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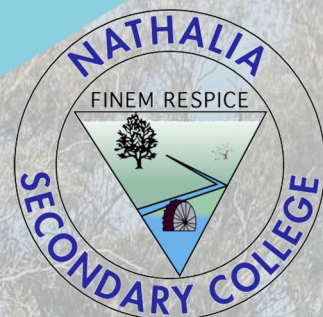
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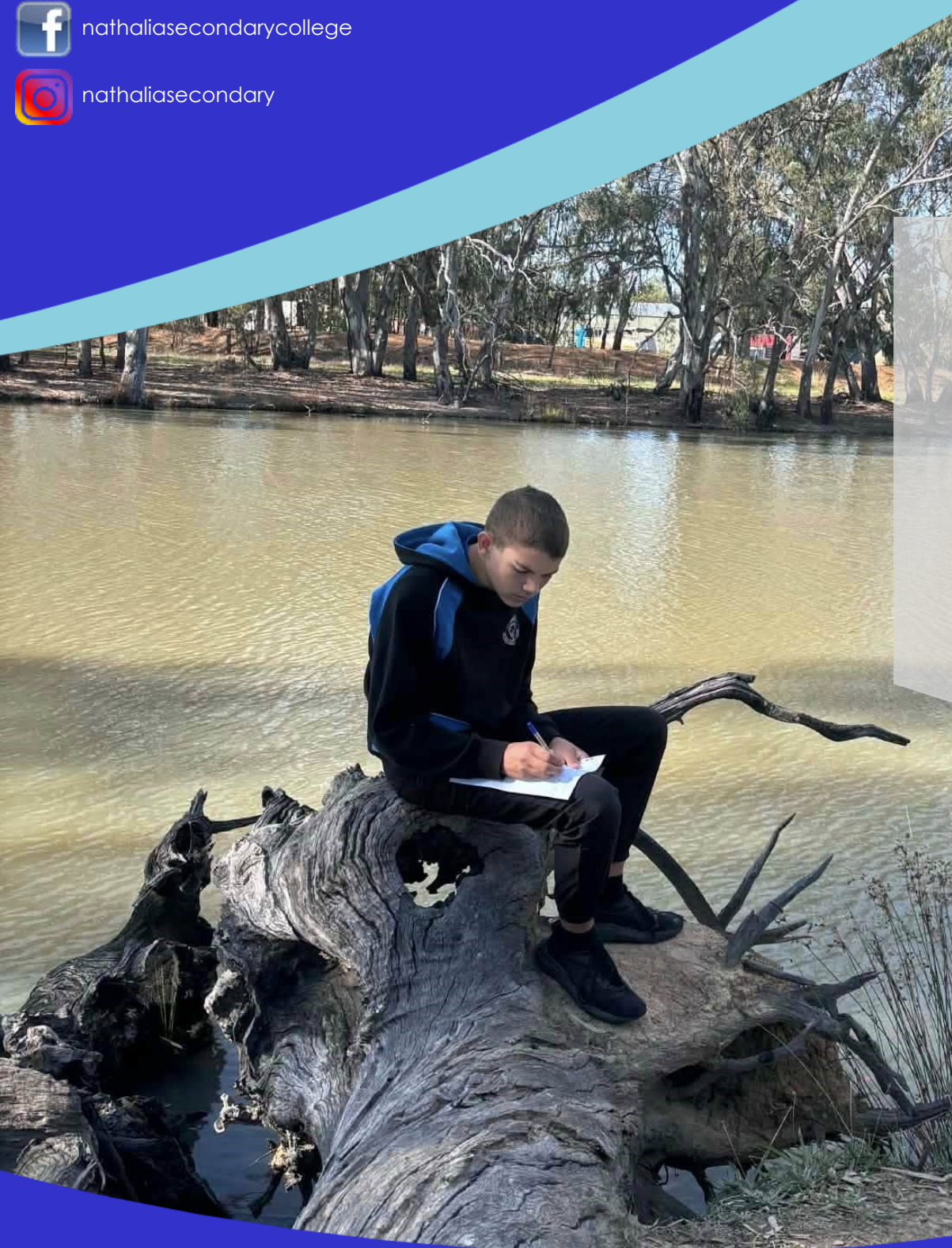
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A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Dear Nathalia Secondary College Community,

It has been another positive and productive few weeks at Nathalia Secondary College, with many wonderful opportunities for students to engage in learning, represent the college, and celebrate success.

Last Wednesday, we were delighted to host our School Open Day, and it was fantastic to welcome so many families and community members through our gates. It was especially pleasing to have students from our local primary schools visit and experience what Nathalia Secondary College has to offer. Open Day is always a valuable opportunity to showcase our school, our programs, and the many opportunities available to students. It was wonderful to see our classrooms full of activity, students proudly sharing their learning, and staff engaging with visiting families. Events like this are an important reminder of the strong sense of community we have at Nathalia Secondary College, and we thank everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success.

