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Churchlands *PastBlast*

2026 Edition



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SCIENCE

2025

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Greetings from the Alumni Chair

Dear Fellow Churchlands Alumni,



The Churchlands Senior High School Alumni Association was established in 2006 with the aim of preserving the school's heritage and fostering strong relationships between alumni and the school community. Since the early 1960s, Churchlands has delivered outstanding teaching and learning,

resulting in former students achieving recognition at both national and international levels—from Olympians such as Christine Stanton to our state's first female Governor, Kerry Sanderson.

The Alumni Association continues to receive many positive stories of success, as well as news marking the passing of former teachers and students. Across generations, we have seen consistent leadership emerge at local, national, and international levels. Our graduates have excelled in a wide range of fields, including astronomy, medical research and healthcare, academia, information technology, teaching, law, the arts, sport, business, and community service. We always welcome feedback and nominations for individuals worthy of recognition as Churchlands Champions.

On 8 March this year, as part of International Women's Day, we welcomed two new Champions. The first, Karen Anderson (1967–1971), has made a significant global contribution to the wellbeing of others. Initially trained as a teacher, Karen moved into academia, specialising in counselling for anxiety and depression. She is particularly recognised for her work in palliative care, especially with cancer patients. Karen has collaborated with researchers at Stanford University and was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2022 in recognition of her global impact.

We also honoured the late Lynette David (1968–1972), who devoted 42 years to clinical care as a physiotherapist and in healthcare administration. Lynette made a substantial impact across both public and private healthcare sectors in Western Australia. Her leadership roles included Director of the Department of Health's Office of Safety and Quality, as well as ICT services, where her work advanced clinical governance and women's health.

Sadly, Lynette passed away in 2024.

Each October, we celebrate our 50th Anniversary reunion, where friendships are rekindled and school memories shared. After the familiar ritual of reading name badges and reconnecting faces, conversations quickly flow over coffee while browsing heritage school magazines, photographs, and uniforms. This year, we will welcome the cohort of 1976. Attendees can look forward to a school tour that reconnects them with familiar spaces while showcasing the many developments since their time. Highlights include the special music program facilities, a modern gymnasium, specialist classrooms, the swimming pool, and the new state-of-the-art STEM centre opened at the end of 2024. The event will also feature a musical performance and a keynote address from a former student, followed by further conversations over a meal and refreshments at a local venue.

The Alumni Association warmly welcomes new members, fresh ideas, and contributions of memorabilia. Churchlands Senior High School has always benefited from its strong connection with the community, and through our growing networks, we look forward to your continued support.

Dr Geoff Lummis

Alumni Chairperson 2026

Happenings at the School

2026 ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The 2026 Alumni Committee:

Dr Geoff Lummis	Chair
Tracey Gralton	Deputy Chair
Ellen Storey-Potter	Secretary
Geoff Nelson	Treasurer
Willem Bouwer	Committee Member
Kathryn Neilson	Committee Member
Michelle Porteous	Committee Member
Geoff Parker	Committee Member

The Churchlands Alumni would like to thank Kaye Pratt and Lee Hockley for their work as committee members for more than 10 years. Both Kaye and Lee are Foundation students

- starting high school in 1962 as the first intake at Churchlands. At that point the school was not even built and they began in temporary accommodation off-site. Kaye and Lee have been instrumental in maintaining connections among their own year group and fostering interest in the school. They have organised major reunions and



regular catch-ups for the Class of 1966. In addition to this they have served on the Alumni committee, tirelessly attending meetings and events, researching school history and personnel, helping to find and preserve archives, especially old uniforms and photos. Kaye and Lee are very knowledgeable about students, teachers and events from the early days of the school and have been an invaluable resource. They have assisted at many Alumni events, and in particular they have been instrumental in setting up and hosting our annual morning tea for the graduating class of 50 years ago. They have also put considerable time into developing concepts for a permanent display of our Churchlands Champions.

Both Kaye and Lee have cheerfully and reliably fit this into busy lives and their fellow committee members are very grateful for their keen interest and hard work. We wish them well in their new endeavours and know that they will stay connected with Churchlands and their own very special cohort.

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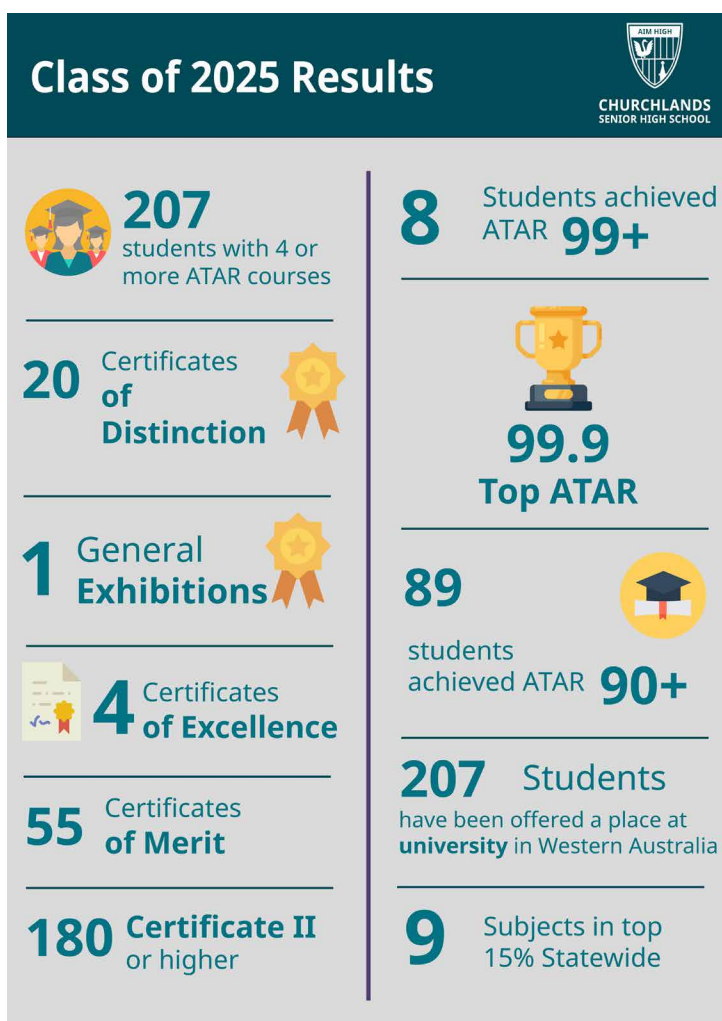
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Damian Quail
David Cox *
Kate Grayson *

