Kojonup DHS

Newsletter

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TERM 4 WEEK 3 28th OCTOBER 2025





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Everyone,

As we head into this traditionally busy term, we have made a good start. The Faction Athletics was held in the first week of term, with Phoenix victorious. Thanks to Mr Sinclair and the staff that are backfilling Mrs Milne whilst she is on long service leave – Mrs Thomson, Mrs Scolari and Mrs Sexton for their preparation of the students and the carnival logistics. We were once again blessed to have parent helpers that made the day run smoothly. We venture to Wagin on Friday for the Interschool Athletics.

The Kojonup Show display I am told was impressive – thanks to the teachers who provided the work and to Mrs Koster and Mrs Shepherd who co-ordinated the display.

Country Week was another success for KDHS with the netball again coming home as the division champions. The badminton were the runners-up on a countback, with the basketball, volleyball and hockey competing well also. The personal growth that the students get from attending is always the greatest win and we will be looking at taking an even larger group of students next year to experience all that is involved in the week. Once again, Mr Sinclair provided a week full of great experiences for the students and does this without any extra time, on top of his already full teaching load. A huge thank you to him. I was able to get up to Perth for a couple of days for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the students in an external environment.

The Year 9 and 10 students are sitting their OLNA testing at present with several students not having to do so as they prequalified through NAPLAN. These students have a total of six testing windows in which to sit the test before the end of Year 12.

Mrs Belinda Powell, the Student Services manager from North Albany SHS has joined us this term as Mrs Brown is Acting Principal at Tambellup PS. Belinda started in Week 10 of last term and is doing a great job in the secondary section of the school. Miss Jo Chisnall also joined us this term from Mt Lawley SHS as the English teacher and has also made a good start in English.

We still have not been able to source a replacement for Brandan Holland at the farm whilst he is on long service leave in Term

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...continued

1 2026 as we have advertised with no success. Courtney Toland, our Manager Corporate Services, has spoken to several people from Agricultural Education and sent emails to the other farm schools to no avail. We will continue to exhaust all avenues to find someone. If anyone has any leads as to a potential candidate, we would love to hear from you!

The Year 9 students are off to the Dinninup Show next week and also have a barista course that they will be participating in. The Years 5-6 students have a cricket carnival, and everyone has a day off (except the staff) on Friday of next week for our School Development Day. Staff will be busy enjoying learning about numeracy resources on this day with Paul Swann.

Sharon Poett

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS—PRIMARY

Term 4 is off to a flying start, and it's been wonderful to see our students engaging so enthusiastically in a range of activities. Here's a snapshot of what's been happening and what's coming up in the next few weeks.

Bandanna Day - Thursday 30th October

On Thursday 30th October, students are invited to support Canteen's Bandanna Day by purchasing and wearing a bandanna. This is a great cause that supports young people affected by cancer, and we encourage everyone to get involved. Bandannas are on sale for \$7 each.

PBS Shop - Tuesday 4th November

Our PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) Shop will be open on Tuesday 4th November. Students have been working hard to earn their dojos, and this is a great opportunity for them to celebrate their positive choices.

Cricket Carnival – Wednesday 5th November

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be participating in the Cricket Carnival on Wednesday 5th November. This is always a fun and active day, and we're excited to see our students showcase their skills and teamwork. A big thank you to Mrs Thomson for organising.

Crazy Hair Day – Thursday 6th November

To celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Day, we'll be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 6th November. Students are encouraged to come to school with their wildest hairstyles to show their appreciation for our amazing teachers!

Swimming Lessons - Monday 10th to Friday 21st November

Swimming lessons will run from Monday 10th to Friday 21st November. Please ensure your child has everything they need each day, including bathers, towel, goggles, and a plastic bag for wet items. These lessons are a vital part of our curriculum and help build water safety and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead!

Lauren Suttie

Deputy Principal—Primary



O Compass CORNER: LEARNING TASKS

This year, one of our goals is to improve communication with parents/carers regarding student achievement and progress. To help us achieve this goal the primary school are utilising the Learning Tasks module. This module allows teachers to send out assessment task reports, grades and work samples to you via the Compass app. It is our hope that this module will allow teachers to keep you up to date and better informed of your child's progress.

