

# OPPORTUNITIES

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Community Newsletter

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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## *Congratulations* *GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK* **Class of 2023**







## From the Principal

**As this academic year draws to a close, I look forward to 2024 and the security in my belief that Churchlands SHS will commence the year with a full complement of teaching staff. Not only do I anticipate this but I am just as confident that the quality of our teachers will continue to be of the highest order.**

Why do I start with this statement? The simple reason is that there will be many Principals who currently will not have the same security and confidence that I have in completing their full staffing requirements to commence next year. My country colleagues and Principals in lower socio-economic areas will be most at risk in finding sufficiently competent teachers to staff their schools.

This is not just a Western Australian schools problem but a challenge for all Australian School Principals as we approach the start of 2024. While I hope this is not the case, I firmly believe that this will remain a problem for some years to come unless we can reduce the burnout of our teachers caused by workload, student behaviour, mental health and well-being packaged with unsatisfactory salary compensation.

Quality teaching requires the unpacking and delivery of some of the most complex behaviours, interactions and processes to ensure a successful lesson. At Churchlands we have developed and now adopted our Quality Teaching and Learning Framework (QT&LF), which is an attempt to provide our teachers with a consistent structure around their daily lessons. It incorporates the best research around lesson design and employs instructional tactics and strategies to maximise the engagement of students to produce the best possible learning outcomes. Like Formative Assessment, you will hear much more about our progress in implementing the Churchlands QT&LF.

### **Congratulations**

I wish to extend my congratulations to Karena Shearing who won a Principal position at the commencement of Term 4. Likewise congratulations to Matt Baltovich who has won a Deputy Principal position for 2024, and to Dr Kym Tan who has also won a Deputy Principal's position for Semester 1 next year.

### **Churchlands Staff Movements**

We welcome the appointment of Mr Aaron Carroll to the Head of Year 7 who comes to us from Perth Modern School. Internally we have created a new position and appointed Ms Jane Price as the fixed

term Program Coordinator Disability Support, a position which will be advertised statewide early next year.

Kym Lucchesi has been appointed for six months as Program Coordinator Teaching and Learning, replacing Dr Kym Tan. Christi Collins will replace Chris Van Maanen as Head of Learning Area: Physical Education, who will be on Long Service Leave in Term 1 next year. Sharon Andrews has been appointed Head of Learning Area: The Arts replacing Tracey Baker who is on Long Service Leave Term 1 next year.

I am pleased to say that our enrolments appear to have developed a pattern of predictability, which enables the school to accurately predict teacher requirements thus forecast our budgets. Next year we expect student numbers to approximate 2390.

### **November 2023**

As we bid farewell to November, we are pleased that our school community has come together in an extraordinary way, raising over \$4033 in support of men's health during the month of November.

The dedication and generosity displayed by our students, teachers, staff, and parents have truly made a significant impact in the fight against prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health challenges. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and contributed to this incredible cause.

Finally I wish all Churchlands students, their families and friends a happy and safe Christmas break and I look forward to working in this amazing community once again in 2024.

### **Neil Hunt Principal**



## Associate Principal Senior Secondary

**The 2023 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was held at HBF Stadium Riverside this year, a new venue for Churchlands SHS. It was wonderful to able to share the event with parents, family members, specials guests and of course the Class of 2023.**

As the emcee for the evening, it was an honour to witness all the amazing achievement of our students and see each of them cross the stage as they were recognised by their Year 12 Form Teachers. It is an important occasion, as we took the time to recognise the academic achievements of the cohort while acknowledging students who have developed into community minded young members of our society through a variety of special awards.



As a specialist Music school, it is always a pleasure to have our talented music students perform throughout the evening. The musical highlights this year included the entrance fanfare where the graduating Year 12 Brass students performed our very own school song "In Navy, Teal and White" along with the amazing performance of our top instrumental student, Finlay Labuschagne, on the Cello. Our wonderful music students brought the ceremony to a close with a choir performance of "You me and the wide open sky".

I would like to thank the Head of Year 12 Paul Siwek, office staff Claire Curtis, Kylie Hearle and Helena Francis as well as the Year 12 House Coordinators John Poland, Andrew Hales, Caroline Coates, and David Bongiascia for the great work with the 'Class of 2023' and ensuring the evening was a smooth and successful event.

Congratulations to all our individual award winners and to all of our Year 12 students. More information and photos of our award winners are on pages 7-13 of this newsletter

### **Year 12 Dinner Dance**

The evening was a wonderful way to finish for our Year 12 students. With the formalities of Year 12 complete it was with a relaxed atmosphere that they danced the night away in the lovely surrounds of Beaumonde On The Point. It really was great to see the students enjoy the company of their peers in the last school social function they would be a part of. I felt privileged to be involved and enjoyed every minute as I'm sure all the Year 12s did.

To every Year 12 I wish you all the very best, I'm sure you will achieve great things. I look forward to hearing about your successes.

### **Year 11 Dinner Dance**

The Year 11s also finished off their year with a Dinner Dance. A wonderful evening in the Ballroom at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The students looked the part and danced the night away. The highest standard of behaviour was on display for the entire evening, which made the evening even more enjoyable with such a large number of students. I look forward to seeing you all at the School Ball next year.

### **Exams and Workplace Learning**

Exams are an important part of the assessment schedule for ATAR courses in Year 11 and 12. They prepare students for the external WACE exams and reflect this rigour and standard so students have a strong understanding of what to expect. It is important to remember that ATAR students must sit the external WACE exam in Year 12 for that course to count towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

Year 12 students completed their end of year exams at the end of Term 3, with the external WACE exams commencing at the start of November. The Year 11 exams took place in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4.

Our Workplace Learning students completed their two weeks of work experience during the schools examination period gaining invaluable insight into varying careers and employment pathways. Successful completion of Workplace Learning contributes towards achievement of WACE and many students gain part time employment or an apprenticeship through this process.

### **Jamie Long Associate Principal - Senior Secondary**





## Associate Principal Middle Secondary

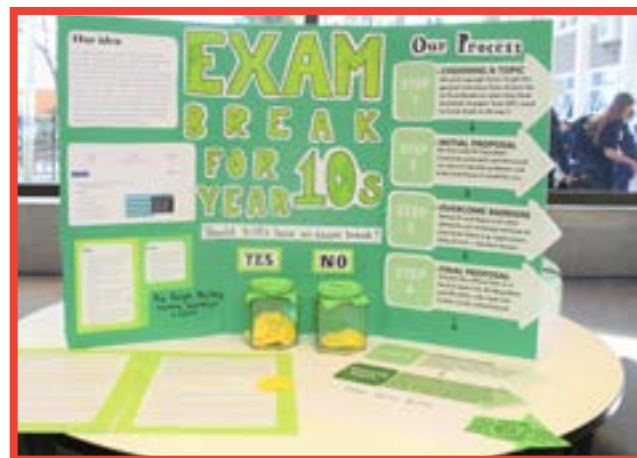
**As we bid farewell to Term 4, it's time to reflect on the incredible achievements and memorable experiences our students have had over the past few months. Here's a snapshot of the exciting happenings at Churchlands SHS Middle Secondary:**

Congratulations to our students who completed their end of term exams. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we applaud your commitment to academic excellence. With exams behind them, our Year 10 students are now poised to transition to Senior Secondary. We look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success in the next phase of their educational journey.

Our school spirit soared high on the Athletics field this term. Churchlands Middle Secondary students showcased their athleticism and sportsmanship, bringing home victories in various events. A big thanks to all our talented athletes and their coaches for their hard work and determination.

It was great to see our 150 Year 9 students who recently participated in OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) testing. This is an essential step in ensuring each student has the necessary skills to succeed in their academic endeavours and qualify for graduation. Well done for tackling this challenge with focus and determination. Results will be available first week back to school in 2024.

Our Year 10 Academic Extension Program (AEP) students participated in the Interdisciplinary Project where the AEP students put a lot of time and effort into their projects and presented their ideas to an authentic audience consisting of invited guests, staff members and parents. There were many projects including one for a way to collect first aid kit supplies for homeless people, another was an exam break for Year 10s.



Here are some photographs of students in Year 10 participating in the Gastronomy IDL project whilst we had a massive turnout for the lunchtime volleyball competition.



Recent concerns regarding vaping among students have not gone unnoticed. Our school administration is actively addressing this issue, taking comprehensive measures to educate students about the risks associated with vaping. We believe in fostering a supportive community that prioritises the well-being of each student. Together with parents, teachers, and students, we are working to ensure that our school remains a place where everyone can thrive academically and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

As a well-deserved reward for their efforts throughout the term, our Year 10 students geared up for an exciting river cruise. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to unwind, connect with friends, and celebrate the achievements of the year.

As we approach the end of the year, let's celebrate the successes and lessons learned. We encourage students to take this time to reflect on their personal growth and set positive intentions for the coming year. Thank you to our students, parents, teachers and staff for contributing to the vibrant and supportive learning community at Churchlands SHS Middle Secondary. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season and look forward to an even more successful and fulfilling year ahead.

**Hagop Boyadjian**  
**Associate Principal - Middle Secondary**



## Associate Principal Junior Secondary

**As I look back on my first year in Junior Secondary, I reflect on the immense pride I have for our Year 7 and 8 students. Both cohorts have constantly demonstrated such strength of character and maturity that I sometimes have to be reminded of their young age.**

Our Year 7 students started this year as a mature and confident group of young people, who showed that the government's movement of Year 7 students to high school was in fact the right decision. Our Year 7 students showed their high school readiness by their organisation, leadership and positive attitude towards school.

Our Year 8 students showed some of best friendship skills I have seen, with a number of instances coming to mind where we saw students coming together to look after one another with such care and respect it disguised their age.

