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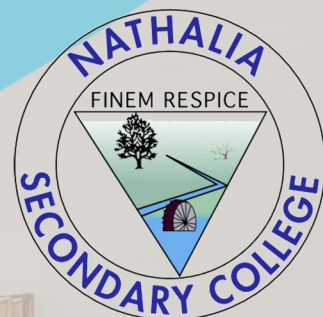
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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Dear Nathalia Secondary College Community, As we reach the conclusion of Semester 1, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a productive and successful first half of the year at Nathalia Secondary College. Our students have embraced a wide range of learning opportunities, challenges and experiences, and I am proud of the effort and growth that has been demonstrated across the college.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all students who completed the General Achievement Test (GAT) last week. These assessments are an important part of the senior secondary pathway, and our students approached the day with maturity, focus and determination. We are proud of the way they represented themselves and the college.

Last Tuesday, a group of students attended an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne. The visit provided students with a valuable opportunity to engage with significant works of art and culture, extending their learning beyond the classroom. Experiences such as these help inspire creativity, critical thinking and a broader understanding of the world around us.

This week, our Year 9 students are attending camp at the Rubicon Outdoor School. Outdoor education programs provide students with opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork, leadership and confidence while challenging themselves in a new environment. We look

forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return.

At the same time, our Year 10 students have been participating in Work Experience placements throughout the region. These placements provide invaluable insights into the world of work, helping students explore career interests, develop workplace skills and gain a better understanding of future pathways. We thank the many local businesses and organisations that have supported our students by providing these opportunities.

I would also like to remind families that Semester 1 reports will be released at the end of this week. Reports provide an important opportunity to celebrate achievements, recognise effort and identify areas for future growth. I encourage families to take the time to review reports together and have positive conversations about learning goals for Semester 2.

As we head into the term break, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their ongoing commitment and support throughout the semester. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Have a safe and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming all students back next term ready to learn, challenge themselves and make the most of every opportunity that Semester 2 has to offer.

Parent Bulletin

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.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The reports will be distributed on Friday 26th June.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Wednesday 29th July, or, as always, you can contact the school office on 5866 2331 to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2026

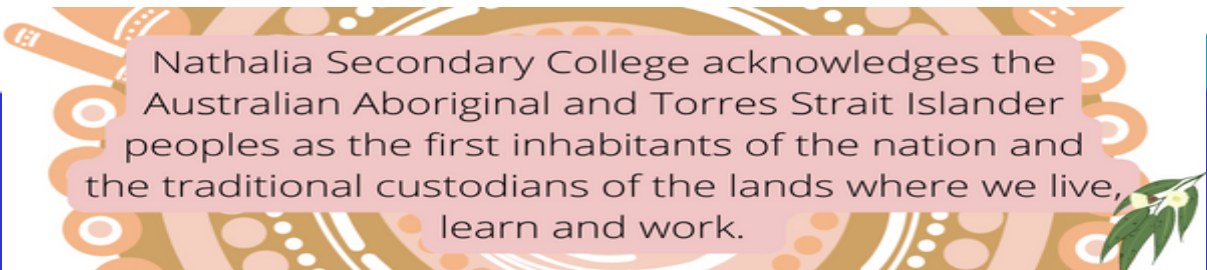
Information regarding the 2026 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2026 is \$250.

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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School Wide Positive Behaviour

2026- Term 2, Week 7 Winner



Ruby



School Wide Positive Behaviour

2026- Term 2, Week 8 Winner



Kloe

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Our weekly SWPB winners are back, and you could be in with a chance to win a \$10 canteen voucher!

A huge shoutout also to our Top 10 Commended Students and Top 10 Staff Reporters for consistently demonstrating and recognising positive behaviours across our school.



Nathalia Secondary College 2027 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



JOIN US AND EXPLORE
YOUR FUTURE! SMALL
SCHOOL - BIG
OPPORTUNITIES



 Contact the office for enrolment packs

 5866 2331

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In the classroom

HIGH SPA LUNCH

Congratulations to the following students who received a score of 4.3 or above in cycle 2 of SPA. They were rewarded with a delicious 2 course meal for lunch, along with Mr. Robinson and some of their teachers.

