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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Dear Nathalia Secondary College Community, Welcome back to all of our students, families, and staff for what promises to be a busy and rewarding Semester 2. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and has returned refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

We finished last semester on a high note, with our Senior School Information Evening held last Wednesday afternoon. It was a great evening that provided our Year 10 students and their families with details about future pathway options as they begin thinking about their senior years of schooling. Thank you to all the families who attended and to the staff who made it such a success — making informed choices now sets our students up well for the years ahead.

Those who have been around the school this week will have noticed some of the works completed over the break, including fresh painting and new carpet in several areas. These improvements help create a bright, welcoming environment, and we're sure students and staff alike will appreciate

the difference.

Semester 2 PAT testing is now underway, giving us valuable insight into each student's learning progress, and we look forward to celebrating the growth our students have made since Semester 1. We encourage all students to approach the tests calmly and simply do their best — that's all we ever ask.

That message of doing your best extends well beyond testing. As we begin the new semester, we remind all students that effort and attendance make the biggest difference to their success. Every lesson matters, and being at school every day keeps students connected to their learning, their friends, and their school community. Alongside that, doing your best doesn't mean being perfect — it means showing up, having a go, asking for help when you need it, and taking pride in your work.

We look forward to a fantastic semester of learning and growth, and thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Parent Bulletin

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents and carers are reminded to notify the school each day their child is absent, either by phone or through PAM. If a student is absent without a recorded reason, an automated text message will be sent requesting confirmation. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate attendance records and support student safety.

PAM—ONLINE CONSENT FOR CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

We are pleased to advise that we are introducing online consent for camps and excursions through PAM / SIMON Everywhere.

This new process will allow families to provide permission electronically, making it the quickest and easiest way to complete consent forms. Parents and guardians will be able to log in, review event details and submit consent directly through the platform.

We understand that some families may prefer a paper option. Paper permission forms will continue to be sent home and will remain available upon request.

Going forward, we encourage families to use the online system where possible, as it will help streamline communication and

ensure permissions are received promptly. You will receive a PAM notification when online consent is required for your child's next event.

If you have any questions or require assistance accessing PAM / SIMON Everywhere, please contact the school office.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2026

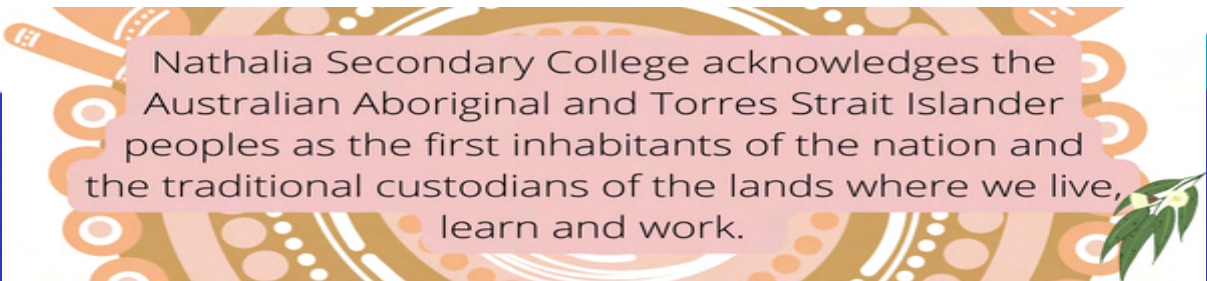
Information regarding the 2026 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2026 is \$250.

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

**WEDNESDAY 29TH
JULY 2026**

4.00PM-6.30PM

**IN PERSON
INTERVIEWS
AT NSC**

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!
PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**



BOOK NOW



Bookings can be
made via PAM

For assistance logging into
PAM email:

pam@nathaliasc.vic.edu.au

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YOUR FUTURE! SMALL
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**2027 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN**



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enrolment packs

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In the classroom

YEAR 7/8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 7/8 Foods students have been exploring the five food groups: fruit and vegetables; breads, pasta and other grains; dairy; meat and protein alternatives; and oils and spreads. They also discussed foods high in fat, salt and sugar and the importance of enjoying these in moderation.

