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Hello

I am concerned at the effect on students at Churchlands Senior High School as a result of becoming an independent school.

There is now no physical education offered for upper school students (Years 11 & 12) and has not been for a number of years. I believe funding of technology was prioritised over school sport in upper school.

For many children, the school would be the only opportunity for them to access sporting activities, as many children come from families who do not encourage participation in sport outside school.

My experience in my children's hockey club shows that many children abandon extracurricular sport as they progress through the school years, with the drop-out rate increasing in Years 11 & 12.

The benefits to children participating in physical activity are well researched and documented, improving school performance, mental health, sleep and many other important areas.

My daughter is currently in Year 12 at CSHS. She has chosen Physical Education Studies as a subject for upper school, but many students (the vast majority) do no sport at all at school in their final years.

I consider this outcome of the independent schools initiative to be extremely detrimental to the general health and well-being of the students.

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