

MusicNotes

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC PARENTS' COMMITTEE

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Sing Out & Sign Out ♥



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Coordinator's Cadenza

Vivienne Travlos, Music Parents Committee Coordinator



Congratulations on completing 2024!

And deepest thanks to our stalwart team of 18 volunteers. Their collective time contributes to thousands of \$\$\$\$ for our children and music community.

The great value of volunteers, both social and financial, is summarised in key statistics in [Volunteering Australia Fact Sheets March 2024](#).

Of interest may be that just over 1 in 4 persons volunteer, though this rate has dropped from 1 in 3 persons over the last decade. Volunteering is valued at tens of billions of dollars per year contributed to the Australian Economy. A volunteer's social and mental wellbeing is measured greater than a non-volunteer's. All good reasons to give it a go and be part of MPC activities.

We farewell and are indebted to our energetic Anna Mills. Anna has run the external events and coordinated sign ups without glitch (visibly anyhow) for the past four years. Anna hands over the baton with grace and good

cheer to Kate and any new hands on deck. You might still see Anna around, same as our treasured volunteer Tracey who returns to assist just for the fun and good spirit.

And so we call out to all who can assist across the coming year. We have a number of roles to divvy up that can also be shared. We'll assign these at our first 2025 meeting on Monday 10th Feb and steadily build our team.

The most pressing role is for a **Busking Coordinator - we please need a parent or student to be the dedicated person coordinating busking sign ups**. There's a few persons and agencies to liaise with and preparations in the background. If we cannot find a helper to take this on, we may miss future busking opportunities for your children's music tour fundraising. Please can you telephone me on 0415 301 635 or Matt Stack on 0416 606 067 if you are able to take on this role.

We look forward to welcoming all back to our first meeting on Monday 10th February 2025, 7pm - 8pm in the Choral Studio.

Please keep up your enthusiasm and with best wishes over the festive season,

Vivienne



Save the Dates! Term One 2025

- Wed 7 February Students return to school
- Mon 10 February Music Parents' Committee (MPC) Meeting 7pm in Choral Studio
- 24-25 February Jazz Camp
- Mon 10 March MPC Meeting 7pm in Choral Studio
- Tue 18 March Meet the Instrumental Teachers 6pm
Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall
- Fri 21 March Year 12 School Ball 6.30pm
- Fri 28 March Twilight Jazz Concert 6pm
- Thu 10 April CSHS / UWA Combined Performance
- Fri 11 April End of Term One
- Tue 29 April Students return to school Term Two

From the Director's Desk

Glenn Robinson, Director of Music



Celebrating a Year of Music at Churchlands SHS

As another eventful year draws to a close, we reflect on a year filled with achievements, challenges, and memorable moments. Term 4, always a bustling period, was no exception. From commemorative performances to festive celebrations, this term showcased the vibrancy and dedication of our students, teachers, and the wider school community.

A Busy and Memorable Term

Term 4 featured a variety of highlights. Our students performed at the State Remembrance Day Service at Kings Park, presented their skills in Year 11 recitals, and celebrated the achievements of our graduating cohort at the Year 12 Music Presentation Night. This highlighted the teamwork and talent of the class of 2024, with the top five instrumentalists delivering exceptional performances, and Myra Lee awarded both top instrumental student and ATAR Dux. Alice Masterton was the non-ATAR Music Dux.

We also enjoyed a Chamber Music Concert and performances by chamber ensembles at Bethanie Nursing Home in Innaloo, and Perth Children's Hospital. Special thanks go to Music Captains Ethan Turnbull and Alice Freeman for their outstanding leadership and to the entire Year 12 cohort for their dedication and spirit of collaboration.

Congratulations to our incoming 2025 Music Captains, Elsie Bourgault du Coudray and Sam Scott, who began their roles early by speaking to parents of the Year 5/6 Brasshoppers ensemble. They shared their insights into the benefits of music education and the positive impact the program has had on their own lives.

Looking Ahead to Tour 2026

Following a survey of Year 8-10 students and their families, we are pleased to announce that planning for the 2026 music tour to Central Europe will begin early next year. Europe was the most popular choice, with an impressive preference score of 80%.

Gratitude and Farewells

Our successes this year would not have been possible without the passion and support of the Music Parents' Committee, and the enthusiasm of our students. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to making 2024 a fantastic year.

We bid farewell to Miss Nami Cheng and Ms Danika Malone, who are moving on to new teaching opportunities, and we welcome Mrs Melita Bursac, who will join the crew in 2025. Mrs Kristel Hawksworth, who has been enjoying a well-earned break this term, will return recharged in Term 1.

My heartfelt thanks go to our incredible teaching staff, both instrumental and classroom, for their dedication to making Churchlands a unique and inspiring place to work. I am especially grateful to the Music Crew Leadership Team—Mrs Claire Chesney, Mrs Jessica van de Ploeg, and Mr Andre Bourgault du Coudray—for their support and patience throughout 2024.