Keep up the excellent work!

YEAR 7

Gat, Elah D, Jorell D, Eliza, Kadan

YEAR 8

Quade, April, Cassie, Marley

YEAR 9

Alex, George, Willow

YEAR 10

Dylan

YEAR 11

Taylah, Declan H, Aidan, Kayiah, Jay, Jake



SCIENCE IN ACTION

Our students recently became young scientists as they investigated the fascinating world of cells using microscopes. During the lesson, students compared plant cells and animal cells, observing their unique structures up close.

The hands-on activity encouraged students to develop their observation skills, record scientific findings, and deepen their understanding of how living things are made up of cells. It was wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity as they explored the building blocks of life!



BEST WISHES TO OUR YEAR 10 STUDENTS ON WORK EXPERIENCE

This week, our Year 10 students are undertaking their Work Experience placements, giving them the opportunity to explore career pathways, develop workplace skills, and gain valuable real-world experience.

We encourage students to make the most of this opportunity by being enthusiastic, asking questions, and embracing new challenges. The experience and knowledge gained can help shape future education and career decisions.

A big thank you to the local businesses and organisations hosting our students. Your support plays an important role in helping our young people prepare for the future.

We wish all of our Year 10 students a successful and rewarding week of Work Experience!

**THE SCHOOL HAS SOME
PANTRY ITEMS AVAILABLE
TO FAMILIES IN NEED.
PLEASE CONTACT THE
WELLBEING TEAM - BRON
& CRAIG FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION**



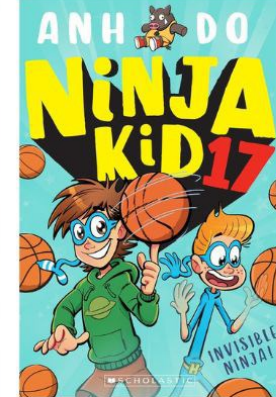
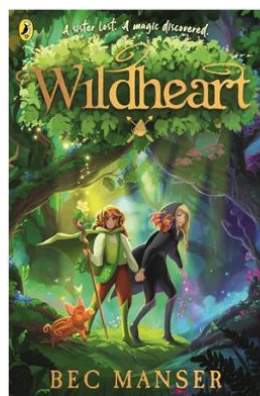
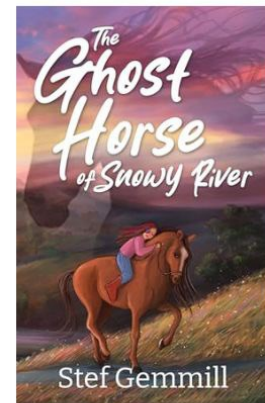
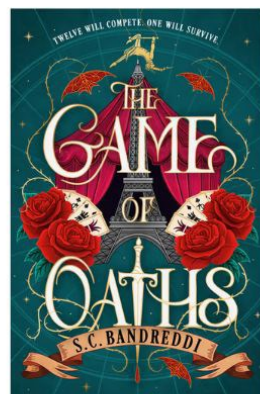
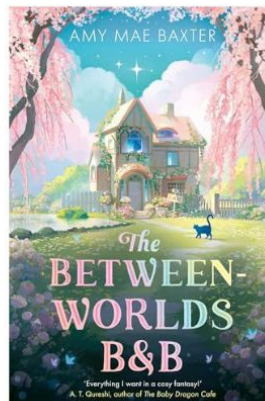
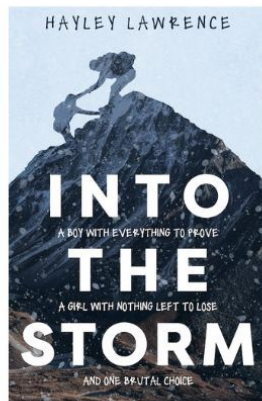
Our wellbeing team can also access State School Relief uniform vouchers for families who need assistance. Please reach out to the team via the office on 5866 2331.



