

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

TERM 2, 2020 Saturday 25 April Anzac Day Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May Remote Online Learning Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May Remote Online Learning



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SUCH INTERESTING TIMES......

A warm welcome to Term 2, to all our students and families. Like you, no doubt, staff are also navigating what we all hope is a once in a lifetime turn of events. We trust that your children are getting used to 'remote learning' and developing a new set of skills to enable their learning to continue.



Principal: Mr Andrew Sloane

Thank you to the many parents who have offered

feedback about our program. Your thoughts have been, quite understandably, mixed. However, we have been most appreciative of the majority of parents' positivity and overwhelming support for the efforts of staff.

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Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer College Captains: Zoe Tucker and Ryan Smith

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As you would understand, we have focussed very closely on our most Senior Students' program. Our Year 12 students are feeling very concerned (as are their teachers) with the lack of clarity about how the VCE might be modified or how university entrance will be determined. In the meantime we will continue to comprehensively cover all content, in each subject, that we believe will not be changed. We are still waiting for VCAA to release details on the remainder of the year – the briefing that had been scheduled for yesterday (Thursday) was cancelled just prior to the online meeting commenced.

Our Junior School moves, next week, to a new phase in our remote learning program: details are in this Newsletter. There will, undoubtedly, be ongoing refinements of our program. Staff continue to develop their skills in use of technology and that will be reflected in the program over time.

In response to some concerns expressed by some parents, I note that we are aware that some students find the remote learning less engaging than being in 'normal classes'. I am also certain our staff feel that the remote learning program offers them less opportunity to do what they entered the profession for.....personal engagement in the teaching of young people and being able to see the moment a student 'gets' what is being taught. Our teachers are noting that they miss seeing their students face-to-face in a class and it is clear that when we can get back



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JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Junior School Students, Parents and Guardians, The purpose of this

communication is to inform you of some changes to the remote learning program and to provide you with clarity about the expectations of our students.



These changes will commence from Monday, 27 April. Junior School students will continue to use Compass as they have in the past, however we will begin to incorporate the 'Chat' function of Microsoft Teams (MT) into the teaching and learning program.

Please read the following carefully and watch the video. Please click the following link: https://vimeo.com/410433932

HOW COMPASS WILL BE USED:

- Junior School Students' learning will be guided by their timetable on Compass.
 Each lesson on their timetable will have a lesson plan outlining the work that needs to be completed.
- All resources (worksheets, assignments and handouts) can be accessed in the relevant folder in the 'Resources' tab on Compass.
- Student will be expected to complete and submit a minimum of one Learning Task a week in English, Maths, Science and Humanities.
- For all other subjects students will be expected to complete and submit a minimum of one Learning Task per fortnight.



HOW MICROSOFT TEAMS WILL BE USED:

 Students are expected to attend (be online, using Microsoft Teams) the first lesson of each subject, each week. During this lesson teachers will be available through Microsoft Teams Chat to clarify instructions and respond to questions/ support learning. to normality, there will be many (from both sides of the screens, most probably) who will be very happy.

In the meantime, I remind parents that any supervision of on-site 'remote learning' does not include any teaching (and may not even involve a teacher) and the advice of DE&T / health officials is still that, for reasons directly related to the health of students and staff, students who can work from home MUST work from home.

I can assure parents and students that our staff will continue, as long as this period of crisis remains, to do their best to offer our students a meaningful and engaging program and to continue to look for improvements in our use of technology to deliver this program.

> "It's not about what it is, It's about what it can become" "The Lorax" Dr Seuss

"IS THIS MONDAY A PUBLIC HOLIDAY?"

I have been made aware that there is a mistaken belief that this coming Monday (27 April) is a public holiday in Victoria. Such is not the case. While a couple of other states do offer the day as a public holiday, in Victoria ANZAC Day is commemorated on the day it falls – there is no replacement public holiday when it falls on a weekend.

The upshot is that Monday, 27 April will be a normal 'remote learning' school day for all Norwood students.

PROTOCOLS FOR USE OF VIDEO LINKS IN THE REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM

Our remote learning program now involves the use of Microsoft Teams for both Junior and Senior School. It is therefore possible for the video facility to be used and that requires some protocols to ensure we observe issues related to privacy.

