

MusicNotes

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC PARENTS' COMMITTEE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Cool Winds



Photo: Scott Arnold-Eyers

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Coordinator's Cadenza

Tracey Gralton, Music Parents Committee Coordinator



It's very exciting, that after a long hiatus, a large party of Churchlands students, staff and parents have headed off on "Music Tour", a longstanding and much-loved part of the music program.

For many students the chance to visit and experience another culture, meeting other students and musicians,

and performing in exotic locations with friends and peers, will be a joyous adventure and a lifelong memory. But it's hard work to get there. It's expensive, and logistically tricky. Students and parents have worked, busked, saved and supported each other to make this tour happen. Preparing repertoire for quality performances is a serious responsibility for staff and students, and things don't always go to plan.

It was very disappointing to miss out on the traditional Farewell Concert, usually the moment where excitement is bubbling over amongst the touring party and

performances are full of camaraderie and anticipation. But healthy students are the priority and it was a prudent decision to cancel the event.

It's always great to glimpse these peak moments because they balance some of the hard yards that studying music entails. Singing and playing wonderful music with your friends and teachers can be truly awesome, but a high standard only comes about because kids have practised, come to rehearsals, learnt words, worked as a team, listened sensitively to each other and stayed the distance. It's no small thing for a teenager to do.

One of the nice things about getting involved as a music parent is to hear that the bumps in the road and flagging spirits are not unique to a particular student. It can seem as though the journey is not going as it should but the reality of any high level endeavour is that it's hard work. Like serious athletic training, music requires endurance and strength and intellect, and the rewards don't come easily. But the satisfaction and enjoyment can be absolutely transforming and hopefully our touring students will have a wonderful and life-changing experience as they make music together in beautiful and interesting places overseas. Thanks to all who made the 2023 tour happen.



Deputy Principal Karena Shearing shares some pointers on Japanese etiquette with Music Tour families

From the Director's Desk

Glenn Robinson, Director of Music



It hit me that the last time we embarked on an overseas tour was way back in 2018—a whole different world! We were about to conquer Europe, dealing with schedule changes, staff replacements, the exciting Senior Band and Orchestra festivals in their experimental Term 2 timeslot, and our Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher Melissa Skinner had just left, and we were welcoming her replacement, Tim Forster! Time flies! Now, let's make some noise for our current Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher, Mr Bourgault!

Term 2 is always a whirlwind of activity! We started with a moving Anzac Day Sunset Service at the Kings Park Flame of Remembrance. Then, while still officially on holiday, our students rocked early morning dawn services and marched in a commemorative street parade on St Georges Terrace. And that's just the beginning!

We followed up with Year 6 GATE Auditions, mind-blowing junior and intermediate concerts, 70 incredible recitals by our Year 11 and 12 ATAR students, nerve-racking exams, and the suspenseful preparation for our epic music tour. Currently, 138 students, teachers, and parents are in Japan doing the Shinto shuffle, thanks to 14 months of intense busking and fundraising. Unfortunately, our Farewell Concert got cancelled due to illness, but we'll make up for it when we return!

A massive shoutout goes to our fantastic Music Parents Committee. They've been our rock, handling ticketing, ushering, catering, photography, and more. Without them, none of this would be possible!

Save the Dates!

Term Three 2023

Tue 18 July	Students return to school
Mon 24 July	MPC Meeting 7:30pm
3-5 August	Senior Band & Orchestra Festival
Tue 8 August	Recital Night 6:30pm
Sun 13 August	Jazz Festival
Fri 18 August	Senior Concert 7pm
19-20 August	Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival
Mon 21 August	MPC Meeting 7:30pm
Thu 24 August	Intermediate Concert 7pm
Fri 1 September	Junior Concerts 6pm & 7:30pm
Sat 2 September	Choral Festival
Wed 6 September	Ensemble placement videos due 9am
7-10 September	Junior Concert Band & Orchestra Festival
Sat 2 September	Last day of Term Three

Term Four 2023

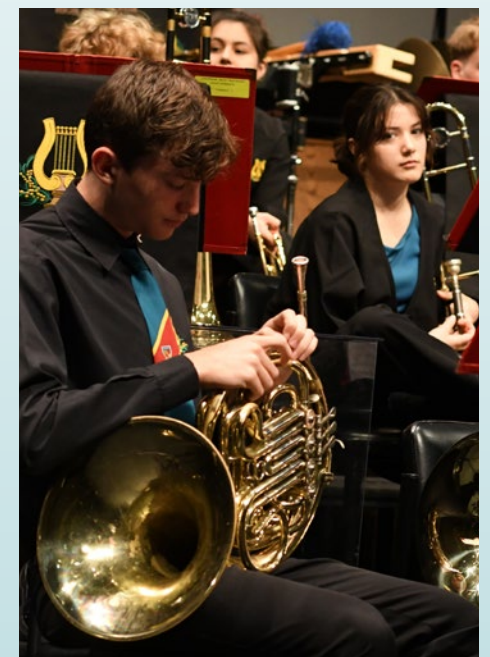
Mon 9 October	Students return to school
Wed 11 October	Music Presentation Night 7pm
Mon 16 October	Music Parents' Committee (MPC) Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
Wed 25 October	Chamber Ensemble Concert 3:45pm
Sun 5 November	Vocal Festival
Mon 13 November	MPC Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
Fri 1 December	Christmas Concert
Thu 14 December	End of Year for Students



Intermediate Concert

Photos: Scott Arnold-Eyers and Naki Kurunsulu

Middle school musicians brought out their best at the Intermediate Concert on 1st June 2023, showing how far they've come in their time at the School of Music.



