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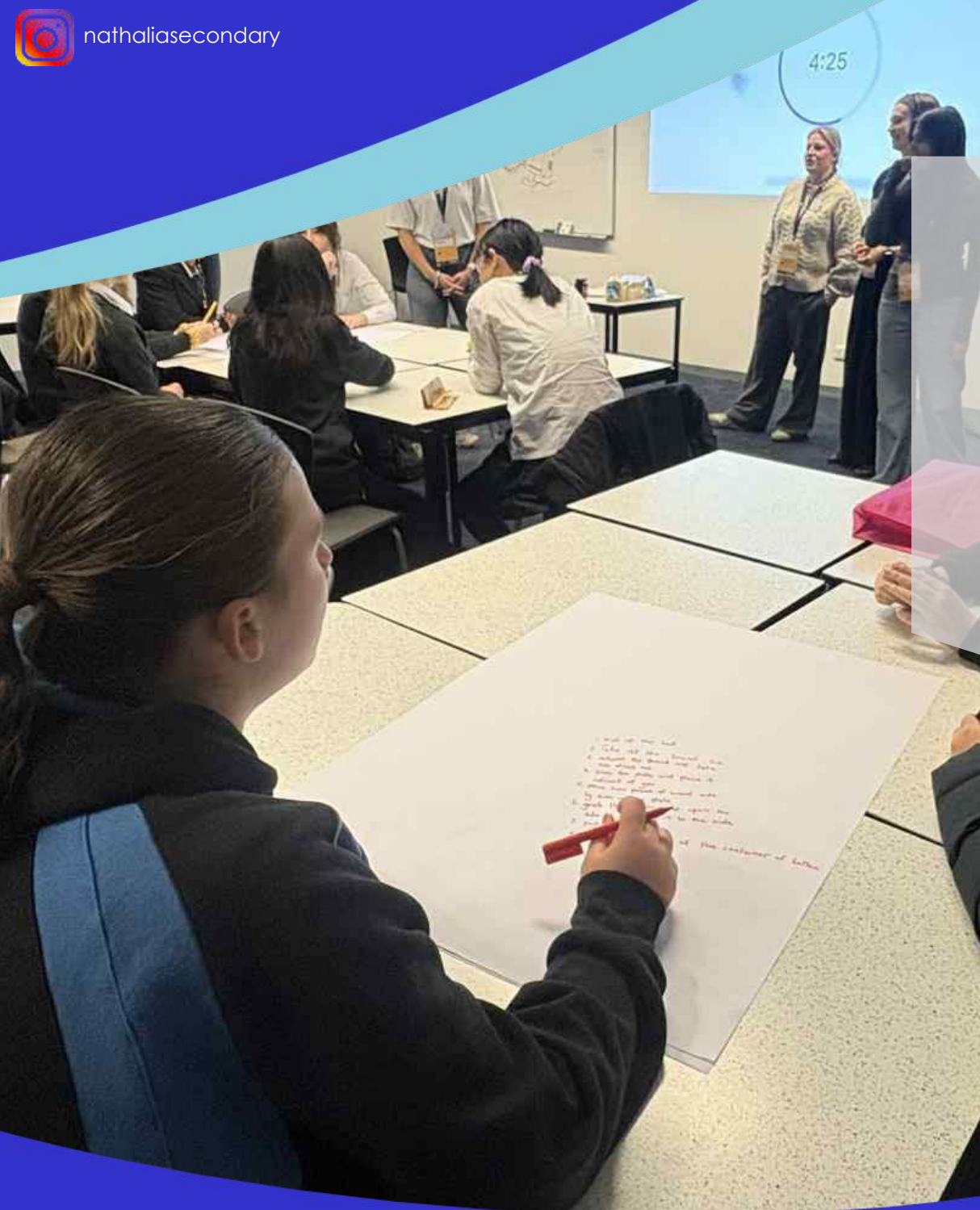
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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, It has been a very positive and productive two weeks at Nathalia Secondary College as we move through Term 3.

Firstly, thank you to all families who attended our Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see strong engagement between staff, students and families. These conversations play a vital role in strengthening learning partnerships and ensuring each student is supported to achieve their personal best.

Over the past fortnight, students have taken part in a number of valuable learning experiences outside the classroom. A group of students attended the Go Girl, Go for IT event in Melbourne, which was an inspiring opportunity to explore future careers in technology and engage with women leading the industry. Year 9 and 10 students participated in the Hands-On Trades Day at Winton, where they gained practical insights

into a range of vocational pathways – a fantastic chance to explore real-world trade skills and career possibilities.

