



Churchlands Senior High School
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI



Churchlands *PastBlast*

2022 Edition



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION STUDENTS



From the Alumni Chair

Dear Fellow Churchlands Alumni

Hello to our wonderful Alumni of Churchlands SHS, spanning 60 years of quality education, lasting friendships, and 50 years of WA's most outstanding School Music Program.



Firstly, a great big thanks to the current students and their parents, to the staff and administration for continuing to focus on a quality education while all WA schools address the challenges of COVID-related disruption to learning.

This year the Alumni committee has continued with very successful strategies that have been embedded over the last few years.

We have continued to provide a Morning Tea to the year that celebrates its 50th anniversary of graduation. Over 80 alumni attended last year's 50th morning tea for the class of 1971. Later this year, scheduled for the 19th of October, it will be the 'time to shine' for the Class of 1972! We look forward to welcoming former staff and students back to school, including for the very popular tour of the school and even into some classes of very intrigued students. Who are these grandparents, they wonder?

The Class of 2020 Year 13 Sundowner in 2021 was also well attended by students who enjoyed catching up with their peers and teachers. This year it will be held on the 26th of November 2022 at 4pm. We look forward to hearing of the recent exploits of last year's 12s.

Earlier this year, on the 11th and 12th of February, the Foundation students of 1962 held their 60th anniversary of starting high school. It was a very

successful event, with 38 attendees visiting their first high school location at Freshwater Bay PS and socialising at the Claremont Football Club. A book was produced containing archival material and photos to record the event.

My class of 1981 held a 40th Reunion last November. This event attracted over 80 former students and staff. Doubleview Bowling Club proved an excellent venue, and most present took the opportunity to dust off the dancing shoes to many hits from the '80s. A highlight was the induction of former student and school Dux, Professor Lyndon Da Cruz, to the 'Churchlands Champion's Hall of Fame, for his services in the field of Ophthalmology.

At the final School assembly in 2021, the lower school also enjoyed the induction of five Olympians into the Churchlands Champions Hall of Fame; Maddison Keeney, Tim Putt, Matthew Richardson, Sam Welsford and Shannon Reynolds. The students at the assembly thoroughly enjoyed the video messages and an in-person address.

At the same time, we continue to receive news of the fantastic ongoing achievements of our Alumni spread across the world. As always, please notify us with their wonderful stories, and in doing so, we will gain more nominations for future Churchlands Champions.

With the Music Department celebrating its 50th Anniversary, we hope many of you were able to celebrate at the Perth Concert Hall on the 27th of June. This was a showcase of Wind, Jazz, Chorale and Symphony from our illustrious Music alumni from around the world.

On behalf of the Alumni Committee, I welcome new members and look forward to your continued patronage of events. We are always keen for suggestions, ideas and feedback.

Churchlands SHS has always been stronger through its closeness to the community and the Alumni Committee is a fun way of supporting this.

Steve Reynolds

Happenings at the School

WELCOME BACK MR HUNT



Mr Neil Hunt - Principal

With great excitement we welcome back Mr Neil Hunt as the Principal of Churchlands SHS. Mr Hunt was seconded to serve as the Principal Program Director to Program Kaartdijin for a short stint from July 2020 to December 2021 to develop and implement a technologically robust solution to replace the SIS Classic system used by the Department for the past 20 years as its student information system. He resumed his position as the Principal of Churchlands in January this year.

On behalf of the Churchlands SHS community, we would like to thank Dr James Kent for his inspirational leadership and tireless work throughout 2021. Dr Kent's congenial nature and guidance has created an environment in which staff and students have been able to succeed. His active participation and involvement in many activities around the school established a great learning environment.

Thank you for all that you have done during your time at Churchlands SHS. We wish you all the best at Ocean Reef SHS and hope your new job is a fun and rewarding one.

THANK YOU DR KENT



Dr James Kent

2022 School Board Members

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Board Chair and Community Member

Neil Hunt
School Principal

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Elected Parent Member

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Community Member

Parvina MacKellar
Community Member

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Staff Member

Shaq Herath
Staff Member

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Head Boy

Sienna Rawson
Head Girl

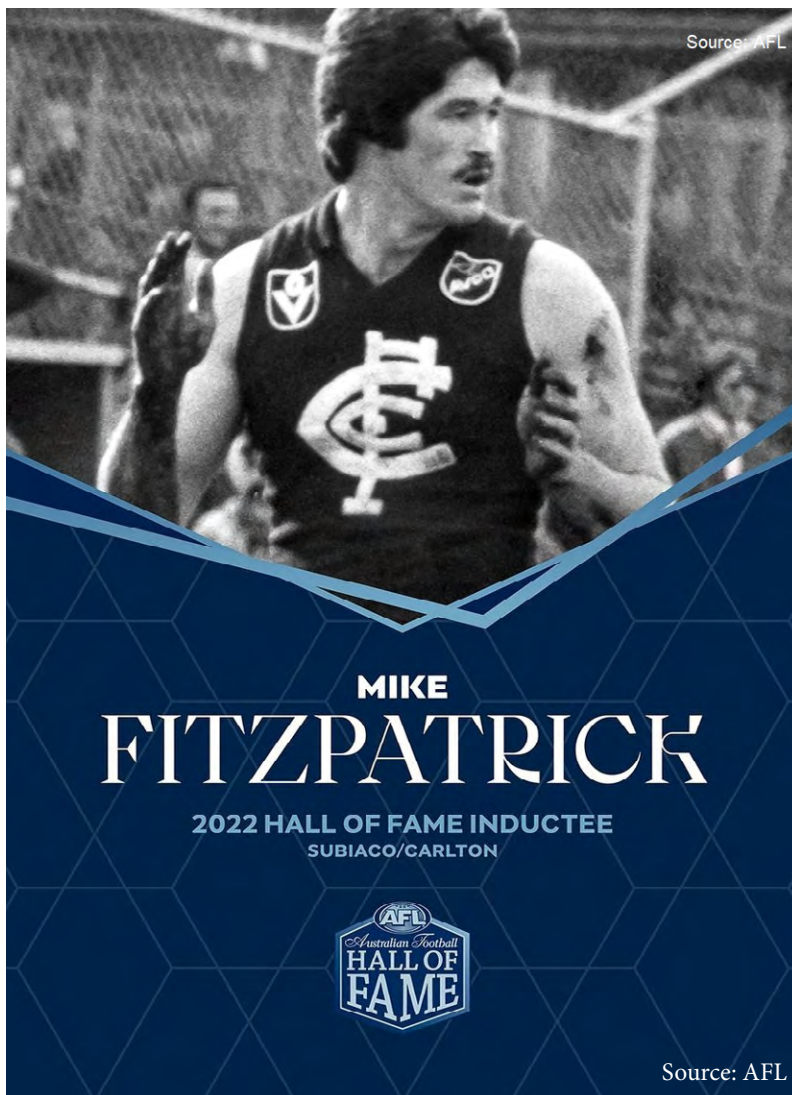
Alumni Spotlight

MIKE FITZPATRICK 1970

What great news. Our heartfelt congratulations to [Mike Fitzpatrick](#) AO (Class of 1970 and Head Boy) for being inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame. Mike was acknowledged for his standing as both a champion player and veteran administrator.

