

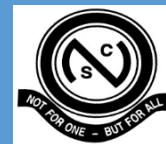


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SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Principal's Report

Dear NSC families,

Well, the end of a busy and successful year is here.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Paige Gilmour on being our 2022 Dux. Well done, Paige, I know you will do very well in the future.

Last night we held our Presentation Evening. It was wonderful to see so many families attend, and the amazing work by Christine Sigley and Kylie Hicks to bring this night all together and ensure the successes of our students across the year were celebrated. Kaye Thompson spoke as our Alumni and it was inspiring to hear her story of the pathways and changes she has followed since graduating from Numurkah in 1978. A terrific role model to our students of what you can achieve if you embrace opportunity.

We held an induction day on Thursday for the new staff in 2023. Whilst it will be sad to see some of our most valued staff leave at the end of the year, it was a really great opportunity to welcome our new staff. We will introduce the staff to you in 2023. With the current teacher shortages Numurkah is very fortunate to be going into 2023 fully staffed.

Out term ended with the Yr. 8 and Yr.10 camps. These were exciting opportunities for our students to step out into some different spaces. We also had students out on a bike ride and overnight camp. There is always a great deal of work in getting these camps running and staffed. Thank you to Hellen Harman, Aladdin Watson and Andrew Nicolls for leading these camps.

Our 2023 Yr.7 students joined us on Tuesday December 13th for the second transition day. A full day's program was in place, and it was delightful to see these students engaging in the different classes and activities. We look forward to having these students arrive on January 30th in 2023.

With Covid cases starting to climb, it is a good time to remind everyone that there is rapid antigen test available from the office, in case you need to have a couple of boxes over the holidays. The office will be open until next Tuesday, so call in and get some.



Numurkah Secondary College acknowledges the Bangerang and Yorta Yorta people, Traditional Custodians of the land which our great school is built on. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Map courtesy of the website:
https://www.deadlystory.com/page/aboriginal-country-map/Aboriginal_Country_Completed/Bangerang/Bangerang_People

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2022:

- 16th Dec 2022: Environment Day – last day for students
- 19th Dec 2022: Staff PD / Curriculum Planning
- 20th Dec 2022: Staff PD / Curriculum Planning

January 2023:

- Friday 27th January: Staff onsite
- Monday 30th Jan 2023: Term 1 commences Yr. 7, Yr.11 and Yr. 12
- Tuesday 31st Jan 2023: All Students commence

February 2023:

- Friday 3rd Feb: Swimming Sports (TBC)
- Tuesday 7th Feb: School Photos
- Wednesday 23rd Feb: Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathleen Newby (President), Kelly Bloomfield (Vice President), Cate Eddy (Executive Officer), Deanne Dewar, Chris Barnard, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta Russo, Angela Joy, Rachel Bonham

Next meeting: TBA

I would like to wish all our school community the very best for Christmas and the holidays. I would also like to thank you for your support in my first year as Principal and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2023.

Cate Eddy



2023 Term 1 dates-

Friday January 27th Staff return

Monday January 30th Year 7, 11 and 12 day 1

Tuesday January 31st All students return

Friday February 3rd Swimming sports (TBC)

Tuesday February 7th School photos

Wednesday February 23rd Curriculum day (pupil free)

Monday March 13th Labour day Holiday Monday

March 15th – 25th NAPLAN testing

Wednesday April 5th Last day of term 1 classes

Wednesday April 5th Parent teacher evening

Thursday April 6th Parent teacher day (no classes)

April 7th Good Friday

Return for term 2 on Monday

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2022 DUX**

CONGRATULATIONS



Paige Gilmour

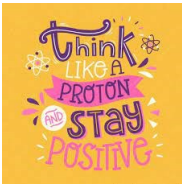
Engagement and Wellbeing

Engagement and Wellbeing

As we finish an amazing 2022, I wanted to say a thank you to our incredible families, staff and broader school community. The positive way we all work together to provide such great education and opportunities for our students is something we should be proud of. Our students also deserve a thank you for the way so many of them grasp these opportunities, and make the most of their time at Numurkah Secondary College.

