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Nagle College Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

17 FEBRUARY
Swimming Carnival

17-19 FEBRUARY
Yr 7 Camp 2 (7.1/2)

19-21 FEBRUARY
Yr 7 Camp 3 (7.3/4)

24-28 FEBRUARY
U 3/4 OES Source to Sea

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

Message from The Principal Mr Doug Doherty



“Thrive in 2025”

Another school year has begun – and the catchphrase for this year seems to be “Thrive in 2025.”

As a Christian faith inspired community, Nagle College has begun this ‘Thrive’ in earnest, with the direction for all staff to “Know Your Students & Know Yourself.”

It is important that this is our focus for 2025 if we are to truly show love for the students that we serve. As our patron, Saint Don Bosco said: “It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved.”

Therefore, to achieve the goal to Know Your Students and let them know that they are loved, we aim to ensure that all staff are aware of key data for the students they serve and support – academic and additional needs. We also intend to learn more about each students’ interests, increasing positive correspondence with parents/carers, while developing a school wide focus on affirmation for success. The new Oratory approach will be a key factor in achieving this goal. Mr Steve Dunning will speak more about this in this newsletter.

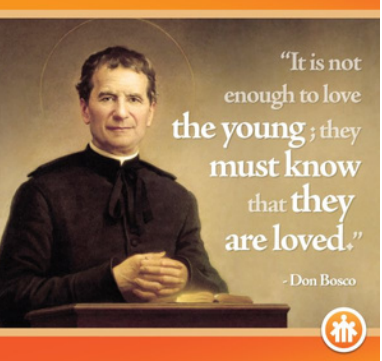
As a College, we ask that Parents/Carers help promote our desire to know and support your children, by continuing the wonderful partnership based on respectful communication and positive trust of the College staff and practices. Please ensure that you update PAM with relevant details and permissions when requested. Please engage your child with positive conversations about their learning and experiences at Nagle College on a regular basis. If there are any concerns or positive feedback, please address this to the relevant person within the College, which will be outlined later in this newsletter by Mr Tim Jarrett, Director of Students. We would love to hear from you.

Newsletters in 2025

As we did in 2024, each newsletter will have an address from myself and a specific focus from one of the members of the Strategic Leadership Team, giving guidance and feedback on key areas of the College and events of that period. Below is an outline of the topics and contributors

Date	Person	Topic
12/2/2025	Steve Dunning & Tim Jarrett	Oratory & Expectations
26/2/2025	Judy Taylor & Tina Sonka	Learning Expectations & VCE/VM Pathways
12/3/2025	Gabrielle Costin	Positive Working Relationships with Nagle Staff
26/3/2025	Rose Lee	Easter - People of Hope, Strenna
30/4/2025	Judy Taylor & Rachel Vanderkoogh	Nagle’s journey with differentiation
14/5/2025	Rose Lee	Catholic Education Week
28/5/2025	Jim Kelliher	Key Events & Activities - Sem 2 /Exam Prep & Schedule
11/5/2025	Judy Taylor	Subject Selection

Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.
Pope Francis



Message from The Principal
Mr Doug Doherty

Continued

A Great Start!

We have had a fantastic start to 2025, with staff and students returning to Nagle College with a positive outlook. It has been so encouraging to witness the students listening so attentively to our VCE Dux – Ella Poore at our Welcome Assembly on Monday 3rd February. I have also included Ella's amazing speech that she gave to the school community. I would also like to thank some of our 40+ students – Antje Kempff, Ella Poore, Ella Groves, Thomas Greer and Meg Phelan (not pictured) for their attendance. I look forward to our VCE VM Dux, Kasey Summerfield coming to speak to the College community in the near future. Unfortunately, due to work commitments Kasey was unable to attend the Welcome Assembly.

It was also fantastic to recognise over 60 new Student Leaders at Nagle College, all determined to make a positive contribution to the Nagle College community, as well as the local, national and international communities as best they can.



Year 7 Camp Countdown

This week begins the busyness of Term 1, with Year 7 students super keen to attend their Year 7 Camp at Lake Tyres. This is an excellent opportunity for our 165 students from all over East Gippsland, having the opportunity to bond and hopefully make lifelong friendships.

Come and Chat

We are very blessed at Nagle College to have several students wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. To support guidance for this curiosity Fr Joseph, Fr Mark, and Michelle Grimstead from St. Mary's Parish, Bairnsdale; have offered to come and meet with any student who wishes to chat about what it means to be a Catholic and what it would mean for them. These chats will be available in the Chapel at 1:30pm on 5th and 19th March. All are welcome and students can bring their lunch to eat during that time.

Exciting News

It is with great excitement that I can announce that we will soon begin construction of our Vocational and Entrepreneurial School, as well as developing our 'School Within A School', as ways in which we are determined to help extend every student to reach their full potential, ensuring all can be successful; every lesson, every day.

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

I am very pleased to say that after much consultation with staff, students and families, we have now completed our Strategic Plan for 2025-2028. Hard copies are available from the College and it will be available on our website in the new future. The Strategic Plan is very much our guide on what we aim to achieve within the main areas of the College within the next three years. Please feel free to take a copy from Reception.



