

# **High School Highlights**

Narrogin Senior High School

Issue 6 2019



On Thursday 12 September the school recognised RUOK Day!

Cupcakes were handed out to each student with a question to encourage discussion with their peers.

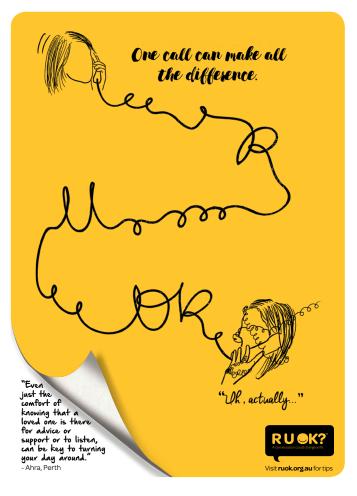
At recess the student councillors handed out yellow ribbons to recognise RUOK Day.

To top the day off, at lunch the Year 9 Dance class performed, which encouraged an energetic vibe within the school.

It was a fantastic day promoting the RUOK message and to encourage people to be a good friend and great listeners.







## Principal's Message Ms Melissa Walker

Term 3 is a very busy and productive term. I would like to sincerely thank the staff, students and community of Narrogin SHS for their continued commitment to striving for excellence.

I cannot believe that the Year 12 students are in the last days of their secondary education career. It is now time for them to consider the next step in their lives. We will be farewelling a large number of our Year 12 students on the last day of this term, however our ATAR students who are required to sit WACE examinations will continue to work hard at school. All Year 12 students will receive a Statement of Results in the first week of Term 4. This is not verified until results are issued by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority early next year. At this time it is really important that our Year 12 students do not lose sight of the end point and ensure that they continue to put in their best effort to ensure they achieve graduation as they approach the finishing line.

On Friday 25 October we will acknowledge the contribution our Year 12 cohort have made to our school and celebrating their achievements at the Presentation Ceremony. This is a very special event on our school calendar where we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 students. I look forward to celebrating with the Year 12 students and their families.

#### National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019

In May, NAPLAN was completed by our Year 7 and 9 students. In 2019 the students accessed these assessments online.

NAPLAN 2019 results have been distributed to schools. By the end of this week all Year 7 and 9 individual student reports will be posted to parents. All students who participated in the NAPLAN tests will get an individual report of their results. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. They also provide information on how students have performed in relation to other students in the same year group, and against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of your child's achievement at a point in time. Results should be considered, together with school-based assessments, feedback and reports.

A brochure providing detailed information on how to understand a child's individual student reports can be downloaded from:

https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_ file/0007/515815/Individual-student-reports-FAQ.PDF

#### **Student Leadership**

Leaders are not born, they are made. At Narrogin SHS we provide a number of opportunities for our students to develop and practice their leadership skills. We have a body of students who are elected as our Student Councillors in Years 7-10 and then we have a group of students in Year 11/12 who represent our Prefects. Students are elected into these positions by their peers and the staff of our school.

I was very lucky to have had the opportunity to interview all of our elected Prefects. They are a passionate group that represent the diversity within our student cohort. In the conversations that took place one of the messages that resonated the most was raising the profile of student voice opportunities to make a difference for each individual at our school. I am very excited to see what they achieve over the next 12 months. The Prefects will embark on a leadership camp in Term 4 resulting in the selection of the Head Students for 2020.

Newdegate Field Day



Mrs Lyn Hewitt representing the Residential College and Ms Melissa Walker Principal Narrogin SHS.

As this is the last Newsletter for Term 3, I wish all staff, students and families a safe holiday. Best wishes to our Year 12s in their study for WACE examinations over the school holidays. Some students may also have to use a little extra time to complete assessments and competencies. These holidays provide a great opportunity for students to do a little extra work to gain attainment and ensure achievement of their WACE graduation.

## Senior School Deputy Mrs Karen Thomas

As the term draws to a close we farewell our Year 12 students. This is a closing chapter for them and the beginning of a bright and exciting future.

I am looking forward to the Year 12 Farewell Dinner and then seeing all of the students at our Presentation Ceremony on 25 October 2019. This is truly a celebration for staff, students and parents and is the culmination of years of hard work with many trials and tribulations. I wish the Year 12 ATAR students well in their WACE Examinations and trust that their consistent preparation and study supports them in achieving their best. Year 12 statements of results are currently being finalised and for those students who are not sitting examinations, there is little time left to submit those final pieces of work and complete courses and certificate qualifications. A big thank you to all our staff who have supported our students in becoming delightful young adults who are fully equipped to face the world after school.

