert in the Adelaide Town Hall.

Knox instrumental performance director, James Brice, commended the students on their efforts.

“These talented boys had won the Junior B Grade Division of the Australian National Band Championship in 2009, so this 2011 tour is an indication of the enormous commitment, passion and enthusiasm from the Symphonic Wind Ensemble musicians,” he said.

“They have achieved maturity well beyond their years.”