



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITIES & SUCCESS

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DATE/EVENTS

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

*Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wednesdays*

Monday 18th December
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS commence

2024 commencement dates

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Years 7, 11, 12

Friday 9th February 2024 - Years 8, 9, 10

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

"Integrity"

Service Recognition - 50 years

As part of the Service Recognition Dinner held last month in Sydney, we also celebrated school administrative and support staff who have dedicated more than 50years to public education in NSW.

Among those celebrated was our very own Mrs Veronica Bourke who has been at Nyngan High School since 1973.

Veronica Bourke with Deputy Premier Prue Car



Principals Report

Dear School Community,

There is a saying, “the more things change, the more they stay the same”. I can’t help but think of this when sitting down to pen this final newsletter report for 2023. There has been staff change, educational change, changing initiatives and seasonal change; yet there is a constant at Nyngan high School that I could not be any more proud of... the fantastic community of students and families that make up our school.

I am exceptionally proud to be the Principal of Nyngan High School, we have dedicated students, dedicated staff, supportive parents and caregivers and a supportive community who create opportunities for our kids that has to be admired. The resilience of enthusiasm is infectious, students keep coming back for more, to do more and to take on more opportunities. Yes, sometimes we need coercion, persuasion and patience but that is all part of growing our young people, taking safe risks, trying something new and yes sometimes failing. This resilience to keep coming back for more is the aspect of our community that I am most proud of and look forward to seeing where we end up in the coming years.

And in a similar light, I hope that when each student and family looks back on their year, it’s important to reflect on what opportunities you grabbed with both hands and what things you passed up or maybe gave up on. I hope you took some great opportunities and had a chance to grow as a person or take on a new challenge and succeed at something you previously maybe feared. During Presentation Day I spoke of the concept of Misogi, challenge yourself next year with something big.

I have witnessed so many highlights which make me proud to lead Nyngan High School, but this isn’t about me this is about what opportunities our students have taken across the whole year. We have such a diverse school which shows strength in all areas: academia, sport, culture, creative and performing arts, career development, community engagement and leadership.

Some of these highlights include:

- The swimming and athletics carnivals - seeing our enthusiastic students participating to the absolute best of their abilities.
- Attendance and leadership from school members at important community events such as ANZAC day, Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week, Nyngan Show, School Spectacular
- Our SRC and Junior AECG working tirelessly to run school events like Positive Ed games, celebration BBQ’s and the fantastic NAIDOC week.
- Seeing our kids have opportunities to grow through programs like Outdoor Ed, Coffee Shop, Art workshops and representative sport.

Reminder for the Start of 2024

Whilst our school staff return to duty on Monday 5th February, 2024, students commence on the following days:

Years 7, 11 and 12 students return on Thursday 8th February

Years 8,9 and 10 students will return on Friday 9th February

An SMS and Facebook reminder will be sent out early next year.

School & Community Partners

I would like to thank our two major partner associations for their ongoing support of our school and a continued commitment to helping provide an environment which supports kids at all times.

The **Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**, led by Mrs Marea Johnson, is an asset of our community; who continually advocate for the best interest of our Aboriginal students, which is beneficial for all students. With the support of the AECG we have been able to offer a magnificent array of cultural experiences for our students and many opportunities for our community to embrace Aboriginal culture in a significant way. I encourage all school community members to come along and get involved with the AECG to help provide great opportunities and education for our kids.

The Nyngan High School Parents & Citizens Association, led by Donna Smith, has been a very welcoming and hard-working group this year. They have again taken up the challenge to fundraise on behalf of our school and provide financial support and moral guidance for school decisions. Our P&C is a vital cog in the wheel as our school moves forward to provide a better educational and learning environment for all students. I would like to encourage all parents and carers to join our P&C to provide their voice in our school.

Major decisions in all capacities of our school are made in consultation with both of these community bodies, to influence the direction of the school, joining these bodies is the best way to have your voice heard.

Farewell to Staff

As with every school year, we farewell some staff members who are moving onto new adventures in many ways.

Mr Casley has transferred to Albury High School. Jarred has proven to be a wonderful staff member, who strives to have his students achieving highly across the school, he has been a tremendous asset to the school community and the wider community. He will be sorely missed. We are exceptionally proud of Jarred and wish him the best in the future.