*Non-board members

Happenings at the School

2025 YEAR 12 ACHIEVEMENTS



Below is an overview of the highlights of the Year 12 students in 2025:

Highest ATAR Achiever 99.9



Rupert S

- 8 students achieved an ATAR of 99+
- Michal (Misha) V achieved a General Exhibition award for achieving an ATAR within the top 50 students in the state.

Happenings at the School

Class of 2025 Results



Celebrating our **99+** ATAR students



Rupert S
ATAR 99.9

Michal (Misha) V
ATAR 99.7

Michael E
ATAR 99.6

Lula R
ATAR 99.6



Jordan B
ATAR 99.55

Sam S
ATAR 99.5

Thomasz S
ATAR 99.35

Yiyi (Leo) Z
ATAR 99.2

Class of 2025 Results



Scholarships



approx **395K** awarded in Scholarships

Tuckwell Scholarship	Australian National University	\$170k
John Curtin Scholarship Program	Curtin University	\$120k
UWA Winthrop Scholarship	University of Western Australia	\$80k
Ngala Kwop Biddi Brighter Futures Scholarship x 2	Murdoch University	\$12k each
Curtin Principal's Recommendation Award x 2	Curtin University	\$1k each



Class of 2025 Results



Community Service

23317.2
Community Service Hours



378 Participating Students

5 World Challenge Expedition participants



Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

45 Bronze

21 Silver

3 Gold



Tshering B



Claudia G



Ruby M

Class of 2025 Results



Vocational Education & Training (VET)

337 Participating Students

7 Certificate Courses

96% completion rate

57 Off-site external courses in a variety of industries and RTOS

Workplace Learning

66 Students completed Workplace Learning



Happenings at the School

- 4 Students were awarded a Certificate of Excellence for achieving in the top 0.5% in a course examination:
Gros Timeo C - Mathematics Applications
Austin L - Mathematics Applications
Sophie L - Music
Lula R - English
- 89 students achieved an ATAR of 90+
- 207 Students offered a place at university in Western Australian.



RETIREMENTS IN 2025



Anne Paterson
Maths



Maree Sterrett
Health & Physical Education



Ken Taylor
Maths

VOLUNTEER

We are reaching out to our incredible alumni community - we welcome you to volunteer and share your valuable experiences by speaking at our upcoming Breakfast Clubs and other events.

By volunteering as a speaker, you can make a significant impact on the lives of our students, imparting wisdom, advice, and inspiration that will stay with them for years to come. Your involvement will contribute to the growth and success of our school community.

If you are interested to share your experience and be part of our Breakfast Club speakers pool, you can register your details [here](#)

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Despite the early start, a good number of Churchlands women-alumni, board members, teachers, students and parents - and men attended a brilliant breakfast gathering in the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall to celebrate International Women's day. The venue itself honours a wonderful musician so it was a perfect place to hear the school captains' opening address. They each eloquently shared a story of amazing women in their lives.



The Alumni Association was then very proud to announce two new Churchlands Champions: the late Lyn David who had an enormous impact on women's health in WA and Karen Anderson, an inductee to the WA Women's Hall of Fame, who has made an important contribution to psychosocial and palliative care. Lyn's daughter Gemma spoke of her mother's dedication to health and expressed pride in the honour. Karen Anderson then gave an interesting and inspiring address drawing in the year's theme of Balance the Scales. The crowd then adjourned for a delicious breakfast and lots of chat before rushing off to their various places of work and study.



This is the second such event we have held at Churchlands, and the guest speaker at the first was Deirdre Croft who coincidentally on the day of our 2026 event was featured in Australian story on the ABC, for her incredible work advocating for people with disability.



Hope to see you all at our next one.



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2026 MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the Year 7 Gifted and Talented (GATE) Music students Grace T, Amber C and Bailey C who are the recipients of the 2026 Churchlands Foundation Music Scholarship worth \$3500 each. The awards were presented by the Chairman of the Foundation, Damian Quail at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ held on 19 February 2026.

The recipients of the Scholarship are able to use the funds related to education and/or musical studies such as the purchase of a musical instrument, stationery and books, excursions and camps, laptop, uniform and other.

In his remarks Mr Quail stated the scholarship is possible through the *Solar Power to Scholarships Project* whereby savings from reduced electricity costs from the school solar panel system is directed towards scholarships and grants.

More information can be found on the school [website](#) or by scanning the QR code.

Up until 2025, the Foundation has been able to offer 22 music scholarships to students in the Gifted and Talented Music Program.

"I am very happy to be given the scholarship for singing and I'm enjoying being part of the GATE program. My one on one lessons with Mrs How are great and also being part of the Colle Voce, where I have made new friends. I am very pleased to have this opportunity whilst being at Churchlands, thank you." [Grace T]



"I am incredibly honoured to share that my daughter, Amber, has been awarded a 2026 Music Scholarship at Churchlands Senior High School. This opportunity not only provides valuable financial support, but also allows her to fully focus on her passion for music."

