



Not for one—but for all

NUMURKAH

SECONDARY COLLEGE



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Principal's Report

Dear NSC families,

We are heading into the middle of Term 1 and it is wonderful to see students working well in in classes and completing the first CATS (Common Assessment Task) for the year. VCE students have already completed SACs in several subjects and are appreciating the importance of keeping on top of work. It is terrific to see students making use of their school planners. These provide great reflections daily from the Resilience Project as well as supporting students with organisation and recording of work tasks.

Several families have been impacted by COVID-19 over these last few weeks. The school community appreciates the efforts of everyone in following the guidelines linked to isolation. This has undoubtedly reduced COVID impact and spread. The Department has advised us that masks will no longer be mandatory at Secondary School from Monday 28th February. Some students may still prefer to wear them, and this is certainly fine. Wearing of masks on the bus is still recommended.

We continue to encourage careful monitoring of symptoms and testing using RATs twice weekly. Test kits are available from the office.

Pfizer Vaccines:

We want to take every step we can to protect our community. Our Doctors in School program has agreed to provide students with the opportunity to have their **Pfizer vaccine** at school on Tuesday mornings with Dr Leisel. Vaccines come in packs of 10 so we need to have enough students to access these. Please contact the office and we will set this up if there is enough demand. Parents and Guardians will be notified once we have enough names as to when the vaccine will take place.

Uniforms:

I would like to encourage all families to support our **uniform policy**. A copy of this can be found on our web site https://www.numurkahsc.vic.edu.au/uploads/1/0/9/8/109852064/uniform_and_dress_code_policy.pdf.

If you are finding it difficult to meet uniform costs, please contact the school so we can support you. All uniform items can be purchased from McPherson's Mensland in Numurkah, who are well stocked with all requirements.

Please remember that our school shorts, tracksuit pants and dress pants are navy. Leggings and skins are not to be worn to school.

Students wearing non-school jumpers and caps will be asked to remove them.

School jackets can be purchased through the office.

Our Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Numurkah Secondary College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition based on clothing

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- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community. For students attending excursions it is a requirement that they are in correct school uniform.

Laptops:

Laptops are now an essential part of our school program. We are encouraging students to use these respectfully and responsibly. Our expectations of students include;

- Bringing their laptop to every class
- Charging their laptop at home every night
- Whenever they start a new file, save it first!
- Checking Compass every day
- Using their laptop for learning in all their classes, not as a distraction.
- We encourage students to limit screen time away from school. The Australian guidelines recommendation for young people is no more than 2 hours a day of screen time for non-educational purposes.

Students who are accessing the school laptops require a parent signed letter to be returned. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding the laptops.

Camps:

The Outdoor Ed class, have had the last 2 days on Surf Camp based at Torquay. It is wonderful that these camps are back up and running after a couple of very challenging years. We look forward to some photos of our students surfing the waves.

The Resilience mindfulness reminder for all of us is to take time to be calm and slow down. The following clip has some hints and tips for this;

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/video/breathe>

I hope the week ahead is looking good for all our families



Cate Eddy
Acting Principal

facebook

Follow the Numurkah Secondary College Facebook page for photos of our students attending excursions, updates, and fun activities at NSC.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Roger Jones (President), Kathleen Newby (Vice President),
Claire Kelly (Executive Officer), Deanne Dewar, Jacqui Martin,
Peter Smyth, Chris Deitch, Cate Eddy

2021 members: Peta Russo, Angela Joy, Kelly Bloomfield, Kate Kelly, Charlotte Brown, Dylan Craven and Jazmin Britt

Next meeting:

AGM Tuesday 29th March 6:00pm

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2022:

Monday 1st - GMDSSV Swim Sports
Friday 4th – Nominations for School Council close
Monday 14th – Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 31st – Yr 7 & Yr 10 Vaccinations

April 2022:

Friday 1st – NSC Cross Country
Thursday 7th Evening – Parent teacher interviews
Friday 8th – Pupil Free day – Parent teacher interviews
Friday 8th – End of Term 1

Meals on Wheels

Students take part in the Meals on Wheels program as part of their Project Ready class. Devlin Duncan, Jacob Humphries and Aidan Hurle enjoyed volunteering and giving something back to the community. Well done.



