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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, It has been another busy and positive period at Nathalia Secondary College, with many opportunities for our students to represent the school and participate in a range of activities.

Last week we had several students represent the college at the Interschool Swimming Sports. I am extremely proud to share that Nathalia Secondary College finished third overall, which is an outstanding achievement for a school of our size. This result reflects the effort, determination and school pride shown by all the students who competed. A special congratulations to our age group champions – Eliza Culton, Oliver Culton, Jack Culton and Alex Rizzo. You should be very proud of your achievements. Well done also to all students who represented the college and supported one another throughout the day.

Our Year 7 students have been on camp this week, an important experience early in their secondary school journey. Camps provide opportunities for students to build friendships, develop independence and resilience, and strengthen their connection to the school community. (Stay tuned for a full write up in the

next edition.)

On Thursday, a group of students also represented the college at the Interschool Lawn Bowls competition. It is always pleasing to see students embracing different sports and representing the school with pride.

Next week our Year 7 and Year 9 students will participate in NAPLAN. These assessments provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills and for the school to gain valuable information to support learning. I encourage students to approach NAPLAN with confidence and simply focus on doing their best. Preparation, a positive mindset and giving your best effort are the most important things.

Finally, I would like to remind all students of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform, maintaining high attendance, and always showing respect. These expectations help create a positive learning environment where all students can succeed.

Thank you for your continued support of Nathalia Secondary College.

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.

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's **free** school dental program.

Smile Squad offers the following services to all Victorian government school students:

- free oral health promotion
- free dental health check-ups
- free follow-up treatment as needed.

All Smile Squad services comply with the highest safety and quality requirements.

Contact GV Health on 5832 3050 to book an appointment for your child.

IMMUNISATION REMINDER

A reminder for our year 7 & 10 families to please complete the immunisation consent online:

<https://moira.book.vitavo.com.au/school/NathaliaSecondaryCollege-GFEJcy>

Immunisations will occur on Tuesday 24th March, 2026.



Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 9th March 2026



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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In the classroom

FOODS ROOM

Year 9/10 Food Technology students recently baked Caramel Apple Upside Down Cakes, developing their cooking skills while working together in the kitchen. Students practised measuring ingredients, preparing apples, and safely handling hot caramel. The finished cakes looked fantastic and were enjoyed by all.



Our Year 9/10 Food Technology students recently took on a challenging practical lesson, preparing a full meal of butter chicken, rice and naan using only the stovetop. With multiple elements cooking at once, students needed to carefully manage their time and keep track of several pans at the same time.

For some students this was a challenging cook, as it required organisation, teamwork and attention to timing to ensure all parts of the meal were ready together. Despite this, students persevered and showed great effort throughout the lesson.

The kitchen was filled with wonderful aromas, and by the end of the class every group had produced a delicious dish. It was fantastic to see students building their confidence in the kitchen while tackling a more complex recipe.



Around the grounds

LMR LAWN BOWLS

Well done to the students who represented our school at the LMR (Loddon Mallee Region) Lawn Bowls event in Bendigo.

Although we didn't come away with a win, our students displayed fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to compete, enjoy the sunshine and gain valuable experience.



CAMPASPE SWIMMING

Jack, Oliver, Eliza, Alex, Marley, Dustin and Konnar represented our school at the Campaspe Swimming in Echuca, and what a fantastic day it was!

All students showed outstanding effort and sportsmanship in the pool, achieving some incredible results.

Age Champions:

Eliza
Oliver C
Jack C
Alex

1st Place Finishes:

Alex—100 Breaststroke
Jack C—100m Butterfly & 50m Butterfly
Oliver C—100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle,
200m Freestyle & 50m Backstroke



We are also thrilled to announce our team placed 3rd overall — an amazing achievement! The students will now progress to the LMR Regionals in Swan Hill on 10th March

We are incredibly proud of you all—well done team!

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey



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Join headspace Shepparton's Youth Advisory Committee!

♥ Ready to make a difference in 2026? ♥

Are you 15 to 24 years old?

Passionate about youth mental health and wellbeing?

Eager to get involved in your local community?

Be the voice for change, connect with like-minded peers, and make a positive impact in your community.

Scan the QR code to apply now!



Email headspacesheppcommunity@gvhealth.org.au for any queries.

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register

COLLAGE Club

for 12 - 25 year olds

held at headspace Shepparton
129 High Street
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snacks and supplies provided!

