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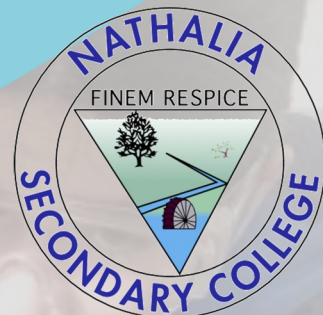
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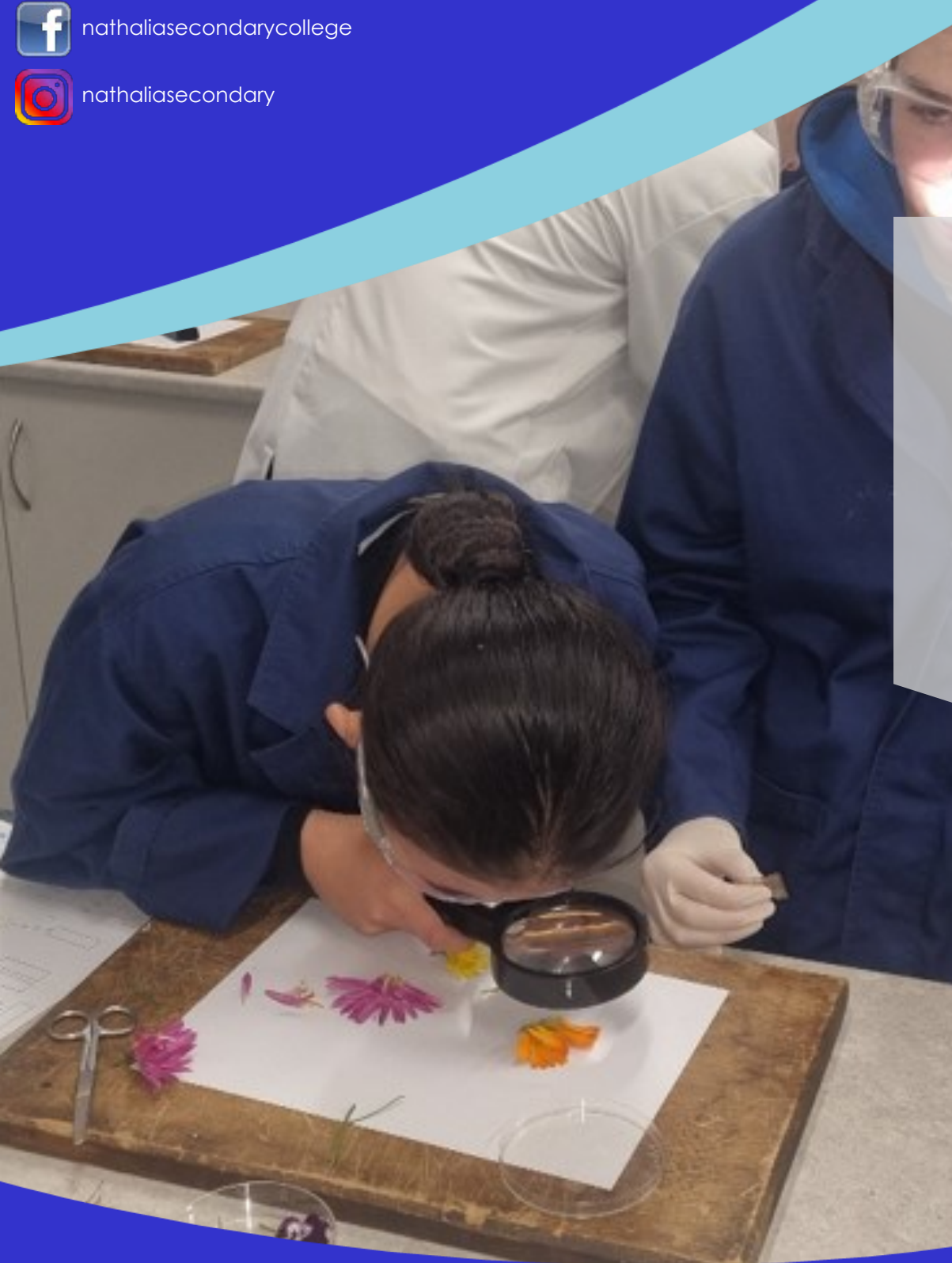
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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Dear Nathalia Secondary College Community, It has been another busy and rewarding two weeks at Nathalia Secondary College, with students taking advantage of a range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Recently, a group of our senior students attended the Careers Excursion in Bendigo. This event provided students with valuable information about future study, training and employment pathways. Students had the opportunity to engage with a variety of activities, learn about different industries, and gain insights into the many opportunities available to them after school. Experiences like these are an important part of helping students make informed decisions about their future.

Congratulations to Piper, who proudly represented Nathalia Secondary College at the next stage of the Inter-school Cross Country competition last Tuesday. Progressing to this level is a fantastic achievement and reflects Piper's commitment, perseverance and dedication. We are incredibly proud of her efforts and the way she represented our school.

