

SCHOOL BOARD 2023



KATHERINE STURLEY Board Chair and Community Member

Katherine has spent many years on the Wembley Primary School Board and the P & C including three years as President. Katherine's daughter, Sophie is in Year 11 at Churchlands and Tom is in Year 9 at Shenton College (GATE). Katherine is a Consultant at MODAL, a leadership development organisation where she facilitates learning programs and workshops with clients from a variety of industries, both public and private. She is a qualified Vocational Education Training (VET) trainer and assessor and holds a Master of Business Leadership from Curtin. Katherine is excited about her appointment to the Board and hopes her experience and knowledge will be of assistance.



NEIL HUNT School Principal

Neil commenced his career with country service teaching Mathematics and Science in district high schools before returning to Perth as a Mathematics teacher. He briefly left the Education Department taking roles as a Head of Department in Mathematics in the private system, and at an International College before returning to the Education Department. He quickly progressed through the ranks gaining positions as an Education Officer, a Program Coordinator and Deputy Principal. Neil's first appointment as a Principal was at Swan View Senior High School in 1998 before gaining selection at Churchlands Senior High School in 2003. Neil was seconded to serve as the Principal Program Director to Program Kaartdijin for a short stint from July 2020 to December 2021. He resumed his position as the Principal of Churchlands Senior High School in January 2022.



DR GENEVIEVE MCSPORRAN Elected Parent Member

Genevieve is passionate about the power of education to enhance young people's life choices and chances. Her student centred, strength-based approach has been informed by teaching and leadership experiences across early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary settings. She has led the development of whole of school or institution curriculum, pastoral care and staff development policies and initiatives. Currently part of the Education team at Murdoch University, Genevieve teaches and researches in the areas of health and physical education. She has three children, with the eldest being part of the Year 9 music program at Churchlands.



MATT TURNBULL Elected Parent Member

Matt is a former Churchlands muso and was Head Boy in 1996. He is indebted for the opportunities afforded him during his time at the school and is pleased to have the chance to give back to the school community through his involvement on the Board. His three children are in Years 7, 9 and 10 at Churchlands.

After high school, Matt graduated from UWA with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and a bachelor of science (physics). He has enjoyed a 20 year career in the WA resources sector across a wide range of engineering, commercial and finance roles. In his current position he is responsible for communicating company strategy, financial results and governance outcomes.



LOUISE WILLIAMS Elected Parent Member

Louise is a parent of two daughters at Churchlands SHS, and joins the Board in 2022 as an elected parent member. Louise holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has worked for more than 20 years in strategic Human Resources, change management, transformation and organisational development within the WA public sector, most recently in an Executive role within WA Health. She has led cultural change initiatives and the development of corporate strategy as well as implementing programs to improve diversity and inclusion outcomes. Louise is looking forward to contributing these skills and experiences to the Board.



RUSS FISHWICK JP Community Member

Russ is a member of the Churchlands Alumni and was a student at the School from 1963-67. He holds university post graduate qualifications in business and management. He has a long employment history in local government holding senior positions in metropolitan councils including acting as a chief executive officer. Russ has served three terms as Deputy Mayor at the City of Joondalup. He was Chair of the Mindarie Regional Council for 10 years. He sits on the Local Government Advisory Board and is a WA Local Government Association State Councillor. He is a Justice of the Peace and has been a member on the States Crime Prevention Council and Anti-Graffiti Task Force. Russ is a board member at the Poynter and Duncraig Primary Schools. Russ has a long history in surf life saving and is a Senior Assessor for Surf Life Saving WA.



PARVINA MACKELLAR Community Member

Parvina has been working in the equipment and asset finance industry for nearly a decade. Having started her career with a WA based top tier finance broking house, Parvina has since moved into the industry leading commercial broker division of NAB.

Parvina has fond memories of her time at Churchlands and the unique opportunities she was afforded, including swimming the English Channel, an exchange trip to Japan and representing her peers as a student councillor and Head Girl in 2008. Parvina is honoured to have the opportunity to give back to the school and the broader Churchlands community.



