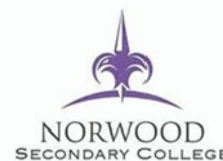


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
NUMBER 9
19 June, 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 2, 2020

Monday 22 - Friday 26 June

Year 9 - My Career Insights Program

Friday 26 June

Last Day Term 2

Early Dismissal at 2.30pm

TERM 3, 2020

Monday 13 July

First Day Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENTS' RETURN

What a pleasure it has been for staff (and most students) to have returned to schooling-at-school. As has been noted in the media and in past newsletters, school staff enjoy actually having our students present. Whilst remote teaching was effective for many students (in some cases *very* effective), teachers will tell you that not being able to see a whole class, all at once, makes the delivery of a program to students of varying abilities much more difficult. Not being able to see when a student 'gets' something being taught (sometimes called the 'aha' moment) takes away a very satisfying part of the job. Not being able to chat with students and staff while moving around the buildings and grounds, in the school, takes away so many of the incidental/chance interactions that can provide the highlights of many days.



We are all thrilled to be back to a more normal role in schools....albeit in changed circumstances. I hope that parents who are still working from home have now got the space, quiet and bandwidth to make their own work 'do-able'. I also hope that we do not see any change to the amazing progress we have had, in Victoria, with reduced incidents of infections. While we know a reversal of our return to school-based learning *can* be done teachers in all schools have a strong preference for face-to-face programs and having 'our kids' around us.

PLANNING FOR OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

With the Victorian Government planning to use construction projects to assist the state's recovery in these difficult economic times, the process of planning for Norwood Secondary College has commenced and is progressing very quickly. We have had our initial briefing from DE&T and have, this week, had our first 'Project Control Group' meeting (involving a representative from the Victorian Schools Building Authority, a Regional Project Officer and the three school Principals. This was followed by a meeting to brief the three architectural companies that the VSBA chose to tender for the project. In our briefing to the architects we shared the 'big picture' issues that our student, parent and staff feedback provided for us through surveys. During the break, the architects will present their vision for what the redeveloped College facilities could look like in the future, to the Principals, VSBA and



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**Upcoming
Information
Session**

**Tuesday, 4 August
2020**

**More Info
COMING SOON**

**View the Senior School Handbook on
the College Website**

<http://www.norwood.vic.edu.au/>

Regional representatives, and one company will be chosen to produce a comprehensive Master Plan. More detailed information from students, staff and parents will then be shared with the architect and over the coming months our possible future will be created.

It is our hope that we will have a Master Plan, with DE&T approval, ready for consideration in the State Budget process in November. We are also hopeful that, given the importance of construction projects getting underway, that we may even have the good fortune to be able to commence site preparation then building, in 2021. Any such building program will almost certainly be done in several stages....but that is still a very exciting prospect for the educational future of our community. We will keep you posted.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

CHANGES TO THE SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT: TUESDAY 4 AUGUST

Traditionally our Senior School Information Night involves all Year 9 and 10 students, along with their parents, attending information sessions at the College. Conservatively, numbers on this evening are in excess of 600. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we have made the decision to plan for a virtual event.



More information will be shared with families and students early next term but please be assured that the information presented will remain the same. As educators, we value the involvement of parents in the subject selection process of students moving into Senior School. **On Tuesday, 4 August, there will be two important information sessions running remotely using Microsoft Teams**, one for current Year 9 students and one for current Year 10 students. To keep this process as simple as possible, we will make use of student logins so that you can **watch this together with your son/daughter on their device.**

The sessions will take students and parents through the subject selection process in detail and will include presentations regarding Mathematics and English pathways. Sample courses will be shared and there will be information presented regarding the option of commencing a VCE subject early. Teachers are currently producing subject specific short videos to support families with subject selection to replace the on-site sessions we would normally run. You will receive a 'News Feed' when these videos are available on our Website. I would encourage you to watch these with your sons/daughters.

In the meantime, students will take part in information sessions at school with regards to subject selection. If you would like to begin researching subjects with your son/daughter, you can access the Senior School Handbook on the College Website. The 2020 version is online, with a 2021 updated version being available in the next two weeks, with only small changes being made, mostly with regards to dates. Students can, however, begin reading about Year 10 Electives and VCE subjects they might be interested.

