

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

Enrolments at Churchlands Senior High School grew to 2,486 in 2016, making Churchlands the biggest high school in Western Australia. The School has grown by almost fifty percent since 2014. Enrolments for 2017 are 2,575, including over 500 new Year 7 students. This has led to increased numbers of staff and even more pressure on the existing infrastructure. The current \$39 million building program will be completed for the start of the 2018 school year and will go some way towards accommodating the requirements of further enrolments, which are projected to reach 3,000 by 2019.

It is hoped that the new Labor Government will move quickly to finalise a strategy and implement plans to relieve future enrolment pressures on Churchlands and Shenton College.

In addressing the issues associated with the increasing size of the School, the Principal and the Board are determined that the high academic standards and good culture within the School should be maintained. Sound forward planning has ensured that the School is well prepared to address the challenges of growth and is well positioned to develop and implement its Business Plan for 2017 to 2019.

The Board congratulates the graduating class of 2016 and it was a pleasure to attend the well organised graduation ceremony in November. Their achievements are a great testament, not only to the students and their families, but also to the principal, teachers, support staff and school management as a whole. This success has enhanced Churchlands' Senior High School's reputation within both the education and general communities.

The success and reputation of the School depend on cooperation between and hard work and dedication of: the leadership of the Principal and his executive and administrative team, an active School Board, P&C, Alumni and Foundation, and of course, the staff and the students.

In particular, I would like to thank the Principal, Mr Neil Hunt, for his leadership and him and his executive team for their application and dedication to achieving the best

outcome for the School. The Board has been very satisfied with the planning, implementation and execution of the various strategies set out in the School's Business Plan. The members of the Board have strategic oversight of the School's achievement targets, finance and overall direction and have worked in positive unison with the School administration.

During 2016 the School Board focused its efforts in the following areas:

- Review of the reports by the Principal on the progress of the Business Plan.
- Endorsement of the Annual School Report, school budget and student performance targets and achievements.
- Endorsement of the financial arrangements necessary to fund the school objectives, priorities and directions.
- Review and endorsement of current and future building programs.
- Support and promotion of the Board, the P&C, the Churchlands Foundation and the Alumni in the School and the community.

Serving on a School Board is a privileged opportunity to contribute and create better outcomes for the School, students, staff, parents and community. Tracey Gralton (Alumni Representative), Chris Porteous (P&C Representative), Grant Brinklow, Adrian O'Brien and Janet Pettigrew (Elected Parent Representatives), Jane Hegarty and Kim Hudson (Staff Members), Grace Sobey (Head Girl) and Flynn Dormer (Head Boy) all generously gave their time during 2016 as Board Members and I thank them for their efforts and dedication.

The Board welcomes your input and encourages your feedback.

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