You can find the "Tasks" module on your child's page on Compass between the Dashboard and Attendance tabs. There should be an upload or a grade/comment for you to view. You are then able to communicate with staff regarding this work and ask any questions. If you are having issues accessing these tasks, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

Hi everyone, my name is Belinda Powell, and it has been a wonderful start to Term 4. I would like to begin by thanking the whole school community for the incredibly warm welcome I have received since stepping into the role of Secondary Deputy Principal while Jacky Brown is filling the role of Principal of Tambellup Primary School this term. It is clear to me that this is a great school with a strong sense of community and a lovely country feel.

Over the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of getting to know students, staff, and families, and I have been particularly impressed by the genuine care and support students show one another. It is especially heartwarming to see our older students step in to help and guide the younger ones—it truly speaks to the respectful and inclusive culture that exists here.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new English teacher, Miss Jo Chisnall who has quickly settled in and become a valued part of our school. She has been embraced by both students and staff and is already making a positive impact in the classroom.

One of the highlights at the end of last term was Country Week. Our students represented the school with pride, forming strong friendships and demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout the week. Despite the long and busy days, it was lovely to see so many happy, faces upon their return.

We also had a fantastic start to the term with our Faction Athletics Carnival. The two-day event was a great success, with students, staff, and families coming together to enjoy the spirit of competition and community. It was inspiring to see so many students engaged, enthusiastic, and actively demonstrating our school values of **Respect, Resilience, Pride, and Safety**. One of the most memorable aspects of the carnival was watching students cheer each other on and celebrate each other's efforts — true sportsmanship at its best.

I received feedback from the community who responded with positive comments about the students' displays at the Kojonup Show, praising the quality of work presented. It was clear to see the pride in the creativity and dedication shown by the students. Thank you to staff in setting up such aesthetically pleasing and well-organised displays.

In Week 2, students completed PAT testing, and we have now entered the OLNA testing period in Weeks 3 and 4. These assessments are important milestones in supporting students' learning progress and ensuring they receive the educational support they need to reach their full learning potential.

Last week, students from Years 5-10 attended a presentation about the upcoming federal **social media ban for under 16-year-olds**, which is set to begin on **10th December 2025**. This change will mark a significant shift in how students interact online, and the session aimed to provide clarity, answer questions, and offer support as we all prepare for this transition. The presentation was well received by students who asked thoughtful questions with the presenter commenting on how well the students responded and behaved.

As we move through Term 4, and the weather continues to warm up, it is a timely reminder that all students are required to wear hats when outside. This is in line with our *No Hat, No Play* policy, which supports our commitment to student sun safety when outside.

Overall, it has been a very busy but rewarding start to Term 4. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful students and staff and am grateful for everyone's patience and support during this time of transition. I look forward to the remainder of the term and to continue to work alongside our dedicated school community.

Belinda Powell

Deputy Principal—Secondary

Year 5-10 students at the talk regarding the upcoming social media ban.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9/10 OLNA

Monday 27th October—Thursday 6th November

Canteen Bandanna Day Thursday 30th October

Interschool Athletics CarnivalFriday 31st October
Wagin

PBS Shop

Tuesday 4th November

Year 9 Dinninup Show Excursion Tuesday 4th November

Cricket Carnival—Year 5-6 Wednesday 5th November Katanning

Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 6th November

School Development Day—PUPIL-FREE DAY FOR STUDENTS

Friday 7th November

Swimming Lessons—PP-6
Monday 10th November—Friday
21st November

School Board Meeting
Wednesday 12th November
1pm, School Library

Year 10 Rotary and APEX Bursary Interviews

Friday 14th November

Assembly—hosted by Secondary Friday 14th November

P&C DISCO

On Thursday 25th September, the P&C held a neon disco to celebrate the end of a cold, hectic Term 3. This was a raging success, thanks in large part to our extremely enthusiastic DJ, ex-Kojonupian Rosie Clews. There were competitions, drinks, food and novelty items for sale, as well as some very popular glow-in-thedark tattoos and face paints. The kids danced like crazy and we heard many reports from them that it was 'the best disco ever.'

