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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Mondays 3.30pm to 5.00pm Weeks A & B and Thursdays Week A ONLY

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 21st November - Year 10 Work Experience commences

Thursday 1st December to Saturday 3rd December - Aboriginal Studies HSC Seminar Sydney University

Monday 5th to Friday 9th December - Lifesaving (Swimming) Nyngan Town Pool P3 & P4 each day

Tuesday 13th December to Saturday 17th December - Blue Mountains Expedition

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Victor Chang Cardiac Institute Research Science Award - 2016



Congratulations to Tom Harris, Year 11 student at Nyngan High School, on being awarded the Victor Chang Institute Research Science Award for 2016. These awards recognise excellence in Science achieved by Year 11 students. Tom is pictured above with Mrs Leone Dewhurst, Curriculum Advisor NSW Department of Education, Dubbo. Congratulations from the staff and students of Nyngan High School.

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

With the end of year in clear view, we enter a major phase of conclusion for 2016 and planning for 2017 at Nyngan High School. We are also now seeing some significant staffing changes for 2017.

As our 2017 school timetable and planning comes together, our staff are busy writing yearly reports and evaluating the progress of our school plan milestones. For students this is a time of consolidation and performing to the highest level in their final assessment tasks. I encourage all of our students to maintain a strong work ethic in the coming weeks and remain focused on the work and directions provided to them by our staff.

Alternative Work Organisation (Mid-Term Break)

This week we will be submitting an application to continue our current school structure which includes an Alternative Work Organisation (AWO), which is commonly known as the Mid-Term break. I would like to thank Mr Toby Miles for his work as the Teachers Federation Representative in coordinating this application and the consultation process. This is not an easy task, as we are required to survey all families and members of our school community. The support for our AWO application is again almost unanimous with only a small number of school community members either not in favour of the arrangement or having a neutral standpoint on the matter.

Under our current structure, parents and our school community will be pleased to know that our student attendance rate is above the state average and the vast majority of students demonstrated positive growth in the NAPLAN tests for 2016.

Staffing Update

Our school will undergo some significant change in the coming weeks. Two of our long serving staff have received incentive transfers and will leave us at the end of 2016.

Mrs Melanie Murray will transfer as Deputy Principal to Toormina High School. Mrs Murray is the engine room of our school, coordinating our daily school activities and managing the welfare and discipline of our student body. Mrs Murray is also a leader of student wellbeing and works closely with Nyngan Public School as an external trainer for their PBL program. We will definitely miss Mrs Murray at NHS; I know that many students enjoy her personal approach and our staff will miss her consistency in school organisation. We wish Mrs Murray and her family the absolute best in her future appointment.

Mr Peter Charters will transfer to Broken Hill High School in the TAS department. Mr Charters is our very own 'Mr Fixit', and is always keen to design, build or repair school equipment. Mr Charters has an inclusive and mentoring style with the students who undertake Industrial Arts courses and his work with our Yr6 Transition program is always engaging for our incoming students. We wish Mr Charters and his family well in his new appointment.

A reminder that a retirement dinner is planned for Mrs Montgomery, to be held on Saturday the 26th November and if you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Noelene Walsh at school on 6832 1004.

Course fees for 2016

A final note for any family who may have outstanding course fees, for their children. As a school we have some heavy financial investments to ensure all students are provided with resources for their learning in all courses.

For students undertaking Elective courses, beyond the mandatory curriculum, those course fees are essential to cover our running costs. In the coming week I will be writing to families of students with outstanding course fees requesting payment or an arrangement be made with the school.

November Fundraiser

This year for 'Movember', many of our male staff and men around town are sporting a moustache. The annual movement for men's health is a wonderful opportunity to not only remain aware of health promotion but also an amazing chance to raise funds; in this case we are donating our fundraising to Matty Bolam and his family as he fights for good health.

On Friday 25th November myself and some of our staff are offering our entire community the opportunity to 'Throw a Pie at the Principal & Staff'. For a small amount of money you can take pleasure in making a mess of our beautiful faces.

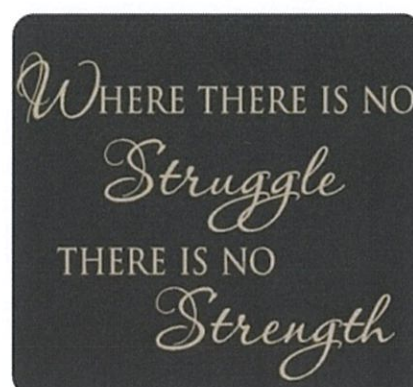
The Lollie Jar guessing competition will also be finalised on the night with the winner announced.

