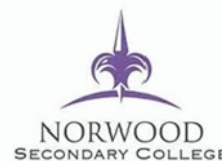


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 4
NUMBER 15
16 October, 2020

School Email Address: norwood.sc@education.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 4, 2020

Friday 16 October

Last day for Winter Uniform

Monday 19 October

Years 11/12, VCE/VCAL Onsite Learning

Years 7-10 - Remote Learning continues

Friday 23 October

Public Holiday—AFL Grand Final

Monday 26 October

All Year levels - Return to Onsite Learning

Wednesday 28 October

Year 12 classes—Last Day

Thursday 29 October

Year 12 Final Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some parents may remember a TV series called 'Yes Minister' (a BBC sitcom from the 80's.....Hmmm, it's more likely that parents' parents will remember, now I note when it was made). In one very memorable episode there was a discussion between the MP and his senior public servant about a new hospital that had been opened for over a year, employed over 500 people yet had not one patient. The public servant, then chief administrator of the hospital enthused about how efficiently the hospital was working and how having 'no patients' cuts down wear and tear and prolongs the life of the hospital and its equipment. Even more hilariously, the administrator noted that "It's one of the best run hospitals in the UK". Clearly the show was a comedy. (Youtube: "Get some patients" gives a sample). Yet the episode was based on at least six real British hospitals which actually had no patients.



I was reminded of the episode on Monday as our Year 7, 11 and 12 students returned to school. A school is at its best when it has staff and students and teaching and learning being done.... on site. It was such a pleasure seeing our first cohorts of students return to Norwood. There were a significant number of students whose smiles could be clearly seen under their face masks. Staff, also, enjoyed reuniting with colleagues and heading off to a class in a classroom. I imagine Years 8, 9 and 10 students will be anticipating their return with a degree of pleasure. We very much look forward to welcoming all back to school in a week's time.

I cannot thank our staff enough, for their efforts through both lockdowns. They have worked via screens with students who have really missed the human side of school – mixing with other people and learning together – and endured the variable levels of engagement from students who clearly tired of working on a screen from home. Thank you to our parents who have found ways to keep their children involved in their studies. For so many this was a challenging journey....even more so for those parents who also had to work from home.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM



**Book Sale
Cancelled**

We recognise that not all students will re-engage quickly and are aware that there will be a need to focus on individual needs as well as addressing some core areas of learning (as was mentioned in the last Newsletter.)

Unlike the hospital portrayed in 'Yes Minister', we believe that schools are at their best when they are filled with students, noisy with conversations, bursting with the energy of young learners and focusing on teaching and learning.

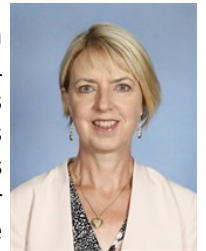
It is so nice to be getting back to what we do best.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

VCE/VCAL

As a school community we are slowly returning to a 'new' normal. We are relieved to have our VCE/VCAL students back in our classrooms as their teachers prepare them for the completion of their VCAL studies or their final exams. For many of our VCE students their first day back saw them sitting the 3 hour General Achievement Test (GAT). They are to be commended on their capacity to adapt from a remote learning environment straight into an exam setting.



As I write this, our Year 12 students have less than two weeks of classes remaining. We look forward to some of the special activities that are still in the planning stages. Naturally, we share their disappointment in having to do things differently but we will endeavour to make their farewell meaningful. We are currently investigating ways of remotely sharing some of these activities with families and will provide details when we can. Until then, we wish all VCE students well with their revision preparations.

UNIFORM MATTERS

Previously we communicated that all girls would be expected to wear the new summer dress from the start of 2021. Ideally, we would like to see this happen, however, after such a turbulent year, we have reviewed this decision and extended the timeline to the start of 2022 to support families.

- Girls in Years 10 – 12 in 2021 are encouraged to wear the newer dress style but are still able to wear the original dress, if it is in good condition.
- Girls in Years 7 – 9 in 2021 are required to wear the newer style.
- From 2022, all girls from Year 7 – Year 12, will be expected to wear the new summer dress.

SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

Due to current COVID restrictions we regret to inform you that we are unable to run this service for families this year. We hope that families who normally use this service will swap and sell books within friendship networks, in order to offset the cost of booklists. It is our intention to provide this service to families again in 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



RETURN TO SCHOOL

The return of our Year 7, VCAL and VCE (and some year 10) students was an exciting moment earlier this week! We extend a warm welcome to all returning students and staff, and want to acknowledge that this transition back can be tough...we are available at the end of C corridor for any students who are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, frustrated or a bit flat after the return.