Artists impression Vocational and Entrepreneurial School

I look forward to a thriving year evidenced by students that are **Safe, Happy and Successful.**

God Bless,

Mr Doug Doherty
Principal

Oratory

Mr Steve Dunning

Deputy Principal - Students



You may have noticed the change of what was previously known as "Pastoral" to "Oratory" this year. Oratory is a term central to the Salesian Charism that goes all the way back to the 1840's when Don Bosco began his first Oratory.

Don Bosco's aim was to provide a place where young people felt welcome, where they could develop their faith, and they could enjoy each other's company and get to know one another, whilst developing skills for life.

At Nagle College, we have the same vision the Don Bosco had and aim to achieve all those things Don Bosco set out to achieve almost 200 years ago, hence the change of name.

In Oratory, our students can expect to experience daily prayer and participate in various activities that support friendships and develop

a strong student community. The vertical nature of our Oratory groups ensures that younger students get to know older students and are supported through their transition in secondary school, and older students are provided with opportunities to mentor younger students and develop their leadership qualities.

Students remain in the same Oratory group for the duration of their time at Nagle College and meet with their Oratory teacher daily. This ensures that every student is known and cared for at a level greater than their other classes allow.

The role of Oratory teacher is an important role, and we encourage ongoing communication between our families and Oratory teachers. Oratory teachers should be the first point of contact for families wanting to pass information onto the school. We would love to know about any notable successes outside of school so students can be acknowledged and celebrated at school.

I wish everyone a Safe, Happy, and Successful 2025 and please get in touch if you need.

College-Wide Expectations

Mr Tim Jarrett

Director of Students



As Nagle College continues to excel, inching closer to its goal of becoming a faith-orientated regional centre of excellence, key to the school's success is the high expectations we have of our students. Our expectations are wide ranging, each of them a vital brick as we build the school to where we want it to be.

Central to our college-wide expectations is the uniform, something we take great pride in. Uniform is central to our school's identity and a source of pride for the college and wider community. Excellent appearance at school means that our students are proud to be at Nagle, and students that take pride in their appearance are much more likely to take pride in their work and achieve great results. I'm pleased to say that Nagle students have started 2025 very strong in this regard and all students know they will be positively challenged if their appearance becomes anything less than excellent.

High expectations at Nagle College aren't just associated with students' appearance, in the classroom we expect all our teachers to be free to teach and all our students free to learn, and we are delighted to say that this is the case in 2025!

Beyond appearance and the classroom, we also have high expectations of Nagle students as ambassadors of our school, whether they are representing the school at a sporting event or being a member of the wider school community, Nagle students proudly demonstrate what it means to wear the Nagle badge on their blazer by excelling in all facets of school life.

As we begin the 2025 academic year, the words of former First Lady of the United States and high-profile lawyer Michelle Obama never sound truer "The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

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Michelle Obama





Address to School Assembly

Miss Ella Poore

VCE Dux of 2024



As presented to our Whole School Assembly on 3rd February:

Good morning everyone, and thank you for having me here today. My name is Ella, and I was fortunate enough to graduate as dux of Nagle College last year. This year, I am studying medicine at Monash uni in Melbourne, and hope to soon be working as a doctor. Studying medicine has been a goal of mine for many years, so I feel incredibly fortunate that I now have this opportunity.

Today, I'm going to talk about what I believe are the most important things to consider in high school, particularly in VCE. Many people assume that achieving a high ATAR requires one of two things- either sacrificing your social life for endless hours of study, or a secret study method that magically boosts your scores with minimal work. However, I can promise you that these are both a myth. Yes, I worked extremely hard throughout year 12, as did many of my peers who also achieved highly. But more importantly, I made so many memories that I now look back on fondly. High school is a journey about much more than exams and grades, so make sure that you enjoy these years of your life as much as possible.

Firstly, use your time at school effectively. Remember that your teachers are here for a reason. They want you to achieve your goals, so don't be afraid to ask questions, or for extra help outside of class time, as they will be more than happy to help you. Also, as hard as it sometimes is to focus, I highly recommend working hard in class and during study sessions at school. This means you'll spend less time studying at home, leaving much more time to relax and do things you enjoy, rather than spending time on homework that could have been completed at school.

Year 12 is a big year, as almost everyone is turning 18. For me, completing the majority of my homework and assignments during study sessions at school allowed me to go to all my friends' birthday celebrations without feeling guilty or falling behind with my school work. Another important part of studying is finding what works best for you. For me, I experimented with different note-taking and revision methods throughout year 10 and 11, so that by year 12, I was fully prepared. I encourage all of you to try different study methods before you get to year 12, so your final year is as stress free as possible.

I remember being where you are now and thinking that the year will take so long but, in reality, it goes by very fast. In approximately 9 months time, those of you doing VCE subjects will be about to start exams. It is a good idea to have a yearly planner somewhere visible so that you can see the end date, making the whole year a bit less daunting. This planner can be used to put everything from SAC dates, school holiday periods, parties, work and so on. Having a plan laid out saved me from becoming overwhelmed from trying to remember these things on top of everything else.