We are so grateful for this recognition and support—thank you!" [Liyan L]

"Bailey is incredibly grateful to have been awarded this Scholarship. The support has enabled her to invest in a more suitable laptop for her studies, along with necessary music resources such as books, subscriptions and other equipment to support her ongoing development. It has made a meaningful difference to her ability to engage fully in her music and schoolwork." (Bianca M)

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.



FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Churchlands Foundation scholarships support individual educational attainment, recognising excellence and endeavour. Grants are offered to support special projects, events or opportunities. The funds awarded will partly or fully subsidise fees and expenses in various educational areas.

Funding is also available to Churchlands SHS students or graduates who have completed Year 12 in the previous year and who have been accepted at University or TAFE as a full time student. Strong candidates must demonstrate academic diligence and give evidence of leadership qualities, extra-curricular pursuits or engagement in community service.



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Up until May 2023, the Foundation has supported grants close to the value of \$48,000 that included diagnostic assessment for a student, funding for music tour, staff professional development, student leadership program, language assistant and space innovation challenge for a group of students.

Applications for scholarships and grants will be assessed twice a year in May and October and at other times as deemed necessary or desirable by the Foundation. Some scholarships are subject to a separate process and do not require applications. The selection panel may decide at its discretion not to award any particular scholarship in any year. Successful candidates will be notified within one month of the panel review date.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

At the Whole School Assembly held on 20 February 2026 we awarded the Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement for 2025. These scholarships are awarded to the top 2 students from Years 7-11.

Congratulations to the recipients!



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SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Lauren O (Year 12)

National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

During January, I went to Canberra for the National Youth Science Forum's Year 12 Program. This was nine days of learning about current STEM research, going on tours of science facilities at and around the Australian National University campus, and learning more about pathway options for students in STEM, mixed in with fun and social activities with other NYSF participants. My favourite parts of the program were my visit to the ANU Research School of Chemistry, where I did a titration and tried blueprinting in one of the universities labs, and made ice cream using liquid nitrogen, a lecture I attended from Dr Sven Buder about using the emission spectra of distant stars to find out more about the galaxy, and the disco, where I got to dance with my friends and had a great time.

Going to the NYSF was a fun and enriching experience which left me with lots of further knowledge on STEM pathways available to me and other students passionate about STEM. I gained many benefits from it, including knowledge about current STEM projects in the real world, learn more about careers in STEM, and meet new people, including influential people in Australian STEM, as well as making lifelong friends with similar interests and goals as me. It benefitted the greater school community by raising awareness about the kinds of programs that are available to students who are passionate about STEM, and the impacts that those programs can have.



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SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Giselle R (Year 8)

Hockey Australia Nationals

When we were still in Perth I had to do courses on sports integrity and had to gain responsibility in being an athlete and caring for myself. I had frequent training sessions that taught me discipline and helped me bond with other people not just as friends but as teammates. When I was in Brisbane we spent the whole time together and I had to be brave being away from my family and doing everything my parents would help me with alone. It was hard but I also really enjoyed staying with my teammates and learning to be a good sportswoman under stress and fatigue. I think this experience helped me grow as a female athlete and be proud of the accomplishments I achieved. Even when I was back at home I was feeling sad that the tournament was over but it helped me look at the bright side and think of all the amazing things ahead of me.

Benefits gained by me and the school community:

I think my hockey tour helped me to be an individual, because at school it has been easy for me but at hockey I have sometimes struggled being confident and remembering what I love. I have brought this back to school and it has helped me think clearer in hard times and always give my best in everything I do. Because I had to believe in my teammates and try to find the good intentions in people when sometimes it has been hard I think I now try and do the same at school, trusting more people and not thinking about the bad things others do because no one is perfect and I make mistakes constantly. I think I have also helped the school community by making Churchlands proud after

everything the school done for me, it has helped me a lot with settling into Australia and being brave to take on challenges. I held the school values and name high and was a leader in my team like I learned to be at school which showed how amazing our school is and how it is helping grow each student.



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TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Sophie L (Year 12 2025)

Baroque Violin

I am excited to embark on my Bachelor of Philosophy in Music Studies at UWA. The support received from the Churchlands Foundation has enabled me to purchase a Baroque violin, which I will use for my chosen area of research of Historically Informed Performance Practice on the violin. My "new" (few hundred-year-old) Baroque violin is absolutely beautiful and whilst learning this instrument I will be able to access UWA's research facilities and international exchange programs to develop new playing skills under the guidance of Winthrop Professor Paul Wright and Baroque specialist Shaun-Lee Chen.



Although I have just started my tertiary studies in Early Music, I have already learned a great deal through searching for this period instrument, as well as having my first lessons on specific Baroque violin playing techniques. Differences from the modern violin include different measurements, lower pitched gut strings, and a specific type of bow. My studies at UWA (and later abroad) will contribute to the ongoing research being conducted by others in this field and it is my aim to become an exponent in Historically Informed Performance. I hope that my work in music will set an example and encourage future students auditioning for the Churchlands Music Program, in the same way that Churchlands Music Alumni have inspired me.



SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Eita S (Year 12)

U18s Baseball World Cup, Japan

I participated in the 2025 Under-18 baseball world cup, representing team Australia. It was a huge privilege to be able to represent the country at a world stage. It Allowed me to develop as an athlete by competing against the best players in the world. It brought pride and recognition to the school community and I hope potentially inspires younger students to pursue their goals.



