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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, As Term 3 draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for another productive and positive term at Nathalia Secondary College.

I am very pleased to announce that Fraser Jones and Tessa Koopman will be joining our teaching team from the beginning of Term 4. Both bring great energy and passion for education, and we look forward to the contributions they will make to our school community.

To our final year students, I want to acknowledge the significant milestone you are approaching. As you move into your final weeks at the College, stay focused, seek support when needed, and take pride in the journey you've made. Your teachers and the wider school community are here to support you every step of the way.

Last Tuesday's SPA celebration lunch was a great moment to pause and recognise

the outstanding effort of many students – with a substantial number achieving a SPA of 4.3 or above. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates dedication to learning across a range of subjects. Well done!

Congratulations to all the students who represented our College at the Campaspe Interschool Athletics. We are proud of your efforts and sportsmanship. A number of our students have now qualified to compete at the next level in Bendigo next term, and we wish them every success.

Thank you also to the students and staff who contributed to and supported our R U OK? Day activities. Promoting wellbeing, checking in on one another, and fostering a caring school culture is central to who we are at Nathalia SC. Your involvement made a real difference.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful break, and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4, ready to finish the year strong.

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.

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student

behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

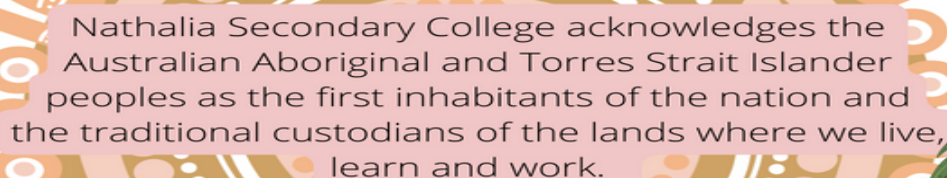
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025.**

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.



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

Y E A R 7 / 8 WOODWORK

Year 7&8 Woodwork students have been designing and constructing wooden bridges to see which one can hold the most weight in our class Strongest Bridge Challenge. Using only 10mm x 10mm Radiata Pine and PVA glue, students were given the opportunity to use their creativity to develop some intriguing structures. Most of the bridges tested were able to hold up to 200kg+ without breaking, which is an amazing result. Well done to all students .



WODONGA TAFE AGRICULTURE STUDENTS VISIT BIODYNAMIC DAIRY FARM

A group of Wodonga TAFE (Shepparton Campus) students completing their Certificate III in Agriculture recently visited the Peterson family farm, the workplace of Josh P's school-based traineeship. The farm, owned by Mark Peterson (Josh's uncle), is a Demeter Certified Biodynamic Dairy Farm, home to around 200 milking cows.

Joining Josh on the day were fellow Nathalia Secondary College students Esther and Dylan, who are also completing the Certificate III Agriculture course.

During the visit, students were welcomed onto the property and introduced to the principles of biodynamic farming. They also toured parts of the farm, gaining valuable insights into how biodynamic practices differ from more conventional farming methods.

This hands-on experience gave students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of agricultural systems, seeing how biodynamics can support both animal health and sustainable land management.



The visit also showcased the diversity of farming approaches within the industry, encouraging students to think critically about future directions in agriculture.

Nathalia Secondary College sincerely thanks Mark and Josh for sharing their expertise and providing such an engaging and informative experience. We would also like to thank Wodonga TAFE trainers Gary Baxter and Beate Barnes, who were able to incorporate this excursion into the students' studies.

Around the grounds

CAMPASPE ATHLETICS

Last week, a team of our students proudly represented Nathalia Secondary College at the Campaspe Athletics in Shepparton. The day was filled with great competition, team spirit, and plenty of personal best efforts from our athletes.

We are excited to share that several students achieved outstanding results and have qualified to compete at the next level of competition:

- **Taylah** – Discus
- **River** – Shot Put and Discus
- **Grace** – Discus
- **Lachie M** – Javelin
- **Jack** – Shot Put
- **Oliver C** – Javelin

Congratulations to all students who participated—you represented our school with pride and determination. We wish our qualifiers the very best as they move on to the next stage of competition!

