

# Newsletter

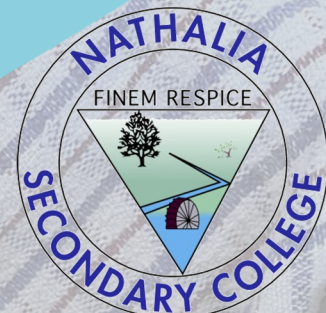
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# A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community,

As we come to the end of another productive term at Nathalia Secondary College, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the fantastic achievements and events that have taken place.

First and foremost, well done to all the students who competed in the interschool athletics competition. Your dedication and sportsmanship were commendable. A special congratulations goes out to Rhys Hansen, who was named the age group champion. What a wonderful achievement!

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our RUOK Day activities. It was an important reminder to check in with one another and foster a supportive school environment. The event was a great success, and I'm proud of how our school community came together for such an important cause.

Additionally, a big congratulations to both the

boys' and girls' cricket teams for their excellent performances. You all represented Nathalia Secondary College with pride and enthusiasm. Well done on a great effort!

As always, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of maintaining high attendance. Regular attendance is key to ensuring students can reach their full potential, both academically and socially. Everyday counts and being present helps to make the most of every learning opportunity. If your child is absent, please ensure you notify the office with the reason as soon as possible.

Finally, as we approach the term break, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. I encourage all our students to take some time to relax and recharge, ready to come back for what promises to be a fantastic final term of the year.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of Nathalia Secondary College, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a successful Term 4!

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

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Parent Payments for 2024 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. Cash, cheque or EFTPOS are all accepted (please note, we cannot accept American Express).

If you would like more information, please contact the office.

## SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

**Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

**Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address

in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) [school to attach or link doc] or visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).



## \$400 SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

**THE \$400 CAN BE USED TOWARDS:**

-  **TEXT BOOKS**
-  **CAMPS & EXCURSIONS**
-  **SPORTS**
-  **UNIFORMS**

**In Term 4, 2024**  
parents and carers of  
school aged children will  
receive an email from the  
Department of Education  
in regards to the  
\$400 payment for use  
on 2025 school costs

**NO APPLICATION REQUIRED, JUST  
MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT  
DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE WITH  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



# In the classroom

## R U OK? DAY

R U OK Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a vital opportunity to foster mental health awareness and support within our school communities. Held annually, this day encourages everyone to check in with friends, family, and colleagues, promoting open conversations about mental health and well-being.

In a school setting, R U OK Day can be particularly impactful. Schools are not just places of learning but also crucial environments where students develop emotionally and socially. Incorporating engaging activities into R U OK Day helps create a supportive atmosphere where students feel valued and connected.



Kickstarting the day with a smoothie bar was a fun and nutritious way to bring students together. Smoothies aren't just delicious; they serve as a metaphor for blending different ingredients to create something special. This activity can symbolize the importance of diverse perspectives and support systems in our lives. As students mix their favorite fruits and flavors, they also engage in conversations about the importance of checking in on each other's well-being.

Next, we incorporated chocolate games into the day's activities adding a playful touch. Chocolate, often associated with comfort and joy, can be a great icebreaker. These games encourage students to interact and build camaraderie. This light-hearted approach helps break down barriers, making it easier for students to open up about their feelings and experiences.

A shared taco lunch rounded off the day's activities, providing not only a delicious meal but also an opportunity for students to gather in a relaxed setting. Sharing food can strengthen social bonds and

foster a sense of community. As students enjoyed their tacos, they can engage in informal conversations, reinforcing the message that they are not alone and that support is always available.

Thanks to Nicole, Belinda & team for organizing this day.



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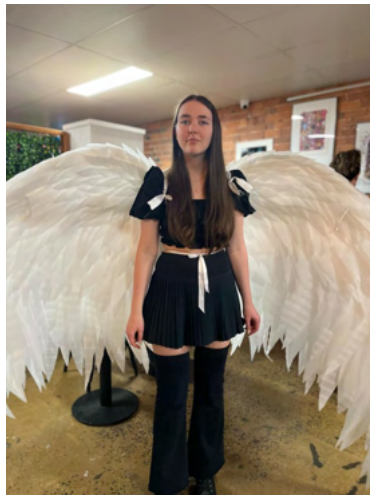
# In the classroom

## 9/10 VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

The 9/10 students in VCD have finally finished their surfboard designs. They have shown great commitment to creating the best possible outcome and design for their surfboard client. The final results are a testament to that commitment and I hope you enjoy seeing the final results.