Earlier this term we selected some 80 students across Junior Secondary to participate in a special leadership excursion delivered by Teamworks Australia. During these excursions our staff were able to see the problem solving, leadership and team work skills our students have. Students worked together to solve complex problems, connected with students not normally in their friendship groups and overall demonstrated the true Churchlands spirit.

This term saw our Junior Secondary students engage in a number of events including interschool athletics, concerts, art exhibitions and excursions. During these events I constantly heard back from staff and community members of the high standards of behaviour our students have consistently demonstrated.

Two weeks ago we welcomed a group of 370 Year 6 students to our school for our high school orientation program, again over these two days our Year 8 student leaders took the reins and helped to organise the Year 6 students during break times, assisting with lunch, handing out snacks and checking in with students.

At the end of year assemblies I gave some challenges to our Junior students to consider over their Christmas holiday break. Whilst our students have learnt many valuable lessons in the classroom this year I challenged them, that over the break, they widen their knowledge base, look after their wellbeing and change themselves.

My challenge to students is:

1. Get outside. Get into nature, get dirty and muddy. Take your shoes off.
2. Move, be active. Walk the stairs, play sports and get active.

3. Experience gratitude and be thankful for what you have.
4. Look after one another, the value in our humanity is how we treat each other.
5. Give things ago. If you fail that is okay, failure is a part of learning.
6. Be truly you. You must always be completely true to yourself. Don't pretend to be anyone else other than your absolute authentic self.
7. Challenge the norm, just because something has always been that way doesn't mean it has to keep being that way.
8. Set goals and work to achieve them.
9. Celebrate the achievements of others.
10. Speak up, both for yourself and for others.
11. Care for the environment, its your environment, the one you and your future family will live in. Treat it with care and respect.
12. Ask questions and be curious, look for the right questions to ask...find answers in unusual places, ask the tough questions, and always have an open mind. Think for yourself. Investigate opportunities, be creative with your solutions.
13. Respect the umpire. Whether it's at school, on the sporting field, at work, if you are pulled over by the police. Respect the umpire always.
14. Be kind and polite to the cashier, the customer service staff, the person taking your food order. They work long tough hours, they put up with a lot. Always thank them, always be polite.
15. Give disabled people a go. Say hello, create space, be kind, be thoughtful and give disabled people a voice.
16. Listen...Don't listen to reply, truly listen.
17. Make decisions with integrity.
18. Challenge perceptions. Be bold. There is no script.

I can't wait to meet our new Year 7 students next year, but also am farewelling my wonderful Year 8 students. Over the past year I have watched them grow and develop and ready themselves for life in Middle Secondary. I will still be watching them closely, popping into classes and hopefully hearing good stories about their ongoing achievements.

**Kate Grayson**  
**Associate Principal - Junior Secondary**



# Music Tribute to Mr Paul Sealey

Mr Paul Sealey joined the School of Music at Churchlands in 2005. He came to Churchlands from St Hildas as a highly experienced teacher.

Over the years, Paul was involved in many aspects of the Music program, conducting all the string ensembles, from Tutti to Symphony Orchestra and directed all the choirs from the Year 7s Dooverlackies through to Senior Choir & Chorale. As well as the performances at Churchlands SHS, the ensembles Paul directed also performed at the IMSS showcase concert, Opus, the combined Perth Modern/Churchlands concerts at The Quarry, and at St Joseph's in Subiaco.

A highlight in the School of Music calendar has always been the overseas tours and Paul went on five of these travelling through Austria, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Belgium, the Czech Republic & North America. He also travelled to Italy to personally choose the wonderful Fazioli grand piano which has pride of place in the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall.

Paul was recognised as a skilled classroom practitioner and achieved Level 3 Classroom Teacher status after a rigorous application process in 2013. He was always prepared to learn and received his Australian Kodaly Certificate in 2018.

The impact Paul had on the students in his classes can be summed up by this comment from a student now studying in Germany: "He made such a monumental impact on my life. I absolutely loved every class I had with him. I cherished his warmth, his unintentional yet brutal roasts, and of course his unbelievable chord analysis skills."

Administratively, over the years Paul's roles included Choir Coordinator, Second-In-Charge, Instrumental Coordinator and when Glenn Robinson was on leave, Paul was the Director of Music.

Apart from his Churchlands responsibilities, he was often asked by other schools to be on their examination panels as a moderator. He also was a presenter for various music teacher associations where his knowledge and experience were shared across the teaching profession. At various stages Paul was on the committee for the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) and the Kodaly Association here in WA. He was also on the advisory committee at the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. His insights into the Year 11

& 12 Music curriculum were valued at this level. In all these things he did, his experience and knowledge were brought back to our faculty, and we were the better for it.

The School of Music 40th Anniversary Concert held at the Perth Concert Hall in 2012 was a highlight when Paul conducted the Symphony Orchestra with ALL the music students being in the choir. All choral directors prepared the various choirs to perform excerpts from Carmina Burana. What an amazing sound that filled the Perth Concert Hall that night. And let's not forget hearing the Symphony Orchestra performing with the glorious soprano Taryn Fiebig as the soloist.

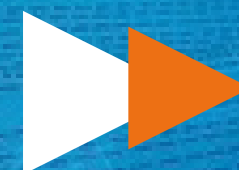
In the years when the School of Music didn't tour overseas, there were musicals. With colleagues Angela Padley (drama) and Ruth Sutherland (dance), the school was treated to some of the best musicals in the business, Little Shop of Horrors, We Will Rock You, Grease, Fiddler on the Roof and Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat. These were staged in the old gymnasium. With the addition of the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, the shows got bigger and the standard higher with Les Miserable, Oklahoma, Sweet Charity, The Sound of Music, Wicked, Mamma Mia and Annie. Whilst Paul wasn't able to direct the performances for Annie, he had worked with the students to prepare them for the final rehearsals and the performances that followed.

In recent months, the Churchlands Foundation initiated the Paul Sealey Composition Scholarship, in recognition of Paul's passion for composition. Part of the proposal reads, "the scholarship will allow music students with a keen interest in composition to access expert specialised tuition and resources beyond the provisions usually available. It is hoped that the recipients will be supported to develop and excel in creative music-making, to enrich their own lives and those of others, as Paul has so generously and gladly done all his life."

Paul Sealey sadly passed away in November, but his legacy to music education will continue for many years to come through the Composition Scholarship, the students he has taught, the teachers he has mentored and the many friends he has made throughout his life.



# Year 12 Presentation Ceremony Award Winners



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ATAR DUX

JAMES SMALL



RUNNER UP ATAR DUX

ABHAEY AYACHIT



VET DUX

RUBY HARPER



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### CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Abhaey Ayachit  
Xinnong Cai  
Jenice Lim  
Olivia Piccinini  
James Small

### W.R. LIDDELOW AWARD FOR CHEMISTRY

Abhaey Ayachit

### SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Hannah Tarzan

### SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Max Wagenaar

### CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Leanna Kirwan

### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD

Kayla Deysel

### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

Jude Wright

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Erin Grant

### STAN PERRON AWARD

Sophia Dark

### AMPOL ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Emma Browne-Cooper

### NMERO COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Olivia Piccinini

### ENDEAVOUR AWARD

Evie Aiesi



# Year 12 Presentation Ceremony Award Winners

## YEAR 12 AWARDS

### ARTS

DANCE GENERAL Isabella Gonzalez

DESIGN GRAPHICS ATAR Jasmine Poi

DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY GENERAL Daniel Phipps

DRAMA GENERAL Cayden Bell

MEDIA PRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS GENERAL Sophia Hull

VISUAL ARTS GENERAL Holly Hansen

### ENGLISH

ENGLISH ATAR Kiana Giltrow

ENGLISH GENERAL Noah Harvey

EALD ATAR Ashley Ho

EALD GENERAL Victoria Perez

LITERATURE ATAR Sarah Rowland

### HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE ATAR Bansi Patel

ANCIENT HISTORY ATAR Tahlia Newton-Norris

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTERPRISE ATAR Kiahli Ecseri

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTERPRISE GENERAL Noah Harvey

CERTIFICATE IV BUSINESS Kay Bradsell

ECONOMICS ATAR Hayden Speck

GEOGRAPHY ATAR Sienna Pallavicini

MODERN HISTORY ATAR Nicola Archibald

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS ATAR Tahlia Newton-Norris

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS GENERAL Haimee Chudgar

POLITICS AND LAW ATAR Hayden Speck

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE II SPORTS COACHING Kody Katauskas

HEALTH STUDIES ATAR Ava Nasiri Zahed

HEALTH STUDIES GENERAL Noah Harvey

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES ATAR Max Wagenaar

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES GENERAL Jamie Perez

### LANGUAGES

CHINESE SECOND LANGUAGE ATAR Noah Lim

FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE ATAR Rohan Dean

JAPANESE SECOND LANGUAGE ATAR Tracy Kong



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### MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS APPLICATION ATAR **Ewan Cowell**  
 MATHEMATICS ESSENTIAL GENERAL **Lily Day-Perkins**  
 MATHEMATICS METHODS ATAR **Olivia Piccinini**  
 MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST ATAR **James Small**

### MUSIC

MUSIC ATAR **Harry Hopwood**  
 CERTIFICATE III MUSIC PERFORMANCE **Lucian Coates**

### SCIENCE

BIOLOGY ATAR **Alyssia De Pellegrin**  
 CHEMISTRY ATAR **Jack Buckels**  
 EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ATAR **Lucian Coates**  
 HUMAN BIOLOGY ATAR **Olivia Piccinini**  
 HUMAN BIOLOGY GENERAL **Francesca Carr**  
 INTEGRATED SCIENCE GENERAL **Lachlan Dewar**  
 PHYSICS ATAR **James Small**  
 PSYCHOLOGY ATAR **Keisha Hawkins**