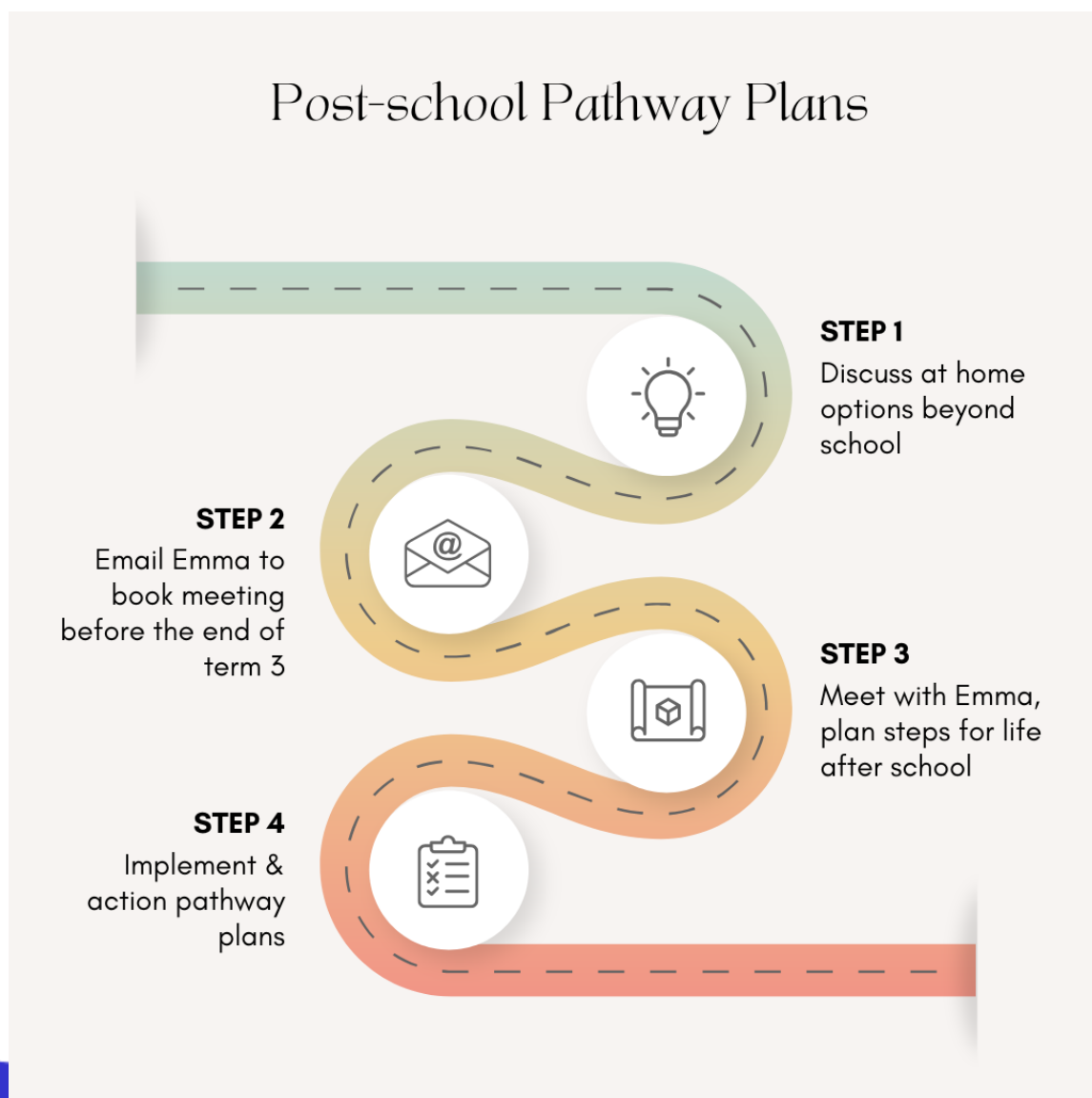


PATHWAYS SUPPORT FOR YEAR 12S

Our Year 12 students are currently working through their post-school pathway plans. This includes applications for university, TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships or employment. It is important that every student takes the time to consider their options and prepare for their next step.

