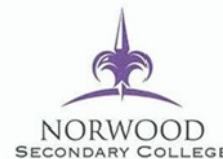


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
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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 8 June

Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 9 June

Years 7 to 10 return to school

Welcome Back!

Friday 19 June

Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENTS' RETURN

With next Tuesday seeing **all** our students 'back on deck' at school, it is opportune to pass on the thanks of all our staff, to our parents. Thank you for your support of 'our children' over the past 3 months. The success of the remote program is due to the work of both staff and parents. We are aware that for some, the journey has been very smooth....and for others, less so. We are also very aware that for families where parents were working from home, there were some extra challenges.



The teachers will now seek to identify what areas of the curriculum require revision – most particularly, any area of content that is required for future progression in subjects will be closely checked. There will also be skills (as opposed to content) that will benefit from a review, before moving forward.

We are really looking forward to the students in Years 7 to 10 returning to the College. It will very much feel like we are a family again. If the return of the VCE students is a measure of how much students have missed being together, Tuesday will be a wonderful day of reunions for our younger year levels.

One of the key challenges for the College community will now be ensuring our behaviours in and out of school are such that we do not increase any likelihood of a recurrence of transmissions of the virus. Whilst we are now experiencing a new 'normal', it would be wonderful if we continue to move forwards towards a more familiar normality.



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PLANNING FOR OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

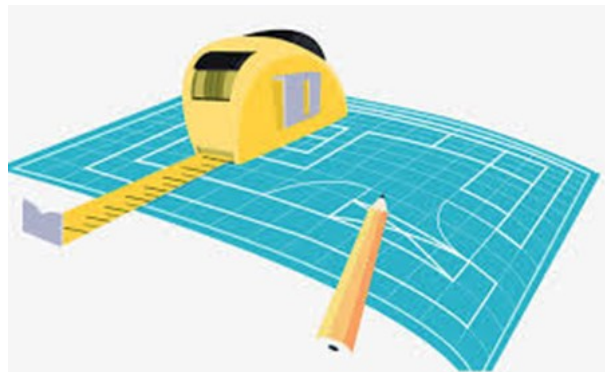
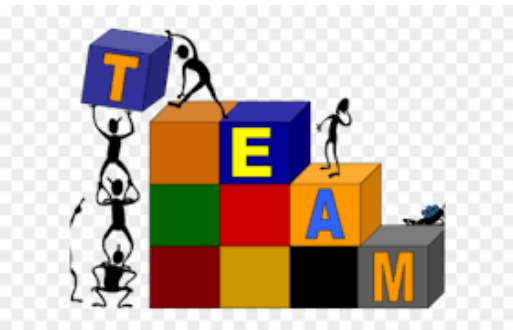
Norwood community members would be aware that we have been given funding to commence a 'Master Planning' process. The level of funding we have been given suggests that we will be able to 'dream big'. (We will be rebuilding on a larger scale than our recently constructed STEM Centre.) Even more encouragingly, the Victorian Government has indicated that one of the strategies to assist with the recovery of the State's economy will be construction. School projects are a significant part of this strategy and it is clear, already, that the planning process for such construction projects has been sped up.

The College Principals were involved in a meeting this week in which Stage 1 of our journey was outlined. This stage will involve considerable consultation with all parts of our Community (staff, students and parents).

The first area to be explored, prior to any conversations with Architects, will be our 'vision' for Norwood's future. We will be building new facilities that must support the achievement of our strategic goals across curriculum, social development of students and pedagogy. In short, we wish to create facilities that will create an alignment between the College's educational vision and facilities that will best support the desired outcomes.

