

# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

“Respect, Responsibility & Tolerance”



Narrogin Senior High School

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## Year 9 Sydney Canberra Tour 2024

The Year 9 Canberra/Sydney tour was a brilliant success with all students and staff representing the school with integrity, care and respect.

At many times throughout the tour, I received positive feedback from tour operators, onsite staff, bus driver and the general public about the high calibre of our school and students. Although we saw many schools on our travels, NSHS stood out with their enthusiasm, collaboration and engagement in the wide variety of activities that we completed. The Canberra-Sydney shirts, funded by NSHS P&C and Narrogin Lions, looked fabulous and were proudly on display each day. Many thanks to Ms Sheridan for organising our special shirts and to Ms Johnson who did a massive washing night and kept the shirts looking clean and crisp. Our students were always well presented, polite, courteous and co-operative.

The entire experience was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn new skills, visit interesting places and understand more about Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

One of my personal highlights of the tour was completing the self guided walking tour of Reconciliation Place with Mr Perry and the students. Open to individual interpretation and reflection, the pathway and artworks along it tell the story of progress towards becoming a reconciled nation. The information was important and relevant in improving our awareness and understanding of Aboriginal Culture, History and our shared reconciliation processes. The students were treated to a musical interlude when I played "From Little Things Big Things Grow" at the artwork titled "Land Rights", it was a humbling moment to be located in the heart of Australia's democratic and cultural life, acknowledging that we are moving forward together.

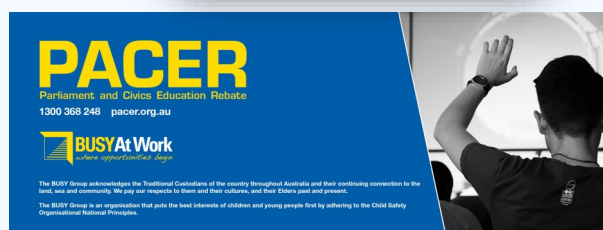
A further highlight was the impromptu quiz night held on the Wednesday night after the snow. Congratulations to Mr Perry and Ms Inglis who prepared the range of questions and challenged the students' skills of observation for the first few days of the journey.

Many thanks to Ms Inglis who guided her English students to write recounts of the trip, with highlights and excerpts selected below, please read and enjoy. Lots of photos were taken and here are a few to show our students in action at many of the attractions that we visited.

Overall, an excellent team effort from all who were involved in planning, preparing, developing and delivering the Canberra/Sydney Tour 2024.

Many precious memories were made.

Mrs Lisa Nelson



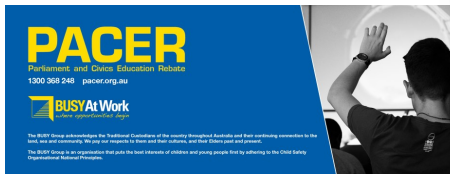




Our students had a wonderful educational tour of the national capital Canberra.

They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian government is contributing funding of \$1,530 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion. This allowed the students to attend at a minimal cost gaining an opportunity to participate in their first study tour.

Mrs Lisa Nelson





### The Day We Flew Out

**Tom Brown** - "Our recent trip to Canberra was nothing short of unforgettable and amazing. The experience was filled with spectacular moments from exploring the snowy landscapes of the mountains to the solemn yet awe inspiring war memorial."

**Ellie Grout** - "45 kids get elected to go on a school trip to Canberra for a week and I was one of them. We had to wake up very early to be at the bus by 5:00am on the 24 August. We flew Virgin Airline, we had to catch two flights over there. The first flight took 4 hours to get to Melbourne and then from Melbourne to Canberra it took around 40 minutes."

### Day Two - War Memorial

**Mia Ewen** - "It was a rough wake up Monday morning with the time change affecting everyone. Our first day in Canberra started at the Royal Australian Mint where we learnt about the history of coins and the process of how coins are made with the help of Titan and Penny speeding up the process. We had a quick stop at the gift shop where we had a chance to buy many different coins."