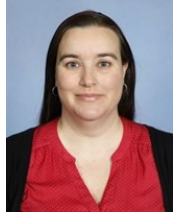


TIPS FOR A SLIGHTLY SMOOTHER TRANSITION BACK TO ON SITE LEARNING:

While some students have returned to on site learning, we are anticipating the first week will fly by in a blur of excitement, stress and perhaps some tiredness! The below list can be used to further prepare our returned students for Week 3 and beyond, and also for our Year 8, 9 and 10 students and their return in a few weeks:



- Check Compass the night before, for both classes and any relevant Newsfeed items. It will help with the next suggestion!
- Get prepared the night before for the school day. Check for all practical items (uniform, lunch, bag, books, myki, etc) before going to bed, so there is no last minute panic.
- Make sure a full drink bottle is packed.



OVER THE COMING WEEKS:

- Be aware of how you are feeling. There may be times when you feel excited/happy, nervous or anxious about reintegrating, or frustrated that about restrictions or leaving the remote learning environment. All of these feelings are valid! It has been a big year, and progress (not perfection) is what is needed!
- Re-establish normal, consistent routines – bedtime routines, morning routines and after school routines. Predictability is very important. Try to stop any after school naps or sugary snacks – this will promote better sleep later on.
- When possible, encourage time off technology whilst at home.
- Listen to your friends if they need to vent, but know when to protect your emotional space. Sometimes it is very easy to take on other peoples concerns, and push our own worries down the priority list. It is ok to put yourself first.
- 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.
- If you are feeling overwhelmed, list down the things that are worrying you. Once they are on paper, it is easier to find a solution or to find ways to minimise its impact. If your list is long, you may need to recruit some help or support to get on top of your concerns! Parents, friends, mentor teachers, Coordinators and Heads of Year Levels are all here to help!

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

EXAM REVISION

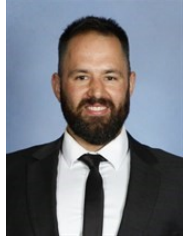


YEAR 12 NEWS

CONNECT EDUCATION RESOURCES - UNIT 3/4 EXAM PREPARATION MATERIALS EXAM PLANNERS

Exam planners for 17 VCE subjects to help students manage their preparation as effectively as possible. These can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.connectededucation.education/resources>



EXAM PREPARATION GUIDE BLOG

Connect Education's exam countdown blog is now live for students!

<https://www.connectededucation.education/blog>



Connect presenters across 15 VCE subjects will provide students with a week-by-week guide for:

- The type of work they should be doing in the lead up to exams
- What they wish they had done in hindsight
- Practical and powerful tips to maximise exam preparation and performance

Scott Kirkby, Head of Year 12

Melissa Cherry, Year 12 Coordinator

YEAR 11 NEWS

YEAR 11 TIMELINE FOR TERM 4

Week 3	21/10	Peer Support works with Year 7s
Week 3	23/10	Grand final Public Holiday
Week 5	3/11	Cup Day Public Holiday
Week 6	11/11	Final Year 11 Assembly
Week 7	18/11	Peer Support works with Year 7s Final Celebration
Week 7	20/11	Year 11 Exams begin
Week 8	26/11	VCAL Exam
Week 9	30/11	Transition Week into Year 12 VCE
Week 9	30/11	Transition Day into Year 12 and Final Day VCAL
Week 9	4/12	Final Day Year 11 VCE
Week 9	4/12	Proposed Social Event (pending)
Week 10	8/12	Presentation Evening
Week 11	15/12	Reports published



Alison Ward, Head of Year 11

Cynthia Kennedy, Year 11 Coordinator



HISTORY COMPETITION

You can enter individually or with a friend.

There are a range of entries to choose from. So, get together and enter...



YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRY

a) Both Historical and Fiction:

Ready to put pen to paper? Write a piece of historical fiction. Despite being a fictional narrative (story), your entry should explore a historical moment throughout history.

b) Let's Display History!:

Are you a visual learner? Create a poster that explains an historical event. Don't forget...pictures speak 1000 words!

c) Documentary Time:

Are you a lover of history but also an avid filmmaker? Create a documentary exploring your favourite historical event!

d) Art History:

Painting, drawing...we love it all! Create a piece of artwork that depicts a famous historical event.

e) Essay It Up!:

Are you analytical? Create an essay or report that explores a specific historical event. Don't forget to write an inquiry question that you can respond to!

PRIZES TO BE WON

First Prize: Two tickets to the Ghost Tour at the Melbourne Jail
Prizes for Second and Third Place.