If all goes smoothly in the coming months, we are hopeful that we will have an approved Master Plan by early October – in time for it to be considered in the Government's Budget for 2021, in November 2020.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



TIPS FOR PARENTS WITH RETURNING STUDENTS - BE PREPARED FOR THEIR FIRST DAY:

- Check with your son/daughter that they are ready for their first day with their practical items (uniform, bag, books, myki, etc).
- Make sure a full drink bottle is packed – there will be no access to water bubblers around the school.
- Check their timetable on Compass the night before, for both classes and any relevant Newsfeed items. It will be easier to take only the relevant books for the subjects scheduled on each day.
- Re-establish normal, consistent routines and encourage time off technology whilst at home. Try to stop any after school naps or sugary snacks – this will promote better sleep later on.
- Your child may experience a range of feelings; excited/happy school is back, nervous or anxious about reintegrating, or frustrated that they have to leave the remote learning environment. Look for the positives, and encourage your son/daughter to reframe how they are feeling to see the benefits of returning.
- Validate and normalise their feelings and experiences. Statements like “You look nervous about returning to school after a long time...it’s normal to feel unsettled.”
- Allow downtime after school. The school environment may be overwhelming (more noise, people and expectations than they have experienced in a long time), and there may be a need to “wind-down” after 6 hours of go-go-go.
- Ask open ended questions to get an understanding of how your young person is coping. Questions like “What did you enjoy about today?” or “What could come up over the next few days that might worry you?” shut down the possibility of a short “yep/nope” response and encourage more information in less questions.
- If your child is feeling overwhelmed, encourage listing the things that are worrying them and assist to find reasonable solutions. Collaborate to problem solve, but (if possible) try to empower your child execute the solutions themselves (such as speaking to teachers, sourcing information, etc). This way they can demonstrate independence and self sufficiency, and build their confidence for the next challenge.

VCE RETURN TO SCHOOL

The return of our VCE (and some Year 10) students was an exciting moment last week, we opened the ‘Wellbeing Deck’ for any students this week who were feeling overwhelmed or anxious about transitioning back to school. With the beautiful weather it was a perfect space to chill out and spend some time soaking up some vitamin D.

After the end of their first week back, the Wellbeing Team organised a small “congratulations” gift for the Year 12 students. We are hoping they will wear their badges over the next few weeks of Term 2 to encourage both themselves and their peers to keep going, stay positive and be kind to each other.

SUPPORT FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

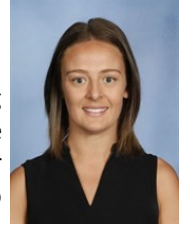
Maroondah Youth Services are providing a free online workshop for stressed Year 11 and 12 students. “Stress Monster” is happening Wednesday, 10 June from 4.30pm-6.30pm, and registration needs to be completed at <http://www.maroondahyouth.com.au/Info-for-Schools/Student-Wellbeing-Workshops/Stress-Monster>

SUPPORT FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Junior students are welcome to join the Wellbeing Team and their Year 11 Peer Support leaders before school on Tuesday, 9 June for a hot chocolate and a catch up! We will be outside the Hall from 8.10am, and any students who are concerned or have worries about returning are encouraged to come down, share a warm drink and chat to our leaders and staff.

The ‘Wellbeing Deck’ will be open every lunchtime next week for students who are feeling overwhelmed, stressed or anxious about being back at school. The Student Wellbeing Team will be down there to offer strategies and support, and potentially a chocolate or two!

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

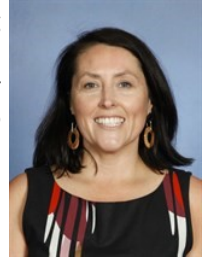
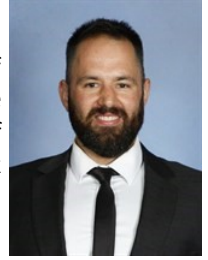


YEAR 12 NEWS



KEEP ON ROLLIN'

Year 12 rolls on and the College has a real feel of connection after the challenges of lock-down. All the challenges faced were faced together, all the joys of returning were felt together. The first two weeks back have really focussed on building that reconnection as a cohort. A Cheese toasty lunch was organised for the first week back, with the student leaders toasting up some delicious sandwiches for the group allowing students to take their minds off study for a moment to reconnect. Classes have enjoyed collaborative work for the first time in a long time, and teachers are thrilled to be able to see student's faces again.



Whilst we see many students enjoying the return, we are aware that there are many who are finding this a very challenging time. Please be aware that we are here to support our students and that student wellbeing is available as a means of support also. Thank you to families who have reached out, it is always a positive thing to build a team around students to help them achieve their goals.