This event will take place at the Nyngan Bowling Club on the outside lawn from 6pm, (25th November) for \$2 per throw or 3 for \$5. There will also be a BBQ underway for all who attend. I encourage one and all to come down and help us raise some funds for a great cause.

Farewell Aunty Sheila

It was with a heavy heart that we learnt of the passing of Aunty Sheila Couley. Fittingly she was farewelled by a very large group on Tuesday, where her extended family were supported by many friends and well-wishers. In a very moving ceremony many of us witnessed her young relations standing up and speaking proudly of their Grandmother as a leader of the family and a strong woman. On behalf of Nyngan High School our condolences and best wishes go out to the Couley, Johnson, McDougall and Robb families and all members of Aunty Sheila's mob.

Often when we lose a leader from our life the coming weeks and months can be a struggle. These are the times that define us and make us stronger for the journey of life. Take strength from those around you and those you have learnt from.



Michael Gibson

Principal

P&C News

Hi everyone, Thank you to those who attended our last meeting. Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting and we will be having it in the Bowlers Bar at the RSL Club on 28th November. We will have a quick meeting and then anyone who wants to stay and have dinner are able to. I have invited Mrs Montgomery to come so that we can farewell her and thank her on behalf of the P&C for her contribution to our school. Anyone who wants to attend for dinner and wish Mrs Montgomery well you are welcome as well. The meeting will commence at 6pm and Dinner at around 6.30pm.

The P&C are holding a Raffle for the end of year fundraiser which will be a full cut up sheep. The cost of the tickets are \$2.00 each. A book of five tickets will be sent home with the newsletter today. Please fill in the stubs and return to the front office of the school with your \$10.00 as soon as possible. If you require more tickets just ask Bev and she will organise more for you.

Thanks for listening and hope to see you at the next meeting/dinner.

Stephanie Waterhouse

Nyngan High School

P&C Association

President

Throw Pies at the Principal & Staff

November Fundraiser for Matty Bolam

Friday 25th November - Nyngan Bowling Club @ 6pm

- \$2 per plate or 3 for \$5
- **BBQ on the night & Lollie Guessing competition**



Mr Gibson says:

"I'm feeling safe. I haven't seen a good throw or a good arm in Nyngan yet!"

But Wait There's More!!

AN AUCTION TO SMASH A FULL CAKE OVER MR GIBSON'S HEAD

Also you can throw pies at:

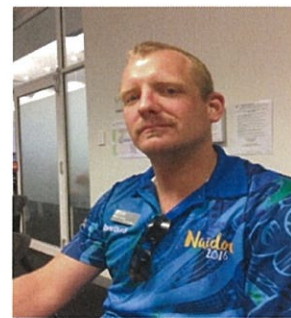
Mr Miles



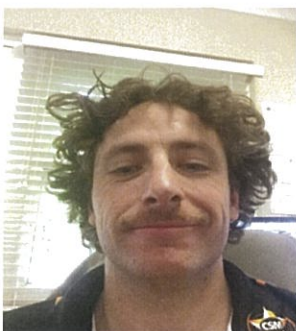
Mr Dal Forno



Brent



And special guest Tim Smith from Lawlab



An open invitation is also extended to any man with a moustache to join the fun and have a pie or two thrown at them.

Deputy Principal's Report

Core Value: "Do your best"

Stage 5 students have had examinations this week and so teachers are currently very busy marking exams and writing reports. Well done to those students who decided to "Challenge yourself".

Good Guys Week

This week teachers are rewarding students for being a "Good Guy". Certificates are given out by teachers to students who were being safe, showing respect, displaying integrity or doing their best; that is they are displaying our core values. A Good Guy falls within the category of Improvement/encouragement in our merit system. Students received the certificate of merit, a point towards the merit system levels and a chocolate from me.

Year 10 Work Experience

Over the next two weeks we have many of our Year 10 students out and about in the Nyngan community experiencing work. Thank you to those businesses and services for taking our students.

ReachOut.com Parents

The attached leaflet talks about the new ReachOut Parents website. It has been developed by ReachOut.com which is Australia's leading e-mental health service for young people, they've been helping 14-25 year olds cope with everything from everyday issues to tough times since 1998. This is a great resource for parents to access if required.

