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NVSHS Newsletter

Week 5 Term 3



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Executive Team Report

Term 3 is already halfway over and there have been a huge number of staff and student achievements to celebrate. I am constantly in awe of the collective talent and dedication of our learners and educators.

Executive Leadership Team Updates

We are pleased to announce several changes to our Executive Leadership Team commencing this term.

Firstly, we congratulate Adam Colley, who will continue as Acting Principal of Sandgate State High School for the remainder of the year. We also extend our sincere thanks to Jo Dixon for her dedication while acting in the Deputy Principal role during the recent statewide recruitment process.

We are also delighted to congratulate Kirsty Leishman, who was successful in securing the Deputy Principal position. Kirsty brings a wealth of experience to our team, most recently serving as Deputy Principal at Murrumba State Secondary College. We warmly welcome her to our school community.

In addition, Jen William, a substantive Head of Department Teaching and Learning, will be acting in Adam Colley’s role during his tenure as Acting Principal. Please join us in welcoming Jen to the Executive Team.



A snapshot of our AIP (Annual Improvement Plan)

Reviewing progress towards our 2025 strategic priorities and goals is essential to stay on track for success. Data is a tool for continuous improvement in teaching and learning. Data informs our decision making, resourcing and instructional strategies and throughout 2025 our staff have become adept at reviewing data to monitor student progress and inform teaching and learning.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT Work collaboratively to enact NVSHS systematic curriculum delivery cycle with a focus on responsive, pedagogical approaches and teaching strategies that engage learners.

Improved outcomes in English and Mathematics for Years 7–9 are key indicators within the state schooling strategy, Equity & Excellence. Our school has made significant progress in these areas, driven by intentional collaboration across all faculties to develop aligned curriculum and assessment practices. Curriculum leaders have played a vital role in ensuring that the intended curriculum is both effectively planned and implemented. Additionally, pedagogy has been responsive to learner engagement, further supporting these gains.



SCHOOL TARGET | Year 7-9 A-C achievement above 90%, A-B achievement above 55%

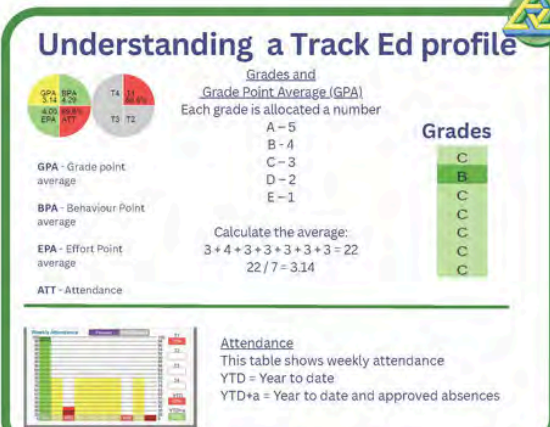
| ENGLISH A-C% results | | | MATHEMATICS A-C% results | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 | YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 |
| 97.7% | 97.9% | 90.6% | 95.2% | 89.8% | 90.1% |
| ENGLISH A-B% results | | | MATHEMATICS A-B% results | | |
| YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 | YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 |
| 71.7% | 71.1% | 60.5% | 54.5% | 50.5% | 44.6% |

Narangba Valley Professional, Achiever and Learner

We have also continued to take significant steps in the development and celebration of our Narangba Valley identity across the school. Last term, we celebrated our NVP – Narangba Valley Professional focus with a targeted excursion that recognised students for their outstanding attendance, effort, and behaviour. This was followed by a pizza party to acknowledge NVA – Narangba Valley Achievers and celebrate academic excellence. This term, we’ve launched our NVL – Narangba Valley Learner celebrations with catered lunches prepared by our talented Hospitality students. These initiatives bring to life the formula NVP + NVA = NVL, reinforcing that professionalism and achievement together shape strong, capable learners.

The next step in this journey is sharing TrackEd profiles with families — a vital part of strengthening connections and supporting students in setting meaningful goals. Profiles will be emailed to families at the beginning of Week 5. If you have not received one, please contact your Year Level Deputy Principal.

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| Year 7 | Carla Ruddle | cstev128@eq.edu.au |
| Year 8 | Jen Williams | jwill758@eq.edu.au |
| Year 9 | Kirsty Leishman | kleis9@eq.edu.au |
| Year 10 | Brendan Forbes | bforb33@eq.edu.au |
| Year 11 | Hannie Gilmour | hgilm2@eq.edu.au |
| Year 12 | Tom Krosch | takro0@eq.edu.au |



Understanding a Track Ed profile

Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA)
Each grade is allocated a number

| Grades | Grade Point |
|--------|-------------|
| A | 5 |
| B | 4 |
| C | 3 |
| D | 2 |
| E | 1 |

GPA - Grade point average
Calculate the average:
 $3 + 4 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 22$
 $22 / 7 = 3.14$

BPA - Behaviour Point average

EPA - Effort Point average

ATT - Attendance

Attendance
This table shows weekly attendance
YTD = Year to date
YTD+a = Year to date and approved absences

Why this matters?