"Aidan recently completed his Fruit & Vegetable basket for his 9/10 Wood Technology subject. Students were required to use a template for some of the project, then design and develop their own handle to complete it. Aidan should be very proud of his efforts, as this was something out of his usual comfort zone. Your resilience to persist with this task and your ability to follow instructions to create a functional product was commendable. Well done Aidan" – Mr Bechaz



## GOTAFE DESIGN

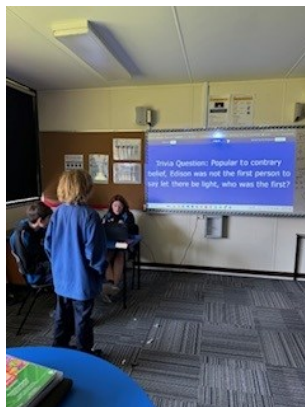
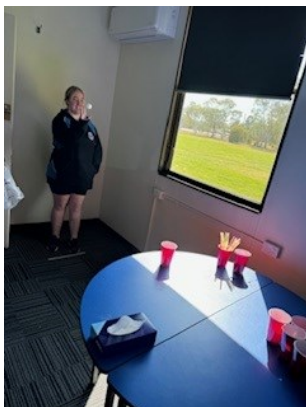
Wednesday was the GOTAFE exhibition for the Certificate 3 Design Fundamentals students. Zoe Peterson was there with wings on! Zoe has created a fantastic set of wings from wire and foam. She had created the statement piece of the exhibition. She had also created a fantastic fantasy mask.



# In the classroom

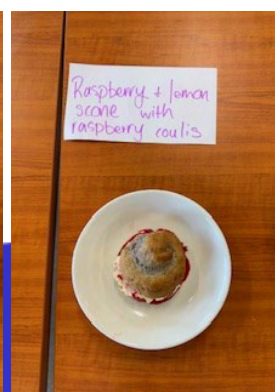
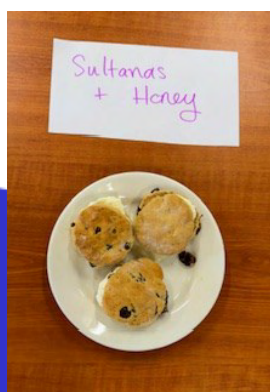
## YEAR 9 ADVANCE

The Year 9 Advance class have been developing their teamwork, communication, and project management skills by organising a fun 'Minute to Win It' games session for the Year 7s to celebrate the end of term. Jay and Declan, assisted by Aidan, ran Jeopardy; Linsey and Darcy, with help from Jasmine, led Musical Statues; Esther ran Fun Pong; Kyah and Dylan hosted Pin the Beard on Year 12 Robbo; Taylah and Jack, assisted by Boyd, ran Bottle Flip; and Crystal and Mylie oversaw Paper Planes. The Year 7s had a blast, with Jeopardy, Fun Pong, and Musical Statues being voted as their top three games! Well done to all of the Year 9s who showed great resilience in their planning and execution of the day.



## YEAR 9 ADVANCE

The 9/10 Flavours of the World class have finished off the term with their own version of the Nathalia Show. After a unit of work on the Country Women's Association the class took on the challenge of customizing either a traditional or modern scone recipe in a 'Scone Bake-off' challenge. Kyah & Jasmine cooked a Raspberry and Lemon Scone with Raspberry Coulis, Jay cooked a Sultana & Honey Scone, Lachlan added a chocolate centre to his, Max made Blueberry Scones, Tyler cooked Lemon Curd & Meringue to serve with his scones, and Mylie & Crystal made Rocky Road scones. Scone connoisseurs Miss Harris, Mr Robinson and Mr Carrol came and voted Lemon Meringue the winner of the canteen voucher, Raspberry & Lemon scones came second, with Blueberry scones tying for third with the Honey and Sultana scones. Well done to all of the students creative efforts, they were all delicious!



