



Naracoorte High School

Newsletter

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End of an Era! The Class of 2024 sign off from NHS

In Week 6, we held our annual Year 12 Celebration Ball to officially farewell our outgoing Class of 2024.

With over 160 people in attendance, the stage was set for a fantastic evening of reminiscing, celebrating and farewells, as our students embark on their next journey of life after school.

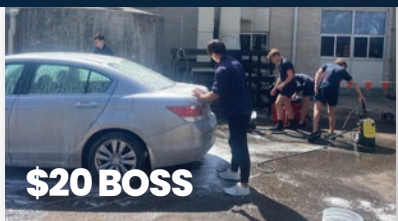
The evening was hosted by our Senior School Coordinator, Tom Rechner who gave a recount of the 2024 school year, before handing over to our school captains to deliver, what was a very entertaining valedictorian speech, well done Mia, Lachie & Henry!

A big thanks to Deputy Mayor Monique Crossing and Governing Council Chair, Liz Schroder for presenting our students with their completion certificates and gifts.

Thank you to our Celebration Ball committee, Adrian Gale and the Naracoorte Town Hall, Finns Fine Foods, the team at SE Marquees and Events, Christy and Cody from With Love Photography, DJ Rumball and the RFDS volunteers for all contributing to what was an incredible celebration for our staff, students and their families.

We wish our Class of 2024 all the very best for their future endeavours!

WHAT'S INSIDE?



\$20 BOSS



DRAMA PRODUCTION



YEAR 7 CAMP



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



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Important Information



Event Dates

TERM FOUR.

December

- 2nd-6th Year 10 Pathways Camp
- 5th-6th Year 7 Transition
- 10th Presentation Assembly
- 12th House Cup Lake Day
Last day of Term #4
- 13th Student Free Day

2025 TERM ONE.

January

- 28th First day of Term 1 for Year 7 Students
- 28th-29th Year 12 Retreat @ Robe
- 30th First day of Term 1 for Year 8-11 Students



Important Info!

Student Free Day

Friday 13th December Week 9, Term 4
(Last day of Term)

Reminder

ALL student library Loans are due back by this Friday, 6th December Week 8, Term 4



WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We acknowledge the traditional custodians the Meintangk/Moandik people whose land we gather on today for they hold the memories, traditions and culture of Aboriginal people.

We pay our respects to ancestors and elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing connection to land, waters and community. May we continue to walk, feel, hear, touch and learn through this land as they have for thousands of years.



Staffing Update

As the 2024 school year comes to an end, we would like to farewell and thank the following staff;

Samuel Birchard, Jacob Murray, Kinta Wilson, Tash McIntyre, Danielle Lewis and Jane Roberts. We would like to acknowledge the positive contribution they have all made to our school over their time with us and wish them all the very best in the next phase of their careers.

Kieron Hicks will be continuing on at Padthaway Primary School for the duration of Term 1 in 2025, with recruitment currently underway to fill this position.

We also wish Felicity Slotegraaf all the best in her new role of Principal at Naracoorte South Primary School in 2025.

We look forward to welcoming Morgan Randall in the B3 Senior Leader Curriculum & Pedagogy role. We will also welcome English and HASS teacher, Sarah Van Zyl and Agriculture and Mathematics teacher, Chloe Beaumont to our team.

Naracoorte High School

2024 School Magazine



Orders are now being taken for this years' School Magazine!

The cost for the magazine is \$25.00 and can be ordered at the front office by returning this form with cash, credit card or EFT payment.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2024 School Magazine will be available at the beginning of Term 1, 2025. This is so we can include ALL events, awards and celebrations right up until the end of Term 4. If you'll be unable to collect your magazine in person, please let the front office know upon ordering and we can arrange for it to be posted to you.

Student/Family Name:

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash Card Direct Debit



NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL

2024

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

10TH DECEMBER, 2024

AWARDS COMMENCING AT 7.00PM
WILLIAMSON HALL, NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL



Staggard Start for Term 1, 2025

Our Governing Council have approved the continuation of the staggered start to commence the school year.

Please be aware of the following arrangements:

First & second day of Term 1 2025, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January

- students in Year 7 to attend school
- students in Year 12 to attend the Year 12 Retreat

Third day of Term 1, Thursday 30th January and onwards

- students in all year levels to attend school.

