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UPCOMING EVENTS

7-21 APRIL
Term Break

22 APRIL
Term 2 Commences

25 APRIL
ANZAC Day

28 APRIL
Year 8 Camp - Group 1

30 APRIL
Year 8 Camp - Group 2

5 MAY
Year 10 OES Snowy River Camp

9 MAY
Do It For Dolly Day
Year 7 2026 Applications Close

12 MAY
Year 9 OES Canoe - Group 1

14 MAY
Athletics Carnival

15 MAY
Year 9 OES Canoe - Group 2

6 JUNE
Student Free Day

Educating is an act of love

As we complete Term 1 2025, I write this article with so much appreciation for our staff at Nagle College. As Pope Francis states – “Educating is an act of love.” During term 1, we have seen so many examples of how our staff have shown love to our students, from the classroom to the extracurricular activities that help form our students to be the best they can be.

This week at our assembly, I outlined some of the successes for our students this term, which are founded on the love of our staff to ensure that our students develop a holistic education. There were over 30 extracurricular activities including Year 7 Camp, Sports, Outdoor Education, Faith Development, Year 11

Presentation Ball, environmental exploration, Music and Arts activities.



Attendance

It is with great excitement that we announce that our attendance rate for 2025 has significantly improved from previous years. It was also encouraging to see 282 students achieving 95-100% attendance. I would like to thank parents/carers for ensuring that your children attend school. To educate is an act of love – therefore as parents/carers who are our students first and key educators, as a College staff, we appreciate the support of such parents/carers who work with us.

Strategic Improvement Plan 2025-2028

During this term we have begun the process of implementing our Strategic Plan for 2025-2028.


There are hard copies of the plan available at reception at Nagle College.

In summary the key areas and actions that we are addressing are:

- Religious Education – Review of Vision Statement & Creation of Specialised RE Team
- Learning and Teaching – Creation of Whole School Approach to Differentiation and Creation of options for Successful Learning Pathways
- Pastoral – Creation of Oratory and Holistic Student Development Program
- Staff – Focused Professional Learning – ‘Know Your Students, Know Yourself.’



2025—2028



Strategic Improvement Plan

Developed in collaboration with Nagle College and Diocese of Sale

LUNCH & LEARN LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME WITH MR KOOL IN M5



Continued

Vocational and Entrepreneurial School

- Fr John Borel

The formal breaking of ground for our new Vocational and Entrepreneurial College took place on Monday 31st March 2025. Nagle College is working in partnership with local companies SLAP architects and Brooker Builders to construct an educational precinct that will support a contemporary approach to education for many young people.

The dream is to create curriculum that is designed by students with the use of AI technology to facilitate both vocational and entrepreneurial skills and pathways.



Term 2

Our Focus for Term 2 for all students is that we continue to strive to ensure that all students are Safe, Happy and Successful. This means that there will be considerable focus on ensuring that all students are progressing with success in every classroom, every day.

This also means that there will be a strong focus classroom engagement and behaviour.

For families who have siblings wishing to apply to join Nagle in Year 7 2026, please note that applications are now live on our website. These applications will close on 9 May.

Happy Easter

When we look at the action of Jesus during Holy Week by giving his life for us – the ultimate act of Love. We can see that the Pope's message is also true in the reverse – Love is an act of Educating. Jesus has educated us that when we treat others with love, we educate them on the importance of loving others. In today's world of self-importance influencing – this is a true Easter Challenge and a dream we have for all our communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Nagle families and staff a very Happy, Healthy and Holy Easter break. Please take the opportunity to attend an Easter service at a local church and celebrate as people of Hope.

God Bless,

Mr Doug Doherty
Principal



"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6



Positive Working Relationships

Mrs Gabrielle Costin

Deputy Principal - Staff



Positive working relationships with staff at Nagle College: The Heart of Student Success

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” John 10:10

Inspired by the life of Christ, our Presentation Heritage and the Salesian Charism, Nagle College is a Catholic community that welcomes, builds strong relationships, evangelises and prepares young people for life.

The Heart of Catholic Education at Nagle College

Catholic education is about more than academics—it's about shaping well-rounded individuals prepared for life's challenges. At Nagle College, our dedicated teachers and education staff play a vital role in nurturing young minds and prioritising student well-being, ensuring every learner thrives. We encourage all students to communicate and forge positive relationships with their teachers and support staff which will provide a rich foundation for learning.



