

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES 2025



JON BERGMANN

My name is Jon Bergmann, and I am new to the Churchlands Senior High School community, with my son starting Year 7 in 2025.

I am a legally trained consultant who works extensively in governance, leadership development, and organisational strategy. I help boards and executive

teams around Australia, and internationally, to manage their systems and work toward long-term organisational health. I would relish the opportunity to use these skills, as well as my years of experience, to serve the community I will be a part of for the next decade, as all of my children come through the school.

I have experience as a director, and in my role as school board member I would be committed to ensuring strong systems, supporting the school and staff in all areas required, as well as continuing to contribute to an already strong community spirit.

I look forward to the opportunity.

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CHARANDEEP CHHABRA

As CEO of JourneyOne, I lead transformative business and technology consulting company, focusing on human-technology collaboration, sustainability, and lasting impact. My leadership is built on accountability, strategic thinking, and delivering results—key qualities for effective governance.

During my tenure as global president at General Assembly, I managed multi-country student programs that celebrated diversity and inclusion, fostering global perspectives. My expertise spans micro-learning strategies, skills development, risk management, fundraising, and capital project management, equipping students and trainers from diverse backgrounds to thrive in a dynamic world.

Passionate about community development and youth empowerment, I serve on the boards of The Resolution Project and Enactus Global, supporting young leaders and social entrepreneurs in delivering innovative, inclusive solutions to global challenges.

I am eager to bring my expertise in accountability, strategic mindset, and capital project management to Churchlands Senior High School, supporting its mission to inspire excellence and prepare students for future success.

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DANIEL CURY RIBERIO PhD

Kava!

I am physiotherapist and academic teacher at Curtin University. I am an amateur triathlete, and passionate about transformative and powerful role of education, arts and sports in life. As a Brazilian, who lived in NZ for 15 years, and father of two amazing kids, I value well-

amazing kids, I value wellbeing, diversity, academic excellence, equity, and inclusion.

I have over 15 years of experience in higher education. My background as a researcher and educator gives me a deep understanding of strategic planning, priority setting, fund allocation, performance review, staffing, and innovation in education. I held leadership roles at the University of Otago (NZ) and Curtin University, collaborating with colleagues to enhance student experience and learning outcomes. Those roles will support me to positively contribute to the CSHS board.

I am excited about supporting the board's strategic planning and its efforts for ensuring CSHS promotes an inclusive environment that promotes well-being, academic excellence, and innovation for students

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DEAN HEALY

As a parent of 2 and seasoned business professional (knowing all too well the corollaries of the corporate and academic worlds), I am committed to ensuring our schools prioritise academic excellence and remain free from ideological indoctrination. Our children deserve an education that fosters critical thinking, not conformity to government-

driven agendas or divisive ideologies.

I stand as a voice for parents who refuse to let the woke mind virus infiltrate our schools. Gender ideology and other radical beliefs have no place in shaping young minds. Instead, our schools should focus on equipping students with essential knowledge and skills, empowering them to think independently and succeed in life.

I will fight for transparency, accountability, and an unwavering focus on real and practical education. Together, we can safeguard the values that matter most for our children's future.

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NENAD SUSIC

I am a proud dad of a newly minted Churchlands SHS Year 7 student, and I am very excited about this, new, chapter in his life. I am also curious about what it may mean for mine. The idea of a potential shared Churchlands journey feels surreal.

As an experienced risk management leader

with a 20-year career spanning mining, public administration, and not-for-profit sectors, giving back to my community and repaying a debt of gratitude to my adopted country is my motivation for joining the Board at Churchlands Senior High School.

With my background in risk management, long-term planning and disciplined resource allocation, my aim is to contribute meaningfully to the school's success, ensuring its values and vision remain at the heart of all decisions.

It would be an honour to bring my skills and dedication to the Board, working together to help Churchlands Senior High continue to thrive.

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MATTHEW TURNBULL

I am a former Churchlands student and proud father of 2 daughters going into years 10 and 12 at Churchlands, as well as a son who finished Year 12 last year. I'm passionate about helping Churchlands deliver the best possible high school experience for our children. I'm particularly interested in providing leadership

opportunities for the student body and building academic, vocational and musical excellence.

I have been an active member of the school board since 2022 and am currently the Vice Chair and the board's representative on the Finance Committee. Churchlands has a fantastic leadership team strongly focused on doing the best for the students, and I have enjoyed contributing to this effort. It would be a privilege to continue serving the school community for another term.

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LUKE VANSON

Passionate and committed father and husband, long history of community service and volunteer roles. Board Co Chair at Churchlands Primary School and Board member at Greenwood College. I'm an executive member of the father project at Churchlands Primary and would like to make sure all families are represented.

I want to make sure the best interests of the school are championed at both a local council and State Government level. I bring 24 years of experience in the safety critical and highly regulated aviation industry specialising in search and rescue helicopter operations. I've managed a team of 150 people across 13 different locations and 5 States whilst working with regulators, State and Federal Governments. I've lead efficiency and productivity initiatives and delivered costs savings whilst increasing moral and employee engagement.

I believe strong culture and community is built on honesty and integrity. I look forward to contributing to the advancement of the school and building on the efforts of the previous and existing Board.

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ELAINE WONG

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 Medical School, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences in The University of Western Australia and Medical School

in Curtin University. I am motivated to contribute to the Churchlands Senior High School Board.

I have been working at the Universities in Hong Kong, Iowa and New York and appointed as a member of School Board in The Methodist Church HK Wesley College in 2013-2018 and worked closely with school leadership, students, and families. I was also part of governance committee which focused on making our school an even better place for our students and staff. I have been teaching and supervising Honours, Master and PhD students in Biomedical Sciences at UWA and Curtin University liaising with communities, university collaborators and industrial partners.

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