Last Friday, students also represented the college at the Year 8 and Senior Boys Inter-school Basketball competitions. It was pleasing

to see students competing with enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to the staff who supported these teams and helped provide these valuable experiences for our students.

I would also like to encourage all parents and guardians to take some time to access PAM and review their child's second assessment task results. Assessment tasks provide valuable feedback on student progress and learning growth. Reviewing these results together can help celebrate achievements, identify areas for improvement, and support students in setting goals for the remainder of the semester. Meaningful conversations at home about learning can have a significant positive impact on student success.

As we move through the term, I encourage all students to continue striving to do their best each day. Success is built through consistent effort, a willingness to learn from challenges, and a commitment to making the most of every opportunity. Coupled with strong attendance and positive engagement in learning, these habits create the foundation for future success.

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.

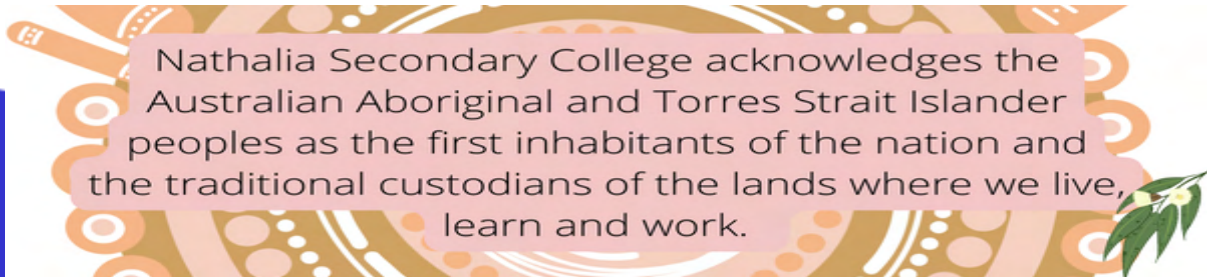
SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The reports will be distributed on Friday 26th June.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Wednesday 29th July, or, as always, you can contact the school office on 5866 2331 to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.



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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PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2026

Information regarding the 2026 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2026 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).

If you would like to make regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, individual payment plans can be arranged.

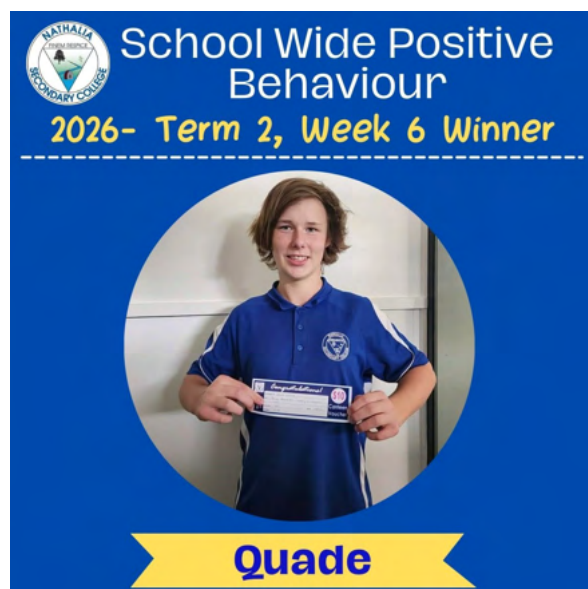
Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Our weekly SWPB winners are back, and you could be in with a chance to win a \$10 canteen voucher!

A huge shoutout also to our Top 10 Commended Students and Top 10 Staff Reporters for consistently demonstrating and recognising positive behaviours across our school.

Thanks for helping make our school community a positive, respectful and supportive place to learn and grow!



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In the classroom

YEAR 7 & 8 FREAKSHAKES

Our Year 7 and 8 Foods students recently put their creativity and food preparation skills to the test by designing and making their own spectacular freakshakes.

Throughout the session, students learned about food presentation, safe food handling, and the importance of balancing flavours and textures. They then had the opportunity to create their own unique freakshake masterpieces using a variety of ingredients and toppings.

From colourful sprinkles and whipped cream to chocolate drizzles and sweet treats, the students showcased impressive imagination and attention to detail. Each freakshake was different, reflecting the students' individual creativity and personal tastes.

The classroom was filled with excitement as students proudly presented their creations before enjoying the delicious results. It was wonderful to see everyone participating enthusiastically and demonstrating excellent teamwork and kitchen safety practices.

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 and 8 Foods students on their fantastic efforts and impressive freakshake creations!



In the classroom

YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Over the past few weeks, students have been immersed in a variety of hands-on Biology investigations focused on understanding living things and what makes them grow.

With the support of student teacher Mr Aidan, students participated in heart, eyeball and flower dissections. These practical learning experiences provided opportunities for students to develop their observation skills, ask scientific questions, and explore the structures and functions of living organisms. It was fantastic to see students demonstrate excellent laboratory safety practices, show respect for the learning environment, and work collaboratively to support one another's learning. Students also provided valuable feedback to Mr Aidan as he continues developing his teaching practice.

