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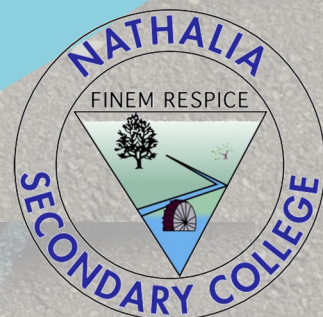
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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Dear Nathalia Secondary College Community, It has been another wonderful few weeks at Nathalia Secondary College, with a rich variety of learning and activities taking place across the school.

It was great to have our NAIDOC activities taking place in the college last week. These occasions are an important opportunity for our whole school community to come together to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It was pleasing to see our students engage so thoughtfully, and I thank the staff who worked to make these activities so meaningful.

Last week our Year 9 and 10 English classes travelled to Melbourne to attend a performance of "Animal Farm". Seeing the text brought to life on stage is a valuable experience, and it gave our students a deeper understanding of the story and its themes in preparation for VCE English. Excursions like these enrich classroom learning in ways that stay with students, and it was terrific to see them representing our school so well.

A quick reminder that Cycle 3 of SPA will be published to families soon. I encourage all parents and carers to take the time to review it together with your child, as these reflections are a valuable way to celebrate progress and set goals for the period ahead.

On the sporting front, our Year 9 and 10 Basketball team had a great day on Monday, with the team winning two games. Well done to all the students involved — your effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship were a credit to yourselves and to our school.

As we continue through the semester, I would like to leave students with two simple encouragements. Keep up a high level of attendance, because being at school every day keeps you connected to your learning and gives you the best chance to succeed. And always try your best — effort and a willingness to have a go matter more than anything, and they are what lead to real growth.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Parent Bulletin

E-SCOOTER & BIKE NOTICE

E-scooters and bikes are not to be ridden inside school grounds at any time. They pose a significant safety risk to those inside school grounds.

Students are to dismount upon arriving at the gate, and walk their E-scooter or bike to the bike shed.

At the end of the day, students must walk their E-scooter or bike to the gate before getting on.

A reminder of the Victorian E-scooter road rules can be found [here](#).

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer 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 / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

A random sample of parents / carers have been selected to participate in this year's 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.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2026

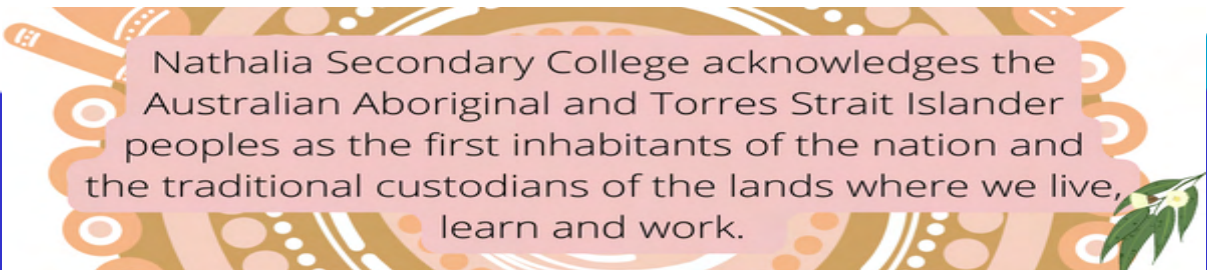
Information regarding the 2026 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2026 is \$250.

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).

If you would like to make regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, individual payment plans can be arranged.

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding these arrangements.



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 - 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.

In the classroom

YEAR 9/10 FOODS

Our Year 9/10 Foods students have been busy in the kitchen, creating a delicious Chicken Shawarma Plate with homemade flatbreads and lemon yoghurt sauce! A fantastic opportunity for students to develop their cooking skills while preparing a fresh and flavour-packed meal. Well done, everyone, it looks absolutely delicious!



THE ODYSSEY EXCURSION

On Tuesday, the year 7/8 drama class went to the Echuca Paramount cinemas to watch *The Odyssey* by Christopher Nolan, starring Matt Damon as Odysseus and Tom Holland as Telemachus. It was a really enjoyable experience and the movie was great. I would definitely watch it again. We got on the bus at around quarter past 9 and we were all very excited for the movie. Once the movie started, I went to my seat with my popcorn and lollies and was expecting a normal movie with a normal storyline. That was far from the truth as it was the best movie I have seen in cinemas. After the movies, we went to KFC where we had a nice meal before we got back on the bus. On the bus ride home, we were all exhausted and were just talking and relaxing.

Kelvin—Year 8



Beyond the classroom

ANIMAL FARM EXCURSION

On 13th August, Miss Schols' English class travelled to the Melbourne Arts Centre. They watched a contemporary version of Animal Farm which was an absolute blast...funny, educational, thought provoking and engaging.