Mrs Butchers has transferred to Toronto High School. Alex has brought endless enthusiasm and commitment to our kids and has such a tremendous skill set; she will be missed. The whole community has been lucky to have Alex and Beth engaged and it has been amazing to witness the outstanding staff member that Alex is leaving us as. I am exceptionally proud of Alex and wish her the best in the future.

Ms Anthea Boyle, Emma Roberts and Cooper Barrow have taken contracts at other schools for 2024. We thank them for their service and dedication throughout 2023.

I am proud to wish Veronica Bourke all the best in her retirement from her 50 years of continued service for the Department of Education. Veronica has supported numerous generations of families in the Bogan Shire tirelessly and I have been so lucky to work with such a consummate professional and we as a community have been so fortunate to have had Veronica supporting our students over these years. I thank Veronica for her service and I wish her the very, very best for the future.

Thank you for 2023

Finally I thank you all for your efforts this year and wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. I look forward to what the 2024 school year brings.

Kind regards,

Benn Wright
Principal



Merry Christmas

Deputy Principal Report

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we meet and work and pay my respect to our Elders past, present and emerging.

It is with pride and pleasure that I recognise our fantastic students, staff and parents/caregivers of 2023, and what a year it has been. I am in awe of the engagement I see around me every day and this always inspires me to see the good in everyone I cross paths with. Our Positive Education Award recipients are students who always think of others and demonstrate compassion and gratitude, qualities I have the utmost respect for.

Positive Education Award recipients:

Year 7 - Tate Sinclair. Tate tackles his tasks without complaint and radiates leadership and charms those around him with a delightful quick wit. His positive demeanour makes him a standout presence and contributes to a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere.

Year 8 - Archie Black. Archie is a remarkable student known for his unwavering positivity, considerate nature, and trustworthiness. He effortlessly befriends everyone, creating an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. Archie's genuine warmth and reliability make him a standout leader and a cherished friend to all.

Year 9 - Brady Hilder. The following award recipient has shown a tremendous amount of growth throughout 2023, both as a student and as an overall human, and is more than deserving of one of Nyngan High's most prestigious accolades. This young person has decreased his negative behaviour by a whopping 500% since 2021 and is now looked to as a leader by his younger peers, even going so far as to take on a Peer Support role Year 7 in 2024. Ladies and gentlemen, please put your hands together for the Year 9 Positive Education Award winner for Term 4....Brady Hilder.

Year 10 - Alani Wright. Alani is a standout recipient of this award, excelling academically in the Yinka class while also transforming into a positive role model. Her journey from a reserved and shy student to a radiant influence has brightly impacted her classes, earning admiration from both her peers and teachers.

Year 11 - Jacob Martin. Jacob, you are a vibrant and kind young man who is always ready to lend a hand. You have been a standout student this year, not just your academic efforts but your generosity and positive relationships you have built with your peers. You have grown so much and shown us how cheerfulness and a bright attitude can lead to success.

Our attendance focus of 95%+ attendance has grown exponentially in 2023, with 38 students attending an excursion of a lifetime, involving climbing Sydney Harbour Bridge and engaging in Paintball as a couple of the listed activities. A huge shout out to Mrs Mudford, Mr Matheson, Mr Lennon and Ms Baker for organising the excursion and accompanying the students.

The 100% attendance winners for Term 4 are:

Ally Robb, Matthew Milligan, Phillip Raymond, Jed Montgomery, Samuel Milligan, and Pranali Shukla

Congratulations to our 100% Attendance students

Please use the holidays to ensure you have all necessary uniform requirements; this includes a navy and white top to be worn every day except Wednesday when the navy and yellow sports shirt is to be worn. Leather shoes are a WHS requirement for students to participate in practical subjects and students have the option of wearing black or white socks, however, white socks need to be worn when representing the school. Please ensure socks and navy shorts or tracksuit pants do not have big branding designs.

Our last Positive Education focus for 2023 is **Recharging Sleep**; by having a deep and uninterrupted 9-10 hours of sleep every night, you will enable your mind and body to rest and recharge themselves to function well the next day.

To fall asleep quickly, use bedtime routines such as reading, having a shower or bath, listening to music, or thinking about what you are looking forward to tomorrow. Turn off your phone an hour before bedtime because screen light disturbs the sleep hormone melatonin, making sleep difficult.



