

# Newsletter

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## A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, As Term 3 continues, it has been wonderful to see such strong participation and school spirit across a range of events and activities at Nathalia Secondary College.

A huge congratulations to all our students who participated in the recent Athletics Sports. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, encouragement and effort. Thank you to all staff who supported the event, and a special acknowledgement to Rhys and Sarah Hansen for their invaluable assistance in making the day such a success.

Another highlight was the Staff vs Student Basketball Game – an exciting and good-spirited match that brought plenty of laughs and healthy competition. These kinds of events are important in strengthening the sense of community

between students and staff.

We also enjoyed a fantastic Book Week celebration, with both students and staff embracing the theme and showing great creativity in their costumes. Events like Book Week are a wonderful way to promote a love of reading and bring joy to our school community.

As we move through the term, I want to remind all students of the importance of maintaining high attendance and giving your best effort each and every day. Being present, engaged and trying your best – whether in class, on the sporting field, or in extracurricular activities – gives you the greatest chance to succeed and grow.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

# Parent Bulletin

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2025

Information regarding the 2025 Parent Payments has been forwarded to all families. The total amount per student for 2025 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).

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

## PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian 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.

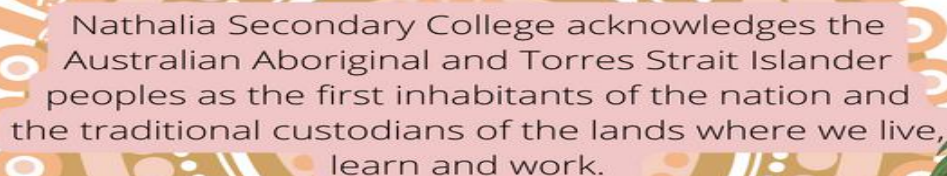
Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025.**

All families are invited to participate in the 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.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.



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.



# In the classroom

## YEAR 9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 9/10 Food Technology students recently showcased their skills in our Street Food unit, designing their own food truck concept and cooking street food favourites from around the world.

- Kyah and Esther served American-style gyros from "Taco Twins."
- Tom, Jack, and Tyler made French crepes at "Doux Oui Crepes."
- Mason and Harry prepared Greek souvlaki in "Giannis Greek Freak Food."
- Dylan ran "Berlin Bites," serving German currywurst.
- Boyd and Lachie created an Aussie chicken parma from "Eucalyptus Eats."

The project combined cooking, design, critical reflection and teamwork, giving students the chance to explore culture through food while building creativity and confidence. Well done to all involved!





# In the classroom

## YEAR 7/8 WOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 7&8 Wood students have been learning the skills and dexterity involved with basic hand tools. Students have been designing and constructing their names out of scrap wood, as well as creating a Bag Tag based on the features of Frankenstein. There has been some wonderful creativity displayed and all students have been very engaged in their tasks. Well done to all. Keep it up.





# Around the grounds *Athletics Day*

## Overall winners

1<sup>st</sup> Broken House – 462 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Goulburn House – 447 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Murray House – 272 points

## Age Champions

Junior Boy – Lucas (Murray)

Intermediate Boy – Boyd (Goulburn)

Senior Boy – River (Broken)

Junior Girl – Grace (Murray)

Intermediate Girls – Kyah (Murray) and Taylah (Murray)

Senior Girl – Taneya (Goulburn)





# Around the grounds *Athletics Day*



## Nathalia Gift

### Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Taneya  
2<sup>nd</sup> Taylah  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ashia  
4<sup>th</sup> Jordyn S  
5<sup>th</sup> Kyah  
DNS Ariella

## Nathalia Gift

### Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Lucas  
2<sup>nd</sup> River  
3<sup>rd</sup> Blair  
4<sup>th</sup> Boyd  
5<sup>th</sup> Lachie M  
DNS Josh D

## Broken Records

River – 17 Boys Discus – 27.71m  
beat Woody Guthrie (2019) 27.5m

Jack C – 15 Boys Shot Put – 11.6m  
beat Josh Dohnt (2022) 11.25

River – 17 Boys High Jump beat  
Harley Cobbledick (2010) 1.65m



# Around the grounds

## BOOK WEEK

What an amazing turnout for Book Week!

We were blown away by the creativity and effort put into every outfit—so many incredible costumes on display! Congratulations to the students who received certificates and prizes, and a big well done to everyone who dressed up—it made judging a very tough job this year.