ANIMAL FARM IS A PLAY ORIGINALLY BASED ON THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, BUT THIS ADAPTATION WAS BASED ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. I HAD REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS, BUT IT UNFORTUNATELY FAILED TO MEET THEM. IT WAS RATHER BORING AND DIDN'T FEEL COMPLETE BY THE END. IT FELT AS THOUGH THERE WAS MORE STORY TO TELL, AND IT WAS UNFINISHED WHICH WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T THE MOST ENJOYABLE PLAY IN THE WORLD, IT IS A GOOD PLAY TO WATCH BECAUSE OF ITS MEANING AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS. THE STORY OF ESCAPING OPPRESSION JUST TO SEEMINGLY PUT YOURSELF BACK INTO IT IS DEEP AND MEANINGFUL. THE VIBE OF THE PLAY OFTEN CHANGES THROUGHOUT IT, BUT ITS OVERARCHING THEME IS A DEEP, HEARTFELT, AND MEANINGFUL STORY THAT IS PORTRAYED IN A WAY THAT MAKES IT FUNNY AND LIGHT-HEARTED, SO MUCH SO THAT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE CUSSING, I WOULD SAY IT'S SUITABLE FOR MUCH YOUNGER KIDS. TO SUMMARISE I WOULD SAY THAT I HAD A GOOD TIME...I THINK IT IS GOOD TO WATCH BECAUSE OF ITS THEMES AND STORY. HARLEY YOUNG, Year 10

In the beginning of Animal Farm the lights are dimly lit, and one of the actors slowly walks down the stairs with a rubber chicken in his hand, which confused me at first. Then he squished it, and the room went black. The actors walked out, and there was a terrifying head on the pig, and then the actors slowly came creeping around the stage and towards the audience and paused every beat of eight.

The pigs chewed up apples and spat them everywhere, which was messy, disgusting and kind of hilarious at the same time. There were confetti bombs when a comrade had passed; they were fairly loud and echoed through the theatre. The singing and dancing were performed wholeheartedly. There was a lot of swearing throughout the play, and the dialogue itself was very funny.

There was a nerve-rattling trial against Comrade Napoleon which ended with Napoleon's communications officer Comrade Squealer unveiling a new plan to the people, and the whole play altogether felt unfinished and left us on edge with the last line being "This piggy went to the market and peed all over the carpet." However, on the contrary, there were a lot of highlights from the play.

Dylan, Year 10

It was intriguing at best and downright horrific at the same time. They found unique ways to fit in sensual moments, all whilst being able to convey the original message of George Orwell's original message that he layered into the original story of Animal Farm. Gabe, Year 9

The lights have dimmed and the room falls to complete silence. Suddenly a voice comes through the microphones quoting how dumb a chicken is and how easily you can hypnotise a chicken. Then one of the actors walks slowly down the aisle towards the stage holding a rubber chicken above his head. He gets to the stage and stares intently out into the audience, a look of utter terror and concentration upon his face. Then he holds the chicken up as far as his arm can physically reach and squeaks it once. The lights go off and the music starts. The audience is cheering and the adrenaline rush is insane.

Then Syd Brisbane (as Boxer) walks onto the stage with a stuffed pig head and just stands there, head rotating ever so slightly to each side. In the background, the farmer sauntered, asserting his swagger of his hips, holding his belt buckle, with a cruel look upon his face, towards the audience. Animal Farm is a Bloomshed Adaptation that was directed by James Jackson. By Alex, Year 9

Beyond the classroom

ANIMAL FARM EXCURSION

On Thursday, the 13th of August. Ms.Schols took us, her 9/10 English class plus a few extra students to see a play called Animal Farm. It went for an hour and five minutes.

When the play started, a person in a pig costume appeared. That was probably the most demonic pig costume I had ever seen, the slow movements of the actor were genuinely terrifying.

Then, the farmer basically got missiles made of eggs thrown at him as he was exiled by THE farm animals. I was half aware of what was happening on that stage, the more that happened the less I remember. However, there were many highlights.. For me.

