



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

104 Tocumwal Road

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Term 2

Week 6

Principal's Report

With the end to Autumn, it seems winter has made a mild start temperature wise and some welcome rain on the crops. Our school community has certainly taken a hit with colds and flu. We appreciate how difficult it can be for families to keep children home, but it is important for their own health and to prevent further spread. Thank you for your support with this. Please record the absence for medical reason on Compass or call the office.

Making a positive start to secondary education provides a solid foundation for educational success. It has been a pleasure to discuss with some of our year 7 students their enjoyment of classes over their first semester. Nicky Pyszkowski has been working closely with her year 7 group and is now working with grade 6 students across our area to ensure they are able to transition smoothly to secondary school. If you know of families who are needing further information about enrolling at NSC, please encourage them to contact Nicky at the school.

Student Voice is highly valued at our school. There has been great interest from students in nominating for our student forum which will provide an opportunity to represent their year level to make recommendations on what will support their education and positive experience at school. I was impressed with the speakers and congratulate them on their presentation. The next steps are in place to finalise who the representatives will be, and I am looking forward to working with them next semester.

I am very proud of our students Phoebe Zammit and Charli Codiga who represented us at the Sorry Ceremony in Shepparton, along with some of our First Nations students. Acknowledging the past is an important step in moving forward to build a strong and inclusive country. I know our students appreciated the opportunity to be part of this significant event and thank Freya Sadler for her work with our First Nations students.

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Term Dates

April

25th Anzac Day

May

5th Yrs 7—10 course counselling

16th Senior Winter sports

19th Practice GAT

31st Junior Winter sports

June

6th-9th Yr 11/12 exams

7th-8th Yr 10 Core exams

12th King's birthday public holiday

15th GAT

23rd Last day Term 2

July

10th Term 3 begins

10th Student free day—Staff onsite

11th Students return

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

NSC Online details

Email: numurkahsc@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.numurkahsc.vic.gov.au

Facebook: Numurkah Secondary College

School Council

President: Kathleen Newby **Vice President:** Rachel Bonham

Executive Officer: Cate Eddy **Committee Members:** Deanne

Dewar, Chris Barnard, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta

Russo, Angela Joy, Morgan McCloskey, Rhiannon Jose, Oliver

Masters

Next meeting: 19th June 6pm

**Principal's Report continued*

Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to participate in the Sports Day on Wednesday in Shepparton. Our year 7 students were particularly enthusiastic and it was fantastic to see them take up the opportunity to enjoy their sport and be wonderful ambassadors for our school. Also on the sporting front, I would like to congratulate our students who competed in the GMDSSV cross country last week. Well done and we look forward to hearing who will be going to the next stage.

Our Senior students have completed a practice GAT which provided them with a great opportunity to prepare for the GAT which will be run on June 15th across the State. This has a new format this year and includes all students in our VCE and VCE-VM programs. On the 15th we will have no junior classes. Only students involved in the GAT are required at school. Staff will be onsite working on reports and preparing for the semester 2 programs.

Exams for year 11 and year 10 students are coming up next week. These are important steps in assessment and in moving towards senior programs. Exams are compulsory and if students are absent opportunities to catch-up will be arranged. Year 10 exams are held in period 5 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Normal classes will run for all other sessions. Year 11 exams will run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the first 4 periods of the day with private study after lunch. Regular classes will run on Wednesday and Friday.

Please check the information regarding the Doctors in School program in the newsletter. We are hoping to have face to face appointments available once a doctor is available but, in the meantime, the online service is great option and students will be supported accessing these appointments at school. Students do need to register with the online clinic, this information is in the newsletter, but wellbeing staff can assist with this if needed. Appointments can be made at the school office.

Cate Eddy



**NEED A DOCTORS APPOINTMENT?
BOOK AN ONLINE ONE
HERE AT SCHOOL!**

Before you make a Telehealth appointment, you will need to register as a new patient on HotDoc before making an appointment at the General Office.