### TECHNOLOGIES

CERTIFICATE II AUTOMOTIVE PREPARATION **Martin Nguyen**  
 CERTIFICATE II ENGINEERING PATHWAYS **Mir Patel**  
 CERTIFICATE II HOSPITALITY **Tegan Waters**  
 CERTIFICATE II VISUAL ARTS CAD **Robert Robinson**  
 COMPUTER SCIENCE ATAR **Aaron Cutress**  
 FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL **Victoria Perez**  
 MATERIALS DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - JEWELLERY GENERAL **Etienne Casswell**  
 MATERIALS DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - TEXTILES GENERAL **Florence Harris**  
 MATERIALS DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - WOOD GENERAL **Angus Whitford**

### WORKPLACE LEARNING

WORKPLACE LEARNING **Jasmine Taylor**

## YEAR 12 AWARDS

ATAR MUSIC - DUX  
**Harry Hopwood**

CERTIFICATE III MUSIC PERFORMANCE - DUX  
**Lucian Coates**

TOP INSTRUMENTAL STUDENT  
**Finlay Labuschagne**

MILIOS FAMILY AWARD  
**Moss Martin**  
**Shreeya Naroth**

MUSIC ALUMNI AWARD - BIRDLAND JAZZ ORCHESTRA  
**Brook Craig**

MUSIC ALUMNI AWARD - WIND ORCHESTRA 1  
**Robert Robinson**

MUSIC ALUMNI AWARD - SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 1  
**Ryan Sutton**

PAUL MCGEORGE MEMORIAL PRIZE  
**Finlay Labuschagne**

TARYN FIEBIG CHORAL AWARD  
**Lucian Coates**  
**Marcel Howell**  
**Finlay Labuschagne**  
**Tegan Waters**

CONGRATULATIONS  
 CLASS OF 2023







# Year 7 Report

**You made it! What a delight it has been to watch the Year 7 cohort adjust to the demands of high school.**

The Year 7s have fully embraced the opportunities that high school provides, and many have formed friendships that no doubt will see them through until their final years at Churchlands SHS.

Whilst there has been ups and downs this year, students should be very proud of how they have conducted themselves through out the year. I have no doubt that the cohort is ready to take on the demands of Year 8. I hope you have a restful break over the holidays, it is thoroughly deserved.

## Student Leaders

I would like to congratulate our Student Councillors for their contribution to the high school. You are a credit to your peers. Here are our councillors giving their thoughts on their highlight of the year, and what they have learned about themselves. t

BRIGHTON	FLOREAT	TRIGG
Charlotte Davison	Yuki De Campo	Savanah Obremski
		
<b>Highlight:</b> The Literacy Centre Excursion	<b>Highlight:</b> Having my idea of the RUOK? Day board coming to life.	<b>Highlight:</b> The Leadership Camp where we got to learn new leadership skills and how to push ourselves out of the boundaries and try new things.
<b>I learnt</b> that having people that are willing to help me makes a huge positive change to my work ethic.	<b>I learnt</b> that I'm capable of more than I thought and that being with others brings out the best in me.	<b>I learnt</b> that I can put my ideas out there, listen to other people's ideas and build on everyone's ideas.

## Leadership Camp

It was a pleasure to see so many of our Year 7 students opt to take part in the Leadership Camp at HBF Stadium. The hot weather did not deter the students from taking part in all of the activities.

Students learnt what it is to be a leader and the skills required to lead a team not only from the front, but from the back. Students had to work as a team to complete certain physical and skill-based challenges.

What stood out for me as an observer, was the 'leap of faith' challenge. Students had to climb to the top of a tower, stand up and leap to a bar to make their way back down to the ground. Some students did this with ease, however a lot of students had to overcome their fears. There was some shaking legs and a few tears but the camaraderie between the students on the pole and those at the bottom cheering them on with words of encouragement was one of the highlights. The support that the students showed for each demonstrates what a truly fantastic group of Year 7s we have at Churchlands.



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## Bike Rescue

A handful of our Year 7 boys were lucky enough to take part in the 10-Session Mentor and Engagement Program guided by Dismantle's Mechanic Mentors. The participants combine efforts to fully strip and rebuild recycled bicycles for charity, then work independently to restore a second for themselves.



## World Vision - Halloween Free Dress Day

This term the Councillors at Churchlands decided to have a Halloween theme for the charity event to raise funds for World Vision. The Year 7s were great sports and took part in many of the activities that were being ran. This included throwing wet sponges at some of our willing teachers. A lot of fun was had by all, and it was great day for all those involved.



## End Of Year Activity Day

What better way to end the year cooling off at a water park or chilling out with a movie. As a reward for all your hard work this year students were given the option to attend Outback Splash or spend the day at Karrinyup in the arcades followed by a movie.



**Rebecca Killeen**  
House Coordinator - Scarborough & Trigg





# Year 8 Report

As 2023 draws to a close we reflect on what the year has brought; our challenges and triumphs, excitement and monotony and everything in between.

## Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

There has been a strong focus on mental wellbeing with a number of social-emotional learning programs being run throughout the year. We have had a number of community mentors regularly visiting the school to build strong and positive relationships with our students as a part of the Raise Mentoring Program. It was fantastic to see these relationships blossom.

Our Drumbeat programs; targeting Year 8 boys, have been a fun and dynamic opportunity for some students to learn to play African drums while exploring the themes of positive relationships. Our Mercy Care groups have focussed on friendships and resilience while IZRA has run whole year programs with a focus on managing conflict in a responsible manner.

High school can be a fantastic experience but it can also bring a number of challenges, so it is important that we continue to recognise and support all of our students. We look forward to continuing on with a number of these programs next year and hopefully adding even more into the mix.

## Thank you to the Year 8 Student Leaders

A huge thank you also needs to go to our Student Leaders who have put in countless hours supporting the cohort by planning activities, leading events, coming up with ideas and solving problems.

Our House Captains; (Brighton) Klara Travlos and Carys Edmonds; (Floreat) Harrison Parker and Mia Tay; (Scarborough) Zoe Banks and Rajvi Shah; (Trigg) Aaliyah Moran and Tiara Kovoov have been busy supporting their Houses and running activity days and competitions.



Our Student Counsellors; Indiah Ready, Zoe Bothwell, Jacob Upton and Prachi Chotalia have run assemblies, held regular planning meetings, planned cohort wide events and been an integral part of the whole school student leadership team. Thank you all for your time and efforts and we look forward to welcoming a new leadership team in 2024.

## Year 8 Student Wrap

Term 1 2023 started off with many action-packed events for Year 8s. We had multiple camps throughout the term including the Leadership Camp, Jazz Camp, also followed by a GATE Music camp.

Next up was the Swimming Carnival in Week 4. After many races, it was announced that Scarborough took home the win – congratulations to them. From the results of the day, an interschool team was formed in preparation for the Interschool Swimming Carnival, which took place on the 24 February. The team came a close second against our rival; Shenton.

As most of you will remember we had the Fun Run, where everyone completed a course going around Churchlands Primary School and back. Congratulations to our two winners for the day, being Chris the overall winner and Lucy the fastest girl.

Also, in Term 1 we had the Pyjama Day where we raised lots of money for the Rotary and Lions Club. This day was to acknowledge awareness around the importance of sleep, its impact on students' mental health and the benefits of sleeping well.

Term 2 was another busy term. The school production, Puffs, entertained audiences in Week 2, Friday and Saturday. In Week 3, we had the Lightning Carnival where we had the chance to play our favourite sports with our friends. On 17 May, we celebrated IDAHOBIT Day. This is a day about awareness to the discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community.



# Year 8 Report

## AEP Coral Bay Camp

The Year 8 AEP Coral Bay Camp was held in Week 3. This camp was an academic extension camp for the Academic Extension Program. On this camp the students learnt about our own environmental impact and how to restrict our impact. As well as that, the students enjoyed their time in the water with activities such as Kayaking, Paddleboards, Glass Bottom Boat, Sea Scooters & the Manta Ray tour.

The whole of Week 6 was Reconciliation Week, where there were many activities for our students to take part in. In Week 6 & 7 Churchlands hosted the Junior and Intermediate concerts and on the 1 June, the Push Up Challenge began, where many students contributed to raise a total of over \$10,000!

Term 3 was filled with many fun events and activities including the Athletics Carnival. It was a fun day where we got to spend time with our friends and support our House by participating in fun sports activities. Congratulations to Brighton for being the winning House for the carnival.



On the 14 - 18 August, it was National Science Week, with many exciting problems to solve and games to play. Once again, our school fortunately got the chance to enjoy the amazing musical talents of our Year 8 students during the Junior and Intermediate Music Concerts.

The 25 August was Wear It Purple Day, where students wore purple accessories to show their support to the LGBTQIA+ community.



In the middle of our busy schedules for Term 3, we did not forget to celebrate RUOK? Day. To acknowledge RUOK? Day, our Year 8 House Leaders ran a Form/House competition during the week that included Bottle Flip, Trivia, and Sudoku, finishing off with a Kahoot competition at the end of term assembly. The winner from the House competition was 8F4.

Term 4 started with the Interschool Athletics Carnival and the Year 8s were an important part of the school team. They put in 100% on the day and are to be congratulated for their participation.

On 27 October was the final fundraiser for the Student Council. Not only did we have a Halloween themed free dress day, but we also had different stalls run by different year groups! The Year 8 Student Councillors ran a stall called the "Sponge Toss" where you threw sponges at teachers! All the profit of the day went towards World Vision which helps prevent poverty around the world. The Year 8 team were also able to nominate themselves for our "Leadership Challenge" where 18 of us pushed our limits with a ropes course. It was a great day developing our teamwork, analytical, communication and leadership skills.

The 14 December was our final day at school. On this day we participated in our Activity Day, where we got to choose where we went. The choices were either the movies or Outback Splash. We also got our reports on this day. 2023 was a wonderful year that flew by so fast and let us hope for another fun year in Year 9, 2024!

