



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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Narrogin Senior High School

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Head Boy and Head Girl for 2017



Bradley O'Neill & Jasmine McDonald

Congratulations to Bradley and Jasmine for being selected as Head Boy and Head Girl for 2017.

We are confident they will be successful in this role.



Year 12 ATAR Performance

These students pictured with the Principal Mr Steve Quartermaine, were inducted into the Narrogin 90's club. Membership requires Year 12 students to achieve an ATAR score of 90 or above.

Huiwen Li – 97.3 (Top 2.7% of Western Australia)

Connor Earnshaw – 94.3 (Top 5.7% of Western Australia)

Ashtyn Mason – 92.6 (Top 7.4% of Western Australia)

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New Teachers to NSHS

Welcome to our new staff. We hope you enjoy your time at Narrogin Senior High School.

Ruth Castaldini - HASSL Rebecca Dalton - ART &
Nina Goodwin - HASSL





Welcome back. It has been a great start to the new school year. Our school numbers are strong with over 120 Year 7 students beginning their secondary schooling. The sevens have settled in well and their enthusiasm and motivation is appreciated.

I would also like to welcome our new staff and thank them for deciding on Narrogin Senior High School as their preferred place to work.

Breakfast club has been extended to four days thanks to Cheree Abednego and Daisy Farmer who have volunteered to help out on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to Jasmine McDonald (Head Girl) and Brad O'Neill (Head Boy). I look forward to working with them this year.

Our Year 12 students performed very well in their WACE exams. Congratulations must go to Huiwen Li who achieved an ATAR of 97.3. This score enables Huiwen to get in to any university course at any university in Australia. Our head boy of 2016, Connor Earnshaw achieved an ATAR of 94.3. He has been accepted into Medicine at The University of Western Australia. Ashtyn Mason achieved a score of 92.6 and is taking a Gap year before beginning her studies.

These students have demonstrated what students at Narrogin Senior High School can achieve. More details of our Year 12 achievement can be found below.

Semester 2 results for our Year 11 ATAR students indicate that they are on track to achieve excellent results at the end of this year.

The Summer Carnival was held recently and was a huge success. The student attendance and participation was excellent, however too many students did not attend and missed out on a very positive day. Thank you to Mr Andrew Corner and his team for a great job organising and managing the carnival. A special mention must be of the Dancing sessions conducted by Miss Stokes, a new addition to the program.

The preparation for the School Ball is well underway and the whole school community is looking forward to this year's event.

Summary of 2016 Year 12 Performance

Our Year 12 Results were very good, some were excellent.

93% achieved Graduation/WACE Achievement –better than Government schools 91%, Like schools 87%

94.1% of our students achieved either an ATAR of 55 or above or a Certificate II qualification.

Above Government and Like schools

38.1% of the Year 12's achieved an ATAR.

Median ATAR Score 66.85

This Year we have 43 students (37.4%) in Year 12 beginning their final year studying for an ATAR.

In Year 11 we have 40 students beginning their ATAR journey.

Vocational Education

Year 12 students completed 227 Industry certificates ranging from Certificate I through to Certificate IV level, 112 were completed in 2016 this year across 17 different qualifications using 7 different Training Organisations.

Subject Performance

Our Students performed above the State average for English and History. This includes all schools, private and public.

Geography and Maths Specialist were above Government schools

Drama, Maths Methods and PE Studies were above schools similar to ours.

Individual Student Performance

The following students were recognised by SCSA for their achievements

Connor Earnshaw was awarded a Certificate of Excellence for achieving 190-200 graduation points. Connor gained 10 extra points for his involvement in the school band.

Shannon Bubb, Jessica Daniels, Huiwen Li, and Ashtyn Mason were awarded a Certificate of Merit for achieving 150-189 graduation points.

The points are gained during both Year 11 and 12.



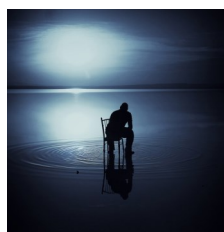
Welcome back to everyone for 2017.

