CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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ENAGERS, ALCOHOL and DRUGS

What your kids really want and need to know about alcohol and drugs

**PAUL DILLON** 

### **News in Brief**

### **Guest Speaker - Paul Dillon**

Paul Dillon, widely recognised as Australia's pre-eminent school speaker on the topics of alcohol, drugs, parties and risk-taking behaviours - is presenting for Churchlands parents, students (Year 10 & 11 and teacher presentations are on 19 September).

"Alcohol, Parties and Gatherings: A Guide for Parents"

When: Thursday 18 September

Where: Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: FREE - no bookings necessary

Paul has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. His best-selling book for parents

Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs was released in 2009. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly appears in the media and is regarded as a key social commentator, with interviews on television programs such as Sunrise, Today and The Project.

During his career in Drug Education, Paul has served as Project Officer for the 'SpeedWise SpeedSafe' campaign; wrote the instruction manual for the NSW Police Services on alcohol and violence; and was

also Project Officer for the 'Stay in Control' campaign, which targeted teenage binge drinking.

### **School Captains 2026**

A major millstone was reached by our Year 11 students who have gone through a three part process to choose the School Captains for 2026.

We had a strong field of 14 applicants to start off. The five finalists made passionate speeches on Thursday 11 September to their fellow student group and elections followed.

The results have been announced. Please meet your School Captains for 2026: Serena Ko and Kalani Brack.



## **What's Coming Up?**

### Term 3, 2025

15-26 Sep - Year 12 Exam Week & WPL

18 Sep - Paul Dillon Parent Presentation
Years 10 & 11
Concert Hall 7.00pm

19 Sep - Paul Dillon Staff and Student
Presentation
Years 10 & 11

19-26 Sep - Year 10 AEP HASS Tour

26 Sep - Year 12 (Non ATAR) Last Day
Student Breakfast and

Final Assembly
- END OF TERM

### Term 4, 2025

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL 13 Oct Years 7-11 & Year 12 ATAR Music Presentation Night 7.00pm 16 Oct 17 Oct Last Day before Exams for Year 12 ATAR students Year 12 Presentation Ceremony 22 Oct Perth HPC (formerly HBF Stadium) Alumni 50th Reunion - Class of 1975 27 Oct **OLNA - Years 9 & 10** 27-31 Oct Year 11 Practical Exams and Written Assessment Free Week Year 10 Outdoor Ed. Camp

#### **ECU Parents' Guide to University Study**

This easy to follow guide provides guideance so that parents understand how they can support their children.

Although the information is focused on Edith Cowan University, parents of students who want to go to a different university will find the information helpful.

You can download it https://www.ecu.edu.au/\_\_data/



assets/pdf\_file/0006/1099446/ECU-Parents-Guide.pdf.





### **Mock Trial Team Shines at the Supreme Court**

Last night our dedicated Mock Trial students faced Bob Hawke College at the Supreme Court, in a nail-biting semi-final that came down to the narrowest of margins. While the win wasn't ours this time, our team put on an excellent trial.

Their journey to the semi-finals was the result of countless hours of preparation, early mornings and late afternoons, often stretching late into the night. All of this was balanced alongside ATAR exam preparation, highlighting their resilience, determination, and passion for the law.

Representing our school with professionalism and skill were:

- Barristers: Amy M and Jordan B
- Witnesses: Teyla B and Matildah-Rose H
  - Judge's Associate: Kylee H
  - Solicitor: Livian C

We are incredibly proud of what this team has accomplished. For many, this marks the end of their Mock Trial journey as they prepare to graduate and pursue new opportunities, including potential careers in Law. No matter where their paths take them, we know the skills, teamwork, and dedication they have shown will serve them well.

Congratulations to our Senior Mock Trial team — you have made your school and community proud!



### Year 12 - ATAR Geography

Year 12 Geography students enjoyed a relatively relaxed last lesson before their exam in Week 9. Morning tea was provided,

which they enjoyed, while last minute recommendations on tackling exams, time management and structure was given.





#### **Year 9 Girls Soccer**

Well done to the Year 9 Girls Junior Soccer team who won the School Sport Shield Final last week, beating Seton Catholic College 1-0. The girls were undefeated throughout the Term 2 after school tournament and thoroughly deserved the win.

Go Chargers!







### **Year 10 HASS AEP Civics Tour 2025**

We wish the 54 strong tour group and four teachers well as they depart for Canberra and Sydney on Friday 19 September for a seven night extension activity. Venues they will visit include Parliament House, the High Court, The Museum of Australian Democracy, National Portrait Gallery, Sydney Opera House, Taronga Zoo and more.



#### **Year 11 Food Science**

Our Year 11 Food Science students took on the Pimp My Burger! challenge – but this time it wasn't just about the

food. They practised food styling and photography skills, creating their own RecipeTin-style blog posts. From colour balance to texture, plating and lighting, students learnt how to make a burger look as good on screen as it tastes in real life.









## R U OK? Day - Wellbeing Session for Aboriginal Students

This R U OK? Day week we had a special session for our Aboriginal students. We had a good yarn about mental health and looking after mob.

This wellbeing session included how they may recognise changes in theirs or others mental health, what they can do to maintain good mental health and lastly where to go for support.

They talked about mental health, just like physical health, needs constant maintenance. Mental health is like a tree, to stay strong and healthy we need to look after the roots firstly. The roots of a tree reflect areas such as spiritual, mental and emotional, family and physical areas that need to be maintained for good mental health.









### **Try-A-Trade**

Our Year 9 and 10 students recently took park in a three day carpentry and bricklaying trade course at Skilled Hire Joondalup. Over the program, students gained hands on experience mixing cement, using tools, laying brick courses, and measuring and cutting structural timber. Their final project - a gazebo structure - showcased the practical skills developed by combining both brick and timber work. All students engaged enthusiastically and represented Churchlands Senior High School with professionalism throughout the experience.









