



# High School Highlights

Narrogin Senior High School

Issue 1 2020

## NEW STAFF FOR NARROGIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Kate Furphy (Nurse), Monique Duarte (English), Elyse Williams (Ed Support), Melanie Edwards (Psychologist), Hayden McWilliams (English), Wendy Sargeantson (Business), Mona Dawson (HASSL), Janine Keall (Principal), Ellie Sheridan (HASSL), Sushmita Datta Roy (English), Cameron Brook (Science), Naomi Kittow (NEEP), Tia Spitieris (English), Blake Howieson (Music), Melissa Denkinger (TTC), Kelly Nicholls (Chaplain)  
Absent: Ashleigh Ezard (NEEP) and Amelia Shadbolt (NEEP).



## Congratulations Justin Nguyen

Justin Nguyen achieved a 94.05 ATAR and is **now a member of the Narrogin SHS 90's ATAR Club.**

He has been accepted into medicine at UWA and has commenced his studies this year.

We wish Justin every success in his studies and his future as a doctor.

Justin is pictured with the Principal Mrs Janine Keall.

*Advance with Integrity | Responsibility Respect Tolerance*

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# Principal's Message

## Mrs Janine Keall

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

Melissa Walker is on leave for 2020 and will be returning at the beginning of the 2021 school year. We wish Melissa well in her time off and her travels abroad.

I am pleased to welcome staff, students and their families to the 2020 school year and give a special welcome to anyone who is new to the school. The year is now well under way and I am pleased to report that we have had a smooth start and the new Year 7 group has settled in well.

We are extremely proud of the 2019 Year 12 group who achieved some outstanding results. These results are a reflection of committed students, excellent teachers, outstanding parent support and a great school. In addition, the Year 12 students achieved 97% attainment (ATAR above 55 and/or completion of a Certificate II). I also commend those young people who achieved VET Certificates, School Based Traineeships and/or had tremendous successes in their respective workplaces. Eight students successfully completed a Certificate IV, and 20 students completed a Certificate III.

There have been a number of changes at the school since the beginning of the new school year. We congratulate the students on their ability to work through these changes and adapt to new situations. We will all endure change or adversity in our lives at one point or another and it is these life experiences that help us to build strength and character.

A quote from Rajkummar Rao; "If you change nothing, nothing will change". As a school we want to ensure that our students are in the best environment to unlock and fulfil their learning potential. Our new timetable has created better opportunities for students, smaller class sizes and greater engagement in classes.

The Coronavirus pandemic is something that all schools and communities across the world are now dealing with. As the lead agency in Western Australia, the WA Department of Health is monitoring the situation and we are acting on their advice as it relates to students and staff. Our school is sending out regular updates to the school community through Connect to keep you informed. Please make contact with the school if you are unable to access this information so that we can assist you. The risk of transmission remains low in Western Australia and we should remain alert, but not alarmed.

Again, I welcome all new families and encourage you to be a part of your child's school throughout the year. You can do this in a number of ways including attending P&C meetings, applying to be on the School Board, helping out in the canteen and keeping in touch with your child's educational **program by accessing** Connect and maintaining a line of communication.

Narrogin SHS Yr 12 Prefects



NSHS Head Boy and Head Girl  
Jack Moyses and Kaitlyn O'Neill





# Karen Thomas Senior School Deputy

A warm welcome to the Year 10 students who have joined our Senior School and welcome back to the Year 11 and 12 students. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Wellbeing Coordinators for 2020:

Mrs Johnson – Year 12

Mrs Sexton – Year 11

Ms Lavan – Year 10

They will be working closely with their year group to support student wellbeing and provide support for students where required.

Already the term is moving quickly and Year 10, 11 and 12 students should have completed assessment tasks across all of their subjects. Student achievement is regularly reviewed to ensure students are making academic progress and Year 11 and 12 students are on track for WACE achievement. Where there are concerns, students are interviewed and support strategies are put in place to assist them meeting deadlines and maintaining C grades.

The first round of OLNA for 2020 has been completed. Year 10, 11 and 12 students who did not achieve a Band 8 for Reading, Writing and Numeracy in the Year 9 NAPLAN testing are required to sit the OLNA tests. Students are required to achieve a Category 3 for each of the tests in order to achieve a WACE. Two opportunities to complete the testing are provided each year with the second round of testing commencing in September.

