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Not for one—but for all Numurkah Secondary College



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Principal's Report

Dear NSC Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been a busy but calm start to the semester as students started their new subjects. I encourage you to look at students' reports from Semester 1 if you haven't already had an opportunity to. Over the semester you will be notified of the dates when CATS are up on Compass so that you can get ongoing feedback about your student's progress. This system enables us to communicate successes and concerns in a timely manner.

It was wonderful to have a NAIDOC assembly last Friday. Freya Sadler's presentation to the school was extremely thought provoking and gave us all an opportunity to reflect on the past but challenge each of us to get 'Get up, Stand up and Show up.'

Our Senior VCE students are in the final term of their course. This is an exciting but also stressful time for our students, and their teachers, as they strive to achieve the best results they can. The GAT will be on September 7th for all students studying Units 3 and 4 courses. Final SAC work and preparation for exams are the focus for this term. For our VCAL, students this is the time to access support in looking for transition into the work force.

Cathy O'Sullivan has been working with many of our students in this process.

The opportunities to join the workforce now are vast, including apprenticeship and trainee positions. Please feel free to contact Cathy at the school to arrange a meeting if you would like further advice.

I am looking forward to seeing our Year 10 families at the course selection on Wednesday next week, July 27th at 6.30. We highly recommend parents and guardians attend this evening to ensure you have the information needed to help plan the future pathways of your students/children. There are some changes to the senior program, so even if you have had older children, it is important to be informed of the options our students have. This will be followed up with some discussions with students on Friday and interviews in the following week.

Our Child safe policy has been ratified by School Council and is now available to our school community on the school website. Please contact us at school if you have any questions regarding this.

The NSC Debutante Ball was a wonderful evening. While the concept of being presented to society is no longer relevant, this is still a lovely tradition in our community. When this group decided to take part in the Deb, they made a commitment to practise, to dress beautifully and to work together to hold a special night which involved presenting themselves as young adults who are proud of themselves and respectful of and to the group, their families and the school. I believe they have done this amazingly well and I congratulate them all.



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-countrymap/Aboriginal_Country_Completed/Bangerang/Bangerang_People

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2022:

29th July: Yr 10 Focus Subject selection

August 2022:

12th August: Yr 10 subject selection 12th August: NSC Athletics Carnival

September 2022:

2nd Sept: GMDSSV Athletics Carnival

7 Sept: CURRICULUM DAY (Student free)

8th Sept: OED Snow Trip

15th Sept: Parent Teacher Interview 16th Sept: Parent Teacher Interview

16th Sept: End of Term 3

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: 30th August, 6:00pm

School for Leadership Camp commenced on Sunday the 17th of July for 4 of our Year 9 students. Jayden McNamara, Jacinda Blight, Nathan Schiemann and Charlie Payne were dropped off at The School for Student Leadership - Gnurad Gundidj Campus. This is a 9 week camp and we are looking forward to hearing about their adventures. I have no doubt it will be a wonderful experience.

Covid is still very present and I thank everyone for their diligence in testing and notifying the school if students have returned a positive test. We also appreciate those who are keeping students home who are unwell. *There are ample supplies of RAT kits at the office*.

Teachers are putting work on Compass for students to access if they are well enough. Please contact us if you are needing support with this. The current covid guidelines are on Compass, if you are uncertain about the requirements for isolation, please contact the office.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and hope that we see the impact of illness in the Community start to reduce as the weather warms up.

The newsletter has lots of information, please take the time to read through it and find out what is happening at NSC.



Cate Eddy NSC Principal

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



COVID updates: If you,

- You are a household contact if you have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation or care facility.
- o Your household contact period is 7 days.
- You don't have to quarantine at all during this 7day period, and you can leave home each day provided you:
 - Continually test negative using a rapid antigen test, on at least 5 days out of the 7 day period (ensure tests are spaced at least 24 hours apart)
 - wear a mask indoors when outside your home
 - o do not visit hospitals or care facilities
 - notify your employer or education facility.
- If you do not follow these steps, you must quarantine for the 7-day period – and you are required to get tested on Day 1 and Day 6.

