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A message from our Principal,

Paniel Rolinson

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing long weekend and is feeling recharged for the busy weeks ahead as we continue through Term 4.

We were thrilled to welcome the 2026 Year 7 students for their first transition session last week. It was a fantastic day filled with excitement, curiosity, and a strong sense of community. A big thank you to the staff and students who helped make our future Year 7s feel so welcomed – we look forward to seeing them again at the next transition event.

Our Year 12 students are currently completing their final exams, and we continue to wish them all the very best. Their commitment to their studies and calm, focused approach during this important time has been impressive.

Today, we were fortunate to host visiting author Scot Gardner, who worked with our

Year 7–10 students. His sessions were engaging, thought-provoking, and inspiring – sparking great conversations about storytelling, creativity, and resilience. We thank Scot for sharing his time and expertise with our college community.

Next week, families will receive the final round of student progress data as SPA Cycle 4 is released. This is a great opportunity to have meaningful conversations with your child about their areas of success and areas for growth. Reflecting on the year's progress is an important step in setting clear goals and finishing the term strong.

As always, I want to emphasise the importance of consistent attendance. Every day at school matters – for learning, for wellbeing, and for building confidence. Let's keep showing up, trying our best, and making the most of every opportunity in these final weeks of the year.

Parent Bulletin

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2025

Information regarding the 2025 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2025 is \$250.

Payments can be made in the following ways:

- **BPay**. Please contact the office for your unique BPay code.
- In Person. Payments can be made at the Office between 8.30am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. EFTPOS (credit and debit cards) or cash are accepted (please note, we cannot accept American Express).

Please contact the Office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.

2026 BOOKLISTS

Booklists for 2026 are now available via our <u>website</u>.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK—WEEK 7

Our Year 10 students will be completing their Work Experience program in Week 7 – Monday 17th to Friday 21st

November.

Students are encouraged to have conversations at home with their parents and guardians about where they might like to complete their placement. It's important to consider both areas of interest and transport options, as travel can be a challenge for some students.

To support this process, NSC Career Practitioner, Emma Minchin, is available on Wednesdays and Fridays to meet with students and their families to help organise placements and answer any questions. Emma can also be contacted via email at

Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au.

We encourage students to take initiative, explore their interests, and start planning early to make the most of this valuable opportunity.

SIMON EVERYWHERE / PAM

The SIMON Everywhere and PAM apps are continuing to be impacted by the statewide SIMON outage. We will communicate to families when this has been resolved. Please call or email the office for absences.

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.

In the classroom

2026 SCHOOL LEADERS

We are proud to announce our school leaders for 2026: Zahra, Rhys, Ariella & Tyler M.

These outstanding students have demonstrated strong leadership qualities, commitment to our school values, and a genuine desire to make a positive difference in our community. Each brings unique strengths and perspectives that will help guide our student body and represent our school with pride throughout the year.

We congratulate Tyler, Zahra, Ariella, and Rhys on their well-deserved appointments and look forward to seeing

the energy, ideas, and enthusiasm they bring to their leadership roles in 2026.

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Congratulations to our new school leaders!



In the classroom

AUTHOR VISIT—SCOT GARDNER



On Friday 7th November students in Years 7-10 attended a series of writing workshops with Australian Young Adult author Scot Gardner. When Scot was not treating the students with a tune from his didgeridoo (which he calls a didgeridon't) he was telling stories. His realistic fiction style of writing lends itself to stories beginning with "I when...". remember The collective memories from our students could fill a library, and a very unique library at that! Moving forward, we can't wait to read the student's Scot inspired writing.

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Around the grounds

GRADE 6 TRANSITION PICNIC

Last Thursday, we welcomed our incoming Grade 6 students with a fun and friendly Transition Picnic — a perfect way to help our future students feel at home in our school community.

The event was thoughtfully organised by Nicole with assistance from Belinda & Raelene, and fantastic support from their student helpers Esther, Kyah, and Taylah. Together, they created a delicious picnic spread featuring sliders, slices, and fresh fruit that everyone enjoyed.

After lunch, students took part in a scavenger hunt around the school, guided by some of our current

students who helped make the activity both excitina andinformative. The laughter and teamwork on display showed just quickly our new students are settling in.

To top off a w o n d e r f u l a f t e r n o o n , everyone enjoyed a Sundae Bar, the perfect sweet treat to end the day!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Transition Picnic such a welcoming and memorable experience for our future students.



















Mental wellbeing resources for families



Information and support is available to help families deal with mental wellbeing issues.

Building mental wellbeing and resilience

Resilience is the ability to recover after a negative experience. It's an important part of maintaining mental wellbeing. Contact these organisations for support:

Beyond Blue - Advice about mental health issues and how to raise resilient young people.

<u>ReachOut</u> – General mental health information for young people and their families. <u>The parent's guide to Instagram</u> explains how teenagers can stay safe on social media.