Thank you for your support in 2023 and use the time in the holidays to purposefully create opportunities to make memories with your family and friends.

I look forward to 2024 when we get to do it all again...better!

Tanya Buchanan
Deputy Principal



Student of the Term - 4



Year 7 Makayla Cooper



Year 8 Ida Gibson



Year 9 Rubie-Lee Hicks



Year 10 Lily Crosland



Year 10 Ray Ernst



Year 11 Jacob Martin



**Sportswoman of the
Term 4**

Matilda McDougall

95% Attendance for Term 4

Week 1 Victoria Walsh

Week 2 Nicholas Motley

Week 3 Hunter Thompson

Week 4 Jett Bunting

Week 5 Ally Robb

Week 6 Jayden Smith

Week 7 Chevy Atkins

Week 8 Gracie Griffiths

Week 9 Lillian Whaley

Week 10 - will be announced after the holidays

English/Support News

Stage 4 English have wrapped up their Fantasy genre study, recently finishing Katherine Paterson's acclaimed novel *Bridge to Terabithia* and then watching the film of the same name. Many tears were shed as they grappled with themes of friendship, love, loss and grief and *SPOILER ALERT* attempted to process the death of Leslie, a character they had grown to love more and more as the book was read.

Many students also did exceptionally well in their Yearly Examinations with **Kaiden Whaley, Sasha Minko, Chloe Fanning, Ida Gibson, Huntah Rope, Deacon Dunn, Santana Odeng, Matthew Milligan** and **Jameson Bush** all pushing 90% or greater and making their teachers and families proud.

Stage 5 English finished the year strong! We read *Raw* by Scott Monk, a novel about a 16-year-old boy who is sent to outback New South Wales to complete 3 months at an unconventional juvenile detention centre called The Farm. It was great reading to students and having them engage in so many conversations about some of the themes, characters, and events of the novel.

Congratulations are also in order for **Pranali Shukla, Lily Francis, and William Mudford** who topped the yearly examination! Absolutely killed it!

Year 12 English Standard have just submitted the first of their assessment tasks as they commence their final year of education at Nyngan High School. It has been quite the process as they have adapted to the rigors and demands that their final year brings. From the drafts I have received they are on the right track; they just need to ignore the fact that the rest of their younger peers are in cruise control right now. I want to take the time to thank them all for a nice first year of teaching senior English and hope I have helped in some way, no matter how minute.

That about does it for us here in the English faculty. **Mrs Mudford** and **Miss Baker** and I are currently on the 95% attendance excursion and absolutely loving it. Climbing the Harbour Bridge was a once in a lifetime experience (unless I find myself one day willing to pay to do it again), paintball was a wild old time. The body is very sore, and I realise now that I will never be a soldier, hitman, or Bond villain. **Matthew Milligan** on the other hand? All those years playing Fortnite and COD really paid off!

We are currently having a lovely day out at *Raging Waters*, with the weather really turning it on for us, and taking advantage of all the fun filled adventures on offer. Shopping and the cinemas tonight (I think *Wonka*) and then back to reality tomorrow.

From all of us here in the English faculty, we want to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday period, a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and happy New Year. See you all in 2024.

Name: Katie Mudford

Nicknames: Muddy

Role at NHS: Head Teacher English/Support

Other jobs I've had: salesperson/admin at Doors Plus, grain marketing assistant, SLSO

Favourite colour: blue

Favourite dinner: Thai chicken curry

Favourite dessert: pavlova

Favourite sport to watch/play: watch - tennis, play - dodge ball (many students know how fiercely competitive I am)

Favourite sports team: Canberra Raiders

Favourite subject at school: English

What was your favourite game as a child: Connect 4

A cool place I have visited: The Great Wall of China

Something I love about Nyngan: the people

A movie I would recommend: The Blind Side

Favourite type of music: I will forever be stuck in the 90s. Best music ever!

A great book I've read: Where the Crawdads Sing



Support Classes



What do you do when you have a stack of green tomatoes at the end of term - you turn them into green tomato pickles!