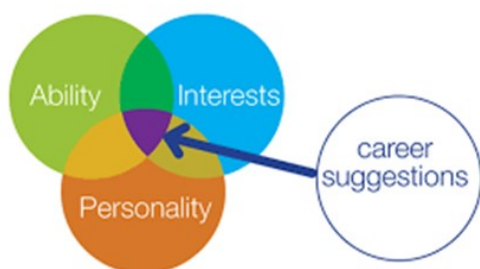


Details

- Writing tasks should be equivalent to 750-900 words in length.
- Documentary should be no longer than 3-4 minutes.
- All submissions must be your own work (original).

Judging

- All submissions must be provided to Mr. Given by the 6th November 2020.
- Submit entries to either Mr Given on Teams or hand in person to Mr Given (Year 7 Office)
- A panel of history teachers will decide the winning entry.
- All finalist's entries will be displayed around the school.



**TAX FILE NUMBER
(TFN)**



USI Unique Student Identifier

OPTIONAL ONLINE CAREER ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

As part of a new Careers Initiative which began last year, Year 9 students participate in a program which included using an Online Career Assessment tool known as 'Morrisby Online'. This assessment tool provides assistance for students to work out occupations which may match their abilities, interests and personality. It has been developed over a number of years, is used all over the world and has been modified for use in Australia. A number of Year 9 students have found it helpful to help develop a career direction. Over the course of future years, at no extra cost, students are able to login to their Lifetime Morrisby account, make adjustments to their profile as their interests change and update their career research options and direction



Some Year 11 and 12 students may find this assessment tool useful in finding a career direction. Funding has been recently secured to reduce the cost of completing this online survey from \$50 to \$10 for any Year 11 or 12 student who would like to do this assessment. It is not compulsory. For a brief explanation of the tool, view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhBHrtaaHs8&feature=youtu.be>

Students would need to set aside approximately 2 hours anytime, outside of school time to undertake the assessment. I am seeking expressions of interest for students to participate. Please email me at rene.chatton@education.vic.gov.au by Friday, 30 October with your name and email address. An event will be set up on Compass to make a \$10 payment. After payment, I will send instructions to participating students with what to do. Feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

TAX FILE NUMBER FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY

For those Year 12 students applying to study at University next year please keep in mind that you cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) University course without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have a TFN can apply 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 [TFN Application](#)

USI REQUIRED FOR UNIVERSITY AND TAFE STUDIES

A USI, Unique Student Identifier, is a reference number that creates an online record of your training and qualifications attained in Australia. It has always been required for study at a TAFE but as of next year it will also be required when studying a Commonwealth Support University place.

Some students who have already been studying a VET subject may already have one, but it is recommended that students create or find their USI via <https://www.usi.gov.au/> ahead of time.

The following video explains what a USI is:

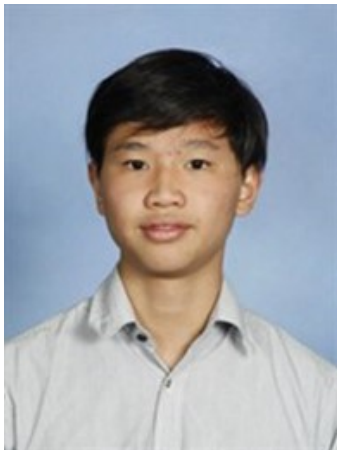
<https://www.tafesa.edu.au/apply-enrol/before-starting/unique-student-identifier> (Note: it does not mention the recent University requirement) This video shows how to create a USI <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nvPHSsnCdc>

Ron Chatton, Careers/Pathways Coordinator



TALENT SHOW #2

Many thanks to the students who submitted a performance for the second Talent Show! I look forward to collating the items as soon as possible.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH 10F

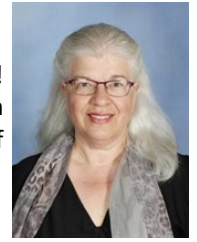
Last term, the North Eastern Victorian Region offered string students the opportunity to perform in a virtual performance, performing Mozart's Symphony No 40. Well done, Joseph for your enthusiasm and commitment to your music lessons. You have represented the College very well. View the video here:

<https://youtu.be/v2qlXBIEcl>



MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to music lessons and classes everyone! Our Music staff can not wait to get back to seeing you in your lessons and classes and exploring new aspects of music!



CHANGES TO LESSONS

(VOICE, BRASS AND WOODWIND ONLY)

There are a few changes we need to navigate in instrumental lessons. According to the DE&T operations manual, schools have been directed to stop voice, brass or woodwind lessons with instruments being played. A notice went home to all music students this week, below is a summary.

Voice, Brass and Woodwind lessons will include some or all of the following:

1. **Listening and Responding** (10 minutes) to recordings made by the student of their progress.
 2. **Theory and Aural Work** (10 minutes). Please bring your Theoria books, pencil and eraser.
 3. **Listening** to Samples of Excellent Performances (10 minutes).
- OR**
4. **Piano Lessons** (30 minutes), Piano lessons will be offered to students until live lessons are allowed again.

