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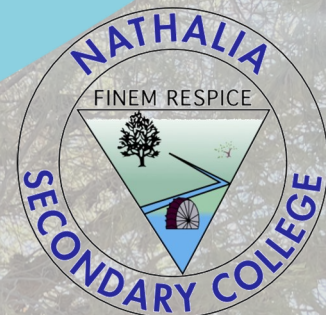
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We value: **C**aring, **L**earning, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability & **R**espect



A message from our Principal, *Daniel Robinson*

Hello Nathalia Secondary College School Community, Welcome back to Term 2. I hope all members of our school community enjoyed a restful break and are ready for another productive term of learning and engagement at Nathalia Secondary College.

We began the term with several excellent learning and community experiences. Last Thursday, our Year 7 and 8 students attended an Arts excursion to Melbourne, which provided valuable exposure to creative industries and broadened students' understanding of the arts. Experiences such as these play a key role in enriching classroom learning.

On Friday morning, we held our ANZAC Day Assembly, a respectful and meaningful occasion where students reflected on the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country. I would like to congratulate the winners of our ANZAC writing competition, Hayley O'Dwyer and Jorell De Lara, for their thoughtful and high-quality contributions.

I would also like to acknowledge the students and staff who represented the college at the

Dawn Service on Saturday morning. Your presence and respectful conduct demonstrated strong community values and pride in representing Nathalia Secondary College.

On Tuesday 28th, a number of students participated in Inter-school Badminton, representing the college with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It is always pleasing to see students involved in a range of sporting opportunities and giving their best effort.

We were also fortunate to host a visiting poet, who worked with a group of our students. This was a valuable opportunity to engage with creative writing in a different context and to be inspired by an experienced practitioner in the field.

As we move through Term 2, I would like to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. Being at school every day supports learning continuity, builds strong habits, and ensures students remain connected to their teachers and peers. Consistent attendance, combined with a commitment to doing one's best, is key to achieving positive outcomes.

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.



Nathalia Secondary College

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20th May, 2026



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

 Tours available at
8:30am, 12:30pm &
3:30pm
Contact the office to
book your tour.
Alternative dates &
times can be arranged

 5866 2331

 41-42 Chapel St,
Nathalia

 nathaliasc.vic.edu.au

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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In the classroom

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Nathalia Secondary College recently held a moving and respectful ANZAC Day assembly, bringing together students, staff, and members of the wider community to honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women.

We were proud to welcome guests from Nathalia Primary School, including Grade 5/6 students and their teachers, who joined our college community for this important occasion. Their presence added to the strong sense of unity and shared respect that defines ANZAC Day commemorations.

We were also honoured to host representatives from the local RSL, including President Josef Concy and Secretary Mark Oliver. Their attendance reinforced the significance of the day and the importance of continuing to remember and reflect.

Our school leaders led the assembly with confidence, maturity, and reverence. They should be commended for the thoughtful and respectful manner in which they conducted the service, ensuring that the traditions of ANZAC Day were upheld with dignity.

A highlight of the assembly was the announcement of the ANZAC Day Writing Competition winners, who were recognised for their insightful and heartfelt reflections. Awards were presented by the RSL representatives.

Nathalia Secondary College winners:

- Year 7/8: Jorell
- Year 9/10: Haylee

Nathalia Primary School winners:

- Makayla
- Elke

Congratulations to all winners for their outstanding efforts and for capturing the spirit of ANZAC so meaningfully through their writing.

This assembly was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembrance, respect, and community. We thank everyone who contributed to making the event such a success.



In the classroom

YEAR 9/10 FOODS

This term in Year 9/10 Food Technology, students have been revisiting the importance of safe and hygienic food practices. To bring this learning to life, we conducted a hands-on investigation exploring how germs spread. Students compared the growth of mold on bread handled with unwashed hands, freshly washed hands, and everyday surfaces such as laptop keyboards. The results sparked plenty of discussion and reinforced just how important proper hand hygiene is in the kitchen.



Alongside our food safety focus, students also enjoyed getting back into the kitchen to bake cinnamon scrolls with cream cheese frosting. The finished scrolls looked and tasted fantastic!



Around the grounds

YEAR 7/8 BOOKBINDER EXCURSION

"On the excursion, we went to the Melbourne Arts Centre and watched a play called *The Bookbinder*. It was an amazing experience. At around 11:00, we went to McDonalds for an early lunch which was very crowded. There was also a playground there with a spinning cup and Ms Bryce almost made me throw up. The bus ride was amazing because me and Kevin were doing karaoke, then everyone joined in. After the Arts Centre, we went to ACMI for a little bit to have fun and explore." By Kelvin



"The year 7 and 8's went to Melbourne with Miss Schols. We stopped at Wallan about halfway for a lunchbreak. We got to the Arts Centre to see a play about a little boy who didn't stitch a book properly. After the play we all went on a tram through the city to the Australian Centre of Moving Image, it was about the history of animation and moving images. We got back to school at 7pm." Marley, Year 7.

"The Bookbinder - An old man sits down to read the tale of a bookbinding apprentice. As his words fill the room, the story slips off the page and into the workshop around him. *The Bookbinder* is a dark fairy-tale brought to life through inventive puppetry, paper art, shadow play and



atmospheric storytelling, echoing the imaginative worlds of *Coraline* and *The Labyrinth*. A one-man performance from Trick of the Light Theatre, made for readers, dreamers and bookworms alike."

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.



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**

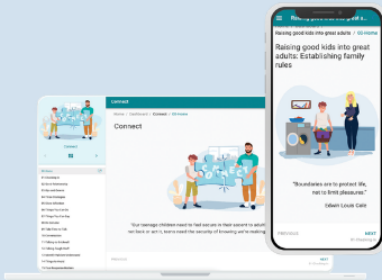


Our wellbeing team
can also access State
School Relief
uniform vouchers for
families who need
assistance. Please
reach out to the
team via the office
on 5866 2331.



**STATE
SCHOOLS'
RELIEF**

Want to support your teen with anxiety or depression?



What is *Partners in Parenting*?

- Evidence-based, online program designed to help build your skills and confidence to support your teen's mental health
- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

You will:

Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:

- Self-guided version (explore the online program at your own pace)
- Peer-guided version (paired with a 'PiP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

You may be eligible if you:

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

You will be asked to:

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 online coaching sessions with a PiP Coach
- All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)



p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au/



NOTICEBOARD



Learn more about Australian Defence Force (ADF) roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force by attending the upcoming information session:

- **Date:** Thursday 14 May 2026
- **Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm (approx.)

Venue: The Carrington Hotel, 505 Wyndham Street, Shepparton VIC 3630

This information session will be hosted by current serving military personnel who understand the Defence application process and can answer your questions. If you would like to attend and learn more about the ADF and the 300+ roles on offer, please register your interest via: [ADF Careers - Shepparton Defence Careers Information Session](#)



Dates to remember...

Tuesday 5th May

Immunisations—Yr 7 & 10

Thursday 7th May

Careers Day Out

Friday 8th May

Regional Cross Country

Monday 18th May

LMR Badminton

Tuesday 19th May

School Council

Wednesday 20th May

Open Day

Monday 8th June

KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mon 15th—Thur 18th June

Year 11 exams

Tuesday 16th June

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Friday 19th June

School Council

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 26th June

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 9 Camp—Rubicon

Last Day Term 2

2:20pm dismissal

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