FRIDAY
9 - 3

SCAN HERE

Or head to the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/NumurkahSCdoc>

***Registering will take about 3 minutes and you may need your Medicare card or your Pension/Healthcare/Concession Card

R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



We recently received a review of the outcomes from the Man Cave sessions our Year 8 and 9 male students participated in last term. While our students talked about how much they valued the sessions and rated them very highly, the results from their survey feedback are even better!

Highlights include:

- 100% of those who participated would recommend the Man Cave Program to another young man
- 100% of Year 9s and 85% of Year 8s felt confident they could use things they learned about during the sessions in their own lives
- 91% of Year 9s said the workshop had a positive impact on them
- Significant growth for both year levels in their confidence around areas such as emotional awareness, motivation, providing support for mates and seeking support if they need it

Some of the individual (anonymous) comments about the workshop included:

'It showed me it's ok to be myself and not listen to hurtful stereotypes'

'After the program I will ask people more often how they are really feeling'

'It helped me become a stronger man'

'People have more in common than we think'

A huge thanks goes out to the Man Cave presenters who worked so well with the young men in our school, but a bigger thank you goes out to those young men! They engaged and participated, were open and honest and it seems gained a huge amount from these sessions.

At NSC, we are ready to learn when we bring a fully charged laptop to class.

WEEK 4 & 5 POSITIVE COMPASS CHRONICLES

8 POSITIVES

- * Lilly Amber Grover
- * Ella Parkinson

7 POSITIVES

- * Baelan Saxton
- * Helena Schrapel
- * Lucas Stedman
- * Daniel Callander
- * Tobie Lomax-Davie

6 POSITIVES

- * Molly Harris
- * Marli Salter
- * Elise Kirby
- * Connie Harris
- * Cooper Newbery
- * Lachlan Cartledge

5 POSITIVES

- * Elisha McCoombes
- * Marshall Duncan
- * Dakota Salter
- * Hayley Newby
- * Izaac Koeleman

Getting to know our school captains

Chelsea Gunn



What's your favourite flavour ice-cream?

Bubble gum

What are your hobbies?

Shopping, sleeping, and talking.

What's your favourite class?

Psychology

What are you looking forward to this year?

Finishing school and getting to sleep in more.

Where did you grow up?

Numurkah

Do you have any siblings? how many?

Yes, 3 younger siblings.

Where is somewhere you want to travel to?

Italy, to adventure and make lots of good memories.

What's your favourite thing about Numurkah

Secondary College?

The fact that its such a small school and you can get to know everyone well.

What do you want to do after school?

Take a gap year to save money to be able to travel before going to Uni to study teaching.

What's your favourite song?

Olivia Rodrigo- Driver's license

What advice would you give to a year 7 student?

Although school may seem very daunting it honestly goes by so quickly, enjoy the time you're here as much as possible to be able to look back on good memories you've made.

At NSC, we are ready to learn when we bring our pens and books to class.

Intro to Farming students visit Katunga Fresh!

Earlier this week, students in our Intro to Farming elective visited Katunga Fresh. Although it was a very fresh 7 degrees outside when we arrived, it was a perfect 24 degrees inside, as Marian Van Den Goor gave us a tour of a section of their vast greenhouses, explaining all the key aspects of growing hydroponic (truss) tomatoes and cherry tomatoes.

Students and staff were amazed at the vast lengths of floor to mid-ceiling high tomato and cherry tomato vines, heaving with fresh fruit, staff busily moving between the rows, pruning, tending and encouraging the vines to reach and climb higher. Marian discussed with our students the technologies used to heat, cool, and clean the greenhouses, methods used for the pollination of the plants, the mix of water, fertilizer and minerals in the hydroponic solution and the advantages of hydroponic farming.

Students and staff were startled, as two automated mini road trains suddenly appeared around the corner, silently and efficiently driving past, transporting produce from distant sections of the greenhouses along the internal concrete roadways to the final packing area. We watched on from there, as the many busy workers were chatting away, while sorting and packing and feeding the freeways of rollers that were carrying box after box of the red, green and orange produce to the end of the line; where they were being stacked, ready to be stored, transported and eaten Australia-wide!

