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

Thousands of students will join official celebrations in the South West from Monday 23 November to Thursday 26 November 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 on **Sunday 20 September**.

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 Road Safety and Drug Education team will suggest ways parents can have conversations about staying safe around alcohol and other drugs and while travelling as a driver or passenger.

Red Frogs and the WA AIDS Council 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 Hope Community Services, Royal Life Saving WA and the Green Team.

The information session will be held at **The Rise at 28 Eighth Avenue in Maylands**. **Joins us for complementary morning tea from 9.45am. Hear our speakers from 10am and browse our stalls from 11am.**

Free tickets are available for booking before 14 September by visiting [www.sdera.wa.edu.au/leavers](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/leavers).

The session will also be live-streamed via the Red Frogs Australia YouTube channel.