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# Around the grounds

## INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET

On Tuesday, 10th September, the Intermediate students hosted Rochester for a 20/20 Cricket Match. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way, but the team showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We had a number of players new to cricket and several Year 7 and 8 students who will be better next year for the experience.

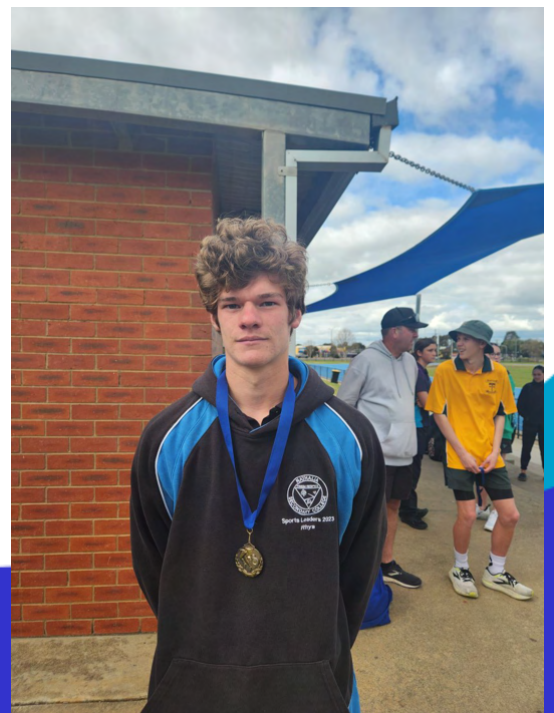
Wicket takers were Harry Halden (2) and River Freeman (1). They were well supported by Jack Culton, who bowled well with the new ball. With the bat, River showcased his power hitting with a few boundaries and was well supported by Dylan Dohnt, who managed to hit a 6. Taylah Hutchins also showed some good form late in the innings.

Well done to all involved, and good luck to both the Year 7/8 boys and girls teams who have their competitions soon.



## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our students showcased remarkable talent and determination at the interschool athletics competition, standing out with exceptional performances across various events. They put in so much effort, and it really showed as they smashed personal records and snagged a bunch of wins. The energy was incredible, with everyone cheering each other on and celebrating every victory together. Teachers were bursting with pride as our athletes not only shone individually but also helped the school achieve great results as a team. Their amazing performances have inspired everyone and created a buzz around athletics that we're all excited about! Winners for the day were Tyler Caulfield (Long Jump, Triple Jump & 100m), Zoe Cooper (Long Jump, Shot Put & 100m), Grace Leslie (Discus & Javelin), Cheyanne Hansen (Shot Put, Discus & Javelin), Rhys Hansen (Long Jump, Triple Jump & 400m), Taylah Hutchins (Discus) and River Freeman (Discus). These students will now compete in Bendigo on the 10th of October. Special mention to Rhys for winning Age Group Champion in 16 Boys. Congratulations!



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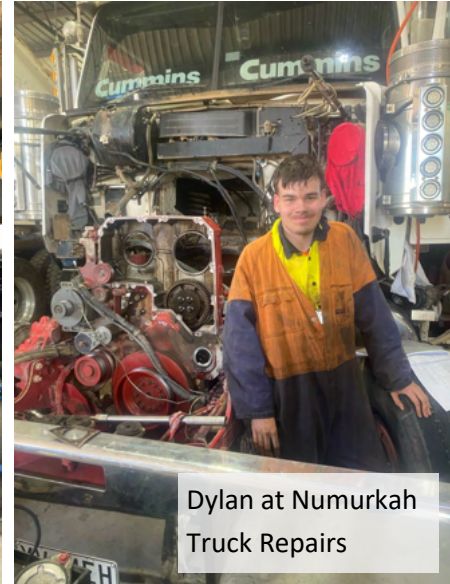
# Careers

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Our students continue to engage in work experience gaining valuable insights into various professions. This hands-on opportunity allows them to explore career paths, develop practical skills, and understand workplace dynamics. As they engage with industry professionals, students not only apply classroom knowledge but also cultivate essential traits like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. This serves as a crucial stepping stone, helping them build confidence and make informed decisions about their future careers while forging connections that may last beyond the classroom.



