

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

“Respect, Responsibility & Tolerance”

NARROGIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Remembrance Day Service

On 11 November, Narrogin Senior High School was honoured to take part in this year's Remembrance Day Service, joining our community in paying tribute to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, our nation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our student prefects, along with Mr Holmes and Ms Stankovic, for representing Narrogin SHS with such humility, dignity and respect. Their presence reflected the pride and gratitude felt across our school community.

We also acknowledge the Narrogin RSL Sub-Branch, the Shire of Narrogin, local schools, and the wider community for coming together to host such a moving and meaningful service. The spirit of unity and remembrance was felt by all who attended.

A special mention must be made of Bugle player Emily Ballantyne, whose performance added an emotional depth to the ceremony. Her willingness to take on such an important and symbolic role is truly admirable.

Lest we forget.

Londa Finlayson



Evolve 2025 NSHS Art Exhibition

Lilly Simkins

Evolve 2025 NSHS Art exhibition opened on Thursday the 6th of November at a new location, Arts Narrogin with over 50 visitors.

Students from Photography, Certificate II in Visual Arts and Visual Arts got the opportunity to present their work for the rest of the month to the community. If you have the time, please pop down to vote for your favourite works before the 28 November. These will be awarded at our next assembly.

A massive congratulations to Quinn Smyth for taking home the Arts All Rounder Award this year, presented by Mrs Davies and Ms Stankovic.

Thank you to all the teachers that helped get this exhibition up and running, Jenny Shepherd and Holly Seery.



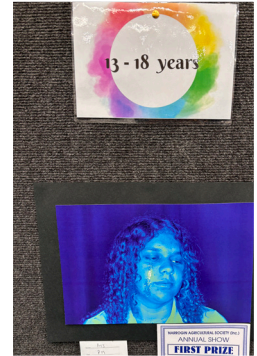
N.S.H.S at the Narrogin Show

Londa Finlayson

Where's the Sheep?

Neville the NSHS mascot was out and about at the Narrogin Agricultural Show, spreading smiles and collecting positive affirmations from students — past, present, and still to come!

It was fantastic to see our community spirit, collaboration, and fun all come together in one amazing day. Thank you to everyone who stopped by, shared a story, or took a selfie with Neville — you helped make the day something truly special!



Celebrating World Teachers' Day at Narrogin SHS!

Londa Finlayson

Last week, Narrogin SHS joined schools around the country in celebrating World Teachers' Day, a wonderful opportunity to recognise the dedication, passion, and hard work of our teachers.

To mark the occasion, our students took to the school grounds armed with quirky questions and curious minds, interviewing both staff and students about all things teaching, learning, and school life. The responses were entertaining, heartfelt, and at times downright hilarious — a perfect snapshot of the warm and vibrant community we are proud of.

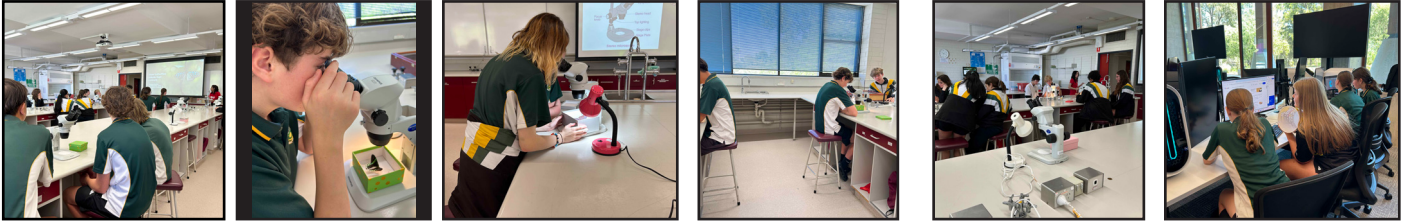
A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our incredible teachers. Your commitment to our students, your resilience, and the joy you bring into our classrooms each day do not go unnoticed. You make a difference, and we appreciate every one of you.

From all of us at Narrogin SHS — Happy World Teachers' Day!