KRIS MAINSTONE Community Member

Kris is a former student having graduated in 1993. Attending both UWA and TU Delft the Netherlands, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Bachelor of Architecture (Hon 1st Class). Kris worked locally before moving to the UK. While in London he worked on large international projects in locations such as Russia, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the UK.

Kris has taught design at UWA and Curtin and is a member of the City of Bayswater Design Panel. He is the founding director of Maine Architecture and has 20 years experience as an architect with extensive experience in master planning, residential, retail, commercial and educational sectors.



KATE SINFIELD P & C Representative

Kate has been the CSHS P&C President for four years and will now represent the P&C on the School Board. Kate's daughter Florence is in Year 11 and is hoping to go on the music tour next year!

Kate is a CPA and owns and operates a hotel in West Perth and a gin distillery in the Swan Valley. She is on an Advisory Board at ECU to assist with the formation of hospitality courses and works with TAFE and various Not for Profit organisations to assist people to gain employment through work experience programs. Kate is a foster parent and allergic to cats.



STEVE REYNOLDS Alumni Representative

Steve is the chair of the Churchlands Alumni, ever intent on supporting the school after enjoying a wonderful five years of secondary education here, graduating in 1981. His three children also attended the school, with his eldest the Head Girl in 2010. Steve completed a BSc. in Zoology at UWA, and worked for a decade as a High School Science Teacher in the metro and Pilbara, where his children were born. Since then, he has enjoyed a long career in the Oil & Gas Industry. His numerous volunteer activities include Surf Lifesaving Trainer & Assessor, an Officer in the Army Reserve, a Wildlife guide and volunteering on conservation projects with the Department of Biodiversity.



KARENA SHEARING Staff Member

Karena has occupied both Associate Principal – Middle Secondary (2015-2019) and Junior Secondary (2020-) portfolios. She is passionate about equity, respectful relationships and the success of all students. She actively seeks, develops and promotes opportunities that elevate student voice and connect and engage family and community to learning experiences and the school. Karena has worked in both metropolitan and regional primary, district high and senior high schools. She started her career as a Japanese teacher. She has a Masters of Educational Management from the University of Western Australia and is currently completing her PhD with the topic of "Future Proofing Large Schools: An Australian Case Study" at the University of Southern Queensland. She has two daughters Rayne (4 years) and Violet (2 years) and is excited by and invested in the future of schooling for our current and future generations of young people..



SHAQ HERATH Staff Member

Shaq is a former student who graduated in 1998 and had a truly amazing experience within the school with so many great teachers. Shaq went onto complete a Diploma of Information Technology and various other Information Technology certifications. Along the way he has held various ICT engineering, consulting and project management roles within the ICT industry for the past 20 plus years. Shaq now works as the Churchlands ICT Manager and passionate to provide a robust technology and opportunities for current students and staff.



NICOLA ARCHIBALD School Captain

After attending West Leederville Primary School, Nicky came into Churchlands as a GATE vocal music and AEP student. Nicky joined the leadership team in Year 7 and never looked back, being a leader again in Years 8, 10 and 11. Outside of studying for school and practicing her singing, Nicky enjoys a number of other activities including, playing hockey at her local club, reading books, practicing the guitar and visiting art galleries. She has enjoyed participating in different opportunities provided by the school including completing her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, school musicals and jazz bands. After school Nicky would like to pursue a humanities degree and enter the curating or cultural journalism industry. She is looking forward to working with the student council, the board, staff and Ava to make 2023 another positive and memorable year for Churchlands.



AVA NASIRI ZAHED School Captain

From attending Churchlands Primary School for two short years, Ava settled into Churchlands Senior High School during Year 8. Ava has surrounded herself with countless hobbies to keep herself occupied and enjoys editing montages, watching movies, playing basketball, and going to the gym. Ava is currently completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and is always up for adventurous journeys and community service! Ava practises mindfulness by playing her favourite songs on the piano and going on her "Peaceful Mindful Walks". She is looking forward to developing her leadership skills and making a memorable final year of high school. At university, Ava would like to pursue a career in the medical field to help people in need.