

# Not for one—but for all UMURKAH



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# SECONDARY COLLEGE

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### Principal's Report

Dear NSC Families,

Winter has certainly arrived suddenly with cold winds and wet weather moving in over this last week. We expect our students to come dressed in school uniform. There are great options to layer with a long sleeved white or black sleeve t-shirt (no hood) under the school shirt, the school windcheater and jacket. Students can also wear the school long pants or school tracksuit pants along with the option of the school kilt and tights enable students to dress warmly. An extra jacket/coat may be worn to school and in break times. Our classrooms are well heated, and students can work comfortably. On particularly cold days extra indoor space has been made available during lunch breaks and staff have provided activities for students to be involved in.

I would like to thank Freya Sadler for ensuring staff and students were given opportunities to participate in and learn about the very significant days, in our national calendar, which recognise the importance of Australia's First Nations people and the steps we need to take to move forward in the healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May a group of our students attended the National Sorry Day Ceremony at Monash Park, Shepparton. Mia Ruggi and Matilda Jones represented our College in reading to the gathering about the awareness and importance of this

I understand the impact that COVID, colds and influenza have on your child being able to attend school and really appreciate that parents have been aware of the need to keep unwell children home from school. Please continue to support the health of our whole school community by acting responsibly. We have been incredibly fortunate to be able to continue to run a full school program and avoid collapsing classes or asking year level groups to work from home on certain days. I would like to encourage families to access flu vaccinations as a further step in helping your child be well enough to attend school. On Wednesday afternoon our staff participated in a session led by Phoebe Smith from the Resilience Project. This was a great opportunity to learn more about the importance of supporting the wellbeing of staff and students through the simple practice of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. This link will provide you with resources which can be used at home and in your family.



Numurkah Secondary College acknowledges the Bangerang and Yorta Yorta people, Tradítíonal 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-countrymap/Aboriginal\_Country\_Completed/Bangerang/Bangerang\_People

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### June 2022:

13th June: Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday 14th June: Curriculum Day: Pupil Free Day

17th June: Hume X-Country

17th June: Yr 10 ABCN Careers Program

#### July 2022:

14th July: State X-Country

19th July: Careers Parent Engagement Evening

19th July: School Council Meeting

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Kathleen Newby (President), Kelly Bloomfield (Vice President),

Cate Eddy (Executive Officer), Deanne Dewar, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta Russo, Angela Joy, Rachel Bonham

Next meeting: 19th July 6:00pm

https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/

VCE Unit 1 exams and a practise GAT exam have been conducted this week. Our students have been focused and worked hard to achieve their best. These exams are an important step in completing Unit 1 and preparing for further studies.

Staff curriculum days are an important part of whole school professional development. Our next curriculum day is Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be working through a *Cultural Understanding and Safety Training* and continuing development of our curriculum across Key Learning Areas. This is a student free day.

Well done to all our students who have been completing final assessment tasks as our semester comes to a close. Timetables are nearing completion for next semester with student selection being an important part of this to ensure a full curriculum is being offered while still giving our students a voice in the process.



Cate Eddy Principal

#### facebook



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

## We're here to Help....



Being involved in our local community is a big part of Numurkah Secondary College. From Meals on Wheels to Sports days, the students are happy to help out and represent our school with such pride. With life returning pretty much to normal (or a new normal), junior sporting days (Primary Schools), were back this year. Six of our wonderful students helped out with umpiring of netball and football.

## **REAP to Read**



Layla Morton and Wyatt Hendy Smith were this week's home reading winners. They read the same amount of nights over the week so have each received a \$5 cacanteen voucher.





Daniel Grinter is this week's Home Reading Champion 
 He has read every night and remembered to get his home reading satchel in on Monday morning.

## **NSC Careers**

#### VCE IS CHANGING FROM 2023

Victoria's Senior Secondary Education is changing. From 2023, the new VCE Vocational Major will replace Intermediate and Senior VCAL.

This means the VCE will recognise different students equally. The new Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will replace Foundation VCAL. Students will have more education choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences - preparing them for further study, training at TAFE or work. From 2023, more students will study the VCE. That is because the VCE will include the Vocational Major, a 2-year program that sits within the VCE.

