

# NAGLE NEWS

## Nagle College Newsletter



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### Message from The Principal Mr Doug Doherty



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**3 MARCH**  
Water in the World (7.2/4)

**4 MARCH**  
Shrove Tuesday  
Water in the World (7.1/7)

**5 MARCH**  
Ash Wednesday  
Whole School Liturgy

**5-7 MARCH**  
Yr 11 Bogong High Plains Hike

**6 MARCH**  
Water in the World (7.3/5/6)  
Yr 10 OES Tambo Day Trip

**11 MARCH**  
School Closure Day

**12-14 MARCH**  
Year 12 Retreat  
NAPLAN

**18 MARCH**  
Triathlon

**21 MARCH**  
Yr 11 Presentation Ball

**31 MARCH**  
2026 Enrolments OPEN

### Planning for the future

This verse from the Book of Jeremiah emphasises that God has a purposeful plan for all our lives, encouraging us to trust in God's guidance as we plan for the future.

At Nagle College, as a faith inspired Catholic learning community, we are very blessed to be able to be a tool of God's plan, to bring hope and a future for all our students.

In this newsletter we will hear from **Ms Judy Taylor** (Deputy Principal for Learning and Teaching) and **Mrs Tina Sonka** (Director of Applied Learning). They will outline how Nagle College is determined to help every student find their pathways for future prosperity, one where they will make a difference. Therefore, I will speak briefly about some of the extra-curricular activities that happened at Nagle College in the last fortnight that has helped our students on this journey of hope and future focused success.



**“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

**JEREMIAH 29:11**

### Nagle College 2025 Swimming Carnival

On behalf of the Strategic Leadership Team, I would like to give a big thank you and congratulations to Mrs Paula O'Neill and all involved in the organisation of the swimming carnival. The students that I spoke with, had a great time.

It was a very successful event, with great organisation for the recording of attendance and movement of students - well done to the Student Services Team. We had a significant increase in attendance of students.

Thank you to all Nagle staff who proactively engaged with students, while moving around the pool area; as well as those who took scores, ran alternate novelty events, led first aid and supervision of key areas. Congratulations to Avila House for winning House Spirit; and once again - Newman House for gaining the overall winning House.





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### Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp was once again a wonderful opportunity for our new Nagle family members to get to know each other. The focus of the camp was to create fun filled activities that would build lifelong friendships, as well as creating solidarity amongst students and staff. I would like to thank Gemma Rose for her amazing organisation of the camp and all the staff that gave up their own time to attend and make it such a success.



### Success for Nagle Horse Riders

Congratulations to our 6 riders who competed in the Interschool Gymkhana, which took place on Wednesday 12th February, at the Maffra Showgrounds.

#### Thank you to Mrs Sarah Anderson for the report:

There were 132 riders from 40 different schools competing in numerous events (games, showjumping, flat classes and an obstacle course).

Nagle had 6 riders competing:

- Shae Strickland-Cohen on Elle
- Alyssa Fulton on Fairway Pilgrim
- Lexi O'Brien on Matuvuv Cookies and Cream
- Ella Kiss on Minnie
- Amelee Anderson on Chloble Park Belle Air
- Leilani Anderson on two horses - Cosmo and Danella Silky Silk



The team of Leilani (Silk), Amelee, Lexi and Alyssa were came 2nd in the overall team placings.

Individual riders are also recognised with a Champion and Reserve champion from each year level. Lexi was awarded Champion for Year 9 and Leilani reserve champion for Year 7. Great effort.

All riders did a fantastic job - lots of encouragement and laughs. A huge thank you to the parents (who are required to be there all day) for doing our allocated duties without any issues.



### Sailing Success in Sydney

It is also with great pleasure that we celebrate the success of Charlie Edwards and Oscar Hopkins at the Sydney 420 Nationals Sailing Competition.

Charli writes that both he and "came 9th overall after cracking the deck and other minor breakages but managed to achieve 1st place on handicap because of our consistency and improvement over the 12 races."

This is amazing success, well done to both young men!

God Bless,

Mr Doug Doherty  
Principal





# Pathways for Future Prosperity

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In August 2024, the newly appointed Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia, Barney Glover AO, addressed the National Press Club in Canberra. In his speech Mr Glover stressed that the successful completion of a secondary school certificate and post-secondary education enhances employability. Unemployment rates for young people (aged between 25-34) without Year 12 or any tertiary qualification are above 10 percent. The unemployment rate of young people with these qualifications is just 3.5 percent.