**Kacey Johnson** - "My highlight from the tour in Canberra was the war memorial. I loved learning about Australian history, so this was an amazing opportunity. I do wish we had more time to just look around at all of the information. I also enjoyed getting to see where all our coins in Australia are made."

**Tom Brown** - "Our visit to the War Memorial was a beautiful yet educational experience. The stories of bravery and selflessness left a lasting impression on all of us. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of honouring and remembering those who served our country."

**Denice Vicedo** - "Cockington Green Gardens had miniature gardens which were very cute and interesting, we had a walk around and took many pictures - we did make a huge group while we walked around, we filmed a video of everyone saying Hi. After lunch we headed to indoor rock climbing which was very exciting everyone had a go and attempted most of it. Everyone was definitely exhausted from it."

**Mia Ewen** - "From there we left for our accommodation to quickly freshen up for the movie 'Inside Out 2' which I believe hit a few strings in the students and staff as it was very relatable to real life as a teenager - and that concluded our first full day in Canberra."

### Day Three- The Canberra Sights

**Kacey Johnson** - "The Australian Institute of Sport was really fun. I found my Uncle Bevan George on the wall. Seeing the pool that the swimmers train in was also really cool. At the National Arboretum my group won the Orienteering hunt which was really fun."

**Lucy Miller** - "Questacon was amazing because we got to split into little groups with out friends and explore on our own. The different rooms and experiences were a delight to see and enjoy."

**Lane Mail** - "We went to Questacon, when James and I tried to go into the kid section because it looked fun. Then we went on the ANZAC Parade which was interesting to learn about all of the ANZAC battles. Also we went to the dinosaur museum where I found the bones of two of my spirit animals; Sid the Sloth and a grumpy dinosaur."

**Cody Edwards** - "Mt Ainslie look out was a breathtaking experience we were able to see how Marion Mahoney Griffin designed Canberra (people believe it was her husband Walter Billy Griffin) and how she aligned the War Memorial and Parliament House in one line."



## Day Four – Seeing the Snow!

**Harrison Tinley** – “On Day Four we went to see the snow, which was really fun and then we had a quiz at the accommodation that my group came second in.”

**Samuel Parsons** – “The snow was an incredible experience. At the snow we had snowball fights, one of the best experiences of my life. I’ve always dreamed of laying in the snow and the dream became reality and what really topped it off was being there with my mates.

## Day Five

**Zoe George** – “Day 5 was by far the most educational, with our first endeavour Old Parliament House, taking a tour of the old Prime Minister’s office and the museum inside as well. We also went on a teacher-guided walk of Reconciliation Place.

After lunch we went to New Parliament House, where we were greeted with a free frozen yoghurt, water and an incredible Lego model of the building. We then had a look at the Senate and the House of Representatives as well as a discussion about how these Senators and Representatives run Australia fairly.

**Delilah Klaasen** – “The bowling night was a blast with fun lingering in the air until Sam spilled my food all over me and onto the floor, all was forgiven when he bought me a slushie. Besides that the bonding of winning and losing really did bring us together. The arcade was everyone’s favourite after bowling.”



## Day Six– Visiting Sydney

**Yorick Gibb** – “My favourite day of the Canberra / Sydney Tour was Day 6 when we went into Sydney. First we went to the Taronga Zoo which was really hot but seeing all the animals was definitely an amazing opportunity.”

“After our excellent dinner we finally headed to the Opera House which looked dazzling in the Sydney skyline. Then we got all checked in and all took our seats to watch Price and Prejudice. The violinist and pianist were amazing at creating an olden type of feeling throughout the play. Even though the play was no where near what I expected, it was still an amazing experience and an opportunity I think everyone should get.”

**Lucy Miller** – “We took a Captain Cook cruise across the bay, with an incredible view of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. We then got a guided tour of the Opera House, and then checked into our accommodation. We had dinner at a restaurant with a beautiful view overlooking the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the city behind it.”

