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News in Brief

HASS - Make A Difference Club

The Make a Difference Club discusses issues they care about in the world. This term, the issue has centred around homelessness. In particular, the students looked at how challenging it can be for homeless people to take care of their pets when they do not have stable accommodation or at times, income.

The students decided the best way they could help was to raise money that could be donated to Pets of the Homeless charity so they could purchase food.



With the help of some of the Year 7 students, the club held a bake sale mid-term and raised close to \$400. Blankets and food were collected to be donated and they are looking forward to September where they are currently organising teams to be involved in PetRescue's Best Friends' Walk. The Make a Difference Club meets each Thursday Break 2 in the Humanities Block (F13) and welcomes all new students who would like to get involved.

HASS - Mock Trials: Victory at the Supreme Court

Our Senior Mock Trial team faced off against Carine SHS in a tough battle on Wednesday 13 August. The team delivered an incredible performance, with the judge noting he had never awarded such high scores before.

Final score: 137 - 130 to us!!

Congratulations to our team: Barristers: Amy S. & Jordan B. Support: Livian C.

Witnesses: Toveesha H. & Teyla B.

Court Orderly: Chloe H.

This victory now takes us to the semi-finals, where we will face off against the top four teams in a bid for a place in the Grand Final.



What's Coming Up?

Term 3, 2025

2 Sep - Year 7 AEP Thriving Minds 4 Sep - Intermediate Concert 7.00pm

- POGS Concert

4-5 Sep - Biology - Dryandra Camp

5 Sep - School Tour

- Junior Concert 6.00pm

8 Sep - OLNA: Year 11 & 12 Writing

- P&C Meeting

8-12 Sep - Year 12 Practical Exams &

Written Assessment Free Week

- Swimming: Coral Bay Camp

9-10 Sep - OLNA Year 11 & 12 Reading

and Numeracy

10 Sep - Ensemble Auditions

11 Sep - Australian Intermediate

Mathematics Olympiad

- School Board Meeting

- R U OK? Day

11-14 Sep - Junior Band & Orchestra Festival

12 Sep - Year 12s Final Day before Exams

15 Sep - Year 7 & 8 AEP Young Writers

Workshop

15-26 Sep - Year 12 Exam Week & WPL

HASS - Mock Trials: Junior Team - Year 10s

Our incredible Junior Team gave it their all in their semifinal round — only missing out on a win by six points!

Led by Patrick K. and Max H. with stellar support from Mia T. and Alkim K., and outstanding witness performances by Indiah R. and Aaron P., this team showed true grit and dedication. They went up against the Senior Team from Rossmoyne SHS, arguing for the plaintiff in a tough civil case about a "holiday from hell."



These students sacrificed their own time before and

after school to prepare and we could not be prouder. Reaching the quarter-finals and placing 6th out of 122 teams is a phenomenal achievement, especially in such a competitive year!







Year 12 Physics

Ms Anthonys Year 12 Physics class decided to enjoy some sunshine on a cold winter's afternoon. Here are some pictures of the students engaging with nature to improve their wellbeing.





Year 9 HASS - Law Courts Excursion

Over the last two weeks the Year 9 Humanities and Social Sciences students attended an excursion to the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts of Western Australia. The main aim was to enrich their learning for the part of the Civics and Citizenship course which looks at trial procedure in the West Australian justice system. The students were able to witness real court cases in action and reflect on how the procedures they observed related to their studies.

The students also participated in a mock trial activity in the Old Court House where they put their knowledge into action by taking on various roles such as barristers, solicitors and judges. This was a highly valuable learning experience for all students.

Thank you to Head of HASS, Mr John Carr, who coordinated this excursion, which takes a significant amount of time and effort to get over 350 students out of the school to be involved in this activity.







SCHOOL BOARD OPEN MEETING INVITATION

Date: Thursday 11 September 2025 | Time: 5.30pm | Conference Room (via the main reception area in Administration)

In keeping with the Churchlands Senior High School's Terms of Reference, we extend an invitation to any parents/guardians, as observers, to the next School Board meeting. The chair of the Board will report on the performance of the Board's functions.