- At the moment, we will not be using the video function in Junior School 'classes'.
- The video function may be used in Senior School classes, but only with the permission of the teacher and all students have the right to switch off the video and only use the audio. (This also reduces the data usage – particularly important for households with poor internet coverage or where there may be multiple data users at any one time.)
- In some instances, the video function may be used 1:1 by Heads of Year Level, Wellbeing Team members and Educational Support staff.
- Students using video must be in a 'common' area in the house (such as a living room) NOT their bedroom.
- Students using video must dress in an appropriate manner. Staff have been asked to end a meeting for an inappropriately dressed student and ask them to rectify their dress.
- The College will only use Microsoft Teams in our remote program Zoom will not be used out of concerns regarding its security.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

- Students are expected to register their attendance for the first lesson of each subject, each week. Using Microsoft Teams Chat the teacher will post a 'welcome to the class' message. Students should register their attendance by selecting the 'thumbs up' emoji on this post.
- Students are not expected to register their attendance for the other classes scheduled during the week.
- Teachers will also be available to respond to questions via Compass email and Microsoft Teams Chat during school hours throughout the week.

Note: Parents need to continue to register their child's daily attendance via the daily event on Compass.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal





SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

After only two weeks of remote learning we are pleased to report that students are engaging actively with their classes and working hard. Teaching and learning remotely is a new challenge for both teachers and students alike. Using our Compass platform and introducing Microsoft Teams has allowed students to continue to make appropriate



progress with their studies. It is understandable that some students will be anxious about assessments.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) offers the following advice to students:

If you are in Year 12, you will be able to sit your 2020 exams. This will likely happen in December 2020, at the earliest. For those looking to go on to tertiary study in 2021, institutions across the country are committed to ensuring entrance will be open and available.

One of the strengths of the VCE is that it is balances your school-based assessment with external exams. This flexibility means that your school can respond to the current challenges in a way that best supports you to achieve your outcomes.

In the meantime, your primary goal during this time is to focus on learning, stay in contact with your teachers and keep on track. Turn to your teachers and family for guidance and support, and your school will provide you with more information as it becomes available.

We also know that the General Achievement Test (GAT) that was scheduled to take place in June will be delayed until October or November. Furthermore, because final year exams will likely take place in December, there will be more time to catch up on assessments when students return to school. Please be assured that our teachers are working hard to ensure our students remain up to date with their studies. We are expecting more detailed information from VCAA in the coming days and will provide further updates as we receive them.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

YEAR 12 NEWS

It certainly has been a strange start to Term 2 with all that is happening not just at Norwood Secondary College but across the world. As we commence our journey to remote learning, I have been thrilled with how positive everyone has been. Positivity in times such as these is not something that comes easily for everyone and it is at these times that we need to rally around one another to offer our support and show kindness.

As a school we extend our hand of support to those who would like or need it. As a team, myself and Mrs Mel Cherry are only an email away and can happily make contact by phone to lend an ear of support. We also have a 'Student Wellbeing Support' team at







VALUES



school who are working extremely hard to ensure you are all supported during this challenging time.

It is possible that school will continue in this changed format for the term. We have teachers mastering the online platforms and students equally up to the challenge. It has been very heart warming to hear and see students thanking teachers and the way that our students are showing such resilience during this time.

The key thing to remember during all of this is 'we are all in this together'. The concept refers to the entire Covid-19 crisis but as a Year 12 cohort it is important to understand that every student across the globe is experiencing this change in learning.

The major take away at this stage of the year is to make sure you are staying engaged. That is, engaged with family, engaged with friends and engaged with learning. Log into all of your Microsoft Teams classes, say "hello" to your teacher and class, ask questions and make sure you reach out for assistance or offer ideas. Also add time for socialising. It will be different but online video chat is a great way to meet up with friends in a time when we are asked to keep our social distance.

Routine is also important - try not to go to bed late, make time for breaks during the day, eat meals at regular times and ensure you are getting outside for some exercise each day. A walk is a great way to clear the head and make some time for yourself. Set up a space for study that allows you to concentrate and gives you space to relax after.

