



Not for one—but for all

NUMURKAH

SECONDARY COLLEGE



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Principal's Report

Dear NSC families,

The long weekend is ahead and this will be good chance for families and friends to catch-up. Please be aware of the concerns around Japanese encephalitis from mosquitos. Taking extra precautions when outdoors, particularly around water ways.

Several of our students have tested positive for COVID-19 over the last fortnight. Most are showing few symptoms. Thank you to families who are following the advice to test twice weekly. This has certainly helped us avoid widespread cases through out the school. There are ample test kits available at school and we encourage students to collect these.

Security and safety at school is always a priority. With this in mind please be aware that anyone visiting the school **must** report in at the school office. This includes when food or items are being dropped off to students.

We discourage arrangements where take away food is being delivered to the school.

Live4Life

Eight of our Year 9 students have taken up the challenge to be part of the Live4Life crew. This is a program which is run across Moira Shire schools to support the health and wellbeing of young people. The Crew were involved in an induction day on Wednesday to start planning the program they will deliver to our younger students later in the year. The students in the Crew are:

Katelyn Barlow, Kayla Gerity, Charlie Payne, Connor Ciccone, Shianne Wakefield, Nadia Ruggi, Jacinda Blight and Nathan Schiemann.

Well done to these students for applying and being accepting into this leadership opportunity.

Uniform

As the mornings start to cool down I would like to remind everyone of our uniform policy.

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

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

For students attending excursions it is a requirement that they are in correct school uniform.

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. They are well stocked with all requirements. School jackets can be purchased from the school office.

Secondhand uniforms

We encourage families who have good quality uniforms no longer being used to drop them off to the school. We can also arrange to collect these if you contact the school.

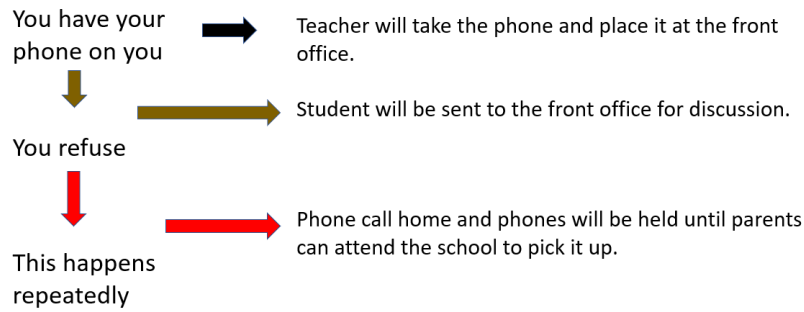
There are good quality second hand uniforms available from the school, including jumpers. These are available for families to check at any time. On Thursday March 17th from 3.30 until 5pm second items will be displayed and available for a gold coin donation.

Mobile phone policy

The Education Department has clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones use at school. Mobile phones are to be switched off and left in lockers during the school day. Most of our students are following this policy well but we do need to address some concerns being raised with a very clear policy regarding mobile phones at school.

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NSC Student Mobile Phone Policy



SPA reports will be available on compass for parents and students on Friday March 25th

These reports are an assessment by each teacher on the following criteria;

Working and Communicating with Others

Productive Use of Class Time

Managing Personal Learning

Effort and Attitude

Finally one of the Resilience Project reflections this week has been to write down something a friend does well and to tell them.

Cate Eddy

Acting Principal



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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

DATES TO REMEMBER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

2021 members: Peta Russo, Angela Joy, Kelly
Bloomfield,

Next meeting:

AGM Tuesday 29th March 7:00pm

March 2022:

Monday 14th – Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 29th – School Council AGM

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

Outdoor Education Camp 2022

The Year 10 Outdoor Ed class headed off for their first trip of the year, the annual surf trip to Torquay. We headed off Thursday morning and headed straight to the Torquay main beach, where students had explored and tested the water temperature over lunch, before we made our way to the factory outlets on the hunt for a bargain. At 2:00 we went into the Australian surf museum, where we learnt about the history of surfing and viewed some extremely old and valuable boards and surf equipment. We had enough time after our tour to have another look at the outlets, where some more bargains were found, before heading to set up our tents at the caravan park. A late swim was followed by a walk into town for dinner and an ice cream before we headed back to camp and bed. Friday morning was our surfing lesson and everyone did a great job, working on riding waves and standing up on their boards. The surf conditions were excellent for learning and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Lea and Fraser who came along and assisted. These students did a great job representing the school and I look forward to our future trips.