Farewell to the Class of 2024

To our graduating students, the class of 2024, we wish you every success in your future endeavours. You have left a lasting impact on our program.

Wishing You a Musical Holiday Season

To all our music families, may your holidays be filled with joy and harmony. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2025.

Glenn and the CSHS Music Crew





Joel Drieberg

Cholita Fontana

Myra Lee

Nicholas Sia

Josiah Chong

Year 12 Music Presentations

[MORE PHOTOS HERE](#)

Credit: Alex Goncharova and Matt Stack

AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

Milios Family Awards Ethan Turnbull

Music Alumni Awards:

Symphony Orchestra Josiah Chong

Wind Symphony Jacob Lourens

Yuna Hong

Birdland Jazz Orchestra Joel Drieberg

**Paul McGeorge
Memorial Prize** Myra Lee

Top Instrumental Student Myra Lee

**Music Parents' Committee
Award for Dux of ATAR Music** Myra Lee

Dux of Certificate III Music Alice Masterton


Taryn Fiebig Choral Awards: Chelita Fontana
Alice Freeman
Nicholas Sia
Delphery Lin

Solos from the five highest scoring instrumental students showcased the level Churchlands students have reached in this stage of their musical journey.

The graduating Year 12s concluded the awards with an emotional choral tribute to their former teacher Paul Sealey who passed away in 2023. They chose The Beatles' *Octopus's Garden* in fond memory of the first song Mr Sealey taught them as Year 7 Dooverlackies.



Christmas Concert

MORE PHOTOS HERE 
Credit: Naki Kursunlu






Remembrance Day 2024

[MORE PHOTOS HERE](#) 
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Beautiful weather greeted those who attended the Remembrance Day Service on Monday, 11th November, at Kings Park. In the presence of Premier Roger Cook and other politicians and dignitaries, the Churchlands Memorial Band once again provided the musical accompaniment for the service under the expert direction of Mrs Caron Walker. The band, made up predominantly of Year 9 and 10 students, played beautifully and were outstanding ambassadors for Churchlands SHS.

We have provided the music for the State Remembrance Day Service each year since 2003—possibly longer than many of the RSL and DVA staff involved in organising it! As always, the students made a significant contribution to the event, and their efforts were acknowledged by the many ex-servicemen and members of the public who took the time to thank them at the conclusion of the ceremony.





O Captains! My Captains!

Massive thanks to outgoing Music Captains Ethan Turnbull and Alice Masterton who have done a wonderful job in 2024.

Congratulations to Elsie Bourgault and Sam Scott on being elected the Music Captains for 2025. They will form part of the student leadership group at our school, helping to promote Music in our school and community.

"Being elected as the 2025 music captains is such an honour and a privilege and we are thrilled to be given this opportunity. Together we look forward to working with everyone and achieve our goals for the year to come. We can't wait to make 2025 a year to remember! All the best for your own musical journeys!" - Elsie and Sam

Leadership Learnings

Section Leader Workshops were held at the start of Term 4, celebrating the achievements of students who achieved section leader status in our music ensembles for 2025. Hopefully their skills and insights gained at the workshop sets them up for a fabulous year of music making in 2025.

Many thanks to Mr Bourgault, Mr Parry and Mr Hawksworth for running the workshops.



Student Highlights

Alumni Incursion

Review - Aisha Hashmi Yr 7

Class of 2021's Zoe Hawksworth made an inspiring visit to CSHS this term. Her performance was an absolute delight to watch and admire. She played 3 of 6 movements from Bach's Cello Suite no. 3 all from memory.

It was like I was watching a professional performance in the Perth Concert Hall, and that was because when Zoe introduced her piece she looked very calm, relaxed and comfortable as though she was talking to an old friend or someone that had never listened to classical music before. Her contrasts in dynamics, her tempo control



and the amount of bow she used, were all things I could only DIE to perfect as a violist.

When Zoe was playing, it was like she was painting a picture, of the coast or horizon, that was still yet to be displayed in the WA museum for thousands to come and enjoy. Although she had a few minor slips in pitch and rhythm control, I would forever recommend people to go watch the famous Zoe Hawksworth's next spectacular performance!



Georgia's Going AYO!

Congratulations to Year 9 GATE Music violin student, Georgia Nissen, who has successfully auditioned to participate in both the National Music Camp and the Young Symphonists program which are run by the prestigious Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO). This wonderful achievement will see her travel to Adelaide and Canberra in 2025 to work with other young passionate musicians from across Australia, not to mention fabulous conductors.

The demanding repertoire and expectations will require intense rehearsals each day where Georgia will develop her orchestral skills and stylistic understanding whilst meeting like-minded musicians. Georgia is excited to embark on this musical journey and we know she will represent Churchlands School of Music at the highest level on this national platform. Well done, Georgia!!