**Prachi, Zoe, Jacob and Indiah Student Leaders - Year 8 2023, on behalf of Doug O'Halloran House Coordinator - Brighton & Floreat**







## Year 9 Report

**This term has seen the beginning of new engaging pathways for Year 9s looking to experience the world of work or options other than school.**

### Try-A-Trade

Seven boys spent Term 4 with the Registered Training Organisation Skillhire in Joondalup completing a Certificate II in Construction Pathways. This is an entry-level qualification that can be the start of a trades pathway in Carpentry, Brick and Blocklaying or other construction trades.



In a similar way a student has recently commenced as a bricklaying apprentice after a two-week trial. This is a fantastic step for this student.



### Volleyball Tournament

A volleyball tournament for Year 9s was held during Weeks 8 & 9. This event was organised by the Year 9 Student Council. The winning team received a pizza lunch.

### Year 9 Semester 2 Exams

The Year 9s had their first taste of exams during Weeks 6 and 7. This was the shape of things to come and most students looked to have handled the experience in their stride.

### End of Year Activity Day

On the last day in Term 4 the Activity Day for Year 9 students with Good Standing took place at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre.



### Orientation Day - Year 6s

A group of volunteer students did a fantastic job in representing Churchlands to the Year 6s on their Orientation Day. The Student Leaders facilitated People Bingo and toured the 2024 Year 7s around the school and accompanied them to their introduction classes. Well done to the Year 9 volunteers.

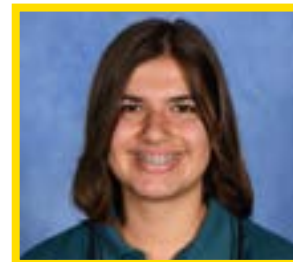


## Year 9 Report

### Rock Band Program

Mr Coumbe has made a great initiative with his Year 9 Rock Band program. There are two rock bands.

The first band will perform during the Year 9 Assembly in Week 9. The members are Toveesha Hosseini on Bass, Rebecca Murray on Guitar, Tegan Williamson on drums and Alyssa Cruz on vocals.



Toveesha Hosseini - Bass



Rebecca Murray - Guitar



Tegan Williamson - Drums



Alyssa Cruz - Vocals

The second band will perform in the quad on Thursday week 9 with Koby Thompson on lead guitar, Mr Coumbe on rhythm guitar and vocals, Mr Newton on bass and Jack Brohman on drums.



Koby Thompson - Lead Guitar



Mr Coumbe - Guitar & Vocals



Jack Brohman - Drums



Mr Newton - Bass



### Churchlands SHS Student Exhibition: Years 7 - 10

The Visual and Performing Arts Department extended an invitation to the Lower School Visual Arts Exhibition in the Gallery Space on Friday 8 December.

The work of our talented Year 7-10 Media, Photography and Visual Arts students was screened and displayed in the Gallery space. Many attended and celebrated the talent and success of our students.



**Lee Coumbe**  
House Coordinator - Trigg





## Year 10 Report

### This term the Year 10s completed their final exams for Middle Secondary.

The exams gave students an opportunity to show all they have learned over the year. They are also a chance for students to get familiar with the exam conditions and preparation so that they are ready for next year.

They completed exams in English, Maths, Science, HASS and Languages over five days. Congratulations to the Year 10 students for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Big thank you to the teachers, parents, and staff for their support and guidance in getting them through.

The Year 10 exams are an important milestone in the students' academic journey, and we are confident that they will continue to excel in the future.



### Basketball competition

Another term, another tournament. With the Years 10s again competing in another fierce 3v3 basketball tournament.



This is the fourth year of tournaments run by Mr Doug Cox and the Year 10 Student Leadership Team, as we can trace the lineage and pedigree back to the days of Year 7 dodgeball.

This time we had 12 teams sign up, including a girl's league. Teams fought valiantly for the right to be named champion.

There was also huge support from the rest of the student body, with each lunchtime bringing large crowds to watch and cheer on their favourite teams, it was great to see the Year 10 cohort supporting each other.

The final was intense but in the end Nemo's Boat was sinking too many baskets from the deep and 936 were knocked out. Thanks again to the Year 10 Student Leadership team and Mr Doug Cox for organising such a fun tournament and we look forward to next year's competition.



## Year 10 Report

### Delicious Success: Year 10 Gastronomy Class Masters the Art of Chocolate Recreation!

Greetings, Foodies! In the sweet realm of Gastronomy, the Year 10s recently embarked on a delectable adventure that left taste buds tingling and creativity flowing. Their mission? To recreate a beloved commercial chocolate bar from scratch. The challenge was as enticing as its sounds, and the results were nothing short of extraordinary.

Each student was tasked with selecting a popular chocolate bar brand and meticulously replicating its flavours, textures and overall essence. From the velvety smoothness of the chocolate to the subtle crunch of honeycomb or the burst of caramel undertones, the class dived headfirst into the world of chocolatiering.

The success of the Year 10 Gastronomy class in this chocolate challenge not only demonstrated their growing culinary prowess but also ignited a newfound appreciation for the artistry behind crafting our favourite treats.



### River Cruise

To celebrate the end of a huge year, the Year 10s went on the Crystal Swan River Cruise on Thursday of the last week of term.

Setting off from Barrack Square Jetty, the vessel travelled west under The Narrows Bridge and into Matilda Bay. During the three-hour journey there was entertainment in the form of a DJ, games and a pizza lunch.

The ship has two levels with a viewing deck on the upper level and dance floor underneath. It was a great afternoon and a great opportunity for the Year 10 cohort to unwind, let their hair down and have a little boogie.



**Laurence Lin**  
House Coordinator - Brighton





# Year 11 Report

**As we said farewell to 2023 Year 11 students, their last term was anything but uneventful!**

The initial three weeks were devoted to completing their course requirements, gearing up for exams or work placements. Some were even fortunate enough to enjoy an early holiday, though they remained humble about that fact.

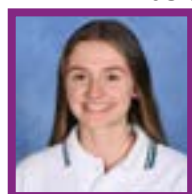
During our Year 11 Assembly, we proudly introduced the Year 12 Student Leadership Team. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional students for choosing to represent our school and achieving success in the application process.

## School Captains

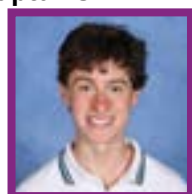


Patrick Mason-Chambers & Layla Richards

## Music Captains



Alice Freeman



Ethan Turnbull

## Student Council



Lachlan McDonald



Jamielle Vazquez



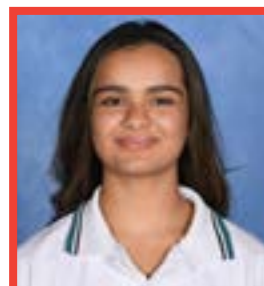
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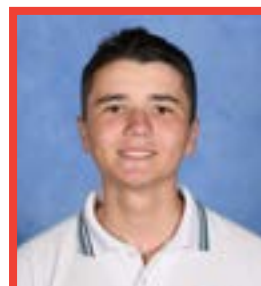
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## House Leaders

### Brighton



Thalia Miller



Spencer Adriansz

### Floreat



Sahara Mueller



Scarlett Cieslak

### Scarborough



Makayla Fletcher Elana Manuel



### Trigg



Liviya Chen Montanna Clark



# Year 11 Report

## Exams and Workplace Learning

In the whirlwind of Term 4, students faced the formidable challenges of Semester 2 Exams and Workplace Learning placements head-on. Two intense weeks of rigorous preparation and dedication culminated in a resounding success, as each student not only met but exceeded their personal goals. The overwhelming positive feedback from employers attested to the effectiveness of our endorsed program, with several students securing employment opportunities through their exemplary work placements.

## Year 11 Art Exhibition

The artistic aptitude of our school reached new heights during the Art Showcase where our exceptional talents took center stage. The diverse array of masterpieces highlighted the multifaceted brilliance of our students across various educational realms.

## Final Weeks

Following a challenging fortnight of intense work, exam revisions, and likely a copious amount of energy drinks, students reunited at school for a brief respite. These precious few days provided the perfect opportunity for them to reconnect with friends and savour the closing moments of their Year 11 journey – complete with the crucial exam feedback, of course.

## Sand Volleyball Tournament

Adding a playful twist to athletic competition, our Year 11 Physical Education Studies students engaged in a spirited beach Volleyball Tournament, sporting creative team costumes that brought an extra layer of fun (basketball jerseys were a popular choice). The day not only fostered a sense of camaraderie but also provided invaluable playing experience, leaving all participants with positive memories to cherish.



## Dinner Dance

Culminating the week was a spectacular Year 11 Dinner Dance, hosted at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre in Perth. An evening of sheer delight unfolded, featuring an abundance of delectable cuisine, lively dancefloor celebrations, photobooth shenanigans galore, and a fair share of courageous individuals choosing fashion flair over the comfort of their shoes. The night proved to be a fabulous crescendo to their Year 11 experience.



A massive congratulations to our Year 11 students on a fantastic year, and here's to an even better Year 12!

**Sam Wright**  
**House Coordinator - Trigg**







# Year 12 Report

**This term we said a very heartfelt goodbye to our amazing Class of 2023 after their six years of secondary schooling.**

The ATAR students returned for the first week to go over their Semester 2 Exams, gaining valuable feedback from their teachers as well as preparing for the larger looming WACE Examinations.

## Dinner Dance

The following week all the cohort gathered back together at the Year 12 Dinner Dance, hosted at Beaumonde On The Point. It was a lovely night filled with food, socialising, and eventually dancing once the DJ played the "better songs" as the students were saying.

## Presentation Ceremony

A week later came the Presentation Ceremony held at HBF Stadium, a night dedicated to celebrating the hard work of our students over their secondary schooling. A world record runtime of under two and a half hours led to a short and sweet ceremony which left plenty of times for photos afterwards.



