



**CHURCHLANDS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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News in Brief

Year 11 ATAR Geography

Year 11 ATAR Geography students went into the field to participate in the Perth Hills Discovery Centre's fire program recently.

Part of the program centred around mapping fire behaviour and logging measurements on fuel load, canopy cover, tree scorch and topography.

It was a little hot with 35 degrees predicted so we were lucky some cloud cover and a slight breeze came our way. All students participated well and benefitted from being in the outdoor classroom.



What's Coming Up?

Term 2, 2026

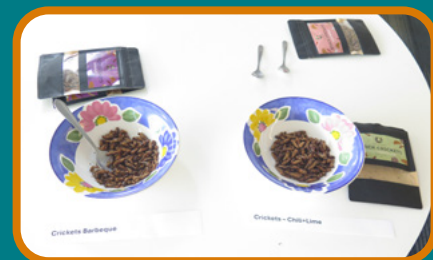
- 6 May - Year 7 Lightning Carnival
- 8 May - Year 11 Earth & Environmental Field Trip: Freshwater Bay & Cottesloe
- School Tour 9.15am
- 11-15 May - Year 12 ESTs (Externally Set Tasks)
- 11 May - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- 14 May - Intermediate Concert 7.00pm
- School Board Meeting
- 15 May - Science & Engineering Challenge
- 18-22 May - Year 11 & 12 Practical Exams & Assessment Free Week
- 19 May - Year 8 Lightning Carnival
- 19-21 May - CAT Competition (Maths)

Year 9 AEP - Activity

Year 9 AEP students recently took part in an engaging and thought-provoking lesson led by Mr Sauer and Mr Counsel, exploring the emerging world of alternative proteins. With global populations rising and environmental pressures increasing, the class examined how our food systems may need to adapt.

Students were given the opportunity to sample crickets and mealworms, prompting a mix of curiosity, hesitation, and, for many, surprise at how enjoyable they found the experience. The tasting sparked lively discussion about the psychological and cultural barriers that influence what we consider "normal" food. Through this interactive approach, students not only expanded their understanding of sustainability and global food challenges but also developed critical thinking skills by questioning their own assumptions.

Well done to all students for embracing the challenge with open minds.





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French Exchange - Reunion Island

From 29 March to 12 April, a group of 23 students from Year 10 to 12 embarked on an extraordinary journey to Réunion Island as part of our inaugural French Exchange program. This experience proved to be far more than just a school trip—it was a true cultural immersion that will stay with our students for years to come.

Throughout their stay, students were warmly welcomed by their exchange partners and attended classes at Lycée Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in the beautiful town of Les Avirons in Reunion Island. Whilst the long hours of the French system (7.30am to 5pm) exhausted our students, this provided a valuable opportunity to experience the French education system firsthand while building meaningful connections with local students.

This inaugural exchange marks the beginning of what we hope will be a long-standing and enriching program. We look forward to many more opportunities for our students to connect, learn, and grow through international experiences.



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Year 7 Science - Physics

Year 7s are studying Physics in Science, looking at Simple machines and the power of the lever to increase mechanical force and speed/distance. Students participated in a competition, working in groups they had to design a catapult to see who can launch a marshmallow the longest distance. Lots of interesting designs were created.



Year 12 - Earth Day Bake Sale

What a great success the bake sale for Earth Day was! We had a large amount of people from our recycling and environmental groups, volunteering their time into baking sweet and savory treats, as well as amazing volunteers to help manage the stall at recess.

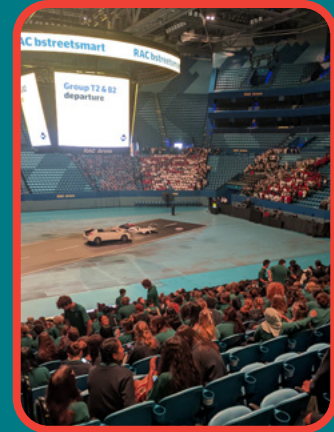
By the end of the day, everything baked was bought, meaning we had no food wastage, which is great news for the environment! So many people purchased freshly baked goods including students and staff, and we're proud to say we raised \$661.40 to be donated to the Western Australian Forest Alliance. They are an umbrella organisation made up of many local South-West conservation groups, who work to protect and restore WA's forests and wildlife.