I look forward to providing you with updates on the subject selection process for Senior School as they become available.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS



PARENTING IN A PANDEMIC

There are a number of challenges that COVID-19 has thrown up over the course of the last few months – “Parenting in a Pandemic” is a great resource that will offer strategies and support for parents and carers. Compiled by the founder of the Positive Parenting Program (and leading parenting expert) Professor Matthew Sanders, the resources cover information ranging from managing child anxiety to building positive home-school relationships.

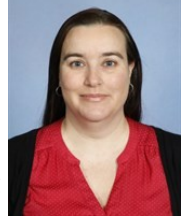
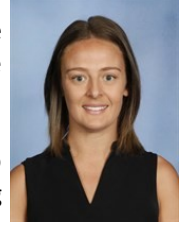
There are 16 podcast episodes and a number of printable resources available on their website. <https://pfsc.psychology.uq.edu.au/covid19-resources>



WELCOME BACK

The Wellbeing Team welcomed back Years 7 – 10 with a morning catch up and a hot Milo outside the Hall on Tuesday, 9 June. Whilst it was a bit chilly out under the shade sails, it was great to see the students back and mingling with their friends and teachers on their first day back from remote learning. A big thank you to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders, Mr Kris Johnson and the teachers that came down to support, help out and have a chat!

There were a number of students that also chose to visit the Student Wellbeing team at the ‘Wellbeing Deck’ during lunchtimes, and it was great to sit in the sun and speak about the positives and not so positives that come with assimilating back into school life.

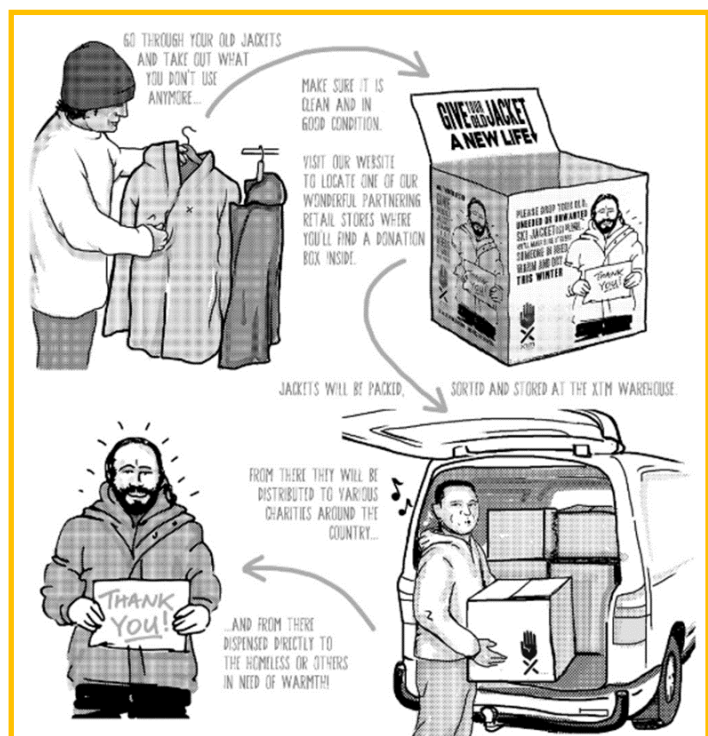


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

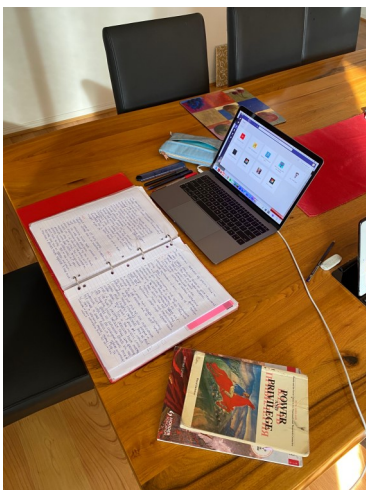
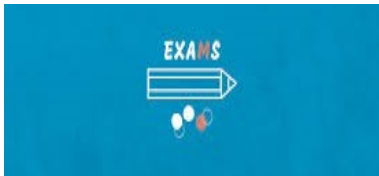
The Student Wellbeing Prefects will be supporting the ‘Heat the Homeless’ initiative over the upcoming weeks. The HTH appeal aims to give Australians the opportunity to donate quality, pre-loved fleeces and snow jackets to warm those in need as well as keeping old jackets out of landfill.

