



# Naracoorte High School Newsletter

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## SCHOOL EVENT DATES TERM #1

### >> APRIL

- 6<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal @ 2.20pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pathways Immersion Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term #1  
Early Dismissal @ 2.20pm

## SCHOOL EVENT DATES TERM #2

### >> MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> First Day for Term #2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 7 Immunisations
- 4<sup>th</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Cattle Handler's Camp
- 10<sup>th</sup> Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
- 11<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> STEM Girls
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nexus Night & Twilight Tours
- 24<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 25<sup>th</sup> University Visits
- 29<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup> Flexible Industry Pathways

### >> JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> Flexible Industry Pathways
- 12<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday

## From Our Principal...

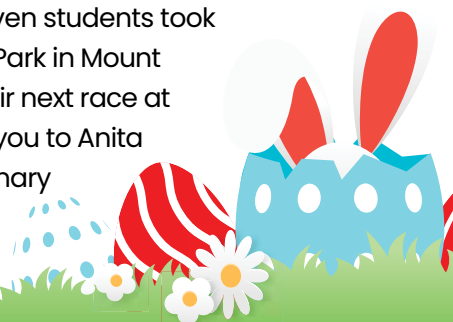
Dear Families,

Term 1 has provided a range of opportunities for our young people with the last few weeks being particularly eventful. Zach Pope was successful in the regional and state competitions and has progressed to the National Finals for Lions' Youth of the Year. Zach will be travelling to compete in Queensland and we wish him all the best with his endeavours.

Following on from our school sports day, our Athletics team enjoyed another great day out at the SE Zone Interschool Athletics Carnival hosted by Millicent High School. Well done to all students who represented our school and congratulations to our two record breakers, Maddison Bellman (U/13 High Jump) and Harrison Clark (U/15 Triple Jump) on their stand out performances.

On March 25th and 26th we hosted the Student Robotics Club of SA Inc. Robot Scrimmage. A number of teams from across the state travelled to Naracoorte High School to compete and participate in workshops over the two day event. Well done to Ashley Miles who lead the NHS Robot and thank you to St. Martin's for teaming up with NHS for the competition.

It was fantastic to see our Pedal Prix team back on the track last weekend after a year long hiatus following covid. Seven students took part in the 80 lap race held at McNamara Park in Mount Gambier. Our team is now prepping for their next race at The Bend, Tailem Bend in May. A big thank you to Anita Miles, Rob Sandercock and Naracoorte Primary School for their ongoing support.



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of South Australia

Department for Education



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.



# From Our Principal

## What is Omegle?

Omegle is a free online chat service that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats, encouraging their users to 'Talk to strangers!'. Individuals do not have to sign up, nor register any details to access the website.

We urge Parents to familiarise themselves with the website and the risks associated with the use of Omegle. More information can be found online via the National Online Safety website [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com).

The Omegle website is blocked within the school network. However it is important that families are aware that these filters do not apply on home networks when young people are accessing the internet at home using school devices. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to monitor home internet usage, including school issued devices, to ensure young people are making safe choices. Use of Omegle can pose a risk to young people's safety and wellbeing.

## Early Dismissals

A reminder to all families that tomorrow, Thursday 6th of April, students will be dismissed at 2.20pm due to the Easter long weekend.

Next Friday, 14th of April will also be an early dismissal of 2.20pm for the last day of Term 1.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break!

**LYNETTE CORLETT**

Principal

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

**Please be mindful when driving through the School Crossing.**

Remember to slow down to 25 km/h when the lights are flashing or children are present.



**STUDENT WORK**

**SUBJECT DISPLAYS**

**INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES**

**YELLOW BRICK ROAD TRAIL**

**MEET OUR STAFF, SCHOOL  
CAPTAINS & LEADERS**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE**



**Students, Families & the Community of  
Naracoorte are invited to Nexus '23**

# **NARACOORTE NEXUS**

**Wednesday 17th May from 6.00pm**

**Williamson Hall, Naracoorte High School**



# Lion's Youth of the Year

## On the 20th February, three Year 12 students, Zach Pope, Jake Stewart and Russell Uyanguren, competed in the Naracoorte Lion's Youth of the Year competition.