The Impact of Educators and Staff

Nagle teachers inspire curiosity, resilience, and critical thinking, while education support staff, such as counsellors and learning support officers, create inclusive environments and enhance the student experience. Together, they drive student success, as reflected in assessment outcomes and classroom activities. Data-driven teaching strategies and targeted interventions ensure every student has the opportunity to excel.

Our "wrap-around support" structure means every student benefits from a team of professionals, including Oratory teachers, House Leaders, Learning Support Officers and counsellors, who provide guidance and ensure access to the best educational opportunities.

Student Well-Being: A Pillar of Success

Academic success is strongly connected to student well-being and belonging. When students feel supported emotionally, socially, and mentally, they engage more in their studies. Teachers at Nagle foster safe, inclusive classrooms so students can improve engagement and outcomes and feel that they belong to their friendship groups, classes and House teams. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers to address concerns, which will also be discussed during our upcoming student progress interviews.

A Legacy of Faith and Service

Inspired by Don Bosco and Nano Nagle, Nagle College staff embody a commitment to youth education and service. Their personalised care and high-quality teaching reflect our mission to nurture faith, knowledge, and community, following the Salesian preventive system of reason, religion and loving kindness. By addressing academic and emotional needs, staff create a supportive, enriching environment for all students.

Gratitude for Educators and Students

The success of our students is a testament to the passion of our educators and support staff. Their commitment ensures students are not only prepared academically but also equipped with resilience for the future. Break-time activities, including sports, creative pursuits, and study options in the Library and the Maths rooms, further enrich the school experience.

We also applaud our students for their perseverance and growth. Education is a journey requiring resilience and adaptability, and our students, supported by a caring team, continue to shine. Let us celebrate the educators who transform lives and the students who inspire us every day.

A reminder that students can report any concerns by using the E-reporting option on Simon. They can also speak with their Subject teacher, Oratory Teacher, House Leader, Counsellors, Directors, Deputy Principals or our Principal, Mr Doug Doherty.

New research using the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey data has found that people who attended Catholic schools are likely to see lifelong benefits in employment status, general health and life satisfaction.

Professor Elizabeth Labone, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA), said that 'this innovative research quantifies what people in our sector know intuitively, that Catholic schools do a great job preparing students for life.'

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Salesian Strenna 2025

Mrs Rose Lee

Assistant Principal - Catholic Identity and Mission



Salesian Strenna 2025: 'Anchored in Hope, Pilgrims with Youth'

"Each year, the Salesian Strenna offers us a guiding theme, and in 2025, we are called to be "Anchored in Hope. Pilgrims with Youth." This strenna reminds us that hope is the foundation of our faith. A hope grounded in Christ and nurtured by our journey with young people.

To be 'Anchored in Hope' is to trust wholeheartedly. No matter the challenges we encounter, God's love remains constant. This hope calls us to walk alongside young people, listening to their struggles, nurturing their aspirations, and reminding them that their lives have purpose and meaning.

Just as Don Bosco placed unwavering trust in God and in the potential of the young, we too are called to be joyful companions on this journey of faith and growth.

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." (Hebrews 6:19).



Easter: The Ultimate Sign of Hope

As we embrace the Easter season, this message of hope takes on even greater significance. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death, the ultimate sign that darkness never has the final word. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that new life, transformation, and renewal are always possible.

Pope Francis tells us:

"It is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us."

This is the heart of the Easter message. No matter what struggles we face, no matter how difficult life may seem, Jesus' resurrection assures us that God is

always working to bring light, joy, and new beginnings.

As a Salesian community, we are called to bring this hope to life by walking with our students, families, and one another. Like Don Bosco, who never gave up on the young, let us be messengers of Easter hope, helping others see that Jesus is alive and at work in the world today

As we celebrate Easter, let us ask ourselves:

- How can I bring the light of the risen Christ to others?
- How can I offer hope to those in need?
- How can I journey with young people, helping them to see God's love in their lives?
- May this Easter season anchor us in hope and send us forth as pilgrims of faith, joy, and love.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now go, glorify God by your life!

An Easter Prayer



*God of Hope and Joy
We strive to be Easter people,
Recognising the goodness and beauty that surround us.
May we respond through loving service to all creation.
We ask this through Jesus, who is Risen.
St John Bosco: Pray for us
And let us always remember: To pray for each other
AMEN*