Junior Concerts

Photos: Naki Kurunslu / Scott Arnold-Eyers / Matt Stack

It was a spirited showing from those finding their feet in the music program.

The many highlights included the promising talents of Tapestry, Miranda Sims sharing some secrets of choir-wrangling and the ever-lovable Larrikins' giving their best to *'Poisoning Pigeons in the Park'*.





ANZAC Day 2023

Photos: Scott Arnold-Eyers



Student highlights


Students from Churchlands Senior High School were invited by Diving Australia to perform the National Anthem at the opening ceremony of the 2023 Australian Open Championships on Wednesday 24 May 2023.

Rose Hiscock, Vasilisa Goncharova and Molly Scott of the Music GATE program ascended the diving platforms at HBF stadium and sang beautifully for the crown and live TV audience.

Aim High indeed - go girls!



Year 12 ATAR Music students at WASO's performance of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.5 on April 29th




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CENTRE! WINS! WAM!

CSHS side-hustle band *Centre* took the award for Best Song in the 15-18yo category at the 2023 WAM Awards ceremony at Freo Social on 20 June. Year 12 music students Connor, Jesse, Harry and 2022 graduate Alfie recorded their winning track 'Illusion' in Jesse's Dad's garage.

They have also recorded a new song, destined for the Triple J Unearthed competition, at one of Perth's premier recording studios. The boys are on Instagram and Spotify - follow them for updates and gigs coming up.

Both tracks will be on Spotify soon - and you can support them by voting on the Triple-J *Unearthed High* website.



A photograph of the four members of the band Centre. They are standing in a row, wearing dark suits and white shirts. They are looking directly at the camera.

Australian Youth Orchestra

Article: Finlay Labuschagne

Each year, many of our students and ex-students audition for programs run by the Australian Youth Orchestra. This year was no exception. AYO runs an annual National Music Camp each year in January in the city of Adelaide. Participants are selected from nation-wide auditions held in August/September the previous year. Amongst the 200 strong cohort at NMC were many of our Churchlands Alumni including Aaron Dungey (Viola), Oakley Paul (Double Bass), Daniel Hill-Almeida (Horn), Zoe Hawksworth (Cello), Alice Hawksworth (Viola) and Aiden Labuschagne (Oboe). Also making an appearance on Cello was current Year 12 student Finlay Labuschagne. Here is his account of the camp:

"Now, I must admit, the thought of spending two weeks of summer holidays filled with eight hours of rehearsals each day in a symphony orchestra and a small chamber group might sound completely absurd. However, being surrounded by some truly amazing musicians, tutors, and conductors made my first AYO National Music Camp an experience that will be remembered for years to come. I had a few friends when I arrived, but throughout the two weeks in Adelaide, with over 200 passionate musicians from around the country, it didn't take long to meet loads of great people and make what I hope will be the beginning of many lifelong friendships. Our rehearsal space was the University of Adelaide which was about a twenty-five-minute walk from our residence - lugging a cumbersome travel cello case in mid-thirty-degree heat was gruelling, to say the least. However, on the day we departed for Perth, it was actually one of the things I missed, as well as the people and the music, and the completely rigged cricket match that we obviously won. I loved every aspect of the camp. I came not knowing what to expect but I left feeling enriched and wished it could have lasted the whole year!"



Noticeboard

CSHS MUSIC PARENTS ON FACEBOOK!



To keep up to date with all the news, join the CSHS Music Parents' Facebook group.

www.facebook.com/groups/CSHSmusicparents/

CSHS SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON YOUTUBE!



The School of Music has its own YouTube channel! Go to youtube.com and search for "Churchlands SHS School of Music". It's a perfect way to share some of your child's musical achievements with friends and family.

JOIN THE MUSIC PARENTS COMMITTEE

All music parents are welcome and encouraged to join in and help the committee support the CSHS School of Music. It's a great way to connect with other music parents and get involved with your child's music school journey.

Please come along to the Term 3 MPC meetings on Monday 24 July (week 2) and 21 August (week 7) 7.30pm in the Choral Studio. Sign up for updates at mpc@churchlandspc.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Support Churchlands SHS School of Music while getting big discounts and great ideas for fun times with friends and family.

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MUSIC RESOURCE

The School of Music has an ongoing subscription to an online music education resource for students' use. Check it out at learning.e-lr.com.au

Student login: student.cshs.wa Password: cornet

MUSIC PARENTS

Do we have your preferred email address? Help us keep you in the loop with events and other MPC happenings!

mpc@churchlandspc.com.au

YOUR MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes is a newsletter for parents, by parents! We would love to feature your contributions of short articles and photos

Please email hi-res photos to: mstack23@gmail.com

REMINDER TO PARENTS

CSHS is only able to provide supervision for 20 minutes after the conclusion of a rehearsal or concert. Ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected so they are not left unattended.

SCHOOL PICKUPS

Parents, please be mindful of local traffic when you are dropping off or picking up children. For the safety of all, please pull over safely into one of the bays on the side of the road: do not stop in the middle of the road when collecting children and instruments.

INSTRUMENTS WANTED

Unloved, spare or surplus musical brass, woodwind or string instruments for children at a disadvantaged school wanting to experience the magic of making music. Please drop playable or easily serviced instruments off to the Music Office marked:

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