Mike's outstanding contributions and distinguished service to the Australian rules football, community and nation is extremely valuable and greatly appreciated by all.

A well-deserved honour!



KAREN ANDERSON 1971

Congratulations to Karen Anderson for being inducted into the 2022 WA Women's Hall of Fame 'Education' at a ceremony held at the Government House on 4 March 2022.

Karen is employed with Edith Cowan University as a Practitioner Scholar. As well as lecturing, Karen conducts a private practice in counselling, psychotherapy, training and professional supervision.

What an enormous achievement! A great motivation and role-model for women and girls in our society.

Inductee Biography

Karen Anderson is a teacher, counsellor, psychotherapist and academic who has dedicated her life to fostering excellence in the psychosocial care training and support of oncology and palliative care health professionals in WA and internationally.

Her passion for attending to the psychosocial needs of oncology and palliative care patients and their families began with her work as a counsellor with the Cancer Support Association of WA in 1999.

Since 2001, when employed with the CCWA, alongside her academic position as lecturer in the counselling programmes at ECU, she has continued to educate and mentor oncology and palliative care professionals through the Cancer Council of WA and the WA Health Department. She is also psychosocial care consultant with Bethesda Health supporting health professionals in Perth and the Pilbara, and holds a roll as a clinical supervisor with the WA Country Health Service (WACHS).

Her contributions have always been underpinned by her quiet determination, and fearless advocacy for compassionate responses to people who are in crisis.



Alumni Spotlight

KENDRA TURNER 2013



A huge congratulations once again to Kendra Turner from the Class of 2013 for winning the 2021 Australian Young Lawyer of the Year. What a fantastic achievement!

Early last year, Kendra was also named winner of the Law Society of Western Australia's 2021 Junior Lawyer of the Year Award as well as the Women Lawyers of Western Australia Junior Woman Lawyer of the Year Award for her continuous and outstanding contributions to the profession and the community.



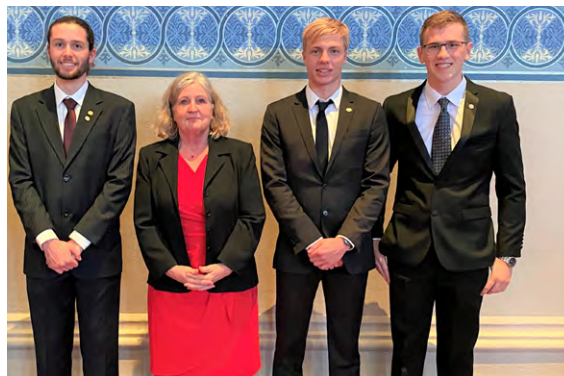
DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our 2020 alumni Shaun Giacomel, Thomas Noordzy and Gerhard van Wyk joined over 80 other Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award holders at a formal ceremony held at the Perth Town Hall ON 16 September 2021. Another 2020 alumna Matilda Keens also successfully completed the Gold Award but was unable to attend the ceremony.

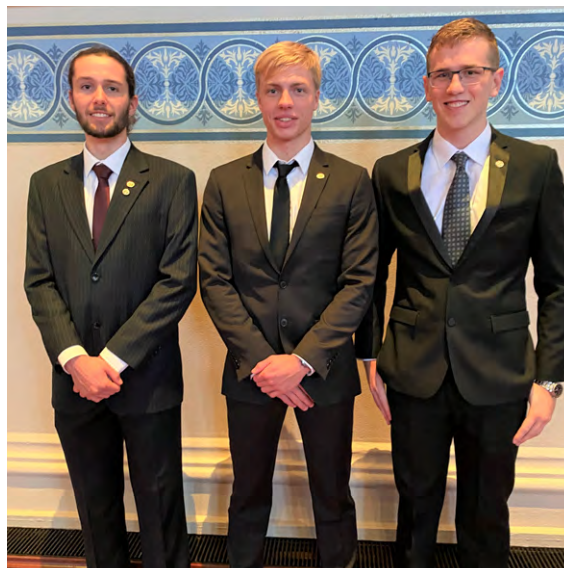
Our four alumni achieved this highly regarded award in 2020 during challenging circumstances with so many restrictions in place. Taking part in the Award isn't easy – it requires 12 months of commitment (*18 months if Silver Award is not attained*) and completion of activities in four categories: service, physical recreation, skills and adventurous journey plus a five days four nights gold residential project.

They deserves a huge congratulations on the completion of this Award. Well done all!

(The formal ceremony was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID.)



L-R Shaun Giacomel, Christina Kolodij, Thomas Noordzy and Gerhard van Wyk



Shaun Giacomel, Thomas Noordzy and Gerhard van Wyk

VICTOR ARUL 2017

A huge shout-out to Victor Arul who was recently accepted to study a PhD in composition at Harvard University!

After completing his secondary education in 2017, he went on to study Bachelor of Arts in Music at the University of Western Australia. Victor graduated from UWA in 2020 and continued to do his Bachelor of Music (Hons) in Composition at the University of Melbourne. In 2021 he was awarded the prestigious Schenberg Music Fellowship.

Victor headed to the USA in late 2021 to study composition. We wish him success in completing his PhD.



Source: @UWAMusic

Victor Arul with Semra Lee-Smith (1991) Assistant Concertmaster
West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO)

EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT

This is exciting news! Three of our music alumni have won places at the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) last year. Congratulations to:

OAKLEY PAUL 2018

JEREMY MAZUREK 2016

CALEN LINKE 2016

They joined Ariel Postmus and Adrian Biemmi from the Class of 2016.

This is an amazing achievement for the Music Department and Churchlands SHS to have produced five students studying simultaneously at ANAM. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

Well done to the Churchlands Music Staff.

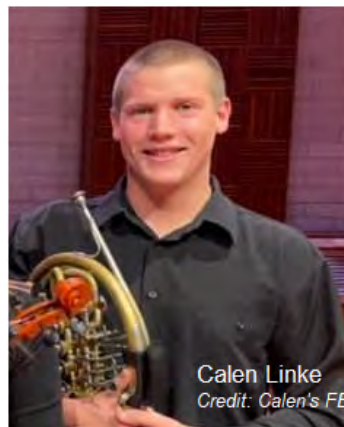


Jeremy Mazurek - trombone



Source: WA Brass FB

Jeremy Mazurek, Oakley Paul and Calen Linke



Calen Linke
Credit: Calen's FB

Calen Linke - horn



Oakley Paul - double bass

Alumni Spotlight

CALLUM TIMMINS 2017

Congratulations to our very own alumni Callum Timmins who was included in the 30-man A-League All Stars squad. Callum faced Barcelona FC at Accor Stadium in Sydney on Wednesday 25 May. Callum was the Class of 2017 graduate. We wish him every success!



ISABELLA CHOATE 2016

Well done to Isabella Choate - Class of 2016 who was one of the finalists in the 2022 WA Young Achiever Awards WA.

Isabella Choate, 23 of Bentley advocates for understanding and celebrating intersectionality. Accordingly, they volunteer in several ways: as an Independent Visitor in prisons, ensuring the wellbeing of prisoners; with Boorloo Justice, campaigning for the Black-Lives-Matter movement in WA; and as co-chair of the Youth at Risk Network, facilitating the wellbeing of vulnerable youths. Isabella also advocates for young people with disabilities, mental-health and Alcohol-and-Other-Drug issues.