Scott Kirkby, Head of Year 12 Melissa Cherry, Year 12 Coordinator

YEAR 11 NEWS

This is certainly a call for change in Term 2. We have never before been asked to display our College values, quite in this manner. In coping with remote learning, always remember our values.



To have *resilience*, and bounce back from what were the old ways of school.

To be *respectful*, in online conduct towards yourselves and each other.

To be *responsible*, and step into the space of independent learning with the guidance of our teachers and leaders.

To continue to have *aspirations*, and use these times for creation and development towards your future.

Most importantly, stay safe and stay connected. Take care...

Alison Ward, Head of Year 11









YEAR 7 ART NEWS

VAN GOGH'S IRISES TECHNIQUE APPLIED / PAINT.NET

My Year 7 Art classes, studied one of the most famous pieces of art work, "Irises" that was painted by Vincent Van Gogh in 1889. Here, the students analysed his painting.



We were inspired by his 'Flower Gardens', and the way he used nature and the walls around him as inspiration. The students here have displayed various applications, using the 'Art Elements'. The colours explored by the students were from leaf violet - blues, natural ochres, warm greens touched with yellow and orange. Here they showed various characteristics using luminous shapes, size and different tones.

The students applied their skills in using (Paint.net) on their notebooks, to complete their art piece. All students achieved fantastic results on completion.

Victoria Tigas, Art Teacher



STEM NEWS

SPAGHETTI MACHINE CONTEST!

This year a team of dedicated Year 10 students are banding together to enter the University of Melbourne's Amazing Spaghetti Machine contest! The team will work together and put their maths, science, engineering and project management skills to the test in the creation of a 'spaghetti machine' – an overly complex device that is used to perform a relatively simple task.



The machine must have a minimum of twelve steps, and the goal must be completed between 30 seconds and 2 minutes. The goal this year is to "take a selfie" – but this can be as abstract as we like!

This contest is unfortunately only open to Year 10 students. If you are a Year 10 student interested in joining the team please contact Miss Elisabeth Collins or team leader Xander C - Year 10.

Elisabeth Collins, Learning Specialist - STEM



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Calling all artists! The Norwood Wellbeing team has a new Instagram page that will be launched next week, and we are looking for a talented young person to design a logo to be displayed as the profile photo. Entries close on Wednesday, 6 May, and can be forwarded to:

nscwellbeing@norwood.vic.edu.au

Head over to @nscwellbeing and follow us; we will be sharing tips and advice about maintaining and improving your wellbeing!

STUDENT WELLBEING IN SOCIAL ISOLATION

This is a challenging time for all families involved in our school community. Some great wellbeing pages to follow on social media are listed below:

- Headspace Australia
- The Smiling Mind
- The Resilience Project
- Beyond Blue
- @nscwellbeing

If you hold wellbeing concerns for your young person, please feel free to get in touch with the Student Wellbeing via the email:

nscwellbeing@norwood.vic.edu.au

and a member of the team will get back to you within 24-48 hours. If it is urgent, please contact the following numbers instead:

13 11 14

- Lifeline:
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Emergency services: 000



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

MAROONDAH YOUTH AWARDS

Over the Easter school holidays, the Maroondah Youth Awards were scheduled but then cancelled due to the current climate. The Maroondah Youth Awards are held annually to celebrate exceptional young people in Maroondah City Council for their achievements in either Leadership, Teamwork, Creativity or Perseverance.



- Lionel M
- Rimon M
- Olivia K
- Ashleigh C
 - Sam N
- Elijah M
- SWAT Team Angelina B-P, Ben Cottom, Olivia K, Tahlia W and Thomas C.

Instead of a celebratory evening, there is an alternative running; the **Maroondah Youth Awards Online** social media takeover will be taking place between 11 - 15

May. Each day will focus on a different award category (Creativity, Leadership, Perseverance and Teamwork), featuring videos, interactive stories and more! Additionally, all posts on social media will link back to the website <u>www.maroondahyouth.com.au</u>, where all of the consenting nominees for 2020 will be hosted.

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



THE LIBRARY IS OPEN ONLINE TOO!

Safe at home but would love a good book? Borrow 1000s of books without leaving home!

Your Norwood Secondary College Library gives you access to over 3000 digital books, including eBooks and audiobooks, all direct from our catalogue.