Murdoch Excursion

Ben Hortin



On Monday 10th November, the top maths students from years 9 and 10 headed off to Murdoch University for a day of activities based around Maths and STEM as a whole. With the two-year groups intermingling, it was a fantastic opportunity for learning to be shared within and across year groups.

The group split into two groups and worked through three activities as well as a round up quiz.

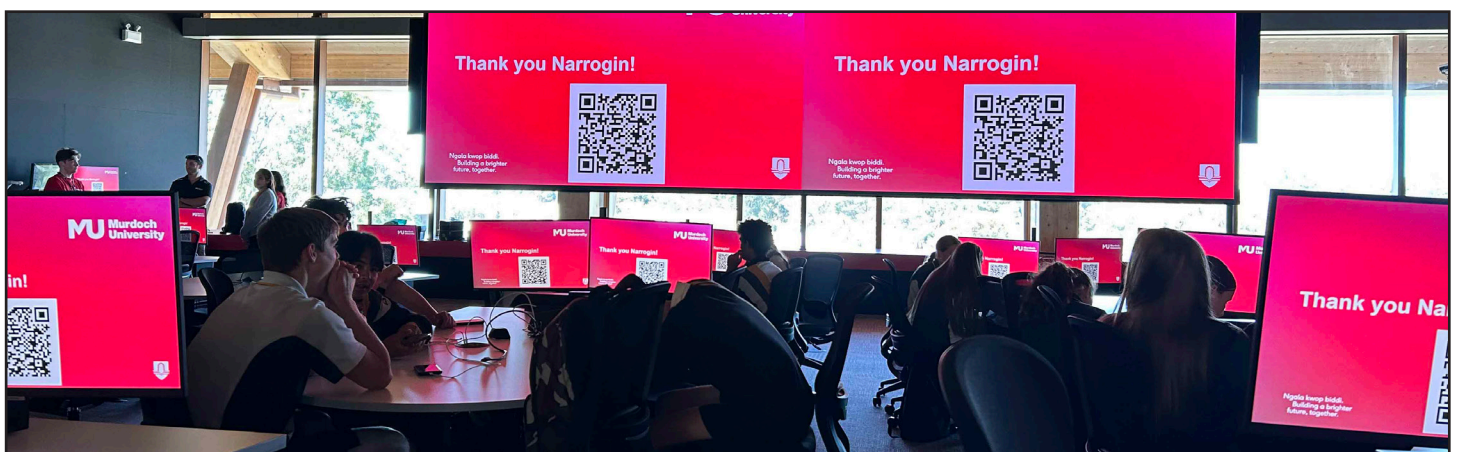
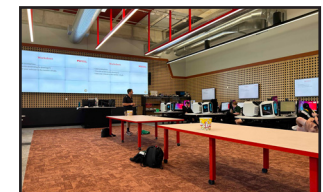
One activity was almost entirely maths-based, with the pupils grouping up and working to solve several puzzles that would allow them to unlock various padlocks to access a lockbox. This gave a feeling of a fantastic escape room, while simultaneously testing the algebraic skills of the pupils, with the difficulty of the task showing, as the time won out against most of the groups.

Another activity for the pupils involved utilising maths and computer skills as they attempted to estimate how many ping pong balls fitted in a popcorn bucket. The variety of techniques used to find answers ranged from pupils “going off the vibe” to approximating the ping pong balls as cubes and the bucket as a box, but ultimately the best way to do it was kept classified by Hunter Finlayson and Darcy Kokich as they managed to estimate just one away from the actual value. The final total will remain a mystery as the Year 7s and 8s may get the same opportunity in Week 6.

The final activity was one of discovery, more than competition, with the students pairing off to examine butterfly wing under microscopes. Here they looked at the mathematics of waves as they pass through and bounce off the tiny scales that the wings are made up of. A point that shocked a majority of the pupils was that the scales were made up of a sugar called chitin. This reflection and refraction is what leads to the beautiful colours in a butterfly’s wing, as opposed to pigments as may have been believed.

The pupils finished up with a general knowledge quiz and, having explored a bit of the campus, headed back down the road for home.