## Day Seven – Coming Home

**Zoe George** – “Day 7 started with a delicious buffet breakfast consisting of every breakfast food you’ve ever wanted, before roaming free in the city to go shopping, get food and drinks, and explore a different side of how people live. The plane ride home was long and painful but ended up being worth it for the fun bus ride home and seeing our families again.”

“The 2024 Sydney-Canberra Tour was a fun, educational bonding experience where we got to know our peers that we may have never talked to, as well as learning about our country’s heritage and history and one of the most memorable high school experiences we will ever have.”

**Samuel Parsons** – “Darryl, our bus driver, had to put up with us throughout the week. I don’t know how he survived to be honest.



# Student Elections

Mrs Nan Steer

On Thursday 22 August, we ran our elections for our new 2024/2025 Student Leaders. Those students who nominated or were interested in nominating in the future were able to come and chat with former 2021 Head Prefect Kynan Spencer. We were very fortunate to be able to do this as he was a great ambassador for the school, and he is currently in America sharing his passion of water skiing and being 12hrs behind us stayed up late to do a live link up and share his advice with the students on what it means to be a student leader.



Nominees then presented to their year groups what attributes they had which would make them a good leader for the school in the lead up to the Election Day.

Despite the weather there was lots of music and fun and a huge turnout in the library on Election Day with 70% of Year 7's, and 60% of Years 8 & 9 coming and voting. Those that voted went in the draw for a Canteen voucher and I would like to congratulate the following students and staff for making their vote count.

**Year 7** - Elsie Ford, **Year 8** - Ella Atwell, **Year 9** - Arrayah Maley,  
**Year 10** - Luke Price, **Year 11** - Keely Roser, **Staff** - Mrs Davis

At our Handover Assembly we said farewell to our current student leaders and welcome to the new.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school as Student Councillors or Prefects.

## Student Councillors

Ashley Erkelens	Eden Stott	Imani Niyobuhagiro	Jasleen Bajwa	Kaylab Maley
Aidan Inglis	Fox Nankivell	Stella Nardini	Chrishae Coyne	Scott Tyson
Jake McLeod	Harry Marsh	Harrison Tinley	Maya Lehmann	
Hanz Rafanan	Kalei Franks	Lachlan Stewart	Emily Kulker	
Sophia David	Clancy Shepherd	Yorick Gibb	Sienna Sheridan	

## Prefects

Cadel Penny	Kate Cousins	Tabitha Pederick	Georgia Ellis	Tamzin Pederick
Rik Nulla	Lochlan Mickle	Skye Beary	Ryland Paice	Lucas Babic





## Meet Our Staff

Mrs Carly Flavel

### MEET

Justine Slater

- **My role...** Program Coordinator - High Accomplish Lead Teacher



- **I am from...** Tasmania

#### My highlight so far at NSHS...

- The kindness and support from across the entire school.

#### Fun fact about me...

- I've been told that I'm not bad at rapping a few tunes.

### MEET

Ilija Stajic

- **My role...** Health & PE Teacher



- **I am from...** Perth

#### My highlight so far at NSHS...

- Getting chuckled right in the deep end, teaching and learning all the student's names when I was the only PE teacher on-site during Country Week.

#### Fun facts about me...

- I absolutely LOVE listening to heavy metal music and hope my neighbours do too!

### MEET

Saskia Brosnan

- **My role...** Science & Maths Teacher



- **I am from...** New Zealand

#### My highlight so far at NSHS...

- The warm welcome and support from the community and colleagues at NSHS.
- The weather (ironically).
- The opportunities and lifestyle changes.

#### Fun fact about me...

- I used to ride horses and still breed them back in New Zealand.

### MEET

Yvette Le Tessier

- **My role...** School Psychologist



- **I am from...** Mandurah. I moved to Narrogin in 2023 after living in the nice warm Pilbara region for 5 years.