I want to give a massive thank you to all the P&C members who helped to make it happen. As a result of their hard work, we raised around \$1,100 for the school. Not a bad result for an event that we were hoping to at least break even on.

Billie Zadow

P&C Secretary















Phoenix	Aquila	Hercules
1st	2nd	3rd
1441	1361	1256

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2025 Faction Athletics Carnival was held across two days with jumps and throws for Years 4-10 occurring on Wednesday 15th October and the main carnival on Thursday 16th October. Kindy and Pre-Primary students held a modified carnival on the Thursday afternoon. A huge thank you the ECE team for organising what looked like a lot of fun. The parent-child piggyback race was hotly contested as always.

We cannot run successful carnivals without a lot of help. A big thank you to the parents and carers, who gave up their time to help the events run smoothly, and to those who came down to show their support and cheer on competitors. It is a big effort to do it within the first week of term. Student participation was high, and it was encouraging to see students giving events a go. A special congratulations to Phoenix, who took out the carnival for the second year in a row!

Rvan Sinclair & Kahli Thomson

Health & Physical Education Teachers

New Records

Georgie Robinson (HER) - Pre-Primary Girls 70m -0:14.65

William Adams (AQU) - Pre-Primary Boys 70m - 0:13.09

Samuel Robinson (HER) - Year 1 Boys Long Jump - 2.73m

Amaia Waitokia (PHO) - Year 2 Girls 70m - 0:12.16

Ellie Bilney (AQU) - Year 3 Girls Softball Throw - 26.07m

Harry Robinson (HER) - Year 3 Boys Softball Throw - 26.43m

Paeyton Hayfield (AQU) - Year 4 Girls 70m - 0:11.19

Brooke Milne (AQU) - Year 8 Girls 800m - 3:15.16

















FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WINNERS

CHAMPION RUNNER UP Kelsey Lucev (AQU) & Sofia Scolari (PHO) Year 1 Girls Aria Shehan (AQU) Chace Thomson (PHO) Year 1 Boys Samuel Robinson (HER) Year 2 Girls Amaia Waitokia (PHO) Avah Crabb (AQU) & Pia Reid (PHO) Year 2 Boys Albert Michael (PHO) Harley Crane (HER) & Jack Stone (HER) Year 3 Girls Isabella Scolari (PHO) Ellie Bilney (AQU) Year 3 Boys Kyrie Waitokia (PHO) Rezario George (PHO) Year 4 Girls Paeyton Hayfield (AQU) Patsy Wood (PHO) Year 4 Boys Louis Sexton (HER) Fergus Thorn (HER) Year 5 Girls Paige Nagtegaal (PHO) Saylah Spargo (AQU) Year 5 Boys Cahter Ferguson (PHO) & Tyler Milne (AQU) Taj Wells (HER) Year 6 Girls Zoe Milne (AQU) Kaitlyn Jones (HER) Year 6 Boys Rihari Romic (HER) Todd McMahon (HER) Year 7 Girls Adahna Wells (HER) Gracie Venables (PHO) Year 7 Boys Houston Clarke (AQU) Tona Watene (PHO) Year 8 Girls Brooke Milne (AQU) Hannah Bignell (HER) Year 8 Boys Cody Ferguson (PHO) *Name Withheld* (PHO) Year 9 Girls Meg Hunter (PHO) Mia Noanoa (HER) Year 9 Boys Kyle Pollard (PHO) Sam Waldron (HER) Year 10 Girls Holly Hinds (PHO) Mikaylah Gardner (PHO) Year 10 Boys Harry Hart (AQU) Archer Yeates (AQU)

Participation Award—Carl Labrado (Year 7, PHO) Girls' 1500m winner-Zoe Milne (Year 6, AQU) Boys' 1500m winner—Sam Waldron (Year 9, HER)

Golden Slipper Winners—Students: Kyle Pollard, Chris Ferguson, Sam Waldron & Raphael Spry



COUNTRY WEEK

The 27th edition of District High Schools' Country Week saw 30 schools, 1,100 students and over 100 staff attend. Kojonup DHS sent 38 students and seven staff, competing in five sports across the carnival. The squad was the biggest we have sent so far.