After a little hiatus at the end of last year due to Long Service Leave, I am really looking forward to the challenges of my new role, that of Senior Deputy. Already I have met quite a few of our senior students as they have made last minute changes to their course structure. Can I remind them all, whether they are students looking for an ATAR score to enter university or if it's just to get the best possible foothold for a future career path, or whether they are a student doing a combination of General and VET units, everyone should already have a study plan or schedule locked in tight. Good habits **now**, at the beginning of the year, will ensure success at the completion of Year 11 or at crunch time during the WACE exams. Please don't be of the opinion that, 'I can cruise and do just enough to get through' or even, 'she'll be right'. I was very *excited* at the start of this year to hear about our 90's club for those who achieved 90+ for 2016 WACE exams and can't wait to add more names to the board at the end of this year. Please take the opportunity to consult your teachers regularly, take advantage of the many tutoring options available after school and keep in touch with Mrs Sexton (Year 11 coordinator) and Mrs Johnson (Year 12 Coordinator). I know with the school ball just around the corner, there is the distinct possibility that your attention could waver and it become a distraction – please don't allow it. I challenge our ATAR students to improve each week and hope that our General students will follow their example.

Coming from Middle School, there is one thing which continually needs to be stressed – the importance of NAPLAN and its senior school cousin, OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment). The benefit of striving your hardest to get a Band 8 or higher is paramount, if you do not wish to have to sit your OLNA tests. If you do achieve a Band 8 or higher in Year 9 NAPLAN you **automatically** are exempt from sitting that section in Year 10 OLNA. Unfortunately, we have a significant number of Year 10 students this year who must sit their OLNA for the first time in early March, and if I was to be totally honest, I would see it as a direct correlation between their attitude towards Year 9 NAPLAN and not really trying their hardest. Year 9 students, please endeavour to do your best so you don't have added stress and anxiety when you get to Year 10 OLNA, because a) you could have tried harder, and b) even attended school during NAPLAN week. Without passing OLNA, you can't graduate or receive a WACE. For our few remaining Year 11 and 12 students, all your teachers, especially English and Maths, are working you hard with practice tests, so that you can reach your potential and qualify. Please work with them.

STUDY TIP #1

Enjoy the Silence - find a quiet place where you can stay focused and uninterrupted - the library, an empty classroom, the park, the shed at the bottom of the paddock.



STUDY TIP #2

Disconnect - Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, texting and email etc. are all unnecessary distractions, so while studying, disconnect for an hour or more. You may be surprised at how much *you can* accomplish when technology *doesn't* get in the way. This goes for background music as well. A well-known and very well researched experiment found *conclusive evidence* that mice who had classical music played to them found their way through a maze to a cheese stockpile *far* quicker than those who had no music played to them at all. In fact, the more that this type of music was played, the quicker they became – it enhanced their cognitive skills and memory retention. In contrast, those mice who had heavy rock, thrash, hip hop etc consistently played to them, ended up either giving up their search, or attacking and killing each other.



All the best for the middle portion of the Term.



Welcome to the new parents and students to our Newsletter. It has been an eventful start to the school year and am relishing in my new role with the Middle School students.

The Year 7s have transitioned well into high school. I saw them today choosing their student councillors – Congratulations to the students that were nominated. It is great to see students supporting their peers in representing the cohort. I was impressed with the speeches that were given by the nominees. They showed maturity, insight and passion for the role of student councillor. I am banking this is an indication of this cohort's future endeavours.

Parent Teacher Evening is upon us on Thursday 9 March 2017. This evening is an opportunity to speak with teachers in regards to the progress of the students. We embrace this opportunity and realise that not all parents are able to attend or get a booking – feel free to email teachers for alternative arrangements. Bookings can be made on www.sobs.com.au

Communication – Facebook/Connect are used as methods of communication for our school community. Please ensure you are registered with Connect. If you have any issues we would like you to phone Carol Potts on 9881 9300 to assist. There will be a Connect corner at the Parent/Teacher interview night.

NAPLAN will take place next term for Year 7 & 9s. I have had queries about the testing. There will be a Parent Information Brochure accompanying this newsletter and on Facebook / Connect. Information from these tests are utilised more for the school's planning of programs to suit for the coming years of the student than to use as a stand alone assessment. For Year 9 it is also the beginning of examining if they have reached the minimum standards of Numeracy & Literacy which is part of the WACE (West Australia Certificate of Education). If a student achieves a Band 8 – 10 in certain tests they will not have to sit the OLNAs in the coming years to achieve their WACE.

