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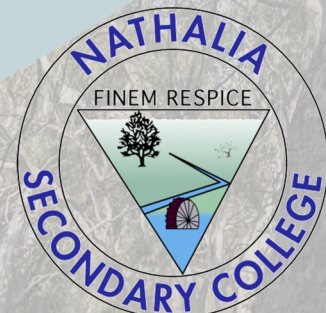
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We value: **C**aring, **L**earning, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability & **R**espect



A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, It has been another busy and rewarding few weeks at Nathalia Secondary College, with many opportunities for our students to engage in learning, represent the college, and celebrate their achievements.

Recently, a group of students attended the Careers Day Out in Shepparton, which was a fantastic opportunity to explore future career pathways, training opportunities, and post-school options. Experiences like this are incredibly valuable in helping students connect their learning with future aspirations and begin thinking about the many possibilities available to them.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Nathalia Secondary College at the Interschool Cross Country in Echuca. Competing in events like this requires determination, resilience and a willingness to challenge yourself, and we are proud of the effort shown by all students who participated. A special congratulations to those students who have progressed through to the next stage of competition — we wish you all the very best.

On Monday evening, our Year 7/8 Drama class production was a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see our students showcase their

creativity, confidence and teamwork in front of an audience. Performances like this take courage and commitment, and all students involved should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Thank you also to the staff who supported and guided students in bringing the production to life.

Our teachers are currently in the process of completing SPA Cycle 2, which will be released to families soon. This provides an important opportunity for parents and carers to engage in meaningful conversations with their child about their learning progress. I encourage families to take the time to celebrate successes, acknowledge effort, and discuss areas for future growth. Setting goals together helps students remain focused, motivated and clear about the next steps in their learning journey.

As always, I encourage all students to focus on doing their best each and every day and attending school regularly. Success at school is built through consistent effort, positive choices and being present to make the most of every learning opportunity. Every day matters, and every lesson is a chance to learn, improve and grow.

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.

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

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In the classroom

WONDERING POET

On Thursday the 30th of April students in year 7-10 had the opportunity to learn about, experience and write poetry. Sas Hall presented three workshops where they learnt that poetry can be fun and that it is within their skill set. By making poetry relevant to the students and using nature as inspiration each student put pen to paper. Here are some of the results:

I remember the sweat
drenched people
The sand that stuck like glue
It was inside my shoe
Those mesh bags laid down
like bodies
Like a wall against the
moving enemy
The creek was never my foe
before the rain
I won't be in this town much
longer
Grace, year 9



a glizzy
a wild glizzy
the fluff gliding through the air
the fluff and the fuzz of the glizzy
the sound of someone getting hit with the fuzz
glizzies flying down the water
there might be a day when the glizzies aren't part of my life
but right now, all I can think of is glizzies
glizzies glizzies glizzies
Nate, year 10

The trees carried our whispers
laughters and wonders of the world
overlooking the oval and caught in the sun
our words spill out, carried by the wind
green surrounds us well yellow fills us up
blues we will face but green we will remember
the days of orange approach
blurs of black and blue surround us.
Gatteya, Year 7



In the classroom

YEAR 7/8 DRAMA

On Monday the 11th May the year 7/8 Drama class performed in front of all students from years 7 to 10. The play performed was *Mirror World* by Keith West, reimagined under the title *The Nova Continuum*. This ensemble performance was much enjoyed by the audience, who were not quite sure what was going to happen next. Students had worked on character development, and interpretive choices that reflected futuristic, parallel-world themes of identity, reality, and human connection.

The players were:

Jimmy Bird	April
Daniel Waterhouse	Ruby
Daphne Bird (Mum)	Eliza
Robert Bird (Dad)	Michael
Gareth Endersby	Barry
Rigby	Theresia
Storm Trooper 1	Quade
Storm Trooper 2	Asher
Ticket Inspector	Jordyn
Herman	Pia
Bernard	Eliza
Jessica	Piper
Hannah	Abbie
George	Emilia
Slug 1	Jordyn
Slug 2	Ella
Denis Chapman (Granddad)	Elah