Meals on Wheels

Metal Machining Excursion



Thanks to Wayne Hooker for showing the students around his workshop and explaining some of the challenges and skills necessary in his role.

Thanks Wayne from Belair Stainless Steel for giving the students at Numurkah Secondary College this opportunity.

Jason from Stevenson Fabrication explains to the students how a laser cutter works and work involved in steel fabrication.

Good to see two of our past students Titche Bowen and Mason Boschetti succeeding in their trades.

Thanks to the team at Stevenson Fabrication for giving Numurkah Secondary College this opportunity.



The Project Ready class identified areas of the school that needed to be tidied up.

They collected some plastic bags and began walking to areas of the school that they felt needed a spruce up.

Well done team!



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: TUESDAYS + FRIDAYS

TIME: 830 - 850

ROOM: T3.

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.



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Doctors in Secondary School Program

The Doctors in Secondary Schools initiative funds general practitioners (GPs) to attend certain Victorian government secondary schools one day a week. Doctors in Secondary School Program can help support an adolescent with such needs as, general health care, nutritional advice, mental health support, substance issues, and sexual health etc.

Numurkah Secondary College has the Doctors in Secondary School Program operate on a Tuesday during the school term.

The Practice Nurse is available from 8:15- 2:30pm and the GP is available between 10am-2pm.

Bookings can be made at the front office or on the day with the practice nurse. All consultations are bulk billed on the day.

The objectives of the program are to:

- ☐ Make primary health care more accessible to students
- ☐ Provide assistance to young people to identify and address any health problems early
- ☐ Reduce the pressure on working parents.

Doctors in Secondary Schools



Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: Enrolment: Student transfers between schools

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: Schools' Privacy Policy

CANTEEN NOTICE:

A number of our students are bringing noodles and containers of food to school. The canteen is no longer able to provide plastic forks as we are working hard reduce waste.

It has been wonderful to have a senior students assisting in the canteen. This is great way to provide community service opportunities for our students, develop retail skills and demonstrate some excellent role modelling to our younger students.

Well done!

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



- An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE.
- Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 04/03/2022.
- Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.
- If we have more nominations than vacancies, an election will be called and the ballot will close at 4 pm on 21/03/2022.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

- 2 parent positions (2 year tenure)
- 3 DET employees (2 year tenure)

PARENT NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NSC
GENERAL OFFICE

Community Information



NUMURKAH JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

invites you to our

COME & TRY REGISTRATION DAYS.

⚽ Mixed Under 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 & open girls teams. ⚽

16th & 23rd February 2022

4:30-5:30pm

Numurkah Showgrounds

**Fees & Playing tops to be paid at registration.

★Expressions of interest for prospective coaches and team managers.

All teams train Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm– Numurkah,
Saturday games in Shepparton.

Inquiries please contact Kristie 0450889574



Stay for a BBQ afterwards

RITCHIES IGA NUMURKAH COMMUNITY FUN DAY
Sunday 6th March | 12pm - 2pm
2/14 Melville Street Numurkah

MEET ALL YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS
Elmo & Cookie Monster | **Bluey & Easter Bunny**
12pm - 12:30pm | 1pm - 1:30pm

ATTRACTIONS ON THE DAY
Sausage Sizzle (Lions Club) | Show Bags
Easter Colouring Competition | Lucky Door Prize
Giveaways
Local CFA Truck

Katunga Football Netball Club Training and Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club wishes to advise that training has commenced and registrations are open. Unfortunately due to excessive numbers, registrations to play netball for 2022 are now closed, unless you have just moved to the area.

Please visit our visit www.katungafnc.com.au or FaceBook page 'Katunga Football Netball Club' to stay up to date with training nights/times and to complete your registrations.

Football Training

Currently training Monday and Wednesdays, changing to Tuesday/Thursday from 1 March

Seniors – 6:15pm start

Thirds – 5:30pm start

Fourths – 5pm start

Fifths – Commencing Thursday 10 March, 5pm start

Netball Training

Currently training Monday and Wednesdays, changing to Tuesday/Thursday from 1 March

Seniors, 17/U, 15/U – 6:00pm start

13/Unders – Wednesday's only, 5pm start

11/Unders – Commencing Thursday 17 March at 5pm

AusKick and NetSetGo will again run this year during Term 2. Details on registering will be available towards the end of Term

1. Please keep an eye on our website, FaceBook page or TeamApp. Anyone interested in coaching our AusKickers this year please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.