Moving On

As Mr Gibson has mentioned in his report I have been appointed to Toormina High School near Coffs Harbour. I will commence there in the new year. I would like to thank the students, staff and community of Nyngan High School that I have had the pleasure of meeting during my four years here. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with you in the education of the young people of Nyngan.

Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Murray

Deputy Principal

Maths Report

Our NAPLAN question for this fortnight is:

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Which expression is equivalent to $3x^2 - 9x + x^3$?

$3(x^2 - 3x + x^3)$

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$3x(x - 3 + x^2)$

☐

$x^3(3x^2 - 9x + x^3)$

☐

$x(3x - 9 + x^2)$

☐

This question was in the calculator section and involved the students multiplying what was inside the brackets by the outside term. The language we use is **expanding**. FYI the answer is the last bubble.

The problem from the last newsletter concerning how many hours it will take for the water to reach the third rung was solved by **Miss Booth**. The answer was 'the water will never reach the third rung because with the rising of the water level, the ship itself is rising too!'

The problem for this week is:

Carla needs to cut a piece of wood that is 32cm long into 8 pieces.

It takes her 1 minute to cut one piece.

How long does it take her to complete this job?

Happy problem solving.

Tanya Buchanan
Maths/CAPA Head Teacher

Cricket V Willyama

The boys cricket team took on Willyama on Thursday in Round 4 of the Alan Davidson Shield. Expecting big things with the return of skippers Jak Jeffery and Jacob Shone, the boys were slightly disappointed after losing the toss and Willyama electing to bat.

It took a while for the first wicket to fall, but inevitably opening bowlers Cooper Ryan and Jeffery struck, picking up two wickets each to have Willyama four-for at drinks. The fielding was tight and the Nyngan boys were holding onto their catches, but wides were becoming an issue. With the message coming to keep the energy up in the field, Nyngan were able to make a number of inroads into the Willyama batting line-up, who were eventually rolled for 110. A par score, Nyngan would have been disappointed with the 29 sundries including 22 wides, but confident none the less that they could chase the total.

Cale Dunn and Tim Walsh started solidly, with the goal of not losing early wickets. When Tim eventually fell in the 11th over, the score was on 20. Terrance Ryan, Jeffery and Cooper Ryan all came and went for ducks in arguably the most influential period of the match. Some good resistance was shown by Shone, Liam Wherrit and Roy Herbert but the score looked out of reach. Cale Dunn worked hard at the crease and Jedd Smith provided some good hitting towards the end, but the accurate bowling of Willyama made scoring rather difficult. Nyngan were bowled out for 90 in the end.

It was a fantastic campaign this season from a very young side. We lose no players next year and this core group of gritty cricketers should look forward to some good times ahead. Cheers to all the boys and to Mr Dal Forno, Bill Quarmby and Alahna Ryan for their assistance.

T Dal Forno
PDHPE

Positive Education

#closeyoureyesopenyourmind Competition

Winners – Year 8 Boys



Runners Up - Year 9 Girls



Thank you for all the entries, it was a very difficult decision and prizes will be coming your way. We might have to have a rematch later in the term.

In the coming weeks, look for opportunities to do some random acts of kindness – these opportunities are everywhere.

On the weekend my family and I were in Sydney and when on a slide at Wet and Wild a lovely girl offered to help me carry a tube up ten flights of stairs so the four of us could go down. Bushy repaid this by helping a lady carry her pram down some stairs and we paid for someone's meal at the Supercross because the EFTPOS wasn't working.

It feels good to be kind. A small gesture can change someone's day.

What will you do?

Angie Bush

Positive Education Team Leader

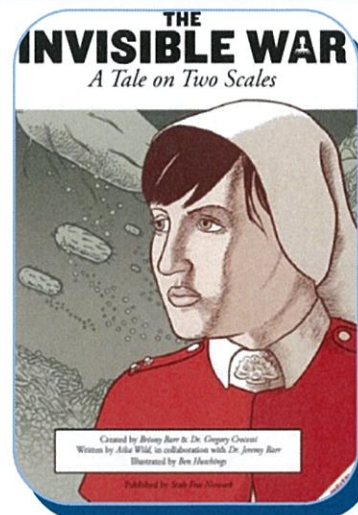
new books from the chook.....!

France, 1916. While treating a patient with dysentery, Sister Annie Barnaby encounters a strain of lethal bacteria.

As the invaders journey deep into her gut, the resident microbes must fight to survive. Annie's life hangs in the balance. Enter the phage, deadly predators, ready to wage war to protect their host.