Visit http://catalogue.norwood.vic.edu.au

- Simply log on with your Compass details
- Search for an eBook or audiobook (or use the 'Quick Lists' tab)
- Choose the one for you and enjoy

If you need any help or would like to request a book please email us at library@norwood.vic.edu.au

Check out the details of our new online Lego Club and Book Club too! Happy reading from the Library Team!

Nicola Mackey, Resource Centre Librarian















ART NEWS

ARTS KLA DRAWING CHALLENGE

We hope everyone is finding their way through the challenges of online learning. Compass and Teams have been great ways to stay connected and keep learning from home. Many of our Norwood community have been spending spare time keeping fit, walking the dog, watching Netflix, playing board games, as well as Zoom meetings with friends and family. Other activities



including reading, cooking, renovating, cleaning and creating things are keeping us all sane.

The Art teachers want to offer you a drawing challenge. We have organised a weekly drawing challenge, with a set focus. The focus for week one, is "Eyeballs."

You can use any materials you have at home, pencils, markers, paint or ink. Your drawing could even be done using an online drawing program. Each week send your finished drawings to the Norwood Facebook page, as a photo. Completed drawings can also be emailed to: <u>drawing@norwood.vic.edu.au</u>

We can not wait to see what you will create. See if you can get your family involved too!

Joyce Hughes, Arts Leader

SPORT NEWS

I would like to congratulate our Norwood Term 1 Sport Winners:

- Senior Boys' Cricket
- Senior Girls' Cricket
- Intermediate Boys' Baseball
- Intermediate Girls' Softball
- Intermediate Girls' Cricket
- Year 8 Boys' Tennis

I sincerely feel for our Year 7 Sport teams who were unable to participate in the 'Round Robins' scheduled for last March. I know there were teams training very hard and I witnessed first hand some high skilled and talented individuals. Hopefully these teams will still be able to participate at a later date.

School Sports Victoria (SSV) have confirmed that there will be no Senior Sport this year. However, senior students will still have the ability to participate in individual events (Athletics/Cross Country), if they get up.

It is highly unlikely that a Division Cross Country event will be held. SSV are still hoping to run a Regional Cross Country in Term 3, if everything returns to normal by then.

John Jagintavicius, Interschool Sports Coordinator





"What are we going to do when we can not have concerts and soirees?"

We have the perfect solution!

THE COVID-19 ONLINE TALENT SHOW!

All Instrumental Music students from Years 7-12 have been placed in a Team called 'All Instrumental Music Students 7-12', with news about the online Talent Show. In essence, you have the opportunity to record a song or an instrumental piece, (by yourself or with family members), upload to the Team's Assessment Tasks for the Team by Friday, 9 May. We are still researching how to show the online concert - so keep an eye on the Instrumental Music 7-12 Team. So start practicing and blow the cobwebs out of your brain!

ENSEMBLES

What about Ensembles?

Ensembles start next week but not in the usual way! Each staff member has thought about what they can offer to keep your ensemble "connected". Check it out during your ensemble time next week. Be there!

Stay well, stay motivated and get practising for the COVID 19 Talent Show. Remember submission Due Friday, 9 May. I can not wait to see what you all come up with!



Before a child talks they sing. Before they write they draw. As soon as they stand they dance. Art is fundamental to human expression.



MUSIC NEWS

Despite these extraordinary circumstances I would like to say a very positive "hello" to all our Norwood students, parents and staff. Right across the world, it has become increasingly obvious how important the Arts are, at this time of self isolation. Visual Arts, Literature and Performing Arts are the "go to" activities for connection and positive communication. Like sport and physical activity, participating in the arts releases good endorphins and makes you feel relaxed - so get



singing, drawing, painting, creating, dancing, writing stories and poems, lyrics and music! Go on! Give it a try!

MUSIC LESSONS ARE ONLINE

So what has been happening in the Music Department? On the surface, it looks like we are not doing much, by the photo of the freshly painted Music courtyard, but on closer inspection, we find that over 100 Instrumental students had online music lessons over the past fortnight! That is truly wonderful!



HOW TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR REGULAR INSTRUMENTAL LESSON?