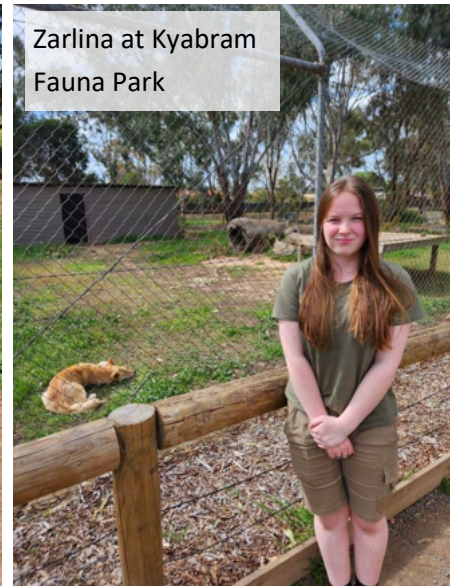
Matty at JSI  
Automotive



Dylan at Numurkah  
Truck Repairs



Esther at the farm  
in Pine Lodge



Zarlina at Kyabram  
Fauna Park



Congratulations Kane Bradley  
Nathalia Secondary College  
Certificate 3 in Engineering - Fabrication Trade  
Kathleen Botterill - Stevenson Fabrication

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## NEW HEAD START SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE

Congratulations to Kane Bradley, recently signed into a Head Start school-based apprenticeship (SBAT) in Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication.