You may also be interested in the Churchlands P&C, which aims to promote community engagement between parents and the school.

Please RSVP your attendance, or if you would like further information on the agenda for this meeting, please contact Mrs Kylie Hearle at 9441 1719 or khearle@churchlands.wa.edu.au

Documents describing the role of the School Board and the Terms of Reference and information about the P&C can be found on the school website under Our Community - School Board or P&C



Rotary Youth Exchange

On Saturday 16 August, Justice D. and Mira V. attended the Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound briefing at St Stephen's School in Duncraig, along with 15 other students from all over the state who are heading overseas with them as Outbounds (students on exchange) in 2026.

The day involved several presentations, covering the logistics and expectations of the exchange year. They also heard from "rebound" students who shared their own stories and experiences from their time on exchange. Mira is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Karrinyup and is going to Germany, and Justice is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Perth and is going to Italy.

In the picture with Justice and Mira is Jill Hanna, the immediate past Rotary Youth Exchange chair and Graeme Fardon, the new Chair. This amazing program gives students the opportunity to step outside of their comfort zones, build lifelong connections, and develop a deeper understand of the world beyond during their exchange year.



Music - Year 8 String Quartet

Pierre T., Mike S., Aisha H. and Dorian I. from our Year 8 String Quartet have been working together with their director, Ms Ibby Mikolja, throughout 2025 and have performed at various events including the Telethon Breakfast at Crown and the Chamber Concert. Last week they performed for the Specialist Schools Executives in West Leederville.







Year 10 Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) Project

With over 30 parents in attendance, the event received glowing feedback, with students showcasing impressive teamwork, preparation, and critical thinking. Their presentations were engaging, well-researched, and delivered with confidence, leaving parents and staff inspired by the students' work.

The IDL project encouraged students to explore how they can be agents of change, integrating knowledge across subjects and fostering creativity and collaboration—skills essential for their future.



HASS - National Competitions

Geography

Congratulations to these Year 10 AEP students who achieved High Distinctions in the 2025 Australian Geography

Competition.

William H., Noah H., Eleanor O., Mika P., Klara T., Martin S., Kartik M., Olivia T., Nikkisadat N.



History

Congratulations to these AEP students who achieved High Distinctions in the 2025 Australian History Competition.

Year 7

Marco E., Ezra F., Darien L., Benjamin O., Talitha W., Ben W.

Year 8

Ruby H., Thomas P-K.

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Eamon B., Harrison M., Taylor G., Jordan C.

Year 10

Eleanor O., Paige T., Auston W., Owen M.

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HUGEM Innovation Challenge

In Week 9 Term 2, a select group of Year 9, 10, and 11 student leaders took part in the three-day HUGEM Innovation Challenge—a dynamic program led by mentors from the Harvard Undergraduate Global Education Movement.

Across the packed schedule, students developed their leadership, public speaking, and problemsolving skills through inspiring keynote sessions, case studies, and hands-on workshops. Working in teams, they tackled pressing issues and designed tangible solutions tailored to benefit the Churchlands community.



Year 8 Biology

During Weeks 5 and 6, Year 8 Biology students explored plant reproductive systems through hands-on flower

dissection. Special thanks to Mr Ronald Hayward who organised the flower supply, Mr Zachary Jones who kindly put time and effort to provide the donated flowers and the Herdsman Flower Market staff for their assistance.









Opera Meets Literature - A Night at Madama Butterfly -

This August, our Year 11 and 12 Literature students had the pleasure of attending a sold-out performance of Giacomo Puccini's Madama Butterfly at His Majesty's Theatre. At first glance, it might seem an unusual outing—Literature students at a full-scale opera performance? There was no spoken dialogue at all. They sang. The entire time. In Italian. For three and a half hours.

To be fair, English subtitles were displayed on screens beside the stage. Still, it might seem a curious choice. Are our Literature students so culturally elite—steeped in Shakespeare and Chaucer—that only opera can now hold their attention?