The next few weeks are busy with assessments and this is due to the time away from school. Although not ideal, all schools will be in this position so please reassure your child that they should focus on doing their best and that the condensed assessment schedule will be temporary over the coming couple of weeks.

As mentioned in the 'Student Wellbeing News' there is a free workshop by Maroondah Youth called 'Stress Monster'. The program is for Year 12 students and is an interactive workshop for assisting with stress management and will run on Wednesday, 10 June, 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Please click on this [link](#) to register.

Congratulation on your return to school and for demonstrating such resilience in this time. *Keep on rollin'*

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

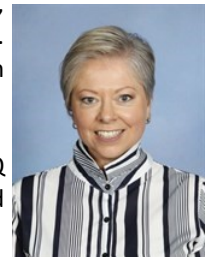
YEAR 11 NEWS

ISO-BRATION BBQ

If I can echo the sentiments of some of our teachers, we are so thrilled to see our students again in person. We had a buzz of excitement from many Year 11s in returning. *"Enthusiastic, impressive and resilient"*.

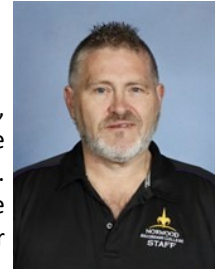
Our leadership students put on our 'ISO-Bration' BBQ with ISO-burgers. Congratulations to all the staff and students who put in the time for a great event.

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

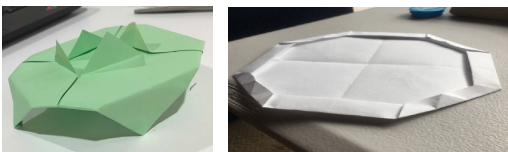


**REMOTE LEARNING
YEAR 7 MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY**

Apart from starting secondary school this year, Remote Learning has certainly been a new challenge for our Year 7 students, in their Materials classes. They have performed very well under the circumstances and should all be commended on their efforts. Apart from a few theory tasks to complete, students were also given several practical projects to design and construct. It really was wonderful to see various animals created from empty toilet tubes, whistles made from aluminium drink cans, flying saucers folded from paper and parachutes developed from plastic bags. All students were able to use recyclable items found at home as well as even modify the set task, if they were unable to find the required materials. Well done to you all!



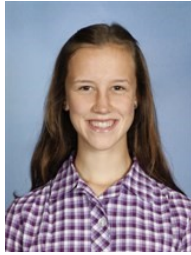
Robbie Bechaz, Materials Technology Teacher



MAROONDAH YOUTH WELLBEING

ADVOCATE:

Active Music student Olivia Keifte, is currently giving her time as a Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocate. Olivia is an active member of Acappella and Jazz Band. We are very proud to read of her voluntary work. Well done and thank you for being such a positive role model, both in and out of school.



"Most of last year and all of this year I have been a Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocate (MYWA) working with the Maroondah City Council. I have loved having this position as a young leader in the community I live in. Being a Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocate involves attending monthly meetings where I discuss issues facing the youth of Maroondah with others aged 15 to 25. I also have had the opportunity to volunteer for different events and functions and add my voice. Recently Maroondah Youth held a social media take over as an alternative for the Maroondah Youth awards which was going to be held at Karralyka in May. I, alongside one of my fellow Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocates, was asked to MC the youth awards. I filmed videos of me introducing award categories and acknowledging the achievements of young people in our community. This was a great experience and I loved the process."

Olivia Keifte, Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocate

Maroondah City Council Youth Services

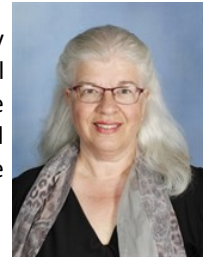
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MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC LESSONS

Although online music lessons have been very successful, we are really looking forward to having all our Music students back at Norwood next week! Please look at Compass as usual for your lesson time and remember your instrument and music books. Please note the following news about Ensembles.



ENSEMBLE FOR THE REST OF TERM 2

(PLEASE READ)

Due to safety concerns, there will be **no group ensembles rehearsals for the following ensembles** for the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Junior Band, Concert Band, Stage Band and String Ensemble.