A massive thank you must be extended to the team of Murdoch’s STEM Outreach program, as they continue to offer this day without charge, an opportunity our Year 7 and 8 pupils will be taking up next week.



Prepare, Produce, Provide Excursion

Wendy Sargeantson

This term we were fortunate to be invited to Wagin District High School to participate in the Prepare Produce Provide initiative.

Funded by South Regional TAFE's Career Taster Program and the Department of Training and Workforce Development, we were able to take a group of our Year 9s to work alongside a group of Wagin Year 9s. The group had a wonderful day, gaining hands on experience of preparing food with some of our top WA chefs who are experienced at incorporating Australian traditional botanicals into their recipes.

The lunch menu that the students prepared and enjoyed was amazing and full of flavour:

- Kangaroo kebab with mixed native spice, served with river mint yoghurt on a bed of Warrigal greens and a wattle seed flatbread.
- Sunrise mocktail created with Prepare Produce Provide's own soda Kepa Kwab (Beautiful Water) wild rosella, finger lime and strawberry.
- Lemon Myrtle roulade with macadamia nuts



Congratulations to our Civil Construction Students!

Londa Finlayson

In Week 1 of Term 3, eight of our Year 11 and 12 students began a 12-week Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations course, delivered by Training Alliance Group - Western Australia and hosted at the Narrogin Golf Course.

Over the past three months, these students have gained hands-on experience and valuable qualifications in the construction field — learning to operate a range of heavy machinery and developing essential industry skills.

We're proud to announce that on Wednesday, October 15, all eight students successfully completed the course!

Congratulations to:

Jayden Bowen Zach Fennell Blade Maley Greg Dior Talegan Baxter Robert Galvin Memphis Eades

A special shoutout to Memphis Eades, who was voted as Best Student by his peers — an incredible achievement and a testament to his effort, teamwork, and leadership. Congratulations Memphis, we are so proud of you!

As part of their course, the group also built a tremendous wooden bench, which they donated to the Narrogin Golf Club as a token of their appreciation for hosting the training. The completion of the course was celebrated with a well-deserved BBQ, bringing everyone together to recognise their hard work and success.

Well done to all of our students on their commitment, teamwork, and outstanding effort — a fantastic achievement and an exciting step toward future careers in civil construction!



VET, Careers & WPL Coordinators Cluster Meeting

Londa Finalyson

The Narrogin SHS Trade Training Centre proudly hosted the first VET / Careers Practitioner / Workplace Learning Coordinators Cluster Meeting, led by Jacqui Read-Smith, Regional Workforce Coordinator for the Wheatbelt Education Region, Department of Education.

This inaugural gathering marks the beginning of what promises to be a highly valuable and collaborative network. The meeting set the foundation for an evolving space of shared expertise — offering opportunities for schools and agencies to connect, exchange information, explore course options, and build partnerships that strengthen pathways for students across the region.

We extend our sincere thanks to the representatives who attended from Katanning SHS, Lake Grace DHS, WA College of Agriculture, MEGT, SIDE, and Skill Hire. Your contributions and insights are greatly appreciated.

A warm thank you also goes to our exceptional TTC Team for their hospitality, outstanding service, and delicious food. Your efforts helped create a welcoming and productive environment for all involved. This is just the beginning — and we look forward to seeing this network grow into something truly impactful for our students and communities.



A Trip to the Fire Station

Evelyn Wilkie

A huge thank you to Leigh Ballard, Blake Halford, Brandon Draper and Brayden Potts.

The hands-on experience you provided the students today was absolutely amazing. From trying on the PPE, to using the hose, and even helping fill the fire trucks ready for an emergency – every moment was engaging and exciting.

Learning about what's in the trucks was both informative and fun.

Thank you for creating such positive memories with our students. We truly appreciate your time, enthusiasm and support.



Muffin on the Hill!

Narelle Penny

Students were greeted as they arrived at school with a muffin to start the day.

This is one of the Student Services and PBS Activities they have during the year.

Thank you to Ben Davies and his Year 10 cooking class for their mammoth task of making the muffins.



