

# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

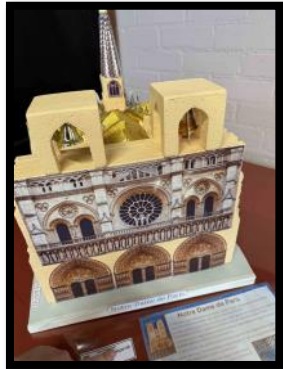
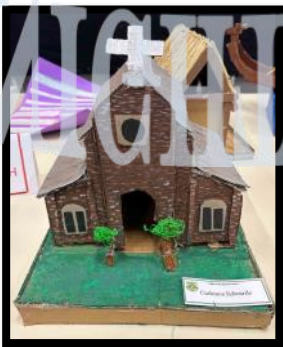
"Respect, Responsibility & Tolerance"

Narrogin Senior High School



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## NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



On Tuesday 13 May 2025, our school library became a time capsule as students from Years 7 and 8 showcased their handmade artefacts in the much-anticipated **Night at the Museum**.

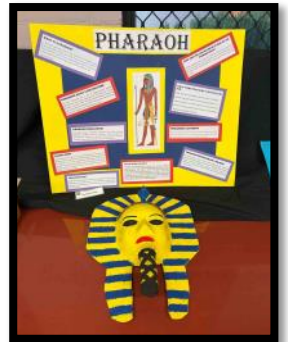
The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as parents, teachers, and students explored exhibits that brought ancient and medieval worlds to life.

Year 7 transported us to the ancient past with artefacts from ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Highlights included detailed hieroglyphic carvings, Olympic wreaths, and Roman mosaics, each crafted with impressive creativity and historical insight. The level of craftsmanship and the depth of research behind each piece were truly remarkable.

Year 8 took a darker turn with their medieval displays, split between the feudal system and the Black Death. From model castles with drawbridges and banners, to eerie plague doctor masks and maps showing the disease's spread and havoc across the continent, the students balanced intrigue with historical accuracy. Their commitment to capturing the essence of medieval life was evident in every exhibit.

The evening concluded with students proudly discussing their creations, demonstrating not just their artistic skills but a keen understanding of history. It was a night where the past came alive through the hands and imaginations of our young historians.

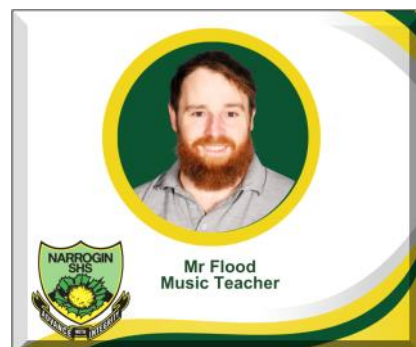
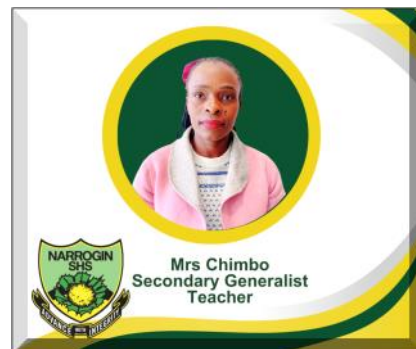
*By Jamie Perry*



# New Staff Members

A huge welcome to the new staff members who joined us this term.

Mr George Flood has taken on the Music teacher position, Mrs Charity Chimbo will be the new Maths teacher. Mrs Rowyn Jones is in English and Mr Josh Jones Associate Principal in the Wellness Wing.



# New Year 7 Student Councillors

Congratulations to the eight new Year 7 student councillors!

After delivering a speech to their peers, these fabulous students were elected to represent their year group on the Council.

We are looking forward to their positive contributions.