Under carnival format competition, where we play multiple games a day and in warm conditions, our squad was ready to take on the challenges head on and show the competition what we have. On top of match play, our squad participated in activities after competition. This provided opportunities for students and staff a like to form stronger bonds with each other and to get to know others outside their normal friendship groups. Over the week, students enjoyed Bounce, Bowling, Movies, Escape Rooms, Timezone, Yo-Chi and Ping Pong.

As staff, we were extremely proud of our team. Their sportsmanship, resilience and care for each other was on full display. Each of our five teams were competitive and in the running for playoff action leading into the final day, showing the development and growth in our teams over the journey.

How we finished:

Hockey – 7th out of 9 in "A Division" which is a great effort in a strong division. Champion Player – Toby Leusciatti, Runner-Up – Sasha Maunder & Jedd Hunter.

 $\textbf{Basketball} - 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ out of 4 in "E Division"}. \text{ Well done, boys! Champion Player} - \text{Archer Yeates, Runner-Up} - \text{Sam Waldron}.$

Volleyball -4^{th} out of 8 in "C Division". Our newest team, the Volleyballers missed out on 3^{rd} by percentage. Superb effort in our first time in the competition. Champion – Houston Clarke Runner-Up – Shanyle Padrequil

Badminton – 2nd out of 4 in "D Division". Winners of the Sportsmanship Trophy. Champion – Kyle Aquino.

Netball – Winners in "E Division". Great job girls! We get a promotion in 2026! Champion – Adahna Wells, Runner-Up – Brooke Milne

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising efforts, from parents, students, staff, the P&C and Renew for their donation for the bus, and, finally, my colleagues, who make it happen. It is a huge undertaking and your support in making it possible cannot be understated. Thank you all for your efforts over the course of the week and in the lead up with trainings, assistance with bookings and the backroom tasks. Our staff, like the students, are away from home for the duration of the week. We are so fortunate we are able to send teams each year with this support. Thank you once again!

Maybe we will get the full six sports next year!

See you in 2026!

Ryan SinclairCountry Week Co-ordinator











YEAR 9 CAREER TASTER HOSPITALITY INCURSION

On Tuesday 21st October, Year 9 students were visited by the Careers Hospitality Taste Tester team. Provided by South Regional TAFE, the taste tester program Prepare, Produce and Provide event involved making an entrée, main, mocktail and dessert with students. An entrée of wattle seed flatbread baked on the barbeque, accompanied the Kangaroo Koftas, followed by a meringue-based dessert and mocktail. The program assists students in developing their career options in the food and hospitality industries. Thank you to the organisers and lecturers who were able to share their knowledge and skills with our students.

Melissa Shepherd

Secondary Home Economics Teacher















ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING IN 2026?

As 2026 is approaching, we are busy in the office organising student movement. Could please fill out and return the Student Movement form to the front office. You may also phone the front office on 9831 3300 or email

kojonup.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

STUDENT MOVEMENT 2026			
My Child/ren		-	
Will be attending Kojonup DHS in 2026			
Will NOT be attending Kojonup DHS in 2026, will be attending	ng school	ol.	
Parent/Carer Name:	Date:		
Signed:			

CRICKET CLINIC

On Monday 22nd September, the Pre-Primary to Year 6's had a cricket clinic in their Sport lessons. Holly from WACA—Great Southern came and ran some fun activities with the students to help them build on their cricket skills and promote Cricket Blast running in Term 4. The students all had lots of fun and became very keen and interested in cricket.

Kahli Thomson

Health & Physical Education Teacher—Primary













TERM 3 SECONDARY REWARD DAY

The Secondary Reward Day at the end of Term 3 began with a fierce competition of tee-ball. The entire cohort of secondary teachers lined up to bat against the two student teams Fun was had by all and special mention to Mrs Julia Scolari who dressed appropriately for the day, helmet and all. Unfortunately it was not meant to be, both student teams (24 and 20) finished in front of the teachers tally of 14. The remainder of the day was spent at the School Farm enjoying a sausage sizzle before the students, in groups, competed against each other for who could build the best cubby house. There had to be room enough for the whole group and be able to articulate the benefits of their design. The Year 7/8 girl group took out the prize.