<u>eSafety</u> – Information for parents and carers helping young people deal with online issues. Topics include <u>cyberbullying</u>, <u>online gaming</u> and managing <u>time online</u>.

Facing mental wellbeing challenges

<u>Headspace</u> – Information for families and friends of young people experiencing mental wellbeing issues.

<u>Beyond Blue</u> and <u>ReachOut</u> – Suicide prevention resources, including how to start the conversation and make a safety plan.

<u>Orygen</u> – A guide to communicating safely online called #chatsafe, with advice about mental health, suicide and self-harm.

<u>Embrace Mental Health</u> – Mental health and suicide prevention support for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, in different languages.

Dealing with body image and eating disorders

<u>The Butterfly Foundation</u> – Support for families dealing with eating disorders and body image challenges. Parents of teenagers can use the <u>Body Kind</u> resources for advice about eating and exercise behaviours.



Phone and webchat counselling

<u>Lifeline</u>

Crisis support phone service. 13 11 14. Lifeline Suicide call back service. 1300 659 467.

<u>Parentline</u>

State based phone and support services for parents and carers.

<u>QLife</u>

Phone and online counselling for LGBTIQ+ people, their families and friends. 1800 184 527.

Beyond Blue

Phone and online counselling for all Australians, offered in different languages. 1300 224 636.

For more support services visit the eSafety website or Head to Health.

Factsheets supporting the <u>LGBTIQ+</u> community and <u>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</u> peoples are available through the e-mental health in practice (eMHprac).

If you, or someone you care about is at risk of harm right now, call Triple Zero (000).



VET... What Is It?

You might have heard the term **VET** before — but what does it actually mean?

VET stands for **Vocational Education and Training**. It's all about gaining **practical**, **hands-on skills** that can help you get a head start in your future career while you're still at school.

VETDSS – Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students

VETDSS allows secondary students to study a **VET qualification** as part of their school program. These courses are designed to give you both **industry experience** and a **nationally recognised qualification**, all while you complete your **VCE or VCE VM**.

How It Works

- You can include a VET subject as part of your VCE or VCE Vocational Major program.
- Many VET courses run one day a week at a TAFE or training provider.

You'll learn real-world skills that employers are looking for in areas such as **Building & Construction**, **Automotive**, **Hair & Beauty**, **Agriculture**, **Hospitality**, **Health**, **and more!**

Starting Early

Some students may even begin a VET course in **Year 10**, if it's relevant to their career pathway. This can help them **fast-track their training** and be well-prepared for further study, an apprenticeship, or full-time work after school.

Why Choose VET?

- Gain hands-on experience in your chosen industry.
- Earn a **nationally recognised qualification** while still at school.
- Get a taste of what your future career could look like.

Build connections with employers and training providers.

If you're interested in exploring VET options or want to find out which course might suit your pathway, have a chat with **Emma** in the Careers Office!





NOTICEBOARD



- Graeme Bernhardt Memorial -KID'S COME AND TRY ENAMONA TOAM



WHERE: Broken Creek Nathalia between Chinaman's Weir and the Town weir

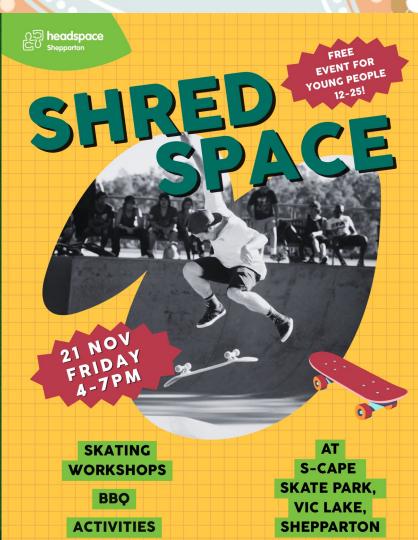
WHEN: Sunday 16th November 2025 registrations from 9.00am, presentation 2.30pm

COST: \$5.00 per child Includes bag containing water, lunch voucher, goods to the value of \$30.00

Enquiries to:

David McKenzie 0438 691252 or Col Bernhardt 0400 313 253

"Nathalia Angling Club — Encouraging Family Fishing"





Tuesday 11th November

Mon 17th—Fri 21st November

Tuesday 18th November

Monday 24th November

Tuesday 25th November

Tues 25th Nov—Fri 5th Dec

Thursday 4th December

Tuesday 9th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Mon 15th—Tues 16th Dec

Tuesday 16th December

Wed 17th—Thurs 18th Dec

Remembrance Day Service

Transition Program 9-10:40am

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Year 11 Exam Week

Transition Program 11:10-12:50pm

School Council

Pupil Free Day

Transition Program 11:10-12:50pm

Head Start (Year 10 & 11)

10:55-12:25pm Transition Program

Statewide Transition Day

Last day of classes Yr 7-9

Fun Fields excursion

Activities Yr 7-9

School Council

Environment Days

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