Our teaching staff will be entering the first SPA (The Student Performance Average) cycle for Term 3 next week. These progress reports will be published to families during Week 6 and provide an excellent opportunity to reflect on your child's learning and celebrate their progress, as well as to identify areas for continued growth.

In addition, PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) conferencing is currently underway. Students are meeting with their English and Maths teachers to analyse their assessment results, reflect on their learning, and set future goals. This is a key part of our approach to individualised learning and continuous improvement.

As always, I thank you for your ongoing support.



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape your future.

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.

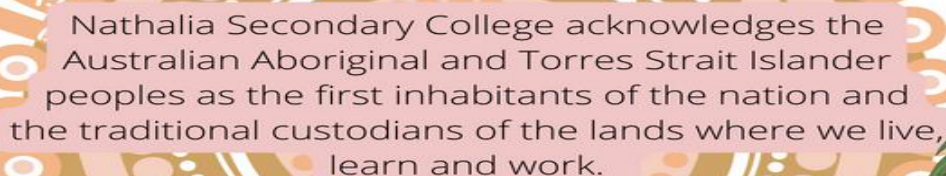
Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

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.

Parent Bulletin - Bus travellers

Conditions of Travel

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses, the following conditions apply at all times.

To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following:

- Ensure you are standing off the road at all times when waiting for the bus and strictly no playing on the road at the bus stop
- Ensure the bus has stopped completely before trying to get on the bus
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
- Not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Wear a seat belt at all times (where fitted) except for getting on and off the bus.
- Sit in an allocated seat if instructed.

To ensure students are considerate to one another and their bus driver, they must agree to:

- In the morning, arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
- Not eat, drink, vape or smoke while on the school bus.
- Use a standard conversational tone and not use offensive language or call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any vandalism or misbehaviour including but not limited to bullying, teasing, or aggression.
- Leave your bike in a safe and secure place if riding to the bus stop. Department of Transport and Planning and the Department of Education are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.
- Behave appropriately and respectfully on a school bus at all times as behaving inappropriately places the safety and wellbeing of all on board at risk.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in the following:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- **The student's name and full details of the breach will be recorded.**
- The student will be transported to school or to their normal drop off.
- The breach will be reported to the coordinating principal.
- The coordinating principal will take necessary action as guided below.
- In rare and exceptional circumstances where there is an immediate threat to student safety or the safe operation of the bus, and only as a last resort, drivers are authorised to eject passengers from a bus.

Following the report of a relevant incident, the coordinating principal may take the action below:

- First incident – verbal warning to student.
- Second incident – written warning to parent/carer
- Third incident – one week suspension of student from school bus travel.
- Fourth incident – the student will not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the term, year or an appropriate period determined by the coordinating principal.

A serious incident that endangers other students, bus staff or property may result in immediate suspension for a period determined by the coordinating principal.

Responsibilities of parents/carer if student is under 18 years of age:

- Parents/carers are responsible for transporting their children to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus.
- Supervision is not provided at roadside stops. Parents/carers are responsible for their children upon disembarking the afternoon service.
- Parents/carers waiting for bus passengers at a roadside bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus to prevent accidents.

School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions. It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.

Around the grounds

GO GIRL, GO FOR IT

On 13th August, a group of excited Year 7-9 students from our school got out of bed SUPER early to attend the **Go Girl, Go for IT Conference** — the largest free event of its kind in Victoria, designed especially to inspire girls to consider a future career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The event aims to break the myth that “tech is just coding” and instead showcase the huge variety of opportunities available — from artificial intelligence and user experience design to cybersecurity, engineering, and beyond.

One student summed up the impact perfectly:

“It is very much worth it and you can learn about industries you'd never thought of before.”

Students explored dozens of interactive stalls, workshops, and presentations. One of the most talked-about exhibits was **Geek Girl**, where students were fascinated by **3D printing** — particularly an incredible life-sized R2-D2, built entirely from 3D printed parts.

“My favourite stall was Geek Girl because it was really cool to learn about 3D printing and how they made the R2-D2 purely out of 3D printed parts.”
“They were nice and I learnt new things about 3D printing.”

Other hands-on activities ranged from learning how to make a jam sandwich (to demonstrate how precise instructions must be for computers) to exploring university lecture halls for the first time.

“I liked how to make a jam sandwich and going around to all the stalls.”
“STEM-based jobs don't all have to be boring — it's great to see what different kinds of fun jobs you can do.”