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SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Chloe O (Year 12)

National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

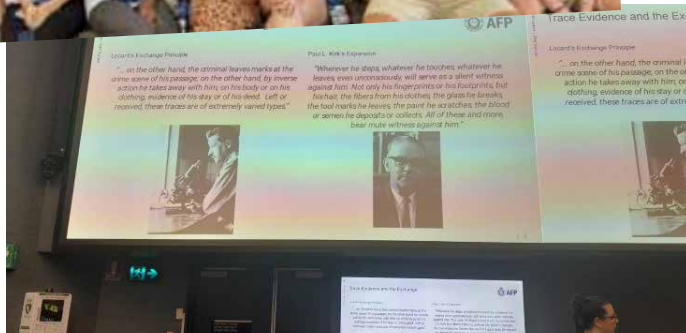
In January of 2026, I attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), a 9 day camp throughout which we visited science and engineering facilities around Canberra and heard from STEM professionals in a variety of fields. Highlights included my visit to the Mount Stromlo observatory, where I learnt about the telescopes being built and research being done there. I also had the opportunity to use a filter to look at the sun through a telescope, observing the light and dark parts. At the Australian national university's research school of biology, I learnt about the structure and composition of DNA and the chemistry behind forensic biology through our experiment testing DNA to find out who committed a (pretend) murder. In the NYSF run STEM relay and Olympics, we competed in teams to do STEM trivia in a relay and then several challenges against other teams, for example building a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti, and naming elements of the periodic table based off the atomic symbol. Another highlight was the specialist lecture from Dr Caroline O'Driscoll, where we learnt about her work and research with the Australian Federal Police working as a forensic biologist, and her many research projects that she has undertaken to improve her efficiency and accuracy when doing this work. At careers day, we had a presentation from the NYSF's partners, followed by a meet and greet with stem professionals, and an expo from the partner universities and companies. Finally, another highlight was when all of the students video called Dr Steven Goldfarb at CERN in Geneva who virtually showed us around CERN's particle



National Youth
Science Forum

accelerator and answered our questions about it. There were many other opportunities and events that were super fun and I learnt so much from.

The program benefited me as it helped me to build a network of other science-minded people around the country, both within the industry and other Year 12 students, and has built a community and friendships that I will cherish and be a part of forever. It broadened my knowledge of the STEM industry in regard to careers and study options as well as my science knowledge. This will flow on and benefit the school community as I share what I have learnt with my peers. My attending NYSF could also inspire other students to try to do similar programs in their own areas of interest, cultivating the school's depth of participation in many fields.



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SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to Alice & Klara T (Year 11 & 12)

Sailing - Australia Youth Squad Camp, Kiel Week Regatta in Germany, European Championships in Italy and Australian National Championships in Tasmania

Thank you sincerely to the Churchlands Alumni Foundation for awarding us a Grant for our 29er campaign through 2025. We successfully competed in the 2025 Kiel Week Regatta (placing 41st out of 75 boats) and 29er European Championships 2025 (placing 109th out of 251 boats), training consistently, facing and managing new challenges. We continue to learn valuable lessons in technical skills, resilience, teamwork and are accepting generous support that is shaping our growth in competitive sailing.

Kiel Week 1st – 8th July 2025 performance: Participation in the Kieler Woche international sailing regatta presented new challenges to our race day preparation, having travelled immediately following high school exam weeks with a two-day lead in, without a coach, in unfamiliar conditions and staying with a host family without our parents. We were the single Australian boat at this event. The two days' qualifying in both 30kn gusts and low wind brought many new experiences in big fleet starting. We managed to catch up from tricky starts by gaining on a few boats in each race, finishing each qualifying race mid-fleet. Racing the final rounds in the silver fleet, we finished each finals race in the top 10 of 37 boats, achieving overall 3rd place in our fleet.

Improvements & Experiences: At this event, we learned to work through tricky days on water, digesting pressures and challenges and coming out motivated to give it another good go the next day. Our confidence grew through having to seek out and accept support from previously unknown coaches who took us under their wing, including a Danish father and peer support from 9 New Zealand boats. We were also excited to share the boat park with world class sailors in the 49er and 49erFX, taking the opportunity to



connect with the Australian teams and share stories with some of the upcoming German 29er and 49erFX girls. We were excited to discover that on pre-race speed testing, we matched the pace of the Danish men's team that would go on to win the regatta.

29er EUROPEAN Championships 1st to 8th July performance: We placed in the top half of the international fleet, finishing 109th out of 251 boats, an improvement on our 2024 World Championships rankings amongst the same number of boats.

Improvements on the start line were evident as we managed our first international race win, leading from start to finish, an exciting accomplishment. We ranked 13th amongst 42 female teams. Amongst 44 competitors in the Bronze Fleet, we placed 3rd Female and 22nd overall.

Experiences: A highlight was arrival at the shores of Lake Garda, a breathtaking moment, understanding why this lake may well be the 'Sailing Mekka'. Early morning training sessions, racing under the majestic cliffs and connecting with sailors from across the globe have certainly cemented the love for the sport and appreciation of privilege and strength



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of the international sailing community. We soaked up the memorable hours preparing, racing, repairing and socialising amongst the most driven, strongest and fastest 29er sailors in the world. Sharing resources and on-water support with the New Zealand and South African teams strengthened bonds with trans-Tasman racing on the cards in the coming years. Most treasured is the warm support extended to us by the Rafart family, with Pol's on-water coaching support, sharing the roller coaster of physical and emotional highs and lows with Ona and Lia.

We are deeply grateful to the Churchlands Alumni Foundation for financial support, all our coaches and the wider 29er and club community for moral support, which has buoyed us through the challenges international and high-performance events have presented in the past months. We are now focused on preparing for the next Youth Worlds selection event on Sydney Harbour in April 2026.

In 2025 we qualified for the Youth World Championship and represented Australia last December in Portugal. The Youth Sailing World Championship is the pinnacle of our sport for under 19 sailors. It is an event unlike any other, for it mimics the Olympic trials experience. This experience taught us that the level of sailing and the quality of competition worldwide is steadily increasing. 2025 was a big year of sailing for us, but also a year full of learnings borne of mistakes. The Youth Worlds showed us the mental strength and skill you must embody to be a world champion. We will bring our experiences back to our training and use our travels to inspire the next generation.

We continue to train with focus and determination to compete on an as equal as possible national and international playing field, representing the WA youth sailing community with pride. Thank you to the Churchlands Alumni Foundation for generous support of our WA waters. We certainly

enabling us to compete beyond count ourselves very lucky!