Year 11 and 12 students attended the School Ball on Friday 13 March. The theme this year was the Roaring Twenties. A great night was had by all.

I look forward to 2020 with all its highlights and encourage each student to work hard and make the most of the opportunities afforded at the school.

## Bus Lane Gray Street

Please note that the one way bus lane on Gray Street is for buses ONLY. Cars cannot access this lane at any time.

Please can you ensure that you use the two way access to and from Homer Street.

# David Stivey Middle School Deputy

## NAPLAN 2020

Year 7 and 9 students will be completing NAPLAN testing in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2.

NAPLAN Online 2020 – Information for parents and carers brochure.

This publication provides important information for parents and carers about the NAPLAN program, with specific reference to NAPLAN Online. The brochure will be posted home shortly. Please take the time to read this information carefully and contact David Stivey – Deputy Principal on (08) 9881 9300 if you have any queries or concerns.

## Important Dates:

Reading	12 May 2020
Writing	13 May 2020 (Must be completed by the 14 May 2020)
Language Conventions	14 May 2020
Numeracy	15 May 2020
Catch up sessions to be held Monday 18 May 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020 if necessary.	

## Barista's in the Making



*Chloe Turnock Yr 12 Kalani Aird Yr 11*

Today CJ (Yr 12) and Kalani (Yr 11) were brewing up a storm on the Hilltop Café coffee machine. As part of the Barista qualification, they are required to make a variety of coffees for paying customers. For the first student run Coffee Club, we received approximately 30 customers and these two students proved that they have the capabilities to work successfully in a café setting. Well done!

*Ms Melissa DenKinger  
Trade Training Centre*

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## New Staff Profiles

### Elyse Williams

Which learning area will you be working in this year?  
Education Support in Room 30! And a bit of music.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?  
I was born in Canberra, but grew up in Perth.

What is your favourite activity?  
*It's a little hard to choose a favourite activity, but I suppose either hiking with friends or beach swimming.*

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?  
*Over the last couple of years, I've had the privilege of working closely with numerous Refugee Support organizations, and have got to know people who have overcome and are currently overcoming impossible circumstances. It's been painful at times, confronting in others but I've been absolutely blown away by the strength, resilience and love of these people.*

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?  
*I'm excited to be living in the country and to get to know my students.*

Tell us an interesting fact about you?  
I play the viola and studied music performance at UWA. I have performed internationally with various orchestras and choirs.



### Melissa Denkinger

Which learning area will you be working in this year?  
TTC / Home Ec

Where were you born/grow up?  
Perth, WA to German parents. Growing up as a first generation immigrant kid was interesting!

What is your favourite activity?  
Eating, drinking, working out and sleeping

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?

Seeing my amazing students thrive and do things that they never thought possible.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?  
Getting my hands on the TTC and seeing what magic our kids can create!

Tell us an interesting fact about you?  
I taught for 10 years in Broome and one year in Christmas Island. First year in the SW and its cold!!!

Best quote?  
Just give it a go!



### Naomi Kittow

Which learning area will you be working in this year?  
Year 7 NEEP class.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?  
Albany.

What is your favourite activity?  
Relaxing with my husband and daughters.

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?  
Having my two daughters.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?  
Meeting all the staff and students.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?  
I love playing netball.



### Blake Howieson

Which learning area will you be working in this year?  
Music and Band.

Where were you born/grow up?  
Born in the City, Grew up in Port Hedland and Narrogin.

What is your favourite activity?  
Making Music

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?  
Crossing the Nullarbor and camping around Tasmania for a month.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?  
Working along side my old teachers and coming back to make a difference in the school community. There are many positive changes happening in the school and its always exciting to be apart of the community at NSHS.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?  
I can play the flute, saxophone, clarinet, and piano (and I am learning Guitar).

Best quote?  
Just do it!





Ash Ezard

Which learning area will you be working in this year?

Year 8 NEEP, Year 7 Health

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Kalamunda/Lesmurdie/Walliston area.

It's in the hills about 30 minutes from Perth.

What is your favourite activity?

Going to the beach with my dog, Jynx, and my partner.

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?

Walking the Great Wall of China with my partner.

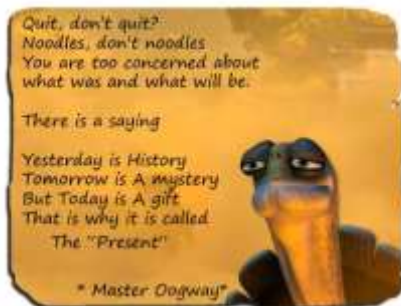
What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?