Since our last newsletter I have seen this firsthand in so many ways such as:

Our Year 12 Students getting to celebrate their results, achieving so much of what they hoped and looking forward to their next big steps. Spending time with the Year 10 Students on their Urban Camp and watching them work together and enjoy a sample of what Melbourne has to offer. Hearing about our Year 8s at the ocean to give surfing a go and being described as one of the best groups the surf school has ever had says so much. Meanwhile walking around the school and seeing so many other students applying themselves in the classroom, building their skills, knowledge and confidence is so fantastic.



This is what we strive to see at Numurkah Secondary College. Our values of respect, excellent, aspiration and pride have shone so brightly not just in this past fortnight, but throughout the year! We are looking forward to building on this and making 2023 even brighter in every possible way.

So, at this busy time of year, rest and enjoy the festive season (and senior students make sure you do your holiday homework! 😊). Please stay safe and look forward to what 2023 may have in store for you all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris Barnard

Assistant Principal- Engagement and Wellbeing

Positives Report

It is a strange time of year for this final Positives Report with so many students already finished, school camps and other activities making it tricky to see big numbers of positive reports. However, we still seek to recognise those students who have been making their best efforts right up to the very last day!

Hannah STEDMAN	3	Bree Anna BYRA	1	Helena SCHRAPEL	1	Taylor-Jade	
Nadia RUGGI	2	Phoebe ZAMMIT	1	Nathan		CLARKE	1
Ashton VAN		Declan CRISP	1	JOHNSTONE	1	Lucas STEDMAN	1
TAARLING	2	Talia LAIRD	1	Hunter KUBEIL	1	Morgann HARRIS	1
Robert HALL	2	Bailey BONHAM	1	Noah GOOD	1	Inika CULTON	1
Caitlyn BROWN	2	Nathan		Tobie LOMAX-		Wyatt HENDY-	
Lucas SPOKES	2	SCHIEMANN	1	DAVIE	1	SMITH	1
Corey COOK	2	Elisha		Clifford MCNALLY	1	Jacinda BLIGHT	1
Renae RUSSO	2	MCCOOMBES	1	Tommi WALLACE	1	Jack TREMELLEN	1
Eleanor ROURKE	2	Corban MORTON	1	Ryley HAMPSON	1	Grand Total	58
Bayden PARKINSON	2	Charlie PAYNE	1	Chase ADAMS	1		
Sapphire BROWN	2	Shianne		Shelby WARRINER	1		
Toby GRIFFITHS	2	WAKEFIELD	1	Jake SALTER	1		
Christopher		Hayden DEAK	1	Sian LOMAX-DAVIE	1		
BOSCHETTI	1	Dakota KELLY	1	Chase DIXON	1		

2023 Challenge.... Look at your Positive totals for 2022 and improve on it!

Careers



Numurkah Secondary College

Our school community would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, we thank you for supporting and giving our students opportunities to help them make good career decisions.

We look forward to collaborating once more in 2023 supporting local industry and our young people.

NSC Work Experience for 2023 is timetabled for the week beginning Monday 11th —15th September.

Kind regards

Cathy O'Sullivan
Careers Advisor

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NSC Careers News

- NSC will be offering Job Camp Certificates in 2023

This year students completed

- Building and Construction induction – White card certificate
- Job Camp - Hospitality VM 90

Year 9 My Career Insights –Morrisby profiling

My Career Insights is a program for all **Year 9** students in government secondary schools. **This program will help your Year 9 child to:**

- Learn about what skills and abilities they could bring to a job.
- Find out about what jobs match their abilities, interests and personality, and the subjects they need for those jobs.

As part of the program, your child will:

- Complete a series of online questions and quizzes (on the Morrisby Profile website) at school.
- Receive a Morrisby Profile Report showing the results from the questions and quizzes, and possible jobs that match their abilities, interests and personality.
- Have a 30-minute meeting with a Morrisby-trained Career Practitioner, who will explain the report to your child. You can attend this meeting. Please tell the school if you need a telephone interpreting service.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Traineeships suitable for year 12 school leaver wanting to have a Gap year.