Hunter Beswick



Ella Bowles



Jenna Spenceley



Brooklyn Caunt



Bianca Lazaga



Phoebe Screaigh



Jake Saunders



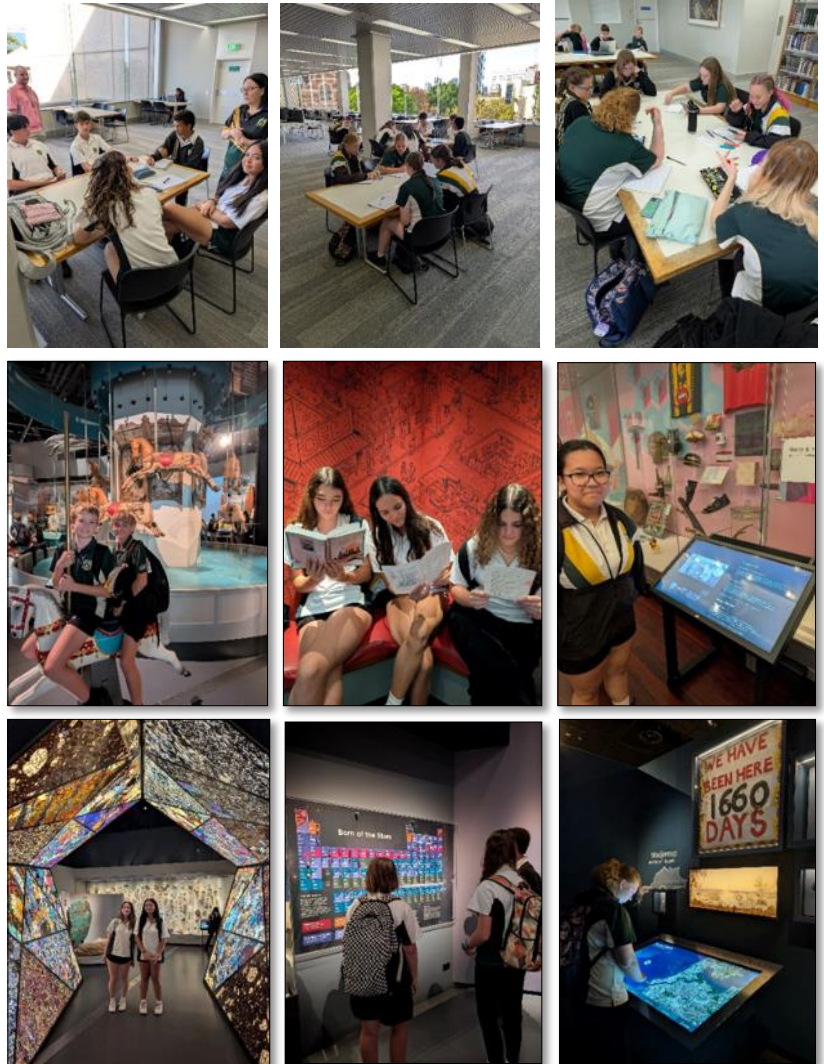
Holly Ord



# Perth Cultural Centre Excursion *By Mrs Ellie Heaton*

On Friday May 2, Mrs. Heaton's 9ENG1 and Mrs. Inglis' 10ENG1 classes visited Perth Cultural Centre to complement their English novel studies. Firstly, the students visited the WA State Library, where they engaged in self-guided study, researching key historical contextual information relevant to their novel studies. Students were working quietly alongside members of the public, including university students – and it was difficult to tell the difference! Students worked diligently, behaved impeccably and represented Narrogin Senior High School perfectly.

After the library, students visited the Western Australian Museum (Boola Bardip) and explored the many exhibitions. Students enjoyed the interactive aspects, exploring local history and learning about everything that makes WA so special. The geology exhibit 'Origins' was a hit, and we were particularly excited to see the dinosaurs!



Overall, the trip to Perth Cultural Centre was a roaring success. All forty-one attending students were a credit to Narrogin Senior High School; Mrs. Heaton, Mrs. Inglis, Mr. Heil and Mr. Perry are proud to have accompanied them.





# WasteSorted Schools *By Sophia David and Hanz Rafanan (Year 8 Student Councilors)*

On April 9, our Student Council and Waste Committee had the pleasure of hosting WasteSorted Schools, who paid us a visit to conduct a waste audit. The purpose of this was to help our school determine areas of concern and take steps towards addressing our ongoing waste problem. We'd like to say a big thank you to Aoife McCabe and Megan Mentz, who came and guided our Student Council during the audit.

