



**CHURCHLANDS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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News in Brief

UWA - Impact Mentoring

A group of Year 11 students have nominated to be a part of the 2026 UWA Impact Mentoring Program. Churchlands SHS has a partnership with UWA along with three other high schools to upskill them in a mentoring role with the aim to support Year 7 students as they transition into high school. On Monday, 9 March, the students spent the day at Bob Hawke College developing their skills. Mentoring will start in Term 2 and will continue into Term 3.



Mathematics

Academic Group (Achieve Success At School)

<https://academicgroup.com.au/>

Venues:

- All Saints' College, Churchlands Senior High School, Academic Group Applecross Office and Online (Week 1) ATAR and Year 7-10.
- Perth Modern School (Week 2) ATAR and Year 7-10.

Exam Experts

<https://theexamexperts.com.au/>

Helps students to boost confidence, focus on exam strategies and achieve their best results.

Dates: 6 – 10 July

Subjects: Students can enrol in up to five subjects

Cost: \$220 per subject for 10 hours of expert-led exam preparation

Accommodation: Optional safe, secure, supervised on-site board packages available at discounted rates for students attending courses.

What's Coming Up?

Term 1, 2026

24-26 Mar	-	KSF Maths Competition
25 Mar	-	Fun Run - Year 7 & 8
26 Mar	-	School Board Meeting
27 Mar	-	School Tour 9.15am
28 Mar-2 Apr	-	Aboriginal Leadership Camp
29 Mar-12 Apr	-	French Exchange to Reunion Island
30 Mar	-	Year 12 Biology Harry Perkins Biodiscovery Centre
31 Mar	-	Year 12 Biology Harry Perkins Biodiscovery Centre Senior Concert 7.00pm
	-	Year 10 RAC Bstreetsmart
1 Apr	-	Parent Teacher Interviews (No Students At School)
2 Apr	-	END OF TERM (Student return on 20 April)

CRAZY HAIR AND HATS

26th March 5:30 - 7:30 pm

the year 7 area behind the library

WEAR ANY HATS WIGS DO YOUR HAIR ANY WAY YOU WANT JUST THINK CRAZY





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Jazz Camp

What would you do if you were stuck in one place and everyday was exactly the same? Luckily for us, jazz camp was anything but! From improv sessions to archery tag, camp was as dynamic as our pieces and the best one yet. It was only reminiscent of Groundhog Day when each day we were summoned to rhythm training and call/response for what felt like hours on end. First jazz camp for many, last jazz camp for some, we're grateful for Mr Bourgault, Ms Chesney, and Ms Greig's efforts towards our education and fun. It was also nice to see some familiar faces perform for us from WAAPA, and even more exciting to see some of our peers questioning how to pursue a musical career! We're sad to go, but all of our memories shared at jazz camp will forever stay with us.

Music Captains: Luca D.B., and Kate S.



Music Tour Fundraising News

The Churchlands SHS Music Parents Committee (MPC) would like to thank ECU WAAPA for their generous prize donation of four complimentary tickets for various shows, to support the Music Tour Quiz Night on 2 May. Doors open at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start.

The WAAPA tickets can get you in the see shows like:

- Australian Jazz: Vocal & Instrumental Double Bill
- Duo
- Flying Solo
- LINK Dance Co presents Enter Coda
- Rise Dance Season Romeo & Juliet
- Company

Secure your table using the QR Code in the flyer.



EXPLORE Music Short Courses & Free Workshops

Join WAAPA at ECU's brand-new, state-of-the-art city campus and start making music that matters. Dive into hands-on music short courses designed for aspiring musicians at every stage – from first notes to full industry immersion. Explore classical performance, contemporary music, jazz, and music production, guided by WAAPA's expert staff and leading industry professionals.

FREE Weekend Music Workshops

Discover new skills and insights at WAAPA's complimentary one-day workshops at ECU City. Ideal for students preparing for WACE music exams, teachers wanting fresh ideas, or musicians eager to polish their craft. Experience expert guidance from WAAPA's renowned lecturers – all seasoned professionals – absolutely free.

- ATAR Designated Works (Sun 28 March)
- Mashed Sax Festival (Sat 2 & Sun 3 May)
- Classical FastTrack 1.0 (Sun 17 May)
- Percussion Pandemonium (Sun 21 June)
- Jazz Workshop (Sat 18 July)
- Classical FastTrack 2.0 (Sun 26 July)

Music Short Courses

Take your musicianship to the next level with WAAPA's specialist short courses. From classical to jazz, contemporary to vocal, our fee-paying workshops are designed for singers and instrumentalists alike. Prepare for WACE exams, ace your WAAPA audition, master your instrument, or simply enjoy learning in a vibrant, creative environment.