Created by a team of scientists, artists, educators, writers & historians, *The Invisible War* is a graphic novel like no other.

Non fiction

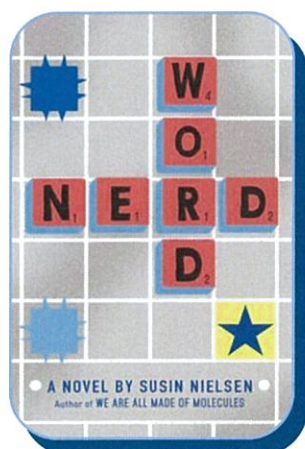
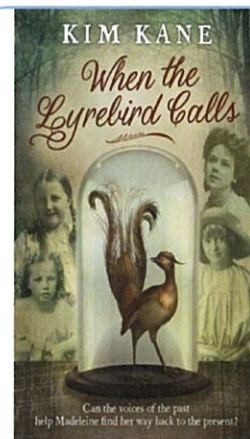


Emily has been friends with Adriana since year one, way back when Adriana had a huge gap between her teeth and was super skinny. Emily wasn't any less awkward looking, but the girls are the best of friends and that is the way it has always been. When Adriana's mother dies, very suddenly, everything changes. Adriana's father accepts a job in Borneo and the girls spend Year 10 apart. Despite the rubbish Internet connection (on Adriana's side of things) the girls manage to stay in touch. When Adriana returns home she has gone from awkward to AMAZING and turned into a goddess! But the saving grace is that Adriana is no different on the inside. So Emily helps her to deal with unwanted attention of masses of boys without feeling unwanted. Until, a new boy arrives and Adriana and Emily both like him...two girls crushing on the same boy. What could happen?

Young Adult Fiction

When Madeleine is shipped off to stay with her eccentric grandmother for the holidays, she expects the usual: politics, early-morning yoga, extreme health food, and lots of hard work. Instead, Madeleine tumbles back in time to 1900, where the wealthy Williamson family takes her into their home, Lyrebird Muse. At a time when young girls have no power and no voice, set against a backdrop of the struggles for emancipation, federation and Aboriginal rights, Madeleine must find a way to fit in with the Williamson family's four sisters - beautiful, cold Bea; clever, awkward Gert; adventurous, rebellious Charlie; and darling baby Imo - as she searches desperately for a way home. Meanwhile, the Williamson girls' enchanting German cousin, Elfriede, arrives on the scene on a heavenly wave of smoke and cinnamon, and threatens to shatter everything.

Junior Fiction



When bullies almost kill Ambrose Bukowski by putting a peanut in his sandwich, it's his mother who has the extreme reaction.

From now on, Ambrose has to be home-schooled. Then Ambrose strikes up an unlikely friendship with the landlord's son, Cosmo, an ex-con who's been in prison.

They have nothing in common except for Scrabble. But a small deception grows out of control when Ambrose convinces a reluctant Cosmo to take him to a Scrabble club. Could this spell disaster for Ambrose?

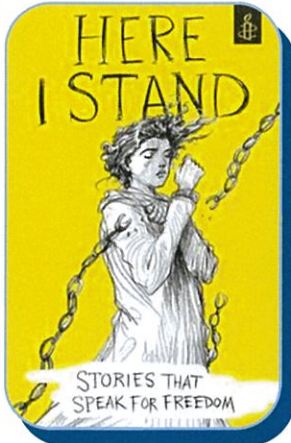
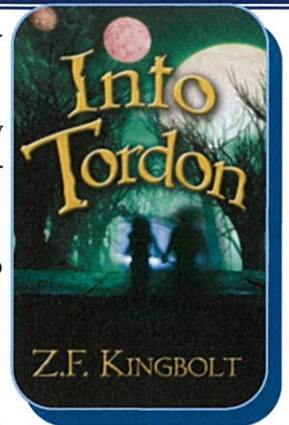
Junior Fiction

No one knows thirteen-year old Bethlyn is 'BGwarrior', champion of the online survival game Tordon. But they do think she's a cheat.

So when she meets her fellow gamers outside the abandoned house of Tordon's creator, and they discover her identity, her number one nemesis, Zane, pushes her inside. Beth pulls him in with her just as the door slams shut, trapping them both.

Encountering a multitude of strange new worlds, the two of them must push their gaming skills to the limit if they're to ever return home.