Throughout the day, students realised that STEM is not only diverse but also exciting, creative, and full of opportunities.

“Just be confident and go for what you want to do.”

“It was fun, and I liked learning new things.”

“I would like to go back and see more things to get better ideas for the future.”

The experience also provided a valuable look at university life:

“I saw what a lecture hall looks like and what the uni looks like.”

“Go next year — it was really fun and the teachers were nice.”

Many students left feeling more motivated than ever to pursue their passions in STEM, with some already eager for a return visit.

“I would love to have the opportunity to go again next year because I would like the opportunity to learn more about all the different industries in STEM.”

Go Girl, Go for IT proved once again that with the right exposure and encouragement, the possibilities for the next generation of women in STEM are limitless.



Around the grounds

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

On Friday 1st August the Unit 4 and Unit 2 Systems Engineering students from NSC and SMOTA, visited two workplaces in Shepparton to get a first-hand look at how both businesses design and incorporate Integrated Electrical and Mechanical Systems into their productivity and services acumen. The first stop was at MATElec,

where students learnt all about how the design and incorporation of a range of ME-Link controllers were developed in conjunction with a variety of liquid pumps and flow regulators. The students were very fortunate to be gifted a ME-Link controller, Float, Strobe and Buzzer to experiment with back at school, using the Propitect Alarm software. The second stop was to the Foott Recycling Depot, where the students were shown how integrated Systems were designed and used to collect, count and package a vast amount of recyclable items including aluminium cans, plastics, glass, cardboard and textiles on a daily basis. Both workplaces were very interesting and we again warmly thank Dale and Jane from MATElec and Caleb and Jenna from Foott, for their valuable time and sharing of information.

Mr Bechaz (NSC) and Mr Smith (SMOTA)



Around the grounds

HANDS ON TRADE CAREER EXPO

Our Year 9 and 10 students had a fantastic day at the Hands On Trade Career Expo at Winton Motor Raceway. The event was packed with interactive activities, from trying out tools and equipment to speaking with industry professionals across a range of trades and careers.

It was a great opportunity for students to explore future pathways, gain practical insights, and be inspired about what's possible beyond school.





BOLD AND BRIGHT BALL

A WEAR IT PURPLE DAY CELEBRATION FOR LGBTQIA+ YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FRIENDS AND ALLIES

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2025

5.30PM – 9.00PM

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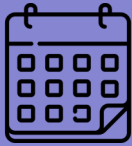
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- ☒ Cleaning (BYO positive outlook and willingness to try, we will supply the rest 😊)
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Extra shifts over this school holidays will also be on offer to the successful applicant.

Come and join our amazing team!



Dates to remember...

Tuesday 19th August

School Council

Thursday 21st August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Monday 25th August

Athletics Day

Tuesday 16th September

School Council

Friday 19th September

Last day of term 3

2:20pm dismissal

Monday 6th October

Term 4 commences

Monday 20th October

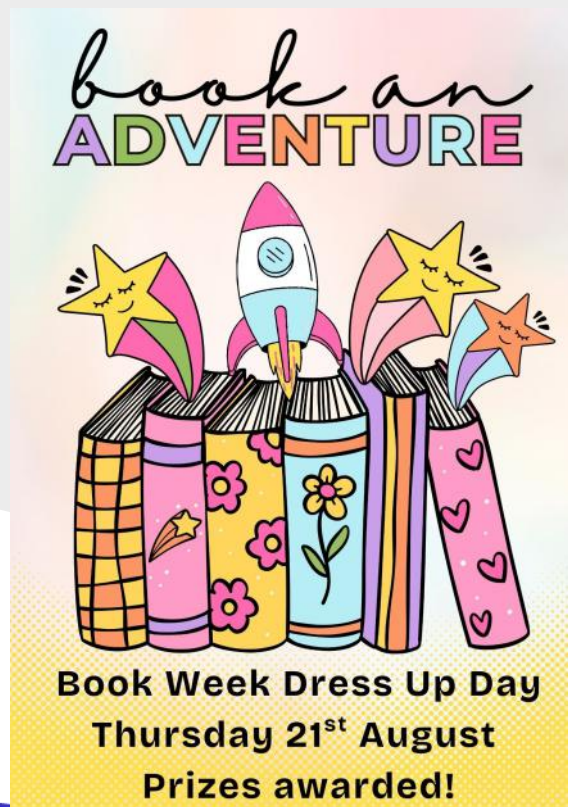
Last day of year 12 classes

Tuesday 21st October

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Wednesday 22nd October

Valedictory Dinner—Moama



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