# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

"Respect, Responsibility & Tolerance"



Narrogin Senior High School

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# Presentation Evening

n Friday 25 October, the Year 12 class of 2024 gathered for the final time with their family, friends, staff, special guests and other members of the Narrogin Senior High School community as they reach the end of their secondary education. Throughout the evening the Year 12 students were recognized for their amazing achievements and were dazzled by some fantastic musical performances by Jade Bray and the duo of Tamika Cross-Read and Daisy Morris.

The key note speaker was a proud alumnus of both Narrogin Senior High School and the Narrogin Residential College class of 1972, Mr Alan Lord. He spoke to the students about his time with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, various International Colleges as well as his current task restoring the old Wagin Convent. Alan left the class of 2024 with the sound advice of accepting and embracing change.

The evening finished with the Valedictory address from Year 12 student, Sophie Parsons. Sophie reflected with the class of 2024 on their favourite memories cruising down the highway, as well as reflecting on the potholes, pitstops and roadworks they all overcame together. She concluded the evening with a personal message for the audience and class of 2024, to make life a 'masterpiece'.

The presentation evening for the class of 2024 was a wonderful evening, where the class of 2024 made us all proud. We can't wait to see what the class of 2024 will achieve in the future!

NSHS DUX 2024



**Abbey Dewing** 

Ellie Sheridan

**VET Dux** 

Lyllian Green



R/U VET Dux

Imogen Annear



R/U Dux

Guillaume van der Riet



# Year 12 Presentation Evening Awards

# **Ampol Best All Rounder Award**

Presented by Mr Graham Broad

Awarded to Claire Conlan



Citizenship Award

Presented by Mrs Jacinta Russell Awarded to Abby Dewing



**Sportsperson Award** 

Presented by Mrs Jacinta Russell Awarded to Aniela Turner-Reid



Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award

Presented by Mrs Jacinta Russell Awarded to Guillaume van der Riet



ADF Future Innovators Award

Presented by Mrs Jacinta Russell Awarded to Beau Readhead



**Hotham Trust Award** 

Presented by Mrs Ray McCall Awarded to Jacob Day



# Principal's Award

Prize donated by the Narrogin Chamber of Commerce
Presented by Ms Sandii Stankovic
Awarded to Dekoda-Marie Turner

## The Arts Awards

Visual Arts General - Awarded to Jade Bray
Design (Photography) General - Awarded to Tamika Cross-Read
Certificate II in Visual Arts (Graphic Design) - Awarded to Asha Slawinski
Media Production and Analysis ATAR (SIDE) - Awarded to Sophie Parsons



# **Mathematics Awards**

Mathematics Applications ATAR - Awarded to Lily Lincoln
Mathematics Methods ATAR - Awarded to Abby Dewing
Mathematics Essential General - Awarded to Harrey Slater
Mathematics Foundation - Awarded to Deborah Trott



# **Humanities and Social Sciences Awards**

Modern History ATAR (SIDE) - Awarded to Lourisse Asuncion
Economics ATAR (SIDE) - Awarded to Guillaume van der Riet
Career and Enterprise General - Awarded to Claire Hedditch
Certificate II in Workplace Skills - Awarded to Chloe Behlau
Certificate III in Business - Awarded to Kaidee Marsh
Business Management and Enterprise General (SIDE) - Awarded to Blake Knight



# Health and Physical Education Awards

Physical Education Studies ATAR - **Awarded to Aniela Turner-Reid**Physical Education Studies General - **Awarded to George Wright**Health Studies General - **Awarded to Sofea Ismail**Certificate II in Sport and Recreation - **Awarded to Claire Conlan** 



## Science Awards

Human Biology ATAR - Awarded to Aniela Turner-Reid
Chemistry ATAR - Awarded to Abby Dewing
Physics ATAR - Awarded to Guillaume van der Riet
Psychology ATAR - Awarded to Abby Dewing
Human Biology ATAR (SIDE) - Awarded to Abby Dewing
Integrated Science General (SIDE) - Awarded to Harrey Slater
Human Biology General - Awarded to Claire Conlan

# **Technologies Awards**

Building and Construction General - Awarded to Kaileb Doust
Food, Science and Technology General - Awarded to Asha Slawinski
Materials, Design and Technology (Metal) General - Awarded to Calvin Powell
Materials, Design and Technology (Wood) General - Awarded to Harrey Slater
Certificate II in Hospitality - Awarded to Lyllian Green
Certificate II in Cookery - Awarded to Cora Mumby



# **English Awards**

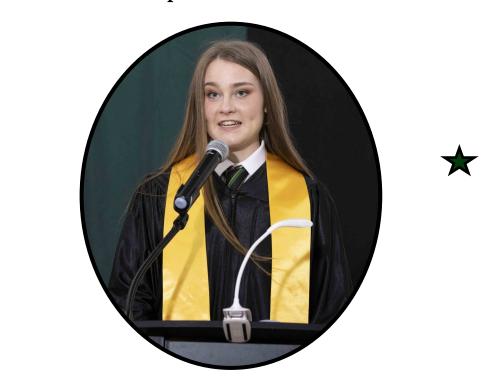
English ATAR—Awarded to Abby Dewing
English General—Awarded to Jade Bray
English Foundation—Awarded to Brett Insch