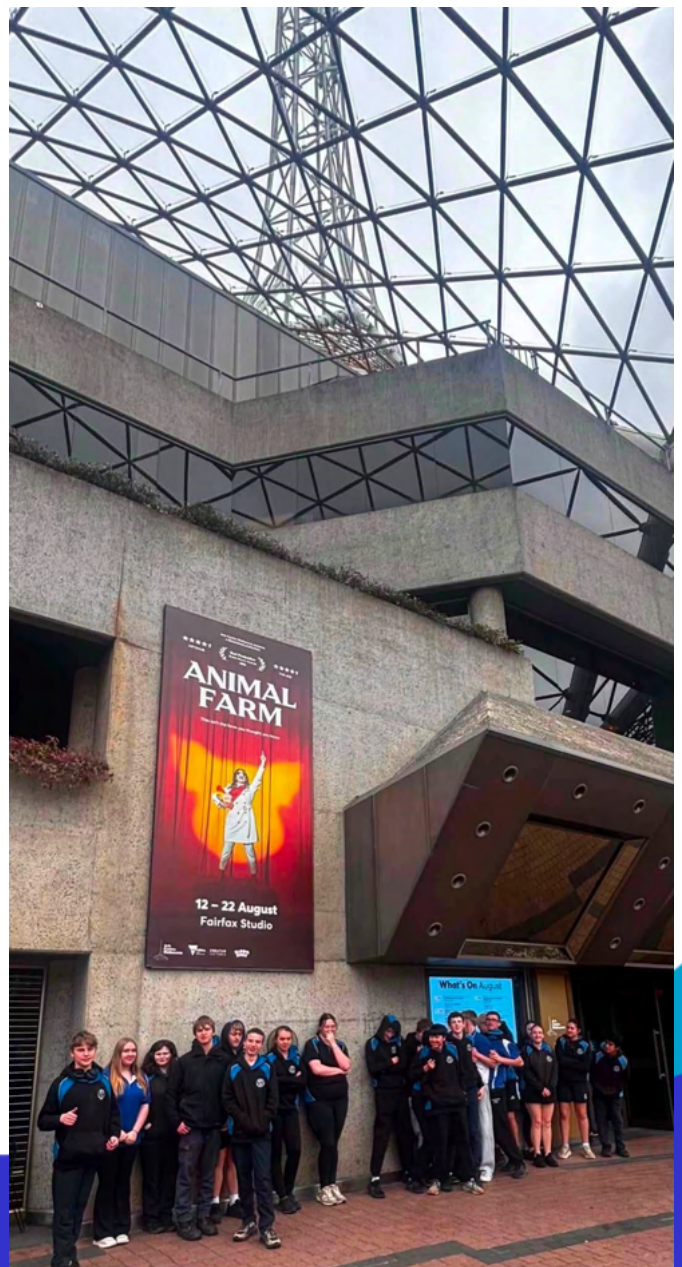
Such as when Alex was basically traumatised by an actor. Hearing the words “My safe word is gelatine”. I was shocked, it was the kind of stuff you’d hear in adult comedy films. The more the play progressed, the more unhinged it became.

I was never expecting to hear threats like those very questionable ones. The animals ascending to heaven sent me, the rebellion barely lasted and it was immediate execution.

Now, for me personally? The whole federal court part? That was interesting, like how one of them had rabies, you can’t even get that in Australia. The fact they were all arguing and constantly cussing each other out was pure comedy gold.

Haylee, Year 10

The play was exquisitely chaotic...the acting was my favourite part. They didn't break character during many comedic moments, although there were many traumatizing parts. Such as the pig at the beginning of the play who then dies by getting shot in the head. The play was also very imaginative, everyone had to imagine the context and setting by themselves, henceforth why others had a hard time understanding. The play was fun, messy and beautiful all at once. George, Year 9



Beyond the classroom

JACK TAKES ON THE STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jack L, who represented Nathalia Little Athletics Centre at the Little Athletics Victoria State Cross Country Championships at Lake Dewar on Saturday.

Jack competed in the first event of the day, tackling a slippery 3km course. Moisture on the ground made conditions difficult, with several competitors taking spills along the way. The hilly terrain also presented a new challenge for Jack, as it was quite different from the courses he usually runs.

Jack completed the race in 13m and 13s, placing 38th out of 44 competitors. The winning time was 9m and 53s.

Reaching the state championships is a fantastic achievement, and we congratulate Jack on representing his centre with determination and pride. Well done, Jack!





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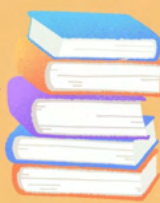
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2026

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Book Week Dress Up Day

Thursday 27th August 2026



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CAREER ACTION PLANS – YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PLAN

This week, we have started working with our Year 12 students to complete their Career Action Plans (CAPs). Throughout the remainder of the term, we will work through each year level to ensure all students complete their CAP for 2026.

Every student completes a CAP each year, with questions tailored to their age and stage of career development. CAPs are a great opportunity for students to reflect on their strengths and interests, explore career and study options, set goals and think about their future pathways.

There are no right or wrong answers, and students don't need to have their future completely figured out. It's simply a chance to explore what's possible and discover more about themselves.

Your future doesn't have to be decided today, but it's never too early to start exploring what's possible!



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⌚ 8:00AM - 3:00PM

YARRAWONGA
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COBRAM
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Nathalia Agricultural Society



Dates to remember...

Monday 24th August

NSC Athletics Day

Thursday 27th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Tuesday 8th September

JNR & INT girls cricket

Wednesday 9th September

JNR Boys cricket

Thursday 10th September

INT Boys cricket

Friday 18th September

Last Day of term 3

2:20pm dismissal

Monday 5th October

First Day Term 4

Mon 5th—Fri 9th October

Year 12 Practice Exam Week

Monday 2nd November

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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