### **World's Greatest Shave**

On Tuesday, 26 August, our students and staff got a little lighter and had a lot of fun for a very worthy cause - The World's Greatest Shave, taking a stand against blood cancer. Students and staff raised funds by colouring, cutting or shaving their hair. Right now, over 150,000 Australians are facing the devastating impace of blood cancer and 17 lose their life every single day.



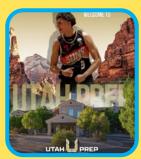






### **Congratulations**

Big congratulations to Year 12 student Jhye S. on officially signing with Utah Prep Academy in the USA. Your hard work, hustle and dedication are paying off, and we can't wait to see what you can do at the next level!



Congratulations to Indiah R., (Year 10) a passionate and dedicated surf life saver, for being selected to join the

PSAR36 Curriculum Development Working Group. Indiah will be travelling to the Gold Coast to meet with the group and participate in developing a refreshed framework and guiding the creation of updated, inclusive and future-focused learning resources to support our lifesaving community. Well done Indi.



Congratulations to Lila T, (Year 10) and Ben R (Year 10) for achieving selection into the Water Polo State Team. Both Lila and Ben will be competing in Canberra during the upcoming school holidays. Good luck!!





Congratulations Tex G. After winning the Scarborough

Rotary 4-way test earlier in August, Tex advanced to the next round that was held in late August, and was up against students from five schools representing Rotary clubs from across Perth North. Tex was awarded runner up, which means he is off to Geraldton for the final on 20 September. All the best for the final Tex.



Congratulations to Charlize K. (Year 9) who attended the Zero to Hero Mental Health Forum earlier in the year and successfully applied to attend the Camp Hero Leadership Program. We look forward to hearing all about the camp.



## Thriving Minds Symposium - 2 September 2025 -

Year 7 AEP students attended the Thriving Minds

Symposium, a full-day event designed to spark curiosity, challenge assumptions, and develop future-ready skills with a strong STEM focus.



Students rotated through four engaging sessions:

**Philosophy - The Big Questions:** They explored what truth means, what makes a good life, and how philosophical thinking can inspire change and reshape society.

**Community of Inquiry – Freedom of Speech:** In a collaborative, student-led discussion, they examined one of today's most debated topics, thinking creatively and critically.

**Science - The Science of Time:** Students investigated whether time truly exists, why it seems to move in one direction, and whether time travel might ever be possible.

**Debate - Does Love Conquer All?:** The day concluded with a lively debate on whether love can overcome every obstacle or if its power has limits, drawing on historical, philosophical, and personal perspectives.

Participating schools included Aranmore Catholic College, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Chisholm Catholic College, John XXIII College, Mercedes College, St Mark's Anglican Community School, and Trinity College.



### **Abbeybrook Restoration Project**

The Abbeybrook Restoration Project has moved into preparing the area for the change of season.

Spring is here and it is an exciting time with Snail Orchids and Fairy Orchids coming up in clusters. Native wisteria is in flower and the Bobtail lizard family is out and about enjoying the sun.













### **Library News**

West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards - WAYRBA -

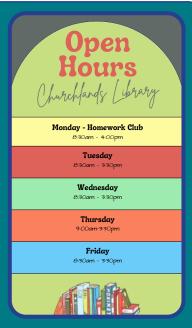
Don't miss your chance to vote in this exciting competition, there's still time to get involved!

We've got a great display of this year's nominated books in the library, so come and borrow one, grab a voting slip, and get reading over the holidays. You'll be able to return your voting slip next term.

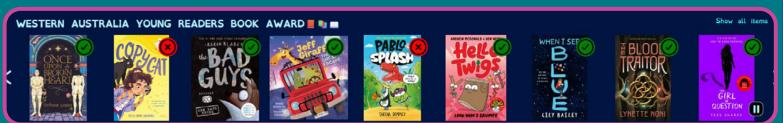
- Voting has been extended for 2025!
- Voting closes: Friday, 24 October 2025 (Term 4, Week 2)

In Week 3, we'll count the votes and run a lucky prize draw for all participants — so make sure your vote is in!

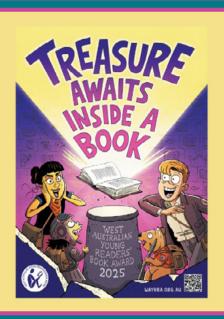
Remember we have our digital jigsaw puzzles as well – check out the link! https://cshs.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/learnpath/guide/WAYRBA







West Australian Young Readers' Book Award



# Family and Community Engagement

As the school year draws to a close for our Year 12 students, we proudly celebrate the soon to be graduating class as they complete their high school journey. This milestone marks not only the end of an important chapter, but also the beginning of exciting new adventures ahead. With only a few important events remaining, including the Mock Exams, WACE Exams and Presentation Ceremony, our Year 12s are almost finished. The final classes finished in Week 8 and marked the end of their formal high school education and Friday 12 September was a vibrant celebration of fictional characters, water sports and a chance to have fun with friends before the stress of exams began.

The entire Year 12 cohort must be complimented with their exemplary behaviour in winding up their academic year. They not only had a wonderful final day dressing up and enjoying their lunch BBQ and games but they were very respectful to the school and to other students. Special acknowledgement must go to Head of Year 12, Mrs Jayne Kitto, for organising the day. Principal, Neil Hunt, said, "This is by far and away the very best finish to a Year 12 group in my time at the school.".

































# Family and Community Engagement





### Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



BREAKFAST!









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