## WACE Exams

Then came the big test (pun intended) for our students, the final WACE Exams. Students prepared themselves well and came and completed their exams, and with that, we say a very proud goodbye and good luck to the Class of 2023. You have made the school proud of the young people you have all become, and we look forward to all the great things you will do.

## Year 12 Final Day Assembly and Breakfast

At the end of Term 3, we held our traditional Year 12 Breakfast for our leaving students. It is always a morning filled with fun and lots of colourful tie-dyed shirts. The students gathered to eat lots of great bacon and egg rolls (thanks to the lovely staff who volunteered their time) and take photos with their friends reminiscing on the last six years of high school.

Once they finished off at the breakfast, we headed to the Concert Hall for the final assembly of the year. To be fair, the students were pretty well behaved although it was their last day. We celebrated some teacher and student awards and had a good laugh to end a great morning.

Once the assembly had finished, we had one last treat for our 2023 Leavers. We ventured to the top oval for some water activities, from a slip and slide to a dunk tank. Teachers lined up to allow students to throw at (and miss) a target to drop their teachers into cold water. Eventually they just pushed the button themselves. It was an overall fantastic way to end a fantastic year for majority of our students.

**Andrew Hales**  
**House Coordinator - Trigg**



# Year 12 Report





# Family and Community Engagement Formative Assessment

## Formative Assessment at Churchlands Senior High School

### How can Parents Support Students using Formative Assessment?

Parents can play a vital role in helping their child with formative assessment. Here are some ways parents can get involved:.

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#### Organisation and Support

##### Create a Supportive Environment

Establish a quiet study space at home, provide necessary materials, minimise distractions, and encourage a consistent study routine. Be available to help and answer questions. If they are regularly telling you that they have no homework check with their teacher and/or ask them what study they could do to consolidate the learning in a certain subject.

##### Check Their Organisation

Ensure your child has the necessary tools and organisational strategies for their schoolwork, both online and offline. The tasks are only useful if they know where they are! Help them set up folders for digital work and a method to keep track of physical materials.

##### Use Feedback to Guide Support

Pay attention to feedback from formative assessments, discuss it with your child, help them to understand it and work together to develop improvement plans. Ask them some key questions "Where are you going?", "How are you going?" and "Where to next?" If needed, work together to develop a plan based around these questions

#### Accessing Information

##### Know What's on SEQTA

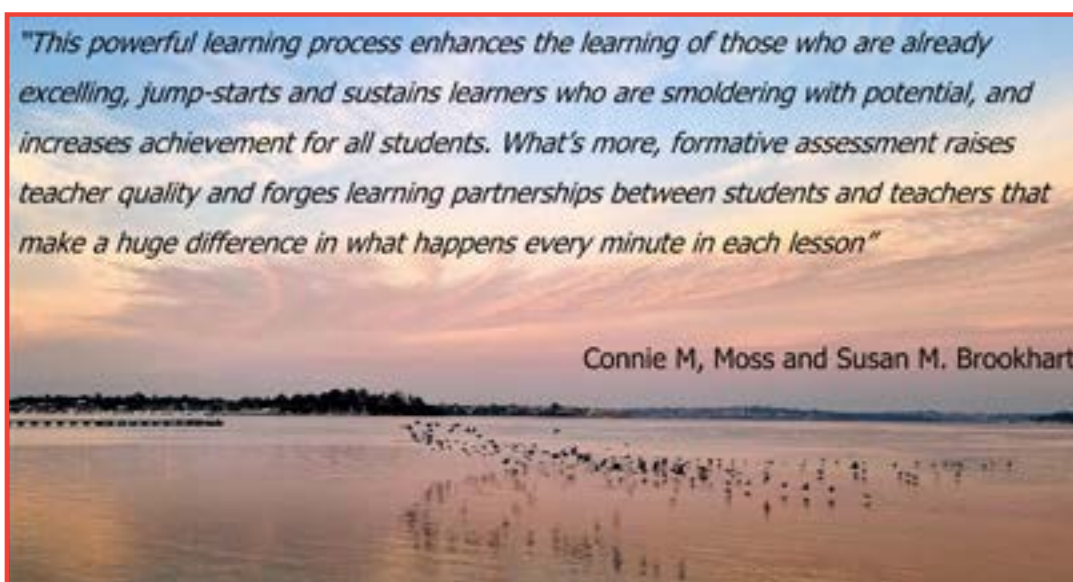
Access SEQTA to get information about attendance, assessment dates, results, and student programs. This information can help you set goals, encourage self-reflection, and effective study habits.

##### Communicate with Teachers

Maintain open communication with your child's teachers. Attend parent-teacher conferences, ask about formative assessment strategies, and seek guidance on how to support your child if academic concerns arise.

##### Engage with School Information

Stay informed about formative assessment through newsletters, the bytes, social media, and school events. These sources can offer valuable insights and practical tips.



# Family and Community Engagement Formative Assessment

## Formative Assessment at Churchlands Senior High School

### Promoting Self-Reflection

#### Discuss Learning Goals

Have conversations with your child about their learning goals. Encourage them to set specific, achievable goals and regularly reflect on their progress. Ask questions that promote self-awareness and motivation

#### Ask Open-Ended Questions

Encourage reflective thinking by asking questions like "What did you learn from this assignment?" or "What was challenging about the task?"

#### Encourage Self-Assessment

Help your child learn how to assess their work and identify strengths and areas for improvement. This fosters self-reflection and a growth mindset. Ask key questions such as "What strategies have you been using to ensure you have understood the content in class?" or "What adjustments or changes have you made to your study routine or strategies based on the feedback provided by formative assessments?"

FIXED MINDSET	GROWTH MINDSET
We have set doses of each quality	The hand we're dealt is only a starting point
There is a ceiling on how much we can achieve	Our true potential is unknown and unknowable
Not succeeding right away signals failure	Setbacks are ideal opportunities for growth
If I have to try, I must not be good enough	Effort is what makes us smarter and better
Criticism is a sign of inadequacy	Feedback is a powerful vehicle for self-growth

### Involvement and Celebration

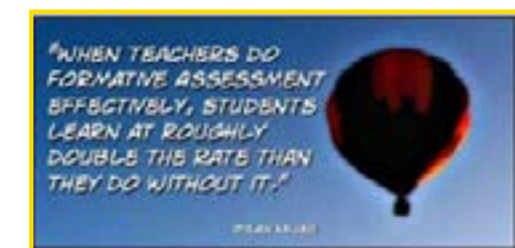
#### Review Student Work

Take the time to review your child's schoolwork and ask guiding questions to help them identify areas where they need improvement. Some questions include: "Do you know where you will find resources to help you?", "Have you tried breaking the problem down into smaller, manageable parts?" Or "Have you tried to solve this problem on your own?" If so, what strategies have you used?

#### Celebrate Achievements

Recognise and celebrate your child's achievements and progress based on formative assessments. Positive reinforcement boosts their confidence and motivation to continue learning.

Remember that collaboration between parents and teachers is essential for your child's academic growth. Stay engaged, communicate actively, and support their learning process.



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### Where to get more Information

<b><u>CSHS Newsletter</u></b> Released at the end of each term on school website.	<b><u>CSHS Bytes</u></b> Released fortnightly and on school website.
<b><u>Youtube</u></b> Seach Dylan Wiliam & formative assessment for great clips	<b><u>Contact Formative Assessment Coordinator</u></b> Kym Lucchesi at: klucchesi@churchlands.wa.edu.au



# Family and Community Engagement Career Practitioner - Iain McAlpine

As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the countless moments and experiences shared with students, parents and colleagues. In my new role as the Career Practitioner at Churchlands, the last six months has been an incredible journey, filled with challenges and triumphs, growth and learning, and most importantly, the opportunity to be part of the futures of so many promising young individuals.

I have had the privilege of guiding and supporting students in their career exploration, helping them navigate the intricate paths of education, skills development, and the ever-evolving world of work. It has been a year of exploration, self-discovery, and transformation for our students, and I couldn't be prouder of their dedication, resilience and determination.

As we look ahead to the upcoming holiday season, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has made this transition so meaningful and rewarding. To our students, thank you for entrusting us with your dreams and aspirations, and for allowing us to be a part of your journey towards a fulfilling future. To the parents, thank you for your unwavering support and for being partners in the educational and career development of your children. To my fellow colleagues, thank you for your dedication, hard work, and the sense of community that makes our school a truly special place.

## Congratulations Year 12s

I am thrilled to extend my warmest congratulations to each one of you for successfully completing your high school journey.

Finishing school is a significant milestone in your life, and it marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter. You have overcome challenges, worked diligently, and shown incredible resilience throughout your high school years. Your dedication has not only led to your academic achievements but has also prepared you for the future, filled with limitless possibilities and opportunities.

As you embark on the next phase of your life, whether it be pursuing higher education, entering the workforce, or following other paths, remember that your education has equipped you with valuable skills, knowledge, and a strong foundation to build upon. You are well-prepared to face the challenges and uncertainties that lie ahead, and I have no doubt that you will continue to thrive.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation, Year 12s! I have full confidence in your abilities, and I am looking forward to hearing about your many accomplishments in the years to come.

Best wishes for a bright and successful future.

## Scholarships: Transforming Students' Lives

Scholarships can offer the promise of higher education and the opportunity to pursue dreams that might

otherwise remain unattainable. The process of applying for scholarships is an arduous and competitive one, with students vying for academic support that can significantly impact their lives.

For many students, the journey towards securing a scholarship is akin to embarking on a quest. Scholarships come in various forms, including academic, athletic, artistic, and need-based awards. Each scholarship has its own unique criteria and requirements, and applicants must invest time and effort to meet these standards.