This involved students preparing a five minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice, that would also interest their audience. Students also prepared an application that reflected their achievements in a range of categories including leadership, sporting, academic and cultural activities. From this, students sat a 30-minute interview during which the three judges asked them numerous questions about our community, evaluating their general knowledge. On the evening, a Lion's dinner meeting was held during which Zach, Jake and Russell presented their prepared speeches and tackled two impromptu speech topics. Congratulations to all students, and a special shoutout to Zach Pope who presented a persuasive speech on the 'negative impacts of fracking', and well-rounded impromptus on 'an individual's role in raising global awareness' and 'who would you take to lunch?', winning both the Lion's Youth of the Year and the Public Speaking award, moving onto the Regional Final.

On the 5th March, Zach participated in the Regional Final, held at Kingston. Here Zach competed against two other students from Keith and Lucindale. Once again, Zach submitted an application, sat an interview, presented his five-minute prepared speech and delivered two impromptu speeches, this time on 'Should Australia continue celebrating Australia Day on the 26th January or move the date?' and 'Is Australia doing enough to combat climate change?' Once again, Zach won both the Lion's Youth of the Year and Public Speaking awards, moving him onto the State Final.

The State Final was hosted in Robe on the 19th March. Zach was up against tough competition from across the South East and Adelaide, following the same format as the previous two rounds. Zach took out first position as State Winner wowing the crowd and judges with his public speaking skills and general knowledge. The impromptu topics this round were 'Why do you believe vaping is so prevalent and what will be the future implications?' and 'How will greater exposure to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture and histories help us move forward as a nation?'

Zach is now preparing for the National Finals to be hosted on the Gold Coast on 27th April. He will go up against other state winners from across Australia and will again present his prepared speech and two impromptus, while submitting an application and sitting an interview. We are incredibly proud of Zach, being the first student at Naracoorte High School to make it to Lion's Youth of the Year National Finals. Throughout the term a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation has taken place, from drafting and practicing his prepared speech, to adding to and refining his application and being across current events and headline news to prepare for possible impromptu topics.

Each year the Year 12 English students have the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile competition. It has allowed Zach to refine his already amazing public speaking skills, has connected him with like minded teens across our state and has taught him to think in his feet.

Good luck for the National Final, Zach!

**GEMMA BORG**  
Lion's Youth Coordinator



Zach Pope, winner of the Lions Youth of the Year State Final!



# Lion's Youth of the Year



Judge Erika Vickery and Lion's Youth of the Year chairperson Ross Gleeson award Zach Pope at the Naracoorte event.



Zach Pope presents at the Regional Final about the negative impacts of fracking.



Competitors Jake Stewart, Zach Pope and Russell Uyanguren with Naracoorte High's Lion's coordinator Gemma Borg.



## On 28th March, 8 students from Naracoorte High School travelled to The Mount Gambier Golf Club to participate in the South-East Junior 'Come & Try Golf Clinic' and Team Ambrose Competition.

52 young golfers from Grant High, Tenison Woods College and St Martin's Lutheran College competed in the Ambrose and a Stableford event.

Our 2 teams from Naracoorte were:

Lucas Bald  
Dawson Fox  
Destin Cornford  
Bryce Rothe

Alex Charlick  
Charlie Nolan  
Matthew Robertson  
Darcy DuRand

Our golfers spent 2 hours on the practice range and putting green before competing in a field of 9 teams of 4 in a 9-hole Ambrose event. There were some low scores (28 off the stick won it!), our teams scored 36 and 38 strokes. Highlight of the day was Lucas Bald's almost hole-in-one on the 120m Par-3 8th, which finished less than a foot from the hole! You'll have to ask him about the putt.

The event will run again next year and has spaces available for male and female golfers. If you are interested, please contact Kieron Hicks or Tom Rechner.

### **TOM RECHNER**

Design & Technology





# Outdoor Ed Camp

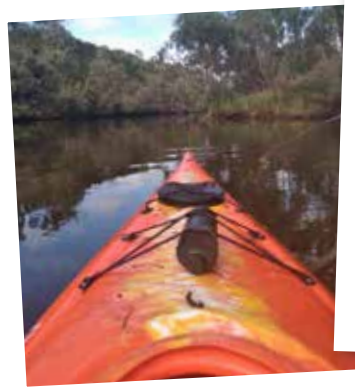


## Stage 1 & 2 Outdoor Education Update

In week 7 Mr Lang and Mrs Longbottom's Outdoor Education classes went camping along the Glenelg River. Students canoed and kayaked over three days down the Glenelg River carrying all their supplies in their canoes. Students prepared their own meals, experienced minimal impact camping, worked as a team and improved their canoeing skills. Spectacular scenery and great weather made for a memorable experience.