MATHS MADNESS!!

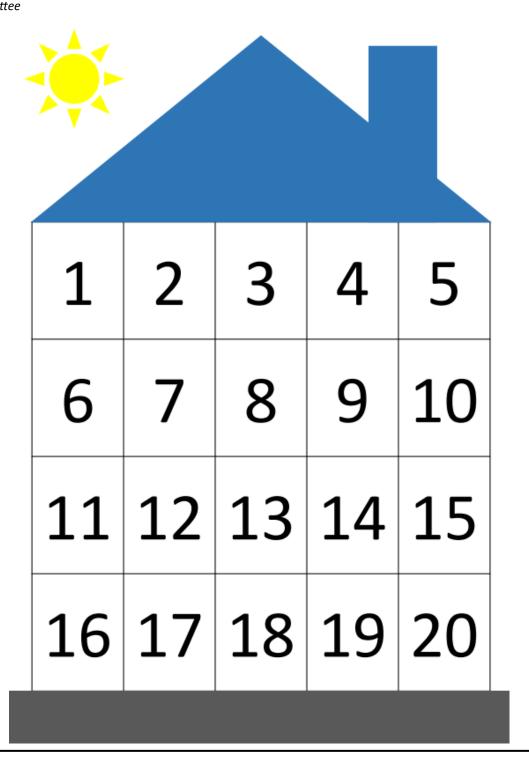
Get Out of My House!

Watch this video to learn how to play—www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQdiRTHWhwl

You will need a deck of cards or 2 dice, 7 objects or counters, and the numbers 1-20 written down. Flip or roll 2 numbers. The choice is yours whether you add, subtract, multiply or divide (advance as needed). Put an object over the answer. The first person to put all their objects on a house is the winner. BUT you are allowed to kick someone out of their house if you get the same answer.

Happy playing!

Kate SiebertMaths Committee



DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!



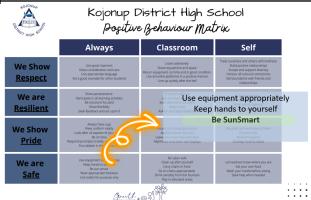
so please remember to bring your hat each day for outside play and sport lessons

PBS FOCUS FOR THIS FORTNIGHT IS:

Sun safety









We are sun smart at school

Term 4 is 'No Hat, No Play'

The Australian sun is hot and contains high levels of UV (ultra-violet rays) which are very dangerous for your skin. We are at school during the hottest part of the day, so it is very important that we protect ourselves from the sun.









Apply sunscreen

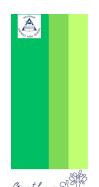




HULL

Stay in the shade





Drink water





Buy a bandanna and help young people find life in the face of cancer.

Date: Thursday 30th October

Location: Kojonup DHS

Cost: \$7 per bandanna

#BandannaDayAu bandannaday.org.au





We warmly invite all prospective Kindy students for 2026 to attend our orientation sessions:

Parent Information Session |

Monday 24th November

9:00am - 10:30am

KDHS Early Childhood area

Please RSVP by Thursday 20th November

Please RSVP on 9831 3300

Child Orientation Session

Thursday 4th December

9:30 - 11:00am

Kindy classroom

Please RSVP by Monday 1st December
This session will be a drop and run format.
The students will go through a 'normal' Kindy morning to get used to the structure for next year. Please bring a piece of fruit for morning tea.







Cleaner

Branch: Kojonup District High School
Division: Southwest Education Region

Salary: Level 1, \$1,191.20 - \$1,210.80 per week (pro-rata) (GS (Misc.) GA 2025)

Work Type: Permanent - Part Time

FTE: 0.38 Location: Kojonup

Closing Date: 2025-11-07 4:30 PM

Attachments: - Applicant Resource - Applying for Cleaner, Gardener or Domestic Position

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- applicant resource - how to write a cv and covering letter nov18.pdf

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This is a permanent part-time (0.38 FTE) position commencing as soon as possible.