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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Awarded to Kym Lucchesi

Professional Learning with Shyam Barr

In May 2025, we attended a two-day professional learning workshop in Melbourne led by Shyam Barr, focused on self-regulated learning, student motivation, and the development of empowered learners. The workshop provided a strong, research-informed foundation alongside practical strategies that can be applied directly in classrooms. A key focus was on explicitly teaching students how to plan, monitor, and reflect on their learning, supporting greater student independence, engagement, and motivation.

The impact of this professional learning has extended well beyond the three participants. We have since facilitated professional learning sessions within the school to share key ideas and practical strategies with colleagues and are currently collaborating to plan and deliver further professional learning opportunities. This has enabled many more staff to benefit from and implement evidence-based approaches to self-regulated learning, contributing to a shared language around learning, informing future professional learning priorities, and supporting improved teaching practice and student learning outcomes across the school.

"The long-term benefit for young people is that when they leave school, they haven't mastered a school system but a learning system that they can adapt to different contexts."



"5 whys" strategy

Ask "why?" five times to help identify the deepest **value** belief

Why is that important to you?
Listen to response
Ok... so why is that important?
...

Intrinsic value: the "joy" of an activity or result of an activity
Attainment value: if a task is perceived as personally meaningful or important
Utility value: perception that a task is useful for current or future goals

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Living room of the mind metaphor



TV
Thinking (**Cognition**)



Sitting on the couch
watching the TV
Noticing your thinking
(**Metacognitive**
monitoring)



Using the remote to
change the channel on
the TV:
Self-regulation
(**Metacognitive Control**)

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"REFLECT-LIST-CODE" STRATEGY

1. **Reflect** on the outcome –How did that outcome come about? What do you think is the reason that you failed?
2. **List** other possible causes (divergent thinking)
3. **Code** the causes using the "circles of control" strategy that *I can control*, *I can influence* or are outside of my control and influence (*concern*).
4. Then, exercise the "take extreme ownership" strategy

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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Awarded to Andre Bourgault Du Coudray & Claire Chesney

Band Directors Academy, New York

New York, New York – Swingin' for Knowledge!

When it comes to jazz education at Churchlands, we're not just playing the changes—we're making them. Over the years, our Jazz program has grown louder than a high C on lead trumpet, thanks to events like Jazz Camp, Twilight Jazz, and our big bands performing in the community. With every ATAR student now studying jazz, it's more important than ever that our staff stay in the groove.

So, when a visiting jazz educator from Indiana dropped by in July 2024 and inspired us to take our jazz directing to the next level, we knew what to do: book a ticket to the Big Apple. With the generous support of the Churchlands Foundation, Mr. Bourgault and Mrs. Chesney headed off to the Band Director's Academy at Jazz at the Lincoln Centre—the home of the Essentially Ellington program and the heartbeat of swing in America.

Foxborough High – Where Jazz Starts with the Groove

Before hitting New York, we spent 3 days in Foxborough, Massachusetts, attending their legendary Jazz Improvisation Camp. This isn't just any camp; this is the 44 year legacy of Steve Massey, a highly influential and respected high school jazz director with more swing than a Basie rhythm section. The camp had 90 students of all skill levels ready to riff, scat, and improvise like the professional faculty leading them.

Steve's secret to swinging bands is dancing to the swing groove. That's right - before you play, you've got to feel the beat. Watching 90 students shuffle, sway, and say syncopated rhythms in time to brushes on a snare, we immediately knew this was something we were going to implement in our program.

Then came an hour-long blues call-and-response session (yes, a full hour!) with faculty made up of Berklee grads and NYC gigging cats. They drilled phrasing, syncopation, articulation, and all those delicious details that students had to imitate to perform authentically.

In ensemble sessions the mantra of the camp was "Learn it fast (with music), lose it fast. Learn it slow (by ear), lose it slow." That hit us like a crash cymbal, reminding us about the aural tradition of jazz. We left Foxborough buzzing with ideas - and we hadn't even hit New York yet!

New York, New York – We Took the A Train!

After a very hot and scenic drive back, we fought the traffic, broken monorail and broken train into the city that never sleeps and finally soaked in the skyline



from our rooftop bar. Then came the main gig: the Band Director's Academy at Jazz at the Lincoln Center. Four jam-packed days of inspirational swing, tradition, and serious jazz pedagogy.

The theme: 100 Years of Big Band Rhythm Section Grooves. We dove deep into early jazz styles, rhythm section



techniques, brass mute magic, and even woodwind doubling tips. We discovered how to fine tune our rhythm sections to sound like a well-oiled Ellington machine. What we don't know isn't worth knowing!

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The faculty leading the academy were incredible musicians and educators in their own right but a highlight was meeting a Kodály-trained jazz educator, Pete Churchill, who delivered so many pearls of wisdom that we had more than enough to fill a fake book. The challenge was writing them all down!

To wrap it all up, we got a crash course in jam session etiquette (because nobody wants to be that guy on the bandstand), followed by lunch at Dizzy's Club, overlooking Columbus Circle and Central Park, with a live faculty set that left us in awe. That's how you finish on a high note.

New York Jazz Clubs – an education in themselves

Of course, no jazz pilgrimage to New York is complete without a trip to the Village Vanguard. We caught the iconic Monday Night Orchestra doing what they have been doing every Monday night since 1966 - swinging hard and reminding us why this music still matters. Their set sadly finished all too soon. We also caught unbelievable gigs at jazz clubs such as the BlueNote, Birdland and The Jazz Gallery, and went to a jam session to hear some CSHS alumni who happened to be in town with WAAPA for the 'Jazz Arts Collective' camp.