# **Vocational Education and Training Awards**

Authority Developed Work Place Learning - Awarded to Imogen Annear
Certificate IV Preparation for Health and Nursing - Awarded to Bridhy Forrest
Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways - Awarded to Brett Insch
Children, Family and Community General (SIDE) - Awarded to Emmerson Nottle

# Valedictorian Sophie Parsons





# **INDONESIAN**

Heather Meldrum

# **Indonesian Bridge School Partnership**

his year Narrogin SHS and MS Meldrum were accepted into the Australian-Indonesian BRIDGE (Building Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement) Partnership Program, supported by the Australian Government and the Asian Education Foundation, University of Melbourne. We have been partnered with Madrasah Muallimaat Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Students from Year 7 and 8 Indonesian classes will be working on combined projects with students from our partner school this term and into next year.

Over the past few weeks each school has met via live face to face Zoom meetings which the students have thoroughly enjoyed (in spite of a few usual internet glitches) and some have begun to make new friends outside of the classroom.

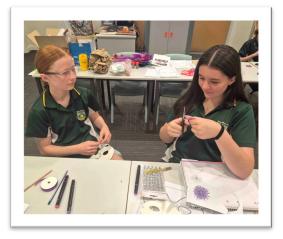
Teachers Pak Setiya and Ibu Elpin will be visiting Narrogin SHS during Week 6 to visit classes and life in Narrogin as part of this partnership. I am looking forward to showing them around.













# Think U Know Presentation

During Week 2, students from Year 8 participated in a workshop provided by the WA Police (Narrogin Branch) called "Think U Know". The program aims to create awareness, inform and provide strategies for students when using social media on all platforms.

The students engaged well and were respectful during the presentations.

# **Excursion to Murdoch University: A Day of Maths Workshops**

n Monday, 21 October, 50 excited Year 7 and 8 students from Narrogin Senior High School, accompanied by Mr Hortin, Ms Haythornthwaite, and Mr Fung, attended a full-day excursion to Murdoch University. The students participated in hands-on workshops designed to challenge their problem-solving and analytical thinking skills.

The day began at 10:00 a.m. when the group was welcomed at Bush Court in the middle of the Murdoch University campus. After a quick introduction and some opening surveys, the students split into two groups to rotate through three engaging activities. They tackled the "Maths at the Movies Break Out Box", solving puzzles under time pressure, explored the relationship between "Heart Rate and Exercise" through statistical analysis, and learned about real-world applications in "Business Mathematics".

Following a short recess, the students continued rotating between workshops, with each session offering a new perspective on how mathematics plays an important role in different aspects of life. The interactive nature of the sessions kept students actively engaged, and the practical applications made abstract concepts more relatable and meaningful.

After a well-deserved lunch at the Student Hub, the students concluded their workshops with one final session before embarking on a guided campus tour. The day ended with closing surveys and a final reflection before departing at 3:00 p.m.

The students found the excursion both enjoyable and educational, gaining valuable insights into problem-solving, statistics and the relevance of mathematics in everyday life. A special thank you to Mr Hortin, Ms Haythornthwaite, and Mr Fung for organizing and supporting this enriching experience!

David Fung
HoLA Mathematics



# Students Gear Up for the Future with Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations

Kylee Nelson

t Narrogin Senior High School, we are proud to announce that a group of dedicated students have successfully completed their Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations, positioning them as strong contenders in the growing civil construction industry.

This qualification had equipped the students with hands-on skills and technical knowledge to operate machinery and complete essential tasks on civil construction sites. Over the course of the program, students mastered the safe and efficient operation of heavy machinery like excavators, loaders, and dozers, as well as critical skills in areas such as earthmoving, site preparation, and trenching.

One of the highlights of this course is its focus on practical training. Under the guidance of experienced trainers, students spent time both in the classroom and out in the field at the Narrogin Golf Course. They practiced operating real machinery, learned how to read and interpret plans and job specifications, and gained insights into safety protocols and site management.

Upon completion of the Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations, these students are now ready to enter the workforce as competent plant operators. With a strong demand for skilled workers in civil construction, they are stepping into a field with diverse career opportunities. Some students may choose to further their studies, while others are prepared to begin working immediately in roles such as machinery operators, earthworks supervisors, or plant managers.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, we are also looking ahead to the future. Our school remains committed to providing high-quality vocational education that gives students the opportunity to pursue diverse and rewarding career paths. For those interested in civil construction, the Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations is a steppingstone to a successful career in a dynamic and growing field.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact the school to discuss as we hope to be able to offer this program in years ahead.

Congratulations to all our graduates for their hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see the amazing things you will accomplish!













