

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Narrogin Senior High School

Issue 1 2019

2018 Year 12 Achievements

Congratulations to the 2018 Year 12 Graduating Cohort for their outstanding achievements.

Below is a summary of the awards and certificates presented by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority recognising the accomplishments of individual students and our school.



Narrogin Senior High School recognised with highest performing students in Year 12 ATAR Geography.

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Principal's Message

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• Ms Melissa Walker

warm welcome to the 2019 school year. I would particularly like to welcome the Year 7s and our new students and their families to our school. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves their best at Narrogin Senior High School.

Being the first for the 2019 school year, this newsletter is full of the many amazing achievements of our students. We also introduce the new teachers and welcome back some returning staff members.

The newsletter in 2019 will be distributed differently. We are moving towards an

e-newsletter as we investigate more environmentally sustainable practices within our school. The newsletter will be distributed via Connect, the school website and if requested we will be able to email a copy to you. Becoming a 'paperless' school is our aim, but I cannot see us becoming a 'paper free' environment! Therefore, there will be a number of hard copy newsletters available from the front office.

At the beginning of a school year it is essential that we highlight the importance of partnerships parents/caregivers, students between and teachers for every child to achieve their potential. I believe the most significant contributor to impact on а child's education are the relationships built between staff, students and their parents/caregivers. Narrogin SHS prides itself on developing positive relationships to that we provide diverse learning ensure opportunities and experiences for every student to achieve personal excellence.

Our school has a great reputation for success across all areas. The excellent achievement of our 2018 graduating students exemplifies the commitment we have to our school's motto, Advance with Integrity. Some of the outstanding achievements in 2018 include:

- 4 Year 12 students achieving an ATAR score of 90+;
- More than 90% VET students graduating with a nationally recognised qualification;
- An average of 95% of our year 12 students achieved literacy and numeracy competence through OLNA;

A number of our students achieved state awards, including:

- Janka Reynders awarded a Subject Certificate of Excellence in English and a Certificate of Distinction
- Anri van Neikerk achieving a subject Certificate of Excellence in Human Biology and a Certificate of Distinction.
- Cailey Harnett achieved a VET Certificate of Excellence for Primary, Environmental and Animal Care Industries
 - Lili Palumbo, Ashtyn Steer and Emma Woodruff achieved Certificates of Merit

This is just the tip of the iceberg of our success at Narrogin SHS. We need to celebrate such accomplishments and be proud of our achievements at our school. These achievements come to fruition due to the hard work of our staff and students and their support networks. It is a team effort that ensures such successes.

Not everyone can 'be the best', but everyone can 'do their best'. One of the most significant things that I learned in my first year at Narrogin SHS was that all the staff at our school are committed to support you and your child/ren to set goals and targets that challenge them to achieve their personal best. There is a real commitment within our school to ensure that students are supported to achieve excellence in a safe, inclusive and positive environment.

In 2019 the staff alongside the School Council will be re-developing our School Plan. The School Plan will operate from 2020-2023. It sets the strategic direction of our school. It outlines our priorities to set the continual improvement agenda for the next 3 years. This document is what drives our school in our quest to further become a school of excellence. The plan is reflective of our current achievements and will set challenging targets of improvement. The School Council will be seeking feedback from the school community throughout our journey of establishing the School Plan.

I am extremely excited about the 2019 school year. I look forward to working with you all so that Narrogin SHS continues to Advance with Integrity.

Senior School Deputy

Mrs Karen Thomas

It has been tremendous to start the year at NSHS as Senior School Deputy. For those that do not know me, I commenced at NSHS in Fourth Term 2018 and have accepted a permanent position at the school. I welcome Year 10 and new students into the Senior School program and look forward to getting to know them over the course of the year.

For Year 12 students, this is a big year with the School Ball, Country Week and Graduation. In between these activities is much hard work where focus and determination will facilitate success. Success has many forms and it is important that Year 12 students strive to do their personal best which in turn will lead to opportunities post school. Year 11 students are laying the foundations for Year 12. Year 11 achievement contributes towards the WACE and it is very important that Year 11 students work hard to meet the WACE requirements over the course of this year. For Year 10 students we have OLNA in March and September and subject selection for Year 11 later on in the year. Year 10 students and their parents will be supported through this important process.

We are fortunate to have wonderful Year leaders: Ms Johnson - Year 12, Ms Sexton – Year 11 and Mr Harris - Year 10. Any concerns can either be directed through them or to me. I encourage Senior School students to have adult conversations with their teachers regarding their academic, social and personal progress. If problems occur, it is important that they speak about them so that appropriate supports can be put in place.

