

NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 1
NUMBER 4
20 March, 2020

School Email Address: norwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

College Phone No. 9871 0400 **Student Absence Line:** 9871 0401

Principal: Mr Andrew Sloane

Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer

College Captains: Zoe Tucker and Ryan Smith

School Web Address: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

TERM 1, 2020

Friday 27 March

Last Day of Term, student dismissal 2.30

TERM 2, 2020

Tuesday 14 April

First Day of Term 2 - Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 15 April

Remote Learning Begins

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COPING WITH AN ABNORMAL SITUATION

I can not imagine that there would be anyone in our community and beyond, not significantly affected by the impact of COVID-19. I started listing the many ways we are all being affected and was struck by how many serious issues so many of you would be facing.



It reminded me of how difficult it is for our young ones – your children – who most probably feel completely powerless in these matters. Not that most of us adults feel we can change much, either.

However, it is important that we believe that there are some things we CAN do that will make a difference and perhaps help each of us avoid infection by, or transmission of, the virus. The advice of the Chief Health Officer carries a lot of weight, in an otherwise confusing and changeable landscape, and schools are being strongly encouraged to comply with the advice.

We have, to list a few key strategies:

- Reduced the incidence of visitors to our school grounds to minimise our students' exposure to 'outsiders' (School Tours have ceased and Open Night has been cancelled);
- Provided easy-to-use pump action soap dispensers in all lavatories;
- Developed strategies that will allow us to continue to deliver curriculum programs on-line (if schools are required to close);
- Written curriculum programs that can be delivered to students studying at home;
- Considered how we can best reinforce the practices of 'social distancing';
- Postponed some events that we hope to run later in the year;
- Cancelled any 'non-essential' events that would involve 100 people;



Year 7 Humanities class practicing their mummification skills learning about Ancient Egypt.

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One of the reasons why schools have been kept open by governments across Australia, on the basis of the advice from the health and medical experts, is that people remaining in their routine daily activities, whilst decreasing non-essential social and mass gathering activities, will decrease the opportunities for spread in our community, including those to teachers.

There is evidence that children in households may be infected by adults within the households, which is why all household contacts of confirmed cases are placed into home isolation when a case is confirmed. This will continue throughout the COVID-19 response.

Thus far, approximately 2% of total cases in China have been in children, and there have been no deaths in children under 10 years with very few hospitalisations. There is emerging evidence indicates that the people who are most unwell, and most symptomatic are more infectious than those with very mild or minimal symptoms.

There is not widespread community transmission at this point, and levels of COVID-19 illness are likely to be very low. Children who are at all unwell are advised to be at home, and schools and teachers should exclude any unwell children who present to school. Any children with undetected symptoms are likely to be minimally infectious.

At this point there is no evidence of any school clusters where infections were driven by the student population or student introductions. The evidence is reviewed daily and advice will continue to be tailored to the evidence. Any change in policy advice will consider the risk to teachers as well as the broader community.”

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton
“Victorian Chief Health Officer
Health Protection Branch
19/03/2020

- Cancelled interschool sport;
- Cancelled all excursions (irrespective of the group size);
- Cancelled camps.

None of these strategies brings us any joy – in fact, we know some of them offer students (and staff) very special memories, in future years. Sadly, we have no choice: accepting the validity of the guidelines from DE&T and the insights from science and wishing, in our own community, to help minimise the spread of corona virus.

Yesterday, families received an update ‘feed’ on Compass in which the College informed families that if a child comes to school unwell, a parent will be contacted to pick them. We are very conscious of the need for our staff to remain healthy and wish to minimise their exposure to any unwell individuals. The government strategy for keeping students in school to assist keeping the infection curve ‘flat’ relies on schools having healthy teachers leading the learning. We request that you support our staff by keeping unwell children home.

We do not know what the coming weeks/months hold for us, but want you to know that we are committed to providing for your children’s educational and emotional needs as best as we can in very challenging circumstances.

I ask that you impress on your children the importance of maintaining good health hygiene:

- Covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing (tissue or into elbow);
- Dispose of tissue in a bin then wash hands thoroughly with soap;
- Wash hands regularly through the day but particularly after using the toilet and before eating.