A reminder to Year 12 students that any student wishing to attend school next term, whether it be to complete work, access teacher support or study, must sign into the school as a visitor and sign out when leaving.

Year 11 examinations commence on Tuesday 22 October 2019. All Year 11 students should be working hard to achieve a minimum of a C grade across all subjects, bearing in mind that the achievement of a WACE is based on both Year 11 and 12 results. Term 4 is the opportunity to consolidate learning and prepare for Year 12. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Prefects for 2020. We have a tremendous group of young people leading the student body and I wish them every success in their leadership role.



As the school holidays approach I trust that staff and students will have a refreshing break and return safely next term.

#### NAIDOC 2020

Our NAIDOC Assembly will be held on Thursday 17 October and I would like to extend a welcome to all parents, caregivers and their families to join us in the celebratory event. The theme for NAIDOC 2019 is Voice, Treaty, Truth – let's work together for a shared future. The Aboriginal students will be leading this assembly and we will be treated to a festival of song and dance.





## **Certificates of Excellence**

Congratulations to the Year 7-10 students who achieved Certificates of Excellence for achieving an A grade in 75% or above in their semester one 2019 report.

Maddie Andrews	7
Lilli Beresford	7
Abby Dewing	7
Julia McArdle	7
Kele Readhead	7
Anisha Babic	8
Jude Corner	8
Gabrielle Cousins	8
Ella Hann	8
Leila Pederick	8
Ben Robins	8
Amira Schmid	8
Christina Smith	8
Chelsea Mulcahy	9
Abby Munns	9
Caitlin Pratt	9
Blake Reynolds	9
Mia Slawinski	9
McKenzie Williams	9
Darcy Andrews	10
Camryn Furphy	10
Annie Robins	10
Nikota Scholz	10

## **Student Council Elections for 2019**

#### **Election Speeches**



Election speeches were held, with students appealing to their peers hoping to win their vote.

#### **Election Day**





Yr 8 Declan Phillips

Zac Tulley Dakoda Bolton - Black

Sienna Scholz

Josephine Gibb

Yr 10

Kynan Spencer Ricky Linklater

Grace Glynn

Eliza Coppock

Nikota Scholz

#### **Student Councillors Elect**

Yr 7 Ashton Dale Terry Enslin Taya Garlett Natalie Bradford Lilli Beresford

Yr 9 Matilda Simson Amy Mulcahy Cejay Hill William Coppock

#### **Prefect Elect** Yr 11 Prefects

Lauren Erickson Izzy Kilpatrick Kaitlyn O'Neill Chante Kickett Charlotte Tinley Michaela Pratt Jack Moyses Oliver McLure Josh O'Brien Kyle Donner Daniel Conlan Jeremy Ugle **Newly Elected** 



At the final assembly for the Year 12 students the 2018/19 Prefects and Student Councillors were presented to the school.

#### First Meeting of the 2019/20 Prefects



Our new Prefect group were very animated and involved as they met for the first time as a team to plan and prepare student events and activities. A big focus for this group of Prefects is to provide our students with a voice that captures our diverse student cohort.

## Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2019

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is an international event that is conducted annually. This year the AMC was held on Thursday 1 August 2019. Our school had 138 students participate in this event. The selected classes were:

- Year 12 Mathematics Methods
- Year 11 Mathematics Methods
- Year 7-10 NAEP (Narrogin Academic Extension Program)

The summary of Narrogin Senior High School's performance is outlined below.

Year	Sat	High Distinction	Distinctions	Credits	Proficiency
7	27	1	2	5	14
8	30	2	3	9	15
9	29	-	4	15	9
10	25	1	4	5	14
11	16	-	3	3	7
12	11	-	2	6	2

Congratulations to all students who participated in this event. Certificates will be handed out soon. Well done!

#### Award Allocation

In each year group for each Australian state or each country, certificates are awarded as follows.

	Prize	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
MIDDLE PRIMARY				
UPPER PRIMARY	$T_{ap} 0.20$	Top 20/	Top 200/	Top 550/
JUNIOR	Top 0.3%	Top 3%	Top 20%	Top 55%
INTERMEDIATE				
SENIOR	Top 0.3%	Top 5%	Top 25%	Top 60%

A Proficiency Certificate is awarded to all students who have achieved a pre-set score but have not been awarded a Credit (or higher) certificate.

Mr David Fung HoLA Mathematics



## Year 7 Sustainability Committee

Students from Year 7 and the Sustainability Committee took part in a litter and waste audit of the school grounds. The audit revealed that litter and waste are issues that require everyone's attention, to be responsible and ensure rubbish is placed in the bins and try to reduce, reuse and recycle where possible. These



results will be used to help measure our progress



in reducing the amount of litter found around the school and the amount of waste being produced. **Recycling** initiatives are underway and we look forward to helping make our school more sustainable.