**Best Homemade Costume:** Harley

**Best Dressed Book Character:** Lachie M & George

**Most Creative Costume:** Abbie

**Best Staff Costume:** Ms Schols, Mr Hodgson & Craig



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# Around the grounds *Staff v Students*



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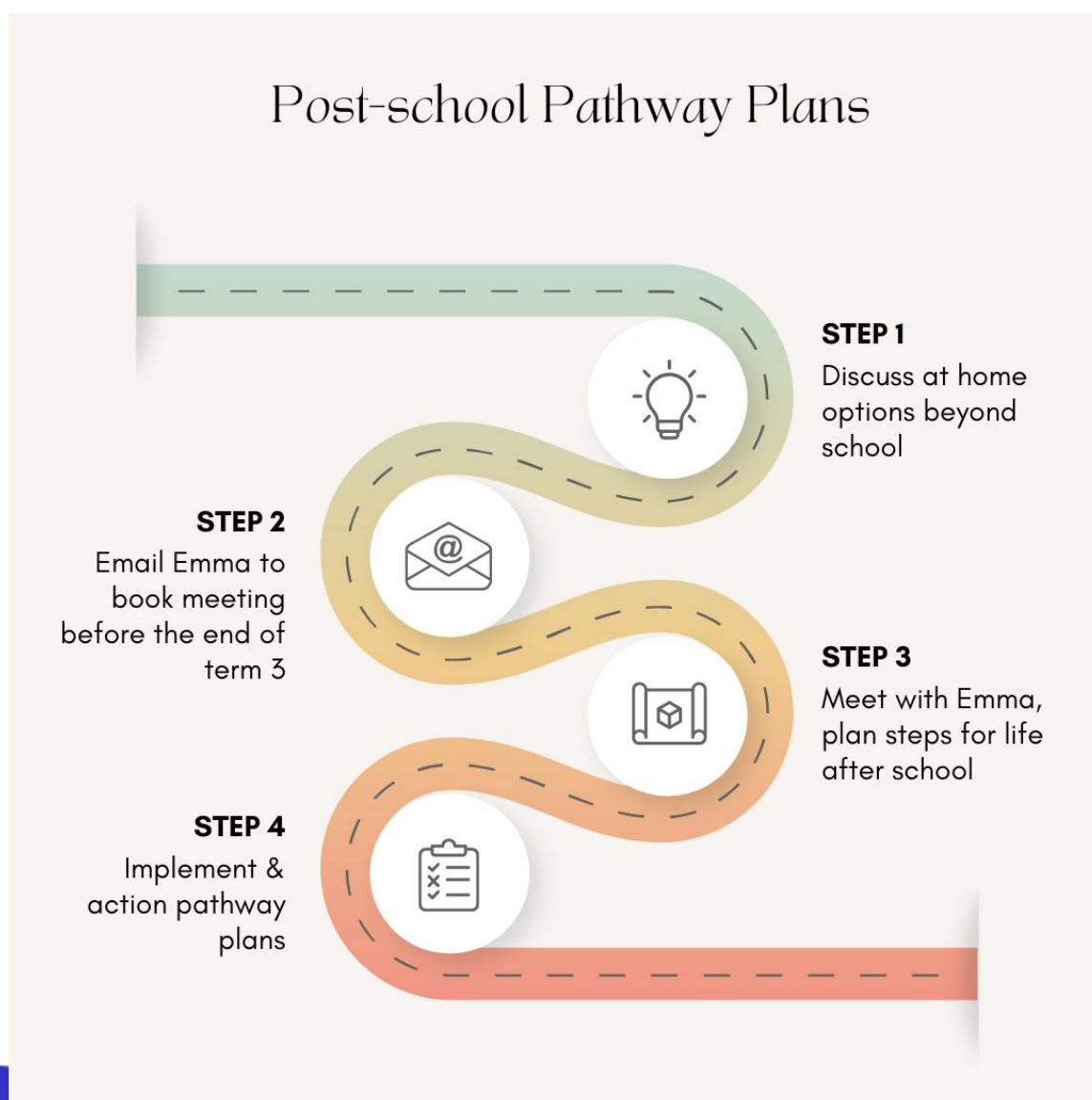


## PATHWAYS SUPPORT FOR YEAR 12S

Our Year 12 students are currently working through their post-school pathway plans. This includes applications for university, TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships or employment. It is important that every student takes the time to consider their options and prepare for their next step.