Students must demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, exceptional talents, or a compelling need for financial assistance to stand out in the scholarship application process. They often write essays, gather recommendation letters, and compile portfolios showcasing their accomplishments. These efforts, though challenging, reflect the tenacity and determination that students exhibit to realise their educational aspirations.

In my role as Career Practitioner, I have had the joy of helping students with their scholarships applications, however unfortunately at the time of writing this letter we are unable to acknowledge successful applicants. However, I feel that the students hard work and their undertaking of the process should be recognised on a whole school level. Good luck to the following students who are currently awaiting scholarship results.

**Curtin Principal's Recommendation Award:**  
Luke Murphy and Aaron Cutress.

**Elevate Scholarship: Boosting Women in STEM:**  
Marianna Segnini.

**Pinnacles Foundation Scholarship:**  
Scarlett Faulkner

**John Curtin Scholarship Program and the Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship:**  
Ava Nasiri Zahed.

**Murdoch Ngala Kwop Bididi Brighter Futures Scholarship:**

Madita Groesch (Congratulations to Madita who has already been informed that she is a winner of this scholarship).

## On A Personal Note:

I wish each and every one of you a well-deserved break filled with relaxation, and time spent with loved ones. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need support with your child's learning or career development [imcalpine@churchlands.wa.edu.au](mailto:imcalpine@churchlands.wa.edu.au) or by phone on 9441 1704.

Stay safe, take care, and see you all in the coming year, ready to embark on new adventures and achieve greater heights. Happy holidays!

**Iain McAlpine**

# Community Human Resources: Karena Shearing

## Mrs Karena Shearing says "Thank you Churchlands SHS community"

I have had the absolute pleasure providing leadership and service to the Churchlands SHS community since 2015.

I have grown as a leader and as a person during my time at the school. I feel privileged to have had this opportunity to Aim High and achieve in partnership with staff, students and families. I will always feel a connection and commitment to Churchlands into the future. I wish all staff and families good health and happiness. Take care and thank you!

From the Principal's desk @ Geraldton Senior High School

**Karena Shearing**



# Community Human Resources: *Cont'd from Term 3 Newsletter*

## Introducing our Education Assistants

Following on from the article in the last newsletter, the following Education Assistants are valued members of the Learning Support team. The Education Assistants at Churchlands support a range of students with academic, social and organisational needs. Staff and students are very appreciative of the additional support the Education Assistant can provide.

## Lorraine Keeney:

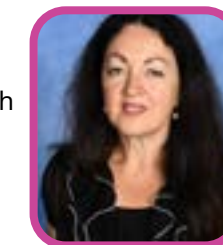
1. What are your hobbies/interests out of school? I enjoy being outdoors, love the colours of the Northwest and travel there whenever I can. I am very partial to doing crosswords and still enjoy playing Netball
2. I am famous for being the mother of an Olympian, but mostly for being the parent to 2 amazing kids who have both followed their dreams in totally different ways. It has been a blessing to watch them grow into the young people they are today.



3. My favourite part of being an EA is being able to spend time with students from the start of their high school years and watch their growth through the years, as they are so different in Year 12 to when they started in Year 7. Many of our students struggle with school in many ways and I find it rewarding to be able to engage and support them as required. The rewards far outweigh the challenges. And I get to work with some pretty amazing teachers.

## Vickie Sparks:

1. What are your hobbies/interests away from school? Cooking, spending time with my family, studying languages, drawing/painting and singing.
2. I am famous for: having five children and my chicken pie.
3. May favorite part of being an EA is: helping support teenagers navigate their high school journey.





# The Arts Year 12 Graduate Arts Exhibition

One of the highlights of the year for The Arts Learning Area is the annual Year 12 Graduate Arts Exhibition featuring work from our Year 12 Visual Arts, Design Graphics, Design Photography and Media students.

The Exhibition was held in the Visual Arts Gallery on Friday, 13 October and again proved to be a great success with an enthusiastic audience of friends, parents, guardians, extended family and staff in attendance.



This year's Exhibition was opened by Angela Padley, our recently retired Drama teacher and School Production Director here at Churchlands Senior High School.

Angela spoke of the importance of imagination in our lives and in an 'age' where scientific inventions and technological innovation are flourishing.

*"In a world increasingly dominated by technology, it is important that we appreciate the equally important role played by imagination. These budding creative artists have produced works which provoke thought, entertain, release tension, relieve stress and anxiety, promote mindfulness, heal pain and tell stories. All vitally important to our well-being. The art, films and design we are privileged to see this evening are the products of not just hours of thought, effort, editing and technique but creations that are pure imagination, that tug at our heartstrings, make us smile, or keep us accountable by holding a mirror up to reflect our world."*

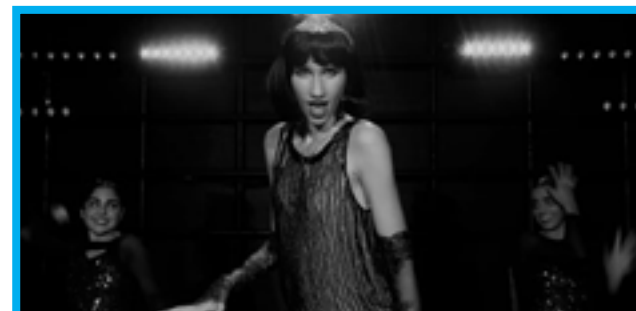
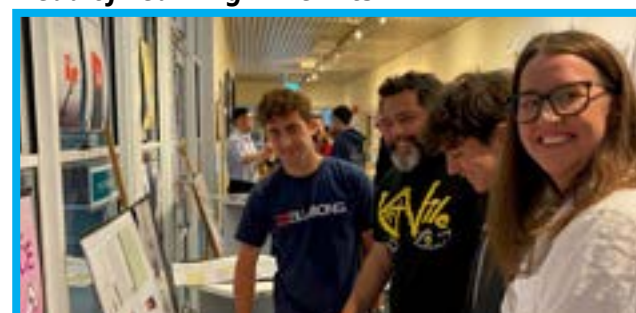
*It was Albert Einstein who once said that "The greatest scientists are artists as well". "All religions, arts and sciences are branches of the same tree...". "I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."*

The Exhibition showcased the exceptional ability of our Year 12 students, reflecting their passion, creativity and talent in a number of different media. Featured work included painting, drawing, digital photography, multi-media and films, as well as the practical examination productions from the Year 12 ATAR Design Graphics students. Gallery visitors were treated to a live performance from our very own Jake Wright on guitar and we thank him for providing such a wonderful atmosphere of celebration for our visitors.

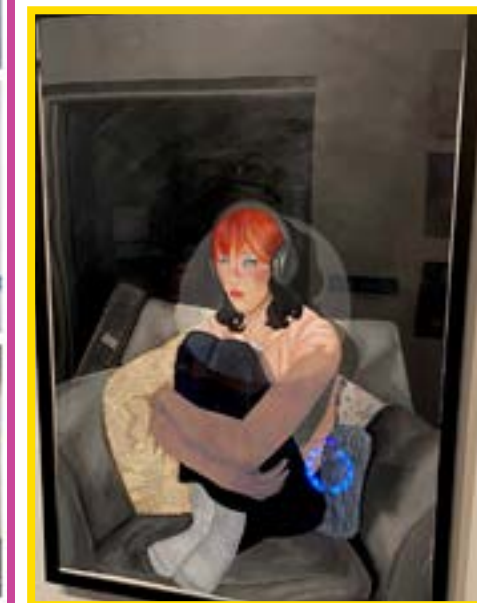


Our thanks and congratulations go to all our Year 12 students and their teachers, past and present, for their enthusiasm and efforts, and for mounting another very successful exhibition.

**Tracey Baker**  
Head of Learning - The Arts



# The Arts Year 12 Graduate Arts Exhibition





# The Arts Year 11 Arts Exhibition

On a beautiful spring afternoon, The Arts hosted the Year 11 Visual Arts Exhibition in The Gallery Space.

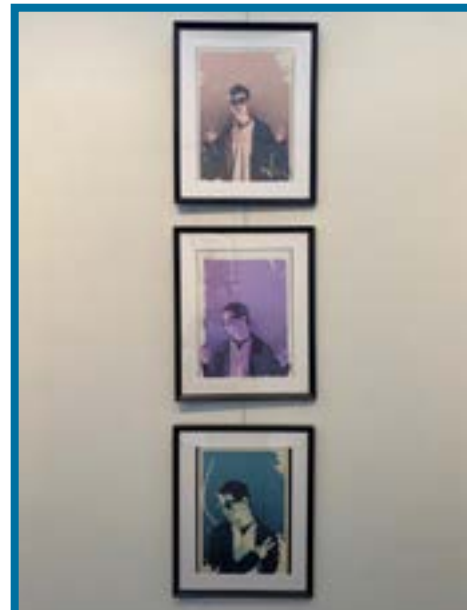
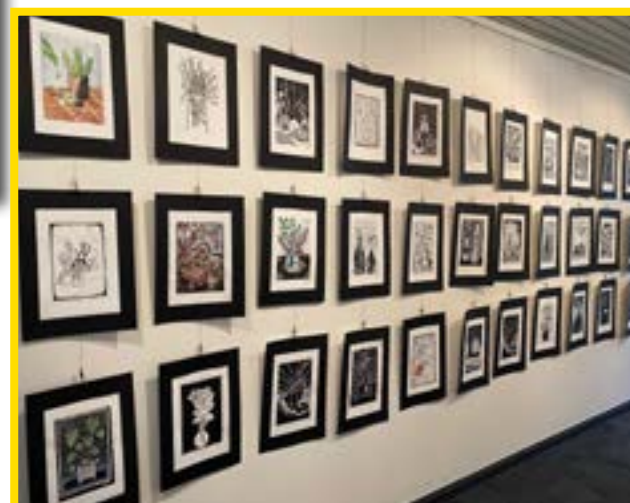
The exhibition showcased a high quality of student work from Art, Media and Photography with an amazing range of exceptionally creative work. The students should be proud of their efforts this year.



