



# DISCOVERY & GROWTH

### Performing and Visual Arts

The College runs an outstanding music program with opportunities in orchestra ensembles and choir as well as individual performance. There is an active performance culture encouraging students to access lessons in brass, woodwind, strings, guitar, piano and voice. Soirees and concerts regularly feature at the College. An annual music camp brings together students from Years 7 - 12 to share their passion for music and to practise their craft.

Norwood has a proud history of annually producing outstanding Musical Productions, such as *Mary Poppins*, *Spamalot*, *The Adams Family*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Beauty and the Beast*, promoting participation across all year levels. The Norwood Arts Show is another popular annual event, highlighting the talent of Art and Technology students.

### Sport and Physical Education

The College encourages participation in an active Sport and Physical Education program in the belief that learning and personal wellbeing are enhanced by a healthy lifestyle.

A full range of summer and winter sporting choices and inter-school competitions provide students with opportunities to enjoy the benefits of teamwork and the rewards of striving for personal best.

The College House System and intra-school sporting competition engenders positive peer relations, self-esteem, College spirit and unity.

### Leadership

Students at Norwood are strongly encouraged to participate in a broad range of programs providing opportunities for leadership development across all year levels, from Class Captains in Year 7 to College Captains and Prefects in Year 12. Student voice, is fostered and encouraged through the Student Representative Council. Leadership fundraising efforts not only support College improvements but contribute financially to a large number of social causes selected by the students. Their commitment to making a difference for others less fortunate is commendable.

### Mentoring

Every student belongs to a Mentor group, meeting weekly with a Mentor Teacher who knows them well, to guide their journey through secondary school. Mentor Teachers foster aspiration in the setting of learning goals and encourage resilience in life.



NORWOOD'S BROAD AND ENGAGING CURRICULUM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE FULLEST EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS AND TO HELP THEM DISCOVER AND DEVELOP THE AREAS IN WHICH THEY ARE UNIQUELY TALENTED.

OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP EACH STUDENT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THEY NEED TO BECOME INDEPENDENT LIFE LONG LEARNERS AND RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

## OUR COLLEGE

Norwood Secondary College, in North Ringwood, is a single campus coeducational College located in a secure treed residential environment close to the civic and commercial centres of the City of Maroondah.

Norwood has a very high reputation in the community, particularly with regard to student endeavour in academic, sport and music programs and as a consequence draws students from a wide geographic area. The College is well serviced by several bus routes.

The College continues to be unable to meet demand with more students applying each year in Year 7 than can be accommodated. The College has an agreed enrolment limit across Years 7-12 of 1100 students.

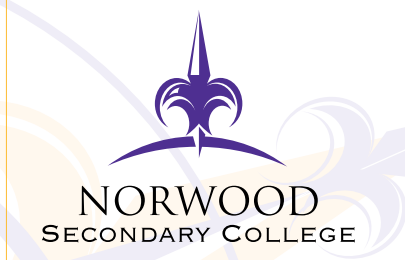
The College has spacious and attractive grounds looking out onto breathtaking vistas of the Dandenongs. A double court gymnasium complex, will complement the College's sporting facilities when construction is completed in late 2018. The School Council is committed to the improvement and enhancement of College facilities now and into the future.



