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Northampton District High School SHINES!



The SHINE program has been in full swing at Northampton DHS during a dynamic and fulfilling first term. Mel Hancock, Principal of Northampton District High School, took a moment to talk about SHINE in the school.

"Northampton is a gorgeous little town around 40 minutes' drive north of Geraldton. The community is very tight knit and proud of the town's long history.

"SHINE provides a unique opportunity for girls to develop strength of character and resilience, skills that are much needed within our fast-paced and complex world. We were so excited by the opportunity for our girls to become a part of the SHINE community because we were aware of all of the fantastic outcomes the program has achieved since it commenced at John Willcock College (JWC) and later implemented at Geraldton Senior College (GSC).

By introducing the SHINE program to our secondary girls at NDHS, we are supporting our students to believe in themselves and to help them achieve to whatever they set their minds to.

"We are lucky that we have our school Chaplain, Peter, to transport the students to Geraldton and back every Friday on our school bus, so they can enjoy the purpose built SHINE facility at GSC. We have adjusted our secondary school timetable to ensure that the SHINE students don't miss out on any important learning opportunities while away each Friday.

"At Northampton DHS, we want our girls to be proud of themselves and who they are, to have confidence and ambition to succeed. We want them to aspire to a life full of potential and possibility. We would love for our girls to be supporters of other girls, to grow up championing other girls and women, and to be happy to celebrate their own successes and cheer on the successes of others.



Learning circle: Northampton SHINE students share ideas

"We are so grateful for our girls to be given the opportunity to participate in SHINE. They all love it and we can already see the benefits it offers them in the way that they positively interact with each other and their community. Thanks SHINE!"

Shining for a Cause!

The Geraldton Senior College SHINE class were pleased to host Ian Blayney, MLP of Geraldton for his head shaving for the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for cancer.

It was a successful event all round, with students Trista and Shannyra starting the shave on Mr. Blayney's hair.



SHINE Student Trista, taking the first locks off Mr. Blayney

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A bit of fun was had when Mr Blayney's hair was then shaved into a Mohawk and coloured red! Mr. Blayney's hair was then completely shaven and treated to a head wash by the students.



The SHINE students learned about the critical facts behind this important cause, of blood cancer and how it affects so many lives in their community. Students were shocked to learn that people often lose hair during treatment, which is one of the reasons why hair is shaved for the World's Greatest Shave.

The event was covered by GWN and streamed live on Mr. Blayney's and SHINE Today's Facebook pages. SHINE students, Tarleesha (pictured below) and Jade, had a special experience presenting to a GWN camera, with the story broadcast on the evening news.



Meanwhile, at John Willcock College, the SHINE students were delighted to be a part of a fellow JWC student's endeavour to raise money for cancer. They shaved her hair and cheered on their very brave classmate.



Thank you!

Thank you to all involved, particularly to GSC, JWC, Ian Blayney, Barb Blayney and Jonine Harrison for supporting SHINE and providing the students with an opportunity to give back to the community and to benefit from media experience and increased knowledge about an important health issue.

Commonwealth Bank meets SHINE

Simone Colton, Branch Manager for Geraldton Commonwealth Bank paid a visit to meet SHINE students and gain first-hand experience of the SHINE program in action.



SHINE student, Tarleesha, shows Simone the 'SHINE handshake'.

As with all special visitors to the SHINE Salon, Simone was inducted to the program by participating in the vital SHINE Circle and Trust Promise. The students then treated her to a therapeutic hand massage followed by some nail pampering.

Simone talked to the SHINE students about her own personal career history and discussed the many pathway opportunities the students can pursue in the banking industry.

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GSC Year 12 Ball

The SHINE salon opened its doors to provide a supportive, safe and fun environment for some SHINE girls to get ready for the Geraldton Senior College Year 12 ball!



Year 12 SHINE student Jasmine Brown dressed to SHINE with Mandy Jolley, volunteer Michelle Fitzgerald and friend.

Beautiful dresses were available for the girls to choose from and SHINE volunteers provided makeup and hair styling services so that the girls had every opportunity to feel confident and proud of their appearance – for an event where this is so important to each student.

An important milestone in the students' school journey, the school ball is a chance for students to celebrate their years of schooling and achievements with their peers. A symbolic gesture of transitioning from teenager to adult, it is important that each and every student benefit from the sense of community and boost to self esteem that a school ball can offer.

Thank you to all who donated the gorgeous gowns for the girls to feel beautiful wearing.

A big thank you also to our very caring and giving volunteers, Claire Davies and Marcey Wellstead and SHINE Youth ambassador, Rhehal Burgess, who gave of their time, expertise and positive vibes to help make it a night to remember for SHINE girls!

Year 12 SHINE students Brook Storey and Moya Bell with volunteer Marcey Wellstead



JWC Anzac Day Ceremony

SHINE was proud to see Chelsea Read, JWC SHINE student taking part in the Anzac Day Service. Chelsea is a seaman in the navy cadets and she wore her uniform proudly for the service.

Well done Chelsea, we are so proud of you!



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Spotlight on a SHINE Champion: Margo Halbert



Margot Halbert (left) and Mandy Jolley

Margo is a friend and great supporter of the SHINE program and our students and has contributed to the success of SHINE in many ways over several years.

Working with business leaders to build their reputation and confidence by helping them to be engaging and influential, Margo is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP). This is the highest international accreditation available from the Professional Speakers Australia.

Margo has won the WA Speaker of the Year Award, has held the office of President of Professional Speakers Australia and is an Accredited Executive Coach.

Margo is also involved with various schools programs, including SHINE where she works with groups of students on topics such as communication, leadership and personal development to foster a sense of confidence and leadership in young students.

SHINE extends gratitude and a huge thank you to Margo for helping to enrich the experience of SHINE students. Margo also holds workshops and trust circles for the SHINE students, hosts student dinners during their end of year reward camp.

Margo regularly donates funds to SHINE through her business.

Thank you Margo - you are a real community champion!

To find out more about Margo and the fine work that she does, visit <https://margohalbert.com.au/>.

New SHINE Website!

SHINE is delighted to announce the launch of our new website!

We are very proud of the new content, the fresh look and the ease of navigation that Tania from 'Watts Your Website' (<http://www.wattsyourwebsite.net>) has created for SHINE.

Please visit our site for more information about the SHINE program, SHINE student success and ways you can get involved and student success.

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Did You Know?

Research has identified that the particular needs of adolescent students include:

- feeling like they belong
- developing a sense of themselves
- having opportunities to act independently and cooperatively
- being recognised and valued
- feeling supported and challenged, and
- feeling secure.

SHINE does this and more!

If you would like to know more about SHINE or how you can help, contact our Administration Officer, Cherrie on 0439 215 479

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