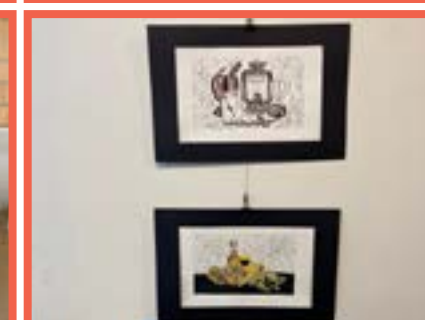
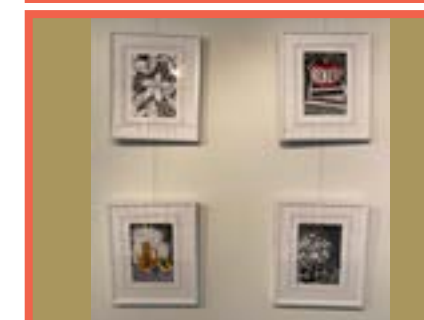
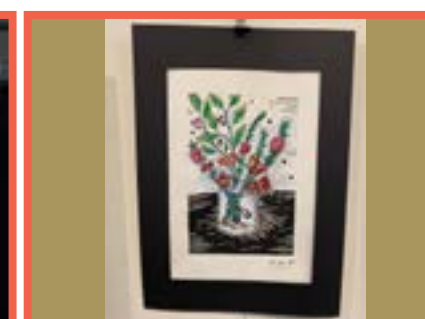
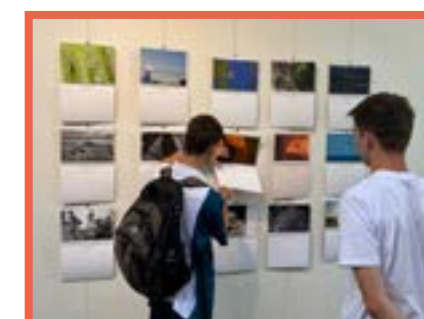
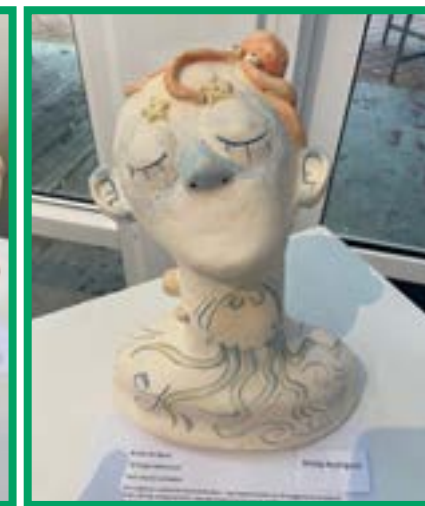
A huge thank you and congratulations to Sharon Andrews, Meagan Boyd, Doug Cox and Sami Hattingh who worked relentlessly all week to ensure the displays and screenings were ready for the students, family and friends we had visiting.

The Gallery Space looked stunning and as we close the door on a very successful year, we would like to congratulate all the students for their endeavours.

**Tracey Baker**  
Head of Learning - The Arts



# The Arts Year 11 Arts Exhibition





# Humanities and Social Sciences Churchlands SHS Mock Trial Team

Going further than ever before the school's Mock Trial Team progressed through to Round 5 reaching the quarter finals last term.

Although a strong and confident team, they were defeated by Rossmoyne SHS in a civil matter concerning a breach of contract. The Churchlands SHS team finished in the top 8 of over 100 school teams across the Perth area, expertly directed and mentored by Politics & Law teacher, Adele Cornelius. Adele gave up much of her own time to do this and

we appreciate and acknowledge her efforts and the work the students put in.

**Leeana Manifis-Gott**  
2IC & Teacher - HASS



# Humanities and Social Sciences Year 10 AEP HASS Tour - Canberra

At the end of Term 3, 47 excited Year 10 Academic Extension students started their six-day parliamentary tour to Canberra and Sydney. The Civics Tour is designed to focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy to offer an academic enrichment activity for AEP students.

The tour group enjoyed the experience of visiting many attractions including old Parliament House, the High Court, the Australian Institute of Sport, National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery, Questacon, and the Australian War Museum and we even had time for a look in at the acclaimed Floriade Flower Show.

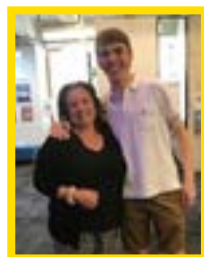
At Parliament House the group had the opportunity to observe the very place in which the country is governed, and laws made and then had the awesome opportunity to meet and listen to one of only two ACT Senators, David Pocock. Mr Pocock took time out of his busy schedule to answer student questions about his transition from a world cup rugby player to a politician. This year we scheduled a morning bike ride around Lake Burley Griffen as a new activity. We battled some super strong winds but with encouragement from all, we made it to the finish line.

After four busy days we drove to Sydney. One night included a visit to see the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge on show. We had an awesome time seeing many famous iconic attractions including

Sydney Opera House, the Pylon Museum, Taronga Zoo, the Jewish Museum and enjoyed a cruise on the Harbour. We also had the opportunity to visit the Australian National University and see alumni student and scholarship recipient Guy Archibald.

To bring the tour to an end, we made a pit stop at the world-famous Bondi Beach. Some students joined Mr Carr to battle the cold ocean water, just to say they had swum at this iconic beach.

Many thanks to teachers John Carr, Adele Cornelius and Jonathon Sherman for making up the supervisory team, not only looking after the group very well but certainly entertaining them along the way. The students and supervising teachers were exhausted, however report this interstate excursion as a most memorable experience on all accounts.



# Sport Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

Thirty Year 10 Outdoor Ed students set off for Dwellingup Summer Camp.

After a quick lunch in Dwellingup and a collection of phones we made our way into Lane Pool. Before we knew it tents were pitched and we were taking on the treetop zip lines and high ropes course designed to challenge and build character. The day concluded with an informative night walk giving insight into Dwellingup's history and an explanation of the local flora and fauna.



Our mission the next day was to undergo an 8km paddle; 4hrs navigating the submerged rocks, fallen logs, winding bends and to our relief....flowing rapids. The challenging course tests ones paddling strength, perseverance and friendship and from teacher observations students were well prepared. There were many capsizes, splashing wars, paddle races and laughter.

As the sun set the warmth of the fire provided a connection our students are lucky to experience. Many dad jokes were told, marshmallows consumed and new membership of camp clubs were formed. Many memories were made and experiences to be treasured for years to come.

A big thank you to Mr Marson, Mr Tan, Mrs McLaren and Noah Egan.

**Shannon McLaren**  
Teacher - Health and Physical Education





# Sport

## Interschool Athletics Carnival

### Firstly, we thank our athletes for their commitment and support of the 2023 Chargers Interschool Athletics Team!

After seven weeks of training twice per week, a Relay Incursion and Practice Day our 150 strong team took on the best eight schools WA has to offer at the School Sport WA "A-Division" Interschool Carnival on Wednesday 18 October at the WA State Athletics Stadium, Floreat.



We are so proud to place second in the state, an amazing achievement! For the first time in 20 years of taking interschool teams we can proudly say not one student complained of tiredness or tried to back out of an event, even when they were totally spent! We asked our team to challenge themselves and they gave everything and then some. The determination, drive and pure gutsy efforts were numerous and an absolute credit to our athletes who demonstrated true Charger's spirit. An outstanding 12 Chargers Interschool Records were broken (see below), more than we've had in many years! So many athletes performed personal bests and we finished the day dominating the relays, placing in eight of the 10 races.



We had some very Special Charger's Moments:

- Lisa Goncharova (Year 7), originally a reserve who challenged on practice day to break a record and win the first race of the day in the 800m!
- Seb Lyttle (Year 9) collected two records (400m, 800m), won both his 800m and 1500m and won Runner-Up Champion Boy!

- Jade Forsyth (Year 7) a reserve who stepped into the 800m (due to illness) last minute and placed 3rd with a massive personal best time!
- Ava Norwood (Year 9) and Amelie Butler (Year 11) - their training paid off and they won their sprints!
- Summer Wild Bannon (Year 7), Addi Hardjant (Year 8) and Carys Edwards (Year 8) all willing to go up age groups to be reserves where we had no one, with Carys entering the Year 10-12 yrs 800m, smashing her time and placing 3rd!
- Izzy Herriot (Year 10) throwing a season's best and winning A-Division discus!
- Evan Katauskas (Year 8) and Evan Eckhorst-Doyle (Year 9) dominating A-Division shot put both throwing huge personal bests and placing second!
- Jacob Lourens (Year 11) smashing his best time in the 800m with a gutsy finish chasing down and passing an athlete on the line to win and break the school record!
- Oscar Willis (Year 10) and Xavier Pettingill (Year 9) working hard at training and both performing personal best throws in A-Division discus!
- Ewan Rumley (Year 8) digging deep in the gruelling 400m smashing his best time by almost three seconds and crossing the line in first place!
- Sophia Dark (Year 12) gutsy finish in the 1500m running with sheer determination passing athletes for a place!
- The crowd that gathered to witness Charlie Crogan's (Year 11) 1.94m record and winning moment in high jump!
- Cate Bellamy (Year 11) brought it home as fourth runner over taking on the line to win the Year 11/12 girl's relay!