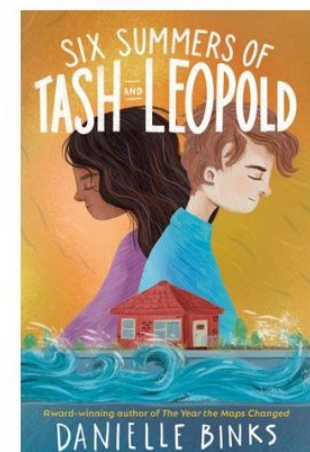
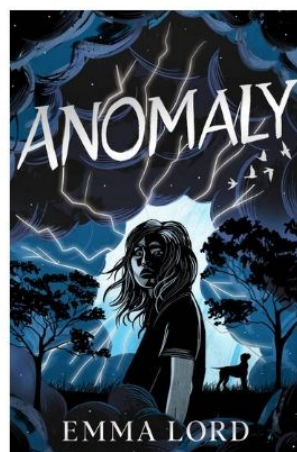
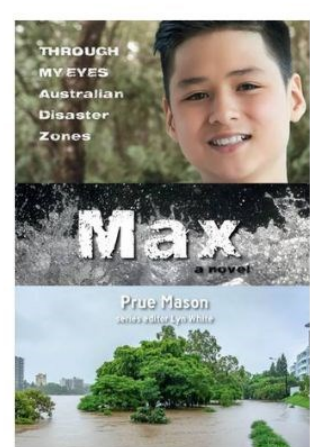
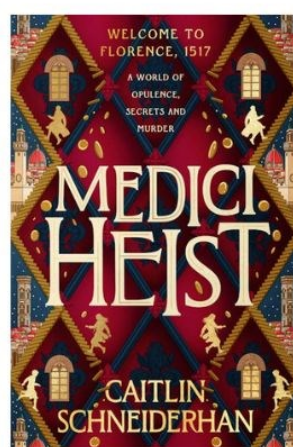
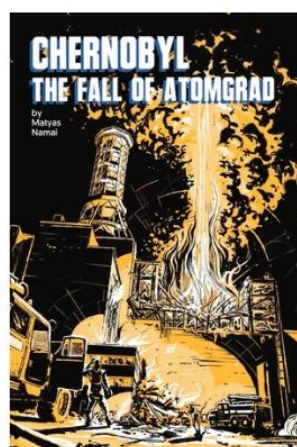
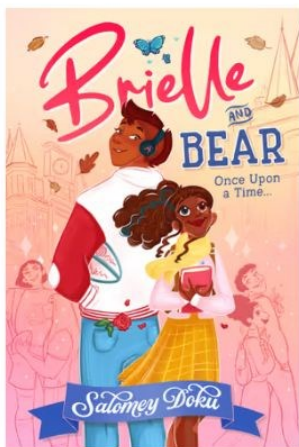
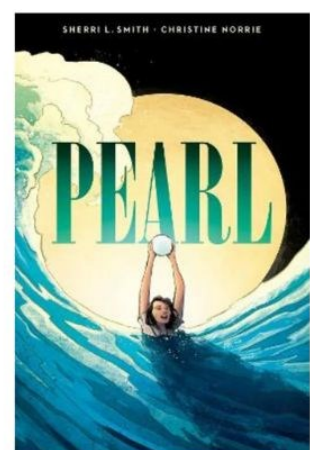
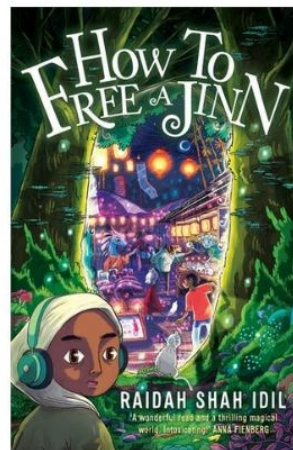
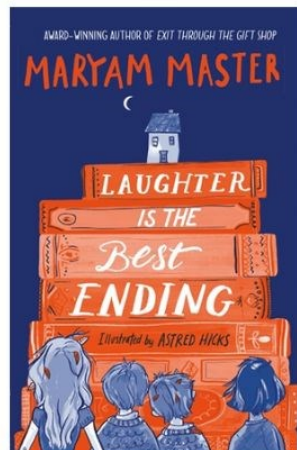
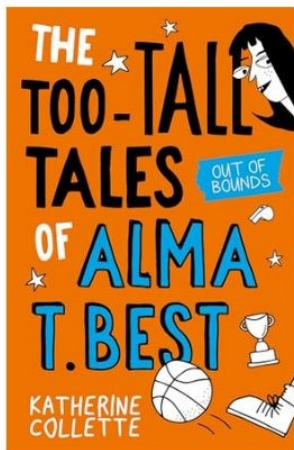
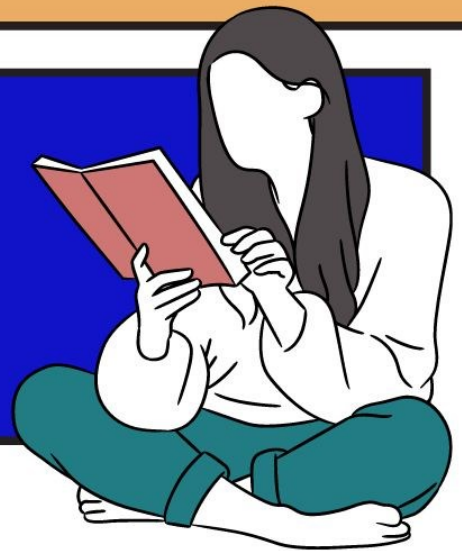
Kane recently commenced the SBAT with Stevenson Fabrication in Numurkah. Stevenson Fabrication are a leading regionally based engineering services company delivering large scale projects and providing preventative maintenance solutions using a highly skilled workforce and state of the art machinery.

Kane will be based at Stevenson Fabrication 2 days per week and complete the SBAT in-conjunction with his schooling. Kane is already a skilled welder and has a keen interest in working with stainless steel. All the best Kane!



# WHAT'S NEW?

in the library





# NOTICEBOARD

NATHALIA  
AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETY INC.

EST 1888



**RYAN**  
MEAT GROUP  
Established 1948

**Bendigo Bank**

## Nathalia Show

**Sat**  
**5th Oct**  
**2024**

**Gates open 9am**

**Theme: 'Lexus Melbourne Cup'**

Featuring the 2024 Lexus  
Melbourne Cup & Living Legends  
retired racehorses

LEGO - Dairy cattle show  
Showbags - Horse events  
Train rides - Face painting  
LevelUP Gaming VR experience  
Pavilion events - Snake pit  
Fashions on the Fields  
and so much more!