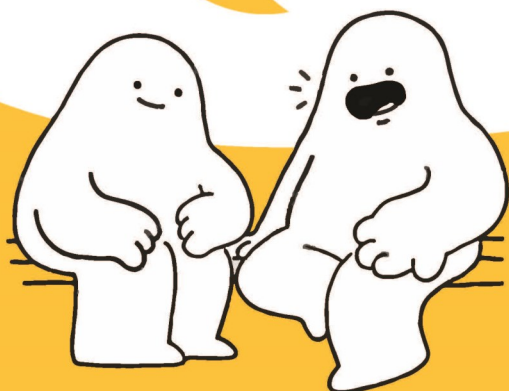
To support this, Year 12 students are required to book a meeting with Emma to discuss their individual pathway plans, get help with applications, or update their resumes. Meetings are available on Wednesdays and Fridays and can be booked by emailing Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au

All Year 12 students must book a meeting before the end of Term 3. VTAC applications also need to be completed as soon as possible and before the end of Term 3. Please encourage your child to secure their appointment promptly to ensure they are well-prepared for life after school.



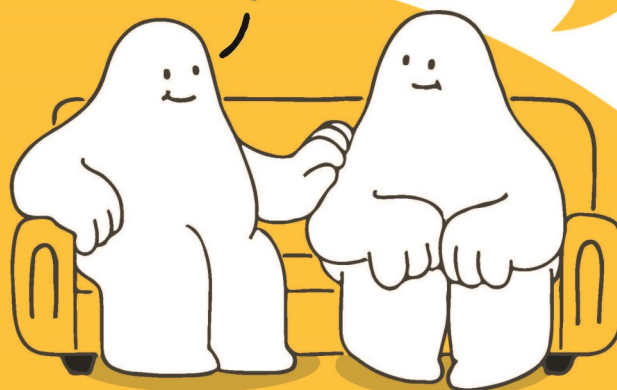
Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey



We all go through ups and downs in life. Your friends might be struggling with exam stress, a family breakdown, self-esteem, uncertainty about the future, mental health or any number of other things.

You might not be able to fix things, but one thing you can do is ask, 'are you OK?' and have regular, open conversations about what they're going through and how they're feeling.



If you think something's not quite right, that's the time to start a conversation – you don't have to wait for them to bring it up.

If you need some tips about what to say and do during these chats, flip this over and use the 4 steps of an R U OK? conversation as your guide.



For more tips and resources, scan the QR code or head to ruok.org.au/friendbetter



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If you are ever concerned for your safety or the safety of others, seek immediate assistance by calling **Triple Zero (000)**.

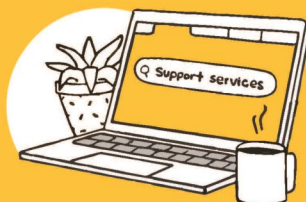


#FriendBetter
with **R U OK?**

Tips to help you
support your mates



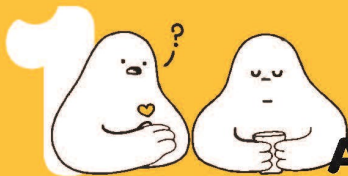
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How to have an R U OK? conversation with a friend



Ask R U OK?

- Choose a time and place where they'll be comfortable opening up.
- Ask in a way that works for you. You don't have to use the exact words, 'are you OK?'.
- You could even gently point out what you've noticed or mention something that's going on for them.



Listen

- Take what they say seriously and don't interrupt or rush them.
- Don't judge their experiences or reactions but acknowledge their feelings.
- Encourage them to explain by asking open ended questions like: "How are you feeling about that?" or "How long have you felt that way?".



Check in

- Set yourself a reminder to check in with them again soon.
- You could say: "I've been thinking of you and wanted to know how you've been going since we last chatted.".
- You might need to repeat the above steps.
- Your ongoing, genuine care will help them feel supported.