- Easter Jazz School (8 - 10 April)
- Introduction to Music Production (28 April - 2 June)
- Contemporary Vocal Performance Workshop (19 May - 23 June)
- Contemporary Music Winter School (13 - 15 July)
- Contemporary and Jazz Audition Preparation Course (28 July - 1 September)
- Advanced Music Production (13 August - 17 September)

More Information

Visit: waapa.ecu.edu.au/explore
Email: explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au
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Address: ECU City, 500 Wellington St, Perth, WA 6000



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Lost Property

We're almost at the end of Term 1 and the lost property table is really piling up.

There are many swim bags, towels and water bottles from the recent swimming carnivals - along with the usual uniforms, stationary, lunch boxes and even some shoes!!

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. Swimming items were wet and will not last long. These will be binned at the end of the term if they're not collected as they'll be mouldy and smelly. Lost property of any value (phones, airpods, jewellery, glasses etc) can be found in the Main Administration and Student Services.

Thank You.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Hayley C. who is currently in training for a role in the production, *The Little Mermaid*, playing at the Regal Theatre in the April school holidays.



Last weekend four Year 11 students competed as a relay team in the open water swim series Big Ocean Relay 2026. Congratulations to Jessica S, Lila T, Tom F and Toloa M who placed second in the open age mixed relay.



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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!
- Fund events and student awards
- Connect the school with amazing experts and artists.

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!

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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Learning Support News

Increased Access to Speech Pathology for Children and Young People

- Medicare Update -

From 1 March 2026, the Australian Government has expanded access to Medicare-rebated speech pathology services for children and young people.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people may now be eligible if they:

- Are under 25 years of age
- Are suspected of or diagnosed with an eligible condition listed under the expanded M10 Medicare list
- Receive a referral from a GP or medical specialist

What conditions are included? The expanded list now includes:

- Stuttering
- Speech sound disorders (difficulty producing speech sounds clearly)
- Cleft lip and/or palate

This change aims to improve early access to speech therapy and support communication development.

What support is available?

Eligible children and young people may receive Medicare rebates for:

- Up to 8 assessment sessions
- Up to 20 therapy sessions

These sessions can be provided by qualified speech pathologists.

What should parents do?

If you have concerns about your child's speech, language, or communication development, you can:

1. Speak with your child's GP about a referral.
2. Contact a speech pathologist for further advice.

Early support can make a significant difference to children's communication, learning, and confidence.

If you would like more information about this visit

<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/more-speech-pathology-sessions-for-young-people-now-available-through-medicare?language=en>

World Autism Day

World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) in Perth features city-wide lighting, including the Bell Tower and Matagarup Bridge turning blue/colourful. Events in Western Australia include inclusive movies, silent discos, and community meetups aimed at fostering understanding and celebration of autistic individuals.



Key 2026 Perth Events & Initiatives:

- Light Up the Spectrum: Landmarks across Perth and regional WA turn bright colors to increase awareness.
- Inclusive Movie Night: Hosted by All Stars for Autism for children and families.
- Documentary Screenings: Special sessions focusing on autism stories, hosted by local film experts, such as the series at Visit Perth.
- Autism Association of WA Events: Regular updates on community events and awareness campaigns via their Facebook page.

For the most up-to-date schedule, visit:

<https://autism.org.au/news-updates/world-autism-month-2025-wrap-up/>

School Holiday Bootcamp
For Autistic Youths Aged 13-18 Years

When
13-16 Apr 2026

Where
Curtin University, Bentley

Eligibility Criteria
An autism diagnosis

Duration
4 days
9:30am - 3pm

Desirable (but not necessary)

- An interest in AI
- Previous Scratch or block-style knowledge/experience
- Ability to type
- Basic communication skills (verbal or non-verbal)

Please visit www.genaibootcamps.com.au for more information or use this link [Gen AI Bootcamp 13-16 Apr 2026, Bentley](https://www.genaibootcamps.com.au) or the QR code below to register.