Bringing the Groove Home

Back in Perth, we didn't just unpack our suitcases—we unpacked the groove. Our department got the full debrief, plus some practical activities straight from the source. Our jazz students are now moving to the beat, working call-and-response, and learning tunes by ear because jazz isn't just something you play - it's something you feel.

We have returned inspired, energized, and ready to help our students not just play the notes, but make them swing, because at Churchlands, jazz isn't just a subject—it's a vibe!



Churchlands Foundation News

2025-26 GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Awarded to Caron Walker

Mid-West Clinic International Band & Orchestra Conference, Chicago

OMG!!! I have just had the MOST amazing experience of my career. I cannot thank you enough for the grant to attend the Midwest Clinic in Chicago in December. What a conference! 18,000 delegates who were all nerding out about band and orchestra directing as much as I was... I found my people!



Despite being detained by immigration at the O'Hare airport on the way into the US, I managed to meet up with a colleague and we made our way to our accommodation Downtown. A couple of days to get over the jet lag, adjust to the freezing climate and find our bearings, then we launched into 5 days of professional development.

An ex-Churchlands SHS student (Class of 2019) Oliver Stark, met us and took us on a tour of the Northwestern University in Chicago, where he is currently on a scholarship studying his second Masters degree in wind band conducting. It was an absolute joy to see him flourishing in that environment.



Our first day of the Clinic was an "Intensive" we could nominate to participate in. I chose to study "Teaching Strings as a Non-String Player". As I stepped into taking Orchestras about 7 years ago with limited string knowledge, I found this PD incredibly useful. It was a 5 hour practical session and they provided me with an instrument on which to learn.



When the conference "proper" started, we were overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude. With wall-to-wall clinics, concerts and workshops it was difficult to decide what to attend. As an example, there were 11 options for one 1-hour session on the first day... unable to split myself into multiple pieces, I had to make the very difficult decision of what to attend.

I attended concerts of middle and high school bands and orchestras, concerts of University and professional bands and orchestras, reading sessions of new repertoire, clinics such as "A Beginner's Guide to Starting a Mariachi Program", "Tiered teaching strategies for concert band", "Baton and Breath: Leading with Passion" and "Honing Error Detection for Deeper Ensemble Musicianship". Every session was relevant, useful and inspiring – exactly what good PD should be!

There was a trade display which was the size of a Bunnings store and had music publishers, instrument makers, universities, defence force bands, baton manufacturers, music instrument accessories and any marching paraphernalia you may desire! It would have taken three days to see everything in there... but there just wasn't enough time!



After three days of no lunch (no time to eat!), little sleep (trying to catch up with colleagues from all over the world!) and a total immersion in band-geek life, we finished our time in Chicago with a visit to hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra which was an absolute delight – such an incredible group!

It was time to go home – just in time for Christmas!

Again, I want to thank you so very much for the grant. The skills and knowledge I have acquired have already started to make a positive impact on my teaching at Churchlands. I want to go back every year!!



NIK BAPPOO 2012

We congratulate Alumni Dr Nikhilesh Bappoo who was awarded the 2025 Prime Minister's Prize for Science.

Dr Bappoo was one of two recipients of this prestigious award, one of Australia's highest honours in science and technology.

The annual awards presentation was held at Parliament House in Canberra on Monday, 3 November.

Dr Bappoo who is Co-founder of WA-based companies VeinTech and Lubdub Technologies was recognised for 2 medical technologies and received the 2025 Prize for New Innovators.

VeinTech an Australian MedTech company uses ultrasound technology to allow healthcare professionals to more accurately locate veins. VeinTech was also recognised locally at the 2021 WA Innovators of the Year Awards and supported under the Western Australian Government's New Industries Fund.

At Lubdub Technologies, Dr Bappoo and his co-founders designed a 'heart health in a box' combining data from three critical heart function tests including heart rhythm tracking via electrocardiogram patch, key cardio biomarkers detection via a saliva-based biosensor, and a wearable ultrasound for heart imaging in real time.

Dr Bappoo was also winner of the student category at the 2022 Premier's Science Awards and is the only Australian to make the Forbes 30 under 30 list for Science and Healthcare for the Australian and Asia-Pacific region..

 Watch Nikhilesh's story and learn more about this award:

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Photo credit: UWA



FLAVIO COLONETTI 2021

We congratulate Flavio Colonetti, 2021 Churchlands Senior High School alumni and Dux of ATAR Music who has been awarded the 2026 Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship to undertake a Master of Music in Jazz Studies in New York City later this year.

Flavio Colonetti is a recent graduate of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and the scholarship places him among a distinguished group of ECU musicians who have completed Fulbright programs in the United States.

We are so proud of him and wish him all the very best in New York!

<https://www.ecu.edu.au/newsroom/articles/news/from-perth-to-the-big-apple-waapa-graduate-lands-fulbright-scholarship>



Alumni Spotlight

SIDNEY STEPHENS 2020



Olympic Dreams come true for Alumni Sidney Stephens!

Sidney made her Olympic debut in the Freestyle Skiing at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina, Italy in February 2026. Following an impressive performance Sidney finished 15th.

A former elite gymnast Sidney transitioned to aerial skiing in 2021. Sidney has an AIS Athlete

Education Scholarship to study at Griffith University and is pursuing studies in Psychological Science, balancing academic goals with the demands of elite sport.



Well done and we look forward to seeing your bright future unfold.

Photo credit: Olympic Winter Institute of Sport



The mission of the Alumni Association is to support Churchlands Senior High School, including the school's vision and goals, and to foster closer relationships and lifelong connections between the school, its alumni and friends.

Please feel free to share the PastBlast Alumni Magazine with other alumni. Please encourage them to join the alumni database to receive alumni information, upcoming events and meetings. Contact details will only be accessed by school staff to send out official alumni materials.

Let any friends from your Churchlands SHS days know about this so we can build the database of interested people.

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/our-community/alumni/join-alumni>

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 [here](#).