Congratulations to the students who recently represented Nathalia Secondary College at the Interschool Badminton competition in Bendigo. Representing your school in any competition is something to be proud of, and our students did an excellent job, demonstrating skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to all involved for representing the college so positively.

It has also been fantastic to see students being recognised through our weekly SWPB

commendation draw. Celebrating students who consistently demonstrate our school expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible learners is an important part of building a positive school culture. Congratulations to all of our recent winners, and I encourage all students to continue striving to make positive choices each day.

Our SPA reports have now been published on SIMON and can be accessed by families via PAM. These reports provide an important snapshot of your child's progress and are a valuable tool for reflection. I encourage all families to take the time to review these reports with their child, celebrate successes, and have meaningful conversations about areas for growth and future learning goals. Strong partnerships between school and home play an important role in supporting student achievement.

As we continue through the term, I would like to remind all students of the importance of maintaining or improving attendance, wearing the correct school uniform, and always striving to do their best. Being at school every day gives students the greatest opportunity to succeed academically, socially and emotionally. Wearing the uniform with pride reflects respect for our college and our community, while consistent effort in the classroom helps students continue to grow and achieve their goals. Small positive habits, repeated each day, make a significant difference over time.

Thank you for your continued support of Nathalia Secondary College.

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.

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.

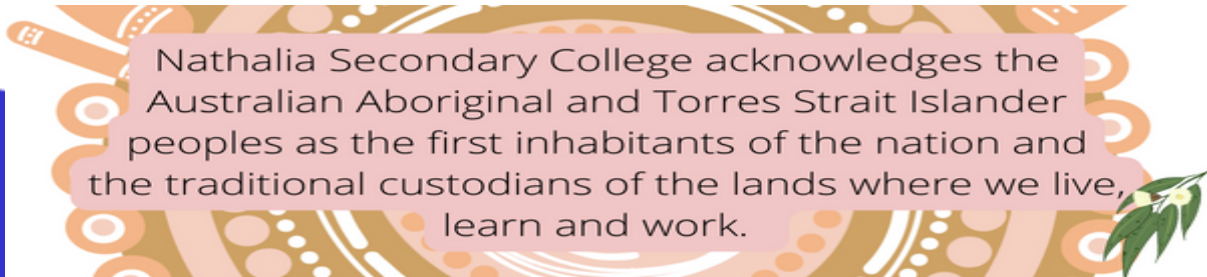
SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

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.



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 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.

SPA REPORTS

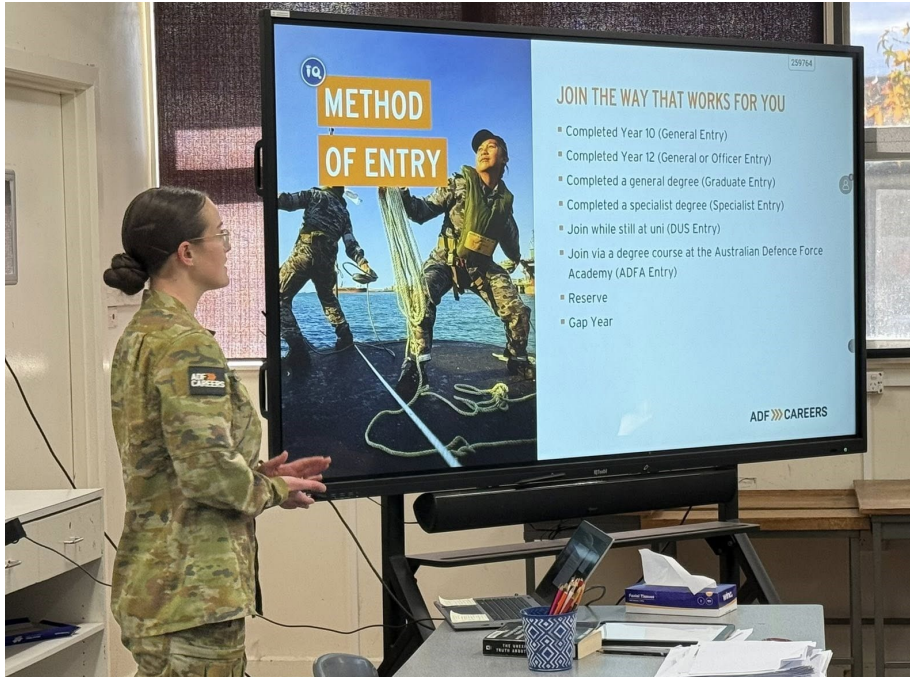
**CYCLE 2 SPA REPORTS ARE
NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW
ON SIMON/PAM**



In the classroom

ADF CAREERS VISIT

A big thank you to Sergeant Haley McCarthy and Sergeant Rob Aitken — along with the adorable Labrador Fergus — for visiting us today to share information about career opportunities within the Australian Defence Force. Our students gained valuable insight into the many pathways, experiences, and opportunities available through a career in the Defence Force.