#### My highlight so far at NSHS...

- Working every day with the awesome students and staff team.

#### Fun facts about me...

- I am an identical twin!
- I love watching sport, especially cricket.



## Celebration of Indonesia's Independence Day

Ms Heather Meldrum

During Week 5 students in Indonesian learnt about Indonesia's Independence Day celebrated on 17 August.

During the lessons students were given the opportunity to try some traditional foods. Year 7's tried the dessert Dadar Gulung (pandan leaf pancakes with coconut & palm sugar) while the Year 8's, who are also learning about food and dining, tried Nasi Goreng (fried rice).

Thank you to Jordan, Brian and some of the senior school hospitality students for assisting in the making of these dishes as I am sure they were unfamiliar foods, especially the Dadar.

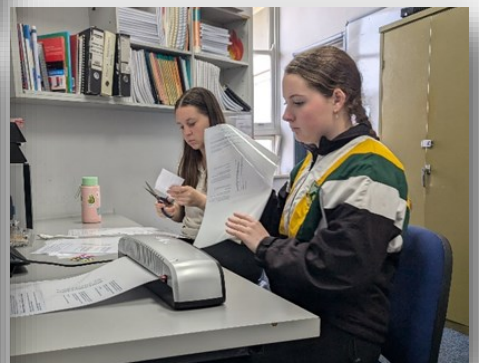


## Year 10 – Certificate I in Workplace Skills

Ms Wendy Sargeantson

This semester, our class has been working towards the units Use Business Resources and Work Effectively with Others. Being able to put these skills and knowledge into practice as part of our School Based Learning in the Hilltop Business Centre was too good an opportunity to miss.

Over two weeks, students completed a variety of real-world tasks for Student Services, Administration, Library and the CAVE. Whilst completing the work in groups, they learnt how to break tasks down so that everyone in each work team was responsible for completing their own component of the overall goal. As a result, the tasks were completed accurately and efficiently and the feedback that we received was wonderful.





## Celebrating Success at the Australian Mathematics Competition 2024

Mr David Fung

First run in 1978, the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is Australia's longest-running and most prestigious maths competition for school students. Each year, unique and challenging problems designed by leading educators and academics push students to develop their problem-solving skills.

This year, from Tuesday 6 to Thursday 8 August 2024, our students achieved great results across various year levels. We are proud to recognize the achievements of those who excelled:

Year 7		Year 8		Year 11	
Sophia David	Best in School Distinction	Olivia Dewing	Credit	Rik Nulla	Credit
Chloé Labuschagne	Distinction	Annaliese Gibson	Credit	Lucas Babic	Credit
Emma Grout	Credit	Kayla Hobson	Credit	Johnathon Whiting	Credit
Eden Stott	Credit	Kozwaie Ledger	Credit	<div>Year 12</div>	
Gretel Tinley	Credit	Dylan Kellow	Credit		
Ebony Johnson	Credit	Hadassah Ballard	Credit		
Paige Nenke	Credit	Jordi Baker	Credit		
Alyssa Parks	Credit	Emily Maartens	Credit	Abby Dewing	Credit
				Beau Readhead	Credit

Year 9		Year 10	
Yorick Gibb	Distinction	Hayley Forsythe	Credit
Samantha Armstrong	Credit	Ido Illahi	Credit
Luca Collette	Credit	Lexi Mutton	Credit
Bella Corrales	Credit	Rory Sands	Credit
Cody Edwards	Credit	Jordee Pike	Credit
Harrison Tinley	Credit		

A special mention goes to all our students who participated, showcasing resilience and a positive attitude toward mathematical challenges. Your dedication to problem-solving is inspiring.

We are extremely proud of all our competitors and their achievements. Keep up the fantastic work, and we look forward to seeing more of our talented students shine in future competitions!

## Room 30 Activities

Mrs Christine Davies

Our talented students from room 30 have been learning "art skills" in room 26 with Mrs Davis every week. They are currently having a go on the pottery wheel. What fun, who doesn't like MUD.





