



# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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## Thursday Jan 30 2025 - School Bulletin

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends  
Welcome to 2025 and a new year of Living and Learning at St Joseph's. It is an exciting time for all.

A special welcome to our 45 Preps who will attend school for the very first time tomorrow. Also a big welcome to the new families through the school who join our community as well as staff members Jasmin Buha, Andrew Sait, Anna Andrews, Shannon Martin and Clara Lukies.

### *Holiday Works & Maintenance Update*

*It was a busy time through January, here's what we did.*

- **Furniture & carpets steam cleaned**
- **New indoor lighting**
- **Major ceiling repairs – staffroom, Mid north & Lib/Art Room entry**
- **New air conditioners**
- **Maintenance tasks**

**AND our Athletics Track !!!**  
**Check the Update on the School's Facebook Page**

### **P/T/S Conferences**

Our Beginning of Year Conferences will be on Wednesday, February 19. The conference will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, see how the year has begun and importantly, tell the teacher about your child and the wishes you have for him or her for the year ahead. *Booking Information will be sent home next week.*

### **SWIMMING**

Our Year 3-6 Swim Program kicks off tomorrow, and continues Monday and Wednesday next week. This program culminates with our Carnival on Thursday, February 13.

**Term One Planner attached  
Pop it on the fridge**

### **SOCIAL SKILLS**

**Weeks 1&2**

### **Using People's Names**

**As a School we promote and reinforce the use of simple but vital Social Skills and Good Old Fashioned Manners.**

### **Beginning of Year Mass & Leaders' Induction**

Our Beginning of Year Mass and Year 6 Leaders' Induction will be on Friday, February 14 at 9:30am in the MacKillop Centre. Families are invited to attend. The Mass will be Live Streamed for all at work and home.



*Live Life to the Fullest in Christ*

**Paul Arnel**



## SCHOOL FEES:

- Thank you for informing us of your preferred fee paying option. The families having **fees directly debited DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.**
- Could those families who are **NOT** using the Direct Debit option, **PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOUR FEES ARE DUE:**
  - **One Yearly Payment** due by 28<sup>th</sup> February
  - **Four Term Payments** due in the first 4 weeks of each term
  - **Ten Monthly Payments** – these are due on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month from February to November.
  - **Twenty Fortnightly Payments** – these **commence on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February** and continue every second Friday until the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

## **CSEF**

School fees will be sent home in Week 3. If you now have a health care card and are eligible for the **Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)** please complete the attached CSEF Application form and hand to the office. Eligibility requirements & explanations are listed on the back of the form. *If you received the fund last year & your circumstances haven't changed you do not need to complete the form again. If you have new children attending the school, you will need to complete a new form.*

Health care card holders are also eligible for the \$400 Government Bonus and significant reduction on school fees.

## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

*If you have changed your address, phone number or email, contacts or occupations, please let us know ASAP so that we have correct contact details for you.*

*If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804.*

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE: 2025

**To be eligible you must:**

- ✓ Be the holder of a current Health Care Card or Pension Card (as with EMA)
- ✓ Be attending your closest Catholic Primary School
- ✓ Live 4.8 or more kilometres from **both** the school and your nearest bus stop by the shortest practical route
- ✓ Your child is using the free government run buses if available.

If you meet these criteria and would like to apply, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

**The Claim deadline for Term 1 is 1<sup>st</sup> March.** It would be best to apply well before that date in case the Dept has any queries regarding your claim.

**Following your application, your eligibility is decided by Centrelink and the Transport Department.**

## 2025 CLASSES

The following is a list of class names & teacher in charge for your information, use this to set up your online lunch orders, parent/teacher interview etc.

