



## *Media Statement*

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### **Ruby's a 'sleepy' star with new series filmed at WA public school**

Churchlands Senior High School will have another star student in a few months' time when young Western Australian actress Ruby Hall joins the school.

Many students will have already seen her at the school gates, near the pool and in the science labs filming scenes for the second season of popular Australian television series *The Sleepover Club*, set to screen on Channel 9 later this year.

Twelve-year-old Ruby, of Woodlands, is one of 10 young actors who make up the principal cast of the Southern Star Entertainment show, and she will join Year 8 at Churchlands Senior High School – the major location for the series – when filming ends.

Series producer Susie Campbell, who also produced Oscar-nominated animated short 'The Mysterious Geographic Explorations of Jasper Morello', said *The Sleepover Club* was a fun 26-part drama series based on the original books by UK author Rose Impey.

"For the second season, filming moved from the Gold Coast to Perth with a fresh new ensemble cast made up of mostly young Western Australian actors including Ruby in her first major role," she said.

Ms Campbell said the show was about that magical time in a young girl's life – between the ages of 12 and 13 – when your best friend is the most important person in the world and you think you will be together for ever.

"It follows the adventures of five girls who form the Sleepover Club, a bunch of mischievous boys called 'the Blockheads' and their scheming and manipulative adversaries, best friends Caitlin (played by Ruby Hall) and Krystal," she said.

Ms Campbell said Churchlands Senior High School was the perfect location for many of the show's scenes, being a large school with good amenities in a suburb near the coast.

"The school has been very cooperative and we even used their distinctive teal uniform as the basis of the uniform for our fictional school Seaview College," she said.

Churchlands Senior High School principal Neil Hunt said the school community jumped at the chance to be involved in the production of the series.

"Our school has a reputation for academic and sporting excellence and cultural endeavour and the filming experience has inspired many of our students," Mr Hunt said.

"It has been great for the whole school, but particularly for our drama students – many of whom have had the opportunity to be extras in some scenes."

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