## Science Week 2024 Species Survival

Ms Gitte O'Connor

Room 33 science students had Science Week 2024 Species Survival, where students were introduced to endangered species from around the world.

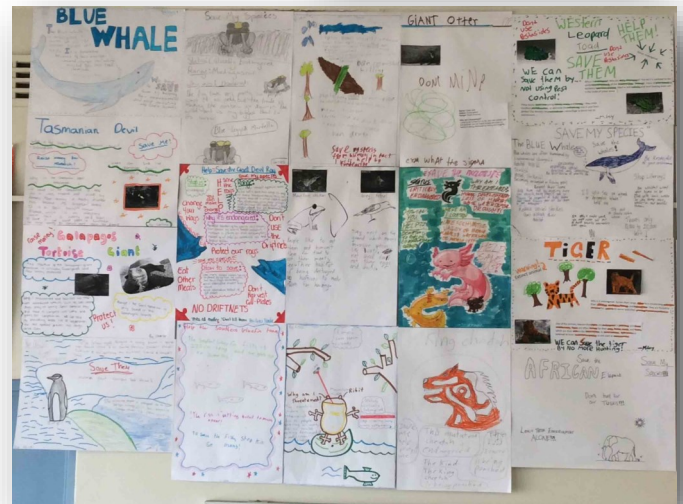
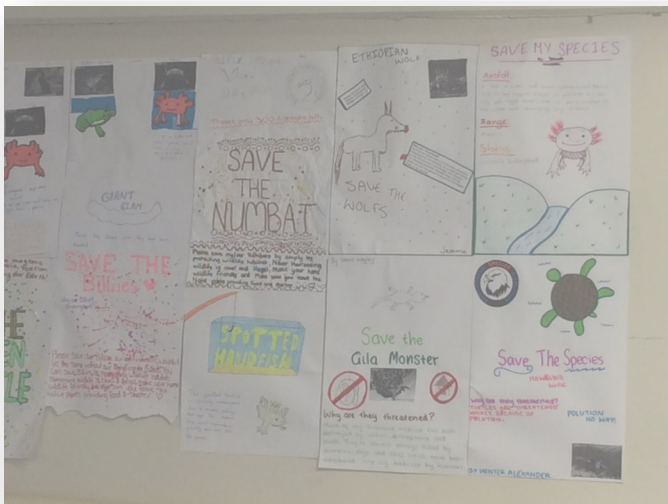
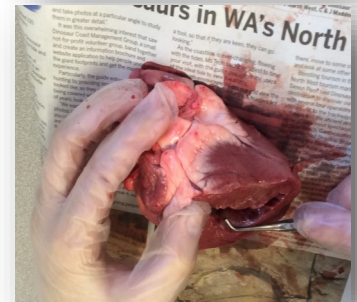
The all chose a species and researched how they were endangered and how we can help them to survive. The students made posters for a class display.

Posters were put together to make collages.

In Y8.3 and Y8.2 science we had the opportunity to dissect lamb hearts, with Mr Wallis guiding us through the procedure.

Students were very respectful and listened carefully, following the diagram to find all the internal parts of the heart.

All the students followed safety instructions and nobody got cut. We did have a few queasy students, however they were rewarded with compass points for focusing on their learning.