The real reason is much simpler: one of our studied texts this year is *M. Butterfly*, David Henry Hwang's 1980s play. It's a modern reinterpretation and deconstruction of Puccini's 1904 opera, using it as a framework to explore themes of race, gender, imperialism, and identity. Hwang's play critiques the way Madama Butterfly portrays the East as exotic, submissive, and tragic—Cio-Cio-San embodies the stereotype of the self-sacrificing Asian woman.

Watching the opera together made for a fascinating experience and sparked rich discussions. Can we set politics aside and appreciate the opera purely as a beautiful piece of art? The production certainly made a compelling case, seducing its audience with elaborate silk costumes, vibrant red and pink flower petals strewn across the stage, and an impressive set design featuring a luminous moat surrounding the main platform.

Whether we shed a tear at the inevitable tragic ending—heightened by the sweet child actor playing the son, running to embrace his mother for the last time—or snorted at the idea that Cio-Cio-San would give up her life for a villainous American sailor like Pinkerton, one thing's for sure: we had a memorable time. Squished together in the nosebleed section, it was one of our final shared experiences as the Literature cohort of 2025.











Graduating Year 12s

As we move towards the end of the year for our Year 12s, an email has been sent to parents outlining the structures of the last few weeks. The Year 12 celebration days include free dress fun activities. Exams can be stressful, so good preparation is essential. Please check the dates for our Presentation Ceremony, Dinner Dance and furthermore revision courses during the upcoming school holidays. Students that are not sitting ATAR exams will be at Workplaces during the exam period and I wish them every success.

Our Year 11 students have about seven weeks of teaching and learning prior to their exams. I would like to thank all of you for completing SSO. We are currently in the process of electing the School Captains for 2026 and want to thank all applicants.



Love Bites

Napcan Love Bites is a well-established program delivered in schools and community settings across Australia. It is a leading primary prevention program that tackles gender-based relationship violence through youth-led and collaborative learning.

The program focuses on three key objectives:

- 1. Helping young people build and maintain respectful relationships.
- Encouraging critical thinking to challenge harmful attitudes.
- 3. Developing problem-solving and communication skills, including knowing when and how to seek support.

This program was delivered to a small group of Year 9 students this term. The students approached this topic

with enthusiasm and participated fully. The students feedback is they have learnt something valuable, new and they hope this is a topic we continue to educate others on as they can see the importance and need for it.







Library News

The Power of Reading - Anytime, Anywhere!! - Churchlands Senior High School Library -

Reading is one of the most powerful ways to grow knowledge, improve wellbeing, and spark imagination. Whether it's through the pages of a book, on a screen, or through listening, reading helps students build vocabulary, concentration, empathy, and a lifelong love of learning.

At our school, we encourage every student to make time each day for reading – even just 15 minutes can make a real difference. Alongside our print collection, we also provide access to Wheelers ePlatform, which allows students to read eBooks or listen to audiobooks on any device. This means that stories, information, and inspiration are available anytime, anywhere – on the bus, at home, or even while exercising.

Exploring our ePlatform is easy, and with thousands of titles available, there's something for everyone. We invite families to encourage students to try both reading online and listening online – a great way to balance study with relaxation and to enjoy reading in a format that suits them best.

How to Access Wheelers ePlatform

- Visit: https://churchlands.wheelers.co/
- 2. Log in with your school username and password.
- Start reading or listening instantly.



Listening Favourites



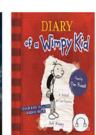
Roald Dahl Reads Charlie ...