I'm so excited to get to know the students here. Narrogin SHS has a very different vibe to schools that I have been to in Perth and I think the main thing is that teachers and students build better relationships here. I can't wait to be a part of that.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

I used to be quite good at the flute and toured Europe for 6 weeks in a band. We played at numerous war memorials throughout Europe, such as Menin Gate, Gallipoli and Fromelles, to honour Australia's fallen heroes.

Best quote?



Darren Jacques

Which learning area will you be working in this year?

I am working in Mathematics.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Merredin, then spent my primary years in Narrogin, eventually moving to Perth for the high school years.

What is your favourite activity?

This would have to be bushwalking, with a special interest in native fauna.

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?

Achieving my childhood dream of entering officer training in the army only to realise that I wanted to be a teacher.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?

Returning to the place of my happiest childhood memories and becoming a small part of the memories of others through teaching.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

My beard was a Santa joke for Term 4 last year, yet it remains because I've gotten used to it.

Best quote?

"Stay strong and keep smiling." It's written on my arm because of how important it is to me.



Cameron Brook

Which learning area will you be working in this year?

Science, Physical Education and Technologies.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Kalgoorlie but grew up in Mandurah.

What is your favourite activity?

That's a tough choice between being out in nature camping or playing a round of golf.

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?

Spending a month enjoying life camping at Sandy Cape, just north of Jurien Bay.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?

I am looking forward to developing a rapport with the students of NSHS and my fellow staff members. I have always wanted to teach in the country and feel Narrogin is a beautiful town to start my career.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

I am the youngest of seven children, resulting in a busy but incredibly enjoyable childhood.

Best quote?

"Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today."



Ellie Sheridan

Which learning area will you be working in this year?

HASS.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Perth.

What is your favourite activity?

Playing softball.

What is a special moment or highlight that you have experienced?

Studying abroad in the United States.

What are you most excited about starting at NSHS?

Starting my career.

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

I'm clumsy.

Best quote?

"Dig deep".





# School Nurse

The school health service promotes healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential.

## Clinic Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

- before or after school, recess & lunchtime

## What Services Are Available

- Provide information and support to students (and their families) to help them make informed decisions about their health, wellbeing and development.
- Refer to other health professionals for further assessment or treatment, such as GP, speech therapy, dietician, counsellors, dentist, sexual health services, Chaplain.
- Plan and deliver school immunisation programs.
- Work with teachers to support health education sessions.
- Facilitate student health and wellbeing programs.
- Help school staff and parents to develop health care plans for students with specific health needs.
- Offer parenting advice.
- Provide an easy first point of contact to health care for students.

## Specific Services For Adolescent Students

School health services are an easy way for secondary students to access health care and health information for issues such as:

- healthy eating or nutrition
- healthy weight and body image
- coping with illness
- feeling anxious, stressed or unhappy
- mental health and well being
- loss and grief
- relationships
- sexual health
- smoking, alcohol & drug use

Kate Furphy is available on 9881 9330

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri

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# Art

casmsecretary@gmail.com', 'Entry is free and winners will be invited to exhibit work with CASM at Moores Building, 46 Henry St, Fremantle, 9th - 25th October 2020.', 'Prizes: Art Vouchers: 1st \$300 / 2nd \$150 / 3rd \$50', 'Download forms from: [www.casmartists.com](http://www.casmartists.com) below.', 'Please refer to Terms and Conditions for more details.', and social media icons for CASMartists.com, Facebook, Instagram, and the Contemporary Australian Surrealists Movement."/>

## Leavers Shirt 2020

Maureen Ugle is modelling the Year 12 Leaver's Shirt for 2020.

The insert on the shirt was designed by Chanté Kickett.



# Bran Nue Dae



On Wednesday 12 February the Shooting Stars, Follow the Dream and ATAR English students had a fantastic experience visiting the Regal Theatre and watching the Bran Nue Dae theatre production.

Set in Broome the production is about a boy who gets sent to Perth to become a priest, except he runs away and finds his way home.

It was a great experience to go to the theatre. We all had a fantastic time.

Year 12 ATAR English students are currently studying the play, movie and original script. Seeing the play live enhanced our understanding.