### BRONWYN LONGBOTTOM

Outdoor Education



# Robot Scrimmage



## On Sunday 26th March, the Student Robotics Club of South Australia, RoboRoo's, held a Robot Scrimmage at Naracoorte High School.

The high school robot took part, along with 8 other schools. We made it to the semi-finals in 5th position where we formed an alliance with the St Martins team to compete.

Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the semi-final, but it was a great day and lots of fun.

### ASHLEY MILES





# Japanese Study Tour

## Over weeks 7 and 8, our school welcomed 8 students and their teachers from Kogukuin High School in Tokyo, Japan.

These students stayed with members of our community who generously opened their homes and attended a range of lessons with students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

### English Lessons

Each day, the students took part in English lessons with Mrs Baker where they learned about Australian money, slang words, sports and practiced their sentence building and speaking.

### Class Immersion

With their buddies, the students attend a range of Maths, English, HASS, Science, Ag and Tech classes to learn more about what it's like to be at school in Australia.

### Extra Special Lessons

The Japanese students also partook in several extra special lessons with some of our teachers. They played AFL with Mr Rechner, cooked ANZAC biscuits with Mr B., played some English games with Miss Stott and practiced their Music skills with Mrs Wilson.

### Excursion Day!

On Wednesday, 22nd March, the students and their teachers were taken to Mount Gambier and the Naracoorte Caves. On their excursion, they went to the Blue Lake, Umpherston Sinkhole and Valley Lake Conservation Park. On their way back to school they experienced the Naracoorte Caves with a guided tour of Victoria Fossil Cave.

Thank you to our students and teachers who were so accommodating of our exchange students while they were here!

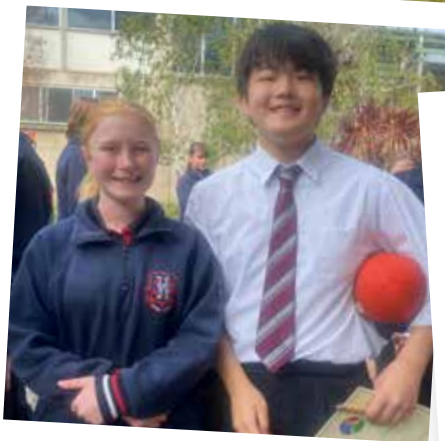
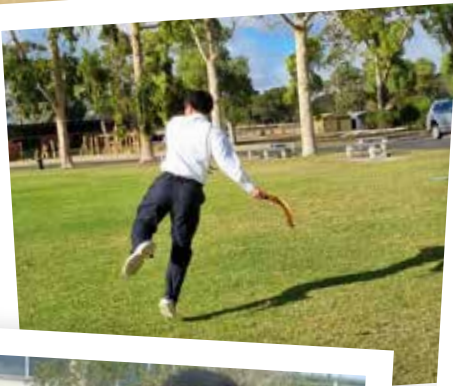
### KATELYN BAKER

English & French Teacher  
EALD Coordinator





# Japanese Study Tour







# Interschool Athletics

## On Friday of week 8 we travelled to Millicent High School for the Annual SE Zone Interschool Athletics Competition.

Our Athletics team showed great sportsmanship throughout the day and competed well against some quality competition. Naracoorte High School finished the day in 6th position with some fantastic individual performances.

Congratulations to Maddison Bellman who broke the Under 13 High Jump record of 1.27m set in 2022, with a jump of 1.31m. Harrison Clark once again has his name in the record books, breaking the Under 15 Triple Jump record of 12.16m set in 1982, with an impressive jump of 12.89m.

Well done to all of our students and thank you to all families and teaching staff who came long to support our team.