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts

Yr.8 and Yr.9 Local History

On Monday Yr.8 and Yr. 9 Local History class were treated to a visit by Uncle Rubin Batch, an Elder of the Yorta Yorta people. Uncle Rubin captured the students' imaginations with the history of his ancestors in the area. We would like to thank Uncle Rubin for giving up his time to spend educating our students on local indigenous history.





Next Monday the class is off to the Numurkah Museum to learn more about the local area. We can't wait for your next report on this excursion Mr. Kam

Debutante Ball 2022

















School for Student Leadership 2022

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This year, 4 students from Year 9 have been selected to attend the School for Student Leadership at Gnurad-Gundidj in Term 3. This is a 9-week-long program, where students develop their independence and leadership skills. The aim of the School for Student Leadership is "to provide experiential education that supports the personal growth, aspirations and transformation of all students as global citizens". The students take part in fun activities such as a hiking expedition, surfing, canoeing, mountain bike riding, ziplining, and rafting. While there, they also work on developing a project to benefit their community, which they will put into action when they return for Term 4.

The students went through a formal application and interview process to be able to be considered for this amazing opportunity. We are pleased to congratulate Charlie Payne, Jacinda Blight, Jayden McNamara, and Nathan Schiemann as our successful applicants for this year.









Numurkah Secondary College supports the families in covering some of the financial cost of this experience, however there is still a cost, as well as plenty of items that students need to purchase in preparation. To help their families, our 4 SSL students have been fundraising!

Fundraiser # 1 – Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate! The students sold these delightful hot treats on a cold winter lunch time on Wednesday 15/6. They were well supported by students and staff. Thanks go to Numurkah Foodworks for donating the hotdogs!

Fundraiser # 2 – Debutante Ball! The organisers of this year's Debutante Ball kindly offered to allow our students to sell soft drinks at the event.

Fundraiser # 3 – Raffle! Nathan has been all around Numurkah and Shepparton seeking donations for a raffle, and there was an amazing response from the community. As a result, there were 8 fantastic hampers.

- Hamper 1 A delightful range of scents, lotions, bath products, warm bed socks and more!
- Hamper 2 A variety of useful items for the home, including a large picture frame, chain and bar oil, a
 first aid kit, a \$40 voucher for Qute Fashion, and more!
- Hamper 3 Books, jokes, a footy, a Rip Curl backpack, a \$20 Sports First voucher, and more!
- Hamper 4 Ecoya scent diffuser, a hand-crocheted beanie from our very own Mrs Carruthers, \$30 in Vinnies gift vouchers, 2 lovely sets of crockery, a picnic rug, and a drink bottle.
- Hamper 5 \$20 Rush voucher, \$20 Telegraph voucher, and \$20 Numurkah Bakery Café voucher.
- Hamper 6 \$25 Cherish voucher, \$20 Meats on Melville voucher, and \$20 Numurkah Bakery Café
- Hamper 7 \$25 Lemontree Café voucher, \$20 voucher for The Milkbar, \$25 Stanley's Café/Restaurant voucher, and a voucher for The Pizza Place worth \$48 (for Meal Deal 2) all Shepparton stores.
- Hamper 8 \$50 IGA voucher.

Of course we have a number of businesses and individuals to thank for their incredible generosity. We hope others in our community will support them in turn:

Sport First
Flowers on Melville
Numurkah Bakery Café
McPherson's Numurkah
Qute Fashion and Stuff
Meat on Melville
Numurkah Discounts
Numurkah Furniture, Bedding
and Removals
Gagliardi Scott Real Estate

Rush Food

Numurkah Newsagency
The Telegraph Hotel
Sungold Milk
Adventure Awaits
Numurkah Post office
Ampol Numurkah
Ritchie's IGA Numurkah
Numurkah Foodworks
Stanley's Café/Restaurant
Pizza Place
Collin's Bookstore

St Vinnies Opportunity
Store
Barbeques Galore
The Milkbar Café
Lemontree Café
YACVIC
Conti's Dairy
Freeman's Bakery Café
Fiona Carruthers

Cate Eddy Julie Harman

It's all about Attitude...