*Year 12 English*



# Follow The Dream

Follow the Dream programs support aboriginal students who aspire to successfully complete their secondary schooling, show aptitude for learning, and demonstrate a positive approach towards education. Academic enrichment lies at the heart of the program, with each student offered literacy & numeracy support, specialist tutoring, personalised learning plans, one-on-one mentoring, and practical experience. Throughout the academic year, students also engage in a range of extra-curricular activities that broaden their horizons, build resilience, develop confidence and promote cultural pride.

The program introduces students to a wealth of experiences, opens their eyes to a huge range of post-school pathways, and encourages them to dream big. Students who are part of the 'Follow the Dream Family' gain a sense of identity, belonging, and purpose. Not only do they embark on a positive post-school pathway, but they emerge as strong role models for their peers, siblings and wider community.

What does Follow the Dream offer?

Specialist tutoring | One-on-one mentoring | Literacy & numeracy enrichment | Personalised learning plans | Career camps | University tours | Once-in-a-lifetime excursions | Workplace visits Internships, work experience & vac work | Awards & Scholarships | Leadership days | Inspirational speakers | Cultural experiences & celebrations | Emotional & well being support | Life-long membership of our Alumni Network.

*Ms Maxine Clark*



Trainee doctors visited NSHS  
Follow The Dream Program



# Phys Education

## Year 7 & 8 Fitness Testing

All classes in Year 7 and 8 participated in Fitness testing in the first 3 weeks of school. Students participated in 11 standardised tests.

The multi stage fitness test (Beep Test) has participants completing 20m shuttle runs to a cadence that gets quicker and quicker. It is a very good test of cardio vascular health.

In the table below are the averages for 12 and 13 year old children across Australia along with some of our better performances.

*Mr Andrew Corner*

Year	Male	Female
12 Year Olds (Year 7)	Australian Average 5.4	Australian Average 4.1
	George Kilpatrick 9.1	Tamzin Pederick 7.5
	Flynn Harper 9.9	Kate Cousins 7.9
	Angus Whiteford 9.11	Denby Young 8.2
13 Year Olds (Year 8)	Australian Average 5.9	Australian Average 4.3
	Shane Spratt 9.1	Tyler Steere 7.2
	Beau Readhead 10.1	Maddie Andrews 7.8
	Keale Readhead 10.1	Tanya Bolton 7.8



Staff participating in Bronze Medallion Training



Year 11 ATAR Physical Education Students dissect chicken wings as part of their functional anatomy lessons.

# Year 8 Science Stem Activity

Year 8 students were challenged to make a cell. It was a great way to check student understanding and a fun way to end the week. As you can see from the photos we all had a great time.

*Ms Maxine Clark  
Mr Jean D'Cruz*





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# Merit Certificate Recipients

**Congratulations to the following students who have received a Merit Certificate at Assembly on 19 February.**

## Year 7

Ciara Browne, Davan Chaplin, Riley Coxon,  
Justice Dale, Georgia Ellis, Divine Issaya,  
Casey Jacobs, Ethan Long, Destiny Michael,  
Cadel Penny, Grace Penny,  
Aiden Rawlings, Rohan Schmid, Sonny Shipway,  
Martin Smith, Demi Steer, Angus Whiteford,  
Willow West, Michaela Wrage and Marjorie Ugle.

## Year 8

Lourisse Ascuncion, Chloe Behlau, Lilli Beresford,  
Noah Bowen-Zoccoli, Jade Bray,  
Amelia Corasaniti, Alannah Culbert,  
Carson Draper,  
Lachlan Edge, Brooke-Lee Edwards,  
Jayde Edwards, Taya Garlett,  
Lucas Hull, Kristy Jetta, Elyse Manera,  
Ebony Marshall, Sasha McGuiffe,  
Guillaume van der Reit, Kaysha Riley,  
Bailey Smith,  
Shane Spratt and Dakota Watts.

## Year 9

Kuyann Foster, Jack Giles, Jordan Harcourt,  
Georgia Harrington, Wyatt Hodgson, Ethan  
Johnson, Kaylee Laidlaw, Luke Parker,  
Sienna Scholz and Oliver Woodford

## Year 10

Dakota Ahrens, Rosie Anderson, Taite Ashton,  
Tahlia Baxter, Zahlee Buck, Amelia Burrow,  
Tristan Burt, Stephen Conlan, William Coppock,  
Marcel Corasaniti, Ashton George,  
Cassandra Graham, Rory Heywood,  
Clare Johnson, Blair Kemp, Heidi Morgan,  
Tyler Murphy, Corey Page, Caitlin Pratt,  
Krosby Readhead, Mia Slawinski, Marcie Smith,  
Rhys Trefort, Heath Turner-Reid, Tristan Vitalone  
and Mackenzie Williams.