Students Visit the Police Station

Evelyn Wilkie

Our students had a fantastic opportunity to visit the local Police Station, where they explored the equipment, learned about station logistics, and interacted with our local officers.

It's been wonderful to see our students developing real-world capabilities and connecting with our community.

A big thank you to Acting Sergeant Rob Jonas-Green for taking the time to share his knowledge and provide such an engaging experience for our students.



Australian Maths Challenge

Ben Hortin

Each year, our top maths pupils compete in the Australian Maths Challenges for their years. The Australian Maths Challenge is a problem-solving competition designed to stretch and inspire students in Years 7-10. Unlike standard tests, it focuses on creative thinking, reasoning and applying maths in unfamiliar situations. Students work on a set of challenging problems, allowing time for deep thinking and multiple approaches. It's a great opportunity to extend mathematical skills, build resilience, and experience the fun side of tackling real problem-solving mathematics.

In this year's competition, we had a number of pupils achieve marks putting them in the upper echelons of the competitors from across the country. The highest of these was year 8's Chloe Labuschagne, who achieved a score that put her in the top 10% of all entrants. Congratulations to Chloe and all the entrants from Narrogin, who applied themselves fantastically in this great opportunity





Narrogin Senior High School
70TH *Birthday*

Come One, Come All...

Narrogin SHS 70th Birthday OPEN MARKET DAY

Saturday, 29th November 2025
45 Gray Street - School Grounds
10am - 2pm

ARTISAN MARKET STALLS
OPEN CLASSROOMS & STUDENT DISPLAYS
ENTERTAINMENT
DEVONSHIRE TEA, SCONES JAM & CREAM
P&C CANTEEN FOOD
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KIDS CORNER
GUEST SPEAKER
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Market Stall Bookings:

<https://NSHS70MARKETDAY.eventbrite.com>



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Where Are They Now? – Celebrating 70 Years of Narrogin SHS

As Narrogin Senior High School prepares to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on 28 & 29 November, we are calling on our school community – past and present – to be part of this milestone event.

We invite former students, staff, and community members to share their personal stories, memories, and achievements since their time at Narrogin SHS. These stories will be proudly displayed throughout the celebration weekend as a tribute to the many people who have shaped our school's history.


Contributing your story is simple:

Just complete the “Where Are They Now?” form (either electronically or by hand) and email it to Londa. Finlayson@education.wa.edu.au.

To further connect, reminisce, and share photos, you can also join our dedicated Facebook group: Narrogin SHS 70th Celebrations Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/863357270450956>

We look forward to celebrating seven decades of learning, achievement, and community – and to sharing the stories of the people who make Narrogin SHS what it is today.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FULL NAME:


MAIDEN NAME:

NICKNAME:

YEAR GRADUATED :

CURRENT OCCUPATION:

HOME TOWN:



STORY OF YOUR TIME AT NARROGIN SHS & BEYOND:



Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)

National ID:
UEE22020

State ID:
BFP1

Location:
Katanning

Be a bright spark

– act now and equip yourself with
the skills and knowledge to excel in
an Electrical trade.

Learn how to use electrical tools and equipment,
perform tasks in energy sector environments, fabricate
and assemble components and develop an awareness
of Work Health and Safety requirements.

Location	Katanning (Places are available for Narrogin students)
Day	Wednesday
Duration	Four (4) terms
Course Requirements	Personal protective equipment (PPE) Course text booked will be required Course requirements will be provided with your offer
Future Study Pathways	UEE30820 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician Apprenticeship)
Career Pathways	Electrical Trades Assistant Telecommunications Trade Assistant Electrotechnology Apprenticeship
Criteria	Competitive Course Interview Required Students must have completed Year 10

**Application to Enrol forms are on the front counter at NSHS Admin
or visit Mr McDonald in the CAVE.**



Free online workshops for parents

Term 4, 2025

Who is running the workshops?

School Psychologist Consultants from the Department of Education WA.

What are the workshops about?

We are offering free, live online workshops to help parents and carers support their children. Most workshops are part of the **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**, which gives simple ideas to help children learn skills, behave well, and feel confident. Some workshops may focus on other topics to support families.