Students have shown a great deal of interest and enthusiasm throughout these investigations. It has been wonderful to see them demonstrating many of the qualities of successful scientists, including curiosity, careful observation, critical thinking, persistence, and a willingness to ask questions and test their ideas.

As part of our investigation into living things, students collected and dissected flowers to identify their structures, examine how they grow, and investigate the characteristics that define living organisms. Next week, students will continue their scientific inquiry by examining plants from our terrariums under microscopes and comparing plant cells with animal cells.

Our Science learning this term has focused on building curiosity and foundational biological knowledge through engaging, hands-on experiences that encourage students to think and work like scientists. We look forward to continuing our investigations and discovering more about the living world around us.



In the classroom

YEAR 7/8 AND 9/10 ART

Students have been busy exploring, creating, and developing their artistic skills and creative confidence through a range of practical activities.

Over the past few weeks, students have been practising colour mixing, creating landscapes, and experimenting with different tools and techniques to blend colours and represent their ideas visually. Through these experiences, students have been developing their understanding of colour, composition, and artistic expression while building confidence in their creative decision-making.

Students have also contributed to improving our learning environment by painting old doors and beginning work on fresh designs for the classroom. It has been wonderful to see students actively participating, sharing ideas, and taking pride in their work.

The Paint by Number Competition is still underway; however, many students have become increasingly engaged in creating their own original artworks. We look forward to seeing the finished pieces and celebrating the creativity, effort, and growth students have demonstrated throughout the term.



BENDIGO CAREERS EXCURSION

On Friday 5th June, a group of Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Bendigo for a Career Exploration Excursion along with Mrs Leslie, Mr Tinning & Emma.

Our first stop was Domino's Pizza Strathdale, where students enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour, learnt about the wide range of roles within the business, explored transferable workplace skills, gained an understanding of franchising, and heard from Lindsay and Sarah about their career journeys. Students also had the opportunity to try their hand at pizza making!

We then visited the Bendigo TAFE Charleston Road Campus, where Beck guided us on a tour of the facilities. Students were able to explore the many trade pathways available, including engineering, plumbing, electrical, painting and decorating, building, and more.

Our next stop was G.J. Gardner Homes Bendigo, where students toured the showroom and heard from Phoebe and Danny about the variety of career opportunities within the company. They discussed transferable skills across different roles, the franchise model, and the process of building a home from start to finish.

To finish the day, we returned to Domino's for some delicious pizza before heading back to school.

A huge thank you to Domino's Strathdale, Bendigo TAFE, and G.J. Gardner Homes Bendigo for generously sharing their time, knowledge, and experiences with our students. Opportunities like these provide valuable insights into the many career pathways available and help students make informed decisions about their future.



Year 12 – Starting the Conversation About Life Beyond School

As our Year 12 students move through their final year, now is a great time to start having conversations at home about what life might look like beyond school.

For some students, plans are already taking shape. For others, they may still be unsure and that's completely okay. Pathways after Year 12 can look very different for each student, whether that's university, TAFE, an apprenticeship, or heading straight into the workforce.

We encourage families to begin these conversations in a relaxed and supportive way. Simple discussions about interests, strengths, and future goals can make a big difference in helping students feel more confident about their next steps.

To support this process, all Year 12 students are asked to book a **1:1 meeting with Emma (Careers)**. These meetings are designed to be informal, one-on-one chats to:

- Talk through ideas and options
- Answer questions

Help students start planning their pathway

There is no pressure for students to have everything figured out—these meetings are simply about starting the conversation and identifying how we can best support them moving forward.

Meeting Availability:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Bookings/Enquiries:

Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to working together to support your child in planning for life beyond school.



Year 10 Work Experience – Term 2

Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching and will take place during the last week of Term 2 from **Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June**.

Students are beginning to make plans and explore possible placements, however it is important that they now start locking in their arrangements as soon as possible. Many workplaces book out quickly, so early organisation is essential to secure a placement in an area of interest.

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into the world of work, explore possible career pathways and develop valuable employability skills.

Students who need support finding a placement, preparing resumes or making contact with employers are encouraged to see Emma for assistance. Emma is available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** to help students with planning and organising their work experience.

We look forward to seeing students take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey

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PANTRY ITEMS AVAILABLE
TO FAMILIES IN NEED.
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& CRAIG FOR FURTHER
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Dates to remember...

Mon 15th—Thur 18th June

Tuesday 16th June

Year 11 exams

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NGV Excursion

School Council

Friday 19th June

PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 9 Camp—Rubicon

JNR & INT Girls Football

Thursday 25th June

Last Day Term 2

Friday 26th June

2:20pm dismissal

Monday 13th July

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 14th July

Term 3 commences

Tuesday 21st July

School Council

Wednesday 22nd July

Senior School Information Night

Wednesday 29th July

PT Interviews from 4pm

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THE WEATHER STARTS TO
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