Green Tomato Pickle Recipe

Ingredients

1.9 kg green tomatoes	¼ cup flour
400 g onion	3 Tbs curry powder
9 Tbs salt	1 Tbs ground turmeric
1kg sugar	2 Tbs corn flour (optional)
750 ml white vinegar	

Instructions

Day 1

Wash the tomatoes, remove any stalks and dry them thoroughly.

Chop the tomatoes and onions into a similar sized dice. In a large saucepan add a layer of 1/3 of the tomatoes and 1/3 of the onions, add 1/3 of the salt evenly over the layer.

Continue this process until you have three layers. Cover the saucepan and leave to stand overnight. This will draw out any moisture.

Day 2

Drain off all the liquid from the tomato mixture.

Boil a jug with hot water and pour over the tomato mixture and drain again. Do this twice to remove all the salt.

Put the tomatoes on the stove and add 450ml of white vinegar. Bring the mixture to the boil cover and then cook for ten minutes using a timer.

In the meantime, in a bowl combine the flour, turmeric, and curry powder with the remaining 300mls vinegar until it becomes a paste. Reserve for later use.

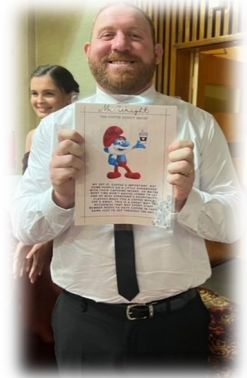
Once the tomato has boiled for ten minutes add the sugar and stir until dissolved.

Turn off the heat and add the paste slowly to the tomato mixture while stirring. Avoid lumps by adding the paste slowly and continuing to stir.

When the paste has been fully combined, place the pickles over a low heat and simmer gently. Pickles should be cooked for another 10 minutes, or until the mixture has reached the desired consistency. (Add a corn flour slurry if it is too watery.)

Remove from the heat and allow it to cool slightly before bottling in sterilized jars.

Awkward Merit Photos from the Formal !



Science/HSIE News

On the 7th December, we embarked on an enriching excursion to Dubbo, accompanying our esteemed Platinum students who uphold excellence in class and in the community. To achieve Platinum these students consistently receive merits across a range of categories, and as a reward were treated to a day out as a token of our appreciation for their attitude to schooling.

A cohort of 40 students, the crème de la crème of Nyngan High School, embarked on a journey to Dubbo. The day commenced with a screening of 'The Hunger Games': The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes, reviewed by Jameson Bush as a "pretty good movie". Next well-deserved downtime at Orana Mall, providing an opportunity for some shopping and lunch.

However, no voyage is without its unforeseen twists. A minor setback arose when the air conditioning on our bus broke down. A big shout out to our students for showing resilience and adaptability while we swapped buses.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all students for their commendable behaviour contributing to the success of the day. It is these experiences that enrich our school community at Nyngan High School.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY—2023

On Monday 11th December Nyngan High School celebrated the success of their students at their Annual Presentation Morning. School Captain Meg Richards started the assembly by saying “it is important to recognise the achievements of our students in a year that has been challenging so today we will celebrate the success of our students in many areas including academic, cultural, and sporting achievements”.

The audience was treated to a performance by the twelve students who travelled to Sydney in November to be part of the 2023 Schools Spectacular. Since 1984, the Schools Spectacular has grown to become more than just a showcase highlighting the talents of the students of New South Wales Public Schools. It is an iconic cultural event incorporating students from diverse backgrounds and communities from the length and breadth of the state. The School’s Spectacular is a world-class arena production and one of the largest annual events of its calibre anywhere in Australia and arguably the world.

Following this, Mr Wright gave the Principal’s report and looked back on the year of 2023. During his speech Mr Wright acknowledged Veronica Bourke and her fifty years of service to Nyngan High School. The first award to be presented was the distinguished DUX of 2022. The recipient was Jack Buchanan who is now in Sydney studying at the University of New South Wales as Bachelor of Engineering (Software). Jack was heavily involved in every aspect of his six years at Nyngan High School and was a School Captain in 2022.

Mrs Smith (Sports Coordinator) then gave the sports report along with presenting many sporting awards. The following students represented Nyngan High School at State level, and we are very proud to be able to recognise their achievement.

In Swimming - Emily Martin and Elizabeth Healey, in Gymnastics - Chelsey Fitzalan, in Athletics - Eric Morgan and Sophie Johnson and in Cross Country - Chloe Fanning and Jasmine Bourke.