Finally, to the left is a letter from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, explaining why schools are remaining open.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



YEAR 11 NEWS



Our students seem to have settled well into Term 1. Many first assessments have now been completed. Remember to use your time wisely in Year 11 to gain the best possible advantage for your subject assessments in Unit 1 & 2. For students who need the extra support, all teachers are accessible on Compass and additional study sessions in Homework Club can be arranged. You will set your study habits here and often take them into Year 12, so make the time to plan and study for all your assessments.



I was so proud of our Year 11 students, as they were sensational in their Cross-Country efforts. Congratulations to Jaclyn Bevan, Evan Barjak and Alicia Pumpa pictured here for the Under 17 group. To all that ran and walked, well done.



Thank you to Mr Mitchell, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hearne for heading up the Central Australia meetings last week. Their efforts in making this the best experience for our students is evident. Students met some of the staff who will be going on this tour, selected the colour for their shirt and signed up for their tent/clean up groups.

"They are just great kids..." This term keeps coming up in College life for me. A note of thanks to all the students, parents and staff who have made me feel so welcome. I look forward to all that Term 2 brings. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Alison Ward, Head of Year 11

Cynthia Kennedy, Year 11 Coordinator



YEAR 10 NEWS

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Four students of the Year 10 General Maths class of Mr Singh were given awards by Ms Harris, Senior School Principal on Thursday, March 12 in the classroom for their excellent performance.



Trinity Pedersen has scored an average of 96% in her test and SAC on Financial Maths. Jacob Christie, Jemma Smith and Emma Leyden scored 94%, 93% and 88% respectively. They have shown their excellent analytical and calculator skills. Congratulations to these students. We encourage other students to do their best in the future assessments.

Gurwinder Singh, Mathematics Teacher





YEAR 9 NEWS

YEAR 9 MICROBIOLOGY MASTERCLASS BACTERIAL FOOD POISONING

On Monday, March 16 a group of about 40 Year 9 students participated in an excursion at La Trobe University in a Microbiology masterclass offered through the university's Science Outreach Program.



The students took part in a series of microbiological techniques for handling, sampling, culturing, staining and observing bacterial cells in the laboratory using state of the art light microscopes. The students were shown how to thoroughly and hygienically wash their hands with an ultraviolet (UV) reactive substance that glowed if it was not washed off properly.



Students were also given a lecture at the conclusion of the workshop from a Doctor of Microbiology on safe food preparation, handling and storage to prevent food related illnesses. The content of the excursion mirrored and extended the current Body at War topic being studied in class. It was an excellent opportunity for our students as the masterclass reiterated the importance of personal hygiene and best practices in order to minimise cases of bacterial food poisoning or food contamination.

*Mrs Nicole Milne and Mrs Ozana MacLennan
Year 9 Science Teachers*



YEAR 8 NEWS

PORT PHILLIP BAY BEACHES GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP

The Year 8 Geography classes had a fieldwork day at three beaches on Port Phillip Bay. The students first visited Rickett's Point where they investigated features of an erosional coastline. They also looked at Rickett's Point Marine Sanctuary, one of a few marine sanctuaries close to a major city.



The students then visited Hampton Beach. At this beach, students observed a variety of strategies used to manage and protect this coastal area. The final stop was Brighton Beach. The ionic bathing boxes were a highlight and provided wonderful photo opportunities. The students considered whether the bathing boxes were a good use of public land.



Overall, the three days were highly successful with students learning about these popular Melbourne beaches. Back in class, the Year 8s are analysing and evaluating their fieldwork data to assess the effectiveness of the management of these beaches.

Susan Marshallsea and Denis Belle, Year 8 Geography Teachers



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

Leukaemia Foundation

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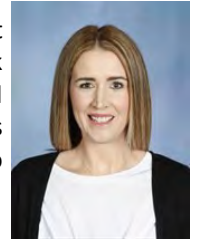


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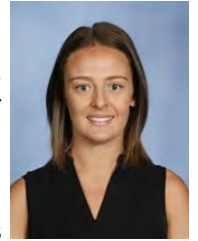
WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Two of our students completed the World's Greatest Shave on Monday, March 16. Year 10 students Roderick N and Hannah M have raised \$400, which will help fund critical research to deliver advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancer. Congratulations to Roderick and Hannah!