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activities in the park

TWILIGHT STROLL

Take a stroll to **KidTown** and on arrival enjoy FREE entertainment including games and activities, music entertainment, miniature train, BBQ and much more...

Finish the evening with a return walk back to Shepparton/Mooroopna or take the courtesy shuttle bus if the kids are too exhausted to walk!

The walk will depart from the bridge near Aquamoves and Chinaman's Gardens in Mooroopna.

The shuttle bus will be departing KidTown to Aquamoves carpark and Chinaman's Gardens Mooroopna from 7pm

FRI 4 MARCH 5PM - 8PM

FREE EVENT

To find out more information visit www.getmoovingshepparton.com.au

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2022 Mann Lecture

The Meaning of Water: Can Ecotourism help save the Murray River?

Join La Trobe's Professor Nick Bond and Dr Heather Downey for an engaging conversation with guest Tony Sharley, exploring how people engage with water and the way ecotourism could lead to greater protection of the Murray River.



Tony Sharley



Dr Heather Downey



Professor Nick Bond

Tony is an ecotourism operator with a background in river management, wine tourism and environmental science, based in the Riverland region of South Australia.

Tony was previously the Manager of Banrock Station where he transformed the wetlands complex to allow greater access for tourists, witnessing first hand how harnessing ecotourism can result in positive environmental outcomes.

Thursday 10 March 2022

6.00pm - 7.00pm

La Trobe Albury-Wodonga

133 McKoy St, West Wodonga

This event will also be available via Zoom, link provided on registration.

RSVP ESSENTIAL

W: <https://2022mannlecture.eventbrite.com.au>
T: 02 6024 9727



Community Information

THE APPRENTICESHIP FACTORY



VACANT POSITIONS

Cert 3 in Plumbing - Shepparton (JC020721)

Cert 3 in Carpentry - Shepparton (JC007120)

Cert 3 in Plumbing - Shepparton (JC007120)

Cert 3 in Engineering - Lemnos North (JC070122)

Cert 3 in Airconditioning & Refrigeration - Shepparton (JC010222)

Cert 3 in Cabinet Making - Shepparton (JC010222)

Cert 3 in Floor & Wall Tiling - Shepparton (JC015022)

Cert 3 in Business - Shepparton (JC020222)

Cert 3 in Business - Kyabram (JC020222)

Cert 3 in Parks & Gardens - Kyabram (JC020222)

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*We are seeking creative & talented **Upstanders**!*

We invite your students to use their creative and technical skills to craft an image through photography to illustrate what it is to be an Upstander!

Courage to Care offers dynamic educational programs about the importance of standing up to racism and discrimination, empowering students to confront prejudice and bullying.

An **Upstander** is a witness who chooses to take action to create positive change. We believe that ordinary people have the power to make a positive difference to the lives of others. Taking inspiration from real-life extraordinary acts of courage, our Upstander Programs inspire people to make a real difference in their community by standing up and taking action, creating real change.

Courage to Care is now launching our inaugural [Upstander Photography Competition](#) ← LINK

When: Competition will open 1 February 2022 and close 23 March 2022
Winners in the two categories (**Student** category and **Open** category) will be announced at the Courage to Care 30th Anniversary event in May 2022

Where: [Submit student entry online](#)
Best Pictures will be exhibited at the Courage to Care 30 Anniversary Event, May-June 2022 at ARK Centre, Hawthorn East.

Why:

- Further develop photography skills
- A wonderfully creative school project
- Assist Courage to Care in building a catalogue of images which represent the concept of being an Upstander
- Winning entries will win a \$500 Kogan voucher (thanks to Kogan & Lowe Lippman)

Please note: This is not a forum for the promotion of any political or religious agenda.

Participants: Open to currently enrolled Victorian students of all ages up to Year 12

Cost: There is no cost to participate. Generous prizes are on offer.

More information and full [Terms and Conditions](#) available at <https://couragetocare.org.au/photo-comp/>