**Prep N** – Mrs Tanya Neyland (leader)

**Prep M** – Mr Jai Morrison

**Prep J** – Mr David Jenner

**Jun O** – Miss Makayla O'Callaghan (leader)

**Jun W** – Mrs Sara Whitford

**Jun P** – Mr James Pruden

**Jun S** – Mr Andrew Sait

**Mid A** – Mr Tim Arnel (leader)

**Mid LA** – Miss Bre Levesque/Ms Anna Andrews

**Mid B** – Mr Liam Booth

**Mid MB** – Mrs Ebony Morrison/Miss Jasmine Buha

**Sen S** – Mr Adam Stirton (leader)

**Sen SP** – Miss Jordyn Sutton/Miss Caitlin Pendlebury

**Sen TH** – Mrs Jody Tilley/Mrs Allison Harber

**Sen M** – Mr Trevor Mills





## BUS NOTES

Any students at school but not travelling home on the bus, need to fill out a bus note these can be obtained from the office. If your child needs to travel on a different bus you need to contact the high school to arrange a bus pass. If you are a bus traveler please download the below Team App to receive notifications from the Secondary College about any changes to bus routes in emergencies, delays etc.

### SCHOOL BUS CO-ORDINATION NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the School Bus Co-Ordination App on your smartphone or tablet now!

#### Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.
2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "School Bus Co-Ordination".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to [schoolbuscoordination.teamapp.com](http://schoolbuscoordination.teamapp.com) to sign up and view this App online.



#### Need help?

Contact: Helen Barker  
Email: [barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 03 58621088

[teamapp.com](http://teamapp.com)

## FUN RUN

Pen In Sunday **MARCH 2!** This is the date for our 2025 Fun Run. Registrations are **OPEN!**  
<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/99615/st-josephs-ps-numurkah-fun-run-2025>



Dear Families,

As a school we continue to use SIMON which is a Learning Management Program that is being used by many Catholic schools in the region. An important part of the SIMON program is the Parent Access Module (PAM) which provides a portal to improve the communication between parents and the school. PAM makes life a little easier, as well as being far more environmentally friendly with less paper work going home in the bottom of school bags!

Benefits of PAM are that families can:

- get the most up to date information and resources regarding what's happening at school
- inform the school of your child/s absence or late arrival
- update child/s medical information
- provide consent for excursions & school activities.
- View student assessment (school reports)

**To register and use PAM please make sure you have completed the following:**

- Registered using the email link sent to personal email
- Verify the email as per set up instructions
- Update child/s medical information

Once again thank-you for your support and please contact the office if you have any concerns.



### OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

No more paper bags or loose coins. You can now order your kids lunch with ease, no cash required its all pre-paid online. It's so easy even your kids can do it!

#### THE PROCESS



##### STEP 1

Register your account from any device, add your email and a password, it's simple and easy.

##### STEP 2

Add your child into the My School Tuckshop system and select their classroom number.

##### STEP 3

Top up your account via Credit Card, Paypal or Direct Deposit.

##### STEP 4

Simply select your child's lunch order for the day or week from the provided lunch menu.

### REGISTER TODAY

[www.myschoolconnect.com.au/stjosephs](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au/stjosephs)

## CANTEEN

Full Canteen will begin operating from Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The new menu is attached for Term 1 & a copy will be on the website. If you haven't already signed up for online ordering the instructions on doing so are below. We are looking for volunteers to assist Marcella in preparing the lunches. If you are available to help out one day a month can you please return the slip attached to the newsletter nominating your preferred day. We will be following the roster from last year for the first 2 weeks. Please check the sheet attached if you are rostered on. Any queries please contact Marcella Coonan at school on 58621804.

### January

31<sup>st</sup> **Volunteer**

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> Closed

4<sup>th</sup> Closed

5<sup>th</sup> Sheree Lawless

6<sup>th</sup> Gayle Morgan

7<sup>th</sup> Kim Thompson

10<sup>th</sup> Closed

11<sup>th</sup> Closed

12<sup>th</sup> **Volunteer**

13<sup>th</sup> **Volunteer**

14<sup>th</sup> **Volunteer**

## OSHC

Sue Mckellar will be supervising both our Before School Care and After School Care Program while Tash Sutton, James Carpenter continue to assist her. Donna Murfett is the first contact for any changes for Outside School Hours Care.

***Our Permanent numbers for Before School Care are now 15, and After School Care are 45. Due to the growing numbers in the After School Care Program, as of the 1<sup>st</sup> February you may still be charged the program fee of \$20.00 for any late cancellations after 10am on the day of your booking. As we do have people waiting for***

***a casual booking, if you know you aren't intending to use your permanent spot on a particular day please cancel asap, so that it may be booked by others.***

We have an online App to allow families to enrol, make permanent bookings casual bookings and cancellations.

