

# SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR



It is a pleasure to bring you the board report for 2022.

Navigating the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic challenged the school community once again. The board applauds the resilience of staff and students as they dealt with these difficulties. To maintain schedules and keep classes running smoothly with record low

staff numbers at the height of the pandemic, and to sustain high levels of performance is commendable and speaks volumes to the strength and spirit of Churchlands SHS. The production of the musical, *Annie*, is but one memorable example.

The highly skilled and engaged board members brought their personal connections and passion for the school and education to their board duties. These qualities combined with an exceptional level of collaboration and professional diversity helped the board in performing their role to the school community at the highest level. For details of board and members roles visit <https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/our-community/school-board>.

The board reviewed the School's Business Plan, ensuring alignment with Education Department protocols. Encouraged by the positive outcome of the 2020 external School Review, we worked to ensure the school maintains a strong emphasis on the four focus areas of the current 2020-2022 Business Plan: Active Citizenship, Effective Leadership, High Quality Teaching, and Success for all Students.

I would like to congratulate Sienna Rawson and Julian Tearney on behalf of the board for their inclusive leadership during 2022 and thank them for the energy and commitment they brought to capture and communicate the student voice at board level. Sienna and Julian worked tirelessly to implement initiatives centred around the school values of personal, social, and environmental responsibility such as emphasising wellbeing to offer support and mental health initiatives, setting up an Instagram page for greater communication, and the implementation of recycle bins for increased sustainability. They also successfully worked through the complex process of policy change being instrumental in adjusting the school uniform policy. The board greatly appreciates their input.

The board supports and assists the Churchlands Foundation in expanding its scholarship program to incorporate academic, environment, leadership and other programs including languages, sports, and Indigenous and disability studies. We will continue to monitor the processes and outcomes.

Finally, 2022 was an exciting time to be part of the Churchlands SHS community celebrating 50 years of the incredible music program, and 60 years since the school began. The Circle of Life extravaganza was a phenomenal concert of monumental effort to celebrate these milestones; the board acknowledges the efforts of all those involved and marvels at the talents of current and past students. We can all reflect on these achievements with a huge sense of pride.

*Katherine Sturley*