## What were the results?

Our Council has received the results of the waste audit; they are shocking! We felt there was a need to share the data with our peers and school community to raise awareness. The results below are an estimated calculation of what our school throws into landfill over the course of a year:

- ♦ Almost a **tonne** of fruit and veg scraps that could have been composted.
- ♦ Almost **3,000** whole fruits and veggies that could have been eaten or composted.
- ♦ Close to **900kg** of paper and cardboard that could have been recycled.
- ♦ **2,862** pieces of hard plastic thrown out instead of being recycled.
- ♦ Around **4,300** pieces of recyclable aluminium.
- ♦ Roughly **46,000** eligible Containers for Change drink containers, which is equivalent to throwing away around **\$4,500!**
- ♦ Almost **200,000** snack wrappers being thrown out.
- ♦ Close to **4,300** zip-lock bags and pieces of cling wrap being sent to landfill sites.
- ♦ Nearly **6,000** pieces of whole packaged foods are being thrown out instead of eaten.

Annually, our school is sending almost **10,000kg** of waste to landfill. The largest waste stream being sent to landfill is general waste.

## What can our school community do about this?

- ♦ Things students and families can do to minimise the waste to landfill are:
- ♦ Buy in bulk (instead of buying multiple packages) and use reusable containers to bring food into school.
- ♦ Talk to your caregivers about what foods you like and don't like, to minimise wasted food.
- ♦ Raise waste awareness within your household.
- ♦ Be aware of what is recyclable and what isn't.
- ♦ Check if your drink container is eligible for Containers for Change.



## Fridays at the TTC *By Ben Davies*

Over the course of Term One, our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students worked hard to develop their skills in both the kitchen and front of house service areas. Their hard work has culminated this term in the Grand Re-opening of The Hilltop Café - Narrogin Senior High School's Hospitality Trade Training Centre, on the May 9.

Opening every Friday from 11:30am until 2pm (last table bookings at 1:30pm) the hospitality crew are now three weeks in and have received wonderful acclaim for both their food and service. With reviews such as *"Nice burger and heaps of tasty chips! Great Iced latte. Fresh ingredients, generous portion. Nice coffee! Friendly staff."* Our students are feeling the buzz!

With a menu featuring freshly prepared homemade meals and a great range of beverages including weekly mocktails, and coffee with freshly roasted beans from the regional 1905 Roasting Co in Williams, there is something on the menu for everyone including kids' meals.

We are so fortunate to have our wonderful training facility and beautiful restaurant right here at the school and to be able to have our students gain practical experience with genuine customer interaction and feedback. Our spacious dining area accommodates indoor and alfresco dining with lovely, elevated views and ample parking available.

We encourage everyone to follow 'The Hilltop - Narrogin Hospitality Trade Training Centre' on Facebook (visit [Facebook](#)) to see more of what we have been up to and to find details of our menu, what's happening and how to reserve your table. Whether you're after a quiet cuppa, a quick bite, or some time with friends, family or work mates, we've got you covered.

With the success of the relaunch, our students are committed to bringing you excellent service and quality food and beverage this term and into the future. We look forward to serving the Narrogin community and seeing NSHS students thrive.





# Do it for Dolly Day *by Mrs Heaton*

Friday May 23

At the beginning of 2018, Australia was devastated by the untimely death of 14-year-old Dolly Everett, who sadly took her own life after an extended period of bullying and cyber-bullying. Inspired by her spirit and fuelled by hope, Dolly's parents set out on a mission to create a kinder, safer world for every child.

The Narrogin Senior High School Council is equally passionate about improving student welfare and wellbeing across our school. I was so proud of Stella Nardini, a diligent Year 10 student councillor, when she approached me and asked if, as a school, we could mark Do It for Dolly Day. Youth mental health is such a significant issue in today's society, and it's crucial that we raise awareness in this area.