However, there **WILL** be rehearsals for Acappella and Chorale for the next 3 weeks. How will we run these rehearsals safely?

Acappella – by applying distancing measures in D5 and singing in a single line.

Chorale – by applying distancing measures (having Tenors and Basses in a separate room to the Altos and Sopranos). We will not be warming up together and we will not be joining the choirs together until Term 3 starts.

THANKS EVERYONE....

We have been delighted with attendance at all ensembles while online, thank you students and parents for supporting online learning.

WHAT HAVE ENSEMBLES BEEN DOING DURING REMOTE LEARNING?

Concert Band – worked on pieces and sent recordings to Ms Innes to put into a full band recording. Fabulous attendance overall.

Junior Band – played music quizzes and Kahootz. Played band pieces with backing tracks – Junior Band had very good attendance. A very enthusiastic and happy time online!

Jazz Ensemble- worked on new jazz scores and listened to jazz standards to comment on.

Acappella - Worked very hard on new arrangements (SATB).

Chorale - sang along to a range of pieces online as a warm up and learnt a new song from Abba – 'Thank you for the Music'.

Strings - New students enrolled just before going online and continued lessons. Strings focussed on ensemble music in individual lessons.

MUSIC CAMP CANCELLED FOR 2020

Due to Government regulations regarding school camps at this time, we are unable to go ahead with the Music camp which was planned for Term 3, Week 2. Luckily, we have been able to rebook for 2021.



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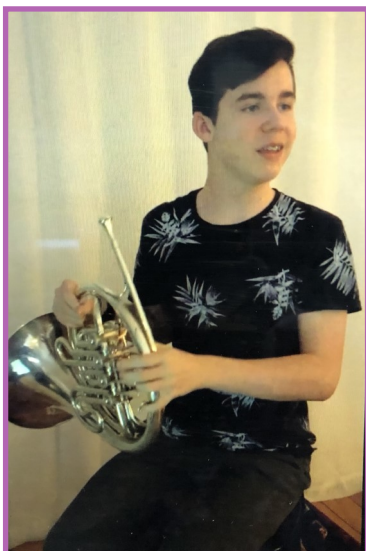
M: maroondahyouth Hey everyone, it's Livi! 🤗 I'm back to bring you our last award category for the week teamwork 🤗 Today we'll be showcasing some of the amazing groups in Maroondah, as well as hearing from Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocate Saetha Vasudevan 🤗 Scroll down our feed to see the work of some of our amazing teams, including the 2020 Bassline

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Add a comment





COVID 19 - ONLINE TALENT SHOW

As a Music Department, we are so very proud of the following students for entering the talent show.

- Elizabeth Madge - *Believe*
Cher
- Tharindi Wasgewatta - *Master Blaster*
Stevie Wonder
- Maddy Cook - *IN*
Riverdale
- Ebi and Tarli Rowe - *July*
Noah
- Aiden Webber - *Scooby Do*
- Ebony and Mia Brice - *All I Want*
High School Musical
- Rachael Shand and Mum - *All That Jazz* - Duo
- Tahlia Waddington - *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*
Elton John
- Ebi Rowe and Mum - *You Are My Sunshine*
Johnny Cash
- Jessica Maggs - *Lost Boy*
Ruth B
- Joseph Lee - *Starfleet*
Meyers
- Layla and Olivia Keifte - *Hey Ho*
accompanied by Dad Lumineers

Also, my sincere congratulations to the effervescent Music Captains for compering the Talent Show via a Teams Recording (over several afternoons) without actually seeing any items!

Captains: Tahlia Waddington, Abby Harvey
Vice Captains: Rachael Shand, Sam Nash

WHERE CAN YOU VIEW THE TALENT SHOW?

All Music students have access to the show via TEAMS Instrumental Music Years 7-12. You must be logged in via your Norwood email.

The Talent Show link will be posted to Norwood Facebook page as soon as we organise a link.

WHAT IS ON IN TERM 3 YOU ASK??