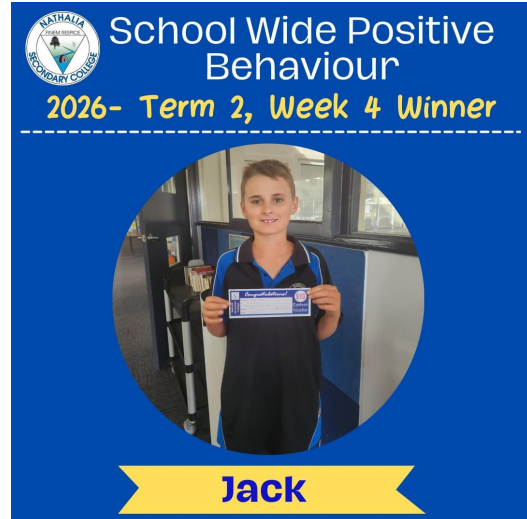
Around the grounds

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.

Thanks for helping make our school community a positive, respectful and supportive place to learn and grow!



LMR BADMINTON

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Loddon Mallee Region badminton competition in Eaglehawk last week. Their hard work and sportsmanship paid off, bringing home the runners-up ribbon.

Well done to everyone involved!



Year 12 – YouThrive Branch Out Mentoring Program

We are excited to offer our Year 12 students the opportunity to participate in the **YouThrive Branch Out Mentoring Program**, beginning **Tuesday 2nd June** at **lunchtime**.

This **4-week program** has been designed to help students build confidence and practical life skills as they prepare for life beyond school. Whether students are planning on university, TAFE, an apprenticeship, employment, or are still figuring things out, there will be something valuable for everyone.

Across the sessions, students will explore a range of important real-life topics, including:

- **Finance** – understanding tax, superannuation, budgeting and managing money
- **Housing** – rental options, moving out, shared expenses and tenant rights
- **Adulting** – life admin, friendships, self-care and navigating independence
- **Digital Wellbeing** – building healthy technology habits and understanding social media influences
- **Scholarships** – finding opportunities and learning how to apply

Gap Years – exploring travel, work and upskilling options after school

While this program is **optional**, it is **strongly encouraged for all Year 12 students** as everyone will be able to take something meaningful away from the sessions.

In addition, **YouThrive offers scholarship opportunities** for students interested in **university, TAFE or apprenticeships**, with **applications opening on 15th June**.

If you have any questions, please see **Bron Leslie or Emma Minchin**.

YOUThrive
VICTORIA

A legacy of Helen Macpherson Smith

Year 12 – Starting the Conversation About Life Beyond School

As our Year 12 students move through their final year, now is a great time to start having conversations at home about what life might look like beyond school.

For some students, plans are already taking shape. For others, they may still be unsure and that's completely okay. Pathways after Year 12 can look very different for each student, whether that's university, TAFE, an apprenticeship, or heading straight into the workforce.

We encourage families to begin these conversations in a relaxed and supportive way. Simple discussions about interests, strengths, and future goals can make a big difference in helping students feel more confident about their next steps.

To support this process, all Year 12 students are asked to book a **1:1 meeting with Emma (Careers)**. These meetings are designed to be informal, one-on-one chats to:

- Talk through ideas and options
- Answer questions

Help students start planning their pathway

There is no pressure for students to have everything figured out—these meetings are simply about starting the conversation and identifying how we can best support them moving forward.

Meeting Availability:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Bookings/Enquiries:

Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to working together to support your child in planning for life beyond school.



Year 10 Work Experience – Term 2

Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching and will take place during the last week of Term 2 from **Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June**.

Students are beginning to make plans and explore possible placements, however it is important that they now start locking in their arrangements as soon as possible. Many workplaces book out quickly, so early organisation is essential to secure a placement in an area of interest.

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into the world of work, explore possible career pathways and develop valuable employability skills.

Students who need support finding a placement, preparing resumes or making contact with employers are encouraged to see Emma for assistance. Emma is available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** to help students with planning and organising their work experience.

We look forward to seeing students take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

Wellbeing

With Craig, Bron, Raelene & Casey

**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.



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SCHOOLS'
RELIEF**

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**Bullying support
whenever you need it**



13 DOLLY - Bullying Support Line

Get confidential support via phone or webchat.

Kids & Young People: Open 24/7

Parents & Carers: Open 6am - Midnight



Bullying Support Hub

Get bullying support resources
and toolkits.



Beacon Cyber Safety App

Free to download from any app store, Beacon
is your go-to guide for kids online safety.



Visit **dollysdream.org.au** for bullying support

✉ community@dollysdream.org.au ✉ schoolbookings@dollysdream.org.au

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You might be single, in a partnership, have a family of your own, or rent your home. You could be a young professional or enjoying retirement. There is no "typical" Berry Street foster carer—only a person with an open heart and a spare room.

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Ph. 03 5822 8100

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Dates to remember...

Monday 8th June

Mon 15th—Thur 18th June

Tuesday 16th June

Friday 19th June

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June

Friday 26th June

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Year 11 exams

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School Council

PUPIL FREE DAY

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 9 Camp—Rubicon

Last Day Term 2

2:20pm dismissal

PUPIL FREE DAY

Term 3 commences

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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