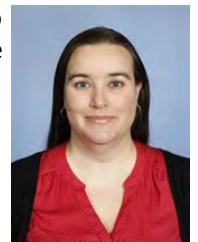
HEALTHY HEADSPACES

During this uncertain time it can feel stressful and overwhelming, and we can all be affected differently. Headspace have provided the following information for young people affected by stress related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).



Click on the link below for more information as well as ways to maintain a healthy headspace and services to contact if you require help with overwhelming or intense emotions.

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/>



*Jacki Landy, Annie Hearne and Chayna Dight-Stone
Student Wellbeing Team*



NORWOOD CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Each week I come across a vast amount of career related information which may be of interest to students and parents. Every fortnight a Careers Newsletter with this information is sent via a newsfeed on Compass to Senior School students and parents. Newsletter 1 contains short articles on:

- University Clinical Aptitude Test
- Flight Centre Travel Academy
- Career as a Cosmetic Nurse
- RMIT Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Agriculture Degrees in Victoria
- Animation and Gaming Courses in Victoria
- Careers in Air Conditioning Technology
- Cybersecurity Courses in Victoria in 2020
- Studying Global and International Studies Courses in Victoria
- New or revamped courses at Deakin University
- Bachelor of Human Resources
- Management (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Marketing (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence
- Bachelor of Marine Science
- Victoria University Information Evenings
- Event Planning Courses in Victoria in 2020
- Human Resources Courses in Victoria in 2020

This newsletter is also available by viewing norwoodcareers.com > **Important Info** > **Careers Newsletter**.



CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

This is a reminder about the Year 10 Work Experience Program running on June, 22 to 26, 2020 – the last week of Term 2. Please have Work Experience forms completed and handed in to the **Careers Office by Friday, 27 March**. Extra copies of the Work Experience form are available from the Careers Office or by downloading the file attached to a recent Compass Newsfeed.



TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN)

All students will need a Tax File Number for work (part-time or full-time) including students planning a tertiary education.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they can not enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a TFN, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students need to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. **To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit auspost.com.au/id-and-document-services/apply-for-a-tax-file-number**

Ron Chatton, Careers/Pathways Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET

Congratulations to our Senior Girls for their quarter final victory against Vermont Secondary College and their semi final success against John Monash Secondary College on Thursday, 12 March.



Winning the toss and deciding to field, our five bowlers combined well to restrict Vermont to 8/83. Captain Jaclyn Bevan and Elise Prunty opened, both claiming two wickets in their four overs (2/14 and 2/32 respectively). Abi Robinson's 1/16, Alicia Pumpa's 0/11 and Allanah Sebire's 0/10 complemented our attack. Our 11 fielders were vivacious and vociferous. Two catches to Alicia and one to Natalie Vlahos; two direct hit run outs to Jaclyn and one to Elise, as well as Jaclyn's dive to prevent a certain four runs, are prime examples of our fielders' focus.

Although the score book indicates we did not catch Vermont till the penultimate over, our 4/85 had been a planned steady chase, with Jaclyn (20) and Alicia (20*) leading their team from the front.

After progressing to the Semi Final, once again we were to field first. After their 20 overs, the John Monash girls had accumulated 6/67. As in our first game, two of our opponents were bowled and three were run out. The girls surpassed their target in the tenth over, opener Jaclyn scoring 35*. The Region Grand Final is scheduled to be played against Balwyn High.

Mick Wilson, Cricket Coach



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| Concert Band | Monday Afternoon (3:15pm - 4:15pm) |
| Jazz Band | Tuesday Morning (7:30am - 8:30am) |
| Chorale | Tuesday Afternoon (3:15 pm - 4:15pm) |
| String Ensemble | Wednesday Afternoon (3:15pm - 4:15pm) |
| A'Cappella | Wednesday Afternoon (3:15pm - 4:15pm) |
| Junior Band | Thursday Morning (7.45am - 8.30am) |
| Super Strings | Wednesday Morning (7.45am - 8.30am) |
| Guitar Ensemble | Friday Afternoon (1.15pm - 1.45pm) |

ENSEMBLES ARE ON EVERY WEEK UNLESS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OR ON COMPASS

YES! We always have ensemble Week 1 of Terms 2, 3 and 4 unless it is a public holiday. Parents, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Instrumental Teacher and Mrs Dema, Instrumental Coordinator, if you can not attend .