Who can join?

All parents and carers are welcome. The workshops are free and online.

How do I join a workshop?

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register. You will receive a confirmation email with a Webex link and reminder before the session.

Note: Webinars are live and not recorded. For the best experience, we recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) before the session.



Want to learn more?

You can register for a range of free face-to-face, live online, or self-paced parenting programs via the [Department of Education WA](#) website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/triple-p>.

Child and Parent Centres also support families across WA with early learning programs, health services, and family support. Visit the [Child and Parent Centres WA](#) website to find a centre near you: <https://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au>.



Child and Parent Centres

eSafety Commissioner – Social Media Age-Restriction legislation webinar

Audience:

Parents and care givers

From 10 December 2025, certain online platforms will be required under new government legislation to prevent under-16s from creating or maintaining accounts.

The eSafety Commissioner is delivering a 30-minute webinar that will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join the information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

Parent Session:

Thursday 20 November, 9:30 - 10:00 AM (AWST)

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5381443563543667032>

For more information on the social media legislation, refer to the eSafety Commissioner's [Social media age restrictions hub](#).



MICRO-LEARNING FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Mastering Study in Small, Manageable Chunks

For students juggling school, extracurricular activities, and social commitments, finding time for long study sessions can feel impossible. That's where micro-learning comes in. This strategy focuses on short, focused bursts of study—perfect for fitting learning into your busy schedule. With micro-learning, you can achieve more in less time by focusing on quality over quantity.

1. Focus on One Concept at a Time

Instead of cramming multiple topics in one sitting, dedicate each short session to mastering a single concept or skill. For example:

- Learn one grammar rule for a language class.
- Review one math formula and practice a few problems.
- Study a single historical event and its key impacts.

This targeted approach prevents overwhelm and helps you retain information more effectively.

Tip: Write down the specific topic for each session ahead of time so you can jump straight into focused learning.

2. Use Technology to Your Advantage

Micro-learning works best when paired with tools that help you engage with material efficiently. Apps like Duolingo, Quizlet, or Memrise are great for quick learning sessions. They offer bite-sized lessons and interactive quizzes designed for short bursts of study. Additional Tools:

- **Khan Academy:** Watch short videos on a variety of subjects.
- **Anki:** Use flashcards to memorise terms, concepts, or formulas.

Tip: Set daily reminders to spend 10-15 minutes on these apps—consistency is key.

3. Break Down Big Tasks

Large assignments or exams can feel daunting, but breaking them into smaller tasks makes them manageable. For example:

- Instead of 'Study for biology test', plan sessions like 'Learn parts of the cell' or 'Revise photosynthesis process'.
- For an essay, start with 'Brainstorm ideas' in one session and 'Write introduction' in the next.

Tip: Each session should be no longer than 15-20 minutes, allowing you to focus fully without getting distracted or fatigued.

4. Take Advantage of Transition Times

Micro-learning fits perfectly into small gaps in your day. Use these moments productively:

- Review flashcards during your commute.
- Watch a short tutorial during lunch.
- Write a quick outline for an essay while waiting for practice to start.

Tip: Keep your materials accessible, whether on your phone, tablet, or a small notebook, so you're always ready to learn on the go.

5. Combine Micro-Learning with Other Strategies

Micro-learning doesn't have to replace your regular study sessions—it complements them. Use it to reinforce what you've already learned or prepare for longer, more in-depth sessions. Example Combination:

- Spend 10 minutes reviewing vocabulary with flashcards in the morning.
- Dedicate 20-30 minutes after school for detailed problem-solving or essay writing.

Tip: Use micro-learning sessions to identify weak areas, then dedicate longer study blocks to addressing them in depth. This way, your short bursts of learning lay the groundwork for more focused, comprehensive study later.

Small Steps, Big Results

Micro-learning is a game-changer for busy students. By focusing on one concept at a time, leveraging technology, and using transition times effectively, you can make steady progress even on your busiest days. Remember, it's not about how much time you spend—it's about how well you use it. Start incorporating micro-learning into your routine today and see how small efforts add up to big achievements.

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