Andrew Nicholls



Project Ready



A team building activity during Project Ready. Helping our students get work ready. Great job.



Year 9 Students: My Career Insight

Career Insight is a program available 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.

Students have been given Parent / Guardian Consent Forms to participate, please ensure these are returned to the general office.



NSC Career's News

There has been lots of collaboration with Year Level Leaders to invite La Trobe University Educational Partnership program to engage NSC students in activity to support their development.

GMLLEN's, Neha and Morgan visited Years 11 & 12 students last Friday to showcase the (SWL) Structured Workplace Learning portal. *Please see the link below, (minimum age is 15).*

www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au

SWL Portal allows you to search placement via location, industry type and course.

Once selected you will see how many opportunities are available in the selected industry and location. Click on the opportunity you like, it will open up and explain all the skills required, the typical tasks and duties, student requirements, dress requirements, transport requirements and related courses. You then click on share with your Careers practitioner.

A SWL can be done in a block of 5 days or 1 day per week for 5 weeks. You can do 1 SWL or 5 SWLs throughout a school year.

YR10 Work Experience is scheduled for week beginning Monday

15th August - Friday 19th August

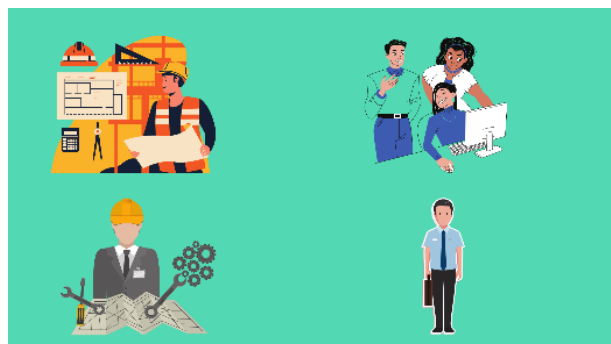
Please give some thought about an Industry you may like to observe for a week.

If you have any questions about careers, work experience and or pathways please send a message or make a call to

Cathy O'Sullivan

E: cathy.osullivan@education.vic.gov.au

P: 03 5862 1088



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!

“1 day off every now and then doesn’t hurt, right???”

Well 1 day off every week or two, whilst it may not “matter” to you or them, at the time, may make a big difference to the long term education of your child.

Below is some information to have a think about – before your child has their next day off....



Attendance at or above 98%	Students who have only missed 4 days or less in a school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They have every chance of achieving to the best of their ability - These students are likely to have positive friendship groups
Attendance 95 – 97%	Students who have only missed 5-10 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are more likely to be achieving well at school - With only occasional absences, these students will be able to get back in touch with the learning program after absences
Attendance 90 – 94%	Students who have missed 11-20 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students may find it challenging to keep in touch with lessons or with class work - Aim to improve your attendance rate
Attendance 80 – 89%	Students who have missed 21-40 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students have missed up to 1 day every week, which equates to 2 ½ years schooling missed by Year 12 - It will be very difficult to keep in touch with school work and to maintain social connections - Please contact the school immediately to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates
Attendance below 80%	Students who have missed more than 40 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students have missed more than 1 day per week - Students will be ‘disconnected’ from school. They are almost certain to experience difficulties both academically and socially - Please contact the school immediately to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates



Gnurad-Gundidj Campus

School for Student Leadership

The School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Training initiative offering a unique residential education experience for year nine students. The curriculum focuses on personal development and team learning projects sourced from students' home regions.



A 9-week life changing experience for Year 9 students.