You can find a link to this app on the St Joseph's PS website under enrolment\Outside School Hours Care\Outside school hours care enrolment. Click on register here if you are a new family to complete an enrolment form. Click sign here if you are an existing family and have received an email with login details.

Visit [myfamilylounge.com.au](http://myfamilylounge.com.au) to see how this amazing parent portal will benefit you and step by step videos on how to use it.

### Vacation Care

We saw many children enjoying a variety of fun activities from Crazy Hair day, cooking, art and craft, sport - what was even more exciting is we saw some new starters to the school who were given the opportunity to make new friends and they can continue to look up to during their first few days, knowing someone is watching out for them.

While some of the younger ones demonstrated their sporting skills, others had the opportunity to show off their creative side by making cubby houses from recycled cardboard and materials. Whilst some excelled in the sports, others showed off their talent in the kitchen making afternoon tea for everyone to enjoy after movie time.

Looking forward to seeing the old and some new faces in the before and after school care program in 2025.

Sue, Shannon, Tash, James, & Jaime.





**IT'S PLAY TIME!**

**Numurkah & Surrounds  
Community Hub**

**Numurkah Showgrounds**

**FREE COME AND TRY SESSION - FEBRUARY 7th, 2025**

**nab AFL Auskick**  **PLAY**

**4-8 year olds**



**nab AFL Superkick** 

**8-12 year olds**



**Commencing 14th February 2025**

Program will be delivered by AFL Victoria in partnership with Numurkah FNC.

All registered participants receive \$55.00 off community Auskick



# Health Care Card HCC 2025 update

## For Primary School families

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in School fees for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.

We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

### 3 simple steps

- 1 provide a copy of your HCC to the school office
- 2 complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions Form (CSEF)
- 3 set up a direct debit arrangement at the school

If you've already submitted your HCC, completed the CSEF form, and have a direct debit in place, no further action is needed – the discount will be applied automatically.

# CANTEEN PRICE LIST TERM 1, 2025

**CLEARLY WRITE NAME AND CLASS ON PAPER BAG ORDERS AND PLACE IN CLASSROOM TUBS**  
**PLEASE ENSURE ALL GLUTEN FREE OR DAIRY/LACTOSE FREE ORDERS ARE CLEARLY MARKED**

## SANDWICHES-WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN BREAD ROLLS WHITE, WHOLEMEAL OR MULTIGRAIN)

WRAPS WHITE **GLUTEN FREE OPTION (rolls/sandwiches/Wraps 50c extra**

Butter or DF spread	\$1.50	Salad (no meat )	\$4.00	Chicken (real BBQ)	\$4.00
Ham	\$3.00	Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50	Egg	\$3.50
Vegemite	\$2.50	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	Egg and lettuce	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50		
Cheese		Ham <u>or</u> Chicken & Salad	\$6.00		

Salad consists of lettuce, cheese, cucumber, carrot, tomato & beetroot

Please note on order if you want to leave a salad item out or want to add mayo, aioli, tomato or bbq sauce

Salad in a container *GF	\$4.50
Salad & meat in a container *GF(chicken or ham, please choose)	\$6.00

## HOT FOOD OPTIONS

### TOASTIES

Note on order if you choose to have your sandwich toasted  
 And variations to other items ordered

### WEDNESDAY

<b>Lunch Platter</b>	<b>The lot \$6.00</b>
Choice of Cabana, carrot, crackers, cheese and tzatziki	\$3.00 one item
	\$1.00 Per add on

### THURSDAY

<b>Mini Pizza</b>	Cheese	<b>\$3.50</b>
	Ham and Cheese	<b>\$4.00</b>
	Hawaiian	<b>\$4.50</b>

### FRIDAY

<b>Chicken Schnitzel Roll</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
Choice of Cheese, Coleslaw, mayo, gravy	