# **MINDSCAPE 2024 Art Competition**

indscape is a Surrealist, Visionary, and Fantasy Art Competition open to West Australian high school art students ages 14 to 18 (year 10-year 12). Organised by WASA (West Australian Society of Arts), the ethos of 'ENCOURAGE – EDUCATE – EXHIBIT' perfectly encapsulates the value of such an event, serving as an ideal opportunity to engage with the younger artistic generation in WA.

Chloe Marsh (Yr 12 General Visual Arts) was the only participant from our school. She was awarded a "Highly Commended" certificate for her work "A whole lot of me", which will be on display at the Nexis Gallery from October 31.

From our school community, I want to congratulate Chloe Marsh for her great achievement. I would also like to encourage students in general to participate in competition opportunities presented.

Marga Felipe



# Night at the Museum

#### **Brooke Rintoul**

hank you to all who came along to support our very talented and creative students for Night at the Museum.

The night encompassed a display of Year 7 Ancient Society and Year 8 Medieval History Inquiry Task Museum models.

A big thank you to Amcal Chemist, Narrogin for sponsoring the "People's Choice Awards".

# Watch This Space!

Winners to be announced at the next assembly.





























# **Graduating Class 2024**







#### 2025 JANUARY JUMP-START PROGAM

Tuition for all students Entering Year 7 to 12 Including NAPLAN & OLNA

13 January to 18 January 2025 Venues

- Christ Church Grammar School
- Hale School

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2025) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2024 syllabus that are vital for success in the new year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2025.

\*20% school discount per subject\*

# Former NSHS Student - Michael Gentle Arts student awarded Rhodes Australia-at-Large Scholarship 2025

niversity of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts student Michael Gentle has won a 2025 Rhodes Scholarship Australia-at-Large to study at Oxford University.

At Oxford, Michael intends to study a Master of Studies in History of Art and Visual Culture and a Master of Studies in World Literatures in English. Michael said the two reflect his interest in the literary and the visual, vehicles prominent in the shaping, disintegrating and muddying of national identities.

"In becoming a Rhodes Scholar, I hope to explore where the Australiana is situated on a global platform in visual and literary codes. The international forum that both the Rhodes and Oxford facilitates will push me to consider the global ramifications of Australian affairs," Michael said.





# SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Narrogin Senior High School is calling for an opportunity for parents and community members to nominate for five vacant positions on the School Board.

To nominate, please complete the Nomination Form and return to the school in a sealed envelope to Daphne Salamatin or email it to <a href="mailto:Daphnemae.Salamatin@education.wa.edu.au">Daphnemae.Salamatin@education.wa.edu.au</a> with the subject "School Board Nomination." In the case that there are more nominations than positions, a voting process will be undertaken.

Nominations must be received by 4 PM on Friday, 22 November 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the school board, please call the school on 9881 9300.

To access the Nomination Form visit:

https://www.nshs.wa.edu.au/2024/11/school-board-nominations-2025/



# OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS TO STUDY SUCCESS

#### 1. Find Your "Why":

Search for a meaningful reason to aim higher than the minimum. Whether it's getting into your dream course, pursuing a career you're passionate about, building your neural capacity as a learner, or just proving to yourself that you can succeed—use that as motivation to stop making excuses and invest extra effort.

#### 2. Tame Your Distractions:

Distractions are everywhere—social media, friends, pets, hobbies can all pull you away from your studies. Implement strategies like turning off notifications, setting specific "study hours", or using apps designed to limit screen time so you can focus and allocate enough time to your schoolwork. A distraction-free environment helps you stay on track and makes study sessions more effective.

#### 3. Turn Mistakes Into Momentum:

Don't let mistakes discourage you; instead, see them as stepping stones to growth. Each error or setback is a chance to identify what you can improve. Reflect on what went wrong, adjust your approach, and focus on learning from your experiences. Mistakes are often the best teachers and can launch you toward greater achievements if you use them wisely.

#### 4. Set Small, Achievable Goals:

Break down big tasks into smaller, manageable goals. Rather than thinking about an entire semester's worth of material, focus on mastering one chapter or concept at a time. This makes studying less overwhelming and gives you a sense of accomplishment with each small win, motivating you to keep going.

## 5. Create a Supportive Home Study Environment:

Surround yourself with people who encourage your success—whether it's classmates, friends, or family members who support your study efforts. Consider forming or joining a study group to share resources, discuss topics, and keep each other accountable. A positive support system can keep you motivated and make studying feel like a team effort rather than a solo challenge.

## 6. Develop a Routine That Works:

Consistency is key to successful studying. Establish a study routine that fits your lifestyle and energy levels. Whether it's studying early in the morning, after school, or late at night, find a time that you can consistently dedicate to your work. A consistent routine helps your brain recognise study time, making it easier to focus and be productive.

## 7. Reward Your Progress:

Motivation is easier to maintain when you celebrate your achievements, no matter how small. Set rewards for yourself when you complete a study session, finish a chapter, or achieve a good result. It could be something simple like a snack, time with friends, or a short break doing something you enjoy. Rewarding progress helps reinforce positive habits and keeps you motivated to keep pushing forward.

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