## Year 11

Taj Allinson, Shaylee Annear, Chanel Bowey,  
Nicky Brown, Eliza Coppock, Melita Davey,  
Tahlia Edge, Ashlyn Edmonds, Camryn Furphy,  
Brooklyn Hohipuha, Jydan Lanciano, Toby Leavy,  
Maddison Linaker, Jaiya Little, Jaida Moore,  
Jasmyn Oats and Nicole Taylor.

## Year 12

Caitlynn Blechynden, Talia Bulpit, Piper Edwards,  
Lauren Erickson, Trent Gumprich, Haki Harcourt,  
Phoebe Keefe, Paige McGovern, Oliver McLure,  
Wez Nicholson, Lucy Palumbo, Angus Perkins,  
Joseph Ramshaw, Damien Robertson, Liam Smith,  
Phoenix Turner and Chloe Turnock.

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# GPA 4.75 Award Recipients

**Congratulations to the following students who have received Grade Point Average of 4.75 and above in Semester 2, 2019. The GPA Award replaces the 8 As Award which illustrates excellence in achieving an A in at least 75% of their grades.**

Anisha Babic, Lilli Beresford, Jude Corner, Gabrielle Cousins, Abby Dewing, Courtney Dewing, Camryn Furphy,  
Ella Hann, Emily Lazenby, Chelsea Mulcahy, Abby Munns, Thomas Munns, Leila Pederick, Caitlin Pratt,  
Kele Readhead, Annie Robins, Ben Robins, Amira Schmid, Nikota Scholz, Mia Slawinski and McKenzie Williams.

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## Open Day

The WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin invites you to its OPEN DAY on Friday 18 September 2020 from 9am – 3pm. Be escorted by our students through the facilities. Watch our students as they impress you with their Farm and Trade skills. Learn about the education and training opportunities available to students studying at the College. Enjoy refreshments and a light lunch in the beautiful gardens.

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## Congratulations

On behalf of the Curtin AHEAD Team, I would like to express my congratulations to Jack August, Ryan Blechynden and Megan Elliott on receiving the Curtin Scholarship for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) and accepting offers to study at Curtin University in 2020.

We wish Jack, Ryan and Megan all the very best on their higher education journeys and encourage them to reach out to the AHEAD team at any time during their studies.

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# Year 11 Top Student Semester 2, 2019

Congratulations to the current Year 12 students who received Top Student Award in their subject for Year 11, Semester 2, 2019. These awards were not handed out at the end of last year due to the Year 11's finishing school early.

Holly Crane	Career and Enterprise
Piper Edwards	General Human Biology
Lauren Erickson	ATAR Human Biology
Montanah French	General Human Biology
Montanah French	General Design Photography
Natashia Goedhart	Foundation English
Luke Kirk	General Physical Education Studies
Damian Lutz	Materials, Design and Technology Metals
Damian Lutz	Materials, Design and Technology Woodwork
Paige McGovern	General English
Oliver McLure	ATAR Physical Education Studies
Imogen Morgan	Certificate III in Business
Imogen Morgan	ATAR Music
<b>Joshua O'Brien</b>	Mathematics Methods
<b>Joshua O'Brien</b>	ATAR Mathematics Specialists
<b>Joshua O'Brien</b>	ATAR Physics
Kaitlyn O'Neill	ATAR (Unit 1 & 2) Modern History
Quinlan Paice	ATAR Chemistry
Lucy Palumbo	ATAR Economics
Michaela Pratt	ATAR (Unit 1 & 2) Geography
Michaela Pratt	ATAR English
Grace Simpson	General Design Photography
Grace Simpson	General Visual Arts
Grace Simpson	Certificate II in Visual Arts
Jessica Terblanche	General Food Science and Technology
Jessica Terblanche	Certificate II in Business
Charlotte Tinley	ATAR Mathematics Applications
Charlotte Tinley	ATAR Biology
Chloe Turnock	General English
Xavier Windsor	General Music