There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate for those who need flexibility in their learning. A new information and awareness campaign, Many Talents, One VCE will roll out explaining the changes. The changes are a result of the Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling (the Firth review). The review found we needed to improve vocational learning in schools.

Schools currently offering VCAL will switch to the VCE Vocational Major from 2023. Some schools that do not offer VCAL will expand their options to include the VCE Vocational Major. Teachers and careers counsellors are available to answer questions and to support students as they make decisions about their final years at school.

Now students will have greater access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning

opportunities. For more information, go to: vic.gov.au/oneVCE

#### https://www.vic.gov.au/many-talents-one-vce

#### **Opportunities**

- Motor Mechanic Technician Apprentice Mustica Nissan / Holden Apply in writing to: The Manager, Mustica Motors P.O. Box 303, Cobram 3644
- Session Builders, Cabinetry (Work Experience, Holiday Work)
  Phone:
  - Clayton Sessions 0437 351 622
  - Greg Bicknell 0431 812 710
  - Greg Young 0423 422 208



### ATTENTION ALL CARPENTERS/CONTRACTORS!!!

Due to the surge in the Housing Boom, Sessions Builders are looking for any Carpenters, Labourers, Contractors, Current Apprentices, Work Experience kids during School Holidays etc. for an immediate start.

Give Greg Bicknell a call on 0431 812 710, Clayton Sessions on 0437 351 622 or Greg Young on 0423 422 208 for further information.

#### FOOD & FIBRE EXCURSION @ MELBOURNE UNI DOOKIE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Students attended the Food & Fibre Careers Day, students chose what workshops they attended in regard to Agriculture Industry. Equine Horses for Courses, Get into Genes, Sheep & Wool Viticulture, Indigenous foods, Environmental Science and many more. The day was very interactive and fun giving students great insight into all forms of Agriculture.







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#### White Card Certificate

20 NSC students on 31<sup>st</sup> May completed their White Card - Construction Induction certificate. All students enjoyed and engaged fully in the day. Daniel the trainer said he enjoyed it very much. So, thank you.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE - year 10 students

Time to discuss where you want to do work experience. Find opportunities on the SWL Portal

https://workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/



#### Australia National University

Applications close for the Australia National University direct entry program on 23 May. You could receive a guaranteed offer by September, <a href="https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply">www.anu.edu.au/study/apply</a>

#### La Trobe University

Applications for the La Trobe University Aspire Early Admission Program are now open and will close in September <a href="https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire">www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire</a>

#### Charles Sturt University

Round 2 applications for the Charles Sturt Advantage Program will close Friday 24 June. You could secure a guaranteed offer by late July, <a href="https://careernews.click/advantage">https://careernews.click/advantage</a>

#### University of New England

Applications are now open and close in September. Selection is based on a recommendation from your school. <a href="https://careernews.click/uneearlyentry">https://careernews.click/uneearlyentry</a>

#### Swinburne University

Applications open for the Early Entry Program this month and close in October <a href="https://careernews.click/swinburneearlyentry">https://careernews.click/swinburneearlyentry</a>

#### **RMIT** University

Applications open for the Early Offer program this month and close in September <a href="https://careernews.click/rmitearlyoffer">https://careernews.click/rmitearlyoffer</a>

#### ADF Gap Year Program

Applications are now open: Current Year 12 students can apply for a 12-month position in the Air Force, Army or Navy, to begin in 2023. To view the amazing roles on offer and start your application visit https://careernews.click/gapyear



#### Australian Defence Force

The following information sessions are running in May www.defence.jobs.gov.au/events

2 Virtual Navy Careers

2 Virtual: Women in Defence

3 Virtual: Trade Careers

3 Shepparton: Defence Careers

4 Melbourne: Submariners careers (Navy)

5 Albury: Defence Careers

9 Melbourne: Women in Defence

11 Virtual: Army Officer

24 Swan Hill: Defence Careers

31 Virtual: Army Careers

31 Melbourne: Army Careers



Numurkah Secondary College Careers website aims to provide you with all the latest information that will help your child decide about their future career. Check it out <a href="https://www.numurkahcareers.com">www.numurkahcareers.com</a>

If you need advice drop in and see Cathy (Tuesday - Friday) located in the Library or send a message or call Cathy O'Sullivan

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



# **Uniform Update**





Dear Parents / Guardians,

This year NSC is excited to have an addition to the school uniform. The NSC Beanie has been designed by senior students. It has been approved by School Council.