To put their learning into practice, students created colourful fruit bowls atop some yoghurt. This activity allowed them to develop their food preparation and presentation skills while creating a nutritious and delicious dish. Well done to our budding chefs!



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR— TERM 2 WRAP UP

 School Wide Positive Behaviour
2026- Term 2, Week 9 Winner



Haylee

 School Wide Positive Behaviour
2026- Term 2, Week 10 Winner



Piper

 School Wide Positive Behaviour
2026- Term 2 Winner \$50 Voucher



Eliza

Around the grounds

YEAR 9 RUBICON CAMP

In the last week of Term 2, Year 9 students and staff drove down to the Rubicon Outdoor School Campus in Nayook. Over the course of the week, we participated in a range of exciting and engaging outdoor activities, including abseiling, caving and orienteering. The theme of the week was 'Resilience', and the staff at the Rubicon School helped our students develop their ability to push through difficult situations.

Two highlights for the group were the high ropes/ bush cooking day, and the white-water rafting. The high ropes saw Gabe show outstanding resilience amidst adversity, whilst George was cool as a cucumber and almost went to sleep on the high rope course! The white-water rafting was a great way to finish the week. Students paired off and had to work together to navigate the rapids of the Yarra River. Alex and Grace were complimented by the Rubicon Staff on their excellent communication and teamwork skills. Some students even took this as an opportunity to splash Mr Hodgson with the cold water. However, he gave as good as he got. We finished the week with a campfire and some marshmallows, where Lin made us all laugh.

A big thanks is owed to all the staff who helped, especially Paul for his excellent bus-driving skills and Mr Tinning who organised.



Around the grounds



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Around the grounds

NGV PHILOSOPHY EXCURSION

Towards the end of Term 2, a group of students from Year 7-8 headed down to Melbourne for an excursion run by the Victorian Association for Philosophy in Schools. Held at the National Gallery of Victoria, NSC students split into smaller groups upon arrival and joined in with other participating schools. The trained facilitators from the Association ran a workshop throughout the day where students discussed the idea of identity. The artworks at the NGV were used as hooks to prompt student thinking.

It was a great opportunity for our students to extend themselves. They all engaged in insightful and considered thinking about where their identities come from, how they change over time and who they are as young people. All the students behaved outstandingly and should be commended on their fine work. At the end of the session, they created some artworks of their own reflecting their personal identities.

After a long day with an early start, there were some very tired brains after a full day of rigorous thinking. However, we still had time to fill up on McDonalds before we finished. Well done to all students involved.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all of our Year 10 students who successfully completed their work experience in the last week of Term 2. We hope they enjoyed the opportunity to experience the workplace, develop new skills, and gain valuable insight into potential career pathways.

Work experience is an important part of career education, giving students the chance to build confidence, develop employability skills, and explore industries they may wish to pursue in the future.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many local businesses and organisations who generously hosted our students. Their support, time, and expertise provided invaluable real-world learning experiences, helping our students build confidence, develop workplace skills, and explore future career pathways. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support of our school community.

Harry	Remax Doors Nathalia
Konnar	Lawless Lasers Nathalia
Mason	Trans Tank International Nathalia
Tom	Trans Tank International Nathalia
Jordan	Easy Dairy Automation Systems
Lachie	Remax Doors Nathalia
Tyrell	Rumbalara Elders Facility Shepparton
Myles	C & M Automotive Shepparton
Dylan	Broken Willow Nathalia
Rylen	Ted Cahill Motors Shepparton
Nate	Croxford's Building Services Nathalia
Harley	Leaps & Bounds Canine Rehab Echuca

NOT PICTURED:

Charlie	Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre
Dorothy	Country Kidz Preschool Tongala
Ryan	Fuzion Cafe Echuca
Haylee	Lightmare Studios Strathmore
Tyler	CPE Construction Cobram

Kaisha Bloomz Hairdressing Kyabram

Rayan Kolundzija Constructions Nathalia

The second round of Year 10 work experience week is scheduled for **Week 7, Term 4**, from **Monday 16 November to Friday 20 November**. Students are encouraged to start thinking about where they would like to complete their placement and begin making enquiries with potential employers early to give themselves the best chance of securing a position.




