NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Nathalia Secondary College has undergone an exciting period of redevelopment and refurbishment. These are some of the main features:

- In 2008 a new initiative addressing numeracy and literacy was introduced in the College. Current research tells us that learning outcomes in all subject areas throughout secondary school and university improve when there is an ongoing focus on literacy. At Nathalia Secondary College, students in Years 7 and 8 begin each day with a 25 minute literacy and a 25 minute numeracy lesson. These daily lessons focus on the needs of small groups and individual students. The lessons take place in addition to the regular Maths and English program.

- In 2008 a new College uniform was introduced. The transition to the new uniform has progressed extremely well was completed by the end of 2009. The feedback from students and the broader community has been overwhelmingly positive.

- In 2008 our new Personal Responsibility Policy was introduced. This policy applies to all members of our College community and is founded on mutual respect for one another and the development of each individual’s sense of personal responsibility.

- 2008 has also seen the Information Resource Centre completely refurbished. The library facilities are outstanding and the open learning area is utilised fully.

- We are continuing to improve our Information Technology department with new lap tops arriving in 2008 and the installation of two Interactive White Boards. There have also been renovations to the office area, Technology (Wood/Metal) area and the updating of the Learning Studio.

In addition to the renovations and equipment upgrades, some other fantastic aspects of our College community include:

- A focus on working with in partnership with our parents and the broader community.

- At Nathalia Secondary College, we consistently review our curriculum to provide our students with the best possible education outcomes. In 2009, we introduced an integrated learning program with our Year 7 and 8 students. This has been a very exciting opportunity for all and is working extremely well.

- We are able to offer students a learning environment that includes small class sizes and a staff who are actively involved and highly motivated, reflecting great care for our students.

- A strong Vertical Home Group system that encourages an environment where students know each other across ages and are able to support one another.

- A VCAL program that continues to flourish.

- We have a comprehensive school camp program with all year levels having their own year level camp.

- An active involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

- We work with our students to develop Individual Learning Pathways according to their individual goals. These pathways are also enhanced by the unique relationship that we have with St Mary of the Angels Catholic School, which enables us to offer a wide range of VCE/VCAL subjects.

- An extended extra-curricular program including such events as the Fashion Awards, School Productions, Debating, Junior Council.

- In September 2010 the Minister for Education announced that Nathalia Secondary College has gone through to stage 2 of the Schools Building Futures program.