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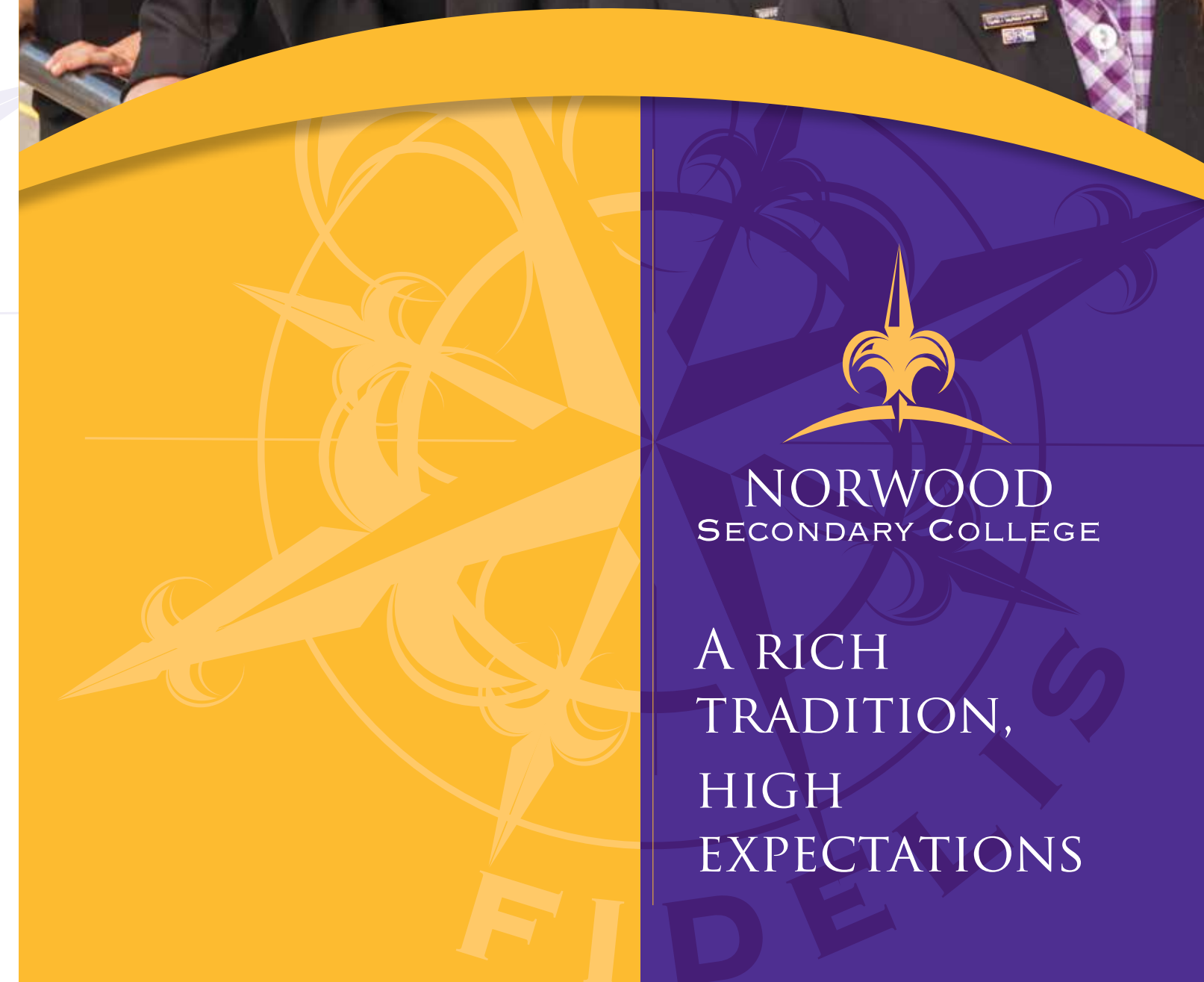
## A RICH TRADITION

The key element of our College emblem at Norwood is the compass needle pointing North. Together with our Latin motto "Fidelis - Loyal and Faithful to Duty" it is rich in symbolism that evokes and inspires values in leadership, purpose, reliability, achievement and community.



NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AND COLLEGIATE PRIDE WHICH IS CELEBRATED IN REGULAR ASSEMBLIES, AWARD CEREMONIES AND MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS.

THE HIGH STANDARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDED AT NORWOOD IS A TRIBUTE TO THE ENERGY, PROFESSIONALISM AND TALENT OF OUR TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF - ALL OF WHOM TAKE COLLECTIVE PRIDE AND INSPIRATION FROM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS.



NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

A RICH TRADITION, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Norwood Secondary College is proud to have served the local community for sixty years. In this time the College has established an outstanding reputation as a provider of educational excellence.

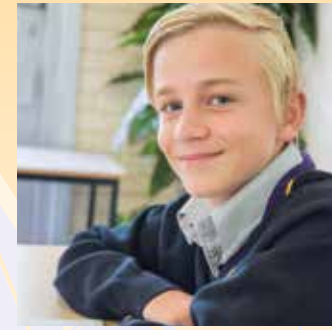
We are dedicated to building upon the College's rich heritage and traditions whilst remaining a leader in the provision of a forward thinking curriculum. Our programs are responsive to changes in society and are renewed and enriched through innovation and creativity.

Our learning community of students, teachers and parents is founded upon high quality relationships characterised by respect and trust. Norwood provides a dynamic learning environment, rich with contemporary opportunities. Our teachers are inspirational, encouraging students to explore their talents and interests, nurturing their ambitions and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

Norwood students are encouraged to involve themselves in the rich fabric of College life; to participate in the varied co-curricular program. The talents and interests of students in the areas of visual and performing arts, music performance, debating and in the sporting arena are nurtured and valued.