Mindfulness – Students (and I am sure staff) experience anxiety and stress at times. I tell students that we all have thresholds – and they do vary between each individual. Mindfulness is being utilised in many schools as a strategy to combat anxiety and to allow students to focus at the task on hand. There are mindful meditation exercises that can be from 2 mins just to clear the mind so that the distractions do not take priority. As a school we recommend two apps for students – Smiling Minds and Headspace – both are free and the target teenagers. Staff at school are also researching mindfulness and how this can assist students in focussing on their studies and behaviour.

Watch this space.



STUDENT PICKUP AND DROP OFF

The Narrogin District Office Car park is not to be used for student drop off or pick up.

Breakfast Club

Chaplains Jennifer Pollard & Marty Vause

Previously Breakfast Club was two mornings a week, we have now extended it to four mornings a week. Thankyou to Cherie and Daisy. We are grateful for the assistance without them we would not be able to extend the program. Students attend breakfast club for various reason. We do have some games for student to come and enjoy. Anyone who would like to help and come and see us, please let us know via email

Jenny.Pollard@education.wa.edu.au or
Martin.Vause@education.wa.edu.au



WA Children's Writer Visits English

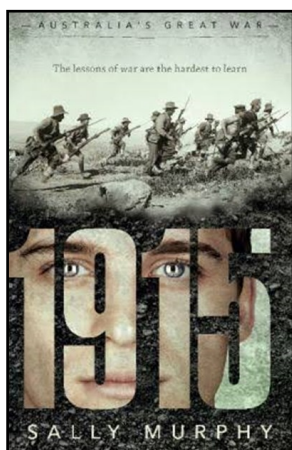
On Monday 13th February, we were thrilled to have Sally Murphy, the author of children's fiction such as, *Nineteen Fifteen*, visit the English Learning Area.

She spoke to our Year 7 and 9 NAEP students about writing short stories and how to develop their creativity.

Sally also shared some of her experience, as both an author and a teacher, with the English staff who were able to pick up on her tips for encouraging creative writing with students.

We hope to welcome Sally back in the near future to further develop our students' skills in practical workshop scenarios.

Ms Armstrong (HoLA English)



Year 7 Student Council Nominations

The new year 7 group has made a smooth transition from primary school and have very quickly settled into high school life. Many students have already made excellent impressions on their teachers, resulting in a large number of nominations for positions on the Student Council. At the end of Week 3 the first round of speeches by nominees were made, with the second half being completed early in Week 4. There was an excellent audience turn out, showing support for those running for Student



Council and some very creative speeches presented. The year 7s should be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour during these events, and for devoting their lunch breaks to participating in the election process.

All year 7 students had the opportunity to vote in the elections which took place in week 5.

Councillors will be announced at the next assembly.

Ms Kristy Chapman



Summer Carnival 2017

Winners of the Day:

Squash -	Michaela Pratt
Tennis -	R/U Brennan Pratt Jack Moyses & Tom Cook
Dance	R/U Luca Harrison & Morné Van der Riet
Badminton	Natasha Goedhart & Tate Ashton
	Alexis Morrison, Chloe Bertuola, Daniel Wright

House Results:

1st Leo, 2nd Pisces, 3rd Taurus, 4th Scorpio.
Less than 30 points was the margin between 1st & 2nd. When you consider 6000pts were awarded in the day it was a very small margin.
Logan Swadling was the highest point scorer with 35pts.

Attendance Percentage

Middle School Girls	Michaela Pratt & Lucy Palumbo
Middle School Boys	Mitch Brown & Declin Mumby
Yr 10	Daniel Jacobs & Griffin Pike
Yr 12 Boys	Brad O'Neill & Ruben Scheepers

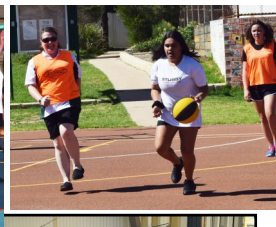
Yr 7	85%
Yr 8	80%
Yr 9	78%
Yr 10	70%
Yr 11	51%
Yr 12	68%

Thank you to the following students who helped us on the day.

Harry Higgins, Tyrone Doust, Lochlan Horobin-Lavan,
Ivan Vukomanovic, Connor Jacobs and Danielle Brechin & Kyle Fairhead.