At the end of each semester, at an in house assembly, Numurkah Secondary College proudly acknowledge those students who have achieved high in their SPA results for the semester. SPA results are all about your attitude and effort. The best part is, you don't have to be a rocket scientist or high achiever to get good SPA results – anyone can do it.

- Turn up to class on time
- Ready to learn (books, pens, diary)
- Pay attention in class
- Have a go, do your best

That's it. Try it this semester and see if your SPA results can improve.

We would like to congratulate those students who received a SPA of 4 or above. We would also like to congratulate those students with an attendance rate of 90% and above.

Year 7 Term 2

Noah Johnson
Ella Parkinson
Hayley Newby
Elise Kirby
Baelan Saxton
Elisha McCoombes
Helena Schrapel

Year 8 Term 2

Bridget Brown
Tegan Stevenson
Chantelle Williams

Year 9 Term 2

Dakota Kelly
Renae Russo
Karli Gerdtz-Suffern
Bree Anna Byra
Nathan Schiemann
Charlie Payne
Kayla Lynch
Nadia Ruggi

Year 10 Term 2

Caitrin Harrison
Molly Harris
Savannah Payne
Viv Russo
Hannah Grigg
Daemyn Kollosche –
Beaton
Sofia Gazzola

Year 11 Term 2

Rhiannon Jose Jake Williams

Year 12 Term 2

Felicity Tickell Paige Gilmour

....and Effort...

Engagement and Wellbeing

Celebrating the Positives!

At Numurkah Secondary College, we love seeing and celebrating all the great things our students do. All of our staff are always on the look out for students who are showing our values in anything and everything they do. Students who show respect, excellent, aspiration and pride in their classwork, the yard or just in the way they interact around the school will be recognised with a positive report in Compass. Families can see these reports on Compass allowing them to celebrate the positive along with their students too!

In the first 2 weeks our students have been averaging over 100 positive reports per day! In future newsletters, we will be recognising these students further by publishing their names and number of positives received.

The Resilience Project

Numurkah Secondary College is proud to be offering The Resilience Project, with its focus on Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) to support our students in feeling more positive and overall happiness.

While we seek to make it a focus at school, there are also opportunities to practice GEM and home! The activities do not take long to do, and evidence shows that they can have a strong impact on improving overall mental health and wellbeing. Check out the activity related to gratitude below.

Here is an easy task to try at home

Gratitude:

Write down or talk about three things that went well for you today. It could be something as simple as hanging with your friends or a big as winning an award! Try to do this every day at the dinner table with others or by keeping a notebook next to your bed.

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

Gotafe Mobile Campus was onsite at NSC Tuesday 19th Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st July Students made great use of the campus to discover VET in Secondary School courses, choose a career path, learn what is required to apply for a course.

- resume
- school report
- face to face interview





YEAR 12 - Focus on Open Day

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university when you finish school, it is crucial that you attend Open Days. Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'.

By attending an Open Day, you will be able to get a feel of the culture of the campus, learn about courses and career options, go on campus and accommodation tours and speak to current students about their experiences.

Don't just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending hard earned money on your course and accommodation. It's worth making the effort to make sure it is what you want.