Matildah Hayden and Vidhi Patel
Sustainability Captains



Year 10 RAC bstreetsmart Excursion

Our Year 10 cohort attended the RAC bstreetsmart road safety and trauma production in Week 10 of Term 1, with all 275 students and staff gaining valuable insight into the real-life consequences of risky driving behaviours. The confronting and powerful presentation delivered critical road safety messages tailored to emerging learner drivers, reinforcing the importance of responsible decision-making behind the wheel. This experience provided a strong foundation ahead of students commencing their Keys for Life program in Health later this year.



Teaching and Learning - Information for Parents -

Why Mistakes Are Part of Learning

Challenge and error are not signs that learning has failed — they are signs that learning is happening. When students attempt new or complex tasks, mistakes provide valuable information. They show students what they understand, where gaps exist, and what adjustments are needed next. Avoiding difficulty may feel comfortable in the short term, but growth comes from working through challenge.

At school, we support students to view mistakes as part of the learning process, not something to fear or avoid. This approach builds resilience, confidence, and a willingness to persist. When students understand that improvement comes from reflection and adjustment, they are more likely to:

- take appropriate learning risks
- seek feedback
- revise and refine their work
- persist when tasks become demanding

How parents can support this at home

- Reinforce that mistakes are expected when learning something new.
- Ask what your child learned from an error or challenge.
- Encourage revision and improvement rather than focusing only on results.
- Model calm problem-solving when things do not go as planned.

When students feel safe to learn from mistakes, they build the resilience and confidence needed for long-term success.





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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



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Senior Gardener - Handyman - Position Available-

Churchlands Senior High School is advertising for the above position: Senior Gardener - Handyman.

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

If you are interested in learning more about this position please click on the link below.

[Senior Gardener - Handyman](#)

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!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Tandin Z., who has been selected to represent the Cowan electorate at the National Youth Parliament, run by The Y. One representative from each electorate from all across Australia will participate in a four-day experience of politics and discuss the Australian legislature and civics in the Australian Parliamentary house in Canberra. Well done Tandin!!



Congratulations to Liam B., Year 7, for being selected to represent Western Australia in the 2026 Sport Climbing National Championships. The championships will take place mid May in Ballina, NSW. All the best Liam!



Congratulations to Emma H., Year 7, for her selection to represent Australia in the Legacy Team Australia Baseball For All Girls Tournament in the Under 13s team to be held in Rockford Illinois in July. Good luck Emma!





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Learning Support News

Art For Autism

The Art for Autism project aims to support those who are Autistic or neurodiverse, those that are carers and those that make a positive contribution to the Curtin community.

Artist Jenny Davies aims to paint and draw 50 portrait studies of people from the Curtin community over the next year, sharing their stories and role in human connection.

The project will culminate in an exhibition and sale of works with all proceeds going to the Autism Association of WA.

Nomination

- Members of the Curtin community who have some connection to caring for others are welcome to self-nominate as subjects in this project. Alternatively, you may wish to nominate someone who fulfils these criteria or is themselves a recipient of care.



What it will involve

- Attending the artist's studio in Floreat for a live portrait sitting lasting approximately 3 hours
- Agree to be photographed and to sign a release form
- Provide details about their connection to caring within the Curtin community
- No cost for participation
- Final art works to be displayed in a public exhibition at the Autism Association of WA
- No obligation to purchase art works
- All proceeds of art works sold to be donated to the Autism Association of WA

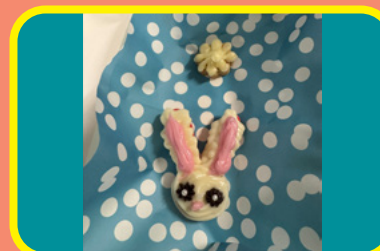
Enrol in project

- Please complete the appropriate nomination form link below

<https://www.artforautism.com.au/contact>

The Hub - Getting Into The Easter Spirit

Easter Cookie Decorating - Hub students had a fantastic time decorating homemade Easter cookies provided by Principal Kate Grayson.





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Library News

Western Australian Young Readers Book Award (WAYRBA)

The Western Australian Young Readers Book Award is finally here! Our wonderful display is set up, and the shortlisted books are ready and waiting for students to read, vote on, and enjoy — with a chocolate treat along the way!