JADE BOEKEMAN 2021

We wish to congratulate Jade Boekeman, who debuted on 27 June 2025 for the East Perth Football Club Inc. They versed South Fremantle.

Jade came from Claremont where she had three seasons of the Rogers Cup.

Jade has also recently been announced as a member of the North Beach Football Club leadership group for the 2026 season for the Hillarys Beach Club A Grade Women's side.

Jade is a professional in the mining industry following her graduate degree in mechanical engineering at Curtin University.

Photo credit: East Perth Football Club



JUDE WRIGHT 2024



Congratulations to Alumni Jude Wright for a phenomenal effort on the weekend at the HVP Pedal Prix race in Busselton in late 2025.

Jude undertook the 6 hour race as a solo rider for Wright Trikes. Apart from a couple of pit stops and some mechanical issues, Jude completed 115 laps and over 140 km within the 6 hours.

Way to go Jude!

Jude was accompanied by teammates Dave and Ben Moore, Owen Thistleton, Seth Allan and Hayden U from Wright Trikes who also competed on the day.



Alumni In Memoriam

Paul Latham (Principal 1976-86)

By Dr Geoff Lummis
(Chair Churchlands Senior High School
Alumni Association)

This year saw the passing of one of Churchlands Senior High School's esteemed principals Paul Latham. Paul was one of Western Australia's most respected educational leaders and always committed to community service. The following is a tribute to his legacy.

Paul and Churchlands Senior High School

Paul was principal of Churchlands Senior High School from 1976 to 1986 and oversaw eleven years of major growth and innovation, a considerable legacy.

The Music Program

During Paul's tenure, Churchlands' specialist music program grew into one of Australia's leading secondary school music programs. Students toured internationally, performed for visiting dignitaries, and established the school's reputation for excellence in music education.

Modernising Churchlands

Under Paul's leadership Churchlands promoted emerging technologies, purchasing its first computer in 1980, expanding learning opportunities, strengthened academic programs, and celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1986.

Academic and Athletic Excellence

Paul's years as principal saw Churchlands produce Rhodes Scholars, International Mathematical Olympiad medallists, Olympians and other high-achieving graduates, consolidating the school's reputation as one of Western Australia's leading public schools.

The Paul Latham Auditorium

In recognition of his outstanding contribution, the school's auditorium was named the 'Paul Latham Auditorium', an honour that reflects the impact of his leadership. The auditorium continues to host esteemed concerts, and community events.

Paul the Sportsman—'a hole-in-one'

Paul was also known as a lifelong sportsman. As a young sportsperson he captained Swan Districts' under-age WAFL side during World War II and then for East Fremantle. During his time teaching in the country Paul assisted the development of many country Australian Rules players some would go on to enjoy success in the VFL competition.

One of Paul's major successes occurred during his nineties when he made headlines by scoring a hole-in-one at Lake Karrinyup Country Club.



Paul Latham (Principal 1976-86)

A Legacy that Continues

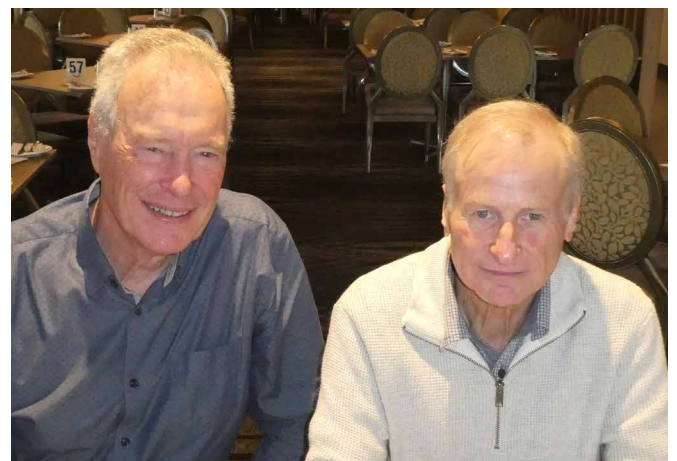
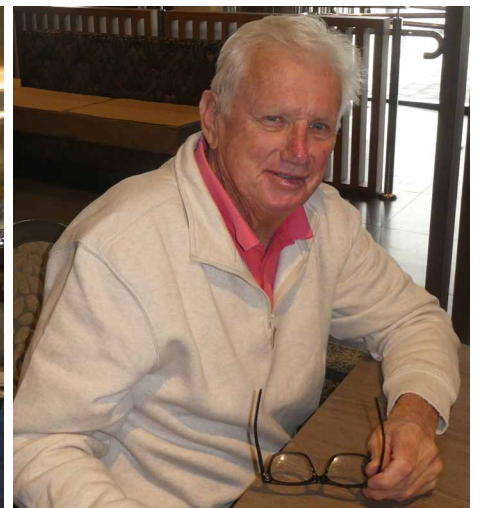
Paul died before reaching his 100th birthday; however, he leaves a legacy that continues to be recognised. Perhaps his greatest legacy is the culture he helped establish at Churchlands Senior High School. Paul fostered a balance of academic excellence, outstanding music education, and diverse opportunities for students. Many former students and staff regard his principalship as a defining era. Recent discussions with former teachers Geoff Parker, and Ken Dawson recall Paul's leadership as being team orientated, fair-minded with the energy to collaborate with others to get things done.