2025 Materials & Services Charges

Section 129 of the Education and Children’s Services Act 2019 allows schools, in consultation with the governing council, to charge, collect and recover a materials and services charge.

For the 2025 school year, the governing council has approved a proposed materials and services charge amount of \$520.00, plus subject charges (if applicable).

As the materials and services charge is greater than the legislated prescribed amount(s), as referenced in the Education and Children’s Services Act, the governing council is required to undertake a poll to gain majority support from the school community for this proposed charge to be compulsory, and therefore recoverable in full. The prescribed amount as per the Education and Children’s Services Regulation (Regulation 81) is \$300 for a primary student and \$396 for a secondary student.

The results of the Poll indicate: Yes – 16 No – 14

Therefore the \$520 Materials and Services charge will be compulsory for 2025.

- Yes 16
- No 14





A fantastic turn out for “A Murder Mystery at Naracoorte High”



THE MYSTERY MURDER OF NARACOORTE HIGH

an adaptation from
THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

 **PERFORMANCE DATE**
NOVEMBER 28
6.30 PM

THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER, CHALES HAVERSHAM WAS FOUND DEAD ON THE COUCH....

COME AND SEE THE EVENTS UNFOLD AT NARACOORTE SCHOOL HALL.
Suitable for all ages. Gold coin donation to fund future Drama productions.

Miss Stewart and Miss Stott have been working with a range of students on a Slapstick Production, named 'A Mystery Murder at Naracoorte High'. This is an excerpt from 'The Play That Goes Wrong'.

The actors and the production crew have been working throughout the semester and were proud to show the wider community what they have created.

The production crew have been painting and creating set and props, learning how to set up and program lighting and sound, and selecting appropriate costumes for the characters. Actors have been developing their comedic timing and character profiles by taking on feedback to ensure they present a humorous and entertaining show.

This is only the start for Naracoorte High's Drama Club and their future productions in years to come!

Georgie Stott & Lizzy Stewart

Drama Teachers





Year 7 Aquatics Camp



Year 7s enjoy a jam packed week of water fun at the Murraylands!

Half of the Year 7 cohort attended the Murraylands Aquatics Centre in Murray Bridge in Week 6. Presented with ideal, hot conditions the students enjoyed knee boarding, water skiing, sailing, stand up paddle boarding and sit on canoes.

All students participated with fantastic enthusiasm, developing their confidence and skill with water based equipment. Many students camp highlights were knee boarding and water skiing.

Teamwork, resilience and encouragement was on display and reinforced by the aquatics instructors. The students left with a range of new skills, looking forward to a good nights sleep.

Paul McCarthy, Lizzy Stewart & Kathy Lawrence

Teachers







\$20 Boss Program

Year 9 students cash in on \$20 Boss success!

The Year 9 Cohort has been engaging in the \$20 Boss program this semester.

\$20 Boss is an immersive learning program for building the enterprise skills of young people that has been developed in consultation with students and educators and is the largest entrepreneurship program in Australia.

The program gives students \$20 of funding to create, launch and operate their own venture over the course of Term 3 and 4. Students have learnt key elements of social entrepreneurship and have been taught how to make money and create social good.

Students have driven their learning through participating in local market stalls, school pop-up stalls and held our very own school market day. With one week left of trading, students are encouraged to continue to take advantage of every opportunity.

We hope these social enterprises continue outside of the program and continue to thrive.

Georgie Stott
Teacher



\$20 Boss Program





Fundraising News



Pre-loved Market Day!

On Sunday, 17th November, Naracoorte High School's Fundraising Committee held their Pre-Loved Market Day.

The Williamson Hall and surroundings were buzzing with 20 stalls, Year 9 \$20 Boss stalls, Lucky Dips, Guessing Competitions and more. While a count was not done it is estimated that a few hundred people came along to join in the fun and grab a bargain. The event raised \$650 to go towards school projects.

There are a number of people to thank...

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee – Sueanne Brodie, Simone Mueller, Kelly Pope, Jesse Briggs and Mia Grady – for all their assistance and hard work. Thank you to the student helpers on the day – Mia Grady, Alberta Olisi, Maggie Mueller and Thalia Benier.

