



**CHURCHLANDS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

SCHOOL BOARD 2025



DR GENEVIEVE MCSPORRAN Board Chair and Community 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 music program at Churchlands.



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.



DEAN HEALY Elected Parent Member

Dean is dedicated to fostering an environment where critical thinking thrives and educational excellence is prioritised. With over 20 years of IT expertise, Dean understands the role innovative teaching methods can have on independent thought and problem-solving skills. He is committed to ensuring the school has a learning atmosphere that values varied perspectives and intellectual rigor, ensuring that students are equipped to navigate complex issues with discernment - promoting analytical thinking and academic integrity, steering clear of indoctrination and identity politics. His goal is to support the school's mission by providing perspective and strategies that elevate the educational experience and prepare students for future success.



MATT TURNBULL Elected Parent Member

Matt is a proud dad of two daughters in Years 10 and 12 and a son who finished Year 12 in 2024. He is very passionate about helping Churchlands deliver the best possible high school experience for our children. As a former Churchlands Head Boy and muso, he is particularly interested in providing leadership opportunities for the student body and building academic, vocational and musical excellence.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR ELAINE WONG Elected Parent Member

Elaine is a parent of a son in Year 9 at Churchlands Senior High School. With over 18 years of experience in education and medical research and being appointed as Head of Hearing Therapeutics at Ear Science Institute Australia, Adjunct Associate Professor at the Division of Surgery, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at The University of Western Australia and Medical School at Curtin University. Elaine has completed postdoctoral training at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York after graduating from the University of Hong Kong with Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and Bachelor of Science. Elaine has substantial experience in leadership, management, project development, governance policy and strategy as well as mentorship and graduate programs in multidisciplinary biomedical education with universities and institutes across WA, states and countries. Elaine 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 postgraduate 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 ten years. He sits on the Local Government Advisory Board and is a life member of the WA Local Government Association. 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.



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.



ADNAN VISRAM Community Member

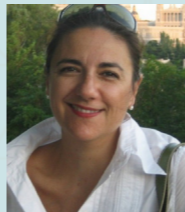
Adnan graduated from Churchlands SHS in 2008, after which he went on to obtain a double degree in law and political science/ international relations from the University of Western Australia. After this, Adnan spent two years working as a University Counsellor at an international school in Kenya, where he assisted students to obtain scholarships and admissions to leading Universities across Europe and North America. Since then, Adnan has been employed as a government lawyer, having been involved in providing legal advice, developing legislation and representing the State in a variety of Courts and Tribunals across areas such as child protection, disability services, social housing and regulatory compliance

Adnan also sits on the Ismaili Muslim Community's Conciliation and Arbitration Board, through which he provides free mediation services to assist community members to resolve their disputes in a speedy and culturally sensitive manner.



MICHELLE PALETHORPE Community Member

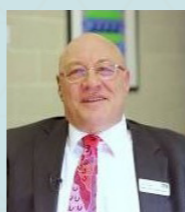
Michelle is an Alumni member and attended Churchlands SHS from 1989 to 1992. Michelle is a lawyer with over 24 years experience in corporate law, corporate governance, and advising boards on risk and strategy and is currently the General Counsel and Company Secretary of an ASX listed company. Michelle has a Graduate Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Western Australia, a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia College and State University in the USA and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Michelle is a former Chair of Doubleview Primary School and Board member of SportWest. Michelle currently has two sons attending Churchlands SHS.



GABRIELLA JERRAT P & C Representative

Gabriella joined the Board in 2025 as the P&C Representative. Prior to this role, she served as the P&C President from 2022 to 2024 and was the convenor of the CSHS annual Art Show from 2022 to 2025.

