



Churchlands Bytes

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What Counts As Community Service in our Community Service Programs?



Community service includes voluntary activities that benefit others or contribute to the community. Examples include:

- Social and personal development activities such as performing in a community choir (e.g. Carols by Candlelight), entertaining residents at an aged-care facility, or coaching younger players at a sporting club.
- Service components of community programs like those offered by youth, sporting, cultural, or religious groups — for example, Scouts, Girls Brigade, Rangers, WA Cadets, or the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Fundraising initiatives that involve planning, organisation, and collection of donations or sponsorships — such as coordinating a quiz night for charity or participating in events like the 40 Hour Famine (note: time spent fasting does not count, but time spent fundraising does).
- School-based service projects integrated into the curriculum — such as caring for or restoring historical sites, or undertaking environmental restoration as part of a science program.
- Activities with a small honorarium that recognise a contribution or cover expenses, such as receiving free event entry while volunteering as a carer.
- School community contributions like art projects, tree planting, recycling, gardening, general maintenance, or assisting at school sporting, cultural, or fundraising events.
- Leadership or skill-based service undertaken after training — for example, peer mentoring or providing first aid in the school playground.
- Community benefit activities such as assisting lost children at public events (e.g. the Royal Show) or staffing a water station during a charity fun run.
- Volunteering for non-profit organisations in fields such as aged care, animal welfare, childcare, culture, education, health, disability services, refugee support, or environmental sustainability.
- Civic and leadership participation such as involvement in youth advisory councils, youth parliament, or ANZAC Day commemorations.
- Home-based caring responsibilities performed by young carers providing significant support for aged, ill, disabled, or young family members.

What's Coming Up?

Term 4, 2025

26 Nov-1 Dec	-	Year 9 Exams
27 Nov	-	Year 7 AEP AQWA
28 Nov	-	Year 10 Energy Club Expo
	-	Class of 2024 Year 13
	-	Sundowner 4.00-5.00pm
1 Dec	-	P&C Meeting
4 Dec	-	Year 12 Clearance Day 10.30am-1.00pm
	-	School Board Meeting
5 Dec	-	Year 9 AEP Perth Hills Discovery Centre
	-	Christmas Concert 3.30pm
8 Dec	-	Year 10 AEP Gingin Discovery Centre
	-	FTD EOY Celebration

Help Our Year 12 Students Get Hands-On Automotive Experience!

Our Year 12 Certificate II Automotive students use real cars to develop their practical skills. To give them the best learning experience possible, we're looking for a small car donation that can be used for training and assessment activities in our school workshop.

Ideally, the vehicle would be:

- Incomplete, unregistered, or not currently roadworthy (it doesn't need to run!)
- A small car or hatchback, suitable for student access and workshop use
- Preferably petrol not diesel
- Safe to work on, with no major structural or hazardous damage



This vehicle will be an invaluable teaching resource—helping students learn essential diagnostic, maintenance, and repair techniques in a real-world, hands-on setting.

If you, or someone you know, have an old vehicle that's no longer needed, please consider donating it to support our young learners. We can assist with collection.

For more information or to arrange a donation, please contact Harleigh Uren at huren@churchlands.wa.edu.au

Your support helps inspire and prepare the next generation of automotive professionals—thank you for helping us keep education moving forward!



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Uniform Changes for Students Entering Year 9 and Year 11 in 2026

As our current Year 8 students prepare to move into Middle Secondary and Year 10 students move into Senior Secondary next year, please note that their uniform shirts will change.

Year 8 going into Year 9: Teal Shirt

Year 10 going into Year 11: White Shirt

We strongly recommend purchasing the new uniform before the end of this year, as the uniform shop becomes extremely busy at the start of the school year for incoming Year 7s — and there's nothing worse than waiting two hours in line during the January heat!



**Incoming
Year 7s
(Junior)**



**Incoming
Year 9s
(Middle)**



**Incoming
Year 11s
(Senior)**

Uniform Shop - Update 2025 Term 4

Weeks 1 - 9

Tuesday 8.30am-4.00pm

Thursday 12.30pm-5.00pm

Week 10

**Monday 15 December 8.30am – 4.00pm
(Last day of trade for 2025)**

2026 January School Holiday Trading Hours

Tuesday 27 January 9.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 29 January 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Friday 30 January 9.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 31 January 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Monday 2 February 8.30am - 4.00pm
(First Day of School)**

Tuesday 3rd February 8.30am - 4.00pm

Thursday 5th February 12.30pm - 5.00pm

Return to regular trading from Week 2.

Just to remind current Year 8 and Year 10 parents that their son/daughter will need a change of polo colour for next year. Year 8s will go into teal, and Year 10s into white.

The shop is open on
Tuesdays from 8.30am - 4.00pm and
Thursdays from 12.30pm – 5.00pm.