> Ms Rebecca Donavon HASSL Teacher

## Year 11 Geography Excursion

During Week 4 of this Term the Year 11

Geography class with Miss Donavon ventured to Kings Park and Botanical Gardens and Optus Stadium as part of their Tourism



fieldwork. They participated in various activities including a tour of the Stadium where we learnt that it has the capacity to have 60,200 enter

and had

aspects of

its design based on



and exit the stadium within 45 minutes



Colosseum. Some direct quotes

from the day ... "It was enlightening to see these attractions from the perspective of a tourist" and "It was a surreal experience to enter the West Coast Eagles changing rooms."

> Ms Rebecca Donavon HASSL Teacher





The warmer weather is upon us and when spending time outside in hot weather you probably start to feel thirsty. That's a normal response and one you should pay close

attention to – it means your body needs more water to deal with the heat. Consuming energy drinks is a NO GO ZONE!







## **David Bell Cup Hockey Finalists**



After winning the boys A Grade final at Country Week the NSHS team were invited to the David Bell Cup, the peak boys hockey competition in the state.

We defeated Shenton College and Bunbury Catholic College to progress to the final. However Como SC were too strong in the grand final.

This year we had to be satisfied as runners-up

## **NSHS Parent Opinion Survey**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers for completing the NSHS Parent Opinion Survey online recently.

Narrogin Senior High School values feedback from the whole school community. We pride ourselves on being a reflective school with a culture of continued improvement. We realise the importance of seeking feedback and acting on this feedback to develop our improvement agenda, and the information gained from this survey will support us in developing the strategic direction for the 2020-2023 School Plan.

At our recent School Council meeting, four names were drawn from those who had completed the survey and each of the following have received a \$25 voucher for the NSHS Hilltop Café:

> Rebecca Osborne Lynette Blechynden Nichole Gould Katherine McArdle

## **Bicycles for Humanity**



These bikes were a gift of used rebuilt bikes, gifted by Bicycles for Humanity organisation (Perth).

In Narrogin, the project has the title of Narrogin Cycling Collective.

Stakeholders: NGN Mens Shed, Avon Community Services, Shire of NGN, Country Women's Association and Narrogin SHS.

#### Outcomes:

1. A mountain bike track pathway linking various existing assets within Shire of Narrogin responsibility area.

2. Increase the number of participants in the greater Narrogin area in Mountain Biking.

NSHS is keen to use the bikes to increase the engagement of students in their schooling. In term 4, 2019 we will be piloting strategies. If parents/ students/community members have ideas, forward them to Mr Andrew Corner.



Year 12 student Conrad Goedhart with his model plane made during his Metals workshop class.

## **Arts Education At NSHS**

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Arts education at Narrogin SHS is the result of a process we view as a continuum from Year 7 to Year 12. The Visual Arts curriculum delivered to our students shapes the students' thinking and art making practice so that critical decisions by students are informed, sophisticated and reflective.





Kallie Barrett mixing paint

Arts actively support the engagement of students in activities at a greater scale. This enables the development of self-esteem and confidence in young people. We aim to empower students to think creatively, to facilitate this potential for creative thought and imagination within the student population.

Shae Robins hard at work

We have one major exhibition coming up next term to showcase the work of students across all year levels, Music presentation evening and



Kayla Coxon & Evette Brownie working hard on their productions

Dance performance. These provide an avenue for students to view their own work and the works of others in a professional setting, and to give parents and the community some insight into the gifts and talents of our students in the Arts. Watch this space for more news next Term!

> Ms Marga Felipe HoLA Art

## **Congratulations Rohan!**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award recipient, Rohan Whitely-Yzerman, a Narrogin Senior High School student from Wandering, was one of only three people invited from Western Australia to attend a Vice-Regal function held in Sydney on 13 September to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Awards. The event was the largest



Gold Award Ceremony ever held outside of the UK, taking place at Sydney Town Hall where His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO, who is the Chair of The Board of Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, made a special visit to present nearly 400 young Australians with their Gold Awards.

To earn this award a person aged 14 to 24 must learn a skill, improve their physical well being, volunteer in their community, experience a team adventure in a new environment and complete a residential project. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement. Through his service with the Australian Army Cadets, where he leads the Narrogin Army Cadet Unit, Rohan was able to obtain his Gold Award.

