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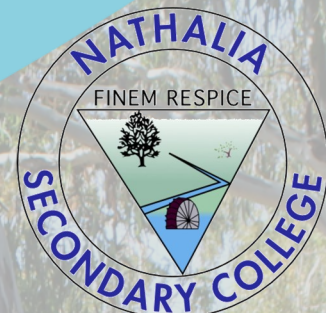
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We value: **C**aring, **L**earning, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability & **R**espect



A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, As we reach the conclusion of Term 1, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a very positive and productive start to the 2026 school year. It has been pleasing to see students settle into their learning and engage in the many opportunities provided both inside and outside the classroom. I thank our staff, students and families for their ongoing commitment and support throughout the term.

I would like to congratulate our Year 7 and 8 girls on their excellent efforts at the Interschool Netball competition in Kyabram on Monday 23rd March. The students represented Nathalia Secondary College with pride, demonstrating strong teamwork, determination and sportsmanship across the day. These events are always a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves, build confidence and strengthen connections with peers.

Thank you to all families who attended our recent Parent Teacher Interviews. These conversations are a vital part of supporting student learning, providing an opportunity to discuss progress, celebrate successes and identify areas for continued growth. The strong level of engagement from families is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference in supporting positive student outcomes.

Our Year 9 students recently completed their Morrisby interviews following their earlier testing sessions. This is an important step in helping students better understand their individual strengths, interests and potential future pathways. The insights gained from this process will

support students as they begin to think more deeply about subject selections and career directions in the years ahead.

We are looking forward to finishing the term on a positive note with our Cross Country event on the final day of term. This is always a highlight, providing students with the chance to participate, demonstrate resilience and contribute to their house in a supportive and encouraging environment.

I would also like to thank families for your understanding and patience during the Industrial Action day on Tuesday 24th March. Your support during this time was greatly appreciated and ensured minimal disruption to our school community.

It has been particularly pleasing to see so many students consistently wearing the correct school uniform. This reflects a strong sense of pride in our college and contributes to a positive, respectful and inclusive school environment.

As we conclude Term 1, I encourage all students to take time to reflect on their learning, acknowledge their achievements, and consider areas where they can continue to improve. Maintaining a focus on effort, positive behaviour and consistent attendance will ensure all students are well placed for continued success in Term 2.

I wish all students, families and staff a safe, restful and happy Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another productive term.

Parent Bulletin

SCHOOL PICK UP & DROP OFF

Please note that student drop-off and pick-up is not permitted in the bus zone on Chapel Street. We kindly ask families to use Pearce Street or the area near the staff car park when dropping off or collecting their child.

The bus zone must remain clear at all times to ensure the safety of all students and to allow for the safe and efficient movement of buses and traffic in the area.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us keep our students safe.

PAM—ONLINE CONSENT FOR CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

We are pleased to advise that we are introducing online consent for camps and excursions through PAM / SIMON Everywhere.

This new process will allow families to provide permission electronically, making it the quickest and easiest way to complete consent forms. Parents and guardians will be able to log in, review event details and submit consent directly through the platform.

We understand that some families may prefer a paper option. Paper permission forms will continue to be sent home and will remain available upon request.

Going forward, we encourage families to use the online system where possible, as it will help streamline communication and ensure permissions are received promptly. You will receive a PAM notification when online consent is required for your child's next event.

If you have any questions or require assistance accessing PAM / SIMON Everywhere, please contact the school office.



Nathalia Secondary College

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20th May, 2026



JOIN US AND EXPLORE
YOUR FUTURE! SMALL
SCHOOL - BIG
OPPORTUNITIES

 Tours available at
8:30am, 12:30pm &
3:30pm
Contact the office to
book your tour.
Alternative dates &
times can be arranged

 5866 2331

 41-42 Chapel St,
Nathalia

 nathaliasc.vic.edu.au

Nathalia Secondary College acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

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Special farewell...

FAREWELL TO OUR CHAPLAIN, NICOLE

Today we farewell our wonderful Chaplain, Nicole, whose last day marks the end of a truly special chapter in our school community.