Source: 7News Young Achiever Awards WA



Alumni Engagement

Swimming Carnival

It is invaluable to have our Alumni supporting Churchlands SHS events and activities. A big thank you to Class of 2021 alumni Jessica Hazeldine and Hannah Porteous who made time from their university schedule to help out the Physical Education department at the Swimming Carnivals held in Week 3 and 4 of Term 1.



Jessica Hazeldine and
Hannah Porteous



Alumni Engagement

JAZZ WORKSHOP

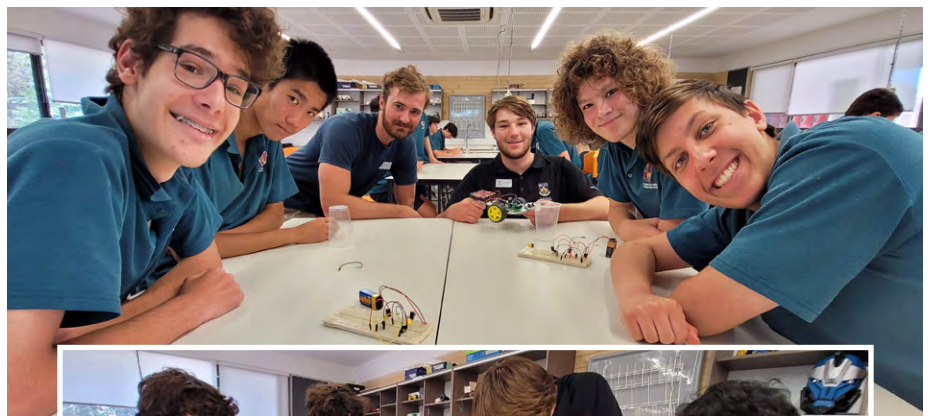
Our jazz music students were privileged to participate in a music workshop on site on Monday 28 February conducted by Class of 91 alumnus and Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) jazz lecturer Professor Jeremy Greig.

Jazz lecturer Professor Jeremy Greig



Christian Delattre 2020

Thank you to our Class of 2020 Alumnus Christian Delattre from the EEEWA - Electrical and Electronic Engineers of WA from the UWA who volunteered to work with our Year 10 STEM students on various concepts in electrical engineering. Christian together with his peers helped the students create a variety of circuits such as flashing LEDs using solderless breadboards in an open environment where they could experiment with using different types of resistors and capacitors.





BREAKFAST CLUB SPEAKERS

Churchlands SHS Breakfast Club is a prestigious membership whereby the selection into the Club is by invitation only and requires senior secondary students to obtain a predicted Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 95 or more. It is a way of motivating and rewarding the school's highest academically achieving students.

Annually, we invite our alumni who have continued to "Aim High" after leaving school to share their academic and professional experiences with the members of the Breakfast Club, their parents and staff.

Last year, our guest speakers included Nick Wood and Justin Freeman. We are very grateful to Nick and Justin for giving up their time to share some of their experiences, ideas and memories of their time at Churchlands SHS.

NICK WOOD 1991



Nick went to Churchlands SHS and was a member of the Class of 1991. After graduating, he went on to study at UWA where he achieved a Bachelor of Commerce. Nick is currently the Chief Operating Officer and

Chief Financial Officer at the Telethon Kids Institute.

Nick is responsible for leading the Finance, Procurement, People and Culture, ICT and Facilities Management teams and is a pivotal member of the Institute's Leadership Team. Nick's vision for corporate services is to be a strategic enabler to the core business of the Institute, which is research that makes a difference to the health and wellbeing of children.

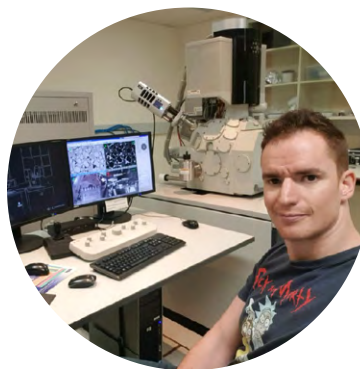
Nick joined the Institute in December 2014 as Head of Finance and Procurement. During this time, he oversaw the transformation of the Institute's finance department, business processes and the establishment of a strategic procurement function.

Prior to working at Telethon Kids, Nick had leadership roles with WALGA (the WA Local Government Association) and in State Government.

Nick was a former Chair of GOWRIE (Early Learning Centres in Western Australia), a Fellow of Leadership WA, a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Graduate Member of Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply.

Nick is currently on the board of Adult and Teen challenge Western Australia and on the Finance Committee of leadership Western Australia.

JUSTIN FREEMAN 2004



Justin was a member of the Class of 2004 and a recipient of the GATE Music scholarship Churchlands SHS.

After completing his high school, he started a degree in music at UWA, then decided that studying music

wasn't for him and then changed to do a degree in Botany after six months. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Botany at UWA in 2009 and worked as a botanist for several years.

Justin completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics and Nanotechnology at Murdoch University in 2018, with first class honours. He was a Valedictorian for Murdoch University graduating Class of 2017. He completed his final year of physics degree in 2016 at Yonsei University, South Korea on the New Colombo Plan Scholarship, and Fellow for South Korea; completed a research internship at the Yonsei-IBS Center for Nanomedicine.

Justin currently works at the School of Molecular Sciences, University of Western Australia. Justin does research in 2D Materials, Ionic Liquids, Material Characterization, Experimental Physics, Optoelectronics and Metal-oxide Semiconductors.



Alumni Engagement

He is an avid scientist with a passion for physics, chemistry and materials, particularly where these intersect the development of next generation photovoltaic, battery, sensor, composite material and electronics technology.

Justin was a past branch Chair (2020) and is a current committee member for the Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) WA.

Due to his love for music, Justin continued in a band - he is a principle euphonium, life member and committee member of the WA Brass Band, Western Australia's only A grade brass band.



Source: wabrass.com

Justin loves learning about everything science and technology, philosophy, nature, biology and also enjoy running, gym, cycling, rock climbing, gardening, table tennis, electronics and more.

VOLUNTEER

We welcome our alumni to be engaged in what the school is doing. If you are interested to share your experience and be part of our Breakfast Club speakers pool, you can register your details [here](#)

Kylie Hodgkinson 2004

On Friday 29 April, Class of 2004 alumna Kylie Hodgkinson who is now better known as DJ Astrid Fox shared her expertise in DJing to a group of Year 9 students in the SPARK program.

Kylie taught the students the fundamentals of creating playlists, mixing, blending and much more. She continued working with the students throughout Term 2 as part of the students' Certificate I in Employment Pathways.

Kylie had great plans for the students when she started and by the end of the nine weeks, she hoped that the students will be able to 'plug in and play' their favourite songs at parties and be able to analyse song beats, bars, genre, BPM and much more. Kylie also incorporated numeracy and literacy skills through the music they love.

Thank you Kylie for her time and contribution to the school.