Encourage action

- Ask them what have they've done in the past to manage similar situations.
- Encourage them to think of something that could help them lighten the load.
- If they've been feeling really down for an extended period of time or they seem to be really struggling, encourage them to seek professional support.
- Offer to help them research appropriate services.



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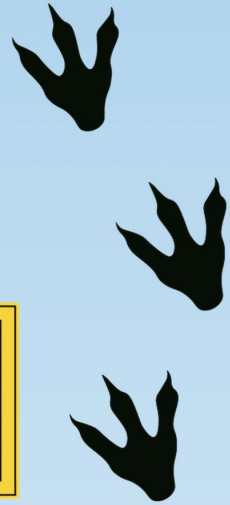
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Children 16 & U \$5
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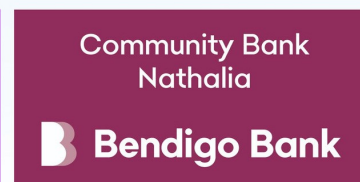


SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025 -DINOSAUR THEME-

Featuring: Dinosaur themed entertainment & activities - LEGO
Cattle - Horses - Trucks & machinery - Pavilion competitions - Market stalls
Animal nursery - Mini train rides - Facepainting - Food - and so much more!



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MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS

YOUTH FEST 2025

FREE EVENT

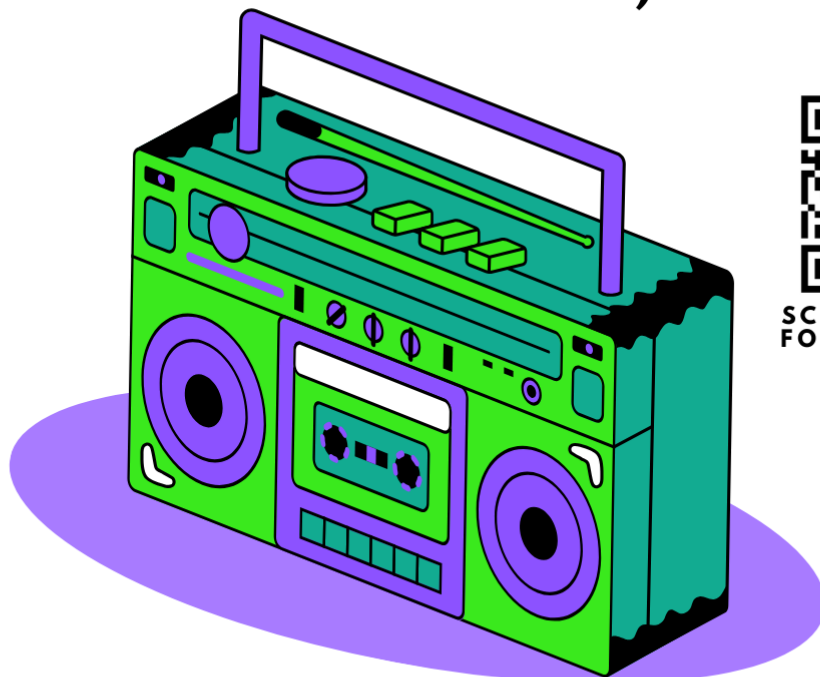
LIVE MUSIC

YOUTH SERVICES • ACTIVITIES • FOOD STALLS

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

11AM - 4PM

FEDERATION PARK, COBRAM



SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO

Drug, Alcohol, Smoke and Vape Free
minors require adult supervision





Dates to remember...

Friday 12th September

Tuesday 16th September

Thursday 18th September

Friday 19th September

Monday 6th October

Tuesday 14th October

Monday 20th October

Tuesday 21st October

Wednesday 22nd October

Tuesday 28th October

Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November

Anne Frank Excursion

School Council

Footy colours day

Last day of term 3

2:20pm dismissal

Term 4 commences

Yr 11 Biology Excursion

Last day of year 12 classes

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

School Council

Valedictory Dinner—Moama

Exams Commence

PUPIL FREE DAY

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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