Churchlands Senior High School Board 2017



John M Gillon (Chair)

John is a member of the Churchlands Alumni and his many achievements as a student include serving as Head Boy in 1968. John has degrees in Commerce, Jurisprudence and Law, has been a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants and is a Notary Public. He is currently Principal at Gillon & Associates, Commercial Lawyers and Consultants where he practises corporate, commercial and property law. John brings his experience as a director of numerous public and private companies and his commitment to education and service to the board. He is the inaugural Chairman of the Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc). John is establishing a truffle farm and gardens in the Ferguson Valley.



Neil Hunt (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 guickly 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.

Grant Brinklow (Elected Parent Member)

Grant has four children; Lily who is eighteen and in her first year of tertiary studies at Curtin University, Harry and Charlie who are in Year 8 at Churchlands, and William who is four and at kindv.

Grant is the Chief Executive Officer of Sandalford Wines and commenced in this role in mid 2005. He is responsible for the entire wine and tourism operations at the company's Swan Valley and Margaret River locations. He holds a double major in Accounting and Business Law and is a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Grant is a Board Member of "Restaurant and Catering Institute - WA Branch", "Perth Regional Tourism Authority - Experience Perth" and the "Perth Convention Bureau".



Adrian O'Brien (Elected Parent Member)

Adrian is currently the Information Manager at Swan Christian Education Association and has been an IT Manager for the last fifteen years. Adrian has been an active member of the Churchlands P & C and the Music Parents' Committee since his daughter Yanika joined the school in 2013. He has also represented the P & C on the School Board and IT Committee. With his daughter Kaiya joining the school in 2016, Adrian hopes his experience and knowledge will assist the board and school with their current and future initiatives.

Janet Pettigrew (Elected Parent Member)



Janet has one child at Churchlands SHS in Year 12 and two children who graduated from the school in 2013 and 2016.

Janet is the former Senior Vice President of the WA Council of State School Services and convenor of the WACSSO Policy Committee. Over the past fourteen years she has held numerous Office Bearer positions on School Boards, Councils and P & Cs. Janet has also been on the Board of the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre for three years and retired two years ago from the Chairperson's position.

For the past twelve years Janet has been self employed as a professional performer, writer and civil celebrant. Prior to this she worked in management and campaigning roles for environmental and social advocacy organisations. Janet holds a Masters in Professional Communications.



Chris has a daughter Hannah in Year 8 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.

Tracey is a member of the Churchlands Alumni, having attended Churchlands as a Music student from 1976-80. Four of her children are also graduates and she has two daughters currently at Churchlands, Alice in Year 12 and Linnet in Year 8. Tracey has degrees in Music and Education, and a Masters in Educational Measurement and currently works for the School Curriculum and Standards Authority in population testing programs such as NAPLAN and OLNA. Tracey has served on the Churchlands P & C, and the Music Parents' Committee and highly values the rich and thorough education Churchlands offers. She is involved in other community groups and continues to enjoy music; playing the piano, singing in a choir and attending concerts.

Kim is currently working in the position of Middle Secondary School Program Coordinator as the Head of Year 10. In that role she supports the Associate Principal (Middle Secondary School) in the areas of pastoral care and behaviour support for students in Year 10. Kim has been at Churchlands for over twenty years having taken a position here as a Society & Environment teacher early in her career. Kim trained at the Western Australian College of Education in Nedlands after completing a Batchelor of Arts majoring in History at UWA. Kim is able to provide the Board members with a unique insight into the social development of students and the issues that some of them may need support in. In her new role in 2017, Kim is also working closely with the Associate Principal in supporting aboriginal education, AEP and students with special educational needs.

Jane has lived and worked in the local community for over twenty five years. In addition to being a teacher of Media and Photography, Jane has contributed to the formulation of the school's classroom instructional strategies designed to enhance the capacity of our teachers. As a trained conferencer she has observed teachers in the classroom as they implement and trial these new strategies. Jane has also contributed to teachers' professional learning and curriculum development through her work on various committees. Jane brings the perspective of the classroom teacher to the board.

Liam Birch (Head Boy)

Liam came to Churchlands from Newborough Primary School in 2013. During his time at Churchlands he has had an active role within the school community and has been a councillor for three years. Liam enjoys sport and has represented CSHS in all swimming and athletics teams since Year 8. He has also been a recipient of the Airservices Australia flying grant. Liam has interests in Économics and Physics and would like to pursue Aviation or Commerce as his field of study at university.





Chris Porteous (P & C Representative)

Tracey Gralton (Alumni Representative)

Kim Hudson (Staff Member)

Jane Hegarty (Staff Member)



Pinithi Siriwardana (Head Girl)

Pinithi came to Churchlands from Ballajura Community College in 2013 as part of the Academic Extension Program. She has been involved in numerous clubs within the school including; VGen group, RAKtivists and Student Council. She enjoys netball and also loves to volunteer at her local Buddhist temple on Sundays. Pinithi has interests in History and Drama and would like to pursue study in History, as well as a teaching degree at university.