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

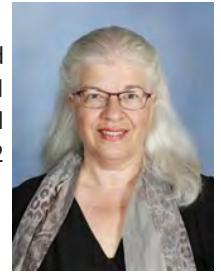
TERM 2

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| May (TBA) | Boroondara Eisteddfod (Chorale and A'Cappella) |
| Week 7: | Saturday, 30 May Jazz Night - NSC Hall POSTPONED DATE TO BE ADVISED STAY TUNED! |
| Week 8: | June (TBA) String Ensemble to VSMF Festival (Tentative dates: June 1 or 3) |
| Week 10: | Thursday, 18 June Year 7 Music Night Family BBQ - 6pm-8pm Music Block |

MUSIC NEWS

PRODUCTION ORCHESTRA

Audition sheets will be available in week 8 and auditions will be held early Term 2. If you missed signing up, please see Mrs Barry. Minimum level required - approx. grade 4. Start practising all your 12 Major scales!!



MUSIC EVENTS

Students are asking if the Term 2 Music activities, such as Jazz Night, Eisteddfods and Festivals, are still going to run. Parents and students will be informed via Compass as soon as these decisions are made.

HOLIDAY PRACTICE

Students: Make sure you take your instrument home for holiday practice. Aim to practise every day or at least 5 out of 7 days per week.

- BEGINNERS:** 15 minutes per day
- YEARS 8 - 9:** 30 minutes per day
- YEARS 10 - 12 NON VCE:** 45 minutes per day
- VCE MUSIC PERFORMANCE:** 1 hour per day
(30 minute tech work and 30 minute repertoire)

KEEPING INSTRUMENTS CLEAN

- Don't share instruments or mouthpieces

BRASS AND WOODWIND:

- Mouthpiece hygiene is essential for brass and woodwind instruments.
- Clean the mouthpiece with warm hot, soapy water and a little mouthpiece brush. *Do not use bleach as this can damage the mouthpiece.* (Take the reed off first, for woodwind instruments except flute)

STRING INSTRUMENTS:

- Wipe over with a clean soft cloth

PIANO:

- Clean with a damp cloth and then a dry cloth

VOICE:

- Drink water every day and herbal teas
- Shouting is bad for vocal health!

Jo Dema, Instrumental Music Coordinator





CSEF - CAMPS,SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDING

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding is again available in 2020. We encourage all families holding a valid means tested concession card to apply now. An application form is available at the General Office and applications will be accepted until the last day of Term 2.



Parents only need to submit an application form in 2020 if any of these changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2020, or if the parent DID NOT apply for CSEF at the school in 2019.**
- **Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody arrangements, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.**

USING THE CSEF

You can use the fund for expenses including:

- Year level camps
- School organised sporting programs
- Excursions/incursions
- Specialist electives: Outdoor Education, Advance, VET Sport and Recreation

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, Music lessons, etc. Each time you wish to use your CSEF for an event, please print out the excursion form from Compass School Manager and write **“pay with CSEF”**. If you have any questions, please call the General Office on 9871 0400.

Jane Arnold, Business Manager

TERM DATES

Term 1:
28 January to 27 March
Term 2:
14 April (**Tuesday**) to 26 June
13 April (Public Holiday)
Easter Monday
Term 3
13 July to 18 September
Term 4
5 October to 18 December

UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

Mondays 8.30am - 11.30am
Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm

DOBSONS UNIFORM SHOP CONTACT:

Mrs Jennifer McKenzie
Ph 9871 0404 - Norwood Shop
Ph 8788 7500 - Dobsons Head Office



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For personal fitting appointments outside of shop hours please contact Jennifer at the uniform shop on 9871 0404 or email nsc@dobsons.com.au

Jenny McKenzie, Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator

PRIVACY POLICY - LOCATED ON NSC WEBSITE

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [Collection Statement-secondary school.pdf](#).

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

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WIND in the
WILLOWS

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August 2020

Adaptation, Music & New Lyrics by DOUGLAS POST
Based on the book by KENNETH GRAHAME

The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of birds in flight. In the center, the title 'The Wind in the Willows' is written in a golden, ornate font. To the left of the title, several golden gears of various sizes are arranged in a cluster. The text is presented in a mix of fonts, including a serif font for the title and a script font for the presenter's name.

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