

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR



It is a privilege to share the 2023 School Board Report with the Churchlands Senior High School community. We start by congratulating the class of 2023 for their outstanding results. 178 students completed VET (Vocational Education Training) certificates either internally or externally with Registered Training Organisations. The 2023 leavers achieved the highest median ATAR (88.5) at the school since the commencement of the new WACE in 2016. Of course, the value of a school is much more than its results, however, these results would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and commitment of teachers and administrators who have been focusing on a number of school wide teaching, learning and assessment strategies.

I would also like to thank our first School Captains Nicola Archibald and Ava Nasiri Zahed for their thoughtful contributions to board discussions after carefully considering a range of views from the wider student group. The Push-up Challenge was a highlight of the year which surpassed everyone's expectations in terms of participation and overall funds raised.

As a board we are accountable and report to the Churchlands community and Department of Education. In general terms, we promote respectful partnerships, clear and honest communication, transparent processes, democratic and informed decision-making, as well as personal and professional integrity. To represent all groups within our school community we regularly seek broad views and opinions from across the school. Various school committees regularly share updates via representation or reports to the Board, for example, the P&C, Finance, School Council (students), Alumni, Foundation, as well as sub-committees such as the Uniform Committee and Music Parents. There are also a number of surveys that gather data from student, staff, parents that we evaluate.

Across 2023, the Board:

- Endorsed the Annual Report 2022.
- Reviewed and endorsed the 2023-2026 School Business Plan.
- Ratified the school's budget after endorsement from the Finance Committee.
- Farewelled outgoing and welcomed new board members.
- Reviewed and endorsed policies including:
 - Student Behaviour and Good Standing
 - Drug and Prohibited Substances
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Mobile Phone/Electronic Devices
 - Workplace Learning Policies.
- Welcomed guest presenters who spoke to:
 - WA Student Council, Formative Assessment, OLNA, NAPLAN and WACE results, and IT structures.
- Participated in a handover meeting between out-going and in-coming Board Chair, Director from North Metropolitan Regional Office and Principal.
- Advocated for the GATE academic proposal to the Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister for Education and staff from the Department's GATE team.

It has been a pleasure to promote the school in the community through articles in the Churchlands Bytes, attending various school functions such as NAIDOC week assembly, various music concerts, Year 12 Presentation Ceremony, the Community Arts Exhibition and P&C sponsored events. Furthermore, it has been a joy to support student initiated fundraising events including: Containers for Change, the Push-up Challenge to support mental health, and free dress days. We are delighted to continue supporting the work of the Churchlands Foundation by endorsing scholarships and grants for students and staff that further promote the vision and values of the school. School improvement projects across the year included upgrading the top oval, and the yet to be rejuvenation of the entrance and lit pathway from Memory Place to Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall.

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Board Chair