Duncan Isles - Year 7

# Sport

## Interschool Athletics Carnival

### Congratulations to the new school record holder:

- Year 7 Lisa Goncharova: 800m: 2.37m  
Haruki Leslie: discus: 32.16m, shot: 2.39m
- Year 9 Seb Lyttle: 800m: 2.09m, 400m: 56.09s  
Jessica McNally: 800m: 2.27m, 1500m: 5.15m
- Year 11 Jacob Lourens: 800m: 1.56m  
Aden McDonald: 100m: 11.25s, Long jump: 7.15m  
Charlie Crogan: triple jump: 13.92m, high jump: 1.94m

### Congratulations to award winners:

- Most Improved: Duncan Isles (Year 7)
- Best Athlete: Charlie Crogan (Year 11)
- Charger's Spirit: Carys Edwards (Year 8), and Ali Hazeldine (Year 9)
- Leadership: Tayla Blackley (Year 12), and Zack Cook (Year 12)

### We'd like to take this opportunity to THANK:

Our Year 12s who had already finished school and left us with many fond memories over the years

Our Captains: Zack Cook, Tayla Blackley, Cooper Russell, Sienna Pallavicini, Rohan Moir-Scott and Monica Barry for their leadership and commitment over the years

Helpers and reserves who were commended by many officials for their smooth running of events, support and willingness to step up when required.

Our staff: Mrs Pomeroy, Ms Grayson, Mr Van Maanen, Ms Howard, Mr Tan, Ms Wright, Mr Boyadjian who without them training, carnivals, practice days and interschool would not be possible!

Our ATHLETES: the courage and competitive spirit you have shown has truly impressed us and you should be extremely proud! The number of personal bests was insane and our special mentions could have easily been tripled!

This team is truly something special, you are all better than you think and we are very excited to see what next year brings!

LET'S GO CHARGERS!

**Mrs Sasha Pomeroy and Ms Gina Grayson**  
**Teachers - Health and Physical Education**



Charlie Crogan - Year 11



Nick Whalan - Year 10



Tayla Blackley & Zack Cook - Year 12



Myra Jarvis - Year 7



## Sport Year 11 General PE - Sand Volleyball

**The long-established Sand Volleyball Tournament is a chance for Year 11 General Physical Education students to show off their accomplished volleyball skills and to put them to the test, competing against their peer rivals!**

The day was very well attended with 59 students competing in the round robin tournament held in Nedlands.

Theory lessons on team building and sports psychology were evident throughout the day with exceptional planning going into team names, uniforms and strategic play. The volleyball on show was to a very high standard.

Perfect weather set the tone for the day. Participation, attitude and comradery from all created a fantastic atmosphere. Thank you to all students involved and congratulations to our prize winners. What a great way to wrap up the year.

### **Overall Winners: J. Goochers**

Remi Dufty	Charlie Crogan
Joel Parker	Matt Campbell
Guy Liggins	Cooper Hine

### **2nd place: Drink Spikers**

Rory Bradley	Riley Harrison
Xavier Dobson	Daymon Hay
Noa Henriksen	

Very big thank you to all Year 11 General Physical Education teachers for making it happen.

**Shannon McLaren**  
*Teacher - Health and Physical Education*



## Sport Senior Boys Volleyball Competition

**The two Senior Boys Volleyball teams entered the Volleyball WA Cup A-Division with A's feeling confident to win the entire competition and B's going in as unknown outsiders. The two teams were feeling really confident and were ready to go for a big day of volleyball.**

This particular group of Year 11/12 boys had certainly earned their chance to represent the school. They're always trying to use the gym every recess and lunch to play volleyball and several of the boys pleaded to get a team together for this competition. This led to having training three mornings a week leading up to the competition. They took the privilege seriously and always made the most of their opportunity.

A-team made their way to the semi finals but unfortunately lost to Kent Street, B-team unfortunately didn't get a win but worked hard and played well in their matches. I would like to congratulate both teams for their hard work and dedication towards the competition, the success and effort showed on court, and their school spirit:

A Team: Cooper Russell, Zachary Williams, Bodhi Irvine, Aiden Russell, Patrick Mason-Chambers, Max Reinhart & Ewan Cowell.

B Team: Rohan Moir-Scott, Rigden Wangchuk, Chris Pranoto, Juan Rodrigues, Daniel Kim, Jay Jethva, Chester Lord & Xavier Stoelman.

Well done lads.

**Noah Egan**  
*Trainee - Health & Physical Education*



## Sport Rottnest Swim Thru 2023

On Saturday 2 December the Churchlands Swim Team dominated in the Rottnest Swim Thru.

With over 80 swimmers tackling the 1.6km open water swim, we were well represented by a fantastic crew of staff and students.

Lila Turner was the fastest Under 15 from our school and came second in her category (under 15) with a time of 22 minutes 44 seconds.

Jake Foster was the fastest from the school and came in 8th in the Years 15-19 category with a time of 21 minutes 34 seconds.

All the swimmers did our school proud and many recorded personal bests. Thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who helped herd the cats in the afternoon. There were some sleepy kids in the bus when we arrived back at school after a long and active day in the sun.

**Chris Van Maanen**  
*Head of Learning Area: Health & Physical Ed.*





# Community Service Duke of Edinburgh International

**“Volunteers are the human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this worlds compassion and unselfish caring by loving one another.”**

**The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**  
The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a wonderful initiative for encouraging leadership development in our students. The Award recognises talented young students who have shown an outstanding commitment to developing themselves and giving service. The standard of excellence required to receive such an Award is well recognised. It shows the person to be reliable, motivated and enthusiastic, and highlights special leadership qualities.

The community service department coordinates, develops and encourages our students to begin the Award experience and celebrate in their achievements. We are willing to support our

students to thrive and to lead productive and rewarding lives.

59 Gold Award winners including seven Churchlands SHS students and four alumni students (who did not quite finish last year) received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, at Government House in Perth. (picture below)

The Duke Of Edinburgh Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) development program, empowering all young Australians between ages 14 to 25 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is fully inclusive and has no social, political or religious affiliations. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement of this challenging journey of self-discovery.

**Christina Kolodij**  
**Community Service Coordinator**



**Kayla Deysel**  
**Year 12 Community Service Leader 2022/2023**

Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award Leader 2023

**158** hours Year 10

**184** hours Year 11

**185** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **527**



**Leanna Kirwan**  
**Year 12 Community Service Leader 2022/2023**

Waste Warriors Scarborough Markets Leader 2023

**41** hours Year 10

**109** hours Year 11

**302** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **452**

# Community Service Duke of Edinburgh International



**Emma Browne-Cooper**  
**Year 12 Community Service Leader 2022/2023**

Rotary Club Market Support Leader

**71** hours Year 10

**97** hours Year 11

**158** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **326**



**Sophia Dark**  
**Year 12 Community Service Leader 2022/2023**

Administration and Advertising Leader 2023

**52** hours Year 10

**93** hours Year 11

**145** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **300**



**Caitlyn Warry**  
**Year 12 Community Service**

**54** hours Year 10

**39** hours Year 11

**20** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **113**



**Madlen Rees**  
**Year 12 Community Service**

**51** hours Year 10

**36** hours Year 11

**15** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **102**



**Sienna Pallavicini**  
**Year 12 Community Service**

**19** hours Year 10

**61** hours Year 11

**15** hours Year 12

Accumulated CSP hours for WACE = **95**



# Library What's Been Happening

## Library News

Once again the library space has been a busy, fun and engaging place to be in 2023!

Library spaces are important for school communities and at Churchlands we have not only space but specialist staff to help engage our students and staff with reading and enjoying the space.



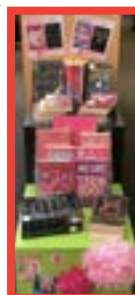
## Enjoy our year in review!

We have welcomed new staff and students to our new genre collection, all our Year 7s took part in a Treasure Hunt around the library, we have had genre quizzes, voted for books in our WAYRBA - West Australian Young Readers Book Awards competition and then enjoyed a delicious morning tea, we have compiled bookstacks and logged books in the Premiers Reading Challenge.



Our displays have been outstanding, and we have celebrated Science Week, Harmony Week, NAIDOC week to RUOK? week. We cheered on the Matilda's and we even added a touch of Barbie to the Library. During Library week we wrote what we loved about our library onto coloured hearts.

We held our Careers Expo and enjoyed breakfast with our Yr 12 students. We celebrated our teachers on World Teachers Day, as well as Trans Awareness Week, Indigenous Literacy day and Remembrance day.



We scared students and staff with moving our Horror genre during Halloween.

We have read magazines, graphic novels, life stories, novels, picture books and our staff recommendations were loved by our senior students.

We have held Book Clubs, played chess, coloured on our own or as part of our community colouring sheets, we did jigsaws and lego. What we loved most about Makerspace days was all the chatter that went with the various activities and who can forget the lively debates over our Yes and No questions. We then ended the year with our Christmas Mystery Box Challenge and stockings!



All the staff in the Library space wish our students and families a wonderful break and remember – keep reading!



# Library What's Been Happening





# Alumni

## David Gozzard - Head Boy 2007

### Premier's Science Awards: Early Career Scientist of the Year 2023 Winner

Meet the 2023 Winner of the Premier's Science Awards Early Career Scientist of the Year category

Last updated: 11 September 2023

The Early Career Scientist of the Year category recognises outstanding scientists who have completed their highest degree within the past 5 years and demonstrated excellence in a field of science, scientific research or technological advancement.

Now in its 22nd year, the Premier's Science Awards recognises and celebrates the outstanding scientific research and engagement taking place in Western Australia.

Meet the winner for the Early Career Scientist of the Year category:



**Dr David Gozzard**

**The University of Western Australia**

Dr David Gozzard is an experimental physicist at the University of Western Australia (UWA) developing laser measurement and communication technology for spacecraft. Dr Gozzard previously worked on developing synchronisation technology for the Square Kilometre Array, and is now translating that, and other astronomy technology, to enable robust laser links between the ground and spacecraft that will support high-speed communications and high-precision space science.

Dr Gozzard's research has the potential to make WA a world-leader in satellite communications. He is passionate about both research and science education, and is very active in outreach and teaching at UWA.

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