**TRAINEESHIPS
AVAILABLE**



Education and Business Traineeships - Cobram

Education Traineeships – Numurkah and Nathalia

Education & PE Traineeships – Echuca and Kyabram

**If you would like to apply for one of these
roles, contact Melissa Davies on**

0419 327 707

Numurkah Contracting are looking for Labourers : main role is Shed Fitting and would require a white card, the business owner will pay for Working with heights once commenced employment, lots of working away from home and travel involved

If interested phone Tahlia M:0435 385 829

Legacy Packing Campbells Rd Cobram – Summer Holiday Work must be 17 years or over

Send CV to Clairew@legacypacking.com.au more information www.legacypackingaustralia.com

Telegraph Hotel Numurkah are looking for an Apprentice Chef

Please contact Nathan Harris on 58 621051 if interested and would like to know more.

Farming:

John Cunningham who runs a dairy farm here in Numurkah is looking for workers and wondered if there were any students who are interested in Farming.

Please call Johns' mobile on 0458 057 010 –

USEFUL WEBSITES:

- **Discover Your Career**

A website launched by the National Careers Institute, and become more informed about career ideas, career industries, and how to become job ready - www.yourcareer.gov.au

- **My future**

A career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources - www.myfuture.edu.au

- **Workforce Australia**

Free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or fulltime, and covers a range of occupations - <https://www.workforceaustralia.gov.au/>

Numurkah Secondary College, Careers website aims to provide you with all the latest information that will help your child decide about their future career, apply for jobs and learn how best to prepare for an interview.

Check it out www.numurkahcareers.com

If you need advice drop in and see Cathy (Tuesday – Friday) located in the Library or send an email, text or phone.

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Presentation Night 2022



Yr.9 Outdoor Ed

Numurkah Secondary College, Small School, Big Opportunities....



On the 1st and 2nd of December 2022 the year 9 Intro to Outdoor Ed group that consisted of about 14 students and 3 staff (Mr Nicholls, Frazer and Ms Shannon) caught a bus from Numurkah Secondary College at about 8:00am to Wangaratta which was about an hour and a half. On the first day once we got to Wangaratta, we rode to Myrtleford which was a 50km bike ride with several stops on the way. About every 5km we saw Mr Nicholls as he was the bus driver motivating people and checking in with how everyone was going. Most of the time Dallas, Frazer, Chops (Jacob), and myself were quite often found riding at the front of the group. 45kms later we started coming across nice scenery like a waterfall type creek. 5km later we finally arrive in Myrtleford where we laid on a hill while we waited for everyone else once every other bike rider arrive it was about 2:30pm but we were making good timing. We got to the Myrtleford holiday park which was about five minutes away from that hill we stopped at and set up our wonderful tents. We chose our tent partners Dallas, and I ended up choosing each other but we chose the worst tent possible because there was a massive rip on one of the sides of the tent which unfortunately, I was sleeping on that massive rip side. Dallas and I spent a while in Myrtleford like explored the town and go to Coles. We got back to our campsite before heading off into Myrtleford again about an hour of being at the campsite. Dallas and I got pizza at the Myrtleford Pizza and Pasta place which we got a half/ half pizza. Dallas got a basic Aussie, and I got the Holly's Meat lovers which was a BBQ meat lover.

Meals on Wheels



Bailey Bonham and Chase Adams volunteer their time to help the vulnerable in our community as part of the Meals on Wheels program. Here they are busily sorting out the meals. Well done boys!

Yr.8 Camp Anglesea

Year 8 Camp - Camp Wilkin, Anglesea Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th December.

Last week, Mr Owen, Miss SB and Ms. Harman took 36 Year 8 students to Camp Wilkin, in Anglesea for 4 days and 3 nights. We donned wetsuits and enjoyed a surf carnival, two surf lessons, and a supervised swim by Surf Life Saving Victoria lifeguards. The water was cool, but enthusiasm abounded. Many students managed to stand up on their boards and surf. There were some also spectacular wipe outs as well.