To support this, Year 12 students are required to book a meeting with Emma to discuss their individual pathway plans, get help with applications, or update their resumes. Meetings are available on Wednesdays and Fridays and can be booked by emailing [Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Emma.Minchin@education.vic.gov.au)

All Year 12 students must book a meeting before the end of Term 3. VTAC applications also need to be completed as soon as possible and before the end of Term 3. Please encourage your child to secure their appointment promptly to ensure they are well-prepared for life after school.





# Head Start factsheet for parents/caregivers

## About Head Start

Head Start provides support to students in Victorian government schools to undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, otherwise known as an 'SBAT'.

## School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are an employment-based learning pathway that allow students to combine their senior school years with paid part-time employment and skills training in a preferred industry.

## Eligibility

SBATs are available to secondary school students who are:

- enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12
- at least 15 years of age
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident\*

\*Non-citizens may be eligible under certain circumstances. Speak with the Head Start coordinator for more information.

## Benefits of Head Start support

Head Start supports SBATs to:

- increase their future employability and earning potential by gaining the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace
- undertake a secondary school certificate such as the VCE, VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)
- undertake paid employment to build the career they want
- access quality Vocational Education Training (VET) courses in a wide range of industries with an approved training provider.

## SBAT readiness

Students may complete the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) via an online platform that assesses their language, literacy and numeracy skills. The LLN will help Head Start staff to determine student's readiness for vocational learning opportunities and what supports are to be provided to assist the young person to be successful in a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

## Getting started with Head Start

1. Students participate in career planning: the school career adviser helps them to explore their career options and connects them with a Head Start coordinator to provide further information and a referral form for your consent.
2. Parents/Caregivers consent to an interview: Complete and return a paper or digital consent form, so that Head Start can contact you to set up an interview with you, your young person and a Head Start Coordinator.
3. Attend an interview: Head Start will set up an interview between you, your young person and a Head Start coordinator to discuss program details and expectations.
4. Identify an opportunity: the Head Start coordinator works with each student to match their skills and interests to the right opportunity with the right employer.
5. Have a go: Students complete work experience or structured workplace learning to make sure that the workplace is the right fit.
6. Establish the SBAT: The Head Start coordinator works with your young person, the school, employer and you to set up the SBAT.
7. Get started: the Head Start coordinator works with school staff to create a flexible timetable that helps your young person to successfully combine school, work and training. Students receive one-on-one support during their SBAT and when transitioning to a full or part-time apprenticeship or traineeship upon completion of school.

## Find out more

Talk to your school's Head Start coordinator or visit [www.vic.gov.au/headstart](http://www.vic.gov.au/headstart).





# BOLD AND BRIGHT BALL

A WEAR IT PURPLE DAY CELEBRATION FOR LGBTIQ+  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FRIENDS AND ALLIES

**SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2025**

**5.30PM – 9.00PM**

FOR 12–25 YEAR OLDS

**INCLUDES A  
PHOTOBOOTH,  
ACTIVITIES, MUSIC,  
LIVE PERFORMANCES,  
CHILL SPACE, FREE FOOD,  
GLITTER STATION  
AND MORE**



Visit [Uniting website](#)  
to register



THIS EVENT IS ALCOHOL, DRUG, SMOKE AND VAPE FREE WITH NO PASS-OUTS, FULLY SUPERVISED.





# NOTICEBOARD

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## YOUTH FEST

SEPTEMBER 2025

Music

Mindfulness  
Sessions

Arts &  
Crafts

Digital  
Technology

and  
more!

**FREE**  
events for  
all to enjoy  
throughout  
the festival.

Scan the QR code to  
view the program or visit  
[shepp.city/youthfest](https://shepp.city/youthfest)



Enquiries - email [council@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@shepparton.vic.gov.au) or call 5832 9700.



## MOSAIC FESTIVAL

ONE REGION, MANY CULTURES

**Saturday 13 September**

4pm – 8pm | Victoria Park Lake

Cultural workshops and food

Live performances

Free activities

[shepp.city/mosaic](https://shepp.city/mosaic)



Proudly supported by the Victorian Government's Amplify Program  
and Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District, in their 40th year.

Victorian Government initiative.  
All-ages event. Supervised event.  
No drugs, vaping, alcohol, or  
smoking permitted.







# Dates to remember...

**Monday 8th September**

Campaspe Athletics

**Tuesday 16th September**

School Council

**Thursday 18th September**

Footy colours day

**Friday 19th September**

Last day of term 3

2:20pm dismissal

**Monday 6th October**

Term 4 commences

**Monday 20th October**

Last day of year 12 classes

**Tuesday 21st October**

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

**Wednesday 22nd October**

Valedictory Dinner—Moama

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