Foundation Students - 1962

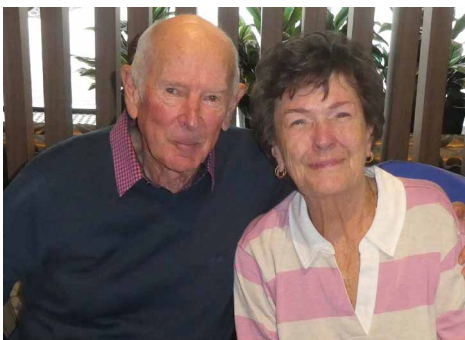
Foundation Student Lunch

By Lee Hockley

Churchlands High School (not then a senior high school) was founded in 1962. A great many Foundation students have remained in contact with each other, and we have had 3 reunions, in 1989, 2014 and 2022 (exactly 60 years since we all commenced Year 8 at the school. Mr LeStrange, the sports and art teacher, attended both the 1989 and 2014 reunions, while in 2004 a group of us had morning tea with Mrs Marion Barsden (nee Creeper). Miss Creeper was the first Headmistress of Churchlands, the form teacher for class 1A, and the English and History teacher. Last year the Foundation students held a reunion lunch at Tassels Place Bar & Bistro in Innaloo, and it was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual event. Accordingly, on August 19th, 24 of us gathered at Tassels and good time was had by all. We were very happy to learn that one of our original teachers, Mr Frank Quinlivan, was still with us, and that he turned 100 in August! He was the form teacher for class 1C, and taught Maths and Science A and Science B (as the subjects were then called.) As well as taking photos of all those present, everyone who was taught by Mr Quinlivan gathered for a photo. These were forwarded to him, and he was extremely pleased that we remembered him – and what's more, he could remember most of us!



Foundation Students - 1962



Class of 1975

50 Years Reunion

The Class of 1975 reunited for their 50th school reunion on Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

They enjoyed a morning tea, followed by speeches in the Concert Hall and a school tour to celebrate this milestone reunion.

Memorabilia from years gone by was on display for all to enjoy at the morning tea sparking memories and reminiscing of the good old days of high school.

Principal Neil Hunt welcomed the Class and the Head Girl Lynn Priddis (nee Howieson) shared her memories and fun stories and opened the floor to her peers for them to share their stories and memories. There was lots of laughter and joy in the memories that were brought back.

The cohort were treated to a fabulous performance from the current music students who showcased their amazing musical talents.

The school tour brought lots of amazement over the changes to the school over the years. The class of 1975 upon arriving at the school pool, revisited the fun run that contributed to funding this great asset.

It was a wonderful morning to be remembered which continued on afterwards at a private lunch organised by Lynn Priddis.

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.



50 Years Reunion



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50 Years Reunion



On Friday 28 November 2024, the Alumni Association hosted the Year 13 Sundowner welcoming back members of the Class of 2024.

Close to 30 members of the cohort came together to reunite and catch up over drinks and nibbles.

Even with the heat of the afternoon an enjoyable time was had with former classmates and teachers reconnecting and updating each other on their experiences, highlights and challenges since leaving Churchlands Senior High School. It was great to see such a diverse range of pathways being explored from university degrees to gap years.



Displayed on the screens and bringing back lots of fabulous memories was the Year 12 video production created by Mr Cox.



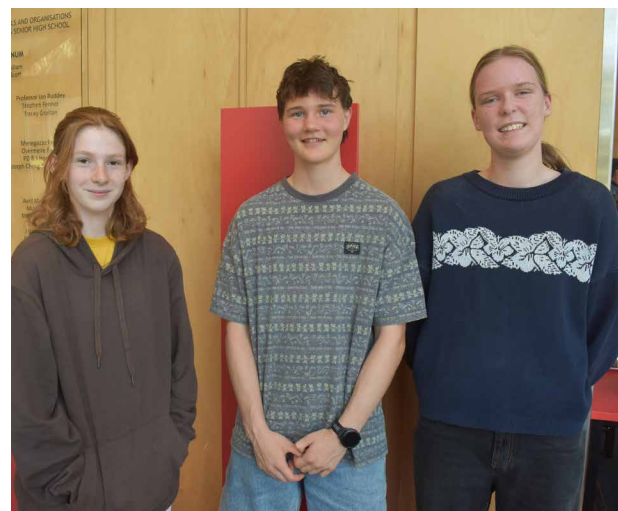
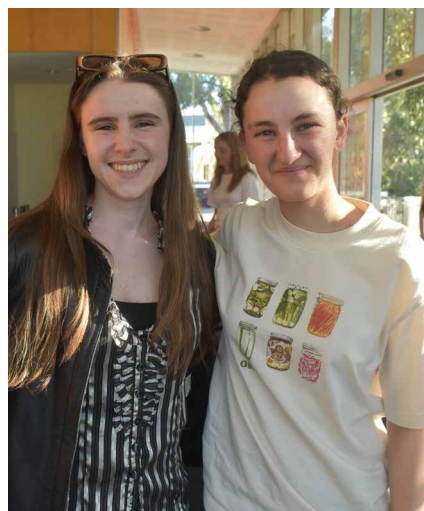
Thank you to all who made the effort to attend the afternoon and a special thanks to the teachers who came along to welcome the Class of 2024 and to Tracey Gralton for her continued support of this event and excellent catering and bar tending skills.

To the Class of 2024 we wish you all the best in your next chapters!



Class of 2024

1st Year Reunion



UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

CLASS OF 1976

50 Year Reunion

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WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

at Churchlands Senior High School, 20 Lucca Street, Churchlands

**WELCOME TO
THE GOLD CLUB**

10.00am	Arrival of guests
10.15am	Welcome
10.20am	School Tour
11.00am	Morning tea
11.30am	Speeches
12 noon	Group photo
12.15pm	Depart

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1:00pm Lunch

Self-funded lunch (optional):
Tassels Place Bar & Bistro
8 Tassels Place, Innaloo

Book Online

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHIEB>

(Partners and students of the Class of '76 who left at 3rd and 4th year high are also welcome)

*If you have any photos or memorabilia to look and reminisce over or donate to the
alumni archive, we encourage you to bring them along*

Enquiries: CSHS-ALUMNI@churchlands.wa.edu.au



Year 13 Sundowner FRIDAY 27 November 2026

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

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

Smart Casual | Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale

Book online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKEXE>



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*Class
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