EMPOWERING
AUTISTIC YOUTHS
THROUGH
GENERATIVE AI
EDUCATION

GEN-AI
BOOTCAMPS

WA DATA SCIENCE
INNOVATION HUB

Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Curtin University
Curtin Research
Centre (CRC)



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Parent Information Sessions Available During Parent Teacher Interview Day Wednesday 1st April 2026

Kym Lucchesi, Program Coordinator: Teaching & Learning, will be running a short information session on self-regulated learning and how it supports student success. This session will be delivered twice across the day.

1. Working Together to Support Student Learning

This session is suitable for all parents and carers who would like to better understand how to support their child's learning. A self-regulated learner is a student who takes an active role in their learning. They set goals, use feedback to improve, and think about how they are progressing. These skills take time to develop, and many students are not always sure what this looks like or how to do it effectively. This session will explore how these skills are developed at school and how parents can help support this process.

In this session we will discuss:

- What self-regulated learning means
- How these skills are developed at school
- How formative assessment and feedback help students reflect on their learning and improve
- Simple ways parents can support their child at home

📍 **Location:** B2

🕒 **Time:**

- Session 1: 1:50 pm
- Session 2: 5:20 pm

You are welcome to attend whichever session suits you best.

The Learning Support Team will be running two different information sessions on SEQTA and assistive technology in the classroom. Each session will be offered multiple times throughout the day.

2. Navigating Seqta

This is aimed for **Year 7** Parents/Guardians – This session aims to support parents with navigation around SEQTA; specifically attendance, course outlines and assessment dates.

📍 **Location:** B2

🕒 **Time:**

- Session 1: 11:30am
- Session 2: 3:00pm
- Session 3: 4:30pm

3. C-pen, Immersive Reader, Dictate – to support use in classes

This is for all years. The session aims to support students and parents with how to utilise assistive technology in class. It's most suited for students with Specific Learning Disorder's in reading and/or written expression. Access to a student laptop is desirable, but not essential.

📍 **Location:** B2

🕒 **Time:**

- Session 1: 12:30pm
- Session 2: 6:00pm

You are welcome to attend whichever session suits you best.



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Library News

This past week, our Year 7 students have continued to explore our wonderful library collection, spending dedicated time discovering new books and enjoying independent reading. It has been great to see their enthusiasm as they build positive reading habits and confidence in navigating the library.

Coming up soon, students will have the opportunity to sign up for the Premier's Reading Challenge, as well as explore the fantastic titles shortlisted for this year's Western Australian Young Readers' Book Awards - a great way to discover new authors and genres.



We also encourage students to make the most of two valuable resources available on SEQTA:

- Study Skills - practical tips and strategies to support learning
- ITC Think Drive - a collection of tools to help students with research, organisation, and study

These resources are designed to support students both in and out of the classroom, so be sure to check them out.

Did You Know ...?

There is a... ITC Think Drive on Seqta!

SEQTA HOME PAGE - Click here

ORGANISATIONAL TOOLS - Click on

- Learn the SMART Goal way!
- Study Goals
- Time Matrix

Downloadable PDF's

- Mission Control Centre Checklist
- Study Smarter not Harder!

ASSIGNMENT PATHWAY - How to start and complete assignments

- Use the ROADMAP TO SUCCESS in 4 steps!
- Your ultimate STUDY CHECKLIST!

Use the Task Verb QUICKFINDER

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

Did You Know ...?

There are... Study Skills on Seqta!

SEQTA HOME PAGE - Start - Click Here

Study Skills

- Learn how to set up your filing system
- Organisation and Filing
- Tips on how to keep organised at Home and School

Time Management Skills

- Learn how to develop good time management habits
- Tips on using a TERM PLANNER and DIARY

QUIZ - TAKE THE QUIZ! Test what you know

See the TOP TIPS for feeling overwhelmed

Managing Workload

WATCH VIDEO - VIEW THE SLIDESHOW VIDEO - Ellie Y8 "How I Manage My Workload"

Family and Community Engagement

- How To Instructions -

Churchlands.Paperlyapp.com

To assist parents and guardians with our new payment platform, an email was sent on 20 February with three attachments:

1. How To Pay - Contributions & Charges
2. How To Approve - Excursions

[SEQTA Engage](#)

1. How To - Set up SEQTA Engage
2. How To - Enter Student Absences

Please check your email and junk email folders for this information. Keep this information handy.



Rules for riding your eBike safely and legally

- Check before you buy: eBikes must meet WA legal standards
- Motor must cut out at 25km/h
- *The same road rules apply for riding regular push bikes and eBikes.
- eBikes must be primarily pedal-powered

Make sure your eBike meets WA rules

Only power-assisted pedal cycles are legal. These are bikes that you pedal, with some help from a motor.