La Trobe University

Applications for the La Trobe University Aspire Early Admission Program are now open and will close in September www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

University of New England

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

Swinburne University

Applications open for the Early Entry Program this month and close in October https://careernews.click/swinburneearlyentry

RMIT University

Applications open for the Early Offer program this month and close in September https://careernews.click/rmitearlyoffer

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

Applications are open for the Gap Year program. There are many exciting roles on offer, https://careernews.click/adfgap

Ag Career Start

This is gap year program on a farm. You will live in a regional location, earn a nationally recognised qualification, and build life-long industry connections. Applications will be open between 12 July – 18 October

2022 https://agcareerstart.com.au/

Victoria Police

Learn about careers in the Victoria Police at an information session. Sessions are running in June at Horsham and Box Hill. An online session is being run on 23 June https://careernews.click/police

Richmond Institute of Sports Leadership

Richmond Institute has campuses at Melbourne, Albury-Wodonga and Mildura and offers courses in sports development, allied health assistance and community services. The Institute is running information sessions for their Dual Diploma of Sports Development and Leadership and Management program during June:

27 Richmond Football Club

28 Richmond Football Club

28 All campuses (online)

Register: https://tinyurl.com/y3z54f27

Woodwork Elective



The Woodwork class used recycled timber to make the paddles.

It was awe some to see the group enthusiasm toward the project.

The students selected pieces of recycled timber to create various colours in their paddle. They cut and glued the timber then spent hours shaping, planning and sanding their paddles to reach the end products, under the experienced guidance of Mr Tynan.



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
- e.g. Uno, Scrabble, etc with residents.
- · I on I chats
- Colouring Activities Reading
- · and more

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

volunteers to activities they enjoy



ENQUIRE TODAY phone: 5862 0598

What are the benefits of volunteering?

See what staff do, possible career options

Give back to my local

Learn new skills

community

Help others

mail: volunteers@ncnhealth.org.au

On the Monday 18th of July and the Monday 1st of August on the oval at lunchtime, Tom, Riven and Taihla will be hosting an outdoor light contact game, called Treasure ball. It is a Team game. Please come and join, bring your friends and overall have fun!

Private guitar/bass lessons with Ruby Wyatt-Carter Holds current WWC Fully vaccinated References available Ru-Wyatt-Carter graduated from St Marys Nathalia in 2018 with a cert iii in Music Performance, and has since completed a cert iv in Sound Production. Ruby has an extensive history with performing, having joined Numurkah Singers at age 5, and joining her Mum's rock band 'The Murks' in 2019. She first picked up the acoustic guitar at age 11, then studied with local music teachers Michelle 'Squish' Davis and Andrew Walker. She started playing bass at age 16 when her brother ave her a bass for Christmas. Ruby has been employed at Dillmac Entertainment as an instrumental teacher since February 2021 and currently teaches students in St Mary's Nathalia, St Francis Nathalia, Nathalia Primary School and Katunga Primary School. Ruby has time slots available for pri-vate guitar or bass lessons in Numurkah, beginner to intermediate, ages 6 to adult, after school hours on a Tuesday. For all lessons enquiries call or text 0487 519 805.



YEAR 10 TO YEAR 11 PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING



Join us on Wednesday 27th of July at 6:30pm

The senior school information night will provide an overview of the two pathways available for Year 10 students entering Year 11 in 2023.

In 2023, 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.

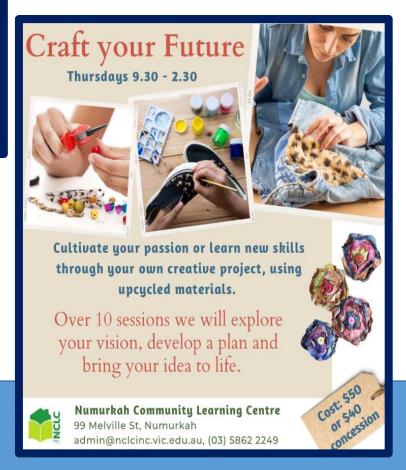














STUDENT VOLUNTEERING DAY AT WINTON WETLANDS FRIDAY 29 JULY

I am writing to let you know that Winton Wetlands, Australia's biggest wetland restoration project, is having a special day for schools on Friday 29 July.

To celebrate National Tree Day (Sunday 31 July), we're putting on a series of events on various days for volunteers to assist us with native tree planting.

Friday 29 July will be Schools Day, and on that day, we're opening our gates to welcome student volunteers for a fun and educational day of outdoor planting activity. Activities are expected to occur between the hours of approximately 10am and 2pm.