We were provided with a quick explanation and visual of the final stages of construction of the new biogas plant, being built in partnership with the Optimal Group, that will provide biomethane as the Katunga Fresh heating source as a renewable alternative to fossil fuel natural gas. This will make the system even more sustainable, as the carbon dioxide by-product is also then pumped back for the plants to use during photosynthesis.

The class will now use this information to complete CAT3, an investigation into hydroponic farming and the similarities and differences to dairy farming, using information from the Akers Dairy excursion from late in Term 1.

This experience links back to the classroom at Level 9 in the Victorian Humanities (Geography) curriculum. Our students now have a local, real-world experience of difficult challenges we face for sustainable agriculture and how we can use advancements in technology in a variety of farming scenarios.



‘The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary’

- Vidal Sassoon

Meals on Wheels

Dakota, Lachlan, Declan, Darby, Ocean, Charlie, Tommi, Toby and Lee all spent time over the past fortnight delivering Meals on Wheels. This is a great opportunity for our students to help reduce social isolation that is found in one in four older Australians who live alone. *mealsonwheels.org.au*



JOB CAMP

The final module of Job Camp - First Aid, has been completed by our students. 'JOB CAMP is facilitated by way of incursion and offers students access to vocational training and compliance certificates that are pre-requisites for employment' - <https://shortcoursesau.edu.au/job-camp/vic/secondary-schools>



‘You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream’

■ C.S. Lewis

Level 3 Product and Design

Level 3 Product Design students, Ashton and Will, have completed their seating solution in record time. They designed and produced their stools to a very high standard. Well done Ashton and Will.

In this picture Ashton is proudly presenting his finished project. He used a CAD program and the laser cutter to etch his business logo into the seat base. 'Innovation by Ashton', a great slogan!



Will decided to design a smaller logo for his seat. 'Sirosoi Designs' could be the start of great things! Well done Will.



'The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra'

— Jimmy Johnson

NATIONAL SORRY DAY



Friday the 26th of May was National Sorry Day and marks the beginning of Reconciliation week for all Australia. Sorry Day is also the day where we come together as Non-Indigenous Australians to apologise for all the historical and contemporary wrongs perpetrated on the First Nations Peoples as a result of colonialism. As has become tradition, Numurkah Secondary College students were able to attend to take part and witness the commemoration. We were Welcomed to Country by Michael Bourke who spoke in Yorta Yorta, followed by Uncle Bobby speaking about the loss of a much-loved Elder, Aunty Fay Lyneham who recently passed on to the Dreaming.

Phoebe Zammit and Charli Codiga spoke as



part of the ceremony, they did a fantastic job delivering some hard truths and representing the school. We also had several First Nations students attend the event, some of which had never been able to attend before and it was wonderful to see them really take it all in. The key speaker, Daryl Sloan, a member of

the Stolen Generation, who recounted the story of when his mother, while fleeing an abusive relationship, had nowhere for Daryl and his two brothers to stay. As her final resort, she went to the police for help, whose solution was to charge the three children, Daryl was just 2 at the time, with vagrancy offences, so they could be taken into custody and "looked after". He then tells of the conditions he found himself in within the Child's Home in Ballarat, desperate and dire, with little room for the love and care a small child needs. If you would like to hear his whole story, it can be found on the Shepparton Region Reconciliation Group Facebook page, as the whole event has been recorded. This is an incredibly sad tale, but one Daryl believes is important for people to hear as it speaks to the desperation of Indigenous people at the time and the ripple on effects. We listened, we learned, and we move through the world holding this knowledge to ensure that this never happens again.



‘You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think’ - Christopher Robin

Shepparton Law Court Excursion

The Year 9 Power & Politics and the Year 12 Legal Studies classes visited the Shepparton Law Courts on Tuesday 2nd May. As part of this excursion the students gained an understanding of the court structure, roles of the different court personnel and viewed the court proceedings.



Year 12 Business Management- Yakult

The Year 12 Business Management class had an online virtual tour of Yakult this week as part of their learning on our topic Operations Management. Students learnt how the product is made and manufactured. They were able to see examples of technology development, quality management, corporate social responsibilities and globalisation aspects in the tour and the presentation.



‘A little progress each day adds up to big results’ - Satya Nani

NSC Careers News.

THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS CREATE IT. – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Hospitality Job Camp, 8-day program

Friday 2nd June is when the First Aid certificate is being delivered in T6. This is the final certificate of the 8 day Job Camp program.

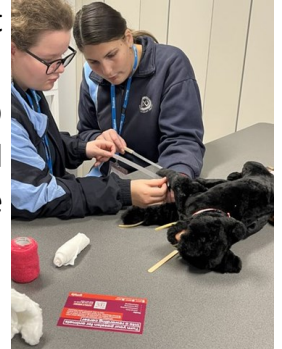
Certificates for the program will be sent to the school via email and will be distributed to the students.

FOOD AND FIBRE CAREER EXPO 2023

Melbourne University Dookie Campus

On Friday the 26th of May, we went to Dookie Food and Fibre day. There was a lot of different activities and we got to choose 3 of them. One of the activities that I liked the most was called Paw Prints. We got to learn how to bandage pets paws up so that it won't hurt them anymore. The other activities that I did was equine, and livestock. Equine was learning about horses and livestock was where we had to take a bus to a paddock and measure the right amount of grass for cattle to live in.

Written by Connor Ciccone, Year 10



Year 9

MORRISBY PROGRAM FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS


PARENT INFORMATION:

PROFILING FOR ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

Parents need to fill in consent forms and return to school asap.

My Career Insights

Information for parents



What is My Career Insights?

My Career Insights is a **program for all Year 9 students** in Victorian Government secondary schools. It was designed to help your child to make **informed choices** about subject selection, vocational education and training, senior secondary school certificates and further study. This program recognises the importance of developing **career planning skills** including an awareness of individual strengths and preferences as part of the overall career planning process for young people. This program is designed to **support current career education programs** within the school and to be a **lifelong career tool** that can be revisited and updated.

My Career Insights Journey

01

Parent Consent
Consent is **required** for your child to participate in this program, this will be **organised through your school**.

02

Profiling
Your child will need to complete an **online profiling session** which includes a series of **questionnaires and quizzes** accessed via the Morrisby website. On completion, they will have access to an online interactive profile and **can download a printable report**. Access to their Morrisby account is available for life if they log in at **least once within 5 years**. This will allow students to continue to develop their career action plan.

03

Interviewing
Your child will then participate in a **one-on-one interview** conducted by an independent Career Consultant (engaged by the CEAV). They will **"unpack" their Morrisby Profile Report** and demonstrate system functionality for ongoing use. **Parents/guardians are welcome to join**.

04

Next Steps
The **My Career Portfolio initiative**, has been designed to support students with resources to capture career goals and plans. Your child can **download a copy** of their Morrisby Report and **add it** to their Career Portfolio.

‘Failing to fail will never give you the real joy and happiness of success’

- Invajy

Year 10

Work experience is timetabled the week beginning Monday 11th September – Friday 15th September

All year 10 students are having 1:1 consults to discuss options, if you have not had your 1:1 consult, don't worry, GMLLEN will return next Tuesday 6th June to complete all year 10 consultations.

If you need any career advice, drop in and see Cathy Tuesdays – Fridays

Send an email cathy.osullivan@education.vic.gov.au

Or phone M:0476496352

The Numurkah SC careers website is a great source for all student year levels. Check it out!

www.numurkahcareers.com

YEAR 10 TO YEAR 11 PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING



Join us on Wednesday 19th of July at 6pm

The senior school information night will provide an overview of the two pathways available for Year 10 students entering Year 11 in 2024.

In 2024, Senior school students will have the opportunity to choose to complete one of the following pathways:

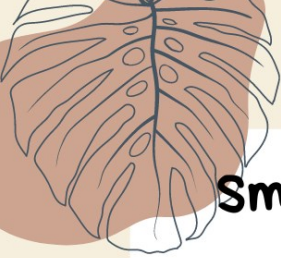
- Traditional VCE pathway
- VCE Vocational Major pathway

We are excited for the below organisations to be available on the night to assist all parents and students with any queries or questions around students pathway opportunities.



LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY

‘If you really want to do something you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse’ - Jim Rohn



Smoothie Bike 6th June at Lunch outside the A rooms it's free everyone is welcome

There are 3 smoothies available to choose from

Mango

Banana

Strawberry

There will also be show bags handed out. You
are required to peddle the bike yourself if you
would like your smoothie



**‘Good things come to those who wait, but better things come to those
who go out and get them’ - Unknown**

TAIHLA'S TEASERS

Word Finder

Find as many words as you can with this 9 letter word, you can only use each letter once per word and the words have to be 3 letters or more

A	E	E
N	D	T
U	V	R

NSC Word Search

E	R	E	C	E	S	S	J	U	N	I	O	R	E
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GYM
COLLEGE
LITERACY
VCE VM
CHOCOLATE
ENJOYABLE
SECONDARY
SENIOR
DICTIONARY
KYLIE
TEXTILES
CHRISTIE
JUNIOR
LUNCH
DRIVING
UNIFORM
HUNKIN
PRINCIPAL
TWEDDLE
HOT FOOD
SCIENCE
ART
RECESS
GRAY

‘Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude’ - Ralph Marston



Have you booked your seats yet?

St Joseph's School is inviting parents from local schools in the district to attend a free cyber safety information night.

This **free event** is on Wednesday 7th June from 7pm- 8pm at St Joseph's School, 16 Tocumwal Road, Numurkah.

Presented by Craig Reid, a school eSmart Advisor with the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, learn about the latest trends and research as well as where to go when you have a concern.

Places are limited, so don't forget to book!

To reserve your seat, please follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CICGN>

We look forward to seeing you there.



NSC have students involved in the Live 4 Life crew and they need your help to raise funds.

Can you help young people jump on the bus to attend the Crew Camp in 2024?

Live4Life Crew provides young people with the opportunity to be leaders and to advocate for mental health support and education in an ongoing and empowering way.

If you think you could spare some cash and help support this great program, please follow the link below—

<https://supportus.live4life.org.au/2023-eofy-campaign-2>

At NSC, we are ready to learn when we leave our mobile phones, hats

My Connect

Convenient transaction-fee free banking
for Under-21s.

My Connect Account

Available to account holders under 21 years old, the My Connect Account is banking when and where you need it - with no fuss!

This account offers fee-free use of VISA Debit, EFTPOS/ATM, internet banking, phone banking, BPAY, OSKO and branch withdrawals.

Features and Benefits

- At-call account - access to your funds whenever you need it.
- Full access - transaction-fee free!
- Internet Banking and App access available.
- VISA Debit Card available.
- BPAY available.
- Supports OSKO real-time payments.

Fees & Charges

Transaction-fee free!

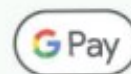
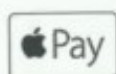
See latest fees and charges schedule or visit gmcu.com.au for current fees and charges.

Interest

Variable interest account. Interest on savings is calculated monthly on minimum monthly balance and paid annually on the last day of March. See our current interest rate sheet or visit gmcu.com.au for applicable interest rates.

Other ways to access

When you have a VISA Debit card on your My Connect account, you can pay with your phone using your preferred digital wallet - no need to open an app, just hold your compatible device near a card reader wherever contactless payments are accepted.



For more information on how to set up your digital wallet, please visit gmcu.com.au/products-services/digital-wallet

Terms and Conditions

This account can be opened for youth under 21. If under 18, a parent or legal guardian will be required to instruct on behalf of the child. Upon turning 18, the child can be nominated as an account signatory and we will cease allowing a parent or legal guardian to sign on their behalf.

Upon the account owner turning 21, the account will be transferred to a My Everyday (S) account.

Terms, conditions, fees & charges and eligibility criteria may apply.

This document must be read together with the gmcu Account & Access Facility Conditions of Use, Summary of Accounts & Availability of Access Facilities and the Schedule of Fees & Charges.

Party on the pavement

Sat 3rd June
38 Wattle Drive, Numurkah
2-4pm

children & partners welcome
we have Disney +

Entertainment by Level 3,
snacks, mulled wine & salted caramel baileys coffee provided.

BYO Blankets and chairs – we're outside!

‘Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars’ -

Les Brown