We are seeking expressions of interest from our students to order one.

If your child is interested in buying and wearing the NSC School beanie, please complete the order form below.

Payment of \$15 is also required to secure your order. Payment (in cash is preferred), to the school office.

Beanie order forms and payment need to be in by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

If you have any questions, please speak to Ms Harman in the Year Level Leader's office.

Ms. Hellen Harman

(Hellen.Harman@education.vic.gov.au)

Please complete this section below and return to the school office, with payment.

2022 NSC Beanie order form

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$15 included.







On this day

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture

we say sorry.

- Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia



On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, Australia recognised Sorry Day, the day in which Non-indigenous people of this country listen and reflect on the stories told of systemic abuses and personal tragedies expressed by the Original custodians of the land. Numurkah students were again asked to take part in the Shepparton commemoration ceremony at Monash Park, as they had done in the year previous, which was an opportunity we enthusiastically embraced. This year it was the privilege of Mia Ruggi and Matilda Jones in leading the 'expressions of sorrow' statements for the ceremony, which they both did admirably. We also had the opportunity to take along more First Nations students this year, with the help of Kathryn Lord and CVGT Australia to ferry them to and from Shepparton.

We were greeted with a smoking ceremony and 'welcomed to country' by Yorta Yorta man Michael Bourke in language. We then heard from students attending Sirius College and Notre Dame College about the history of this day, its necessity and purpose, then an introduction to the guest speaker Aunty Ella Anselmi. Aunty Ella told the confronting stories of her and her brothers' experiences of being taken away from their families "when the black cars came down the road" and the difficulties her brothers had in reconnecting with culture when they were finally reunited. Mia and Matilda led us in our 'expressions of sorrow' in which the non-indigenous attendees expressed their sorrow for the wrongs done in the past and those wrongs still being visited on Indigenous people today. The wrapping up of the Commemoration was dedicated to the action we need to take to make reconciliation not just a goal, but a reality for the rightful owners and custodians of this land.





"Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land!"





# Junior sports day



On the Tuesday 31st of May the Year 7s and 8s participated in the junior winter sports day. The activities we could choose from were ten pin bowling, basketball, clay target and netball. I chose netball. Our team players were Claudia, Amy, Leila, Ella, Layla, Tyeisha, Marly, Helena, Savina, Taleisha and myself.

We started the day off with horrible weather, but that didn't stop us. In the first round we played against Shepparton Christian College. We won 9-1. That round was one of our best. In the second round we played against Notre Dame B. We lost that round with a score with 4-6. We tried our best though.

In the 3rd round the weather became hectic. We then versed Norte dame C. We won that game with a score of 5-6. That was one of our toughest games because their players were all very good. The 4th round is the game where we tied 5-5. We were versing Notre A. We then had a 45 min break. The canteen was open and was serving hot chocolates, hotdogs, pies, lattes and some other hot food. This was perfect for this weather. After everyone had stocked up on fuel. After our break was over it was time for finals. We played against Notre B again. We were 3rd on the ladder, but sadly lost that game with a score of 6-7. It was a tough game to beat but we tried our best at the end of the day. Thanks to Miss Shannon and Zak for taking us and supporting us on that fun adventure. – Paige Year 7

On Tuesday the 31st of May the year 7 and 8s of Numurkah secondary college went to winter sports. I went clay target shooting with a few other schools. We had to leave school on a small bus at 9:00 and we arrived around 9:25am.

upon arrival we had to sign some stuff and then waited inside to start shooting. Our school was split up into 2 different groups. The groups were called out and students went to their places to shoot.

Everyone started with just regular clay targets that get shot into the air, you got 5 attempts and for every one that you hit you got 1 point. The second was the same. After the second it began to rain a lot so we had to wait a couple hours during this time we got lunch from the canteen and hung out with friends.

The third was more interesting because there was one that rolled along the ground and one that came straight towards you. The one that rolled along the ground was called the rabbit.

The fourth and final one was one that shoots from behind you and one that shoots straight up into the sky. In the end Cooper and Tom were tied for the win.