The very prestigious awards of Sportsman and Sportswoman were awarded to: Eric Morgan and Emily Martin.

NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal acknowledges students in each school for their outstanding commitment to fair play, achievement in their sporting discipline and overall contribution to their school’s weekly program. In 2023 the recipients are: Archie Black, Isabella Jackson and Kade Neyland.

Mark Leonard Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Sport was awarded to: Emily Martin. It acknowledges outstanding achievements in sport and is very special because it honours a former sportsman of our school. Mark was an excellent all-round athlete and represented this school as the Captain of the Western Region U/16 Rugby League Team and also as a member of the Combined High School U/16 Rugby League Team.

Nyngan High School Swimming Age Champions 2023

12 years Kade Neyland and Emily Martin

13 years Tate Sinclair and Lilly Robb

14 years Dominic Burley and Charli Selfe

15 years Jed Montgomery and Elizabeth Healey

16 years Hayden Burley and Victoria Walsh

17+ years Riley Wood and Jasmine Bourke

Nyngan High School Athletics Age Champions 2023 Athletics

12 years Emily Martin and Elijah Bush

13 years Lilly Robb and Ethan Smith

14 years Chloe Fanning, Ashton Deebank and Jayden Smith

15 years Chloe McCarthy and Julian McDougall

16 years Lily Crosland and Will Mudford

17+ years Jasmine Bourke and Tyson Deebank

2023 Subject awards

Year 7

Holly Beuzeville Academic Excellence in Visual Arts and Academic Achievement in Technology Mandatory

Jett Bunting Academic Encouragement in Science

Deacon Dunn Academic Excellence in LOTE, Science and English and Academic Achievement in Music

Gracie Griffiths Academic Excellence in Science and Academic Encouragement in PDHPE

David Martin Academic Encouragement for Stage 4 Overall Learning

Emily Martin Academic Achievement in Science, PDHPE, Mathematics and Academic Encouragement in English

Ally Robb Academic Encouragement in Stage 4 Overall Learning

Lilly Robb Academic Excellence in Music

Tate Sinclair Academic Excellence in Drama and Academic Achievement in Technology Mandatory

Ethan Smith Academic Achievement in Geography/ History Academic Encouragement in PDHPE

Joseph Taylor for Academic Encouragement in Stage 4 Overall Learning

Sophie Walsh Academic Excellence in Geography/ History and Academic Achievement in English, Visual Arts and Academic Encouragement in Mathematics

Kaiden Whaley Academic Excellence in PDHPE

Overall Academic Achievement Year 7 2023 is Deacon Dunn

Overall Academic Excellence Year 7 2023 is Gracie Griffiths

Year 8

Archie Black Academic Achievement in Technology Mandatory and PDHPE

Hayley Bodycott Academic Encouragement in Geography/ History

Dakodah Booty Academic Encouragement in Geography/ History

Dominic Burley Academic Achievement in Science and Music and Academic Encouragement in Mathematics and PDHPE

Jameson Bush Academic Excellence in English and Drama

Ashton Deebank Academic Excellence in PDHPE

Chloe Fanning Academic Excellence in Science, Music and Academic Achievement in Visual Arts and Technology Mandatory

Ida Gibson Academic Excellence in Geography/ History and LOTE

Mac Lawson Academic Excellence in Mathematics

Matthew Milligan Academic Achievement in Technology Mandatory

Sasha Minko Academic Encouragement in English

Dominic Radford Academic Encouragement in Mathematics

Sophie Richards Academic Achievement in Geography / History and English and Academic Encouragement in Science

Harry Williams Academic Achievement in Mathematics

Overall Academic Achievement Year 8 2023 is Ida Gibson

Overall academic Excellence Year 8 2023 is Chloe Fanning

Year 9

Fraser Cox Academic Excellence in PDHPE and PASS

Macy Griffiths Academic Achievement in English, Science, Mathematics, PDHPE and Academic Encouragement in
Geography/ History

Mia Hancock Academic Encouragement in English

Elizabeth Healey Academic Excellence in Music

Rubie Lee Hicks Academic Encouragement in PDHPE and Mathematics

Isabella Jackson Academic Excellence in Visual Arts

Jed Montgomery Academic Excellence in Industrial Technology Timber and Metal and Academic Achievement in Geography/
History