At Narangba Valley High School we strive to create assessment capable learners who:

- reflect on progress and know the steps needed to improve;
- set goals to focus their efforts, stay motivated, and take ownership of their learning.

To support students, in our ACT classes, each term we:

- unpack their profile
- set individual goals

How can you support your child?

You can support learning by encouraging reflection and goal setting. Engage in questions such as: what students are learning, how they're doing, how they can improve, and where they can get help.

Have Your Say – Complete the 2025 School Opinion Survey

We value the voices of our school community, and your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school. The annual School Opinion Survey, conducted by the Department of Education, is your opportunity to share your thoughts on what we're doing well and where we can improve. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to complete the survey. Your input helps us continue to create a safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environment for every student. This survey allows us to see what we are doing well, and what our next steps are in 2026. Please take the time to complete this – your feedback is valued.

Celebrating 25 Years of Our Wonderful School

This year marks an exciting milestone—our school is turning 25! For a quarter of a century, our school has been a place of learning, growth, and community. We are proud of the many stories, achievements, and memories that have shaped our journey so far. It will be a time to reflect on the past, honour our shared history, and look ahead to a bright future. We can't wait to celebrate with you and share in the stories that make our school so special. RSVP: Communications (communications@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au)



Narangba Valley State High School

Celebrates

25

Years

PLEASE JOIN US!

Date: Thursday 4 September 2025
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: PALACE, NVSHS
RSVP via Email: [Communications](mailto:Communications@narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au)

| UPCOMING EVENTS | |
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| Dates & times are correct at time of publication but subject to change. | |
| Date | Event |
| Monday 18 August – Friday 22 August | Book Week |
| Monday 18 August | Year 7 2026 Interviews Junior Secondary Area 3.00pm – 5.00pm |
| Monday 18 August | IPS Meeting |
| Tuesday 19 August | Canteen Red Day – Winter Wonderland |
| Tuesday 19 August | Book Week Dress Up – Parade at Tiered Area Lunch 1 |
| Tuesday 19 August – Friday 22 August | Nishio Junior High School Visit |
| Wednesday 20 August | Elevate – Ace Your Exams (SDL 11/12) in classes Period 1 & Period 2 |
| Wednesday 20 August | Year 7 Assembly PALACE Period 2 |
| Wednesday 20 August | GIBBER Alcohol Awareness Presentation Year 9 PALACE Period 1 |
| Wednesday 20 August | Senior Fashion Awareness Excursion to Brisbane Central 8.30am – 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 20 August | Literacy Event in English classes Period 3 & Period 4 |
| Wednesday 20 August | Senior TheatreSports Semi Final All Hallows School 6.00pm – 9.30pm |
| Thursday 21 August | Year 9 Sports Gala Day |
| Thursday 21 August | Rainbow Group – Seniors Lunch 1 Venue TBA |
| Thursday 21 August | Early Childhood students to Jinibara SS for book readings Period 1 – Period 3 |
| Friday 22 August | Year 11 2026 Leadership speeches in PALACE Period 3 |
| Friday 22 August | Year 10 Physics – Park Physics (Group A P2 & Group B P3) |
| Wednesday 27 August | Elevate Finishing Line (SDL 11/12) in classes Period 1 |
| Wednesday 27 August | UniSC Engineering Challenge (Senior @ Petrie Campus) |
| Wednesday 27 August | Year 10 Boys Rugby League Regional Finals |
| Wednesday 27 August | Junior Captain Speeches (Year 8 cohort) PALACE Period 1 |
| Thursday 28 August | Rainbow Group - Juniors Lunch 1 Venue TBA |
| Friday 29 August | Wear It Purple Day |
| Friday 29 August | NVSS Primary Gala Day (Sport & Rec students – all day) |
| Friday 29 August | NVSS Cooking Session (8.40am – 10.40am) |
| Friday 29 August | Year 10 Physics Aussie World Excursion |
| Friday 29 August | Year 12 CONNECT Event PALACE Period 3 |
| Monday 1 September – Friday September 5 | Teacher Aide Appreciation Week |
| Monday 1 September | Year 12 Celebration Day 1 (all day) |
| Monday 1 September | P&C Meeting 5.00pm SSHUB |
| Wednesday 3 September | Junior Secondary Assembly PALACE Period 1 |
| Thursday 4 September | Year 12 Celebration Day 2 |
| Thursday 4 September | Rainbow Group – Seniors Lunch 1 Venue TBA |
| Thursday 4 September | NVSHS 25 Year Celebration PALACE 6.00pm – 8.30pm |
| Friday 5 September | Student Free Day |
| Tuesday 9 September | Year 10 Immunisations (Men. B Dose 2) 9.00am start |
| Wednesday 10 September – Friday 19 September | Year 12 Mock EAs in class unless required |
| Wednesday 10 September – Friday 12 September | Year 12 Sport & Rec Camp – Maroon Outdoor Education Centre |
| Wednesday 10 September | Year 7 Assembly via TEAMS Period 2 |
| Wednesday 10 September | Year 8 Assembly via TEAMS Period 3 |
| Wednesday 10 September | Year 9 Assembly via TEAMS Period 4 |