Norwood students graduate as articulate, competent and compassionate young adults ready to contribute socially, economically and culturally to society; equipped with the values to make a real difference in their world.

Students are proud to attend Norwood Secondary College and we are proud of their development into confident, resilient and intellectually curious young adults.



### YEAR 9

Whilst the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Physical Education remain central to a student's program, they are encouraged to seek a deeper understanding of the world and its cultures. Students are encouraged to select from a broad range of electives, including the popular Outdoor Education program. A range of off-campus experiences, including City Experience and a range of curriculum-based excursions, enriches learning. Opportunities exist for students to participate in the Victorian ADVANCE Program and the Deakin University 'Inspire' Program.

### YEAR 10

In Year 10, preparation for the VCE begins in earnest. Students are encouraged to assume greater responsibility for their learning and to become more complex thinkers, capable of independent learning. A rigorous curriculum provides a solid foundation for the important senior years ahead, with many students encouraged to access the VCE early. It is important to nurture new levels of confidence, achievement and ambition. Work Experience encourages students to begin thinking about life after school. The Presentation Ball continues to be a highlight for students and popular with families. A Ski Camp offers a new experience for many.

### YEARS 11

As students embark on their VCE studies they enter into strong, collaborative partnerships with their teachers. While students at this stage are increasingly independent, the College continues to monitor student progress and encourages strong support networks both at home and at school. The College offers a diverse range of VCE subjects. A range of Vocational Educational Training (VET) subjects are available to complement the VCE. Entry into the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) class at Year 11 & 12 is available to Norwood students who satisfy key selection criteria. Highlights of the exciting co-curricular program include participating in the popular Central Australian Tour and the Year 11 Formal.

### YEAR 12

Year 12 students are well supported by their teachers who are passionate about the subjects they teach, inspirational and committed to the students in their classes. A dedicated study centre provides a valuable learning space.

Norwood has a strong tradition of VCE excellence with the vast majority of students entering University or further training.

Careers counselling is an integral part of the senior years, ensuring all students are guided in making informed choices about career pathways. The Year 12 journey is supported by formal study programs, revision sessions, practice examinations and guest speakers. The experience is enhanced by the Year 12 Formal and Valedictory Dinner.

THE COLLEGE'S SPECIAL PROGRAMS EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE SOCIAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS NEEDED TO SUCCEED IN A MORE COMPLEX AND CHANGING SOCIETY.

NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE'S REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE IS SUPPORTED BY HIGH RETENTION RATES, OUTSTANDING VCE RESULTS AND THE HIGH PROPORTION OF STUDENTS GAINING TERTIARY ENTRANCE.

## OUR COLLEGE VALUES

### RESPECT

All members of our community are expected to respect the College, others and themselves.

### ASPIRATION

Students are encouraged to be the best they can be, in all endeavours.

### RESPONSIBILITY

All members of our community are expected to take responsibility for their actions.

### RESILIENCE

All members of the College are supported in the development of a strong sense of worth to overcome adversity.

## POSITIVE DIRECTIONS

### YEAR 7

Ensuring a successful transition into Secondary School is a key focus of the first year in establishing strong foundations. Our Transition Program commences well before Year 7 begins. Strong relationships exist between Norwood and its feeder Primary Schools. Our top priorities are to promote a sense of belonging, to encourage children to explore their individual interests and to promote a culture of always doing their best.

Highly able and interested students are encouraged to submit an application for the Norwood Enrichment Program which commences in Year 7.

Year 7 students experience the personal care of a Mentor Teacher with whom they can develop strong and positive relationships. They have fewer teachers and have many of their classes in their Home Room. Peer Support Leaders act as positive role models, providing friendship and assistance. A structured transition camp fosters strong and positive relationships between teachers and students.

### YEAR 8

A diverse curriculum promotes an active involvement in the learning process and emphasises the fundamental skills of literacy, numeracy, technological competency and investigation. The first two years of Secondary School provide students with a broad curriculum experience, providing them with a sound base to make informed decisions about subject choices. Year 8 students challenge themselves at the Summit Camp, setting individual goals and building upon teamwork skills.

AT NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE WE ARE PROUD TO PROVIDE A VIBRANT TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH SUPPORTS ENJOYMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN LIVING, LEARNING AND WORKING.