In Week 10 we will only be open on Monday
from 8.30am - 4.00pm.

We will be open at the end of January (dates and times will be on the school website) but these are typically very busy days so it's a good idea to get organised before the end of term.



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Learning Support News

 **positive partnerships**
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

Positive Partnerships works with families, educators and communities to strengthen positive outcomes for autistic young people.

We deliver high quality professional learning and resources through workshops, webinars and online modules for parents, carers and school staff.

Learn more about our workshops and resources:

Parent Carer workshops Online Modules Professional Learning workshops Diverse Communities information First Nations information

Visit the Positive Partnerships website to learn more about the programs we provide.
www.positivepartnerships.com.au

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Open Hours
Churchlands 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



Are you struggling with Dyslexia?

We have C-Pens available to students with a diagnosis



Come to the library to borrow. You can borrow initially for 2 weeks but this can be extended. It is best to take it home to practice. It can be a great tool to utilise and practice with before tests or exams.



www.examreader.com
www.cpen.com

What is it?

It is a small hand-held device which gives assistance in reading for students with dyslexia, vision or hearing impairments, or other reading dysfunctions who would otherwise struggle to read fluently and with speed.

How does it work?

The C-Pen has a sensor at the tip of the pen which recognises the text on a page as it swipes over the words. From here the images are processed by internal software and finally converted to a digital format ready for output, in the form of audio files and listened to through headphones. C-Pens come in a range of versions and some of these have a translation or speech to text feature additionally.

How can it help?

 The ability to convert text to speech could reduce the cognitive load for students who find reading printed text a challenge. Being able to focus solely on the information that is being presented rather than focusing on trying to decode the text can give a student more time to comprehend and retain the information.



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Parents & Citizens Association Incorporated

Support Our School

Your voluntary contribution makes a real difference! Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Churchlands parents, we've been able to:

- Improve our school grounds
- Install air-conditioning
- Upgrade infrastructure and learning tools
- Provide toasties and support chaplaincy — and so much more!

Every contribution, big or small, helps our P&C continue making our school a better place for every student. Please support your P&C by paying your annual voluntary contribution.

Thank you for helping our school thrive!



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Library News

Year 7 Reading Time

Our Year 7 classes have been using their library sessions to plan and begin creating new genre signs for our fiction collection. We are excited to see their designs develop over the coming weeks. Students are working collaboratively to produce a sign that promotes a selected genre. This task encourages them to explore the key features of their chosen genre, including well-known titles and authors.



Homework Club

Yesterday was the last Homework Club for 2025, so our opening hours for Monday will now change from 4.00pm to 3.30pm.

Thank you to all of the staff that helped students in the club. We look forward to continuing next year.



Makerspace

Over the past fortnight, students have enjoyed a range of creative Makerspace activities. These included painting poppies for our Remembrance Day display and an origami aeroplane challenge, complete with a fly-off and a chocolate prize for the winning design. This week, students can look forward to bead craft and a friendly cornhole competition.

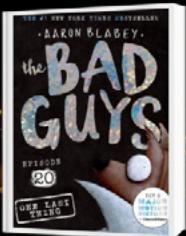


West Australian Young Readers Book Awards - Final Results -

All student votes from our school have now been submitted to the WAYRBA Association, and the statewide winners have been announced. We are delighted to share that the picture book we selected as a school was chosen as the West Australian winner!

We look forward to participating in this wonderful reading initiative again in 2026 with all our students.

2025 Winners



Picture Book

Younger Readers

Middle Grade

Older Readers

2025 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award Winners!

Family and Community Engagement

Churchlands SHS

Gallery Space, Memory Close

2025

Thursday
11th December
5-7PM

Y7-12 End of Year Show The Arts Exhibition

Featuring Media, Photographic and Visual Arts work.

Guest Speaker & Award Presentation
Drinks & Nibbles provided.

Artwork by: Chau Nguyen

Family and Community Engagement



Upcoming Social Media Age Restrictions for Under-16s

Churchlands Senior High School would like to inform students and families about an important change announced by the Australian Government. From **10 December 2025**, major social media platforms will be required to restrict account access for users under the age of 16.

This initiative is designed to safeguard young Australians from a range of online risks — including exposure to harmful content, excessive screen time, digital manipulation, and other inappropriate online behaviours. Importantly, this is not a ban but rather a **delay in account eligibility** until a child turns 16.

What You Need to Know

- Platforms affected include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube.
- Children under the age of 16 will no longer be able to create or maintain accounts on these services.
- Public content may still be accessible without logging in.
- Messaging apps and online gaming services are not covered by these restrictions and may still be used if permitted by the app's terms and parental guidance.