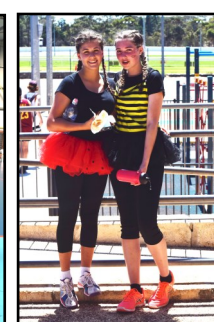
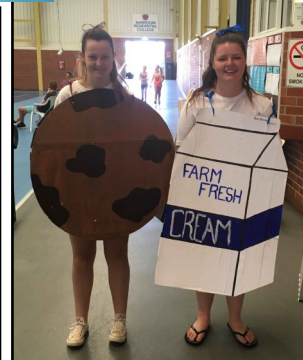


The dance group gave a performance at the end of the day.



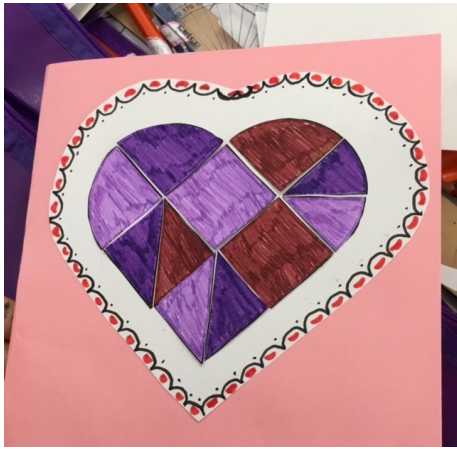
Fashion On The Ground

By Diane Quartermaine

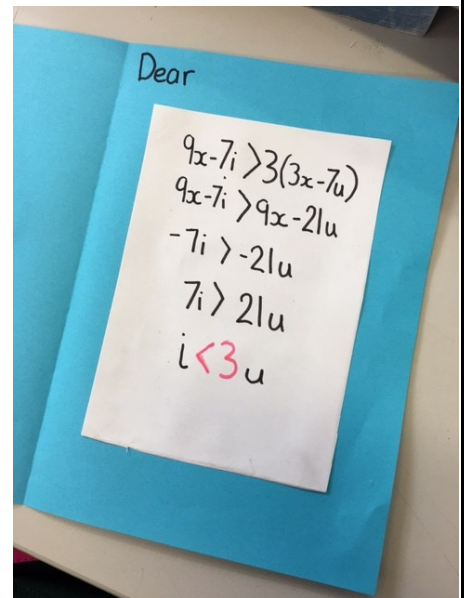


Mathematics

"Love is like an exponential curve...its just keep growing"



Students in Miss Chapman's maths extension classes have been celebrating Valentine's Day by working on activities related to Tessellations and Algebra.



NSHS Summer Uniform

Are there benefits to wearing a 'prescribed' outfit to school?

- **Cost effective** - no need to keep up with trends.
- **Improve punctuality** - the extra sleep is fantastic when there is no need to spend time on picking an outfit.
- **Unity, pride and good community spirit** - we learn together as a team, let's look like a team.
- **Improves professionalism and enhances image** - prepares students for their lifelong and career opportunities.
- **Brings equality among students and decreases peer pressure** - no pressure when everyone is the same.
- **Uniforms help to develop self-expression** - students pick their friends based on more than outward appearance.
- **Uniforms save you from embarrassing trends** - and there are some shockers.



THE SCHOOL REQUIRES STUDENTS TO ADHERE TO THE DRESS CODE AT ALL TIMES

MIDDLE SCHOOL - YEARS 7-9

Green polo/white sides
Black skirt/shorts
Black school shorts
Black school pants



UPPER SCHOOL - YEARS 10-12

White polo/green sides
Black skirt
Black school shorts
Black school pants



GENERAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ALL YEARS)

Black and green sports polo with side stripes
Black sports shorts with leg stripes



ACADEMY SPORTS

Navy blue polo shirt and navy blue shorts (*Academy Sports uniforms are available from the local sports stores*)

- ♦ In accordance with the State Occupational Health and Safety Standards, footwear must be closed, secured at the foot and predominately black.
- ♦ Long or short sleeved T-shirts may be worn under the polo shirt. These should be white in colour.
- ♦ The school does not sanction the wearing of excessive jewellery or makeup.
- ♦ No jeans or leggings of any colour.

