

# Newsletter

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Cheyanne, Nikki, DJ & Caleb



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## A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community,

As we draw the curtains on another remarkable year at Nathalia Secondary College, it is both a moment of celebration and reflection. I would like to congratulate our newly elected 2024 School Captains - Nikki Polancos, DJ Liu, Caleb Sutton, and Cheyanne Hansen. Your leadership roles are not just titles; they are an embodiment of responsibility, vision, and the trust bestowed upon you by our school community. We look forward to witnessing your positive impact in the coming year.

Alongside our moments of celebration, we bid farewell to some valued members of our staff. Pia Ingram, Sam Jones, Jo Lourey, and Cody Power, your contributions have left an indelible mark on our school community. Your dedication, passion, and hard work have enriched the lives of our students, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to wish each and every one of you a safe and joyous break. May it be filled with moments of relaxation, connection, and rejuvenation. Take this time to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year and to appreciate the moments that have shaped our community.

Looking ahead to 2024, let's embrace the new year with optimism and enthusiasm. Together, we will continue to build a learning environment that inspires successful and passionate learners.

I am excited about the possibilities that 2024 holds for Nathalia Secondary College. Let us approach the new year with open minds and a shared commitment to creating a community that supports, inspires, and empowers all its members.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. May this holiday season bring you joy and a well-deserved break. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 Bulletin

## MOBILE PHONE BAN

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

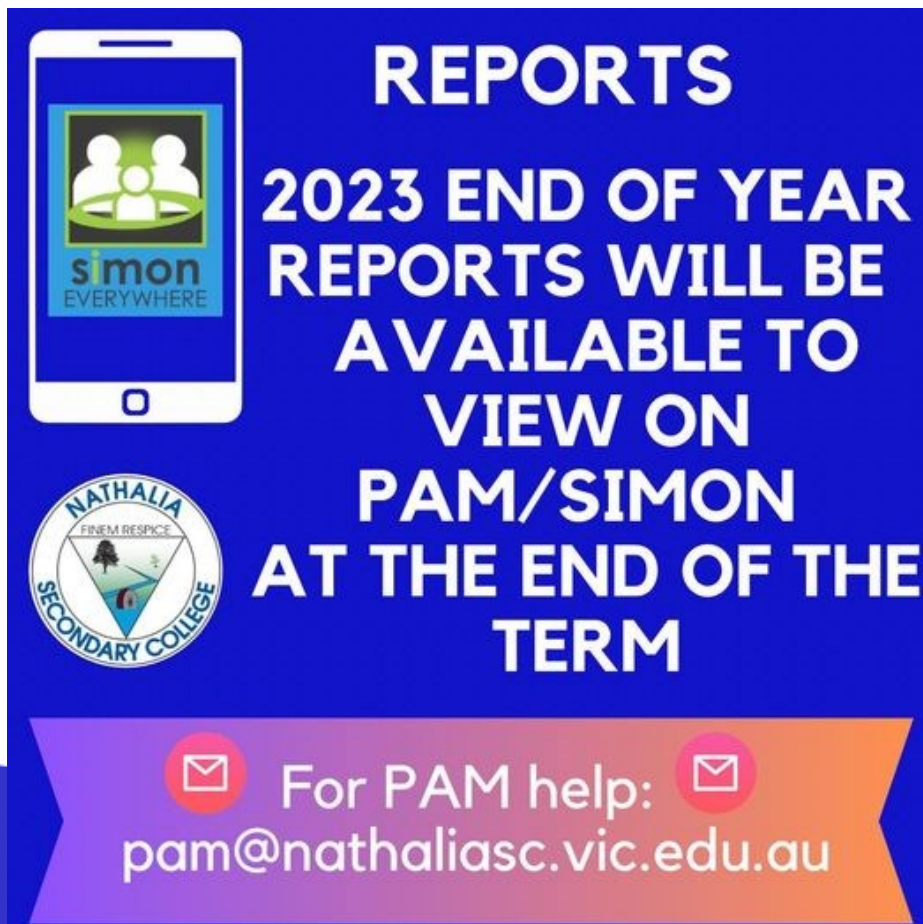
### Further information

**Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

**School mobile phone policy:** A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available on our school website.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

Daniel Robinson—Principal



**REPORTS**

**2023 END OF YEAR  
REPORTS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO  
VIEW ON  
PAM/SIMON  
AT THE END OF THE  
TERM**

For PAM help: [pam@nathaliasc.vic.edu.au](mailto:pam@nathaliasc.vic.edu.au)



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# In the classroom

## VCE RESULTS RELEASED

As VCE results were released this week, we would like to extend our congratulations to all of our students who received their results. We are extremely proud of your achievements and attitude towards learning. This is a small step towards your future endeavors, with many more challenges and opportunities to follow. We look forward to seeing all the places you'll go...



## SEMESTER 2 AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our award winners at our end of year assembly. You have shown great determination throughout the semester and have been deservedly recognised for your efforts.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Grace, Caleb, Gabriel & Lucy who received the Year 7 scholarships for 2024. We look forward to seeing all of our new year 7's next year!