Junior Fiction

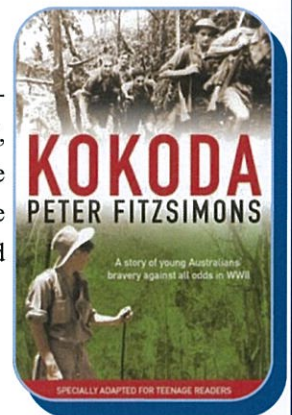


Did you know that government spies can turn on your phone and use the microphone to listen to your conversations? ... that lesbian and gay relationships are illegal in 78 countries and can be punished by death? ... that Amnesty recently recorded the highest number of executions globally for more than 25 years? Through short stories and poetry, twenty-five leading authors and illustrators explore the top human rights issues facing young people today. Now is the time to take a stand and make a difference.

Adult/Young Adult Fiction

For Australians, Kokoda is the iconic battle of World War II, yet few people know just what happened, and just what our troops achieved. Conditions on the track were hellish -- rain was constant, the terrain close to inhospitable, food and ammunition supplies were practically non-existent and the men constantly battled malaria and dysentery, as well as the Japanese. Kokoda was a defining battle for Australia -- a small force of young, ill-equipped Australians engaged a highly experienced and hitherto unstoppable Japanese force on a narrow, precarious jungle track, and defeated them.

Young Adult Fiction



Where?

The Library

When?

Recess and Lunch 23rd November

What ?

Games Day!

***Come along and have a go at some old favourites or test your skills
on something new!***

CARDFIGHT

SCRABBLE

Chess

Cards

Twister

Nintendo

Author Visit

A group of students from Year 10 and 11 were treated to a visit from authors, Ellie Marney, Will Kostakis and Shivaun Plozza. Each of the writers spoke about their journey to success and some of the difficulties of pursuing a career in literature. Will was a hit with the kids with his part stand-up comedy, part writer routine and both of the ladies had sincere and personal stories that kept the students very engaged.

After a talk about their backgrounds, the writers, led by Will conducted a creative writing workshop. This was an excellent opportunity for the senior and soon to be senior group as they head towards their Higher School Certificate. Creative writing is an area many young people may find daunting, but a strength of the workshop was how it reminded us about the fun side of it. Sure it's a compulsory part of school, but what a depressing way to look at it!

Will spoke about the basic building blocks of writing, character, setting and plot, and simple techniques for honing each. One activity involved the students writing a short piece about someone tripping and falling. The trick was to convey the emotional state of the tripper and for the reader to be able to picture it, perhaps speculating why they had fallen. The Nyngan kids produced some terrific pieces in the 10 minute activity and many were reminded that there really is nothing as satisfying as producing a nice little piece of original literature. Rachel Fitzalan, Tom Harris, Leah Bailey and Jerry Carter shared their work with the group, but it was Jerry who took home the choccies in the judges' eyes.

A school anywhere, let alone as isolated and small as Nyngan, would appreciate having such a wonderful opportunity to engage with real-life authors and the English faculty would like to thank The Book Chook, Ms Ngaire Booth for organising it.

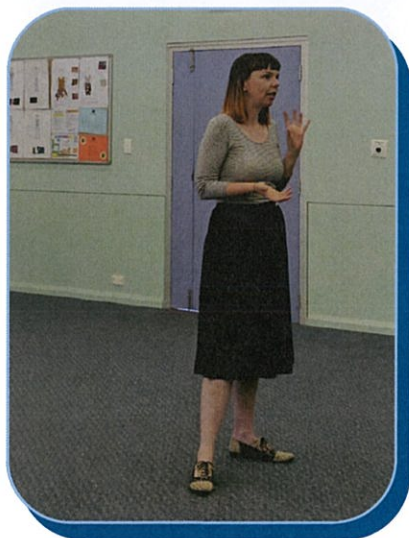
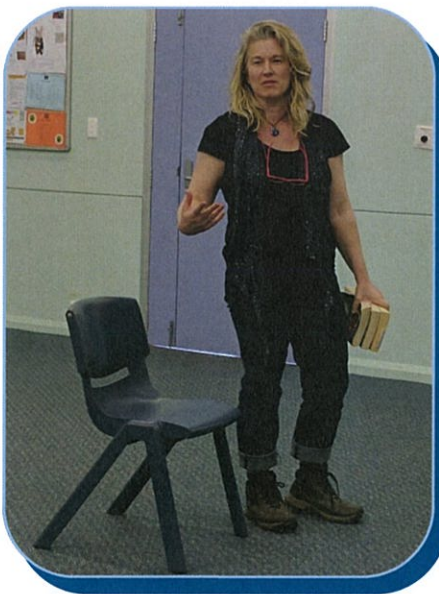
Next time you're bored, don't watch 'reality' telly, try re-writing this dull sentence using some pizzazz:

'Sam ate BP pizza and it was nice'.