## WINDOW ITEMS – purchased through canteen window after 2<sup>nd</sup> bell

\*GF=Gluten Free \*NF= Nut Free

FRESH FRUIT CUPS (with or without Greek yoghurt)	<b>\$3.50</b>
SMOOTHIE mixed berry & banana (choose between dairy or orange juice base)	<b>\$3.50</b>
SMOOTHIE CHOC BANNANA. Made with banana, yogurt, milk and coco powder	<b>\$3.50</b>
300ml Plain Milk	<b>\$2.50</b>
250ml Water	<b>\$2.00</b>

Frozen Orange	*GF *NF	50c	Plain chips	*GF *NF	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple Ring	*GF *NF	50c	True fruit Bars	*GF *NF	\$1.00
Popcorn	*GF	50c			
Home Baked Treat (Type changes without notice) 50c limit of 2, subject to availability					

Homemade Icy pole \*GF \*NF \$1.00

Flavours: Orange Mango, Watermelon Pineapple, Raspberry Orange, Choc banana

## Canteen News 2025

Canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Paper orders need to be clearly marked with the **student's name and class**. These are to be put in the order tubs in each class room first thing in the morning. If ordering Online this needs to be done before 9.15am on the day you are ordering. Drinks, sandwiches, rolls, wraps special hot foods, fruit cups and smoothies must be ordered however frozen items on the menu can be purchased through the canteen window after the second lunch bell. Canteen window is open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Unless advised otherwise.

### New canteen volunteers Welcome!

Could anyone who would like to help with canteen duty this year please fill out the form below and return to the school office. Or I'm here (Marcella) on the 3 mornings canteen is open. Feel free to come and have a chat if you are interested or call or msg on 0409 622589.

What canteen duty looks like:

Where: Kitchen in the Mackillop Centre

Time: 12.00pm – 2.00/ 2.15pm

How often: Once a month or as you can. We are very flexible

What we do: Help prepare and sort lunches.

The children love seeing Mum, Dad, Aunt, Uncle or Nana at school, especially in the window!

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### PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE OR MARCELLA IN THE CANTEEN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick on a preferred day and time of month.

1st of the month:	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
2 <sup>nd</sup> of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
3 <sup>rd</sup> of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
4 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
5 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Wed___	Thur___	Fri___
(when it occurs)			

Yes/ No I am happy to be put down as an Emergency.



2025



# S T J O S E P H S T E R M 1

	Week 1 27 Jan – 2 Feb	Week 2 3 Feb – 9 Feb	Week 3 10 Feb – 16 Feb	Week 4 17 Feb – 23 Feb	Week 5 24 Feb – 2 Mar	Week 6 3 Mar – 9 Mar	Week 7 10 Mar – 16 Mar	Week 8 17 Mar – 23 Mar	Week 9 24 Mar – 30 Mar	Week 10 31 Mar – 4 Apr
Mon	27 Jan	3 Feb Swim Prac Year 3-6 Assembly Year 6 Leaders	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	3 Mar	10 Mar Labour Day Holiday	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 Mar
Tues	28 Jan	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb	4 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar	25 Mar	1 Apr
	STAFF COMMENCE PD Day #1					Pancake Tuesday				Assembly : PREP !!!
Wed	29 Jan	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar	2 Apr
	STAFF PD Day #2	Prep Rest Day Swim Prac Year 3-6	Prep Rest Day P&F	Prep Rest Day Parent / Teacher/ Student Conf.	Prep Rest Day SCHOOL COUNCIL	Last Prep Rest Day Ash Wednesday				
Thurs	30 Jan	6 Feb	13 Feb	20 Feb	27 Feb	6 Mar	13 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar	3 Apr
	Day 1 Yr 1 - 6 Bulletin		Swim Carnival Year 3-6 Full Newsletter		Bulletin		Full Newsletter		Bulletin	
Fri	31 Jan	7 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb	7 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar	28 Mar	4 Apr
	Day 1 Prep Swim Prac Year 3-6		Beginning of Year Liturgy & Leaders Induction				St Joseph's Feast Day Celebration			Last Day Term 1
Sat	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb	1 Mar	8 Mar	15 Mar	22 Mar	29 March	5 Apr
Sun	2 Feb	9 Feb Num 150th Celebration	16 Feb	23 Feb	2 Mar FUN RUN	9 Mar	16 Mar	23 Mar	30 March	6 Apr

Term 1 Holidays : Last Day of Term 1 – Friday April 4  
Please Note : School Commences Term 2 Monday , April 28



# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

## Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

Foster parent\* **OR**

Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

## Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

## Payment amounts

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-payment-amounts)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Numurkah Wunghnu **150** yrs  
1875-2025

Please join us in celebrating  
Numurkah & Wunghnu Township's  
Sesquicentenary throughout 2025



The name NUMURKAH is thought to be taken from an Aboriginal word meaning war shield, although an early newspaper reported that a local Aboriginal elder translated Numurkah as "little plains".