Nicole has been a shining light for both students and staff, bringing warmth, kindness and positivity into our school each and every day. Through her caring presence and genuine support, she has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many, always taking the time to listen, encourage and uplift those around her.

Nicole has also been instrumental in creating a wide range of fun and inclusive events that have brought our community together. Her enthusiasm, creativity and commitment to ensuring everyone felt welcome have helped create lasting memories and strengthened the positive culture of our school.

Her ability to brighten someone's day, often with a simple conversation or thoughtful gesture, is something that will be deeply missed. Nicole's impact has been far-reaching, and her contributions have helped make our school a more connected and supportive place for all.

We sincerely thank Nicole for her dedication, compassion and the joy she has brought to our community. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Nicole, you will be sorely missed, and we are incredibly grateful for the difference you



In the classroom

WRS EXCURSION—ESCAPE SMASH PLAY

Our VM class excursion to Escape Smash Play was a really fun and engaging experience. We got to try a range of activities like axe throwing, smashing glass in the smash room, completing an escape room, and playing mini golf. There were also heaps of smaller games like pool, Uno, darts, and more, which gave everyone something to enjoy and helped us work together and build teamwork skills.

The escape room in particular encouraged problem-solving and communication, while the other activities allowed us to try new things and step outside our comfort zones. After finishing the activities, we split up into groups to get lunch, which gave us a chance to relax and socialise.

Overall, it was a great day that helped strengthen friendships, build confidence, and create positive memories as a class.

- Ariella





SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE

- Follow entry/exit routine
- Sit correctly on a chair at a table
- Follow teacher instructions
- Hands and feet to self

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Arrive on time
- Be prepared with equipment needed
- Participate in learning activities to best of your ability
- Do your own work
- Respond to feedback

BE RESPECTFUL

- Follow staff instructions
- Be considerate of others learning
- Listen to others
- Engage respectfully

Around the grounds

Cross Country

Students and staff enjoyed a wonderful conclusion to the term today with our Cross Country event held along the scenic banks of Broken Creek. With immaculate weather providing the perfect conditions, participants embraced the opportunity to be active, social and enjoy the outdoors together.

The event was designed as a relaxed and inclusive run or walk, allowing everyone to participate at their own pace. It was fantastic to see such strong involvement from both students and teachers, with many choosing to challenge themselves while others took the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and beautiful surroundings.

The positive atmosphere and willingness of our school community to take part highlighted the value of coming together in a supportive and encouraging environment. Events like today remind us that physical activity can be enjoyable, accessible and rewarding for everyone.

We congratulate all participants for their enthusiasm and effort in making the day such a success.

Boys 5km Winner: Dylan M

Boys 3km Winner: Jordan J

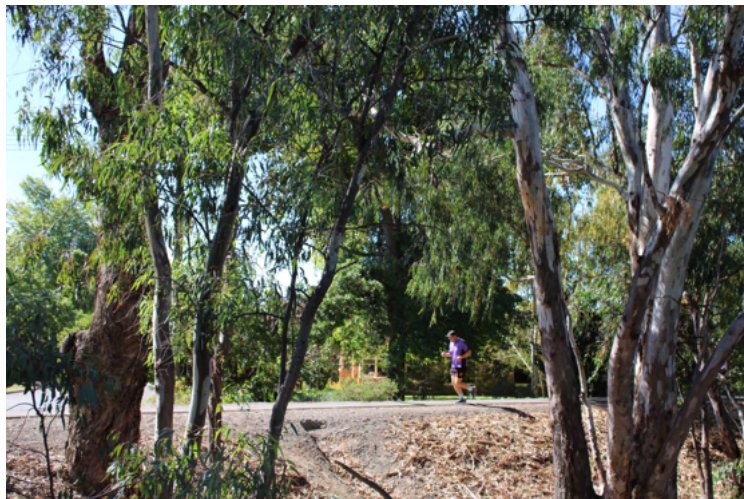
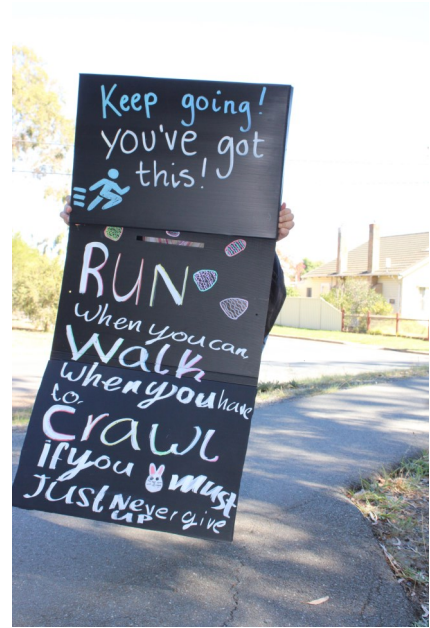
Girls Overall Winner: Alex R