As motivation, my best friend and I started planning an end of year trip around May or June. We decided that we didn't want to go to schoolies but did want to go to Queensland to relax. We used some of our non study time to find accommodation and book flights for our post year 12 trip. We booked and paid for parts of our trip during the year and used this holiday countdown as motivation whenever either of us was struggling to keep working hard. Even if you don't have a holiday plan, try to find something that is your celebration at the end of year 12.

My mum made me say this next bit - be nice to your parents, carers or those around you offering their support. At times, the stress of VCE doesn't always make for the nicest students. Try to remember that while VCE can be all consuming at times, our loved ones are actually there on the sidelines to support and prop us up when needed. They ride the highs and lows with us too so an occasional cup of tea in bed or thankyou hug will be appreciated.

Lastly, I want to extend a huge thanks to my teachers, especially Mrs Anderson, Miss Campagna, Ms Warden, and Mr Miller, for all their support throughout what was a difficult year. Looking back, I realise the massive effort that year 12 teachers put in to their job, both during and outside of class times, so I can't thank you enough for helping me achieve this result.

Opening my ATAR and receiving my offer letter into my dream uni course, I was overwhelmed with joy, and was so relieved that all of the hard work had paid off. I hope that this is a feeling that all of you can also experience at the end of your high school journey, whether that be when receiving your results, uni offers, or gaining employment or an apprenticeship in your dream job. If I can leave you with one message, it would be to work hard, but without sacrificing time for yourself. Balance is key in navigating these stressful but exciting years.

Work hard, have fun, and you will achieve your goals. Thank you, and good luck to you all.





General Messages Notes and Notices



Arthur Grassby Scholarship



The Arthur Grassby Scholarships (AGS) of \$6,700 are being made available to Year 11 students living in the East Gippsland Shire to trek the Kokoda Trail and understand the sacrifices made by men from this area for their generation. The trek will be in the July school holidays (5-15). Arthur Grassby lived in Bairnsdale until his passing and was in the first troops to encounter the Japanese on the Trail, aged just 16.

The successful applicants will be assisted with training and chaperoned on the trek. In addition to the scholarship, there will be around an \$800 commitment required from participants for items like hiking boots, medical expenses and some incidentals.

Sunday morning training (10 weeks prior to departure) is compulsory and the AGS reserves the right (up until departure date) to refuse participation of those not prepared from a fitness perspective.

Applicants need to do more training on their own, be fit, and have a level of resilience.



How To Apply

The application process is to submit answers to a questionnaire (available on Simon) and write a short essay of not less than 400 words outlining:

- 1. What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australians.**
- 2. A Gippsland connection to the Kokoda Trail.**

The above must be received by the office of Tim Bull MP, Main Street, Bairnsdale, by **4.30pm Friday, March 7, 2024**. Further details on the application process can be found on Simon and PAM.

Kokoda Trek Details

- Duration of trek is nine days (11 day trip all up). Length of our trek is 138 km.
- A good level of fitness is required, in particular mental and physical endurance.
- International airfares (from Bris), domestic airfares (to Bris), PNG internal flight, accommodation, insurance, meals in PNG and personal porter costs are covered.
- Extensive detail about the trek company we use and Kokoda Trail can be found on the 'Adventure Kokoda' website: www.kokodatreks.com
- For any further details or questions email tim.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au
- More information will be provided to successful applicants.



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Cambodia Immersion 2025

Applications Due: February 25th

The experience of immersing into another culture can be simply life changing. It opens our eyes and the eyes of the young with whom we work to a different way of living and an entirely new way of looking at life. The Catholic call to global solidarity and the search for justice and peace are at the heart of the immersion experience. We go on immersion to understand each other, ourselves and God.

We would love to have a good cross section of young people from across our Province represented this year on immersion. Please be in touch if you have any questions and if you would like to receive an application you can email:

lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Are you ready to take up the challenge?

CAGLIERO PROJECT
IMMERSION 2025 CAMBODIA

HAVE LOTS OF FUN

EXPLORE CULTURE

MEET NEW PEOPLE

WHO: AGES 16 AND OVER
WHEN: JULY 8 - JULY 21, 2025
COST: \$3,500
PREPARATION: RETREAT FROM MAY 2 - 4, 2025
WHAT: IMMERSE IN KHMER CULTURE
WHY: CONTRIBUTE TO AN OVERSEAS SALESIAN COMMUNITY

FOR MORE DETAILS EMAIL:
LHICHAABA@SALESIANS.ORG.AU

Financial Hardship

If families are experiencing any any difficulty paying fees, please contact the school's Finance Office.

The school can offer a range of payment options including payment arrangements to suit your current financial circumstances. In circumstances of financial hardship, the remission of fees may be considered upon receipt of a written application.

Fee remission forms are available from the Finance Office. Any discussions around fees will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Phone 5152 6122 or email finance@nagle.vic.edu.au



Reminder:
Extended Library Hours

For before and after school study:

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8.00am - 5.00pm

FRIDAY
8.00am - 4.00pm

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