The holiday break is a great opportunity for families to clean out their wardrobes and see if there are any jackets or fleeces that can be donated to this worthy cause. The **clean, undamaged** donations can be dropped at the Student Wellbeing Centre during the first two weeks of Term 3, which will then be sent to one of the Victorian collection sites. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! For more information about HTH, check out their website at <https://xtm.com.au/heat-the-homeless/?SID=9mt6igb8dj616np3kveu4o0v61>.

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



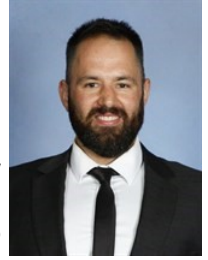
YEAR 12 NEWS



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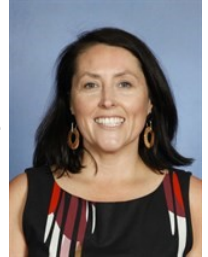
A TIME FOR REVIEW AND GOAL SETTING

We are nearing the end of Term 2 and with that comes reports. Be aware that some subjects may extend assessments into Term 3 for Unit 3 as suggested by VCAA. This will mean some results may be delayed and not appear on reports for Semester 1. We will aim to keep parents updated on student progress with regards to this.



EXAMS AND THE GAT

Dates have been released for exams and the GAT. The GAT will take place on Wednesday, 9 September and exams will start on Tuesday, 10 November and conclude on Tuesday, 1 December 2020.



UNIFORM

Students are being reminded that school uniform is required for all exams including the GAT. Students will not be able to complete the exams if they are not in uniform.

Now that we have our dates and changes to the program for Semester 2, we can set ourselves goals for the rest of the year. Please use your reports as a guide for your progress and focus on areas to consolidate and improve in order to achieve your goals. The year is long and the ability to continue to grow and develop through this time will yield tremendous results at the end.

Best wishes to the Norwood College Community. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the term and to the students for their strength through this challenge. The Year 12 team is excited to embark upon the final semester of your education with you and support you to succeed in your goals.

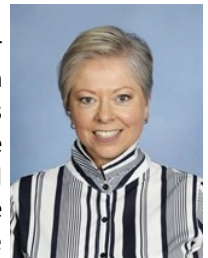
Scott Kirkby, Head of Year 12

Melissa Cherry, Year 12 Coordinator

YEAR 11 NEWS

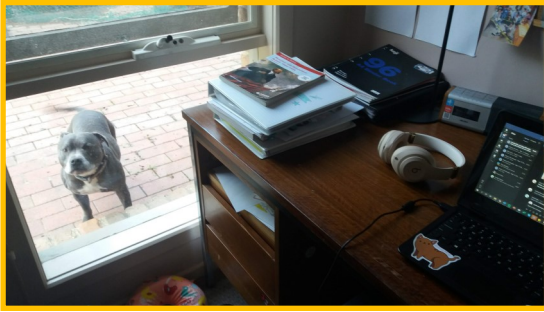
FROM THAT TO THIS...

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students for maintaining their commitment and focus through these difficult times in Term 2. As seen in these photos of your work stations, we all certainly had to make some difficult adjustments. Some of you flourished and came out confident in your approach through the last few weeks. Others were finding the remote learning conditions difficult.



Your demonstrations of resilience and determination however, on your return, shows to me yet again what amazing students we have at NSC. You have continued on your leadership paths and begun to invest your energies into your future events that will come in Term 3 and Term 4. You have approached your assessments with commitment, energy and time, to make sure you produced the best results for yourselves. You have accepted additional





assistance from our amazing staff, who have gone over and beyond to make sure you are ok. I cannot wait to see what you all bring, as we head into Semester 2.