Staff Winner: Miss Braithwaite

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped create a memorable final day of term.



Around the grounds



Careers *With Emma*



DARCY

**Pets On Parade
Shepparton**



**YEAR 11 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



KONNAR

**Stanyer
Engineering
Katunga**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



STANYER ENGINEERING
ENGINEERS & PUMPING SPECIALISTS



LEON

**Bowens
Timber &
Hardware
Shepparton**

**YEAR 11 WORK
EXPERIENCE**

Bowens
THE BUILDERS CHOICE



TOM

**Grinter's
Mechanical
Shepparton**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



TYLER

**BMC
Welding
Cobram**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



Head Start factsheet for parents/caregivers

About Head Start

Head Start provides support to students in Victorian government schools to undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, otherwise known as an 'SBAT'.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are an employment-based learning pathway that allow students to combine their senior school years with paid part-time employment and skills training in a preferred industry.

Eligibility

SBATs are available to secondary school students who are:

- enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12
- at least 15 years of age
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident*

*Non-citizens may be eligible under certain circumstances. Speak with the Head Start coordinator for more information.

Benefits of Head Start support

Head Start supports SBATs to:

- increase their future employability and earning potential by gaining the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace
- undertake a secondary school certificate such as the VCE, VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)
- undertake paid employment to build the career they want
- access quality Vocational Education Training (VET) courses in a wide range of industries with an approved training provider.

SBAT readiness

Students may complete the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) via an online platform that assesses their language, literacy and numeracy skills. The LLN will help Head Start staff to determine student's readiness for vocational learning opportunities and what supports are to be provided to assist the young person to be successful in a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

Getting started with Head Start

1. Students participate in career planning: the school career adviser helps them to explore their career options and connects them with a Head Start coordinator to provide further information and a referral form for your consent.
2. Parents/Caregivers consent to an interview: Complete and return a paper or digital consent form, so that Head Start can contact you to set up an interview with you, your young person and a Head Start Coordinator.
3. Attend an interview: Head Start will set up an interview between you, your young person and a Head Start coordinator to discuss program details and expectations.
4. Identify an opportunity: the Head Start coordinator works with each student to match their skills and interests to the right opportunity with the right employer.
5. Have a go: Students complete work experience or structured workplace learning to make sure that the workplace is the right fit.
6. Establish the SBAT: The Head Start coordinator works with your young person, the school, employer and you to set up the SBAT.
7. Get started: the Head Start coordinator works with school staff to create a flexible timetable that helps your young person to successfully combine school, work and training. Students receive one-on-one support during their SBAT and when transitioning to a full or part-time apprenticeship or traineeship upon completion of school.

Find out more

Talk to your school's Head Start coordinator or visit www.vic.gov.au/headstart.

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey

**THE SCHOOL HAS SOME
PANTRY ITEMS AVAILABLE
TO FAMILIES IN NEED.
PLEASE CONTACT THE
WELLBEING TEAM - BRON
& CRAIG FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION**



Our wellbeing team can also access State School Relief uniform vouchers for families who need assistance. Please reach out to the team via the office on 5866 2331.



