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Nagle College Newsletter



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Bringing our community together

This quote from Psalm 133:1 – “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity” is very prevalent for our College community today. In the past two weeks we held two key events that brought our community together in a joint purpose.

On 25th July, we held our National Tree Planting Day, which saw all students and staff plant a sapling within our Nagle rainforest. This brought a shared purpose in protecting God’s creation – our environment. I would like to say a big thank-you to Mrs Jacinta Symons who organised the whole event, the student leaders who inspired the regeneration of the tradition, the Gippsland Shire for their support, as well as our esteemed guests who came to help us recognise the importance of this work as a College community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

11TH - 15TH AUGUST
National Science Week

12TH AUGUST
Nagle Music Piano Concert

20TH AUGUST
Nagle’s Got Talent

27TH AUGUST
Student Free Day

28TH AUGUST
Father Rob Galea Presents



Our Founder’s Day was also an amazing range of events that helped us to recognise the importance and continuous inspiration of our Founders and House Founders. This day began with a beautiful mass, supported by amazing music from the College choir and musicians. We were joined by very important guests such as Mr Paul Velten (Director of Catholic Sale Diocese LTD), Fr Brian Ahern (Salesian Order) and esteemed members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and our St. Mary’s Parish, Bairnsdale.



The day also included a ‘Care Fair’ which raised over \$2,000 within one hour to support the Salesian Ministry in Mongolia, as well as helping to reach the goal of \$1500 to have key members of the Senior Leadership, including myself; dunked in ice water.



We also had our colour run, outlining the colours of each House. This was also accompanied with the annual cross country run, with Polding winning the title for 2025.



The students that attended were also part of the history making of Nagle College, as they got to contribute to the rebranding of each House logo and motto.

The students who attended had an amazing day and with their parents/carers, clearly showed that they understand the importance of unity within a community to ensure that the culture is one that supports them throughout their time at Nagle College.

Thank-you to all involved, thank-you to all who attended and thank-you to the amazing parents/carers who supported the College by sending their child to this outstanding and valuable event.



Message from The Principal cont.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Lexi O'Brien who was one of only 12 Spirit of Anzac winners in Victoria for the work that she submitted. Lexi will now travel to Gallipoli to be part of the memorial event this year. We will hear much more about Lexi's achievement later in the year, but as the news was released officially on Wednesday when Lexi was presented with her award in Melbourne, we can now announce it amongst our Nagle family.



I would also like to thank Mrs Henley for her amazing dedication to all the students who applied for the competition. Mrs Henley supported all these aspiring award winners and even meet with all students during the Easter holidays at Bairnsdale library. Mrs Henley's dedication is inspiring to all educators.

REBRANDING - Our New Logo and Name:

As part of this change and renewal at Nagle College today, we are undertaking our first ever professional branding of our College in it's 68 year history. We have employed a Gippsland company called the View From Here, to help us with this process.



We have had a number of consultation workshops with staff, students and parents/carers and Advisory Board members to determine what our brand should be as a Catholic College in East Gippsland.

Four key areas were of Brand Values were identified that identifies we want to be known for: Of Place -Country, Stronger Together, Remarkable and Playful.

Our new logo that will be introduced from 2026 and our new name that shows that we are a proud Catholic educational family that are inspired to live the example of Jesus Christ and implement the love of God by how we live our lives.

As you can see from the logo, the dove is changed to one that is welcoming and in flight – which shows that we are a welcoming Catholic educational community that is constantly moving forward.

We are keeping our mantra – Let Your Light Shine but removing the Latin version, ensuring that it is accessible for all. The Trinitarian God is represented by the Circle for God the Father – The Creator. The Shining Cross represents God the Son our Saviour; and God the Holy Spirit is represented by the Dove.

We have included the sprouting Olive Branch (representing our Salesian Charism) and the sprouting eucalyptus branch (representing our country) which symbolises that we are continuously growing together just as these branches continue to grow. This is also a celebration of our founders and those who have helped build and continue to grow our College throughout its history. We can also see that each year group is represented by the stars.



A big change is that we will be changing the name to Nagle Catholic College. This makes it clear that we are a community that welcomes all and that we strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Colours will also be redefined throughout our branding. This means that our uniform and branding will now be Nagle Catholic College and will be very clearly identifiable.

So moving forward next we develop our House Branding, then develop new signage around the College, a new website, new social media and of course consultation on what a new uniform will look like and how it will be introduced.