The name WUNGHNU is thought to be taken from an Aboriginal word meaning boomerang, named after the fact that the creek partly enclosed the town in a boomerang-shaped bend.

### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Rotary Club of Numurkah  
Numurkah & District Historical Society  
Moira Shire  
CAN-Hub Numurkah  
Victorian Government



Also, a thank-you to other community groups and individuals for their contributions to the "150th".

[numurkahhistoricalsociety.com.au](http://numurkahhistoricalsociety.com.au)

Events & Activities listed in this Program may be subject to change. Refer to Historical Society Website for updates.

Numurkah Wunghnu **150** yrs  
1875-2025

## Program of Main Events

### SECOND WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY 2025 NUMURKAH

- Saturday 8th February: "150th Launch & Heritage Activities Day" (FREE ENTRY)**
- Melville St: 10.30am, Cobb & Co Coach & Town Car travelling towards Showground
  - Showgrounds: commencing at 11.00am, heritage displays, demonstrations and entertainment (Food & Drinks Vans on site)
    - o Working horses (including Clydesdales), Wagons & Buggies, Cobb & Co Coach rides, Vintage Cars
    - o Outdoor screen – early Numurkah & Wunghnu photos
    - o Town Band, Bush Band, Organ Grinders, Bush Poet
    - o Old trades & crafts demonstrations & displays: including leatherwork, sewing/quilting, buttons, shearing combs, cricket-bat making, rope-making, wood chopping, blacksmithing, woodwork, laundry activity, basket weaving
    - o Old-fashioned school & games
    - o Wildlife display
  - Formalities & Grand Parade @ 12.00pm
  - Shamrock Hotel, Commencing at 6.30pm, Rotary hosted "Dinner" (further details including booking arrangements on our website)

- Sunday 9th February: "Gather Round" Day (FREE ENTRY)**
- History Tour options: Melville St CBD or Cemetery – walk from 9.30am
  - Apex Park: 11.30am, Combined Church Service (BYO Chairs)
  - Rotary Park: From 11.30am, Picnic Lunch (BYO Lunch or Rotary/Lions BBQ) (BYO Chairs or Picnic Rug)
    - o Organ Grinders Demonstration
    - o Outdoor screen – early Numurkah & Wunghnu photos
    - o Take the opportunity to wander around the newly painted train tractors and check out the old farm implements in the Frank Yarwood Pavilion
    - o Opening of Time Capsule @ 12.30pm, near the train
  - Around the Town: 2.00pm, Open sessions of venues of interest: Historical Society Museum, Dubuque Schools, Fire Station, RSL, Band Hall, Numurkah Singers "Shed"

### EASTER WEEKEND 2025 NUMURKAH

- Saturday 19th April: "Looking Around" Day**
- Around the Town: 1.00pm, Venues of interest open to the public: Historical Society Museum, Schools, Fire Station, RSL, Band Hall, Numurkah Singers "Shed"
- Sunday 20th April: "Tour" Day**
- Walking Tour of Melville St / Scavenger Hunt-Car Rally for families either around the town and/or up the main street
  - Bus Tour of Numurkah & district / Cemetery Walk
- Monday 21st April: "Historical Society" Day**
- Museum Open Day: BBQ Lunch / Display of Historical Books from the Society's Collection

### LAST WEEKEND IN MARCH 2025 WUNGHNU

- Saturday 29th March & Sunday 30th March  
GV Vintage Tractor & Machinery Weekend & 150th Celebrations**
- Wunghnu Recreation Reserve, Tractor & Machinery Event as usual, including Federation Car Club, Carriage Driving Club
    - o Static Display of early Wunghnu photos and memorabilia
    - o Walking History Tour of Wunghnu

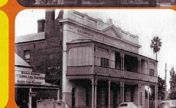
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## Program of associated events throughout the year

### EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Some of these events are part of Numurkah's yearly calendar during 2025. They may have some "150th" theme associated with them.