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| Thursday 11 September – Friday 19 September | Year 11 Exam Block External |
| Thursday 11 September | R U OK? Day |
| Thursday 11 September | Rainbow Group – Juniors Lunch 1 Venue TBA |
| Monday 15 September | IM Chamber Concert PALACE Outdoor Stage – After School |
| Wednesday 17 September | PBL rewards BBQ @ S Block Lunch 1 |
| Thursday 18 September – Friday 19 September | Year 11 Visual Art Camp – details TBC |
| Thursday 18 September | Senior NVP Excursion |
| Thursday 18 September | Rainbow Group – Seniors Lunch 1 Venue TBA |
| Friday 19 September | Junior NVP Excursion |
| Friday 19 September | Canteen Closed |
| Friday 19 September | Last Day of Term 3 |
| Over holidays | Brass Band Championship & Workshop Day TBC |
| Tuesday 7 October | First Day of Term 4 |



P&C News

Parents Helping Parents – Join the Chat!

Looking for tips, answers, or just a laugh from fellow NVSHS parents? Jump into the NVSHS Parents Facebook page and explore our page and chat groups!

It's open, welcoming, and all about parents helping parents (and carers!). Ask questions, share tips, or just sit back and watch the chat.

Whether you're keen to chat or just want to stay in the loop, you're welcome. It's all about connection, support, and working together with the school. Come join the conversation – or just enjoy the scroll!

The P&C Committee are proud to be part of such an active and supportive group and to work in partnership with the School Community.



**NARANGBA VALLEY
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

P&C MEETING

 **Monday | 1 September 2025**
 **5:00 pm**
 **At the Senior Hub**

By being involved in the P&C you will:

- Be kept up to date on what is happening within our School
- Hear directly from our Principal and P&C Team on School matters
- Be a part of the consultation process on School policies and procedures
- Gain insights into the Financial Planning, Budgeting and On-Site Operations (Canteen and Uniform Shop)
- Help build a better School Community

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

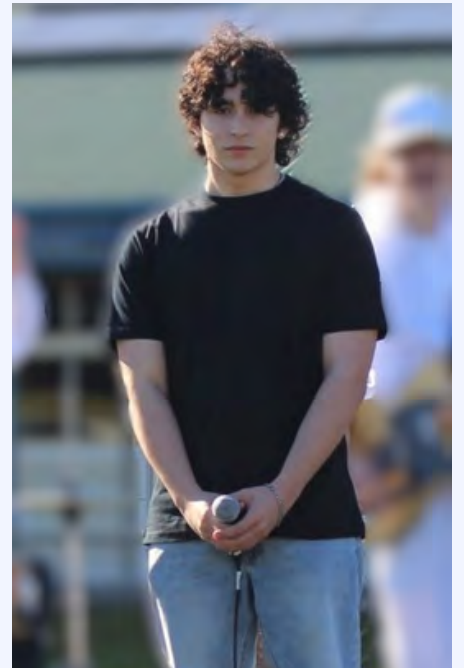
 **0494 087 091 (or text)**
 **nvshs.pandc@gmail.com**



Arinya News

Sports Carnival!

At the end of last term, Arinya shone at the sports carnival from our very own Ozzy performing with his band to lots of our students and teachers dressed to impress in green! From the beginning to the end of the day, house spirit was alive and thriving, and we gave it our all. Thank-you to each and every one of you that participated in the events, and the effort you gave with every jump, run, and throw! Every one that participated earnt us house points, you should be proud! Thank-you to our students and teachers for keeping the Arinya spirit and pride alive throughout the day, GO ARINYA!



Musical

What a wonderful night of chocolate! Congratulations to any Arinya students who participated and gave it their all; singing, dancing, and acting in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. From the golden tickets to the journey through the magical factory, the audience was swept away by chocolate rivers, squirrels, the mischievous oompa-loompas, and more! Each scene sparkled with colour, energy, and creativity bringing the story to life. You could tell how much passion our Arinya students performing had, so congratulations from your Arinya family. All the hard work, rehearsals, and dedication paid off! You made Arinya shine like pure imagination!

