

# MusicNotes

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC PARENTS' COMMITTEE

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## Choral Reef



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# Coordinator's Cadenza

Vivienne Travlos, Music Parents Committee Coordinator



Pheewy ! That was another BIG Term 3!

My deepest gratitude goes out to our MPC volunteer heroes this term Anna, Alina, Tomoko, Yana, Melisa, Magda, Natalia, Anngi, Sarah, Lee, Aileen, Liz, Ray, Sam, Sefton, Tracey, Wei, their families and those I have missed in my absence earlier this term.

We are lucky, grateful and **Rewarded!**

**Rewarded** in seeing the moneys raised through MPC activities benefit us directly. Spot the rare instruments purchased in the past two years, including the harpsichord, the five octave marimba and contrabass clarinet in our orchestras, enabling our children to play a greater range of repertoire. Have you noticed the new keyboards in the green room? Enjoy re-watching the professionally recorded and edited concerts on the schools' music channel funded with MPC proceeds.

These are but a few rewards we see from funds raised through MPC activities.

Be **Rewarded** through volunteering with the MPC:

**Rewarded** with greater understanding of the teachers and school's efforts on behalf of our children's education and wellbeing.

**Rewarded** in friendship and support of fellow parents to energise, affirm and enjoy our children's journey through their high school music years.

**Rewarded** with a sense of community and belonging that boosts mental health flowing through to our children.

**Rewarded** knowing that your few hours of volunteering enable many hours of happy music to continue in our program.

Please never be shy to approach the parents behind the kiosk, on the stage, at the door, to ask when you can also help...some say 1% volunteering reaps 99% reward. We look forward to sharing the rewards with all.



## Aboda Fundraising

Did you know the value of the small team of volunteers who run the Senior and Junior festivals on the smell of an oily rag?

The collective hours of four coordinators and 16 helpers over the weekends amount to almost \$ 8000 raised over four days. That makes each volunteer's value at least \$400 donated through hours helping out at the bbq, kiosk, bringing food, setting up and packing down and doing it all again the next day - A few hands help to the benefit of all in the music program.

As we pack up after many hours at the bbq, the last few expectant junior ensembles approach asking their parents for their sausage sizzle reward: "Are you still open?". "Eemm...sure!" With a smile and sore feet and our families to get back to we wrap up another successful year - somehow it all comes together.

We extend our gratitude to parents who continually volunteer at the concerts, internal and external music events. You will find amongst them energetic volunteer stalwarts who also give their time to scout committee (thank you Sam and Tracey!), sports committees (Liz and Alina) and more. We marvel how those who are busiest seem to fit in even more.

WITH these awesome volunteers we will never be WITHOUT goodwill, good cheer and a few good funds to keep our music program up and running.

# From the Director's Desk

Glenn Robinson, Director of Music



Our Music Parents Association is an integral part of everything we do in the School of Music. They work especially hard during Term 3, a particularly busy time when we have four significant concerts, four state festivals, Year 12 recital night, 500 ensemble placement auditions, and finally, the Year 12 written and practical exams—all within just 10 weeks! This term also marks the peak of their fundraising efforts. Thanks to their dedication of the MPC, we've already replaced our oldest keyboard lab (16 keyboards), and before the year ends, we'll be able to replace the second oldest. In addition, they are funding the purchase of a second xylophone, invaluable for the times when we need two. Ultimately, our students are the ones who benefit most from this support, both in the classroom and in their ensembles.

I'd also like to highlight all our festival performances this year, with a special mention to our fantastic guitar ensembles, directed by Mr Lenz, and our three Churchlands Big Bands, led by Mr Bourgault and Mrs Chesney. All these groups performed exceptionally well, showcasing strong and varied programmes. Our senior jazz combos also had the opportunity to shine, demonstrating their improvisational skills in a combo

setting. Congratulations to everyone involved in the festivals!

On top of all that, we'd like to acknowledge the following students who proudly represented Churchlands Music in the wider community:

- Tandin Zangmo and Spencer Brown, who performed at the 44th Lighthorse Battalion memorial services at the Leederville and Melville War Memorials.
- Chelita Fontana, who performed at the WA Council of State School Organisations conference at Crown Perth.
- Jaden Quah, who played guitar for a memorial service at Yuluma Primary School.
- Jaslyn Chen and Putu Aryawan, who performed at the CSHS Community Art Exhibition.



At the time of writing, the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall is hosting the annual Massed Choir rehearsals, and from my office, I can hear the joyful sound of 500 young voices singing "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman. It's one of my favourite times of the year! It is run largely by our own Mrs Hopwood, and Churchlands Alumnus, Mary-Anne Goyder.

## Save the Dates! Term Four 2024

Mon 7 October	Students return to school
Thu 10 October	Music Presentation Night
Mon 14 October	Music Parents' Committee (MPC) Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
Wed 30 October	Chamber Ensemble Concert 3:30pm
Sun 3 November	Solo Voice Festival
Mon 11 November	MPC Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
Fri 29 November	Music Christmas Concert
Thu 14 December	End of Year for Students

On 12 September our instrumental and classroom music teachers performed for the RUOK Day festivities. It was great fun for the teachers, though the students may never quite be able to unsee it!