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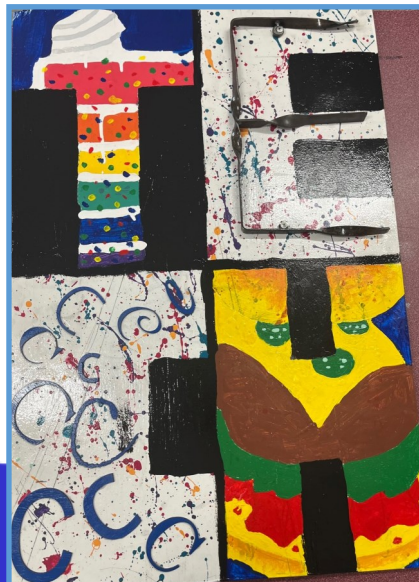
# In the classroom

## COURTYARD ARTWORK UPDATE

Over Term 4 several classes have worked to finish the updated artworks on the boards in the courtyard. Kyla and Ocean began this as their PDS project, they removed the old planter boxes and prepared the boards to be painted. Unfortunately, their year came to an end and the artworks still had some way to go, the Year 11 PDS students stepped in and completed 2 of the 6 Artworks. Zoe C did an Image of Nathalia when entering from the south, this image shows the tree lined road into town with the water tower guiding the way. Tom D, Caleb, Chance and Tyler C painted a sports mural that highlights all the sporting options students have in the town of Nathalia. However, the year ended for the Year 11s and we still had 4 panels to go. The Year 9/10 Visual Communication Design class came to the rescue. Tahia and Kiana planned and began an artwork that represents the diverse cultures seen in Nathalia Secondary College with a wonderful flag focussed artwork. Bailey has a great love for his Technology subjects created a multimedia TECH artwork that represents the different subjects in the tech space. Zahra has planned a Wellbeing artwork to highlight the importance of wellbeing and the wellbeing staff in our school.



This has been a project that has taken several year levels, and the assistance of many people. We hope to have the courtyard upgrade finished next year when we plant the grapevines that will weave their way through the Rio installed by Brayen, Corey, Tash M, Kaiya and Connor. With the artworks and the vines the courtyard will be a nice and appealing place for the students to rest at recess and lunch. Thank you to all involved.

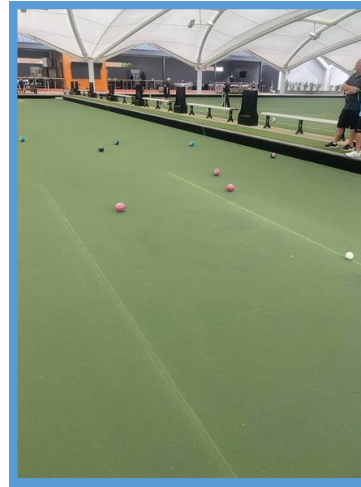
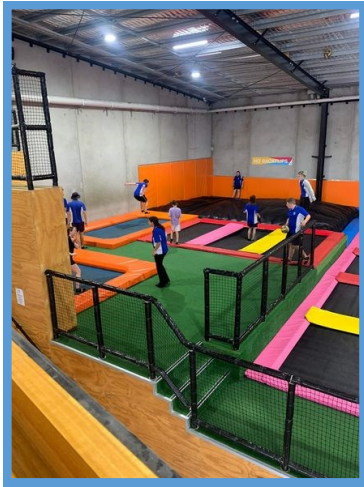




# Out & about

## YEAR 9 CELEBRATION

The year 9's celebrated with a trip to Gravity Shack Echuca, lunch at Bruburger followed by a competitive match of lawn bowls at Moama Bowling Club. It was a wonderful day to celebrate a great group of kids.



## FUNFIELDS END OF YEAR FESTIVITIES!



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# NOTICEBOARD



- + STREET DINING
- + CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ALLAN ST, KYABRAM  
FREE ENTRY

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

 Bendigo Bank

Community Bank  
Kyabram & District

SATURDAY

3 FEB  
2024

5PM-10<sup>30</sup>

LIVE  
MUSIC  
FEATURING

BAKER  
BOYS

STUMBLING  
NORTH

## UNDERA-KHANA

COME & TRY DAY

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

ENTRY LEVEL MOTORCYCLE EVENTS THAT ARE  
FUN, SAFE & EDUCATIONAL

Ages 4 – 16years

NO LICENCE NEEDED

9am – 1pm

(BBQ lunch & drinks available)

UNDERA PARK SPEEDWAY COMPLEX

1915 ECHUCA ROAD UNDERA

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# Dates to Remember...

**Wed 13th—Fri 15th Dec**

Activities

**Mon 18th—Wed 20th Dec**

Enviro Days

**Wednesday 20th Dec**

Last day Term 4

1:30pm finish

**Monday 29th Jan 2024**

Staff return to school

**Tuesday 30th Jan**

First day of term 1 for students

**Monday 5th Feb**

Swimming Sports

**Tuesday 6th Feb**

School Photos



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