DYLAN

Broken Willow Nathalia



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE




TOM

Trans Tank International Nathalia



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Careers Corner

With Emma



RYLEN

**Ted Cahill
Motors
Shepparton**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



TYRELL

**Rumbalara
Elders Facility
Shepparton**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



**RUMBALARA
ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE**



JORDAN

**Easy Dairy
Automation
Systems**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



LACHIE

**Remax Doors
Nathalia**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



NATE

**Croxford's
Building
Services
Nathalia**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



HARLEY

**Leaps &
Bounds
Canine Rehab
Echuca**

**YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE**



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Careers Corner *With Emma*

 KONNAR Lawless Lasers Nathalia YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 	 MYLES C & M Automotive Shepparton YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 
 MASON Trans Tank International Nathalia YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 	 HARRY Remax Doors Nathalia YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 

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YEAR 9 & 10 ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION BY VICTORIA POLICE YOUTH RESOURCE OFFICER

Our Year 9 & 10 students recently participated in an engaging and informative online safety presentation delivered by our Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer. The session was designed to equip students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to navigate today's increasingly connected digital world safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

Throughout the presentation, students explored a range of important topics, including protecting their digital footprint, maintaining online privacy, recognising scams and fake profiles, and understanding the legal responsibilities that apply to online behaviour. The presentation also addressed serious

issues such as online grooming, sexual extortion (sextortion), image-based abuse, and the importance of consent and respectful relationships in online spaces. Students were encouraged to think critically about the content they create, share, and interact with, recognising that online actions can have lasting personal, social, and legal consequences.

An important discussion also focused on the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI). Students learned about both the opportunities and challenges presented by AI, including the creation of realistic fake images and videos (deepfakes), misinformation, AI-powered scams, and the importance of questioning the authenticity of online content. Developing critical thinking skills and using trusted sources of information were highlighted as essential strategies for navigating an evolving digital landscape.

The presentation reinforced practical ways students can stay safe online, including protecting personal information, setting strong privacy controls, recognising warning signs of inappropriate online behaviour, supporting friends, and knowing when and how to seek help from trusted adults or support services.

We sincerely thank our Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer for delivering this valuable session and helping our students build the confidence, awareness, and decision-making skills needed to be safe, respectful, and responsible digital citizens. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, reinforcing the importance of open communication and supporting young people to make safe and informed choices whenever they are online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>





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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST COACHES WANTED!

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U10s	U12s	U14s	U16s
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✓ SUPPORT OUR JUNIORS ✓ BUILD TEAM CULTURE ✓ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BE PART OF THE CLUB. BE PART OF THEIR JOURNEY.

INTERESTED? REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FIND OUT MORE BY CONTACTING:  Waaia Cricket Club secretary@waaiacricketclub.com.au




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— 2026 VCEST Program Student

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— 2026 VCEST Program Student



Dates to remember...

Wednesday 29th July

VET Taster Day

Thursday 30th July

PT Interviews from 4pm

Thursday 13th August

Awards Assembly—Semester 1

Animal Farm Excursion—Melb
(Yr 9/10 English)

Monday 17th August

Yr 7 & INT Basketball—Echuca

Tuesday 18th August

School Council

Monday 24th August

NSC Athletics 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

AS THE SEASONS TURN, AND
THE WEATHER STARTS TO
COOL, A REMINDER BEANIES
CAN BE PURCHASED FROM
THE OFFICE FOR \$20



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