I look forward to 2019 with all its highlights and encourage each student to work hard and make the most of the opportunities afforded at the school.

Senior School

Mrs Kristy Johnson & Mrs Prema Sexton

In addition to Student Services, the Senior School Team consists of Karen Thomas (Senior School Deputy), Prema Sexton (Year 11 Student Manager, Independent Learning and VET Coordinator), Kristy Johnson (Year 12 Student Manager), Susan Castle (Workplace Learning and Student Activities Coordinator).

Year 11 and 12 students will be participating in 4S (Senior School Survival Strategies) Sessions each week. Coordinated by Student Managers, the sessions support academic progress, future pathways and wellbeing. In addition to various guest speakers, students experience a more independent, adult-style learning environment, developing skills for their final years of school and beyond.

ATAR students have participated in a TISC presentation which explained how school and external examination marks are adjusted, how to apply to university and alternative entry pathways.

Teen Talks from WA Child Safety Services visited to talk about Healthy Relationships. Students learned about respect, trust and equality in relationships, supporting each other to break negative gender norms, and gaining and giving consent.

Over the next term, representatives from Future Students at the five Perth Universities will be visiting. Police and ambulance officers will talk to students about staying safe prior to the School Ball and students will even learn some ballroom dancing.



The Chaplains need helpers for Breakfast Club from 8:00am to 9:15am, Monday to Friday.

If you could help out once a month or once a week your valuable time would be very much appreciated.

2019 New Staff

With an increase in student enrolment numbers in 2019 and another 20 Year 11 students than predicted we are very excited about the buzz in the air. 677 students have enrolled at Narrogin Senior High School for success this year. To accommodate these new students and replace staff who left our school in 2018 we have a number of new staff to introduce and a number of returning staff. We are very excited to have these staff as part of Team Narrogin!

- Deputy Principal Mrs Karen Thomas
- Student Services Program Coordinator Mr Alistair Potts
- Independent Learning Coordinator Mrs Prema Sexton
- Science Ms Natalie Edwards and Mr Jean D'Cruz
- English Mr Hayden Payne and Ms Tania Jaskiewcz
- Mathematics Mrs Rebecca Pense
- HASSL Mr Tristan James and Ms Natasha Hawkes
- Business Mrs Janette Wells
- Dance and HPE Ms Kayla Stokes
- HPE, Mathematics and Science Mr Stefano Piasini
- The Arts and Year Coordinator Ms Hayley Williams
- The Arts, HASSL and Home Economics Ms Sarah Woodward
- Education Support Teacher Mrs Jane McGrath
- Learning Support Teacher and HPE Mrs Evelyn Wilkie
- Relief Coordinator Mrs Margaret Hetherington
- School of Instrumental Music Mrs Wendy Armstrong



Mr Jean D'Cruz





Miss Sarah Woodward, Mr Tristan James & Ms Janette Wells

Mr Hayden

Payne

Year 11 ATAR Biology Kristy Johnson





S tudents investigation of different types of symmetry used in classifications.

Alanna Hill





Campbell Smith

Phoebee Keefe, Caitlynn Blechynden & Alina Peter

\$20 Boss Challenge

During 2018, the year 9 Financial Literacy class was introduced to the \$20 Boss Challenge.

This is a challenge given to students in school to help develop their entrepreneurial skills by giving them \$20 to start up their own business.

On September 8 2018, the Year 9 class sold their products at the Narrogin SHS Open Day to earn as much profit as they could. The businesses ranged from bath bombs, lolly bags, post cards, raffles, cupcakes and biscuits. All these businesses were exceptional on the day. The monies raised were presented to Mrs McLeish representing the Royal Flying Doctors at our first Assembly for 2019. The Financial Literacy class was very proud to have raised \$533.05 to support this essential emergency health care service that supports rural and remote communities.

Mrs Ann McLeish, Nikota Scholz, Grace Glynn & Principal, Ms Melissa Walker



Ms Tania Jaskiewicz

Congratulations to the following students on their academic excellence achievements.