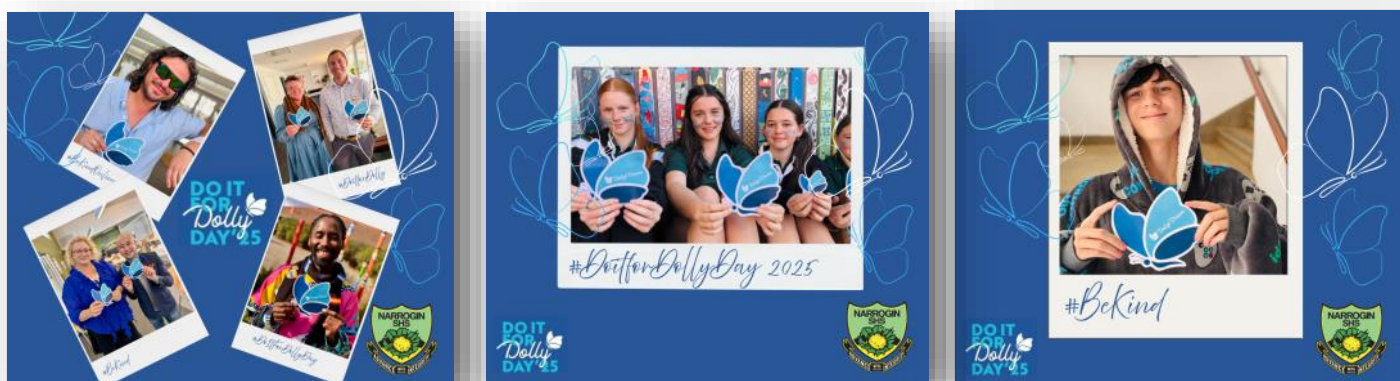
It was fabulous to see many of our students donning blue clothes, accessories and face paint in support of Dolly's Dream: to fund vital anti-bullying programs and provide effective support programs for youths suffering the devastating mental effects of bullying.

In total, the school raised \$183.00 for Dolly's Dream. Thank you to the students and their families for supporting this cause.

*by Stella Nardini Year 10 Councillor*

Do It for Dolly Day is about raising awareness of the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, as well as supporting Dolly and Dolly's Dream. I think it's very important to raise awareness about these topics because it helps to educate students and families, lets people know that they aren't alone in their struggles, and sparks conversations about things people often feel uncomfortable talking about.

For me, participating in Do It for Dolly Day was a way of helping people in my community and all over Australia who struggle with mental health issues.



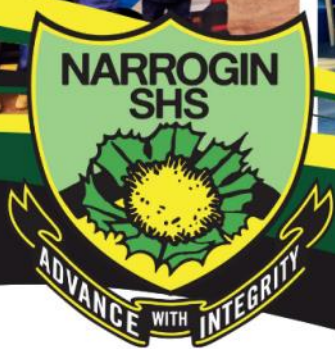
## Reporting Student Absenteeism

At Narrogin Senior High School, we are teaching our students the core expectations of **Respect, Responsibility and Tolerance**. Our students are encouraged to demonstrate Responsibility through attending school at least 90% of the time.

The *School Education Act 1999* requires parents/guardians to send your child to school every day unless there is *reasonable cause* for them not to attend.

**To report student attendance, you can follow one of the below processes:**

- ❖ Call the school on 9881 9378
- ❖ Email [narrogin.shs.absentees@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:narrogin.shs.absentees@education.wa.edu.au)
- ❖ Log into the compass parent / carer portal and create an attendance note
- ❖ Follow the link in the Compass absentee SMS



# WORKPLACE LEARNING

## WORKPLACE LEARNING COORDINATOR:

*Londa Finlayson*

As part of the Career Development Team (Mrs Wendy Sargeantson and Mr Kris McDonald and I) we support upper school students at Narrogin SHS by helping them explore work pathways such as:

- ◆ Workplace Learning (WPL)
- ◆ School-Based Traineeships (SBTs)
- ◆ Vocational Education & Training (VET)
- ◆ Industry and Employer Connections

As a former Narrogin SHS student, I bring lived experience to this role — having been a School-Based Trainee myself, I know what it takes to succeed. I've walked this path, earned industry awards, and now I'm here to help you do the same.

**Visit me in Room 21 (CAVE) behind the library**

*Let's chat about how we look at workplace learning options!*

## WPL Information

### Workplace Learning (WPL) ◀

Try out different jobs, gain hands-on experience, and boost your WACE points!