JAZZ NIGHT RETURNS SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 7PM-9PM NORWOOD PERFORMING ARTS HALL

The Jazz Night (which was planned for 30 May) has been moved to Saturday, 12 September. Pop this date in your calendar for our first concert since COVID 19. We will prepare for this in Term 3 which gives all our students and directors a clear goal. More information will follow next term.... but keep the date free if you can!

We can not wait to see all our Music students next week! Drop into the Music Block and say hello. But no hugs please!

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



BOX HILL INSTITUTE WEBINARS

CAREERS NEWS

Career in Aged Care	Tuesday, 23 June at 4.30pm	Register here
Allied Health Attendant	Wednesday, 24 June at 5.30pm	Register here
Automotive	Wednesday, 24 June at 10am	Register here
Biosecurity Science	Thursday, 11 June at 3pm	Register here
Future in a Carpentry Trade	Thursday, 25 June at 1.30pm	Register here
Career in Laboratory Labs	Tuesday, 23 June at 3pm	Register here
Pharmacy Technicians	Thursday, 18 June at 5.30pm	Register here
Career in Plumbing	Thursday, 25 June at 2.30pm	Register here
Veterinary Nursing and the Animal Care	Tuesday, 9 June at 3pm	Register here



RMIT DISCOVER WHAT'S NEXT WEBINAR SERIES

All you need to know about RMIT	Tuesday, 9 June	Register here
Art, Design, and Architecture	Thursday, 11 June	Register here
Communications, Journalism, and Media	Thursday, 18 June	Register here
Business and Law	Tuesday, 23 June	Register here
Engineering	Thursday, 25 June	Register here
Flight Training and Aviation	Tuesday, 30 June	Register here
Science	Thursday, 2 July	Register here
Computer Science and Information Technology	Thursday, 9 July	Register here
Fashion	Thursday, 16 July	Register here
Health and Biomedical Sciences	Thursday, 23 July	Register here
Education and Social Sciences	Tuesday, 28 July	Register here
Property, Building & Construction	Thursday, 30 July	Register here

Ron Chatton, Careers/Pathways Coordinator



LIBRARY NEWS

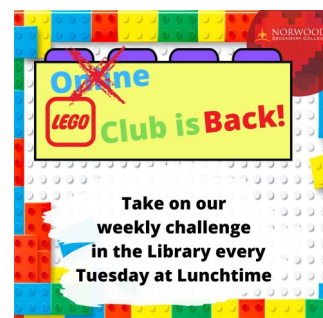
THE LIBRARY WELCOMES YEARS 7 - 10 BACK AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Norwood Secondary College now offers our students click and collect Library books. Log in to the catalogue and reserve your books. Our Library staff will then contact you regarding collecting your books. If you have any questions, contact us at library@norwood.vic.edu.au



Lego Club is back, take on the weekly challenge in the Library every Tuesday at lunchtime. Happy reading from the Library Team!

Nicola Mackey, Resource Centre Librarian



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

CRAFT CLUB

POM POM MAKING – CRAFT CLUB IS STILL RUNNING!

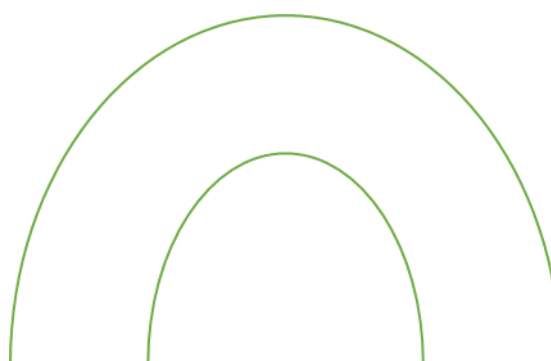
Craft Club is still running during Term 2. Just at home! Please join us in making POM POM'S for the Student Wellbeing Centre. The photo shows you what we have been working on, we would love your contributions. You need to have two cardboard shapes similar to the shapes you see below. You do not want to make them too big. A Youtube link for you to learn from is below...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXFCO3LBJss>

Just find some wool – does not matter what colour and give it a go. Donate to the Craft Club or the General Office when school returns. Thank you for your support !

Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Craft Club 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.



Student Wellbeing Centre

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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