Please take care of yourselves and each other!

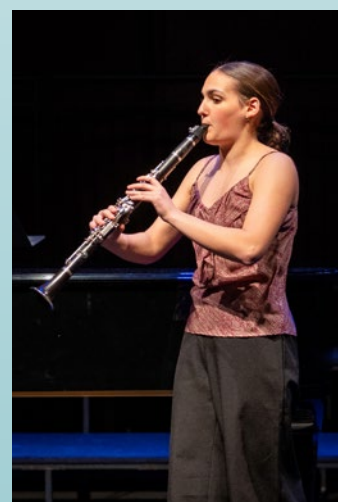
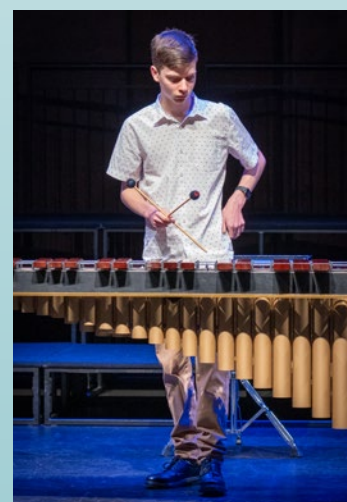
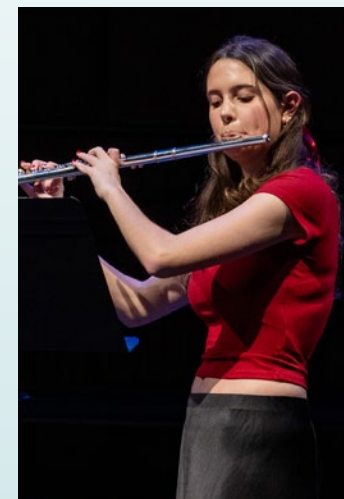
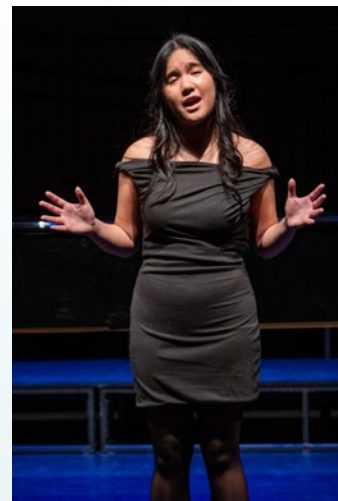






## Year 12 ATAR Recitals

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# Senior Concert

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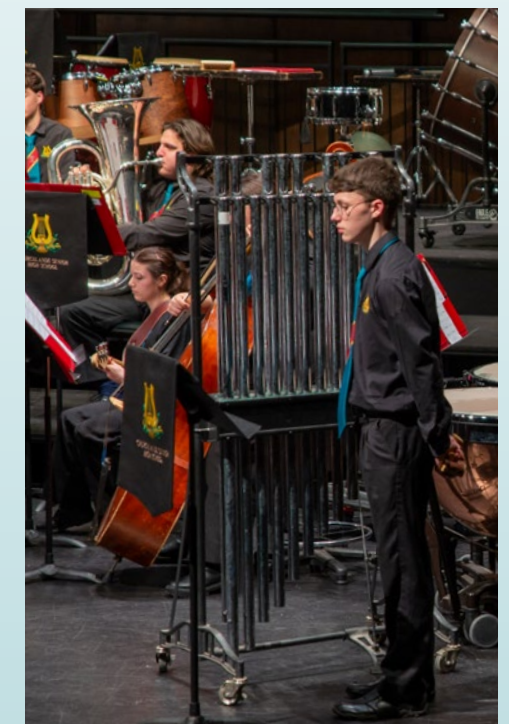






# Intermediate Concert

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# Junior Concert

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# Noticeboard

## 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 4 MPC meetings on Monday 14 October (week 2) and Monday 11 November (week 6) at 7.30pm in the Choral Studio. Sign up for updates at [mpc@churchlandspc.com.au](mailto:mpc@churchlandspc.com.au)



## CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHY

We ask that you do not take photos or videos during the school concerts. Our dedicated volunteer photographers will take high quality images throughout the performances, to be published in the Music Notes newsletter, and all available to download at this QR Code.

## CSHS SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON YOUTUBE!



The School of Music has its own YouTube channel! Use this QR Code or search for "Churchlands SHS School of Music".

It's a perfect way to share your child's musical achievements with friends and family.



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Please join in with MPC fundraising by quoting our member number when you take your eligible empties to a CFC recycling depot!



# Chamber Concert

On Wednesday 12th June, the Term 2 Chamber Concert was held in the Paul Latham Auditorium. The PLA is the ideal setting for our chamber groups, with its beautiful acoustic and more intimate setting.

Our appreciative and encouraging audience enjoyed performances by two piano trios (consisting of not three pianos, but rather a piano, violin and cello), wind quintet and double bass ensemble.

A big thank you to Sam Parry, Neil Barclay, Ibbi Mikajlo and Anna Person for preparing the students so well.

The next Chamber Concert will be held on Wednesday 30th October at 3:30pm.