The Bad Beginning

101 QUIRKY FOOTBALL

Churchlands Senior High School



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

App Store Google Play



The Hunger Games



Churchfands Library

Monday - Homework Club 8:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesday

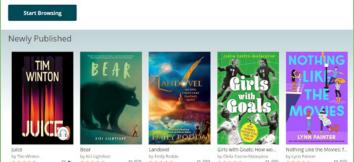
8:30am - 3:30pm

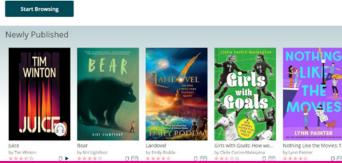
Wednesday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Thursday

9:00am-3:30pm

Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm









Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophia B. (Year 12) who was commissioned to write a play by the West Australian Youth Theatre Company. Sophia has been professionally mentored by a local playwright throughout the process and the play is currently in rehearsal. The play, *Red Thread*, is to be performed at the Blue Room Theatre with a four show run in the first week of October. It's a 30 minute comedy we



of October. It's a 30 minute comedy very some very funny moments. If theatre is your thing, tickets are available at:

https://blueroom.org.au/events/made-in-boorloo-2/ Well done Sophia

Congratulations to Christopher D. (Year 10) for being selected to represent Western Australia at the 2025 Australian Schools Orienteering Competition. The competition involves eight events across nine days and will be held in Brisbane, Queensland from 27 September to 5 October. Good luck Christopher.



Congratulations to Tandin Z. (Year 10) who applied for the Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference and has been offered a place. The Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference empowers Year 10 and 11 students with leadership skills for the future. Students will hear from a variety of expert speakers throughout the course of the conference, challenging



them to think more about social issues and what global leadership truly means. Tandin will be attending the conference during the school holidays. Well done!

Congratulations to Eita S. (Year 11). Following his attendance at a selection camp on the Gold Coast in mid August, Eita was selected as a member of the U18 Australian National Baseball Team. The World Cup will be held in Japan in early September.





On Friday 29 August, the school celebrated Wear it Purple Day for the fifth time as a school. Wear it Purple Day strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive

environments for rainbow young people. Wear it Purple Day shares the same goals of all Australian school systems in providing the foundation for Inclusive Education of which all students can have a sense of belonging.



It's been a challenging year for LGBTQIA+ young

people, with so many stories in the news and media about discrimination – often specifically about and targeting queer youth. It's more important than ever to stand out against discrimination and bullying, and to champion inclusion. "Bold Voices & Bright Futures" is this years theme.



Library (cont'd) - Book Week

A big thank you to all the students who took part in our Book Week activities - it was fun watching you do them!

All the prizes were hand delivered on Friday afternoon and I hope they were enjoyed by all. The answers are up if you want to see how you went! Looking forward to 2026 for even more amazing puzzles, challenges and of course reading!









Free workshop

you will learn about: The diversity of autism

Sensory processing

Working together with

your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between

Understanding

behaviour



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Floreat, WA



OR code or click here

carers and grandparents.

This workshop is for parents, full time **During the workshop**



Tuesday & Wednesday 9 & 10 September, 2025 9:30am - 2:30pm



The Boulevard 99 The Boulevard FLOREAT WA 6014

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request





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Relief First Aid Officer - Expression of Interest -

Seeking experienced reliable people for casual relief in Churchlands SHS First Aid Office.

Nursing/medical background preferred.

Police Clearance and WWCC will be required prior to commencing employment.

Should you wish to discuss the role in more detail, please call our First Aid Office staff, on 9445-4236.

If you would like to submit your CV and Covering Letter, please direct all emails to the Manager Corporate Services:

athomas@churchlands.wa.edu.au

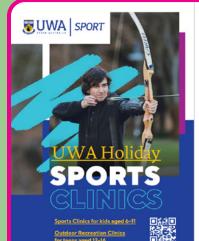


Registration Day

10am Sunday 21st September, 2025 Scarborough Beach

New Members Welcome





- · Children aged 6-7 will participate
- Children aged 8-11 will participate in specialised sports clinic





Join us for Business, Law, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences **Open Night**

Immerse yourself in Murdoch University's Business, Law and Criminology, Humanities, Arts and Social Science Courses!

Hear first-hand from our students and academics, and find out where these courses can take you in your career.