There are two types that meet WA rules:

- Pedalecs (EN 15194 standard)
 - Electric motor up to 250 watts
 - Motor cuts out at 25km/h
 - Look for a sticker showing EN 15194 compliance
- Other power-assisted bikes
 - Electric or petrol motor up to 200 watts total

If your eBike doesn't meet WA rules, it is illegal to use on public roads or paths.

Ride smart:

*eBike riders are generally subject to the same road rules as people riding regular push bikes, except you must be 16 or older to use an eBike.

Visit our website for more information to help make every eBike ride safe.



- Reminder for Students -

Students are reminded that they are still required to Sign In and Out of their respective Student Services, even if parents have notified the school of their absence.

- Thank You -

Free Sanitary Products

FREE sanitary products are available to students at Churchlands SHS.

Vending machines for students to access products are located in several locations including First Aid office, Junior and Middle Secondary Student Services, Administration and A Block toilets.

Is your child heading to High School in 2027?

Could an extra \$500 help with their uniforms, textbooks or device costs?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 66,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at All WA Schools

ENQUIRE NOW

What is Saver Plus?

A free 18-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

saverplus

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and the Department of Social Services.

YEAR 9 + 10

Be a Murdoch University Student for a Day

If you are currently in Year 9 or 10, a Day in the Life of a Murdoch University Student is the perfect opportunity for you to explore your interests and where these might lead you. You will create a customised university timetable of hands-on activities in subjects that interest you, speak with current Murdoch University students studying in those areas and learn more of their pathway to university, and be inspired by our academics.

We have a wide variety of workshops on offer, including:

- Allied Health
- Business
- Criminology
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Forensic Science
- Games Art & Design
- Graphic Design
- Information Technology
- Journalism
- Law
- Marine Science
- Physical Sciences
- Podcasting
- Psychology
- Screen Production
- Theatre
- Veterinary Science

Wed 8 April or Thu 9 April
8am - 3.30pm
Murdoch University, South Street Campus

Scan for more info or to register.

Or visit: <https://ADITL2026.eventbrite.com.au>

Please choose only one day to attend. Places are limited so sign up now to secure your workshop preferences. Ticket sales end on 8 April 2026.

MU Murdoch University

Nights Sleep In: Building a Brighter Future Together.

Community Art Exhibition

- SAVE THE DATE -
22 to 24 May 2026

The Churchlands SHS Creating Community Art Exhibition Committee is proud to present its 23rd Annual Community Art Exhibition.

This much-anticipated event showcases an outstanding collection of works by professional, emerging, and student artists.

The exhibition features a diverse range of artworks for sale, including paintings, drawings, collage, photography, ceramics, glass, jewellery, sculpture, and textiles.

SAVE THE DATE
COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION 2026
@ CHURCHLANDS
22 MAY - OPENING NIGHT & 23-24 MAY

Family and Community Engagement

Students Using eRideables

eRideables can include:

- eBikes
- eScooters, and
- eSkateboards

These have become a very popular means of transport and there are now WA Traffic Laws associated with them. These include:

- Only students who are 16 and over are legally allowed to ride eRideables.
- When riding, a helmet must be worn. Due to their increased use at Churchlands, we will implement the following requirements to ensure safety and legal compliance.

Acceptable use at Churchlands will now require the following:

- Only Year 11 and 12 students (over the age of 16) will be allowed to bring these onto the school premises.
- For safety purposes students must walk these off the school grounds in the afternoon.
- Students must store eRideables in our locked bike compounds not outside.

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HANGRY**

8.15-9AM
TOASTIES
& MILO

EVERY
TUE & FRI

BREAKFAST!



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FREE FOOD! FREE FOOD! FREE FOOD!



FOOD 1

COURTYARD

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

2026

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Secondary Assistance applications must be claimed by Thursday 2 April 2026. A current Health Care Card must be presented.

The Application Form and Instructions can be found on our website. Please click on the following link;

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/finances/secondary-assistance-scheme-application>

Or alternatively forms are available from the Main Administration.

Come and Try

UWA West Coast Squads

Swim/ Gym sessions
available AM and PM

COME AND TRY a FREE squad session

Perth HPC - Mt Claremont and UWA Aquatic Centre - Crawley

Youth Squad

For High School students

Swim + Swim/ Gym sessions
available AM and PM

**UWA
WEST COAST
SWIMMING CLUB**

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