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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, Welcome to the 2026 school year. It has been pleasing to see students return with a positive attitude and a readiness to engage in their learning. Term 1 is always an important time to establish strong routines, high expectations, and a clear focus on achievement.

I'm pleased to announce that the PAT Maths and English testing, which plays a crucial role in assessing students' academic progress, has been successfully completed. These assessments provide valuable insights into each student's strengths and areas for growth. In the coming weeks, our dedicated staff will be engaging in meaningful conversations with students to celebrate their achievements and set future learning goals. These discussions are essential in guiding students on their learning journey and ensuring they reach their full potential.

A reminder that NAPLAN will take place from 11th March to 17th March for our Year 7 and Year 9 students. This assessment provides valuable information about literacy and numeracy progress and supports our ongoing improvement planning. We encourage students to approach NAPLAN with confidence and to simply do their best.

On Monday, we held our School Swimming Sports, which was a fantastic whole-school event. Students demonstrated excellent participation, house spirit, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to the staff who organised and supported the event, and to the students who competed with enthusiasm and pride.

Our Year 9 students have also been completing their Morrisby testing, an important component of career education at this level. This process helps students better understand their strengths, interests, and potential future pathways. The insights gained will support informed subject selections and future planning conversations.

As we continue through the term, I encourage all students to focus on consistent effort and strong attendance. Being present every day and committing to doing your best in each class creates the foundation for success. Small, consistent efforts lead to meaningful progress over time.

I look forward to a productive and successful year ahead for all members of our college community.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At Nathalia Secondary College we are fortunate to have a very proactive School Council, who works supportively with the school's leadership, to provide the best possible education outcomes for our students. School Councils play a key role in all schools and the role of School Councillor can be a very rewarding experience. It's a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for students.

We meet eight times a year on the third Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm for approximately 1 hour. This is a forum that allows you to have input into how the College runs.

Closing date for nominations is Thursday 5th March at 4pm.

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor and proactively and positively contributing to our wonderful school, I strongly encourage you to nominate. Nomination Forms can be found at the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Reuss in the office if you have any queries regarding School Council and the process of nomination and election.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be held on Monday 23rd February. Please ensure your child/ren are in correct uniform (not PE uniform) and you have placed your order via the instructions in this newsletter.

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's **free** school dental program.

Smile Squad offers the following services to all Victorian government school students:

- free oral health promotion
- free dental health check-ups
- free follow-up treatment as needed.

All Smile Squad services comply with the highest safety and quality requirements.

Contact GV Health on 5832 3050 to book an appointment for your child.

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

YEAR 8 SCIENCE—CHEMICAL REACTIONS IN ACTION

Our Year 8 Science students have been investigating chemical reactions, exploring how everyday ingredients can create impressive scientific results.

During the lesson, students combined sugar, yeast and warm water to observe the process of fermentation. As the yeast fed on the sugar, it produced carbon dioxide gas, clearly demonstrating how chemical reactions can create new substances.

The photo captures Kevin actively participating in the experiment and observing the reaction in action. It was fantastic to see our Year 8 students so engaged and curious as they explored science through hands-on learning.

Well done to the class for their enthusiasm and scientific thinking!



2026
SCHOOL
PHOTOS

PHOTO DAY

Monday 23rd February

HOW TO ORDER

Step 1

Click here or scan the QR code to go to our ordering portal:

<https://nathaliasc-vic.msp.photos/Photos>

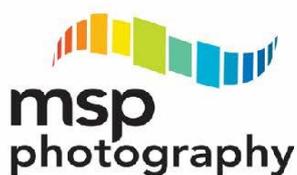


Step 2

Click

Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Once you have logged in, you will be able to add additional children and family photos.

Online ordering will remain open indefinitely, but an archive retrieval fee will apply for all orders placed after Sunday 1st March



MSP PHOTOGRAPHY

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Around the grounds

SWIMMING SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Monday, students and staff participated in our annual Nathalia Secondary College Swimming Sports Carnival. The event ran smoothly and provided a positive opportunity for students to be active, involved, and supportive of their house teams.

Students are to be commended for their efforts throughout the day — whether they took part in races, volunteered for extra events, or encouraged their peers from the sidelines. It was pleasing to see students approach the day with cooperation and good sportsmanship.

We would also like to acknowledge **Broken House**, who finished as the overall winners of the carnival. Their consistent participation and teamwork contributed to a strong result.

Thank you to all staff who assisted with the organisation and supervision of the event. Your support ensures the carnival continues to run safely and successfully.