This night will focus on the following study areas:

- Accounting and

- Accounting and Finance Asian Studies and Languages Community Development Criminology English, Creative Writing and Theatre Film, Sound and Photoargabhy
- Photography

- Management
 Marketing, Strategic
 Communications and
 Public Relations
 Philosophy
 Politics, International
 Relations and Global
- Sociology Sustainable
- Development
 Tourism and Events
 and much more!

Murdoch University

4 September 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm

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Join us for Health & **Education Open Night**



Discover Murdoch University's wide range of Health and **Education courses!**

Hear first-hand from our students and academics, tour our state-ofthe-art facilities, and find out where these courses can take you in your

This night will focus on the following study areas:

- Education and Teaching
- Chiropractic Science
- Sport and Exercise Science
- . Psychology
- Counselling and Creative Arts Therapies
- · and More!

Murdoch University

2 September 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm

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Join us for Sciences. Information Technology, **Engineering & Mathematics** Open Night

Explore Murdoch University's wide range of STEM, **Environmental and Life Science** courses!

Hear first-hand from our students and academics, tour our state-of-the-art facilities, and find out where these courses can take you in your career.

This night will focus on the following study

- Agricultural Science
 Vetering eterinary Medicine
- · Marine Biology, Environmental Science and Management, Conservation & Wildlife Biology Medical, Molecular and Forensic Sciences
- Engineering and Energy
 Mathematics and Statistics
- Physics and Chemistry Information Technology
- and More!





3 September 2025 5:30 - 7:30pm

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2025 October Holiday ATAR Revision Courses

October Holidays - 10 hrs per subject - 2 hrs each day for five days

- Human Biology Yr 12 Maths Applications Yr 12 Maths Methods Yr 12 Maths Specialist Yr 11 Modern History Yr 12 Physics Yr 12
- 2:45 pm 4:45 pm

- Maths Methods Yr 12

Chemistry - Yr 12 Literature - Yr 11 Literature - Yr 12 Maths Applications - Yr 11 Maths Applications - Yr 12 Maths Methods - Yr 12 Physical Ed Studies - Yr 12

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Carers

What is the Teen Mental Health Matters Webinar about?

Parents and carers play a pivotal role in recognising the wellbeing of their teen, yet many struggle to understand how they can support their young person with their mental health.

Co-designed with parents and co-delivered by a clinical psychologist facilitator and youth lived experience advisor, our parent presentation is an opportunity for high-school parents and carers to learn more about adolescent mental health and how to best support and connect with their young person during tough times.









Who is this for?

Parents, Carers, and Guardians of teen-aged youth.

What will parents learn?

- Understanding mental health in adolescence, including insights from
- the Future Proofing Study · What is mental health and when to be concerned
- Key strategies to support adolescents
- · Having the conversation what to say and how to create a supportive environment Getting help - health professionals,
- online and digital support for parents and adolescents • Promoting healthy habits - including building connections, sleep, and screen





How long is the webinar? 90 minutes, including Q&A.

Available dates

Wednesday 27th August @ 7PM (AEST)

Thursday 11th September @ 7PM (AEST)

Thursday 9th October @ 7PM (AEDT)

Monday 20th October @ 7PM (AEDT)

Thursday 30th October @ 7PM (AEDT) Wednesday 12th November @ 7PM (AEDT)

Thursday 27th November @ 7PM (AEDT)

Wednesday 10th December @ 7PM (AEDT)



Parking around the school can become quite congested. For the safety of your children and our staff, please see below for a safer drop off and pick up:

Sports Hall - STAFF ONLY

Front Main Administration: STAFF with some Visitor parking (not suitable for drop off/pick up).

Memory Close: STAFF & Student 'P' Platers ONLY

For parents wanting to drop off/pick up students, please use either the Hale Road Drop & Ride near the tennis courts or Lucca Street (please be mindful of other students and buses when entering/exiting).

Parents are reminded that parking in bus bays is not allowed during the times specified on the relevant signage. The potential for accidents involving our students as well as the cars and buses is a significant concern.