Thank you to Naracoorte Foodland and Trevs who donated vouchers and prizes to support the lucky dips and guessing competitions. Please support these businesses.



Thank you to Turk Bey and The Coffee Pitt who came along to feed and caffeinate people.

Thank you to the staff who helped in packing up on the day – Chris Billing, CC, Chelsea Dahlenburg and Jesse Briggs.

Bel Beggs

Fundraising Committee Chairperson

Competition Winners!

Scavenger Hunt

9 entries – 4 with all answers correct. First three sheets drawn out of a hat by a Year 11 student.

First Sarah Benier

Second Audrey Dahlenburg

Third Frankie Crossing

Guessing Competitions

FruChocs – 25 entries: Angela McLean with a correct guess of 157!

Lollies (big jar) – 12 entries: Muzammil Rezaie with the closest guess of 180 (actual amount – 189)

Lollies (small jar) – 23 entries: Sasha Donnelly with the closest guess of 100 (actual amount – 106)

Tea/Coffee/Chocolate – 14 entries: Joshua Humby with the closest guess of 60 (actual amount – 62)

Lucky Squares

Drawn using a random wheel generator in the presence of two Year 11 students.

Pink sheet Chris Billing

Blue sheet Tobin Cox



Supports for students at risk of disengaging from school

Some students have varied needs and can be at risk of disengagement from school.

The previous model for supporting these students was known as Flexible Learning Options, or FLO. The Department for Education has redesigned FLO to make sure the program offers the best support to prepare young people for life and pathways after school, with a focus on their goals and aspirations.

The new program is called Tailored Learning and will start across South Australian government schools in 2025.

Tailored Learning takes a student-centred approach with a focus on connection, safety and belonging, positive relationships, and student agency in identifying areas of learning and aspirations. It provides a consistent approach for schools to identify students suitable for supports and recommends the learning program most suitable for the student.

Please don't hesitate to contact our principal or the central Program Redesign team via: Education.tailoredlearning@sa.gov.au with any questions.

For more information about Tailored Learning, visit the department's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/



Reminder – End of Year Due Dates

Year 10 & 11 – Friday 22nd November

Year 7, 8 & 9 – Friday 6th December

Please ask your student/s to check at home, as well as their lockers and bags, to locate and return all items borrowed by their relevant due date. Thank you.



Week 3 Library Display – Batty For Books

To keep reading during the Summer Holidays don't forget to visit our great town library.

You can find out more information here:
www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/services/naracoorte-library-town-hall/naracoorte-library

or https://onecard.network/client/en_AU/naracoorte

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

Anita Miles

Library Manager



Library November Display – Lest We Forget

Page Turners



Page Turners end of year excursion!

On Thursday 14th November, the Page Turners enjoyed their end of year book club excursion to Mt Gambier.

We visited book stores and had an end of year lunch meeting, sharing our favourite reads for 2024.

The meeting was extra special as it was the last for five of our Year 12 members, three who have been in the group since it was formed.

Gemma Borg





Year 9 Excursion



Year 9s conquer Mt Arapiles!

On Wednesday of Week 5, the Year 9 students set off to Mt Arapiles on a day excursion to explore the beautiful climbing areas which were available to the public.

It was amazing to see student taking risks; climbing challenging heights and abseiling off cliffs. Students were supporting each other to try and reach new heights and trusted each other to belay them down to the ground.

Students have commented the experience was "invigorating", "we learnt a bunch of new things and made new memories".

Lastly, one student mentioned the experience "pushed me out of my comfort zone, it was a spectacular day".

Georgie Stott

Teacher



Geography Excursion



In Year 9 Geography, we have been exploring 'Interconnections' through the topic of Tourism.

On Wednesday, week 7 we partook in a fieldtrip to Robe to speak to local businesses about the impact of tourism during the summer season.

The students visited the Visitor Information Centre where Lonny provided a brief history of Robe's popularity as a destination, and discovered what Robe has to offer for local, interstate and international tourists. They then spoke to Jeff at the Caledonian Inn who explained the steps his businesses have to take to be prepared to serve patrons over the summer. Anthony at Robe Holiday Park discussed how the park have diversified their business to bring in more visitors and finally, Lauren at Ottoson's Real Estate gave a brief insight into the rental crisis that holiday homes have caused for the town.