## IMMUNISATION DATES

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| <b>Year 7:</b>  | <b>Wednesday, 3rd May</b>  |
| <b>Year 8:</b>  | <b>Wednesday, 10th May</b>   |
| <b>Year 10:</b> | <b>Visit #1 – Wednesday, 10th May</b><br><b>Visit #2 – Monday, 26th July</b> |

# House Captain's Report



## A word from our Flynn House Captains, Lachie & Lily!

To the Naracoorte High school community,

Firstly we would like to give congratulations to all that are competing in the Adelaide athletics, it is a great achievement and we are very proud of all the competitors from Flynn and other teams.

We have begun some planning for lunch time activities with the other house captains and the school captains, any input from students is welcome and muchly appreciated. Some of the ideas that we have come up with is a chess competition, art competition and a dodge ball competition.

We look forward to work with you all next term.

**LACHIE MCKENZIE & LILY PAPE**

Flynn House Captains

## R U Ok? Awards 2023



## Naracoorte High School becomes a finalist for the Education category of the R U OK? Barbara Hocking Memorial Awards 2023!

We were super excited to receive the following email last week -

On behalf of the R U Ok? Board and team, I am delighted to congratulate the team at Naracoorte High School on becoming a finalist for the Education category of the R U Ok? Barbara Hocking Memorial Awards 2023.

The Awards celebrate the life of Barbara Hocking OAM (d. 2016), one of Australia's leading advocates for people affected by mental illness. Barbara was a supporter of R U Ok? during our early beginnings and believed the R U Ok? mission would break down stigma and highlight the role we can all play in starting a meaningful conversation with someone we feel might be struggling with life.

Thank you for being such champions of the R U Ok? movement and congratulations on becoming a finalist!

The winners will be announced during a virtual awards ceremony on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 6pm.

**R U OK?™**





# Duke of Edinburgh

## Once again, Naracoorte High School will offer students the opportunity to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Staff at the school facilitate this program and support students in setting individual goals for the various activities, to help them in achieving their Award.

What is The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award? The Duke of Ed Award is an internationally recognised youth program that challenges individuals to achieve their own personal goals, whatever their background or ability. The Award is available for young people aged 13-24 years, and comprises three levels Bronze, Silver and Gold.

As a school, we will be recommending students to commence at Bronze to gain an idea of what commitment is needed and whether they should progress to the higher levels, which requires more sustained commitment.

The Award Leader at Naracoorte High School is:

### AMANDA THOMPSON

Duke of Edinburgh Leader

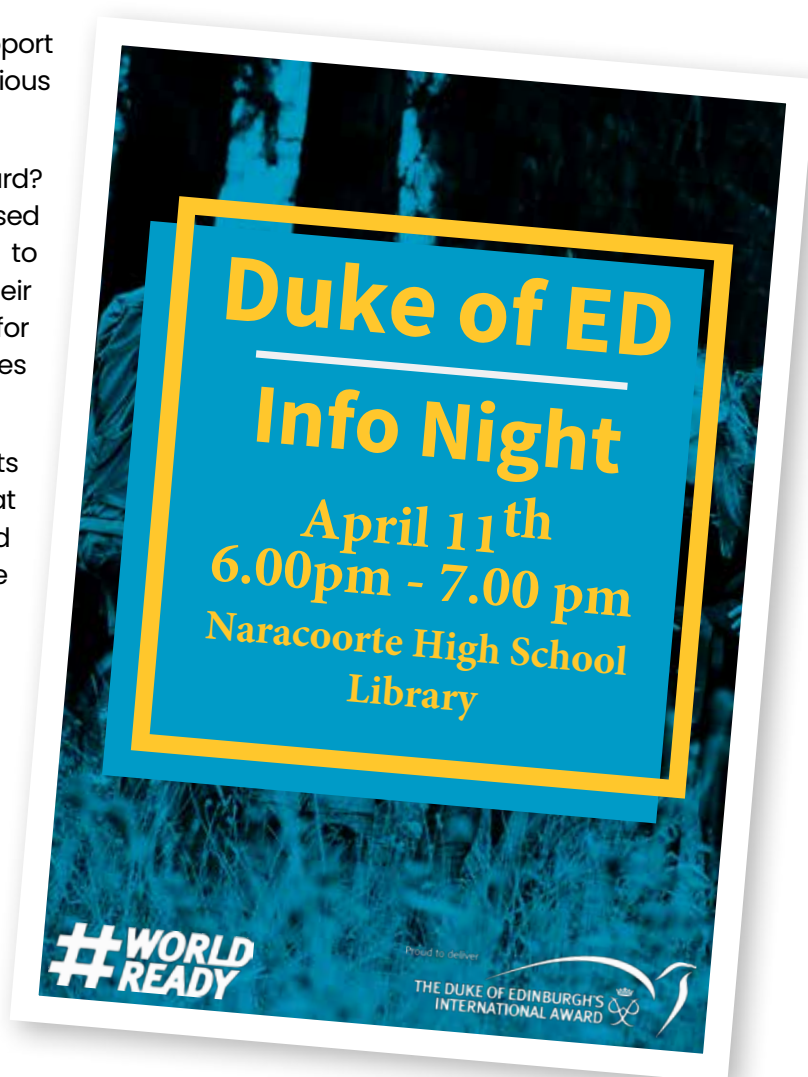
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## NO SMOKING!

Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes/vapes is strictly prohibited on our School grounds.

This includes all buildings and structures, outdoor areas, playgrounds and school perimeters.

Smoking whilst in your vehicle on school grounds is also **NOT** permitted.



## On Saturday April 1st, our Pedal Prix team returned to racing, after over a year off the track due to Covid.

This 8 hour race, Round 1, was held at McNamara Park Circuit in Mount Gambier. Our riders for this race were Cooper Faole, Grace Law, Lisa Tate, Taylor Whitehead, Nathan Rosmann, Travis Rosmann and Ashley Miles.

Nathan was first in the car, lining up on the grid with 84 other teams, to do the first lap of the 2.4km track.

A few minor adjustments were needed on the car, a broken horn meant that the riders had to manually connect the horn whilst on the track (no horn, no race), the chain came off a couple of times but was quickly put back on and we were told by officials that the tail light was not bright enough. A battery change and the car then had the brightest tail light on the track!

Our fastest lap of the day was completed by Nathan in lap 74 at 4.43 minutes. Cooper, who was attending his first Pedal Prix race, was in the seat for the chequered flag to finish the race in 74th position. Overall the team completed 80 laps, showing outstanding endurance, exceptional teamwork and continual enthusiasm in varying weather conditions.

Thank you to Rob Sandercock and Naracoorte Primary School for their continual support of our team. Also to the parents for transporting the riders to the race and for their support throughout the day. Well done everyone.

The team is now preparing for their next race on Saturday 20th May, at The Bend, Taillem Bend.

Go Red Lightning!

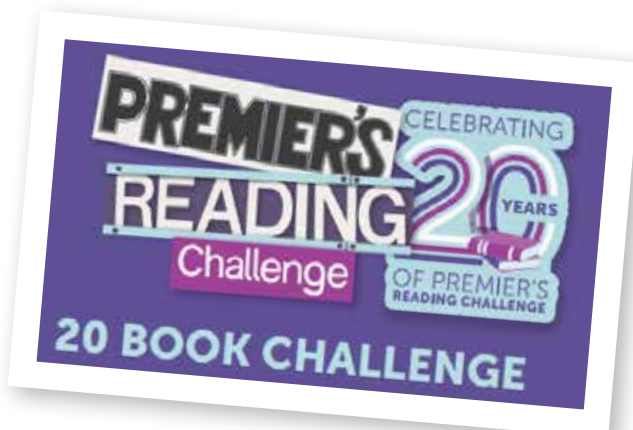
### ANITA MILES





## 2023 marks 20 years of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia!

To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Premier's Reading Challenge are offering students the opportunity to receive a special, 20th Anniversary certificate in addition to their usual PRC award this year.



To qualify for this certificate, students need to read 20 books in 2023, and fill out the "20 Years, 20 Books" student reading record instead of the usual 12 book record. The reading limits for each age group are as follows: – Years 7 to 9 – 4 books from the PRC book list, and 16 free choice titles – Years 10 to 12 – all 20 books are free choice

Students who complete the 20-book challenge will have also completed the 12 book challenge hence will receive the usual award as well.

The 20-book challenge is intended to be a voluntary, enjoyable, extension of reading for pleasure for those students who choose this option.

Forms can be collected from the Library or download from:

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/news/20-book-challenge-in-2023/>

Students are encouraged to borrow extra reading books for over the holidays from our wide range of fiction and non-fiction resources. However, books from home or the town can also be included in the challenge.