PERTHNOW ARTICLE



Year 9 students from Churchlands SHS are this term involved in DJ lessons through the SPARK Mentorship Program. Pictured - Charlie Marsh, DJ/Producer Kylie Hodgkinson, Tim Morton, Liam Shannon and Sabera Hall Daniel Wilkins Credit: Daniel Wilkins/The West Australian

New mentorship program supports disengaged students

Pip Waller PerthNow - Western Suburbs
June 2, 2022 2:00AM

TOPICS

Community NewsEducation

Ministry of Sound-bound DJ Astrid Fox has gone back to school - but not for her own education.

The high energy drum and bass producer has returned to Churchlands Senior High School to inspire Year 9 students in the school's Spark Mentoring Program, which is in full swing after a successful trial last year.

About 15 students have this term taken their music mixing skills to the turntable as part of the program to support disengaged students, learning life skills including communication, problem solving and decision making, in an effort to set them up to be successful, young adults.

Already they have learnt how to invoice, count beats per minute and have created music that they can carry on their own USBs to play at parties.

And they are being mentored and taught by the rising Perth DJ, aka Churchlands alumni Kylie Hodgkinson.

We are live. Tune in.

The DJ approached her former school to be part of the 10-week program with the goal of providing a positive role model to further engage students. And it's working.

14-year-old Nelson, who has been part of the program since the start of the year, said Spark "made him want to attend school".

"Last year my attendance was horrible, I'd come in late every morning, barely make it through the day and then sign out early," Nelson said.

"But now I actually come to school and get here on time, which I don't think I would if it wasn't for Spark.

"My attitude has improved too not just at school but in life - I'm a lot more productive and I'm bettering myself every day.

"We're learning actual life skills that are important in helping us build our resumes to try and get a job so I really hope I can do it next year."

Spark Mentorship Program coordinator Jayne Kitto said the program was born out staff asking themselves what they could do differently to support teenage students struggling with engagement.

"We just wanted to try and support kids who are good students, but who for whatever reason just weren't interested in school," Ms Kitto said.

"The program gives them a taster of lots of things - they undertake a Certificate I in Vocational Pathways, one day a week of work experience in a field of interest to them as well as core subjects such as maths and science with one of the three same teachers.

"Already the data has shown a 77 per cent in attendance alone, as well as a decrease in behavioural issues, just from the supportive learning environment that's been created.

"The kids are loving it and the feedback from the parents has been overwhelming, now we have kids who wouldn't engage or even talk to other students, joking around with their peers and attending class - it's fantastic."

The students will enjoy two more terms of the Spark Mentorship Program, with hopes it can be funded for them as they enter year ten in 2023.

Once the program ends, DJ Astrid Fox will head off on her first International tour to play at the Ministry of Sound in the UK.



UK. Credit: Supplied

RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

Churchlands SHS alumni have a long history of achieving remarkable things. The school celebrates the significant achievements and valuable contributions of its alumni community. This is one way of raising awareness among students of the many paths their alumni have followed.

Since 2006, past students have been named Churchlands Champions - these people demonstrate excellence in their chosen field, and have outstanding success in their communities, professions or given exceptional service to the school. Past recipients of the award include business leaders, educators, sportsman and sportswoman, medical practitioners, musicians, legal professionals, social services and many others.



2021 Champions

KEVIN HEWISON 1971



Born in Collie and attending Doubleview Primary before coming to Churchlands, Kevin Hewison has had a distinguished academic career, epitomised by the title of Distinguished Emeritus Professor, bestowed on him by the University of North Carolina.

He completed undergraduate studies in social science at WAIT and a Graduate Diploma in education before attaining a First Class Honours degree in Southeast Asian Studies at Murdoch University, followed by a Ph.D. Kevin has held academic posts at Murdoch University, the Australian National University, the University of Papua New Guinea, the University of New England and the City University of Hong Kong in various social science disciplines.

In January 2005, Hewison joined the University of North Carolina as professor of Asian studies and

director of the Carolina Asia Center and became Weldon E. Thornton Distinguished Professor. He subsequently became the Sir Walter Murdoch Professor of Politics and International Studies and director of the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University. His research interests have included democratization, globalization and social change in Southeast Asia, particularly Thailand, and labour issues such as precarious work. He was a consultant sociologist for the Thai-Australia Northeast Village Water Resources Project and team leader on the UNICEF Laos rural sanitation and water supply master plan and also worked as an advisor on social and community issues for the Australian Agency for International Development. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

Kevin is the author or editor of 18 books and has written some 250 articles, chapters, and media contributions. He is editor-in-chief of *Journal of Contemporary Asia*.

LYNDON DA CRUZ 1981



A retinal surgeon changing the world view for many people suffering blindness across the world. He is chief investigator and surgeon for the bionic eye implantation project in London and is currently clinical lead on The London Project for transplanting stem-cell-derived

retinal cells for patients with Macular Degeneration. His career achievements include leading the Argus II artificial retina programme at Moorfields Eye Hospital and teaching surgery and ophthalmology to doctors in developing countries. Lyndon was a Churchlands SHS 1981 DUX of the Year, completed his medical studies in Western Australia. He was awarded the State Health Department research prize for public health during his studies and received a degree in Philosophy and Physiology from Oxford University. Lyndon was awarded the 2020 'Australian of the Year Great Britain' on Australia Day celebrated in the United Kingdom (UK).

Churchlands Champions

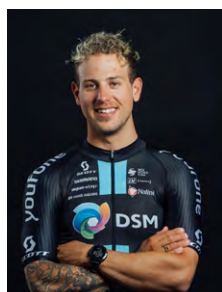
2021 CHURCHLANDS CHAMPIONS



SHANNON REYNOLDS 2012

Shannon is from the Class of 2012, a second generation Churchlands student. After being spotted as a potential talent at school, Shannon took up kayak paddling with the Bayswater Paddling Club, winning a spot at the Australian Youth

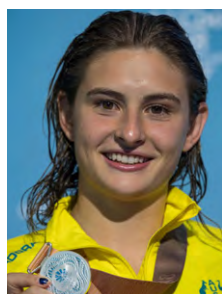
Olympic Festival in 2013. After participating in junior events she went on to World Championships in 2014, 2015 and 2017. After achieving fifth place in the women's K1 500 at the 2020 Australian Canoe Sprint Championships, Shannon won a place in Olympic team. She represented Australia in the K4 event in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021, making the finals. Shannon is also pursuing a career in nursing and has worked at Churchlands as a First Aid officer.



SAM WELSFORD 2013

Sam from the Class of 2013, is an Australian racing cyclist who started cycling with his dad at the age of seven. He won junior team pursuit titles in 2013 and 2014, and went on to win major events on the track. He has won four world

titles, gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and has broken records in pursuit racing. He represented Australia in the 2016 Olympics, winning the silver medal. In 2021 at the Tokyo Games Sam took home bronze in the team pursuit. Sam has more recently taken up road racing and is with Team DSM for the European World Tour racing.



MADDISON KEENEY 2014

Maddison is a student from the Class of 2013. She is a diver with many successes to her name. In 2014 Maddy won the silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in the 1m springboard and a bronze in the synchronised

springboard, and in the 2018 Games she won silver in the 3m competition. At the 2017 World Aquatic

Championships she won gold in the 1m springboard and gold again in 2019 in the mixed 3m synchro. Maddy represented Australia at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, winning a bronze medal in the synchronized springboard. Diving Australia describes her as a trailblazer combining pure power with flawless grace.