We have course counselling coming up in Term 3 and would like all Year 11 students to have completed some investigation work for subject selections prior to your appointments. We also have our jacket designs for 2021 currently in discussions with the leadership team. Planning can now occur for some excursions again, and this will be very much a 'watch this space'..... such exciting times ahead!

Take care and stay safe...

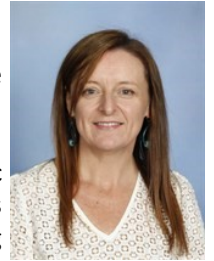
Alison Ward, Head of Year 11
Cynthia Kennedy, Year 11 Coordinator



FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

While there were definite challenges with remote learning in the Food Technology area, we also found some positives. The classes completed a Family Food Blog task that encouraged them to research a topic and then prepare a family meal. The feedback was that new recipes were shared by the family adding variety to their usual repertoire and parents enjoyed a night off or having an assistant! Families considered some ongoing changes such as planning meals based on what is sitting in the fridge or pantry to reduce food wastage and including a vegetarian meal a week that could improve our impact on the environment.



Traditional family recipes were shared showing the important role food plays in family togetherness. Students in photos are: Tahlia T, Abbey P, Natalie V and Jason S (Food only).

Cynthia Kennedy, Food Technology Teacher



School Dinners



MUSIC NEWS

YEAR 11-12 MUSIC TECHNICAL SACS

Our Senior students have been busy in many subjects with SACS this week, including our Music students. The Music Technical SAC involves students writing their own exercises to improve the fluency and flexibility of their music performances.



JUNIOR BAND AND STRING ACTIVITY

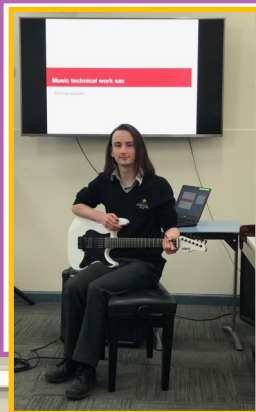
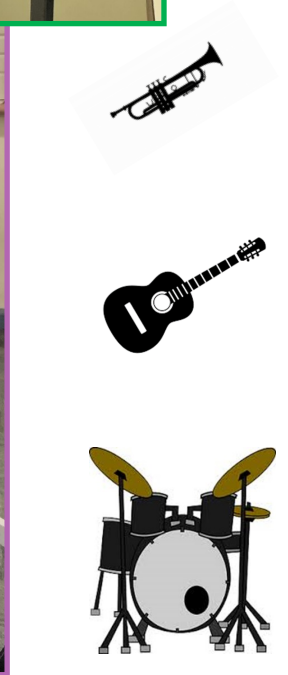
As Junior Band and Strings are not running until Term 3, Mrs Ruth Barry organised a Junior String/Band lunchtime activity to keep students motivated. Last week our Music Captains prepared hot chocolates for the students on a cold winter's day. Yum!

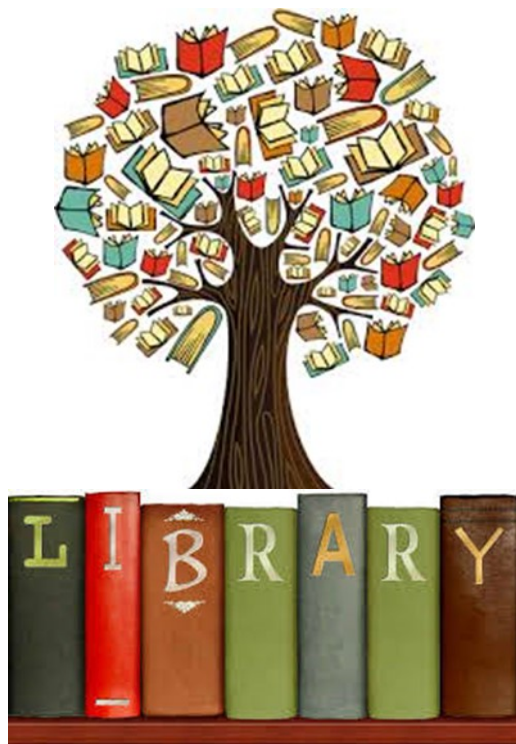
YEAR 10 MUSIC PERFORMANCE CLASS

This class is busy preparing for their class performance next week. Each student must present with two pieces which can either be solos or duos. Students began their performance preparations while working online.