**STATE
SCHOOLS'
RELIEF**

WHAT'S NEW?

in the library



Wellbeing

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The teenage brain: under construction!



Adolescence is a time of significant **growth, development & remodelling** for your child's brain.

Unused connections in the brain get 'pruned' away.

At the same time, other connections get stronger. It's the 'use it or lose it' principle.



The way your child is **using their brain** influences the way their brain **develops**.

So it's worth thinking about the **activities & experiences your child is into**, like music, sports, study, languages & video games.

How are these shaping the sort of brain your child will take into adulthood?



Your influence can help your child build a healthy brain.

For example, you can **support your child's brain development** by:

- encouraging **positive behaviour**
- promoting good **thinking skills**
- encouraging plenty of **sleep**.



Behaviour tips for a healthy teen brain

- Let your child take **healthy risks**.
- Use **routines** to give structure to your child's life.
- Negotiate **boundaries** with your child.
- Be a **positive role model**.



Thinking tips for a healthy teen brain

- Talk with your child about **different perspectives**.
- Emphasise that **actions have consequences**.
- Match your **language** to your child's understanding.
- Work on **problem-solving** together.



Sleep tips for a healthy teen brain

Check that your child's sleep environment is **comfortable & quiet**.

And encourage your child to:

- **relax** before bed – no phone!
- go to bed & get up at **regular times**
- get 8-10 hours of **sleep** a night.



Did you know?

The **prefrontal cortex** is the **decision-making & problem-solving** part of the brain. But it gets **remodelled last**.

While the prefrontal cortex is developing, your teen might make decisions & solve problems with the **amygdala**, which is associated with **emotions, impulses & instinct**.

This explains a lot about teen thinking & behaviour – your child is working with a brain that's **still under construction**.



Visit our website to explore more resources that support **parents & carers of young people aged 9-18**

raisingchildren.net.au

Raising Children
Network



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WHO CAN HELP

KIDS HELPLINE



1800 55 1800

SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE



1300 659 467

HEADSPACE



1800 650 890

QLIFE



1800 184 527

13 YARN



13 9276

LIFELINE



13 11 14

1800 RESPECT



1800 737 732

REACHOUT



REACHOUT.COM

HOUSING VICTORIA



1800 184 527

ASK IZZY



ASKIZZY.ORG.AU

POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE



YOUTH LAW



1800 953 673

NOTICEBOARD



HOLIDAY CLINIC • THE CAGE

SCHOOL'S OUT WORK'S ON

*Two hours. Game-real intensity.
Real coaching feedback.*

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	COST
AGES 7-10	AGES 11-14	\$50
9-11AM MON - FRI	1-3PM MON - FRI	PER SESSION

LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION

THE CAGE • SHEPPARTON

theacademyvic.com.au



GRAND OPENING

DHARNYA DAY - Wednesday July 8th, 2026



In this milestone year of NAIDOC, we celebrate the reopening of the **Dharnya Centre**. Proudly brought back to life as a place for culture, connection and community

Join us as Yorta Yorta people gather to honour our past, celebrate 50 years of Deadly, and stand strong for our future.

Follow Sandridge track from Barmah township

• Yorta Yorta Dancers • Live Music • Stalls and Food • Children's Activities



NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS of DEADLY



**NAIDOC
WEEK
50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

#NAIDOC2026 #FIFTYYEARSDEADLY #NAIDOCWEEK

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Dates to remember...

Friday 26th June

Last Day Term 2

2:20pm dismissal

Monday 13th July

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 14th July

Term 3 commences

Tuesday 21st July

School Council

Wednesday 22nd July

Senior School Information Night

Wednesday 29th July

PT Interviews from 4pm

Thursday 13th August

Animal Farm Excursion—Melb

(Yr 9/10 English)

Monday 24th August

NSC Athletics Day

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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