Pranali Shukla Academic Excellence in Science, English, Mathematic, Geography/History, Child Studies and Food Technology

Steven Whaley Academic Encouragement in Science

Overall Academic Achievement Year 9 2023 is Fraser Cox

Overall Academic Excellence Year 9 2023 is Pranali Shukla

Year 10

Hayden Burley Academic Achievement in Science, PDHPE and Academic Encouragement in Mathematics

Lily Crosland Academic Excellence in Food Technology

Shania Dutschke Academic Excellence in Child Studies

Ray Ernst Academic Encouragement in English

Oliver Fitzalan Academic Excellence in PDHPE, PASS and Industrial Technology Metal

Lily Francis Academic Excellence in English, Science and Geography/History

Maddisyn McCarthy Academic Achievement in Visual Arts and Academic Encouragement in Science

Julian Mc Dougall Academic Excellence in Music

Will Mudford Academic Excellence in Mathematics and Industrial Technology Timber

Roxy Robb Academic Achievement in English and Academic Encouragement Geography/ History and PDHPE

Linkon Sinclair Academic Achievement in Geography/ History

Alani Wright Academic Achievement in Mathematics and Academic Encouragement in English

Overall Academic Achievement Year 10 2023 is Shania Dutschke

Overall Academic Excellence Year 10 2023 is Lily Francis

Year 11

Jasmine Bourke First in Mathematics Standard 2, Music 1 and Drama

Joseph Healey First in Numeracy, English Studies, Industrial Technology and Academic Achievement in Information and Digital Technology

Meg Meldrum Academic Achievement in Hospitality

Elle Montgomery First in PDHPE and Academic Achievement in Primary Industries

Megan Richards First in English Advanced, Biology and Community and Family Studies

Claire Robb Academic Achievement in Hospitality

Charlotte Ryder First in English Standard

Wayne Smith First in Visual Arts and Academic Achievement in Manufacturing and Engineering

Victoria Walsh First in Sport, Leisure and Recreation

Overall Academic Achievement Year 11 2023 is Jasmine Bourke

Overall Academic Excellence 11 2023 is Meg Richards

The P and C All-Rounder Award is awarded to a student who succeeds in a number of areas including leadership, service, sport, attitude and conduct. The 2023 P and C All-Rounder awards go to: Stage 4 Gracie Griffiths and Stage 5 Dimity Smith.

Nyngan High school is very proud of its student voice which includes the SRC and Junior AECG. The elected student representatives over the year have developed their leadership skills by running meetings, speaking at various events, and participating in fundraisers. In 2023 the group enhanced their skills to become the leaders of tomorrow. The Student Voice Awards for Stage 4 are Eric Morgan and Gracie Griffiths, Stage 5 Roxy Robb and Lily Crosland and Stage 6 Billie Rae Kearns and Victoria Walsh.

Nyngan High School values school attendance. Research shows daily school attendance positively impacts students' social, emotional, and cognitive development. School participation maximises life opportunities for all students. It gives them the foundation they need to succeed in school and life. Nyngan High School would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following student for his 100% attendance in 2023. Congratulations to Sam Milligan.

Raylene Weldon and Marie Johnson introduced and presented the 2023 AECG awards.

Encouragement Awards

Stage 4

Deacon Dunn
Makayla Cooper

Stage 5

Linkon Sinclair
Rubie-Lee Hicks

Stage 6

Brandee-Mae Doyle
Wayne Smith

AECG Cultural Integrity Awards

Eric Morgan
Isabella Jackson
Kolbea Cain
Brooke Cadrakilagi
Pranali Shukla
Usia Tuinayatuyasawa
Trudie Donohue
Kalee Heenan
Ava Tremain
Oscar Fitzalan
Roxy Robb
Mia Hancock
Christal Apakali
Dakodah Booty

Dance Group—Cultural Integrity

Charli Selfe
Sophie Johnson
Georgia McDougall
Matilda McDougall
Julian McDougall
Ryan Dutton
Dimity Smith
Lillian Whaley
Halee Vane
Elizabeth Hicks
Rigby Robb
Charlotte Bartley
Gracie Griffiths
Kade Neyland
Holly Beuzeville

At Nyngan High School we strongly value our core values and believe in our merit system. The following students have achieved the highest award Diamond for 2023.