- Sunday 2nd March: Numurkah Fun Run
- Friday 7th March: NCN Health open day and memorial wall opening (Numurkah Hospital)
- Friday 7th to Sunday 10th March: Rotary Art Show & Historical Photo Display
- Friday 25th April: ANZAC Day Services / RSL Hall Display / Historical Society War Display
- May/June (TBC): Numurkah Singers Annual Production
- Sunday 3rd August: Ladies Lions High Tea (Band & Singers Entertainment / Fashions from the Past)
- Friday 8th August: Mary Mackillop Garden Open Day
- Sunday 31st August: Antique Appraisals (organised by Friends of the Library)
- August/September (TBC): Numurkah Wunghnu Bowls Tournament
- Saturday 4th October: Kinnairds Welland Walk & Talk (organised by Friends of the Library)
- Sunday 19th October: Show Us Ya Wheels (including some vintage and classic cars)
- Wednesday 22nd October: Numurkah Show (with a heritage theme)
- Sunday 23rd November: Burying of new Time Capsule (Rotary Park)

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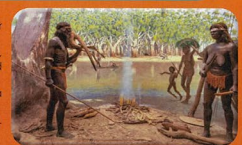


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## A brief history of the early Numurkah District

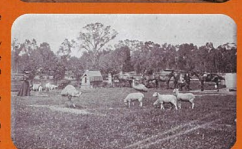
### PRE-COLONIAL TIMES

- Indigenous people have occupied Australia for 60000 years or more.
- People of the Banganger Clan (sometimes spell Panangerang), occupied the wedge of land between the Goulburn and Murray Rivers, and into New South Wales.
- Banganger people are now considered part of the wider Yorla Nation.
- We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.



### SQUATTERS

- By the early 1840s, squatters had claimed most of the land in the district.
- Initially, squatters often had no legal rights to the land, but they became recognised by the colonial government as owning the land by being the first (and often the only) European settlers in the area.
- The "claimed land" in our area, like many other areas, became substantial "pastoral runs".
- Some of the local "runs" included: Cobram, Moira, Strathmerlon East, Strathmerlon West (Ulupna), Kaarimba and Tallygaroopna.



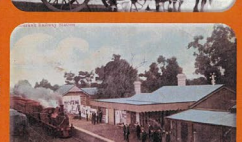
### SELECTORS

- The Land Act of 1869 was the start of a major change in the selection and use of land in Victoria, following the Gold Rush of the 1850s and 1860s.
- During the 1870s (after the Land Act became law), huge areas of virtually untouched bushland and plains, once held by squatters, became flourishing areas to be selected.
- Almost any male over 18 and any single woman over 18 could apply for a licence for "surveyed land" up to 320 acres.
- During the selection period, the Numurkah district became renowned for its quality wheat on the newly selected land.



### DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNS TO SERVICE THE FARMING COMMUNITY

- After the pastoral runs were made available for farm selection, the townships of Numurkah (on the banks of the Soola Creek, now named Broken Creek) and Wunghnu (on the banks of the Nine Mile Creek) were gazetted by the Victorian Government on the 8th FEBRUARY 1875. Surveying of the initial streets & blocks by Alfred Leahy took place soon after that.



### THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY

- Up until 1881, the rail line from Melbourne stopped at Shepparton, but in September 1881, a new line was opened through to Wunghnu and Numurkah. For the next 7 years, Numurkah was the terminus for the rail line.
- Both towns grew quickly after that with more permanent buildings being established and many businesses established to service the townships and farming community. Businesses included: Hotels, Cordial Factories, Butchers, Bakers, Blacksmiths, Drapery & General Merchants, Stock & Station Agents, Flour Mills and Banks.
- Shire Councils, Schools, Churches, Mechanics Institutes, Sporting clubs and other community organisations also took shape.