TIM PUTT 2015

Tim was Churchlands Sportsman of the Year in the Class of 2015. He is a water polo player who has been competing in international swimming federation competitions since his debut in Budapest at the 2017 FINA World

Championships, winning bronze, silver and gold medals. In 2021 at the Tokyo Summer Olympics he represented Australia in the water polo team, the Aussie Sharks, as a centre back. In 2022 he was in the champion team in the Australian Waterpolo League competition.

MATTHEW RICHARDSON 2016



Matthew Class of 2016, was originally a promising gymnast, and after an injury took up track cycling, going on to achieve national and international success. He won bronze at the 2020 Track Cycling World Championships and represented Australia in the Tokyo Olympics in the team sprint event. At the 2022 Commonwealth Games Matthew became the first West Australian to win individual cycling gold in addition to winning gold in the team sprint.

2022 CHURCHLANDS CHAMPIONS

CHRISTINE TURPIN 1977



Chris was in the second cohort of music students at Churchlands in the Class of 1977. She studied percussion at Churchlands and obviously showed great promise from early on, as she was playing gigs with WASO when she was really supposed to be in class. She studied music at UWA and the Victorian College

of the Arts, gaining a position in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 1981, and becoming the Principal Timpanist in 1988.

In 1992, Chris won an Australia Council Grant to study timpani in the US. In conjunction with her career in MSO, Chris worked with many other orchestras in Australia and overseas. She played on dozens of original film scores, including *Crocodile Dundee*, *Mad Max*, *The Man From Snowy River*, and *Babe*. After a remarkable 35 year career with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Chris has now retired. Over the course of her career, Christine made a major contribution to professional orchestral music in Australia.

SONIA SLANY 1982



Sonia was a graduate of 1982, and sadly passed away in 2021. Sonia was an extraordinary musician, going on from Churchlands

to study at the Royal Northern College of Music in

the UK where she forged a career in London as a violinist, arranger and orchestral leader. She was a passionate champion of strings in pop and rock music. Sonia composed and arranged for performers such as The Cranberries, Boy George and Bjork, and performed live with legends like Philip Glass, Michael Nyman and Seal. Sonia's movie credits include *The Avengers* and *The Hunger Games*. Her electric violin playing can be heard on the Bond movies *Skyfall* and *Spectre*. The first sounds in *The Fellowship of the Rings* are Sonia on her self-made monochord. With her husband, percussionist Paul Clarvis, Sonia established the record label Village Life, producing the work of alternative musicians. Sonia was described as pivotal to the music fusion scene, always keen to broaden people's minds and her loss will be deeply felt.

JAMIE OEHLERS 1990



Dr Jamie Oehlers is one of Australia's leading jazz saxophonists. After graduating from Churchlands in 1990, he went on to WAAPA, and then won a scholarship to the Berklee College of Music, Boston. In

2003, Jamie won the World Saxophone Competition at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Since then he has won numerous awards including Australian Jazz Artist of the Year, and on three occasions, Best Contemporary Jazz Album.

Jamie has performed throughout the world at major jazz festivals. He has performed and recorded with many great international artists including Charlie Haden, Rufus Reid, Geri Allen, Bob Hurst and Kate Ceberano. Jamie has released 14 albums as a leader and appears on over 100 recordings as a sideman.

He is currently the Associate Dean of Music at WAAPA. Jamie is one of many graduates whose children have also come to Churchlands.

Churchlands Champions

LINDA OH 2001



A graduate of 2001, Linda is now living in New York City, where she is a bass player and composer. At Churchlands, Linda was known for her versatility and skill on the bassoon, piano and bass. After graduating from WAAPA, Linda studied at the Manhattan School of Music.

Linda has received many awards including a 2022 Deutscher Jazz Prize; the 2021 APRA Art Music Award for Best New Jazz Work, and she's been voted Bassist of the Year four times by the Jazz Journalist's Association.

Linda has composed for various ensembles and film, and was recently featured in the Pixar movie Soul playing in the animated band. She has released five critically acclaimed albums.

Linda has performed with great international artists such as Pat Metheny, Geri Allen, Kenny Barron, Joe Lovano and James Morrison. She is currently an Associate Professor at the Berklee College of Music.

Following are the list of Churchlands Champions over the years:

Name	Year Awarded	Class of	Category
Paul Bowen	2006	62-64	Business
Neil Brooks	2006	1979	Sport
Sharon Buchanan	2006	1979	Sport
Sally Carbon	2006	1984	Sport
Neil Fisenden	2006	1972	Arts
Mike Fitzpatrick	2006	1970	Sport/Academic
Steven Kerr	2006	1969	Community
Allan Meyer	2006	1976	Arts
Eric Ripper	2006	1968	Civic
Kerry Sanderson	2006	1967	Civic/Business
Tom Stachewicz	2006	1982	Sport
Aron Chakera	2008	1992	Academic
Taryn Fiebig	2008	1989	Arts
John Gillam	2008	1983	Business

Melanie Greensmith	2008	1981	Arts
Richard Pengelley	2008	1977	Sport
Ian Puddey	2008	1968	Academic
Christine Stanton	2008	1976	Sport
John Howieson	2012	1977	Academic
Jodi Lambert	2012	1987	Sport
Terry Leece	2012	1974	Sport
Chris Malcolm	2012	1979	Arts
Geoff Nelson	2012	62-64	Community
Geoff Parker	2012	Staff	Community
Elisa Wilson	2012	1980	Arts
Shaun Lee-Chen	2014	1996	Arts
Semra Lee-Smith	2014	1991	Arts
Gary Buckenara	2015	1975	Sport
Dave Macaulay	2015	1980	Sport
Greg Shipperd	2015	1973	Sport
George Young	2015	62-64	Sport
John Gillon	2018	1968	Business/Community
Alan Bishop	2019	1969	Community
Clive Choate	2019	1969	Sport
Paul Vogel	2019	1969	Civic
Deirdre Croft	2020	1970	Community

Explore more of our wonderful Champion winners and be inspired by their stories [here](#).

Do you know of an alumnus/alumna who you believe is making an impact and inspiring others through the work that they do? Or do you believe you are a worthy recipient yourself?

If YES, please consider nominating them (or yourself) for the Churchlands Champions.

Nominations can be made by staff, students, alumni and any member of the public, for both professional and personal alumni achievements. Nominations can be made on:

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au>



Upcoming alumni events



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CHURCHLANDS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF

1972

WELCOME TO THE GOLD CLUB

Back to school - 50th Anniversary Reunion
Wednesday 19 October 2022

10.00am Gathering at Churchlands SHS

1.00pm Self funded lunch at the Herdsman Lake Tavern

(Partners and students of the Class of '72 who left in 3rd and 4th year high are also welcome)

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVXVS>



Churchlands Senior High School
ALUMNI

YEAR 13 SUNDOWNER

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO SCHOOL. COME JOIN US...

4.00 pm to 5.30 pm | Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street

Smart Casual | Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZNRQ>



50th Anniversary Music Concert

A CIRCLE OF LIFE - Celebration



The concert held at the Perth Concert Hall on 27 June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the music program at Churchlands was a wonderful night. Alumni spanning the entire 50 years supported and enjoyed the event by attending or participating.