Support and Resources

Families and students are encouraged to stay informed and take advantage of the helpful resources available:

- [eSafety Commissioner – Get-Ready Guide for Under-16s](#) , [Social media age restrictions hub](#)
- [Churchlands Senior High School- Student Welbeing](#)
- [WA Department of Education – Cyber Safety Hub](#)

Churchlands SHS is committed to supporting a safe, inclusive, and digitally responsible learning environment. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our ICT Team via the school website:

churchlands.wa.edu.au/my-churchlands/ict/ict-help-and-advice-1

Lost Property

We're three quarters of the way into Term 4 and the lost property table has a few items on it. If your child has lost or misplaced any articles, please have them come to the table in the corridor outside Student Services Middle Secondary.

Any lost uniforms that are named will be returned to students. At the end of the term, all other items will either go to charity or be binned, depending on condition.

Lost property of any value (phones, airpods, jewellery, glasses etc) can be found in the Main Administration and Student Services.

Thank You.



SOCIAL MEDIA BAN PARENT SESSION

[On 10 December 2025, social media will be banned for under 16s.](#)

Free Parent Workshop

Wednesday 3 December 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall Lucca Street, Churchlands WA 6018

This event is open to all parents and caregivers, especially of Years 4 to 10 students.

Free, but registration is essential.

Scan the QR code to secure your spot!



[Click this link to register for the session.](#)

Why this Matters

This workshop will help you to keep your kids safe online and create healthy tech habits.



Australian teens spend more than **6 hours per day** on their phones.

62% of Australian teens have been exposed to **violent, sexual, or age-inappropriate** content.

45% of young Australians have been treated in a **nasty or hurtful** way online.

This workshop will cover:

- What the **social media ban** is and what it means for your family.
- How to have open discussions with your kids about tech use (including **gaming**).
- Practical tips** to keep your kids safe online.

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Paris McNeil



Transperth

Please be advised that from 30 November 2025, there will be changes to Transperth bus services which may impact your child's journey.

Parents and students can find information on changes specific to each school on the Transperth website <https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Service-Updates/Service->

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Routes 410 and 412

- Will undergo time changes
- Will now extend to service Stirling Station and Karrinyup Bus Station via Scarborough Beach Bus Station.

School Special 738

- Will now depart Weaponess Rd/Hamer Av 5 minutes earlier at 8.20am.

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Fundraiser for Churchlands SHS Music Tour 2026

 Save up to 50% off top ticket prices
Vouchers valid for 3 years 

Movie Ticket Fundraiser Pack	Purchase Price	Value (up to)
Adult Pack 5 Adult Movie Vouchers valid for any general admission session*	\$65	\$110
Child Pack 5 Child Movie Vouchers valid for any general admission session*	\$55	\$80
Bargain Pack 5 Movie Vouchers valid for any general admission sessions between Monday - Thursday only*.	\$55	\$110



Purchase via Paperly link sent in emails!

Orders open until 28th November 2025.
Buyers will be notified of collection arrangements in early December.



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Year 12 End of Year Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Have your child's school charges been paid?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you downloaded your child's school reports? (Access to SEQTA Engage will cease on 31 December 2025)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have any uniforms you would like to donate? (Please deliver to the front office)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have any current text books to donate? (Please deliver to the front office)



SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Buy and sell second-hand textbooks and uniforms
www.SustainableSchoolShop.com.au

--- Second-hand Textbooks and Uniform ---

We have partnered with Sustainable School Shop to provide families access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, musical instruments, sports gear and much more!

Sustainable School Shop have preloaded items specific to our school onto their site. This makes it super easy to list your items for sale and to buy items.

See all the second-hand uniform items for sale here:
<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/churchlands-senior-high-school>

See all the second-hand textbooks for sale here:
<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/booklist/churchlands-senior-high-school>

So jump onto the site, register and list your items for sale, you will be:

- reusing items rather than adding to landfill
- making money on items you sell
- saving money on items you buy
- providing another family in our school with cheaper items
- helping to create a culture of contact amongst our school community families!

Login or Register here:
<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au>

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Year 13 Sandowner
FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025
WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO SCHOOL. COME JOIN US...
4.00 pm to 5.30 pm | Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street Churchlands
Smart Casual | Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale
Book online: www.trybooking.com/DBMTL

Churchlands Senior High School ALUMNI



RU HANGRY
EVERY TUE & FRI
BREAKFAST!
8.15-9AM
TOASTIES & MILO
FREE FOOD!
FREE FOOD!
FREE FOOD!

Churchlands Senior High School

FOOD 1
COURTYARD

MUSIC GAMES +
A GOOD START
TO YOUR DAY!
ALL WELCOME



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SOCIAL SOCCER & BASKETBALL GAMES

Beginners welcome | Weeknights and Weekends

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For more information or to reserve your spot please contact us below

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