"I enjoyed learning about the big impact seasonal tourism has on Robe." – Toby B

"I found it interesting that the Caledonian Inn generates customers from the structure and design of the building because people find it unique." – Mustafa A

"The prices for accommodation in Robe are expensive. One of their most expensive accommodations was \$1000 per night during the peak season." – Henry T

Katelyn Baker
Teacher



7/8 Statewide Tennis was a hit!

2024 had a large number of nominations for Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Tennis. This is extremely positive for tennis and our School. Following our trials (thank you to Naracoorte Tennis Club for letting us use your courts) the teams selected to play in the SE Zone Competition against other High Schools from the South East were:

Boys Team: Vander Maywald, Max Lush, Charlie McCarthy & Beau Morton.

Girls Team: Alice Redding, Izzy Mahney, Georgie Midwinter & Felicity Orton

Unfortunately the weather was not kind and we had all 4 Seasons in one day – we started with sunshine then had rain, hail and strong winds. To ensure we could get some matches completed we changed the format to fast 4's rather than sets to 6.

While we had our chances in both the Boys and Girls division we did not quite get across the line for first place but can be pleased with how each of our students/team members represented our School and the tenacity to never give up during their tennis matches.

Thank you to our parents/supporters who assisted us in getting to school on time so we could travel to Mount Gambier and have a warm up. Fingers crossed that in 2025 we can go one step further and make the State Finals!

Katelyn Baker & Adrian Maywald

Teachers



we're still here for you this holiday period!

headspace
Mount Gambier

We will be open across the holiday period, offering appointments via our talk-soon program. Same day appointments available by walking in or contacting us to book your appointment on the day.

Appointments available in-person, online or via phone.

Monday 23/12	9.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 24/12	9.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 25/12	CLOSED
Thursday 26/12	CLOSED
Friday 27/12	9.00am - 5.00pm
Monday 30/12	9.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 31/12	9.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 1/12	CLOSED
Thursday 2/1	9.30am - 5.30pm
Friday 3/1	9.00am - 5.00pm

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Mount Gambier

MRTENNIS

NARACOORTE TENNIS CLUB

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

MON 16 & TUES 17 DEC 2024

Red - \$20 per session

- Group 1: Mon 12-1pm, Tu 8-9am & 1-2pm
- Group 2: Mon 1-2pm, Tu 9-10am & 2-3pm

Orange - \$30 per session

- Group 1: Mon 12-1.30pm, Tu 8-9.30am & 1-2.30pm
- Group 2: Mon 2-3.30pm, Tu 10-11.30am & 3-4.30pm

Green & Yellow - \$40 per session

- Group 1: Mon 12-2pm, Tu 8-10am & 1-3pm
- Group 2: Mon 2-4pm, Tu 10am-12pm & 3-5pm

REGISTER VIA QR CODE BY 13 DEC

Please contact Rachel Mahney for any other queries or support 0427 564 029

Schools in Action

2025 NATIONAL ALL SCHOOLS NETBALL CHALLENGE

Join us in Adelaide from 1-3 September 2025 at Netball SA Stadium! Enjoy a fun-filled event that builds skills, fosters teamwork and strengthens friendships. It's more than just netball—it's an experience you won't want to miss!"

DIVISIONS

- Girls Years 7/8 Development & High Performance
- Girls Years 9/10 Development & High Performance
- Girls Years 11/12
- Boys Open (Years 7-12)

LOCATION

Netball SA Stadium
1155 Railway Terrace
Keswick Terminal SA

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www.schoolsinaction.com.au

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 6 DECEMBER 2024

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NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL

HOUSE CUP 2024

Flynn vs Murdoch vs Carter
Wednesday & Thursday, Week 9

Please meet daily in the Hall at 8.45am & dress in your House Colours!

Wednesday 11th December
STEM Challenges
Trivia Competition

Thursday 12th December
Art Activities
Day at the Lake from 10am
Swimming Trials
Novelty Water Activities
Land Activities
(volleyball, cricket, tennis, relays etc.)

Friday 13th December
Reminder: This is a Student Free Day