"I would highly encourage young people to have a go at the Award. The Bronze, Silver, and Gold tier system really encourages people to continually strive and challenge themselves for the next level. Many young people don't know how to explore their potential so the Award guides them through the process and if they put in the commitment and effort, then they will be rewarded with recognition and puts them in good stead for the rest of their lives", said Rohan.

After the event, 16 parents representing each state and territory were granted a private audience with HRH The Earl of Wessex, including proud parents, Adrianne Yzerman and Brendan Whitely. "We were delighted and honoured to hear His Royal Highness' words of encouragement. It made all the years of supporting both Rohan in achieving his Gold Award and his brother, Lleyton achieving his Silver Award, worth every minute", said Ms Yzerman.

### A Note From Your Chaplains

In these days of pervasive social media, it is essential to safeguard the safety of our children as they interact online. Jennifer and Martin, the NSHS Chaplains, would like to suggest a great TV series currently showing on SBS, and SBS Demand, called "The Hunting" (rated 'M') - a four-part mini-series that explores the experiences of teenagers as they navigate the complexities of relationships, identity and sexuality using social media. We encourage you to watch the series with your older children and engage in proactive conversations with each other around the topics addressed in the series. While your children may not have experienced the issues discussed in the series, statistics indicate that 26% of teens have sent a nude or sexual image or video of themselves to someone else. Exploring the issues and understanding the risks are a good step in tackling any temptations that may arise in future. Also, we have recently completed some training with the eSafety Commission and found it has good information to enable you to understand any social media problems your children may be experiencing. We recommend the eSafety Commission as a great resource for parents. They have a 'parent pack' you can download and print out for information. Visit their web page at https:// www.esafety.gov.au/parents for more information.

As chaplains we must raise funds to support our services in school. On Saturday 21 September, we had a very successful High Tea event with over 143 people attending. There was a fashion parade as well as many stalls. It was a great time out. Our local community churches, family and friends provided an array of yummy food. We had lots of raffles and support from our local businesses. Well done to all that made the day so enjoyable and our sincere thanks to all who supported the event. Staff from our High School supplied food and help on the day including Mrs Dorothy Bendix and Ms Jennifer Shepherd. I would like to especially thank Mrs Tracey Angwin & Mrs Tania Harris for helping being the main organisers with me.

Breakfast Club went well this term with two volunteers helping each morning. They've done a great job ensuring that children get a good start to the day. Sadly, one of the helpers cannot continue and so we are looking for new recruits to come and assist with this rewarding activity one or more days a week.

This term, students enjoyed French toast and scrambled eggs amongst other delights. We currently have over 35 students that come for breakfast or for a top-up breakfast. It's a busy hour from 8am – 9am, believe me. If anyone would like to come and help or support us with donations of fruit, eggs, and other healthy breakfast food items, please feel free to contact the school.

Not only does Breakfast Club feed hungry children before school but it also teaches them about volunteering: how and why they do it. This is an importantlessonintheir development as individuals and improves their interactions with adult teachers.

Lastly, we just want to reiterate that we are always available to you as parents if you would like to chat to us about any concerns that we may be able to help your child with.

> Jennifer Pollard & Martin Vause. NSHS Chaplains Phone: 98819315/98819300



Tania Harris, Tracey Angwin and Jennifer Pollard





## **Bushfire Zone Register**

The Department of Education is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. Narrogin Senior High School has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Narrogin. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving

#### What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of Narrogin Senior High School. If the school receives such a directive, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department of Education informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the Principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements. Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.

## How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, however this will depend on the weather. You will receive an SMS to advise you whether the school will reopen the day after the planned closure, or whether it will remain closed. The school website will contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or www.dfes.wa.gov.au and Emergency WA. Alternatively, you can call me on 0477 353 350 or Regional Education Office on 9881 0000. If any of the options listed above for finding out when to send your child back to school are problematic, please contact the Principal to arrange for us to phone you to advise you when the school will reopen.

#### **Questions?**

Please contact the school on (08) 9881 9300 if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season.