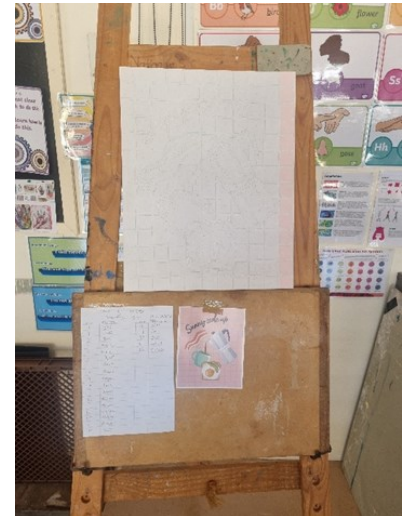


In the classroom

CREATIVE COLLABORATION IN ART

Students in Art have been busy combining creativity with teamwork. Students designed thoughtful Mother's Day cards and also began an exciting whole-class paint-by-number project.

The project has sparked plenty of enthusiasm, with students working together to decide who would complete each numbered section of the artwork. Adding to the excitement, the Year 7/8 class will be competing against the Year 9/10 class to see which team can produce the winning masterpiece. A prize will be awarded to the winning class, with judges and prizes still to be announced. We look forward to seeing the finished creations and a little friendly competition along the way!



YEAR 7 SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

Late in Term 1, Year 7 students began their Biology unit with a hands-on terrarium project. With only limited prior knowledge, students were challenged to design and create their own terrariums and observe how their miniature ecosystems developed over time.

Two weeks later, students had the opportunity to reflect on their original designs and make improvements based on their observations and growing understanding of biological systems. Later this term, students will investigate their terrariums further by dissecting them and using algae samples to observe plant cells under the microscope.

The project has generated strong engagement, with many students regularly checking on their terrariums during recess and lunch. Students have reported enjoying the ongoing nature of the project and the chance to build their scientific knowledge through real-world observation and experimentation.



Around the grounds



KONNAR

**Lawless Lasers
Nathalia**



**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



**School Wide Positive
Behaviour**

2026- Term 2, Week 3 Winner



Oliver



2026 CAMPASPE CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to Piper, Pia, Oliver, Dylan, Alex, Curtis, Jack and Miller who competed in the Campaspe Cross Country in Echuca today.

Congratulations to Alex who came 8th place, Dylan who came 11th place & Piper who came 12th. All 3 students will compete at the LMR Cross Country in St Arnaud on 2nd June.

Around the grounds

SPREADING KINDNESS FOR DOLLY'S DREAM DAY

Students showed wonderful enthusiasm and community spirit this week while recognising Dolly's Dream Day. As part of their Visual Communication Design classes, students from both the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 classes headed outside to decorate the school paths with colourful messages of kindness and activities designed to promote joy and inclusion.

Working collaboratively, students created uplifting chalk messages, signs, symbols and interactive activities, including a dance circle for others to enjoy. One of the key symbols featured throughout the displays was the blue butterfly logo, representing Dolly's Dream and its important message of kindness and standing against bullying.

Although Dolly's Dream Day has now passed, we hope the positive messages shared by students continue to inspire kindness, respect and joy throughout our school community for the rest of the year.



2026 Education Support Staff Appreciation Day
Saturday 16th May

thank you



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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

**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**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



**Bullying support
whenever you need it**



13 DOLLY - Bullying Support Line

Get confidential support via phone or webchat.

Kids & Young People: Open 24/7

Parents & Carers: Open 6am - Midnight



Bullying Support Hub

Get bullying support resources
and toolkits.



Beacon Cyber Safety App

Free to download from any app store, Beacon
is your go-to guide for kids online safety.



Visit dollysdream.org.au for bullying support

✉ community@dollysdream.org.au ✉ schoolbookings@dollysdream.org.au

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At Berry Street, we believe every child deserves a chance to heal and thrive. That's why we're looking for people like you to become foster carers for local children in need.

You might be single, in a partnership, have a family of your own, or rent your home. You could be a young professional or enjoying retirement. There is no "typical" Berry Street foster carer—only a person with an open heart and a spare room.

Our carers are a diverse community from all walks of life. They do wonderful work to give children the support they need to grow, develop, and feel safe.

Learn more

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Dates to remember...

Monday 18th May

LMR Badminton

Tuesday 19th May

School Council

Wednesday 20th May

Open Day

Monday 8th June

KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mon 15th—Thur 18th June

Year 11 exams

Tuesday 16th June

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School Council

Friday 19th June

PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 9 Camp—Rubicon

Friday 26th June

Last Day Term 2

2:20pm dismissal

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