Nathalia Agricultural Society  
**www.nathaliashow.com**

Phone: 044 752 9878

Adults \$15 - Children 16 & under \$5 - Aged  
concession \$10 - Preschoolers free.  
Cash only at gate.



**NATHALIA  
SECONDARY  
COLLEGE**  
TERM 4 2024

### SOCCER PROGRAM



#### DATES

Oct: 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th Nov: 6th, 11th,  
13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th DEC: 2nd, 4th



#### WHAT IT IS

Soccer training, small sided games and  
competitions



#### WHERE & WHO

Nathalia secondary college oval  
Students in grades 7-8 & 9-10



#### HOW TO BOOK

[www.skillzonesports.com](http://www.skillzonesports.com)

### WHY CHOOSE US?

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Zero cost for participants  
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## NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE IS NOW TAKING 2025 ENROLMENTS!

*Our dedicated teachers and  
engaging curriculum offer children  
the opportunity to learn and grow in  
a safe and supportive environment.*

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PROUDLY RUN BY AL'S SKATE CO

2024

**ROUND 11 - COBRAM SKATE PARK**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND**

REGISTRATION & WARM UP 10:30AM  
 COMPETITION STARTING 11:00AM

OTHER ACTIVITIES ON OFFER  
 LIVE DJ  
 DRUMMING WORKSHOP BY IN THE GROOVE  
 SKATE-DECK ART WORKSHOP  
 ROTARY BBQ

All competitors must wear helmets during heats and a parent/guardian permission is required for participants under 18 years of age.

For more information please contact the Moira Youth Team on 5871 9222 or Youth@moira.vic.gov.au

ALL AGES EVENT  
 ALL EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL, SMOKE & VAPE FREE

Logos: ALPS SKATE CO, VMA, NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES, SKATE - SCOOT - BMX, RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA, INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL, towongshire, ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL, Mansfield Shire, BENALLA RURAL CITY, Albury City, moira SHIRE, YOUTH SERVICES, @ALSSKATECO, @ALSSKATSCO

**MISSION 250**

**MOIRA FOODSHARE**

We need your help.

Moira FoodShare is aiming to find 250 patrons to donate \$10 a month to help us buy much needed food.

**Become A Donor Now**

[moirafoodshare.com.au](http://moirafoodshare.com.au)

**GREATER SHEPPARTON YOUTH FEST**

**BMX / SKATE / SCOOT COMPETITION AND ART WORKSHOP**

**Sunday 29 September 2024**  
**Shepparton Skate Park**

**BMX, Skate or Scoot Competition**  
 Judged by International Judge Renton Millar  
 Compete for your chance to WIN 1st, 2nd or 3rd place medals for Under 13 and Over 13

**Deadly Decks Art Workshop 10am**  
 Paint a skateboard deck with a First Nations design!  
 With guidance from renowned artist Tammy Lee Atkinson.

Events are fully supervised and open to all ages. Drug, vape, alcohol and smoking-free.

Limited spots available. Scan the QR code for more info

For any queries, phone 5832 9700 or email [council@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@shepparton.vic.gov.au)

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**AusBike**  
 AGES 5-12

A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running with Shepparton Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

**AusBikers are safe & active kids!**  
 Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!

**REGISTER NOW**

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.

Australian Government





# Dates to remember...

**Friday 20th September**

Last Day Term—Footy colours day  
2:20pm dismissal

**Monday 7th October**

Term 4 commences

**Tuesday 8th October**

Yr 7/8 Boys Cricket

**Thursday 10th October**

LMR Athletics Bendigo

**Tuesday 15th October**

Yr 7 & 10 Vaccinations

LMR INT Boys cricket

School Council

**Monday 21st October**

Last day for Year 12's—Assembly

State Athletics

**Tuesday 29th October**

VCE Exams commence

**Thursday 31st October**

Grade 6 Transition 12:30-3:20pm

**Monday 4th November**

**Pupil Free Day**

**Tuesday 5th November**

**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 12th November**

Grade 6 Transition 9:00-10:40am

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