Gracie Griffiths	Makayla Cooper	Ethan Smith	Ida Gibson
Mac Lawson	Matthew Milligan	Ashton Deebank	Dakodah Booty
Pranali Shukla	Macy Griffiths	Shania Dutschke	Oliver Fitzalan
Hayden Burley	Samule Milligan	Linkon Sinclair	Joseph Healey
Elle Montgomery	Megan Richards		

The Student of the Year Award is very prestigious. This is voted on by staff from the students who have received Student of the Term for the current year. This student displays qualities that make them a role model for Nyngan high school and follow our core values.

2023 Students of the Year

Year 7 Gracie Griffiths

Year 8 Chloe Fanning

Year 9 Macy Griffiths and Pranali Shukla

Year 10 Shania Dutschke

Year 11 Elle Montgomery

President of the Nyngan High School P and C Mrs Donna Smith presented the Shelley Lane Memorial Award as it is funded by the P and C and awarded to a student for positivity, kindness and empathy towards others in honour of Shelley Lane. The 2023 award goes to Kearah Dutschke.

The Australian Defence Force and Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork awards were first presented in 2011. To encourage the development of behaviours and attributes considered critical in Australia's leaders of tomorrow. The Australian Defence awards are presented to students for their ability to demonstrate leadership and their appreciation and valuing of the contribution everyone makes to a team. The 2023-Year 10 Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award goes to Shania Dutschke.

The Australian Defence Force also offers the Future Innovators award. This is to encourage the next generation of innovators, critical thinkers and problem solvers – bright Australian students who are succeeding in **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The 2023 award goes to Oliver Fitzalan.

The Arthur J Johnstone Rotary Club of Nyngan Student Encouragement award is awarded to a student who displays commitment to their learning and the capability to be a successful senior student. The 2023 award goes to Lily Crosland.

The Perpetual RSL of Australia Nyngan Sub-branch award is given to a student who displays integrity and is consistently a positive role model for students at Nyngan High School. The 2023 award goes to Elle Montgomery.

Charles Sturt University's Future Moves activities are designed to give students opportunities, experiences and knowledge that will not only build their ambitions, but also build a confidence that University Education is a realistic option. The future moves award is for the student who has taken steps forward this year in developing their aspirations, building their confidence and realising their potential. The award goes to Lily Francis.

This year Macquarie University has given us two Emerging Leaders awards. The awards are designed for students completing their HSC in 2024 and demonstrate exemplary leadership, initiative, and commitment to their studies and school. I am proud to announce the awards go to Meg Richards and Elle Montgomery.

Big Sky Stories was established in 2022. The aim was to inspire and provide the children and families of the NSW outback with books. In 2023 the Big Sky Stories book award goes to a student who consistently works diligently in class. The award goes to Christal Apakali.

Mr Roy Butler MP Member for Barwon has donated a book to be awarded to a student for their hard work and commitment to learning in 2023. The award goes to Holly Beuzeville.

In 2016 Nyngan High School began its partnership with the William Rubensohn Foundation. The foundation was established in 2002 in remembrance of William Rubensohn an entrepreneurial businessman based in Sydney. Each year two Year 8 students are recognised and awarded the scholarship which provides financial support for the student during their next four years of schooling at Nyngan high School. The 2023 scholarships are awarded to Georgia McDougall and Chloe Fanning.

Medals for performing at School Spectacular in 2023 were awarded to:

Aboriginal Ensemble

Ryan Dutton
Sophie Johnson
Julian McDougall
Eric Morgan
Charli Selfe

Combined Ensemble

Shania Dutschke
Gracie Griffiths
Elizabeth Healey
Isabella Jackson
Sophie Johnson
Elle Montgomery
Charlotte Ryder
Dimity Smith

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bev Bush for all her assistance in helping me get our annual assembly organised and extend my gratitude to Leonie and Tim Ryan at Innovations for all their support in 2023.

Mrs Noelene Walsh

Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE/Careers





Images from Presentation Morning
 Nyngan High School
 2023





checking in with the chook

The 12 days of Christmas Nyngan Style





**Wishing everyone a Merry Xmas
and a safe and peaceful 2024**