UWA Wind Workshop

Lily Mostert Yr 12

On Sunday 11 August several Year 11 and 12 Music ATAR students went to UWA for an exciting opportunity to get feedback on our recital pieces from expert musicians. The workshop was for clarinet, oboe, and flute players to get experience playing in front of a supportive audience before final WACE recitals and gain valuable insight from WASO Principal Clarinet and Churchlands SHS alumnus Allan Meyer and established artist and industry leader Stephanie Nicholls of Mirabilis Collective.

As well as getting targeted feedback to improve our own playing, we got to hear a wide range of repertoire from other ATAR students and get general tips and tricks to maximise marks in our final exam. It was also a valuable opportunity to play our pieces with an experienced accompanist and learn performance etiquette skills as well as stress management for performances.

Overall, it was an enjoyable afternoon playing for each other, our parents and instrumental teachers, inspired from expert musicians to enhance our own playing.

Bianca's Brilliant Balancing Act

Congratulations to Yr 8 Trumpet student Bianca McPherson who has won the Level 6 Western Australian Championship in Rhythmic gymnastics for 2024! Not only did Bianca take home the overall States championship title, but also achieved 1st place in 3 out of 4 apparatus events. Bianca and her teammates also took the gold in the team and trio categories.

Bianca spends many hours a week training for her gymnastics but still manages to practice her trumpet and positively involve herself in the ensemble program. Luckily, the Music Dept is just as flexible and has happily managed Bianca's level of involvement to accommodate her love of both Music and high level gymnastics.



Bugler Brown Badged!

Year 9 trumpet student Spencer Brown was recently presented with a medallion by the 44th Australian Infantry Lighthorse Battalion in recognition of his contribution to their services throughout 2024. This has included playing for ANZAC and Remembrance Day services as well as other events held throughout the year.

Well done to Spencer and our other young buglers who have contributed to commemorative services in our community.



Pierre Places in Singapore!

Year 7 violin student Pierre Tan was recently awarded Bronze in the Piano & Violin category of the 2024 Singapore International Music Competition. Pierre was one of several Australian participants among musicians from more than 25 different countries across the globe. Pierre was invited to the Winners Gala Concert & Award Ceremony in December.

Pierre is grateful to the Churchlands Schhol of Music for the lessons and support offered leading up to the competition.



Noticeboard

CSHS MUSIC PARENTS ON FACEBOOK!



To keep up to date with all the news, join the CSHS Music Parents' Facebook group.
www.facebook.com/groups/CSHSmusicparents/

CSHS SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON YOUTUBE!



Use this QR Code or search for the "Churchlands SHS School of Music" YouTube channel to rewatch and share all of the main concerts and fabulous extras.

JOIN THE MUSIC PARENTS COMMITTEE

All music parents are welcome and encouraged to join in and help the committee support the CSHS School of Music. It's a great way to connect with other music parents and get involved with your child's music school journey.

Please come to the Term 1 MPC meetings on Monday 10 February (week 2) and Monday 10 March (week 6) at 7pm in the Choral Studio.

Sign up for updates at mpc@churchlandspc.com.au

CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHY



We ask that you do not take photos or videos during the school concerts. Our dedicated volunteer photographers will take high quality images throughout the performances, to be published in the Music Notes newsletter. All photos are available to download at this QR Code, or look for these icons: [MORE PHOTOS HERE](#)

YOUR MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes is a newsletter for parents, by parents! We would love to feature your contributions of student stories and photos.

Please email hi-res photos to: mstack23@gmail.com



CHURCHLANDS MUSIC PARENTS COMMITTEE
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Please join in with MPC fundraising by quoting our member number when you take your eligible empties to a CFC recycling depot!



Principal's Postlude

Churchlands School of Music has completed another very successful year, culminating in the graduation of our wonderful Year 12's "The Class of 24". Though sad to see them go it gives us the opportunity to welcome the next group of aspiring musicians our incoming Year 7 GATE students.

With concerts and camps over, it has been a period of establishing 2025 orchestras and ensembles, which means our music teachers continue their passionate engagement with our students.

Over many years now the Churchlands Foundation has awarded music scholarships to incoming Year 7 students. This year we have for the first time seen our music teachers look to the Foundation to fund opportunities whereby they can increase their skill level to deliver music education.

Jess Van De Ploeg has received a grant to attend Cuskelly College of Music Summer School Music Program In Queensland. She will undertake

an intense two-week program in January to gain the Australian Kodaly Certificate (AKC).

Claire Chesney and Andre Bourgault Du Coudray have been successful in gaining significant funding to attend the Band Directors Academy held in the prestigious Jazz Lincoln Centre in New York. This is a high level four-day workshop designed to focus on the essentials of teaching jazz to be held mid-2025.

Finally let me take this opportunity to wish all musos and their families an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy and safe holiday break.

Neil Hunt
Principal CSHS