1. Check Compass (as usual) to see when your lesson is

2. Sign in to MS Teams and be ready to start on time, following the agreed protocols, for your online lesson

3. Keep up your practice and make sure you cover all the directions under the 'Lesson Plan on Compass'.

Note: Some Instrumental staff have had trouble contacting students for their lesson, so make sure you are there at the time of your lesson on Compass.

STUDENT INTERVIEW

Here is a short interview with Mia B (Year 9), about her experience of learning online

Q: What is it like to learn online?

A: Online learning is fun and interactive. It helps me to get motivated to practice and learn more.

Q: What are two advantages of online learning?

A: It is easier to research at home which is not always possible at school and I feel motivated to present my work as best as I can, I enjoy that challenge.

Q: What are two disadvantages for online learning?

A: Missing friends and working together on tasks. We have to do it all on our own. It is the same format in most lessons - read it, do it and submit it! For instance I liked Drama last week as we could include other people at home and get away from the screen. It was fun.

THANKS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

A word of thanks to our wonderful parents - thank you for your ongoing support of your Music student/s. We appreciate it can be difficult fitting in music practice when other household members may be in online meetings and do not expect a drum solo in the middle of it! In my household, we have drawn up a flexible timetable including rooms around the house, to show who needs" total quiet" for work meetings, or in my case, running online classes for instrumental and whole classes. It is working so far!



INFORMATION EVENINGS BY WEBINARS

Discover why Victoria University (VU) is the 'New Way To Do Uni' at our online information evenings on ZOOM. Find out all about the VU Block Model, our industry connections, undergraduate courses and the variety of pathways to education available.

Victoria University will be presenting a series of Information Evenings virtually from 6pm - 7pm

over a number of nights.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

- Sport & Outdoor Leadership
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Business, Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management
- Engineering, Built Environments & IT
- Creative Arts, Humanities & Music
- Youth Work, Criminal Justice and Community Development
- Education & Early Childhood
- Psychology & Social Work
- Biomedical, Exercise, Environmental and Biotechnical Sciences

Register for one or more sessions at: <u>VU Information Evenings by Webinars</u>





CAREERS NEWS

A NEW WAY

Normally at this time of the year, Universities and TAFEs would be holding a number of information events about the courses that they offer for next year. Many institutions are now thinking up different ways apart from their website, to inform students and parents. Virtual Careers Expos and Webinars are now being created. For example:



- A Virtual Careers Expo will be running on Thursday, 7 May and Friday, 8 May with Victorian and Interstate Universities, TAFES and Tertiary Providers showcasing the wide range of options available to students as they prepare for life after school. <u>https://</u> www.torrens.edu.au/about/virtual-careers-expo
- Year 13 and YouthSense are hosting a Digital Careers Expo from Saturday, 18 May to Friday, 22 May. <u>http://youthsense.com.au/</u> <u>eventsyear13sdigitalcareersexpoutm source=mc&utm medium=e</u> <u>mail&utm_campaign=attended</u>
- There will be an online Video Seminar program covering presentations normally held at the annual VCE and Careers Expo. Details will be available soon. Information about other events will be advertised, as soon as details become available.

Ron Chatton Careers/Pathways Coordinator





CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDING REMINDER

We encourage all families whose circumstances have changed recently and now hold a valid means tested concession card to apply



now. 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



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

Mondays8.30am - 11.30amThursdays1.30pm - 4.30pm****SHOP CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****

DOBSONS UNIFORM SHOP CONTACT:

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

DOBSONS ONLINE:

Please visit: <u>www.dobsons.com.au</u> Navigate to **SHOP** in toolbar Click - Norwood Secondary College Logo

DELIVER TO HOME OR OFFICE:

Metro Melbourne: Within 24 - 72 hours - \$10 Flat Rate

CLICK & COLLECT:

Parents may shop online and students can collect items in store (on trading days) within 3 hours. Any questions please email Dobsons directly—sales@dobsons.com.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS:

Contact Dobsons directly for all secondhand uniforms enquiries and sales.

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



SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

FOR SALE

If you have secondhand uniforms you would like to sell:



- Ensure they are clean and in good condition
 - Hand in uniforms to the Uniform Shop only
- Complete the sellers form available from the Uniform Shop

FOR DONATION

All uniforms being donated to our Student Wellbeing Centre are to be handed in to the General Office only.



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