The swimming carnival has sparked a competitive attitude for the year, and we look forward to the next event to take down Broken House.



Around the grounds

Broken House



Age Group Champions

We congratulate the following students who achieved Age Group Champion status:

- **Junior Boy:** Declan A & Kevin
- **Intermediate Boy:** Jack C
- **Senior Boy:** River
- **Junior Girl:** Eliza
- **Intermediate Girl:** Alex R
- **Senior Girl:** Esther

Iron Person Event Winners

The Iron Person events were again a highlight, and we recognise the following winners:

- **Year 7/8 Girls:** Eliza
- **Year 7/8 Boys:** Miller
- **Year 9/10 Girls:** Alex R
- **Year 9/10 Boys:** Oliver C
- **Year 11/12 Girls:** Esther
- **Year 11/12 Boys:** Jack C

Our staff also joined in, with **Mr Carroll** and **Miss Brathwaite** taking out the teacher Iron Person titles.

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey



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Shepparton

Join headspace Shepparton's Youth Advisory Committee!

♥ Ready to make a difference in 2026? ♥

Are you 15 to 24 years old?

Passionate about youth mental health and wellbeing?

Eager to get involved in your local community?

Be the voice for change, connect with like-minded peers, and make a positive impact in your community.

Scan the QR code to apply now!



Email headspacesheppcommunity@gvhealth.org.au for any queries.

headspace Shepparton

register

for 12 - 25 year olds

held at headspace Shepparton
129 High Street
Shepparton - Yorta Yorta woka

snacks and supplies provided!

Mondays fortnightly

With Britty B (she/they) & Tone (they/she)

February - Vision Boards 9th - 5:30pm - 7pm 23rd - 4pm - 5:30pm	March - Monochrome 16th - 5:30pm - 7pm 30th - 4pm - 6:30pm	April - Zines 13th - 5:30pm - 7pm 27th - 4pm - 5:30pm
May - Micro Collages 11th - 5:30pm - 7pm 25th - 4pm - 5:30pm	June - Pride 15th - 5:30pm - 7pm 22nd - 4pm - 5:30pm	



Family Connections Space

Are you a parent, carer, sibling, partner or supportive adult of a young person aged 12-25?

Join us for a relaxed **morning or afternoon tea** where you can connect with others who understand the ups and downs of supporting young people.

Hosted by our Family & Carer Peer Support Worker, this non-clinical, lived-experience space invites you to share in the collective strengths and wisdom of the group.

Come as you are. Leave feeling a little more connected. ♥

when

17th Feb: 9.30-10.30 am
17th March: 5-6 pm
21st April: 9.30-10.30 am
19th May: 5-6 pm
16th June: 9.30-10.30 am

where

headspace Shepparton
129 High St,
Shepparton, VIC 3630

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please register via the QR code below



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MORRISBY CAREER PROFILING UPDATE

We're pleased to share that the majority of year 9 students have now completed their Morrisby Career Profiling, with only a small number of students left to catch up. This is a fantastic step in helping students better understand their strengths, interests, and future pathway options.

In Week 9, students will participate in their individual "Unpack" interviews, where they will meet with a trained Morrisby consultant to explore their results in detail and discuss how these insights can support subject selections, career planning, and future goals.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Emma.

VET PROGRAMS BACK IN ACTION FOR 2026

Vocational Education & Training (VET) classes officially resumed on 4th February, with students across the region excited to begin another year of hands-on learning. We have a fantastic mix of students undertaking VET this year, with some returning to continue their second year of study while others are just beginning their first year and exploring new career pathways.

Through the strong partnership between Nathalia Secondary College, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College, and St Augustine's College, students can access a wide range of VET subjects. Current offerings include Building & Construction, Salon Assistant, Cookery, Automotive, Sport & Recreation, and Engineering, giving students valuable practical skills and industry exposure while still at school.

In addition, students interested in alternative pathways can explore many more VET options through GO TAFE and Wodonga TAFE, with courses available in areas such as Art & Design, Agriculture, and Animal Studies.

If you have any questions or would like more information about VET opportunities, please contact Emma.



SBAT ACTION

Congratulations Jack C!

Jack has recently commenced a School-Based Traineeship, undertaking a Certificate III in Agriculture with Ulupna Pastoral Co.