The Bidara Bugle

RIC 1000 Club

A massive congratulations to the following students for joining the prestigious RIC 1000 Club:

Year 8 – Flynn

Year 9 – Edie, Bailey, Eva, Lilian, Declan

Year 10 – Gemma, Hilli

Year 12 – Bella, Jasmine



What an incredible achievement — your dedication and consistency truly reflect what it means to be a Bidarian!

RIC 500 Club

We currently have 45 students who have reached the RIC 500 Club milestone! Outstanding effort and keep striving for excellence!

RIC 100 Club

We're proud to share that 206 Bidarians have now earned over 100 RIC points — a truly outstanding effort! Keep working hard, showing Respect, Integrity, and Commitment, and continue collecting those points like champions!

Bidara in the Spotlight!

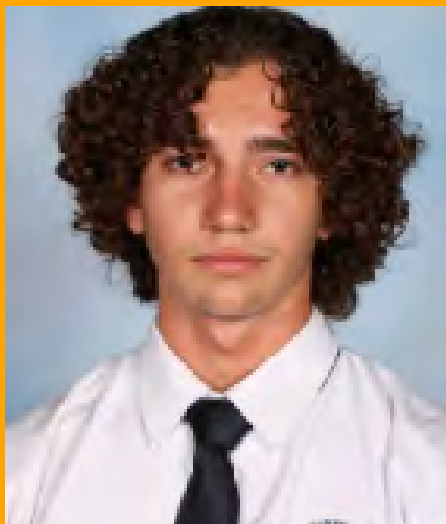


Last month, our talented school captain Dallin and Bidara sports captain Bella took to the stage in NVSHS's musical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Both delivered outstanding performances — well done to you both!



Senior House Captain Jagger

My name is Jagger, and I became a house captain because seeing how much fun previous captains were having inspired me to put my name down. What I love about Bidara is not just that we're the winning house, but also how everyone is always having fun and bringing energy to every activity. One of the biggest highlights this year was definitely the swimming carnival — everyone in Bidara brought so much energy, and it paid off with us winning the event.



Go Go Garawi!

Garawi Signing On

START OF TERM 3 - GaraWINians have been smashing home runs all over the place!!

Garawinians reaping the rewards

Congratulations on the 208 current Garawi students who have reached 100 RIC rewards points. You are the backbone of our current success.

We also have 54 students who have reached more than 500 RIC rewards points as well. The 1000 points club has jumped to a total of 8 members as well. We also have 1 very committed students who is nearing 2000 RIC points already, what a wonderful achievement.

Make sure you keep an eye out in your letter boxes as you'll be receiving a postcard from one of your leaders very soon.

This has allowed us to sit comfortably in second place trailing Bidara. There is plenty of time to ensure that we overtake them, we just keep doing what we're doing, and that number 1 spot will be ours for the taking.

Garawi House Activity

This term we had a very large turnout at our Garawi House Activity. The Garawi Scavenger Hunt proved to be a huge success especially with our year 12 students who knew there were RIC points on the line for the winners.

Congratulations to everyone who worked through the clues and found the missing word "SHARKS". Make sure you keep your eyes and ears out for the next Garawi activity.



**Remember - get involved
and earn some house points for Garawi!**



Maloo's Musings

What a year it's been so far for Maloo! From cheering each other on at our annual swimming and sports carnivals, to showing our teamwork and energy in house activities, we've proven what our house is made of: resilience, teamwork and pride!

House Activity Update

Our recent Balloon Challenge was a bit quiet, with only a handful of participants - but that just means there's heaps of room for more house pride to shine!



Let's carry our momentum forward and make the rest of the year even bigger and better. Join us Lunch 1, Thursday, Week 7 for our next house activity your participation, enthusiasm and spirit make all the difference. Keep your eyes peeled on DayMap, social media, and your act lessons for all the details.



Let's show everyone that house pride at NVSHS never fades!

Good News Stories



Good News Story – AFL Auskick Umpiring at Half Time!

On Saturday 9 August, two of our AFL Program of Excellence students, Archie and Emily, had the amazing opportunity to umpire the half-time Auskick match during the Brisbane Lions vs Sydney Swans game at the GABBA!

What a terrific experience for these up-and-coming AFL superstars — an unforgettable moment to be right in the middle of the action on such a big stage.

Well done, Archie & Emily!

#GoodNewsStory #AFLExcellence #Auskick #BrisbaneLions #NVSHS #FutureStars



Good News Stories



Good News Story – Declan's Umpiring Awesomeness!

Early in August, NVSHS Year 9 student Declan had the incredible opportunity to umpire at the AFL Under 12 National Carnival!

With state vs state matchups at the Maroochydore Roos AFC, Declan gained valuable experience and sharpened his umpiring skills in a high-level competition.

Well done, Declan! What an achievement and a fantastic step forward in your umpiring journey.

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