Thanks to Mr Smythe and Mr Kelly for taking us. It was Fun-Baelan Year 7

Year 7 and 8 winter sports day: Once I arrived at school we went and got into different groups (based on which sport you were going to). Once we got on the bus everyone just started talking pretty much as loud as they could, talking over each other about how they were going to win. Then we arrived at the first stop where the netballers and basket ballers hopped off then we arrived at Star Bowl, Shepparton and went in. The employee kept explaining the rules until she turned on practice bowling for us to have a go. After we did that, we went onto the actual games which honestly didn't end well I got three strikes two spares and the team next to us was almost always getting strikes and spares. Corey's bowling ball grew wings apparently (because he threw it as high as he could). After that we decided to just have fun and bowled at slow as we could and as fast as we could (which was 30 kilometers an hour). We had some fun on the games in the arcade and almost won a major prize and almost got the squid game plushy thing. Then the bus arrived after we boarded the bus picked the net ballers up and we all went back to school. Thanks to Miss Carruthers and Lea for taking us and to Mr. Smythe and Zac for organising the day it was fun. - Owen Year 7

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

#### Come help us at NCN Health Seeking Secondary Students at Nathalia, Cobram, or Numurkah\*

When: Term 3 - Monday or Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm for 10 weeks. at: Banawah Nathalia, Irvin House Cobram, or Lodge / Karinya at Numurkah.



- Play Board or Card Games
- Play Board or Card Games e.g. Uno, Scrabble, etc

with residents.



- 1 on 1 chats
   Colouring Activities
- Colouring Activities
   Reading
- and more

What are the benefits of volunteering?

- · Learn new skills
- See what staff do, possible career options
- Give back to my local
   community
- Help others

\*Orientation and Training provided.
\*Note currently masks are required when volunteering in Aged Care facilities.

We match volunteers to activities they enjoy



ENQUIRE TODAY phone: 5862 0598



#### VACANT POSITIONS

- Cert 3 in Plumbing Shepparton (NSON0721)
- Cert 3 in Plumbing Shepparton (00071221)
- Cert 3 in Business Echuca (002)(042)
- Cert 3 in Business Shepparton (CC220222)
- Cert 3 in Parks & Gardens Euroa (00200422)
- Cert 3 in Electrotechnology 4th Year Shepparton (162220222)
- Cert 3 in Civil Construction Kyabram/Shepparton (CC01032)
- Cert 3 in Civil Construction Shepparton (00100822)
- Cert 3 in Heavy Vehicle Diesel Mechanic 2nd or 3rd year— Shepparton/Lemnos (NEXIXX22)
- Cert 3 in Engineering Mechanical-Shepparton (NS100822)



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#### GENERAL INFORMATION Business Traineeships ar traditional trade

traditional trade apprenticeships are common and come up regularly through The Apprenticeship Factory.

Registrations oan be oompleted to go on ou database – please enquire within. Ph: 1300 134 648

### NUMURKAH SINGERS INC PRESENTS



24th June 7:30pm, 25th June 7:30pm and 26th June 2:00pm

Numurkah Town Hall Knox Street Numurkah



Tickets available at Eventbrite and at
The Kiosk Melville Street Numurkah
(Beside Post Office)
Thursday 9th, 16th & 23rd June 9am -12pm 2pmSaturday 4th, 11th & 18th June 9am-12pm

#### Check us out on Facebook & Instagram



State Covid Restrictions Ag

Numurkah Singers INC. Production of OLI'
Book, music and lyrics by Lionel
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australa
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Aust



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YOU CAN REFER TO OUR WEBSITE:

www.theapprenticeshipfactory.com.au

The Victorian Government has announced a new \$250 Power Saving Bonus program for all Victorian households. From 1 July 2022, you can access the new \$250 program by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website and submitting an application. Click here if you would like to receive an invitation to apply when the program opens.

The existing \$250 Power Saving Bonus for Concession recipients remains open and is available until 30 June 2022. Before submitting an application for the bonus, please read the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements for the existing Power Saving Bonus program:

- You must be a Victorian residential energy consumer (i.e. have a residential electricity account).
- You must be receiving payments under one of the following concession programs:
  - o Centrelink Pensioner Concession
  - JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy
  - Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession
  - o Or hold a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card