So many fantastic soloists came back to play with their old school: WASO Assistant Concertmaster Semra Lee-Smith (1991) partnered with a brilliant younger graduate Lisa Smith (2019) in a Vivaldi concerto; WASO Principal Clarinet Allan Meyer (1976) made his debut on the tin whistle; the jazz band was on fire with Jamie Oehlers (1990) on saxophone, Jeremy Greig (1991) on trombone, Adrian Kelly (1991) on trumpet, and Flavio Colonetti (2021) on piano joining the line-up. There was an array of wonderful solo singers; Lionel Pierson, Kohsei Gilkes, Cameron Taylor, Ruby de San Miguel, Sophie Kerr, Charis Postmus, Kate Goyder and Patrick Gleeson, all from the last decade or so.

Many of the conductors were themselves past students: Bruce Herriman (1977), Miranda Sims (1993), Andre Bourgault (1994), Paul de Cinque (1999) and Sam Parry (2006). A new jazz work composed by Chris Greive (1986) was premiered.



Others revisited the joy of making music with friends by singing in the choirs, playing in the orchestras or participating in virtual ensembles. Wendy Clark, now Associate Principal Flute in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra joined in the performance as did Geoff Bourgault formerly ASO Associate Principal Clarinet, Paul Tanner, Su-Lyn Chong, Michelle Newick, Jane Alderson and scores of others. Professionals, teachers, amateurs; rusty, lapsed, even pretending: everyone was welcome and everyone had a ball.

People flew in from interstate to attend, including foundation music students, Marshall Rushford, head boy of 1976 and classmate Wendy Clark; Robyn Watts and Sharon Rappolt (1980); others travelled from the country or participated in the virtual choir. A concert band of Alumni convened in 2021 and made a recording for the event. Teachers including Richard Flanigan, Bill Powell and Gill Croston attended and contributed with tributes and memories.

A stunning highlight was the All Star virtual jazz band rendition of Rhapsody in Blue recorded remotely in homes, studios, concert halls, or basements by alumni professionals from around the world. It was an amazing and unique performance.

The evening was enlivened with video vignettes of former students recalling their education and experiences at Churchlands.

The Minister for Education, Sue Ellery, formally announced that in honour and memory of the beautiful and talented soprano Taryn Fiebig (1989), the school concert hall will bear her name. A heart-rending recording of Taryn singing Puccini with the Churchlands Symphony Orchestra 10 years ago was a moving moment in the evening.

This was a truly memorable evening with the current students and staff coming together with Alumni to pay tribute to the music program at Churchlands that has offered so much to so many.



Churchlands Foundation News

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year the Foundation grants music scholarships to two Year 7 students in the Gifted and Talented Music Program based on academic merit and financial assistance. This year, the Board decided to award it to three deserving students. Congratulations to the 2022 Churchlands Senior High School Foundation Music Scholarship recipients Hana de Mouncey, Viyana Khodakaram and Klara Travlos.



L-R Hana de Mouncey, Viyana Khodakaram and Klara Travlos

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded 15 scholarships including the current 2022 scholarships. In the past, the Foundation Chair Mr John Gillon presented the awards at the annual Year 7 Welcome BBQ. The event was cancelled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions; a small morning tea was organised for the recipients. Associate Principal for Junior Secondary Mrs Karena Shearing presented the certificates on behalf of the Foundation on Friday 18 February in the presence of Head of Year Megan Lebihan and Year 12 Music Captains Sarah Chappell and Alfie Cronin.



Scholarship recipients with Megan Lebihan, Alfie Cronin, Karena Shearing and Sarah Chappell (L-R)

The students have the opportunity to interact with Mrs Shearing and Mrs Lebihan; they learnt about Year 7 activities lined up for the year. They also chatted with their senior music leaders and got some valuable tips on music studies as well as taking up leadership roles.

The Scholarship provides a sum of \$2000 in the first year of the program (Year 7) and \$500 in the consecutive years up to their last year of High School (Year 12). The Scholarship aims to assist with expenses related to education and/or musical studies such as purchase of a musical instrument, stationery and books, excursions and camps, laptop, uniform and others.

Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity. I am honoured to have received this award and I am so grateful to the people who make this possible. I am very much looking forward to playing my new instrument and achieving more great things with my music.

~ Klara Travlos



Klara playing her new cello

With help of the Foundation Scholarship, Klara is able to play on a beautiful instrument. It has a history with Mrs Hooi Tong Lee, who is pleased that it will be a part of Churchlands SHS music again, same as her children who are now amongst Perth's greatest classical musicians. We are privileged and grateful for the opportunities enabled through the music program and with scholarship support.

Vivienne Travlos (mother)

Churchlands Foundation News

We are very appreciative that Viyana is selected as one of the recipients of the Foundation scholarship. The initial funds provided was great help in paying for the hiring of a xylophone as well as purchasing a laptop and school uniform. The subsequent assistance will enable Viyana to receive positive musical and educational experiences throughout her high school journey. We are sincerely thankful for your generosity and support.

~ Mrs and Mr Khodakaram



Viyana with her hired xylophone

The Foundation encourages parents to get involved to make a difference by making a donation towards the Foundation, no matter how big or small. The Foundation is a registered Deductible Gift Recipient and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.



We are excited to share that Churchlands SHS has been awarded the Certificate of Commendation by Hon Sue Ellery MLC Minister for Education and Training and Lisa Rodgers Director General of the Department of Education WA for having a significant, positive impact on the progress and achievement of students and maintaining a strong focus on WACE completion.

The analysis was based on the 2020 senior secondary student performance data that took into consideration the progress of Churchlands SHS Year 12 cohort based on their Year 9 NAPLAN results, as well as the students who commenced in Year 11 and completed Year 12 with a WACE.

A big thank you goes to our committed and capable leadership, teachers and staff for this huge success.



Foundation Students 1962



How wonderful and exciting to see the pioneer members of Churchlands SHS. The foundation students of 1962 gathered for their 60th Anniversary of high school. It was a hugely successful event held at the Claremont FC Tiger Bar on the 12th of February 2022, with 38 attendees gathering to reminisce and reconnect with old classmates making the statewide trip.

On the 11th of February, part of the group visited the first high school location at Freshwater Bay Primary School and enjoyed a guided tour of the old

classrooms, courtesy of the school.

It was unanimously agreed not to leave it too long before meeting again!

A book containing archival material and photos recording this event and previous reunions was produced—a unique memorabilia for the Churchlands SHS archives.