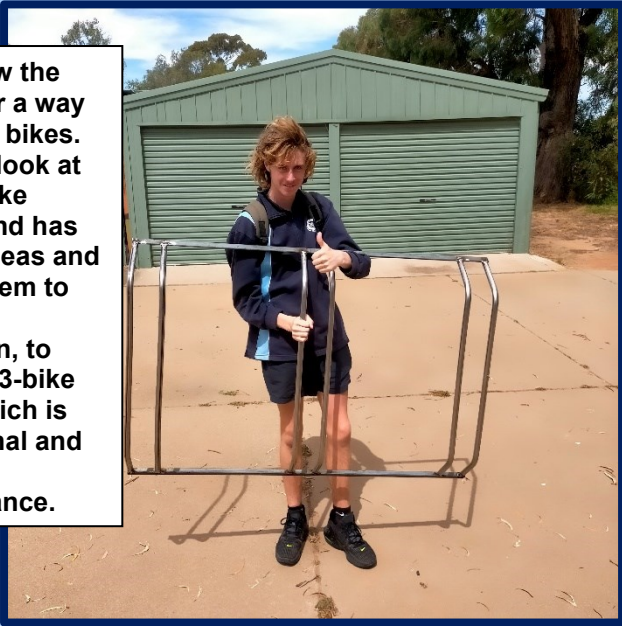
At Camp Wilkin, students enjoyed mountain bike riding and bravely attempted the 8m high ropes course too. We were very well fed by the camp kitchen staff and students did a great job in their duty groups. Students showed a lot of resilience and persistence in attempting activities and being away from home.

James, from Cardwells Bus Company drove us around and got us home safely too.



Middle School Metal Class

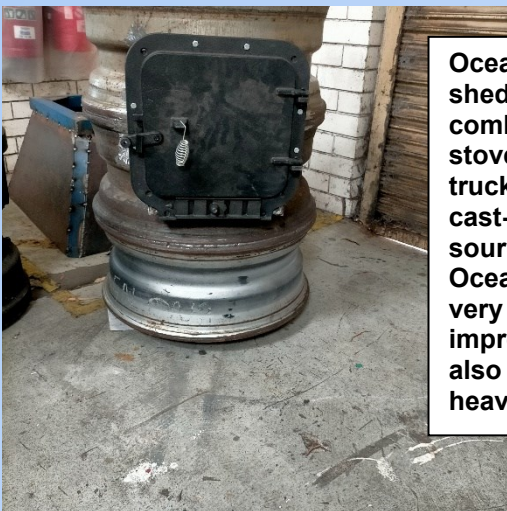
Zac: saw the need for a way to store bikes. He has look at other bike racks and has taken ideas and fitted them to his own situation, to make a 3-bike rack which is functional and neat in appearance.



Darby: need a corner desk. The steel frame was used with the laminated recycled pallet timber for the top. The burnt effect on the timber really caps off a good project.



Ocean: Built a shed combustion stove, from truck rims, and cast-iron doors sourced by Ocean. It was very impressive, but also very heavy.



Summer: with help of other students who had finished their last projects of the year, made a fire pit. Summer tried the pit on the weekend and said it worked well especially when looking at



Pippa, Katelyn, Kayla: As requested by the customer, through Mr. Tilley, a large mailbox was constructed to suit roadside delivery of parcels and mail. It also needed to be weatherproof and lockable.



Bayden: with only a narrow area for storage, Bayden designed and manufacture d a 4 tier shelf unit, which was light but well-constructed to be strong and stable.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE AUSTRALIA FEDERAL POLICE

Information for families

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report

For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au

Community

NEW ZEALAND 2024 - INFORMATION EVENING

As communicated on Compass, there will be an information evening about the New Zealand Tour that will happen in January 2024.

When: Monday 19th December at 6pm

Where: NSC school hall

Check Compass for more details.

Numurkah Library



Holiday Program

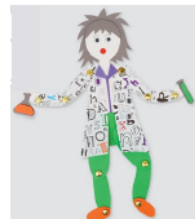


Fuzzy Art Flowers

Wednesday 11 Jan,
2:00pm

Paper People Puppets

Friday 20 Jan,
10:30am



Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email numurkah@gvlibraries.com.au.

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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