Technical Officer - Agricultural Instruction

Branch: Kojonup District High School **Division:** Southwest Education Region

Salary: Level 2, \$76,912 - \$82,464 per annum (pro-rata) (PSCA 2024) + 15.3%

commuted allowance (PSCA 2024)

Work Type: Fixed Term - Full Time

FTE: 1.0 Location: Kojonup

Closing Date: 2025-10-31 4:30 PM

Attachments: - Information - Applying for Advertised Positions in Schools Jan24.pdf

- applicant resource - how to write a cv and covering letter nov18.pdf

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This is a 5 month fixed term, full-time position commencing as soon as possible.

More information regarding these jobs are available at <u>jobs.wa.gov.au</u>. Please call Courtney Toland, Manager Corporate Services on 9831 3300 or <u>courtney.toland@education.wa.edu.au</u>





Koji Kids After School **Activities**

The Kodja Place are pleased to announce that we have secured funding for another term!

Where: The Kodja Place

When: Wednesdays during school term

Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Bookings are **ESSENTIAL**

Numbers are capped at 15 each week and children are required to be registerered by a parent/guardian



Email: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au Phone: 9831 0500







This activity has been funded under the Families and Communities Programme by the Australian Government Department of Social Serv





We're hiking

Please support our Coastrek challenge by donating to our fundraising page.

Scan the QR code

2 Search for team:

Larry and the Jets

3 Donate to support Beyond Blue

Thank you for your support!



Hi everyone! Nurse Annie and I are taking part in Coastrek, Australia's iconic hiking challenge! Together with our team we'll be training for an epic coastal trek to improve our health, fitness and wellbeing while raising funds for Beyond Blue.

We'd be so grateful if you'd like to support our fundraising efforts and help ensure support is there when needed for those we love and for everyone in Australia. You can donate via this link: https://

www.coastrek.com.au/ s/61592/75580/e or scan the QR code on the poster and search for our team- Larry and the Jets.

Thank you

Liz Webb & Annie Hornby



INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL

EXCHANGE?

Applications open in January and close 31 March

2026 for exchanges starting January 2027

n to all WA students who are Australian citizens or permanent dents and will be between 15 – 18 in January 2027 FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAY BE AVAILABLE

Rotary (XX)

2 FREE Parent workshops are Coming to Kojonup

with Tammy-Anne, 'The Mind-Brain Lady' & Todd, 'The Mindful Man'

Yes! You CAN Manage Your Child's Behaviour



💑 When & Where



Parents will leave this workshop feeling confident in how they can use music, breathing movement, nature, gratitude, mindfulness, role-modeling & specific feedback phrases every day to help their children & teens manage their emotions - in the moment, as they happen.

Happy, Healthy, Smart Zumba Dance Fitness For Parents to do with their children aged 5-12

🚳 When & Where



REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL - To register, go to: www.abovebeyondeducation.com/kojonup















Get up to **\$500** for education costs

Rotary 35 youth exchange

xchangestudentwa.org.au

For further information please email applications@rotarywa.au

SCHOLARSHIP

Rotary Youth Exchange is offering a full scholarship for a WA secondary student who would like to spend a year living and going to school overseas in 2027, but whose family is not financially able to fund it.

- outgoing, interested in other cultures and adventurous
- aged at least 15 (and finished at least year 10) and no older than 18.5 by January 2027 when the exchange would begin
- In good health, achieving to the best of their ability in school and demonstrating care for other.

WHAT'S PROVIDED

- the exchange fee (\$9,000) (covers airfares, visas, insurance, uniform, training etc)
- \$1,000 to help with clothing etc
- Full board with host families, school expenses (fees, uniforms etc) and a small monthly allowance



For further information please contact Rotary Youth Exchange WA applications@rotarywa.au ww.exchangestudentwa.org.au

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next vear



Current **Health Care** or **Pensioner** Concession Card



Saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street.

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