Happy Easter and Happy Reading!

**ANITA MILES**

Library Manager





# Personal Projects



## Across Term 1, the Functional Literacy and Numeracy Class have designed and participated in 'Personal Projects'.

Students have had the opportunity to learn more about, practice and refine individual skills. Students selected skills from a wide range of topic areas, such as woodwork, science, art and sport. These students were able to share their skills with the rest of the class. A few students have reflected on these experiences:

Kade taught the class how to make slime. "I enjoyed mixing colours, adding glitter, and telling everyone what colour they will use. Everyone enjoyed making it. No one faced any challenges. If I were to make slime again, I wouldn't change anything. When I added the saline and glue together, it made slime. After that, water started to separate".

Will created a wooden puzzle, and reflected on this experience stating "my project was making a game in technology. It was a wood game. I got a heap of wood and drew lines and marked them out. I chopped it out and put it together".

Tyler designed a new sporting game for PE which was tested and enjoyed by the class. The PE game he created was called Sash Soccer. It combined soccer and sash-tag where students were put into teams and tried to score goals without their sashes being taken away. If they were, they had to sit out for 30 seconds. The students had so much fun and provided Tyler with some positive feedback.

A sausage sizzle was organized by a student named Max, where his aim was to raise money to go toward the wellbeing facilities at school. Max organized the supplies he would need for the sausage sizzle, designed a survey for students to vote on what resources they would like and will now work within this budget to purchase items required by his peers.

It has been a busy term for these students, with new opportunities arising moving into Term 2. The Functional Literacy and Numeracy classes will be working collaboratively to maintain the schools garden beds within the Community Garden. It will be interesting to see what they are able to produce over the coming months.

### GEORGIE STOTT





# Community News & Events

## Upcoming EVENTS

### NARACOORTE VIDEOGAMES CLUB

**21ST APRIL**  
4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

**16TH JUNE**  
4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

**18TH AUGUST**  
4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

**20TH OCTOBER**  
4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

**15TH DECEMBER**  
4-7PM 9 FOSTER STREET

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## AUSTDRIVE 1

**Youth Driver Awareness Program**  
NARACOORTE



The Austdrive Youth Driver Awareness Program is designed for 16-28 year olds across SA, who currently hold a probationary, learner licence or full licence. Going beyond the scope of any learner training previously done, the Austdrive program training meets each young driver at their level and is designed to give young drivers a realistic view of their actual abilities (as opposed to what they think they can do). The course focuses on practical driver awareness, resulting in a true perspective, not the one their peers have given them. Prevention is better than cure when lives are at risk.

#### Course content includes:

- Basic car dynamics and control skills
- Emergency braking
- When two wheels are off the bitumen
- Safe steering
- Wildlife dangers
- Understanding speed, fatigue, alcohol, peer pressure
- Safe following distances
- Car modification (what's real and what's not)
- Observation techniques
- Emergency collision avoidance

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of Naracoorte



**APRIL 15TH & 16TH**  
**NARACOORTE**

Contact  
Peter Ireland 0427 653 216  
Ross Gleeson 0427 642 149  
Graham Brammer 0428 854 931

- 8.30am - 5.00pm
- Full Licensed driver must accompany L-Plate Drivers
- One vehicle required per participant
- \$50 per person



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## A Time To Shine

**Year 11/12 Formal**

### Event Details:

This years formal will be held on Friday the 19th of May 2023.

3:30pm- 5:00pm Photos will be taken at Carolynnes Cottages.

5:30pm- 6:00pm Arrival at the Naracoorte Football Clubrooms, Car entrance will be via Park terrace Naracoorte where you can walk the red carpet on arrival.

Tickets are \$60 each which includes Nibbles, Dinner, DJ Vince and a photobooth for your entertainment on the night.

Tickets are available after the Easter break from Limestone Coast Training (73 Smith Street Naracoorte), cash only! Names, contact info and dietary requirements will need to be provided at the time of purchasing.



## Are your contact details up to date?

**Please advise the school of any changes by contacting the front office on 8762 1333**



### CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE!

The school canteen is accepting online orders. Download the Flexischools App to start ordering!

**Orders must be placed by 9.30am each day.**