Gabriella holds a Master of Science in Public Health and has over 25 years of experience in the health sector, both domestically and internationally. Her work has focused on strategic development, service improvement, and managing complex change. Gabriella is a dedicated member of the CSHS community, with two sons currently attending the school. She cherishes these formative years and is passionate about contributing to the community and education. Gabriella looks forward to leveraging her extensive experience and passion in her role on the Board.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR GEOFFREY LUMMIS Alumni Representative

Geoff is a retired academic, who attended Churchlands SHS from 1968-1972, and his association with the school continued through his three sons Isaac, Soren and Gwilym. Geoff completed his initial teacher education at Churchlands Teachers' College (now ECU), and subsequently completed a Master of Education at UWA and a PhD in Sustainability at Murdoch University.

After retiring from the Education Department at the end of 1985, Geoff became part of a team that established ECU's initial teacher education program at the South West Campus. Geoff's early academic interests included visual arts and science education. He was a visiting professor at the University of Massachusetts (1993-1994) and has been active in both national and international education forums.

Geoff is the former Director of the Edith Cowan Institute for Education Research, overseeing research teams in The Arts, Creativity, STEM Education, Sustainability, School Culture and a range of interdisciplinary studies. He has supervised over 40 higher degrees and acted as an examiner of higher degrees nationally and internationally. Before retiring in August 2024, Geoff was a long-standing member of ECU's Council and Deputy Chair of Academic Board for six years. Currently he is Chair for both Kinross College and Warwick SHS Boards.



JAMIE LONG Staff Member

Jamie has been in education for over 25 years, teaching in rural and metropolitan schools, with a brief time teaching in several schools across north east London. Throughout his career Jamie has worked as a Curriculum Consultant in Swan Region Education Office, been a Secondary Curriculum Leader, Manager of Student Services, Head of Learning Area, with his first opportunity as an Executive in the role of Deputy Principal at Ashdale Secondary College in 2016. He became Associate Principal of the Senior School at Churchlands SHS in 2022. Student focused and a passionate and dedicated educator, Jamie strives to improve outcomes through evidence based, data driven decision making.



KYM LUCCHESI Staff Member

Kym has been an educator in both public and private schools for over twenty years in Western Australia and Victoria. Throughout her career, she has actively engaged in professional learning to develop her practice so she is able to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of her students. Kym's current roles at Churchlands SHS include Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Think Tank Facilitator, and Science Teacher. These roles illustrate Kym's motivation to share her expertise and build the capacity in others. A respected member of the school community, Kym supports staff across learning areas and leads initiatives that enhance teaching practice and student engagement across the school.



PAIGE PICKFORD School Captain

After leaving Wembley Primary School in Year 6 as a student councillor, Paige settled into Year 7 at Churchlands SHS in the Music program and eagerly sought leadership opportunities. Paige has been part of the leadership group from Years 7 to 11.

At school her favourite subjects are Biology and Geography and in the future, she hopes to go into environmental science. Outside of school, Paige loves cooking and sewing, along with participating in basketball, soccer, athletics and skurfing. In her community, she has continued her love for service and leadership, working with the charity 'Give Write', and earning the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for leadership in 2023.

As one of the School Captains of Churchlands SHS this year, she is most excited to further develop her leadership skills while collaborating with incredible people to help students have the best possible experience at school, and she cannot wait for the year ahead.



SIENNA VAN MAANEN School Captain

After attending Wembley Downs Primary School, Sienna settled into Churchlands and joined the leadership program from Years 8 to 11. Outside of academics, Sienna is an avid sportswoman who enjoys playing netball, running, weightlifting and swimming.

Beyond sports, she has developed a strong passion for community service where she has earned her Bronze Medallion at City of Perth SLSC and served as the 'Waste Warriors' leader at the Scarborough Markets, accumulating over 200 hours through these and other services. At school, her favourite subjects are Human Biology and Physical Education Studies, and she aspires to study Exercise Physiology, Biomedicine, or Radiology in the future.

As one of Churchland's School Captains, she is most looking forward to establishing new connections and collaborating with students, staff, and the board to create a successful year for all, while further developing her own leadership skills.