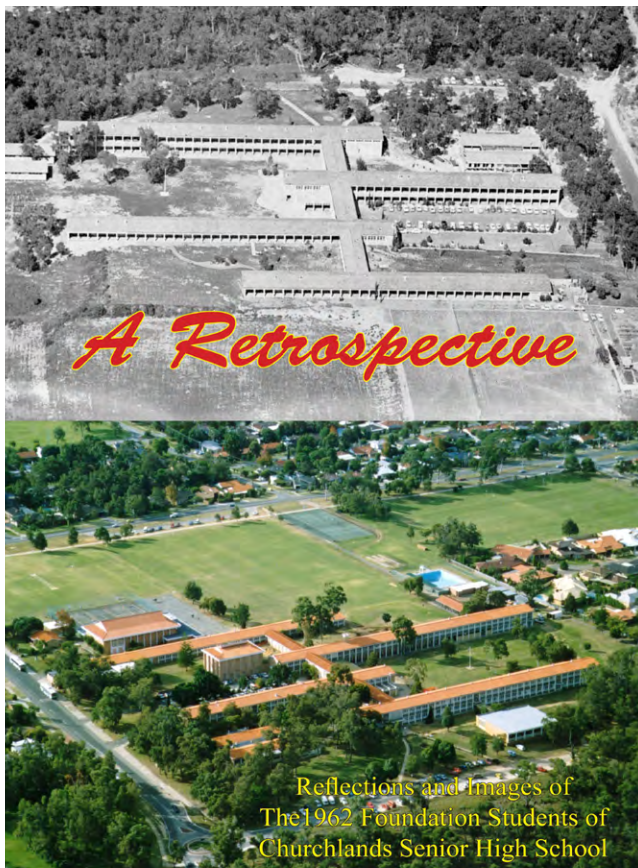
The Churchlands Alumni Committee provided the memorabilia and banners.



60th Anniversary Reunion



Foundation Students 1962 - Reflections



1962 Churchlands Foundation Students

Abbott David	Ellett Coralie	Lindsay Julie	Robinson Sandra
Aldrick Ernest	Elsegood Erica	Litchfield Edward	Rohloff Carol
Anderson Susan	Eysma Marie	Livingstone Nola	Rumble Susan
Anderson Frederick	Eysma Valerie	Lloyd Maxine	Rutherford Judith
Arbery Joan	Ferrier Norma	Lowry Jennifer	Sampson Chris
Banyard Roderic	Florance Lee	Lozsan Rosmarie	Sanfeliu Leigh
Bennett June	Ford Lynn	Lyons Peter	Schwagermann Bartus
Bidstrup Barbara	Fuller Ross	Mackey Judith	Settle Ross
Bishop Elizabeth	Furk Perry	Mackintosh Barry	Shaw Brenda
Bleakley Warren	Gaillard Janette	Macleod Marie	Simpson Helen
Bonds Geoffrey	Game Cheryl	Mader Graeme	Skitmore Peter
Botsis Phillip	Gill Brian	Martin Diane	Slater Philip
Boulthée Christopher	Goldsmith Robert	Martin Susan	Smith Russell
Bowra Anne	Goodridge Carol	Martin Peter	Smith Kaye
Boynes Christine	Graham Ronald	May Meryl	Smith Terence
Bragg Philip	Graves Norman	McCall Margaret	Snell Raymond
Bricknell Marion	Grose Yvonne	MacDonald Ian	Spencer Wayne
Bridgman Susan	Gunn Pamela	McDonald Susan	Stenhouse Allen
Broad Graeme	Gunn Ian	McKenzie Robyn	Stevens Margaret
Browne Rhonda	Guy Ashley	McLean Diane	Stevens Warren
Browne Ian	Hamer Colin	McLennan Graeme	Stewart Peter
Bryant Gaye	Hancock Vicki	Merralls Stephen	Stockwell Linda
Bryson Robert	Hanlon David	Michael Tasma	Stubbs Thomas
Bullock Peter	Harders John	Miller Eric	Tarbotton Terrence
Burt Beverley	Harmer Richard	Miller Margaret	Taylor Jennifer
Burton Dianne	Harper Robyn	Mork Ruth	Tempest Gregory
Byfield Rodney	Harrison Richard	Moss Craig	Terry Robert
Cambridge Marion	Heaton Robert	Nadebaum Philip	Terry Edward
Carroll Colleen	Hetherington Roslyn	Naim Linley	Thomas Grant
Castledine Ross	Hewitt Russell	Naylor Angela	Thomson Philip
Charman Edward	Hill Sharon	Nelson Geoffrey	Toase Lynette
Choate Diane	Hobley Adrian	North Rosalyn	Toohy Stanley
Clifton Jeffery	House Linda	Norwood Terry	Tuohey Raymond
Coleman Douglas	Inglis Maria	Oakley Gilian	Van Hunnik Gertruida
Collings Peter	James Peter	Oma Wayne	Van-Der-Zwan Else
Colpus Margot	James Susan	O'Shea Dorothy	Vlachou Nicholas
Coroneos Shelley	Jarvis Marilyn	O'Sullivan Barbara	Wallis Julie
Crocker Terence	Jefferson Elizabeth	Ottaway David	Watson Angela
Davey Carol	Jeffs Dianne	Parkway Gregory	Wedge John
Davies Pauline	Johnstone Lynne	Paterson Narelle	Weeks Graeme
Davis Lorraine	Jones Graham	Pearce Wayne	Wheeler Mark
Dawson Cliff	Kagi Noel	Pegrum Linda	Wholagan John
Denham John	Keay Roslyn	Peters Alan	Williams Linda
Dennis Carol	Kerrison Gregory	Phillips Valma	Wills Linda
Devlin Kerry	Kingwell Kenneth	Post Hillegonda	Wilson Gregory
Dixon Shirley	Knox Jennifer	Price Kerry	Wooten Cheryl
Dodds Robyn	Ladd Judith	Rickey Vivienne	Young George
Doutch Maureen	Lafferty Glenys	Roach Raeleen	Young Robert
Dunbar Karen	Lance Anne	Robertson Kevin	
Eastman Jennifer	Larsen Lynette	Roberts Rosemary	
Edwards Arlene	Lindroth Carol		



THE SCHOOL SONG. Page 13

Girls and boys of Churchlands High,
 (1) we'll sing another song,
 Sing it with a spirit that will
 send the world along;
 Sing it with united voice to
 show our purpose strong,
 While we wear our red and gold.

CHORUS:
 Sing it, tell the world of our school.
 Sing it, for it is the best school.
 Sing so all may learn the motto
 That we have made our rule.

(2) Here, Churchlands girls and boys,
 we strive with all our might
 To play our games right generously
 and conquer learning's height;
 Playing hard and working hard,
 we press on towards the light,
 While we wear our red and gold.

CHORUS:
 All that is both right and true,
 for that we too, would stand
 Service and true loyalty to home
 and school and land.
 Full of life and happiness
 A healthy joyous band
 As we wear our red and gold.

CHORUS:
 When the world makes call for us
 its larger life to share;
 With manliness and boldness,
 hearts aflame to do and dare,
 Loyal to tradition and the colours
 which we wear.
 The glorious red and gold.

1962 ANNUAL REPORT - 1962

Churchlands High School was opened in the Clements Building on Tuesday 12th February, 1962. The inaugural assembly of the 1962 year students was held in the main hall of the building. The City Council, Mayor and members of the Council were present. The building was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. J. H. Williams, a former teacher and member of the staff.

After opening, the school was divided into five classes ranging in number from 43 in the top group to 39 in the lowest. A common room was opened in the first floor of the top two classes (No. 1 and 2). At the end of the first term a social evening was arranged for the first year students, which was held in the main hall of the building.

The staff of nine, opened in the first week of term, which included a full professional staff and an administrative staff. The staff were selected from the best available in the area. The staff were selected from the best available in the area. The staff were selected from the best available in the area.

