As part of the Good Standing Policy students are required to attend school every day. Any absence from school must be resolved through parent/guardian contact via phone, in writing via the diary or email to the appropriate Year Secretary.

If your child arrives late or needs to leave school early, he/she MUST go to Student Services to sign in/sign out before school, recess or lunchtime. This will prevent your child from having an unauthorised absence recorded.

Parents are encouraged to frequently log in to SEQTA Parent (Engage) https://parent.churchlands.wa.edu.au/ or through your child’s SEQTA log-in and check their attendance at school.

Arrange social occasions such as shopping trips and birthday celebrations out of school hours. Holidays should be arranged during school holiday periods, not during the school Term. We will be expecting your child at school unless notified otherwise.

We email out Attendance Follow-up Letters to parents/guardians each Monday for the previous school week; parents can reply directly to the email providing reasons for any absence.

All parents are asked to encourage and support their child to aim for 100% attendance and demonstrate a high value on their education.

Your support to ensure your child is at school every day, unless there is a genuine reason for absence, is appreciated and provides them with the greatest opportunity to reach their academic potential and personal best.

Students riding bicycles to school MUST wear an approved helmet with the retention straps fastened at all times. It is a legal requirement to wear a helmet and obey relevant road rules. Failing to do so can be subject to fines.

Parents are requested to make payments for contribution and charges and school excursions using the Qkr! App. Information about the App can be found on the school website. Setting up the App is easy:-

Step 1 Download Qkr! on your Android / iPhone.
Step 2 Select your country of residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register
Step 3 Find our school name or scan the QR code
Step 4 Register your children

Health Care / Pension / Veterans’ Affairs card holders can apply for the WA Department of Education’s Secondary Assistance allowance ($115 clothing allowance and $235 educational program allowance) paid directly to the school.

To be eligible for payment, please complete your Secondary Assistance Application in the Admin Office and bring along your health care/pension/veteran card by Friday 7 April 2017.

Parents can provide the student’s full name and year group so that emails can be dealt with promptly.

New Zealand Ski Tour
Ten days during the October school holidays. Five days skiing. Open to Year 10-12 students. Deposits due 24 February 2017.
For information, contact Mrs Rushforth lrushforth@churchlands.wa.edu.au

FEBRUARY
13-17 Year 7 Orientation Camp
13 begins Year 12 Personal Planning Interviews (cont’d to 16 March)
15 • Years 10-12 Swim Carnival • Year 11 Parent Info Night - Study Skills 6:30-8:00pm @ Concert Hall
16 PHOTO Day Years 8-12
17 Year 9 Swim Carnival
20 Music Parents Committee AGM
21 • Year 8 Swim Carnival • PHOTO Day Years 7 and 12 Music
22 • Year 7 Swim Carnival • Year 12 ATAR Parent Info Night 6:30-8:15pm @ Concert Hall
23 Years 7-10 AEP English Perth Writers Festival
24 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
27 PHOTO Day Catch up
28 Year 7 Student Leadership Session (1)

MARCH
3 School Tour 9:30am
6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Labour Day
7-10 EXAMS - OLNA
8 Year 9 AEP English Youth Literature Day
10 Year 10 AEP English Young Writers Day
**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club starts on Monday 13 February for all year groups. The club is held between 3:30-4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Year 9-12 Club is held in the library and Year 7-8 Club will be in the F and G blocks (behind the library).

It is a great opportunity for students to do their homework and access support from teachers who may be rostered on.

It is important that students do have homework to do during these sessions. Students misbehaving or failing to bring work may not be able to attend future sessions.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

We have spaces available for a few library volunteers. If you are interested, please email Sally Morris smorris@churchlands.wa.edu.au

**HAVE YOU SEEN?**

- Britannica Online
- West Online
- Study Skills Online
- ITC Thindrive

Check them out on the SEQTA splash page. For assistance contact Sally Morris smorris@churchlands.wa.edu.au or Linda Rag lazi@churchlands.wa.edu.au

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**Outside School Activities**

- **Academic Task Force** - Weekend tuition classes in Maths, Science and English for Years 7-10 and ATAR classes for Years 11-12. You will receive individual help to strengthen your understanding in areas of need in your courses before final exams. Master classes are also available for Year 11 and 12 students seeking higher achievement and mastery of their subjects in exams. For further information, contact Academic Task Force: Phone: 9314 9500 Email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au Website for enrolment: www.academictaskforce.com.au

- **Phillips Dojos Martial Arts School** - Wednesday (3:40pm), Thursday (4:30pm), Friday (3:40pm) and Saturday (4:45pm). Call now for two week free trial. Phone: 0429 123 202 Email: phillipsdojos@bigpond.com Website: www.phillipsdojos.com (Adult classes are also available)

- **Scarborough Girl Guides** are recruiting girls aged 10-13 years who want to meet friends, try adventures, and enjoy the outdoors. The Girl Guides mission is to empower girls and young woman to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. The Unit meets Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at the Doubleview Guide Hall. For more information, Email: info@girlguideswa.org.au or visit the Girl Guides WA website at girlguideswa.org.au

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**Congratulations**

- STEM Coordinator and Science Teacher Dr Grant Pusey participated in the STEM X Academy in Canberra in January 2017. Dr Pusey was accepted into the program from among 330 applicants and was one of twenty teachers who received a full financial scholarship to attend the event run by the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA).

- **Tristan Schoolrate (11-T3)** for his participation in the International Tennis Tournament in New Zealand Feb 1-3.

- **The Choote siblings Alexandria (11-T4) and Jack (9-T4)** for their participation in the 2017 Canoe Slalom National Championships in NSW Feb 1-20.

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**What’s happened**

- Over 2500 new and returning students began their new school year on Wednesday, February 1.

- The P&C Sundowner was held of Friday, 3 February. A big thank you to the P&C Committee for organizing it and to all who attended the event.

- The first P&C Meeting was held on Monday Feb 13. It is a great opportunity to foster parent participation and involvement in the school.

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**ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF CHURCHLANDS’ NEW WEBSITE**

The School is proud to announce that our new and refreshed website is live. The updated site includes changes to navigation with improved content structure. It also includes practical dropdown menus that have made the site easier to use.

Web link: www.churchlands.wa.edu.au

A BIG thank you to our Marketing and Media Officer Nawal Leon Kurson for her months of hardwork and patience on this project.