Please do not be concerned that you will need to buy a brand new uniform – this will not be the case. Uniforms will not change until 2027 and there will be a period of change, where we will have two styles – old and new uniform being worn, so we do not put undue expense on families.

God Bless

Mr Doug Doherty





Mrs Jacinta Symons

Director of Inclusive Learning, Subject Learning Leader - Science



Tree Planting Day 2025

On Friday, we gathered not only to plant trees, but to sow the seeds of a lasting legacy—one rooted in biodiversity, stewardship, and hope. Each tree we placed in the soil was more than a plant; it's a living promise. A promise to care for our planet, to nurture life, and to protect the extraordinary ecosystems that make East Gippsland so unique.

In 2012, we planted the Swamp Paperbark forest, which now provides vital habitat for a diverse range of native species. It also serves a practical purpose—shielding our fences during floods and demonstrating the resilience of nature when nurtured with care.



We are incredibly fortunate to have our Nagle Rainforest project. It is one of the few Sambar deer-free zones along the Mitchell River, offering a rare sanctuary for rainforest species. Many animals call this place home—wallabies, wombats, echidnas, snakes, and a stunning array of birdlife. We're even graced by the presence of Powerful Owls, whose occasional sugar glider remains remind us of the delicate balance of this ecosystem.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Landcare and the East Gippsland Shire for their unwavering support in making Friday's event possible, both financially and in manpower. We also thank East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and East Gippsland Water who have previously provided us with grants to make the rainforest project possible. Your partnership empowers our students to become true custodians of the land—leaders in conservation and champions of sustainability.

A heartfelt tribute also goes to Andrea Savage, whose vision 15 years ago sparked the rainforest project. Andrea, your foresight planted more than trees—it planted inspiration in all of us. Your legacy continues to grow, quite literally, in every leaf and branch.

A big thank you to our Student Leadership Action Team who played a vital role in the return of National Tree Planting Day at Nagle. Finally, thank you to our maintenance team and support staff for their assistance in making today possible. Let us now continue to grow a future where every leaf, every root, and every student plays a part in healing our world. Together, we are cultivating more than a forest—we are cultivating hope.





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JOIN THE NAGLE COLLEGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you passionate about education and community? Nagle College is seeking new members to join its Advisory Committee—a dedicated team that helps guide the school’s strategic direction and strengthen community connections.

We are especially keen to recruit individuals with expertise in law or child safeguarding, alongside those with a commitment to Catholic education, local knowledge, and a desire to make a difference.

Whether you’re a legal professional, a safeguarding advocate, or simply someone who cares about the future of young people in our region, we encourage you to apply. Meetings are held several times a year, either in person or online. No formal committee experience is required—just a willingness to contribute and collaborate.

To express your interest or learn more, contact hr@nagle.vic.edu.au
Your voice can help shape the future of Nagle College.



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The East Gippsland H.E.Y Project
**YOUNG MAKERS
MARKET**



Jewelry • Arts, DIY and Crafts • Plants
Homemade Goods • Candles & Scents • Handmade Fashion
And More

**A market showcasing the incredible creations
of 12-25 year olds in East Gippsland.**

Hosted by the EG H.E.Y Project and their wonderful community partners this market will focus entirely on the things young people have made!

Free entry for young people aged 12-25 to sell their products in a safe supported environment.

The market will be held on November 22nd
Expressions of Interest for Stall holders open now

HAVE THINGS YOU WANT TO SELL? REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE



<https://forms.office.com/r/z7XnvMJcEI>



**YOUTH
ART PRIZE AWARDS**

**ARTWORKS ON
DISPLAY WILL
INCLUDE:**

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Photography
- Digital Illustrations
- 3D Visuals

**EAST GIPPSLAND
OCTOBER 2025**

Get in touch for more information
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**YOUTH
AMBASSADORS**

**EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Youth Art Prize (YAP) - Entries open now!

Celebrating the power of young voices and artistic expression, the Youth Art Prize (YAP) invites creatives aged 12-25 to share their vision and talent.

This is more than a competition - it's a collective celebration of youth, connection, and creativity through the arts.

Whether it's pencil, paint, or any medium in between, now's the time to get inspired.

Open to ages 12 to 25 years who live, work or study in East Gippsland.

Let your creativity speak.

Key dates:

- Entries open: 4 July 2025
- Entries close: 1 October 2025 at 5pm
- Awards Night: 16 October 2025
- Exhibition: 16-26 October 2025

To submit your application, visit:
eastgippsland.smartygrants.com.au/YAP25 and
get ready to let your creativity shine.