### School-Based Traineeships (SBTs) ◀

Earn and learn — complete part-time paid work while studying toward a qualification

### WorkSafe/Smartmove Certificate ◀

Complete WorkSafe/Smartmove Certificate to prepare you in the workforce

### Logbook & Skills Journal = WACE Points ◀

For every 55 Hours in the Workplace you will be awarded a WACE point (ie: C Grade). You can accumulate 220 Hours & Earn 4 WACE Points (4x C Grades)



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# WORKPLACE LEARNING PROCESS

*Prepare for your future by stepping into the world of work!*

## What is Workplace Learning (WPL)?

**WPL is your chance to explore careers while still at school!**

It gives you real-life insight into workplaces and helps you figure out what types of jobs you might enjoy.

### Key Features:

- Experience** different jobs and work environments
- Simulate** a typical workday or workweek
- Unpaid** during school hours (as per legal requirements)
- Can be paid outside school hours** if it's your part-time job

### Flexible scheduling:

- **1 day per week** (during school)
- **1-2 week block** (during term or school holidays)
- **Bonus:** For every 55 hours completed and documented in your Logbook and Skills Journal, you earn 1 WACE point (C grade equivalent).
- **Earn up to 4 WACE points** (220 hours total)!



## How to Get Started

1. **Explore Your Interests**
2. **Think about careers** or industries you're curious about or enjoy.
3. **Visit the CAVE** (Behind the Library)
4. **Chat with Londa Finlayson** and collect your WPL Info Pack.
5. **Find a Workplace**
6. **Reach out to employers yourself**



## Not sure where to start?

1. **Londa Finlayson can help with suggestions.**
2. **Complete the Prerequisites**
3. **Complete the WorkSafe/SmartMove Certificate**
4. **Current Resume** (Email to: [Londa.Finlayson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Londa.Finlayson@education.wa.edu.au))
5. **Book a Pre-Start Interview** with the Employer & WPL Coordinator
6. **Meet your potential employer** and discuss your placement.
7. **Sign the Forms**
8. **You and your parent/guardian must sign a WPL contract** and permission forms.
9. **Get Ready to Start!**
10. **Pick up your WPL badge, Logbook, and Skills Journal** — and you're off!



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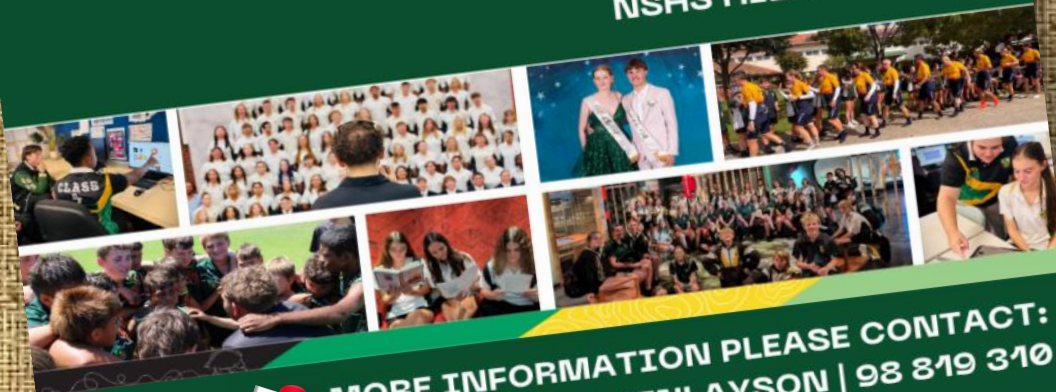




# 70th Birthday Working Party

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE, THEN JUMP ON BOARD!

FIRST MEETING – TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025  
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MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
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## Year 9 & 10 Parent & Supporters Information Evening

**Wednesday 4 June 2025**  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Assist your child as they navigate senior secondary school and the journey to tertiary studies! Help your child understand university and their tertiary study options.

Scan to QR code to register, or visit [murdoch.edu.au/events](https://murdoch.edu.au/events)



## Year 11 & 12 Parent & Supporters Information Evening

**Wednesday 4 June 2025**  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Assist your child in the transition from secondary school to tertiary studies! Help your child take the leap from secondary school to university!

