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Young eyes on the prize

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THE Australian Open tennis trophies are on display around the city as Adelaide is in the middle of a week-long bonanza to kick off the summer of tennis.

Tennis South Australia has launched TennisFest, which features 11 individual and team

events and also showcases the Open trophies – the Norman Brookes Challenge Cup (men's trophy) and Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup (women's trophy).

The trophies were yesterday brought to schoolchildren at Prince Alfred College and St Ignatius College on their annual tour around the nation.

Tennis SA's initiative began

with Sets in the City social tennis night at Memorial Drive last night and will run until November 24 with events at Memorial Drive and Next Generation. Sunday's demonstration court, showcase courts and an activation zone at Next Generation have been designed to get more of the public involved.

Tennis SA chief executive Steven Baldas and Lord Mayor Martin Haese, the official ambassador for TennisFest, were expecting a big turnout.

"We are keen to see the development of the sport continue," Baldas said.

"TennisFest is a great way for us to showcase and provide opportunities for tennis lovers

and players of all levels." Australia's summer of tennis and the lead-up to the Australian

Open includes Adelaide's World Tennis Challenge, which will be played from January 10-12 and be headlined by top-ranked Australian Nick Kyrgios.

More information can be found on tennis.com.au/sa



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PRIZE: St Ignatius College students Reid O'Callaghan and Juliet Mazur with the Australian Open men's trophy, the Norman Brooks Challenge Cup. Picture: KERYN STEVENS