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A school of opportunity



CHURCHLANDS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL





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Your child's future starts with us.

Our caring and supportive learning environment challenges children to achieve their very best. Our tradition of excellence goes back to 1962 and each year we build on the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students.

Many of our students aspire to go to university and pursue professional occupations. We have a reputation for graduating outstanding active citizens who become leaders in their chosen fields and in the community.

Our experienced teachers are committed, dedicated and among the most qualified in the State. Many are academic researchers, published writers, performance artists, theatre directors and elite athletes.

State of the art facilities with bright and modern architecture create an exceptional setting for learning and study.

The school culture promotes the achievement of excellence, positive values and the attributes of social responsibility in an ordered and disciplined environment.

Your child has the opportunity to be part of our school. I invite you to discover how our school can help your child on the path to an exciting future with endless opportunities.

Neil Hunt
Principal



Opportunity to Learn

Your child's access to a broad and challenging curriculum is an opportunity for them to pursue learning that interests, inspires and motivates them.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with the skills to engage in lifelong learning, be active participants in the life of the community, and face the challenges of a rapidly changing global reality.

On their learning journey students develop the ability to think creatively and critically, work collaboratively and see problems as opportunities. This is enhanced through our one-to-one laptop program which provides access to multi-media and software resources - and to the rest of the world.

Our students are consistently ranked in the top percentile of State and national education assessments in mathematics, computing and the sciences. Classroom learning is supplemented by regular homework, providing students with opportunities for reflection, revision and extension. This assists them to develop essential organisational skills that underpin academic success. Students can access additional support through our homework centre.

Our Gifted and Talented Music Program is offered to students with outstanding creative talent up to Year 10. Students with exceptional academic ability can also access school-based academic extension programs to further their learning and be challenged by the demands of a customised curriculum.

In Years 11 and 12 students can choose from a full range of tertiary and school assessed subjects. A large number of our students goes on to university to study medicine, law, education, information technology, engineering, arts, social and pure sciences, and commerce.

Upper school subjects are enriched by vocational and training programs offering nationally-recognised qualifications in business services, hospitality and tourism, and building and construction. These in-school programs are supplemented by courses in information technology, music, and art and design that are delivered through external training providers and workplace learning. Students participating in these programs have an advantage when applying for entry to training organisations, securing employment or as alternative pathways to university.

Opportunity to thrive

Your child's social and emotional wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment is the key to maximising their learning.

Our teachers develop positive relationships with students that are characterised by understanding and mutual respect. They pay close attention to the needs of each student and develop individual learning pathways.

Our student services team offers support through one-to-one counselling, assisting with goal setting, and providing information and team building activities. Students can talk through issues and

concerns with our school psychologist and chaplain, get help to arrange work experience, participate in fun and challenging activities at school and on camps, be involved in raising money for good causes, work on community projects and help to organise school events.

Our discipline policy is firm, fair and administered in ways that show an understanding of both the needs of students and the school community. Students are encouraged to learn and practise appropriate social behaviours and self discipline. They are aware of their own rights as well as their responsibility to respect the rights of others.

Our community upholds the tradition of wearing the school uniform with pride, reflecting our shared commitment to excellence in all aspects of school life.



Opportunity to embrace music



Your child's talents in music are fostered through being part of a student group with similar interests and talents and a high quality classroom music education.

Our Gifted and Talented Music Program enjoys an international reputation and we are regarded as the leading music school in Western Australia. With graduates in many of the leading orchestras in Australia and around the world, our music department focuses on an all-embracing music program, graduating students who go on to lead lives that have been enriched by their musical experiences.

With the establishment of a state of the art performance venue, our school has cemented its place in the Perth cultural scene. The 500 seat acoustically engineered concert hall has been designed for a range of musical performances and is an exceptional addition to our facilities.

Music tuition is offered in all orchestral instruments, classical guitar and selected jazz instruments. Our school has numerous visiting instrumental staff, many of whom are drawn from professional orchestras and music departments of Western Australian universities.

The school boasts choirs, concert bands, symphony orchestras, swing bands and guitar ensembles. Interested and talented students can choose to join percussion ensembles, string quartets and wind quartets.

The specialist music curriculum includes music history, theory, aural composition and keyboarding. Overseas music tours are arranged every three years where students perform at international music festivals and work with world-respected conductors and musicians.

Past tours have included travel to the United Kingdom, Austria, France, Singapore, China and the United States.

Our specialist music program enjoys the committed support of parents, business and community organisations.





Opportunity to be active

Your child's health and physical wellbeing is encouraged through health education classes which improve physical fitness and help them gain skills to make informed choices for a healthy lifestyle.

We encourage all students to participate in team and individual sports as well as recreational activities. Team sports include athletics, netball, football, volleyball, hockey, cricket, rugby, soccer, lacrosse and basketball. Each year our students compete against students from the top schools across the State. We also support students participating in the Western Australian Institute of Sport's elite athletics program.

Individual sports include swimming, tennis, badminton, golf, squash and sailing. In partnership with the Barracudas Churchlands Swimming Club, we provide a national standard coaching program in swimming. Our swimming squad competes in the 'A' division of the State Interschool Carnival and we are the highest achieving school in the history of this event.

Recreational activities include surfing, body boarding, scuba diving, yoga, pilates, aerobics, break dancing, ten-pin bowling, pool and weights training.