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I mention in passing that the "B" grade interschool swimming carnival, in which we participated, will be held at Beauty Park on Tuesday next commencing at 10.30 a.m. The price of admission for adults is 2/-.

Special programmes were arranged for assemblies to commemorate the day and Foundation Day and a service was conducted on Easter Thursday to give the significance and the message of Easter. The assemblies were held in the main hall of the building. The assemblies were held in the main hall of the building. The assemblies were held in the main hall of the building.

In order to prepare for 1963 when it would be necessary to upgrade and run the school under its own management, a Parents and Citizens' Association was formed. This was done at a meeting held in the main hall of the building on 25th September, 1962. This meeting was addressed by Mrs. J. Williams, who was the first President of the Association. Her valuable guidance was responsible for the formation of a Parents' Committee with Mrs. Williams as convener. Much preparatory work was done in 1962 so that the centre would be ready to go into operation at the beginning of the second week of the school year.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Williams for spending so many hours of her time in preparing for the opening of the Centre as well as to the ladies on the Parents' Committee who so ably assisted her.

Since this report deals with the year 1962, I have to omit many matters which have occurred this year but will be reserved for my report a year hence. However, one important matter arises for special mention and that is the urgent need for the establishment of a worthwhile library. From our slender resources we spent just over £200 on books in 1962, half of this being expenditure on library and half on sets of novels etc. A large part of our income this year will be earmarked for that purpose. You will note that a book has been placed on the table near the door and any contribution for our book will be very welcome.

On behalf of the staff of the school and speaking for myself, I would like to thank parents for their continued support and co-operation in many matters. It is to you that we look for the future of the school. The school uniform is the most distinctive one, and we are very grateful to you for your support. I know the ladies are proud of their uniform and when we can provide a school crest and a badge to go with it, the school will be complete. Practically one hundred per cent of children are in uniform, thanks to you.

At the conclusion of the meeting I invite you to wander round the school and inspect the various rooms and departments.

CHURCHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL							
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS							
ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1962.							
RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
School Fees	377	5	-	Refund Fees	2	-	-
Text Books	667	11	-	Text Books	61	1	7
Books	11	2	9	Art Materials	17	7	7
Junior Red Cross	19	7	6	Junior Red Cross	17	7	7
Library - Dept. Grant	10	10	7	Library - Books	16	10	7
Telephone Subsidy	55	11	3	Telephone	38	7	2
Telephone - Dept. Payment	20	17	11	Postage stamps	145	8	11
Stage-Dept. Telephone	7	8	5	Sporting Ex. - students	55	9	2
Bank Interest	7	8	5	Drawing Polios	9	-	-
School Insurance	21	10	7	School Equipment	10	-	-
Woodcock Drawing	12	4	-	Postage stamps	145	8	11
Police	7	8	5	Sporting Ex. - students	55	9	2
Miscellaneous	64	18	-	Drawing Polios	9	-	-
Swimming Carnival	64	4	6	School Equipment	10	-	-
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Class of 2020 First Year Reunion

The Class of 2020 reunited once again for a Year 13 Sundowner (first year reunion) held on Friday 26 November at the CSHS Concert Hall. Seventy members of the cohort attended the reunion and it was just amazing to see them reconnecting and catching up with each other.

A big thank you to the Alumni Committee for organising the event and to the teachers who came along to say hello to these lovely bunch of people.



Class of 1971

The Class of 1971 met after a gap of 50 years at their 50 Years Anniversary Reunion held on 21 October 2021 at the Churchlands SHS Concert Hall.

The excitement was palpable with over 80 members of the cohort coming together including Head Boy John Davis and Head Girl Denise Quesnel nee White to reminisce about their high school days. The turnout was the biggest ever since the first 50th reunion was organised in 2017.

Guests had the opportunity to tour the school grounds and chat with current students during lessons as well as view the displays of memorabilia. They were also treated to a morning tea and music performance by our very own talented Music students.

The reunion which is a key annual event is hosted by the Churchlands Alumni Association in collaboration with the school for the year group celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

Every year at the Reunion, a member of the cohort is recognised as a worthy recipient of the Churchlands Champions and this year, Kevin Hewison was named as the 2021 Churchlands Champion. Kevin is a social and political scientist and the Weldon E. Thornton Distinguished Emeritus Professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and director of the Carolina Asia Centre. Principal Dr James Kent and Alumni Chair Steve Reynolds presented the award to Kevin for his significant contribution to the society.

CONGRATULATIONS
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50 Years Reunion





Congratulations

Maddison Keeney won two gold medals in the women's synchronised 3m springboard final in a team and solo event. [Article](#)

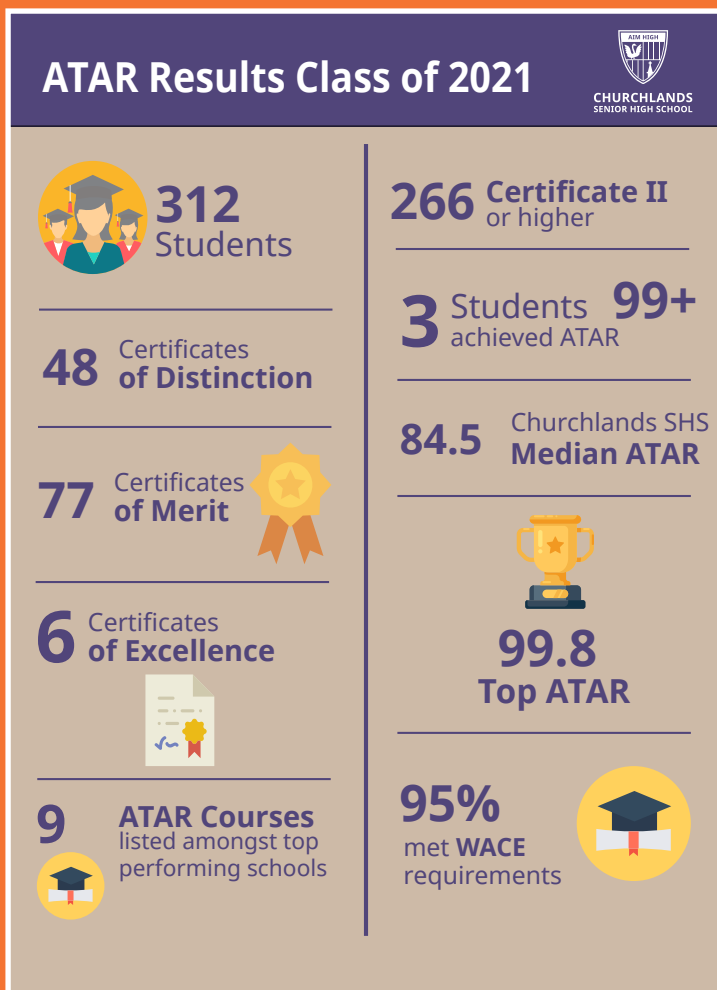
Matthew Richardson won two golds medal in the men's cycling - track and para track sprint finals in a team and solo event. [Article](#)



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CLASS OF 2012

RECONNECT, SHARE & CELEBRATE

10 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 19th November, 2022
The Village Bar, Subiaco
6pm

PLEASE RSVP by 1st October
to Katie Croston - crostonkj@gmail.com

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