Send entries to the English staffroom for loads of prizes.

T Miles

English



Authors Ellie Marney (above), Shivaun Plozza (left) and Will Kostakis (right) during their visit to Nyngan High School

New Curtains for TLS

Nyngan High School were lucky enough to have new curtains installed in the Tiered Learning Space, which is used for Drama lessons and HSC performances for Music and Drama. The curtains have created a backstage area and hidden stage door for a fully functional theatre and have completely transformed the area. The students and Ms Scott are very excited and wish to thank Mrs Wye for organising the instalment of the curtains. Below are some of Nyngan High's more "dramatic" students enjoying their new "classroom". Watch this space for a performance soon!

B Scott
English/Drama



WHITE RIBBON DAY

O'REILLY PARK

25th November 2016

11:00AM-1:00PM

FREE BBQ, INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

All Men are invited to attend this event and take the pledge to stand up and speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.

For more information contact Fiona on 0472 846 665

This is an alcohol and glass free event

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CHANGE TO CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

The phone number for contacting the Child Protection Helpline operated by Family and Community Services (FaCS) will be changing on the 13th November 2016. The new phone number will be:

132 111

This number will continue to operate 24 hours / 7 days per week, and can be used by professionals and the general community.

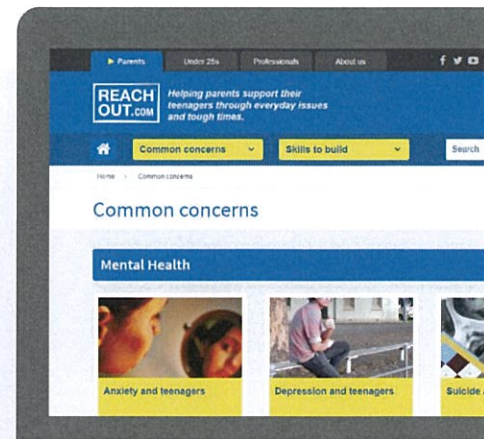
Please use this phone number to report concerns about a child or young person that you suspect may be at risk of significant harm.





Parents

When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they're more likely to get it. That's why we've introduced a free new service to help parents help teenagers: [ReachOut.com/Parents](https://reachout.com/parents).



ReachOut Parents provides evidence-based practical support and tips that encourage effective communication and relationships between parents and young people aged 12–18 years, as well as easy-to-read information on a range of mental health and wellbeing issues.

The service features more than 140 fact sheets, stories, practical tips and tools, and provides access to an online community forum so that parents can connect with each other to share experiences in an anonymous, supportive space.

New stories, fact sheets and features, as well as a coaching program delivered in partnership with the Benevolent Society, will be added to [ReachOut.com/Parents](https://reachout.com/parents) throughout the year.



FREE AND ACCESSIBLE

Free and available 24/7, ReachOut Parents' mobile-first design and AA accessibility rating mean parents can access information where and when they need it.



CO-DESIGNED WITH AUSTRALIAN PARENTS

Insights from more than 1100 parents from across Australia helped us design and build the service.



WE KNOW YOUNG PEOPLE

We've been working with young people for 18 years (through our flagship service [ReachOut.com](https://reachout.com)) and understand what they're going through.



EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

ReachOut Parents is based on the latest research evidence and has been developed in consultation with experts.



COMING SOON: COACHING

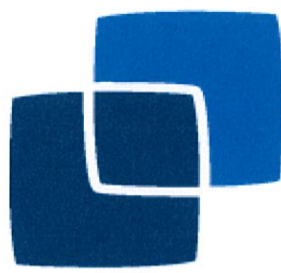
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ABOUT REACHOUT AUSTRALIA

ReachOut is Australia's leading online mental health organisation for young people, providing practical support to help them get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.

Since 1998, ReachOut has worked alongside young people to deliver online tools that address youth mental health and reduce youth suicide. An extension to ReachOut's service for young people was launched in 2016 to help parents and carers improve the mental health and wellbeing of the young people within their family environment.

Available anytime and pretty much anywhere, [ReachOut.com](https://reachout.com) is accessed by 110,000 Australians each month. That's more than 1.31 million people each year.



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