Our philosophy of encouraging students to aim high and strive for excellence is evident in the success of our young sportspeople and past students.

Our graduates include nine Olympians and more than 100 State and national representatives. While the spirit of competition and the attainment of individual excellence are encouraged, the emphasis is very much on participation, teamwork and taking pride in representing the school.

Opportunity to be creative

Your child has the opportunity to pursue study in the arts as part of their preparation to participate as a global citizen of the 21st century.

FINE ART AND DESIGN

Students explore and express their creativity through a range of media including drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking and sculpture. Modern facilities and experienced teachers who are working artists assist students to produce their best work. An Artist in Residence Program further enriches the creative environment.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Viewing the outstanding work of our students, it is easy to see why they are so successful at winning hotly contested places in professional photography courses at training institutions and universities.

Students become skilled in photographic techniques including black and white, digital colour and colorvir, and explore different photographic styles. Every year our students are prize-winning entrants in many photographic competitions.

MEDIA

Unparalleled access to the latest technology and purpose-built facilities means that media students work at the cutting edge of a creative and growing industry. They have a fully equipped television studio, four independent editing suites, additional computer editing facilities, and the latest digital cameras and video recorders. Our media courses set the benchmark for other schools.



DANCE

Dance students explore a range of dance styles including jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, funk, break dance and modern. The school's dance studio provides the venue for teaching and rehearsal.

Innovative dances are choreographed and performed for the enjoyment of the school community and the public. Our dancers also participate in workshops with contemporary dance companies and attend professional performances. In addition to dance skills and physical fitness, students gain experience in events coordination and team work, and develop confidence to perform for large audiences.

DRAMA

Our students' talents flourish under the guidance of teachers who have established reputations as playwrights and directors. Students develop skills in all aspects of stagecraft including performance and production. Skills learnt include mime, circus, improvisation, comic, mask, lighting, costuming, sound, property and set design.

Annual school productions provide students with the opportunity to perform in musicals, contemporary and classical theatrical productions and to work with their peers from the Gifted and Talented Music Program.

Opportunity to be challenged

Your child's learning journey is enriched through an exciting range of activities and experiences that challenges them to be goal-oriented, enterprising, adventurous and resourceful; and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills.



CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Our students have opportunities to be immersed in the cultures and languages of other countries through the three-yearly music tour, overseas exchanges and regular visits to France, China and Japan. We are fortunate to have Akashi Nishi as our Japanese sister school. Exchange students from South Africa, France, Japan, Canada and the United States share classes and fresh perspectives with our students. All students begin to develop international networks and gain cultural understandings to equip them for success in the global community.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

Many of our students choose to take part in public speaking and debating, and have achieved outstanding success in State and national competitions.

CHESS CLUB

The well-patronised chess club runs games before school and at lunchtimes. Playing chess develops problem solving, decision making and lateral thinking skills. Chess also provides opportunities for students to develop self-confidence, resilience and a sense of responsibility.

ENVIRONMENTAL/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Students with interests in the environment can make a difference by joining our nationally awarded Trees for Survival project. They raise native seedlings and attend camps and day trips to plant the young trees on farms in the Wheatbelt and in the urban environment. Community-minded students can work on projects to benefit local residents.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh Award program promotes the value of community work while providing opportunities for students to complete physically demanding outdoor activities. These activities include rock climbing, abseiling, trekking, bushcraft and survival camps.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Interschool sports competitions and after-hours training are a constant feature of school life.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Our aspiring actors, dancers and musicians perform together in the annual school production. According to their interests they can also join orchestras, bands and choirs, theatrical casts and dance performances. For our artists, photographers and filmmakers, there are opportunities to enter competitions and exhibit their work in a range of settings.

Opportunity to link with the community

Your child's education is enhanced through connections with the school community. Our school community is built on a partnership between parents, staff and past and present students. This partnership is strengthened by our links with local businesses and community organisations.



The involvement of parents and their interest in their children's education is one of the most important factors in ensuring students are successful in their academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Parents are encouraged to contact year coordinators and classroom teachers to discuss their children's progress. Formal parent-teacher meetings and information nights are held regularly.

Parents help in setting the tone and direction of the school through their participation on the School Board. The Parents and Citizens' Association works to further enhance the learning environment by providing funding for additional resources and facilities.

Students are encouraged to maintain their connections with the school community after leaving school. Graduates often return to school to share their experiences and expertise with students. Our graduate network provides support to its members in business and community life.

Local businesses and community organisations are generous in their support of our school. Support includes sponsorship of our music tour, funding for overseas exchange programs, providing student work placements and creating opportunities for enterprise and citizenship education.

Community service plays a significant role in the education of our students. From participating in events such as Relay for Life and World Challenge to supporting local Red Cross activities and fun runs, Churchlands students accrue a large number of hours of community service by Year 12. This contributes to the significant number of tertiary scholarships our students are awarded.

By working together, Churchlands Senior High School continues to be an outstanding school where students aim high and achieve.



Opportunity to join us

At Churchlands Senior High School, your child will have the opportunity to learn in a caring and supportive environment that challenges them to achieve personal excellence in all endeavours and to be active citizens in the local and global communities.

We invite you and your child to our school to discuss your child's important educational future.

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