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**OPEN DAY**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**EXHIBITION 2024**

**YOUTH ART PRIZE**  
**PAINTING & DRAWING**  
**17S & UNDER**

**Theme: ANYTHING GOES**

**Boddington Town Hall**

**Entries Close 3pm**  
**Wednesday 23 October 2024**

**If you would like to enter and need more information please see Mrs Davis in the Art Office.**

 **Boddington Arts Council**

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**DATE CHANGE!!**

**Year 7 & 8 HASSL**

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**

**Term 4 - Week 2**  
**15 October 24**



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## Top Students - Semester 1

### YEAR 7

Adam Reynolds  
Alyssa Parks  
Charlotte Neale  
Chloé Labuschagne  
Ebony Johnson  
Sophia David  
Gretel Tinley  
Logan Pike  
Matthew George  
Lucy Sands

### YEAR 9

Bella Corrales  
Harrison Tinley  
Hayley Parks  
Isla Bartley  
Lacey Morrison  
Nicole Felipe  
Pippa van der Riet  
Samantha Armstrong  
Stella Nardini  
Zoran Vukomanovic  
Hunter Finlayson  
Alexis Edgley  
Kiesha Bransby

### YEAR 11

Desiree Baker  
Davan Chaplin  
Demi Steer  
Flynn Harper  
Jacob McDonald  
Leith Wood  
Lucas Babic  
Max Slawinski  
Michael Nalder  
Rik Nulla  
Ryland Paice  
Sienna Epworth  
Tabatha Rock  
Althea Salamatin  
Xavier de Gruchy  
Yhow Nantasri

### YEAR 12

Abby Dewing  
Blake Knight  
Brett Insch  
Caleb Kellow  
Calvin Powell  
Claire Conlan  
Deborah Trott  
Guillaume van der Riet  
Jade Bray  
James Purdie  
Kaidee Marsh  
Leah Mulcahy  
Lily Lincoln  
Tyler Kickett  
Aniela Turner-Reid  
Sofea Ismail  
George Wright

### YEAR 8

Clancy Shepherd  
Emma Furphy  
Gretel Tinley  
Lennay Labuschagne  
Lily Crocker  
Manton Schulz  
Olivia Dewing  
Henry Synnot  
Oliver Batt  
Bailee Pike

### YEAR 10

Cassie Coppock  
Emily Kulker  
Jethro Carvey  
Kaliyah Scott  
Millie Wilkins  
Phillip Whitty  
Rory Sands  
Scott Tyson  
Sienna Sheridan  
Lorenzo Corasaniti  
Horriekeesha Williams  
Hayley Forsythe  
Mya Petit



## Academic Excellence - Semester 1

### YEAR 7

Sophia David  
Zac Drayton  
Samantha Felipe  
Ebony Johnson  
Alyssa Parks  
Eden Stott  
Gretel Tinley

### YEAR 8

Laney Birrell  
Sienna Blechynden  
Olivia Dewing  
Annaliese Gibson  
Lennay Labuschagne  
Kozwaie Ledger  
Manton Schulz  
Clancy Shepherd  
Georgia Willcocks

### YEAR 9

Bella Corrales  
Harrison Tinley  
Pippa van der Riet  
Zoran Vukomanovic

### YEAR 10

Nnaemeka Ezeorakwe  
Hayley Forsythe  
Scott Tyson

### YEAR 11

Kate Cousins  
Georgia Ellis  
Max Slawinski



### YEAR 12

Jade Bray  
Abby Dewing  
Claire Hedditch  
Caleb Kellow  
Guillaume van der Riet



## Djilba Sports Carnival



We held our annual Djilba "R U OK Day" Sports Carnival where our students competed in various sports in their houses, participating in hopes of winning the coveted shield.

What an amazing day with absolutely perfect weather! Well done to all who attended and thank you to our wonderful staff, particularly Mr Heil and the PE team, for their efforts in organising the day.

Congratulations to **Scorpio** for winning the Carnival Shield.





## Djilba Sports Carnival



The following students also gained recognition for their efforts:

Yr 7-9 runner-up female: Hope Hayes

Yr 7-9 champion female: Alexis Edgley

Yr 7-9      runner-up male: Hunter Finlayson

Yr 7-9 champion male: James Kickett

**Yr 10-12** runner-up female: Kate Cousins

**Yr 10-12** champion female: Horrie Williams

**Yr 10-12** runner-up male: Lorenzo Corasiniti

Yr 10-12 champion male: Zechariah Ford