Scan to QR code to register, or visit [murdoch.edu.au/events](https://murdoch.edu.au/events)



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## Guide for parents Adolescent immunisation – Year 7

**Adolescent  
Immunisation**  
protection for everybody

### Immunisations offered in high school

In Year 7, your child will be offered free, routine immunisations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases. An immunisation nursing team will visit your child's school.

Year 7 students are offered 2 immunisations:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)**  
– (one injection) boosts immunity from a similar immunisation usually received during early childhood
- **Human papillomavirus (HPV)**  
– (one injection) protects against some strains of HPV and related types of cancer.

Information on these diseases is available [here](#) or at the end of this guide.

### What you need to do

#### Complete the form (consent or decline)

Your child cannot be immunised at school without your consent. Whether you consent or decline, it is important to complete the form ahead of the nursing team's visit.

The form can be completed:

- **Online** (preferred method) – [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent)
- **Hard copy** – If you are unable to complete the online form, download a copy from [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation) and return the completed form to the school.

**Note:** If your child attends a school on **Cocos Islands** or **Christmas Island**, complete and return the paper form provided by the school. If your dependent is a **child under the care of the Department of Communities**, contact your dependent's case worker to complete a form and return it to their school.

### What to expect

#### When will the nursing team visit my child's high school?

The nursing teams visit high schools across WA throughout the year. Your school will let you know before immunisation day via the school's preferred communication method. If you're unsure, check directly with the school.

#### How to make sure your child is prepared for immunisation

While the immunisation itself is very quick, the anticipation may cause stress for some students.

Nursing teams work extensively with high school students and are skilled at making sure your child is informed, comfortable and cared for. However, there are simple things you can do to make sure your child is prepared:

- Talk to your child about how they are feeling about immunisation and let them know what to expect.
- Share with your child why immunisation is important: it helps to protect them and others in the community who may be more vulnerable to disease.
- Walk your child through the diseases they'll be protected against by receiving the immunisations.
- Reassure with facts.
- Make sure your child has eaten their regular meals and has water to remain hydrated.



## Before your child is immunised

Let the nursing team know if your child:

- has had a severe reaction following any past immunisation
- has a history of severe allergy where immunisation is not recommended
- has had a live vaccine within the last month e.g. tuberculosis, measles, yellow fever
- has had an injection of immunoglobulin or whole blood transfusion in the last 3 months
- has a disease that lowers immunity, (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS) or is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. steroid drugs such as hydrocortisone or prednisolone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- lives with someone who has a disease that lowers immunity or who is having treatment that lowers immunity.



## After immunisation

Students are required to sit and stay at the place of immunisation for at least 15 minutes to check they are doing well. After school, make sure they are feeling well and talk to them about the experience. Your child will be given an aftercare card and you can ask them to share it with you.

Immunisations, like any other medicines, can cause side effects. Most side effects are usually mild and short lasting and do not need treatment. Most people experience few to no side effects and serious side effects are very rare. Common reactions may include pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fever, irritability, drowsiness, decreased appetite, headaches, rash and nausea.

Serious immunisation reactions are possible, but rare. Learn more at [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

Paracetamol can help reduce mild fever or pain and a cool damp cloth can help with pain at the injection site.

Seek medical advice or go to the local emergency department if your child has any side effects that may be serious or unexpected such as swelling of the face or throat or difficulty breathing. You can also call *Healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222 for non-urgent queries. You can report concerns about any serious reactions after immunisation – visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/reportingsideeffects](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/reportingsideeffects) or call 6456 0208.

## If your child is unwell or misses immunisation day

In most cases, if your child has a mild, common illness, such as a cold with a low-grade fever, they can still be safely immunised.

On the day, the nursing team will assess your child before giving the immunisation. If for any reason they decide your child shouldn't be immunised, your child will bring home information with further advice.

It is recommended your child is immunised as close as possible to the recommended age, however if your child does miss their immunisation at school there are options to catch up. You can visit any participating:

- community pharmacy
- general practice
- community immunisation clinic
- Aboriginal Medical Service.

**Note:** While the immunisation is free, some providers may charge for consultations.