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator







YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE CANCELLATION REMINDER

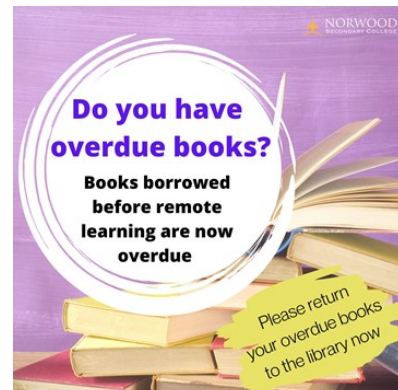
Students and parents would be aware that the Year 10 Work Experience program scheduled for next week has been cancelled. This is a reminder that as a courtesy students should have contacted the person offering the work.



LIBRARY NEWS

NEED A STUDY SPACE? LIKE TO BROWSE AND BORROW BOOKS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY? ENJOY A WARM PLACE OUT OF THE COLD?

The Library is open and staffed from 8.15am every morning and does not close until 4pm each evening, we welcome you to join us during these times.



REMINDER: All library books borrowed before remote learning are now overdue, so please check your desks and under the bed, then return them to the Library so others can borrow and enjoy them too.

To check if you have overdue books visit the Library catalogue at <http://catalogue.norwood.vic.edu.au/#!dashboard>, then log in at the right hand corner using your Compass details and you will be able to view your current loans.

Nicola Mackey, Resource Centre Librarian

CAREERS NEWS

ALTERNATIVES TO VCE INFORMATION NIGHT TUESDAY, 21 JULY

During Term 3, Year 10 students will be making decisions on the subjects they intend to study in 2021. Some students may like to consider studying VCAL instead of VCE next year. VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) is a more practical course than VCE, as it concentrates on developing English, Maths and Personal skills used in everyday work situations and also enables students to study a TAFE/VET type subject.



On Tuesday, 21 July, an 'Alternatives to VCE Information Night' will run from 6pm till 7pm. The purpose of this night will be to provide information about alternative study/training options including apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships but more particularly, the Year 11 and 12 alternative to VCE, known as VCAL, offered at Norwood and elsewhere. **It is planned that the meeting will run remotely via Microsoft Teams. Students interested in applying to undertake VCAL at Norwood will need to attend this meeting.** More details will become available closer to this date

LATEST CAREER NEWSLETTER

The most recent career newsletter which has been sent via a newsfeed to Senior School students, it has articles covering the following:

- Meet Melbourne Webinar Recordings

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. Cards must be eligible prior to April, 14 2020. 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

- Upcoming Webinars at Box Hill TAFE
- New Exercise and Sports Science/Nutrition Science
- Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Program
- A Diplomatic Career – Making a Difference
- Careers in Real Estate
- Snapshot of The University of Melbourne (UoM) in 2020

NEWS FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

- Studying Law at Swinburne
- Bachelor of Accounting and Business Information Technology (Professional)
- Arts Degrees on offer in Victoria in 2020
- Teaching Degrees (Early Childhood) offered in Victoria in 2020
- Teaching Degrees – Primary offered in Victoria in 2020
- Teaching Degrees – Secondary offered in Victoria in 2020
- Career as an Anthropologist

NEWS FROM MONASH UNIVERSITY

- Destination Monash 2021 Hub
- New Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE)/Arts double degree
- Resource Engineering Online Information Session
- Difference between Comprehensive and Specialist Courses
- Explore Psychology at Monash
- Australian Government Digital Apprenticeship Program 2021
- Snapshot of Monash University in 2020
- Banking and/or Finance Degrees in Victoria in 2020

Ron Chatton, Careers/Pathways Coordinator

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SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

FOR SALE

If you have secondhand uniforms you would like to sell:

- Ensure they are clean and in good condition
- Email the Uniform Shop for a sellers form
- Complete the sellers form and make arrangements with the Uniform Shop to hand in.



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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