



**CHURCHLANDS  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

# SCHOOL BOARD 2021



**KATHERINE STURLEY**  
Board Chair and Elected Parent 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.



**DR JAMES KENT**  
School Principal

James commenced with the Department of Education in 1989 as a Mathematics teacher at Morawa District High School. Since then he has worked at Thornlie SHS, Tom Price SHS, Swan View SHS, Tuart College and Yancheb Secondary College and has held

positions as Head of Department (Mathematics), Program Coordinator, Deputy Principal, Vice Principal and Principal. His first Principalship was at Yancheb Secondary College in 2017, followed by his appointment to Churchlands Senior High School commencing 2021. James has completed his Masters of Educational Leadership (1999) and Doctorate in Education (2006) at the University of Western Australia.



**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 8 music program at Churchlands.



**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 is serving in his third term 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 is the Operations Manager at Ledge Finance, a top tier boutique corporate finance broking firm. Parvina leads a small team responsible for transaction management, settlements and document control, and generally facilitates the delivery of high value

corporate and asset finance solutions for clients and major financial institutions.

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 now 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.



**CHRIS PORTEOUS**  
P & C Representative

Chris has a daughter Hannah in Year 12 studying French Horn through the Specialist Music Program. Chris is a previous P & C President and Convenor of the 2006 Churchlands SHS Music Tour. He has recently attained his Masters in Business Administration and is a licensed

Inquiry Agent/Investigator specialising in Corporate and Commercial Investigations. He is a trainer of Statutory Compliance for Government and currently the Fraud and Anti-Corruption specialist for Western Power.



**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.



**LUKE ARMSTRONG**  
Head Boy

Luke arrived at Churchlands from Churchlands Primary School in 2016, joining the Academic Extension Program. Throughout his years at Churchlands he has participated in a wide range of opportunities available to him such as being a Student Councillor for

two years, an active member of the paper recycling program, and participating in a school production. He strives for high levels of communication to achieve goals fluently and effectively by gaining a greater understanding of what is going on. Luke is a proud hockey goalie, a diligent tee-ball umpire and enjoys playing video games with his friends in-between studying. He has a strong interest in Philosophy and higher order Mathematics, as well as sciences such as Physics and Chemistry, with a hope to continue one of these subjects in university and has little idea which one it will be.



**JESSICA HAZELDINE**  
Head Girl

Jessica was born in Sydney, spent a couple of years at a Chinese school in Singapore before moving to Doubleview Primary School part way through pre-primary. After coming to Churchlands in 2016 she has been involved in the Music Program playing the cello and the Specialist

Swimming Program.

Jessica has embraced many of the opportunities available at Churchlands by being a part of the symphony orchestra, chorale, the student council, the School Production WICKED, and school sporting events. In her spare time Jessica umpires and plays netball, is a choir member of the Western Australian Charity Orchestra and is the 2021 Club Captain at UWA Athletics.

Jessica is very community minded and is always willing to help out a good cause. She is very excited for the many learning experiences and opportunities to expand her skills as a leader. Jessica has interests in Science which she hopes to pursue at university.