To view the available titles, watch book trailers, and try online jigsaws of the book covers, please visit the link below:

[Churchlands WAYRBA](#)

Our Year 7 and 8 students will be introduced to the books, trailers, and jigsaws during their library reading time. It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm for both the reading and the puzzles.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Please keep logging your reading — we are currently in Week 5 of the challenge. Remember, all reading counts, including poems, songs, eBooks, audiobooks, and short stories.

For more information, please click on the link below:

[Premiers Reading Challenge](#)



Parents - We Need Your Help

Recently, we discovered that our library management system may not have been functioning correctly. As a result, some graphic novel sets may not have been correctly recorded as loans, and we are missing a significant number of these titles.

If you happen to notice any graphic novels at home — in school bags, bedrooms, or lounge rooms — we would greatly appreciate them being returned to the library so we can correct the records. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we are unable to replace missing items.

The titles of the sets missing are:

Assassination Classroom, Attack on Titan, Blue Lock, Spy Family, Tokyo Ghoul, Demon Slayer, Naruto, One Piece, One Punch Man

Thank you very much in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Library Budget

We love purchasing books based on student requests and positive reviews. We would like to gently remind parents about the voluntary library contribution, which greatly supports this. While we have made several budget cuts, we are proud of the strong reading culture at Churchlands and are committed to maintaining it.

Thank you for your continued support of our library.

Library Makerspace

Our Library Makerspace continues to be a busy and creative space for students. This term, our focus is on games, and students have been enjoying activities including Sudoku, dominoes, and Snakes and Ladders, which promote logical thinking, problem-solving, and positive social interaction.



We also continue to offer our popular colouring activities, providing a calm and creative option for students during their library time.



It has been wonderful to see students engaging with the Makerspace in a range of ways, whether collaborating over games or enjoying some quiet creative time.

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



Family and Community Engagement

Scarborough
Rotary
Club



Host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student 2026/27

The Rotary Club of Scarborough is seeking local families from the Churchlands Senior High School community who may be interested in hosting an exchange student arriving from Italy in July, for a short hosting period during the 2026/27 year.

Churchlands Senior High School has a long and proud history of supporting Rotary Youth Exchange students, with many visiting students having studied at the school over the years. These exchanges have provided meaningful support for host families while also enriching the school community through cultural sharing, global perspectives, and lasting connections. Hosting is a rewarding experience that allows families to engage with another culture firsthand while providing a welcoming home for a young person during their time in Australia.

Rotary provides guidance and support throughout the exchange, and a wide variety of households are able to participate. If you live locally and would like to learn more, or know someone who may be interested, we would love to hear from you. Even sharing this opportunity within the community is greatly appreciated. For more information please visit: Western Australian Rotary Youth Exchange and contact Scarborough Rotary Youth Officer, Emma Solbakke at 0403 931 961.

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.

We're always looking for volunteers. If you're interested in helping out, please click the link below to register your interest.

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



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Class of 1996
30-year reunion

Saturday 17th October 2026
Save the date!

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Calling all members of the Churchlands Senior High School Class of 1996! A 30-Year Reunion is being proposed for 17 October 2026.

At this stage the organisers are gathering interest for this event. Please reserve your spot available via [Class of 1996 - 30 Year Reunion](#)

Join the Churchlands Senior High School Class of 1996 Reunion Facebook group to keep up-to-date [Churchlands SHS Class of 1996 - Facebook Group](#)

Family and Community Engagement

- How To Instructions -

To assist parents and guardian with our new payment platform, an email was sent on 20 February with the following attachments:

Churchlands.Paperlyapp.com

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.

If you are new to the school, please email us at enquiries@churchlands.wa.edu.au and we will email the information to you.



WORKSHOP

STRESS MANAGEMENT & COPING STRATEGIES

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026 | 4.30 – 5.30PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE, 99 LOFTUS STREET,
LEEDERVILLE | FREE

This interactive workshop is all about helping you handle everyday stress without feeling overwhelmed.

Suitable for ages 14 – 19 years. Light refreshments provided.

Priority given to City of Vincent residents. Scan QR code to book or visit vincent.wa.gov.au/events

Rules for riding your eBike safely and legally

- Age 16+
- 25 km/h

Check before you buy: eBikes must meet WA local 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

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.

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