Students will be able to assist with planting of 'tubes' that will grow into mighty River Red Gums and other types of tree and shrubs native to the wetlands reserve.

The planting is part of a project being generously funded by Victoria's **Environment Protection Authority** that will enhance the structural and species diversity of a corridor of vegetation that runs about a kilometre from Winton North Road to Green's Hill. In an effort to repair environmental damage done in decades gone by, the Winton Wetlands team – with the help of enthusiastic volunteers – is undertaking this new planting activity to give nature a helping hand restoring the wetlands to something more like its natural state.

We would <u>love</u> students and teachers from your school to be involved in this great activity.

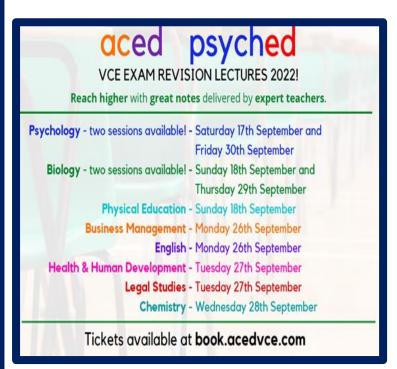
Groups coming on the day will be supervised, enjoy a free lunch, gain educational benefits through improved understanding of how plant eco-systems work, experience the benefits of healthy outdoor activity – and have fun.

If you are interested in sending one or more groups of students on Friday 29 July, please register your interest at

https://forms.office.com/r/Qthx8Qzy76 and we'll send out further information.

For further information please email <u>Luke.Legudi@wintonwetlands.org.au</u> or call Luke on (03) 5747 7116.









individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

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- Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- Be studying yourself <u>OR</u> have a child in school
- Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Sever Plus Coordinator.

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For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



saverplus.org.au



(1300 610 355



@SaverPlusAU

Sever Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local or organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Guide for eligible savings goals

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Eligibility:	ltem .
Education Items that AFP eligible:	✓ Text books
	 ✓ Uniform mandatory for education (sports uniform included for children only)
	 ✓ Computers and tablets (new or purchased from a business that sells second hand)
	✓ Stationery
	 ✓ Furniture for studying (desk, chair, book shelves, desk lamp)
	✓ Tutoring specific to study
	✓ TAFE/VET/University fees
	 Computer Accessories (antiviral software, the Microsoft Office suite, monitor, modern, printer, external hard drives, other hardware etc.)
	√ Bulk transport passes (monthly, 6 monthly and yearly passes) to school, university or TAFE
	Equipment and industry specific clothing mandatory for vocational training. Please note that evidence must be provided to show that the equipment and/or clothing is a requirement for the course being undertaken
	√ Short courses & conferences that complement the vocational training being undertaken.
For children only the following educational items are also eligible:	✓ Children's Frimary and Secondary School Items that are eligible: - Excursions, frips and camps - School bag, lunch box, drink bottle - School materials - Laptop Hire Scheme - School materials for specialist subject costs - School photos ✓ Children's club or community activity items (e.g. sport, music, dance, scoutsigiri guides, cadets, art):
	Membership fees and lesson fees such as swimming or plano lessons Equipment and uniform
	Excursions, trips and camps
Not eligible:	School fees K Shoes, clothes or accessories for school formals Childrane fees and school holiday programs X Shoes, clothes or accessories for outside
	HECS-HELP debts school, including watches, wallets and purses
	X VET-FEE-HELP debts X Non study related furniture
	Motor vehicles and accessories, driving
	Medical or health equipment Gym memberships
	X Glasses (prescription or otherwise) X Second hand goods not through registered dealer (with ABN)
	Mobile Phones, Mp3 Players TV's or gaming consoles Mobile Phones, Mp3 Players TV's or Mobile Phones, Mp3 Players TV's





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Average financial wellbeing score 36 Average financial 59 Average financial 44 Average financial 59 Average financial 59





To join, participants must:

- Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requireme a Saver Plus Coordinator.

For more information, refer interested participants to:



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