Mr Glover also noted that 'The job market projections show that 90% of jobs in the next ten years will require post-secondary education with 44% requiring a VET (Vocational Education and Training) qualification and others requiring both VET and Higher Education'.

As we begin our 2025 academic year at Nagle College, we reflect on the importance of knowing our students and providing them with learning opportunities that address their own career goals and reflect the needs of the job market that they are moving into.

Vocational and applied learning strategies help shape our academic program by making learning more practical, relevant, and engaging. These strategies ensure that students not only develop theoretical knowledge but also gain hands-on experience that prepares them for both higher education and the workforce.

In Year 11 and 12, students have an opportunity to tailor their VCE program so they can focus on acquiring industry recognised credentials and workplace experience.

The VCE Vocational Major is a two-year vocational and applied learning program that enables students to successfully transition into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education (via a non -ATAR pathway) and training, or directly into employment.

The program enables students to undertake studies which are delivered using applied learning pedagogy, teaching skills and knowledge in the context of 'real life' experiences. Students apply what they have learnt by doing, experiencing, and relating acquired skills to the real-world. Equipping them with the skills, knowledge, values and capabilities to be active and informed citizens, lifelong learners and confident and creative individuals in a rapidly changing world.

Nagle College students enrolled in the full VM program have access to a Vocational pathway's counsellor, participate in Structure Workplace Learning, complete several short courses including a Financial Literacy course, First Aid, RSA, Safe food handling and CIC card. Students design and create products as part of there project class and sell via an online and retail start up business. This links to the VM learning areas and provides students with an understanding and experience of employability and entrepreneurial skills.

To satisfactorily gain the VCEVM certificate students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 units, including:

- 3 VCE VM Literacy or VCE English units (including a Unit 3-4 sequence)
- 2 VCE VM Numeracy or VCE Mathematics units
- 2 VCE VM Work Related Skills units
- 2 VCE VM Personal Development Skills units
- 2 VET credits at Certificate II level or above (180 nominal hours).

Students must complete a minimum of three other Unit 3-4 sequences as part of their program. (Units 3 and 4 of VM studies may be undertaken together over the duration of the academic year to enable these to be integrated).

## Vocational Education Training (VET)

VET allows students to do nationally recognised training as part of the VCE, VCE VM or VPC. Students can combine general and vocational studies, explore career options, and learn in the workplace.

VET develops industry specific knowledge and skills, as well as general skills needed for employment, training, and further education. VET provides students with practical skills relevant to a student's talents, and helps students work towards a formal VET qualification. Nagle College year 10, 11 and 12 students can select from a wide range of certificate qualifications some are within the timetable but there are also full day programs.



Safe Food Handling



First Aid



White Card Accreditation



### Pathways for Future Prosperity

Ms Judy Taylor & Mrs Tina Sonka

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We invite you to explore the [Curriculum Handbook](#) for the full list of VET qualifications on offer at Nagle College.

Employers value VET because it contributes to the development of entry level skills for their industry, provides students with a practical and focused introduction to workplace requirements.

Students value VET because it allows them to combine general and vocational studies which for many, provides a practical focus in a range of industry areas and provides direct experience of business and industry. It enables them to explore training in areas that will enhance their pathway choices.

Mrs Tina Sonka Director of Applied learning and Ms Jenni Howard Vocational Careers counsellor can provide further information on the VCEVM, VET programs, traineeships/ SBAT's, Structured Workplace Learning and Work experience.

Our current Year 7 students will be the graduating class of 2030. We may not be able to predict what the world will be like in the next decade but at Nagle College we are committed to providing our students with relevant pathways, ensuring they can transition smoothly into their next phase of learning or work.



Images from the Student Led 2024 VM Community Expo, exploring careers in East Gippsland.

2026 ENROLMENT  
INFORMATION EVENING

# DISCOVER NAGLE

2 APRIL 2025

We look forward to continuing our partnership with your family as we support your child's secondary school journey at Nagle College.

There are 3 session times available:  
**4.00 pm, 4.45 pm & 5.30 pm**



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