Mondays fortnightly

February - Vision Boards
9th - 5:30pm - 7pm
23rd - 4pm - 5:30pm

March - Monochrome
16th - 5:30pm - 7pm
30th - 4pm - 6:30pm

April - Zines
13th - 5:30pm - 7pm
27th - 4pm - 5:30pm

May - Micro Collages
11th - 5:30pm - 7pm
25th - 4pm - 5:30pm

June - Pride
15th - 5:30pm - 7pm
22nd - 4pm - 5:30pm



Family Connections Space

Are you a parent, carer, sibling, partner or supportive adult of a young person aged 12-25?

Join us for a relaxed **morning or afternoon tea** where you can connect with others who understand the ups and downs of supporting young people.

Hosted by our Family & Carer Peer Support Worker, this non-clinical, lived-experience space invites you to share in the collective strengths and wisdom of the group.

Come as you are. Leave feeling a little more connected. ♥

when

17th Feb: 9.30-10.30 am
17th March: 5-6 pm
21st April: 9.30-10.30 am
19th May: 5-6 pm
16th June: 9.30-10.30 am

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headspace Shepparton
129 High St,
Shepparton, VIC 3630

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please register via the QR code below



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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students will soon begin preparing for an important part of their careers program **Work Experience**.

Work Experience provides students with the opportunity to experience a real workplace, develop valuable employability skills, and explore potential career pathways. It is a fantastic way for students to build confidence, gain insight into different industries, and better understand their future options.

2026 Work Experience Dates

Round 1: Term 2, Week 10

Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June

Round 2: Term 4, Week 7

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November

Both rounds are required for all Year 10 students. Students have been asked to begin thinking about where they might like to complete their placements and are encouraged to start making enquiries early, as popular businesses can book out quickly.

Students are encouraged to consider transport options, particularly for placements in surrounding towns, as accessing larger areas can often provide a broader range of work experience opportunities for students.

For students who are keen to gain additional experience beyond the two scheduled weeks, this may also be arranged.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma.



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**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



NOTICEBOARD



KYABRAM FAUNA PARK
IS CELEBRATING

50 WILD YEARS

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March

Join us for a birthday celebration packed with:

- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FREE KEEPER TALKS

Plus, cool off in the **NEW SPLASH PARK** and take a look back at the park's wild history.

Celebrations run 10am to 3pm each day, park closes at 5pm.

Kids visit free on weekends, public holidays and Victorian school holidays.*

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KYABRAM
FAUNA PARK

Permanent Care

Could you provide a long term, caring and nurturing home for a child?

What is Permanent Care?

Permanent care provides a child with security, stability and life-long relationships in the care of a family when they are unable to live at home.

Permanent care arrangements allow for children to grow up in a loving and nurturing environment with adults who are committed to promoting their development so they can reach their full potential.

Children are usually aged up to 10 years when they move to their permanent care family with efforts made to ensure siblings are kept together. A permanent care order granted by the Children's Court transfers custody and guardianship to the permanent carer.

What is a Permanent Carer?

We are seeking committed and motivated people who can provide a stable, secure and nurturing environment for a child. Permanent carers need to have the time, commitment, understanding and love to help a child gain trust and to feel secure within their permanent care family.

What support does a Permanent Carer receive?

Support is provided to permanent care children and families, including a level of financial assistance towards the day-to-day expenses of caring for a child/ young person.

Want to find out more?

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a permanent carer and providing a home for a child, you are welcome to attend an information session:



Session 1 (in person):

Tuesday 24th March 2026

5:30pm-6:30pm

Venue details provided upon registration

OR

Session 2 (online):

Wednesday 29th April 2026

6:00pm-7:00pm online

Login details provided upon registration

You can register your interest to attend one of these sessions by contacting the Permanent Care Program:

Email: apceastern@dhhs.vic.gov.au

For further information please visit our webpage [Permanent care - DFFH Services](https://services.dfh.vic.gov.au/permanent-care)
<https://services.dfh.vic.gov.au/permanent-care>

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Junior Brigade NOW RECRUITING

The CFA Juniors Program provides safe, enjoyable and challenging activities for young people aged 11 - 15.

Visit

cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer-careers/volunteer-with-cfa





Dates to remember...

Monday 9th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 10th March

LMR Swimming—Swan Hill

Wed 11th– Tue 17th March

NAPLAN

Tuesday 17th March

School Council AGM

Monday 23rd March

Netball—Girls

Tuesday 24th March

Immunisations—Yr 7 & 10

Wednesday 25th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

4pm—6:30pm

Monday 30th March

Netball—Boys

Thursday 2nd April

Cross Country

Last day of Term 1—2:20pm finish

Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 20th April

First day Term 2

Thursday 23rd April

Arts Centre Excursion

ANZAC Day assembly

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