We would encourage students to be sun smart and wear a school hat, especially in Terms 1 and 4. These are available from the Uniform Shop.

Our **Uniform Shop** is open Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8.15 am to 11.15 am. **Hats now available.**

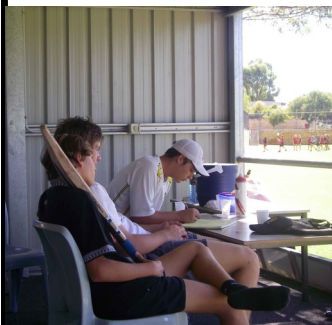
A limited number of second hand uniforms in various sizes are available upon request from Student Services.

OUT OF UNIFORM

In the unusual circumstances of a student being unable to fulfil the school uniform requirements, students should obtain an out of uniform card from Student Services prior to the start of the day. Consistent lack of cooperation may result in the student being sent home to change or parent contact to bring student's uniform.

Cricket News - First Eleven

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to play First Eleven Cricket for Narrogin Senior High School in 2017. Capt. Ruben Scheepers, Vice Capt. Russell Cowcher, Liam Blechynden, Jordan Draper Gibbs, Matthew Enright, David Hallam, Luke Kirk, Toby Nicholas, Daniel Roderick, Nathan Spooner, and Ben Woodruff. Thankyou to those who tried out for the team and thankyou to the Agricultural College for their support in releasing and assisting both Liam Sweeney and Michael Moore to join the team.



Upcoming fixtures include games against Belridge College, Darling Range at Lilac Hill, Newman College on and Kennedy Baptist at home on Wed 8 March. By the time this article reaches publication, our games will have been played so stay tuned for further updates.



The team will need to win three fixtures in order to progress to the knockout finals stage of the competition.

Mathematics Tutoring

We are offering free after-school tutoring to help students with their maths homework, NAPLAN (numeracy), OLNA (numeracy), test and exam revisions.

Monday	Year 11 to Year 12	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Room 10
Wednesday	Year 7 to Year 10	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Room 10
Thursday	Year 11 to Year 12	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Room 10
Friday	Year 7 to Year 10	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Room 10

In addition, NAPLAN and OLNA (numeracy) practice exercises are available at the maths office.

David Fung
HoLA Mathematics

Hosting French Students in July 14 July-16 August

For the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from School with your children

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme.

We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

if you are interested in hosting please contact

Martine Floyd, email : martine.floyd@iinet.net.au, mob : **0403 019 609**





Upcoming events at The University of Notre Dame Australia

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents, guardians and students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Notre Dame's **Parent Information Evening** to discuss subject selection, course information, the transition from high school to university, and how to apply to Notre Dame.

Wednesday 8 March, 6:00pm Refreshments, 6:30pm Presentation

Malloy Courtyard (ND2), 23 Mouat Street, Fremantle

MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSION

Students interested in studying Medicine at Notre Dame are invited to attend a **Medicine Information Session**. Learn about the Doctor of Medicine, Pre-Medicine Certificate, the application process, and hear from current Medicine students about their experience.

Sunday 26 March, 10:45am start for an 11:00am presentation

Drill Hall (ND25), corner of Croke and Mouat Street, Fremantle

HAVE A YARN

Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their parents and guardians are invited to Notre Dame's **Have a Yarn** event. Have a chat about Notre Dame courses, bridging pathways, hear from current students and enjoy a barbeque dinner.

Tuesday 14 March, 5.30pm

Carolyn Tannock Courtyard (ND42), 6 Cliff Street, Fremantle

To register, visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on **9433 0533**



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Year 8 School Vaccination Program

In 2017 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox) and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccinations are being offered free of charge to all students at school in Year 8.

Community Nurses from Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service will be visiting Narrogin Senior High School on **Tuesday 14th March 2017** to give Year 8 students their first dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

Please find enclosed an Immunisation Consent Pack for these vaccines. Please read this information carefully and **return completed and signed forms to the school**.

Please ensure you complete, sign and return the form, even if you are not consenting to the vaccination/s. No student will be vaccinated without your consent.

If you have any concerns or queries about these vaccinations please contact

Tammy Vause - School Health Nurse on ph. 9881 9330.

Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health

Student Successes

Congratulations to Katrina Reynolds winner in the 2016 Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) Master series leader board for Junior 95 Class.

Congratulations also to Academy student Nick Corner and Izack Milentis former Academy student who have both gained selection in the Under 18 Men's Hockey team which will travel to Hobart in April.



Notices



WANTED!!



All instrumental lessons and Band rehearsals are underway for the year!

However, our Senior Band are short a few members. If you can play any of the instruments below, or know someone who can, please come and see Mrs Whitting in the Music Office (9881 9328). We need you!

Percussion – Drums or auxiliary percussion (triangle, cymbals etc.)

Bass guitar

Keyboard or Piano

Trombone



Thank you

The Music Department



NARROGIN TAEKWONDO

TaeKwonDo for juniors (5 years min.) and seniors
is held at:

Narrogin Senior High School Gym
on Mondays and Thursdays between 6 - 7pm
at a cost of \$5 per lesson.

Beginners are welcome - comfortable clothing
and a water bottle is all you need to get started!

For more information contact:

Owen Gath 0427 314 617 or

Merlene Sprigg 0407 475 482

or head to our Narrogin TaeKwonDo Facebook
page.

BOTTLE CREEK DAM

The Water Corporation has identified a number of school-age students trespassing in the water catchment and swimming in Bottle Creek dam. We take these activities very seriously – not only do they compromise our water treatment process, but they are also illegal, with heavy financial penalties per offence.

Any entry into the signed water catchment area is prohibited. The health of the water source is our number one priority, and since it is the sole drinking water catchment in the town, we will be taking direct action with the police if the perpetrators are identified again.



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LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR 2018

Applications now Open and Close March 31st 2017.

12 months in a foreign country attending school with board and accommodation provided by host families is offered by Rotary International District 9465.

To be eligible, students must be over 15 and less than or just turned 18 years of age at the time of departure in January 2018. It is available for all young West Australian students and not just for those with a Rotary connection.

This is an education and cultural exchange and each student's principal purpose is to act as a "Youth Ambassador" for Australia. Anticipated countries of exchange may vary each exchange year but could include Germany, Hungary, Brazil, Switzerland, Denmark, Japan, France, Italy, Belgium, Slovakia, Mexico, Iceland, Spain.

Students gain firsthand experience of different cultures and lifestyles and the opportunity to adapt to a new environment. At the same time, they inform their host community about the Australian way of life and help build the two key objectives of the program of better international understanding and goodwill.

Travel expenses are paid by the student's parents, an initial cost of approximately \$6500, although financial assistance is available for those who meet the District criteria.

Applications close on **31 March 2017** for exchanges which will commence in January 2018. They should be submitted to your local Rotary Club closest to your home or school and must be made to one club only. Those students at boarding school can apply through their home Rotary Club. More information can be found at <http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au/> or check out the District 9465 Rotary Youth Exchange Facebook page. Our District Selection Interviews will be held on Sunday 4th June 2017.

Please contact District Secretary **Linda Bilney** on 0427341022 Email: yepsec9465@gmail.com for an initial application form and brochure or to answer any queries *and to help with accessing your local Rotary Club*. Below in **Bold** is a list of clubs that have exchanged students in the last 3 years. Try these first.

Rotary Clubs of District 9465

ALBANY CITY
ARMADALE
BENTLEY-CURTIN
BRIDGETOWN
BUSSELTON-GEOGRAPHE BAY
CANNINGTON
COMO
FREMANTLE
KALGOORLIE
KENWICK
MANDURAH
MANJIMUP
MILLPOINT
PALM BEACH
ROSSMOYNE
VICTORIA PARK

ALBANY PORT
ASCOT
BOORAGOON
BUNBURY
BYFORD & DISTRICTS
COCKBURN
ESPERANCE
GOSNELLS
KATANNING
KOJONUP
MANDURAH CITY
MARGARET RIVER
MOUNT BARKER
PINJARRA
SOUTH BUNBURY
WAGIN

APPLECROSS
ATTADALE
BOULDER
BUNBURY-LESCENAULT
CANNING BRIDGE
COLLIE
ESPERANCE BAY
HANNANS-KALGOORLIE

KWINANA
MANDURAH DISTRICTS
MELVILLE
NARROGIN
ROCKINGHAM
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS
WILLETTON