**Talking Leavers – website or newsletter content**

**School leavers’ parents to get help navigating celebrations**

Thousands of students will join official celebrations in the South West from November 18th to 21st as they mark the end of their high school studies.

But as school Leavers let their hair down, parents and carers may be concerned about their child’s safety on the road, and in situations involving alcohol and other drugs.

To help parents and carers navigate Leavers celebrations, WA Police and event partners will hold a free information session from **9.45am to 12.00pm on Sunday October 13th**.

Parents will hear about Police efforts in the South West to help keep kids safe while they celebrate their achievements.

The Department of Education’s School Drug Education and Road Aware program will suggest ways parents can have conversations about staying safe around alcohol and other drugs and while travelling as a driver or passenger.

The Green Team and Royal Life Saving WA will offer tips to keep Leavers safer and explain how volunteers provide a positive peer presence.

Parents can also speak with other services attending Leavers celebrations including Red Frogs, Hope Community Services and the WA AIDS Council.

The information session, including complementary morning tea, will be held at the **City of South Perth John McGrath Pavilion at 97 Hensman Street in South Perth**.

Free tickets are available for booking before October 8th by visiting [www.sdera.wa.edu.au/parents/school-leavers.](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/parents/school-leavers)