Melissa Walker Principal Narrogin Senior High School

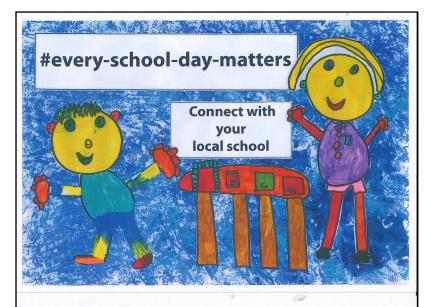




# ...to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate at the Whole School Assembly on September 10, 2019.

YEAR 7

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Lourisse Ascuncion Kaitlin Berry Chloe Behlau Jade Bray Georgia Copeland Ashton Dale Jaxon Derich Abby Dewing Anisha Babic Makayla Beary Dakota Boulton-Black Mike Brillo Aleiah Bushby Jude Corner	Drew Earnshaw Terry Enslin Kayla George Cooper Burrow-Hallatt Harley Heywood Jorja Hill Sienna Lanciano Amber Lawrence-Lang <b>YEA</b> Georgia Furphy Josephine Gibb Jack Giles Ella Hann Jessica-Rose Insch Vincent Jetta	Lily Lincoln Evan Lobb Zak McCracken Leah Mulcahy Emmerson Nottle Todd Riley Asha Slawinski Bailey Smith <b>R 8</b> Stella Marsh Nolanna Newman Jason O'Neil Luke Parker Kandra Pense Declan Phillips	Jahna Smith Claire Spooner DekodaTurner Aniela Turner-Reid Dakota Watts John Yarran Mason Riley Tegen Roberts Amira Schmid Sienna Scholz Liberty Tullett
Matthew Davies-Oliveri	Tyson Lansdell	Katrina Reed	
	YEA	R 9	
Dakota Ahrens Reinier Ayson Chloe Bertuola Luke Brown Amelia Burrow Tristan Burt Tahlia Curley	James Densham Courtney Dewing Ashton George Cassie Graham Jayke Lazenby Tyson McGuire Juniper Moignard	Alexis Morrison Olivia Moyses Rhian Newman Kobe Ossinger Blake Palmer Bayleigh Penny Tom Price	Zac Rogers-Bouffler Matilda Simpson Marcie Smith Chelsea Scott Tristan Vitalone Archie Whitmore
	YEAF	R 10	
Kane Airey Taj Allinson Chantelle Baker Eliza Coppock Ashlyn Edmonds	Zoe Enright Nakia Epworth Jasmine Forsythe Brooklyn Hohihupa Sarah-Jayne Insch	Cayla Jones Jydan Lanciano Tobias Leavy Kristina Praetz Kai Roberts	Annie Robins Nikota Scholz Jerrimiah Thorne Ingrid Tipton Brad Wrage
	YEAF	R 11	
Kallie Barrett Abbie Battley Caitlynn Blechynden	Talia Bulpitt Piper Daly Montannah French Tash Goedhart Aimee Grzinic Georgina Jensen	Phoebee Keefe Zed McNab Imogen Morgan James Nelson Wez Nicholson Sophie Page	Damon Penny Liam Smith Jessica Terblanche Chloe Turnock Phoenix Turner Maddison West
	YEAF	R 12	
Neil Almario Kynan Collard Penelope-Maree Cook Ethan Curley	Theresa Francis Conrad Goedhart Harley Hastie Zac Heazlewood	Alicia Isaacs David Phillips Tehya Scholz Emma van de Velde	Ivan Vukomanovic



#### 1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

lf your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's	Which means the best your child might perform is	
1 day per fortnight 20 Days per year			Nearly 1.5 years!	Your Child	
		4 Weeks per		Other Children	
		year		Equivalent to finishing in Year 10	
	40 Days per 8	40 Days per year 8 Weeks per year	Over 2.5 years!	Your Child	
				Other Children	
	year			Equivalent to finishing in Year 9	
	days per 80 days per 16 weeks Over Everet			Your Child	
		16 weeks per year	Over 5 years!	Other Children	
	year			Equivalent to finishing in Year 7	
3 days per week	120 days per year 24 weeks per year			Your Child	
		eeks Nearly 8 years!	Other Children		
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#### TAFE Open Day Bunbury Campus

Saturday October 19

- 10am to 1pm
- South Regional TAFE, Robertson Drive

Your best chance to learn more about TAFE courses and what it's like to be a student at South Regional TAFE.

Speak to a lecturer about courses you are interested in and get helpful advice to start an application.

If you are unsure what to apply for, there is a fun quiz game to match your personality to a dream career.

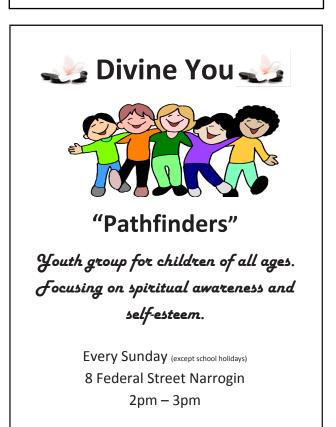
Highlights:

- Course information
- Campus tours
  - Application assistance
- Exhibitions
- Food and beverages

Applications for full time courses in 2020 open from September 2019, first round closes December 6 2019.

Visit our website for more information www. southregionaltafe.wa.edu.au or

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