Ulupna Pastoral Co. operates across a large aggregation of irrigated land throughout northern Victoria. The enterprise is a custom feed cattle business who specialise in tailored feeding programs that include backgrounding and finishing both grass-fed and grain-fed cattle, with a strong focus on responsible land stewardship and animal welfare. The business also has a strong cropping program, that produces annual crops for grain, silage and hay.

Jack has a genuine interest in agriculture and has completed casual work and work experience with Ulupna Pastoral Co. in Yarroweyah over the past year across both cropping and livestock operations. This hands-on experience led to the opportunity to commence a school-based traineeship.

Jack will complete his training through Wodonga TAFE – Ag School program, which offers a unique program structure. Students attend campus every fortnight during school terms, completing both theory and practical components. Throughout the program, students gain experience across multiple working farms, connect with industry leaders and participate in field days.

Currently in Year 11, Jack will continue to work towards completing Year 12 alongside his SBAT, with the goal of completing both in line with his VCE.

Wishing you all the best for an exciting journey in agriculture!



Congratulations Taylah H!

Taylah has recently commenced a School-Based Traineeship, undertaking a Certificate II in Animal Studies at Nathalia Boarding Kennels & Cattery.

Over the past two years, Taylah has completed extensive work experience across a variety of industries, allowing her to explore different pathways and ultimately discover her true passion for working with animals. Following a successful week of work experience at Nathalia Boarding Kennels & Cattery, she was offered casual employment and has now officially signed into an SBAT.



Nathalia Boarding Kennels & Cattery provide dog and cat boarding, dog daycare, and specialised services including basic grooming. As part of the traineeship, a GOTAFE trainer will conduct on-site visits to deliver and assess training modules.

Taylah will complete her SBAT alongside her schooling and is considering future pathways, including a career in the Army or further training with seeing eye dogs or service dogs.

Wishing you all the best, Taylah!

NOTICEBOARD

Katunga Football Netball Club Training and Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club advises that *training has commenced and registrations are now open.*



For the latest updates on training nights, times, and to complete registrations, please visit www.katungafnc.com.au or follow us on Facebook: **Katunga Football Netball Club.**

Football Training

Currently training **Mondays and Wednesdays**

- **Seniors:** 6:15pm start
- **Thirds:** Wednesdays – 5:15pm start
(Players are encouraged to train with Seniors on Mondays)
- **Fourths:** Wednesdays – 5:00pm start
- **Fifths:** Date to be advised – 5:00pm start when football schedules change to Thursdays
(Please keep an eye on our socials or website for updates)
- **Auskick:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 30 April**

Netball Training

- **Seniors:** 6:15pm start, Mondays & Wednesdays
(Changing to Tuesdays & Thursdays from **17 February**)
- **17/U's, 15/U's, 13/U's:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Wednesday 11 February**
(Changing to Thursdays from **17 February**)
- **11/U's:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 5 February**
- **NetSetGo:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 30 April**

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 409 or katungafnc@outlook.com.

**ARTISTS WANTED FOR
CONVERGE
on the Goulburn**

Calling young local artists (up to 25 years)
to perform at Converge on the Goulburn!

Saturday 21 March | 2pm - 4pm
Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

EOI open until Sunday 1 March 2026

Register at: shepp.city/eoi-converge



Join the Numurkah Junior Soccer Club for the 2026 Season

The wait is over, and we are thrilled to announce the start of the 2026 soccer season at Numurkah Junior Soccer Club! Whether you're a returning player or new to the game, we can't wait to see you on the field, ready to showcase your skills and have fun.

Information and Registration night 25/2 5-6:30pm

Pre-Season Training 4/3 and 11/3 at 5-6pm

Season training nights are Wednesday's from 5pm

Games in SJSA League on Saturdays in Shepparton

16 rounds competition + 2 weeks of finals

Age groups from Under 5's up to Under 15's + our Open Girls Team

See you at the Numurkah Show grounds

@ the club rooms



Dates to remember...

Monday 23rd February

School Photos

Thursday 26th February

Campaspe Swimming

Mon 2nd—Fri 6th March

Year 7 Camp—Rubicon

Thursday 5th March

LMR Lawn Bowls

Monday 9th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 10th March

LMR Swimming

Wed 11th— Tue 17th March

NAPLAN

Monday 16th March

Tennis

Tuesday 17th March

School Council AGM

Monday 23rd March

Netball—Girls

Tuesday 24th March

Immunisations—Yr 7 & 10

Wednesday 25th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

4pm—6:30pm

Monday 30th March

Netball—Boys

Thursday 2nd April

Cross Country

Last day of Term 1—2:20pm finish

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