8A students achieving 8 or more A grades Semester 2 2018

YEAR 7: Jude Corner | Ella Hann | Christina Smith | Gabrielle Cousins Ben Robins | Oliver Tinley | Amira Schmid

YEAR 8: Tayla Battley | Chelsea Mulcahy | Mia Slawinski | Courtney Dewing Abby Munns | Abbie Smith | Anton Hanson | Caitlin Pratt | Denica Stoffberg Heidi Morgan | Blake Reynolds | Jorja Young

YEAR 9: Darcy Andrews | Thomas Munns | Annie Robins | Eliza Coppock Faith Pollard-Chambers | Nikota Scholz | Camryn Furphy Benjamin Woodruff

YEAR 10: Piper Edwards | Imogen Morgan | Michaela Pratt | Lucy Palumbo

YEAR 11: Justin Nguyen

Top Student in a Year 11 2018 subject:

Shakira Buck Conrad Goedhart Dominique Eades Jaelyn Ranieri Megan Elliott Conner Jacobs Justin Nguyen Alivia Rowe Hannah Clunie Belinda Baker Phillippa McKenzie Fern Catley Ryan Blechynden Makayla Rankin Erin Marsh David Maibibi

Kolbi Edwards Sean Ward Zac Heazlewood Brayden Watt Sara-May Harrison Griffin Pike Ivan Vukomanovic Harley Hastie

Ross McKinnon Memorial Award:

Brayden Watt (Top Year 11 Design & Technology Student 2018)

Penny Wright Memorial Award:

Michael Gentle (Top Year 10 English Student 2018)

Certificate of Excellence – GT Online:

Krosby Readhead

Matilda Simpson

Jed Vukomanovic



ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award 2018: Michaela Pratt



2018 Sports Academy Presentation

n 30 November 2018 the Sports Academy Presentation afternoon was held in the Gymnasium.

Former student, Chloe Buzza gave the key note address at our assembly.

She was the top student of her hockey classes from 2007-2009. Chloe gave an authentic address, where she detailed

that her desire to be the best triggered an eating disorder post school. Her return to Narrogin, her family and the local community was necessary for her recovery.

All in the gym were moved and we thank Chloe for her generosity.



Trent Gumprich was awarded the Academy Medal for Best Athlete in Academy Sports by Ms Chloe Buzza



Mr Andrew Corner

Michaela Pratt was presented the Waldron Medal from Mr Terry Waldron for the best Lower school athlete



Isabelle Kilpatrick with Mrs Browne who presented the Commodine Award sponsored by the Cuballing Shire for promoting sport in the community.





Quinlan Paice receiving the Upper Great Southern Hockey Association Umpire Award presented by Mr Sheldon Paice.









Some notable Achievements from former Students

Izak Milentis - WA U19 Cricket team. Averaged 40 including a score of 100 in Australian U19 championships. He was also involved with the test match against India in Perth.

Pippa Bairstow - Year 12 in 2017 won a position into the WA Women's Hockey Squad.

Nick Corner, Liam Sweeney, Regan Blyth & **Chloe Blight** played in WA Country Sides at the Australian Country Championships.

Nick Corner & Pippa Bairstow are regular picks in the Perth 1st division competitions.



Government of Western Australia WA Country Health Service

Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health

Year 7 & Year 8 School Vaccination Program

In 2019 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) and Human Papilloma Virus vaccinations are being offered free of charge to all students at school in Year 7 and Year 8.

Community Nurses from Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service will be visiting Narrogin Senior High School in Term One to give Year 7 & 8 students their first dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and their Diphtheria-Tetanus -Pertussis (dTpa) vaccine.

Forms were handed out at school please ensure you complete, sign and return the form, even if you are <u>not</u> 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 or email tam.vause@education.wa.edu.au**



Building Resilience

through mindfulness

Resilience is a person's ability to cope with stressful events and bouncing back after the difficult times. It also helps mental wellbeing, in particular, dealing with stress and anxiety.

One way of building resilience is focusing on managing and responding to emotions in a healthy and positive way.

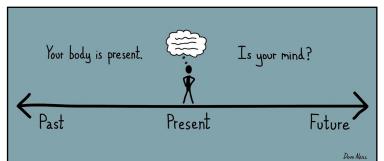
Mindfulness focuses on the present, what is going on inside you and your surroundings. Practising mindfulness can help your child pay attention to their thoughts and feelings in the moment, and manage them effectively.

Alongside mindfulness training, use the examples below to help your child voice, respond to and manage emotions:

Use open-ended questions with your child Encourage your child to talk about feelings Acknowledged when your child is distressed Help your child regulate emotions

Talk to your child about preparing for events Help your child to realise that difficult times are a part of life.

For more information about building resilience in children visit <u>https://</u><u>healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthyhomes/building-resilience</u> or contact your local School Health Nurse.



Up Coming Dates	
Breakfast Club starts	Tuesday 12 March
Yr 11 Geography Fieldworks Exc	Wednesday 13 March
Bullying No Way Day Breakfast - Whole School	Friday 15 March
School Ball	Friday 15 March
Immunisation Yr 8 Round 1	Tuesday 19 March
Harmony Day	Thursday 21 March

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