**STATE
SCHOOLS'
RELIEF**

Wellbeing

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WHO CAN HELP

KIDS HELPLINE



1800 55 1800

SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE



1300 659 467

HEADSPACE



1800 650 890

QLIFE



1800 184 527

13 YARN



13 9276

LIFELINE



13 11 14

1800 RESPECT



1800 737 732

REACHOUT



REACHOUT.COM

HOUSING VICTORIA



1800 184 527

ASK IZZY



ASKIZZY.ORG.AU

POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE



YOUTH LAW



1800 953 673



LGBTIQA+ Side Hustle Workshop.



Register

Are you a queer young person with a creative idea or a small business? Wanting to be involved in Greater Shepparton's next IDAHOBIT Twilight Market, but not sure where to start?

Join us for a FREE hands-on Side Hustle Workshop to help get you market-ready!

- Learn how to turn your ideas into income
- Build confidence selling your products
- Connect with other young and creative LGBTIQA+ people

Who is it for?

LGBTIQA+ young people interested in creating, selling, and showcasing their work at Greater Shepparton's 2026 IDAHOBIT Twilight Market.

Cost: FREE

What we will cover:

- What to Sell (Products and Ideas)
- Pricing & Making a Profit
- Payment Systems (cash, card, PayID)
- Simple Marketing and Branding Tips
- Stall Set Up and Presentation
- Talking to Customers and Market Day Logistics
- Other Opportunities to Sell your Product

Date: Tuesday April 14th

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Location: Uniting Shepparton Settlement Hub
136-142 Maude Street Shepparton

REGISTER NOW! Come along, learn new skills, and get ready to shine at the market.

Contact us
BOBB@unitingvictas.org.au

Learn more
unitingvictas.org.au

Uniting

Active April 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels

7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening

8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh

9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise

10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement

11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge

12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside

13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time

14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation

15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)

16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things

17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth

18 Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class

19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often

20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today

21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day

22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting

25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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NOTICEBOARD

The Specsavers logo, consisting of the word "Specsavers" in white text inside a green rounded rectangle.

Dear parents and carers,

As the new school year is underway, we'd like to remind families about the important role good vision plays in learning and development.

At Specsavers Shepparton, we're passionate about helping children see clearly and feel confident in the classroom. Many vision problems can go unnoticed, and children may not realise they're struggling with their sight. Regular eye tests can help identify any issues early and support your child's success at school.

Children's eye tests are available at Specsavers bulk billed through Medicare, and our friendly, experienced team is trained to make eye tests a comfortable and positive experience for young patients.

We have two convenient locations in Shepparton. Our Maude St store is located on the corner of Maude St & High St, with free parking available across the road (entry via High St or Rowe St). Our Marketplace store is found in the Shepparton Marketplace, right near the ride hand side entrance, opposite the Commonwealth Bank.

Making an appointment is made easy by booking on our website www.specsavers.com.au, or calling us on (03) 5821 0803 for Maude St or (03) 5831 4332 for Marketplace and following the prompts.

Thank you for taking the time to support your child's eye health. We look forward to welcoming local families in the new school year.

Kind regards,

The team at Specsavers Shepparton.

Specsavers Maude St

Cnr 69 High St & 237 Maude St
Shepparton, VIC, 3630
Phone: 58210803
Email: optics.sheppartonmaudest.au@specsavers.com

Specsavers Marketplace

Shop 39 110 Benalla Rd
Shepparton, VIC, 3630
Phone: 58314332
Email: optics.shepparton.au@specsavers.com

NOTICEBOARD



Could an **extra \$500** help with school costs next year?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

Berry Street

is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at

Nathalia Secondary College

ENQUIRE NOW

What is Saver Plus?

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.



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

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au



Dates to remember...

Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th April

Thursday 23rd April

Friday 24th April

Tuesday 28th April

Wednesday 29th April

Thursday 30th April

Tuesday 5th May

Thursday 7th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

First day Term 2

Year 11 & 12 students not required

Arts Centre Excursion

ANZAC Assembly 9am

Badminton

SMASH Theatre Production

Junior Boys Footy

Immunisations—Yr 7 & 10

Careers Day Out

School Council

Open Day



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