<http://gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/ssl/student-video.html>

Numurkah SC is fortunate to have secured 5 places in term 3 for Gnurad Gundidj campus. We are seeking expressions of interest now. The parent contribution of \$500 is less than half the cost of the camp. This amount covers **all** costs for 9 weeks for your child.



A Parent's Perspective

To all prospective students and parents,

Gnurad Gundidj is one of the best opportunities your child will ever receive, they are in a secure environment with dedicated teachers who allow them to personally develop into the best students they can be.

As far as home life goes, yes, we do miss our child, but emails and the web site keep us in touch with what is happening.

If ever there is any problem the school will contact, you immediately (I know this from personal experience).

I am writing this on the fourth week my son has been away, and I can't believe how fast the time has gone.

The family visit weekend is of excitement to all and is our time to show our child how much we miss him.

If anything, our child's time away only strengthens the bond between parent and child, also the interaction with other students from city and country schools is a great asset as there are kids from rural areas that are doing it tough; city kids are realising how lucky they are.

As for our own family we do miss our son, but we also know he is going to return home a better well-adjusted teenager because of his experience and the dedicated staff of Gnurad Gundidj.

Any parent considering this for their child, I would strongly suggest you do it, it is such a positive experience for any teenager.

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Community Information



NUMURKAH DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB
invites you to join our

Open Girls Team
Ages 13-18 years

Come down on Wednesday to see the club, meet the team, have a kick & join the girls for 2022 season

4:30-5:30pm
Numurkah Showgrounds

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

Inquiries please contact Kristie 0450885 74



An invitation is extended to:

~ all Murray Valley Irrigation District Soldier Settlement Families, especially those associated with the original settlement

~ and to any interested members of the community

Help us celebrate the.....

75th Anniversary of the Murray Valley Irrigation District Soldier Settlement Scheme

(This scheme commenced
at the end of WW2)

**Saturday 26th &
Sunday 27th March
2022**

Including the unveiling of the Soldier Settlement Memorial in Memorial Park, Numurkah

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

- **Saturday 26th March –**
 - o 12pm: Unveiling of the Soldier Settlement Memorial at Memorial Park (corner of Tocumwal Rd and Saxton St, Numurkah)
 - o Following the unveiling: Lunchtime BBQ in the Park
 - o 2.00pm to 4.30pm: RSL Hall (Saxton St) - Open to the public. Afternoon Tea provided
 - o 2.00pm to 4.30pm: Historical Society Museum (cnr Knox & Melville St) - Open to the public. "Local Agriculture over time" Display (this display will include further information and photos about the Soldier Settlement)
 - o 6.30pm to late: Informal evening get together and meal at the Shamrock Hotel (order meal on arrival)
- **Sunday 27th March –**
 - o 10.30am onwards: Historical Society Museum - Open to the public. Brunch BBQ provided.

For further details please e-mail any queries to: numurkahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Follow-up information and extra Soldier Settlement photos will be placed on the Historical Society website in following weeks. If you have other photos to share, please let us know. We would be pleased to add them to our Soldier Settlement collection.



**COBRAM
MYTIME**



MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.

It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

What will you get out of my time?

Assistance

Community

Shared
Experiences

Friendship

Connections

Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this! Light lunch provided

Every second Monday from 12.00pm – 3.30pm

LOCATION

Cobram
Community
House
43 Punt Road
Cobram

TERM DATES

7th February
21st February
7th March
21st March
4th April

CONTACT

TRISH
Group Facilitator
0400 090 762
mytime@inspiredcarers.org.au
Or
Madison
Madisonk@dsav.asn.au

Become a foster carer

A little of your time can
change an entire life

Attend an info session

Tue 15 March 6.00pm: Online via ZOOM
RSVP: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au
to register attendance by 12pm on 15th March

We need more foster carers in our community.

If you are over 21, have a spare bedroom and can provide a safe, nurturing home environment – we would love to hear from you.

As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please call
03 5822 8100 or visit berrystreet.org.au

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