Students should attend their instrumental lessons as usual, but things will be a little different for some instruments. Let's make the best of the situation and learn new things! It's a great lesson in being flexible and inventive.

Please **bring your instruments to lessons** as we need to teach you all how to clean and maintain your instrument.

Note: Percussion, String (and Keys) lessons can continue as usual.

ENSEMBLES

The only Ensembles possible are Junior Strings and String Ensemble.

String Ensemble will begin Wednesday, 28 October, when all students have returned to school.

- 3.15pm - 4pm in D7

Year 7 Junior Strings will begin Wednesday, 21 October

- 8am - 8.30am in D7

VCE MUSIC STUDENTS

Good luck to our music students as they begin their solo and group performance exams, starting this weekend.

Masha Ermakova -	Contemporary voice
Tahlia Rowe -	Solo piano
Tom Lawrence -	Solo guitar
Jacob McClintock -	Solo guitar
Max Conway -	Drumkit (group)



OPPORTUNITY FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

Last term, it was the Virtual String Performance opportunity (above). This term, all voice members are invited to perform in a combined Choral Virtual Performance. Imagine having a recording to keep which was made during 2020!

Please enrol via the link below. You will need parent permission. See Mrs Dema for more information :<https://www.trybooking.com/BLMRN>

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



NEVR VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE PROJECT FOR CHOIR



Join acclaimed Melbourne vocal teacher

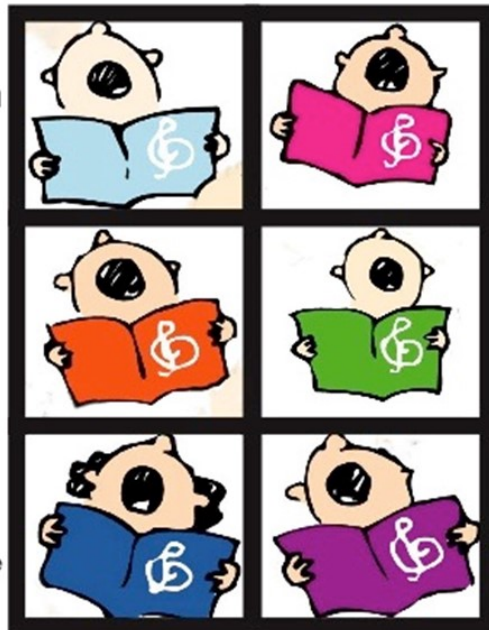
Marten Visser

who will lead you through a Virtual Performance rehearsal, then video record and upload your vocal performance.

The final product will be edited and sent to your School Music Coordinator showcasing singers across NEVR government secondary schools.

What does the Virtual Performance Project involve?

1. **APPLY** by asking your parents to fill out the online application form. Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BLMRN>. Successful applicants will be notified by the School Music Coordinator and will be sent rehearsal material and instructions.
2. **LEARN** to sing your part with the assistance of your school Music teacher.
3. **VIDEO RECORD** your performance by following the instructions emailed to you carefully.
4. **UPLOAD** your performance before 30 October. Performances will be edited (this may take a few weeks) and the final performance will be sent to School Music Coordinators and will be published on Youtube and may be showcased publicly on other media.



Enquiries! Please email nevr.music.m@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.



CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING



We are excited to announce the introduction of "Canteen Online Ordering" commencing on Monday, 19 October. Canteen online ordering is available in Compass. A special 'Lunch Order' queue will give those with pre ordered meals priority service.

As part of our Covid Safe plan the canteen will continue to operate on a cashless basis, the addition of the Compass Canteen will allow parents and students to place and pay for a canteen order, in advance, up until 9am on the day. Regular or repeat orders can also be placed in advance to further assist families with planning.

Detailed instructions have been posted to your Compass Newsfeed to assist you with using the new Compass Canteen. As always, if you require assistance to navigate this new feature of Compass please contact our friendly staff on 9871 0400 in the General Office.

Rhonda Vella, Canteen Manager



GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

STUDENT CHARGES AND PAYMENT PLANS FOR 2021

Wednesday, 4 November 2020

- All standard and elective student charges for 2021 will be available on Compass after 4pm on this date.
- From this date you will be able to view and make payment either on Compass or at the General Office.

Friday, 13 November 2020

- To secure a student's place in their chosen electives a payment in full, OR a payment plan, must be in place by this date.
- If payment has not been received, or a payment plan in place by the due date, the student will be reallocated to another elective, in consultation with both the student and parent/carer.

We understand this is a short timeline, and to assist with your household budgeting we are providing advanced notice of this important payment schedule.

A modified Payment Plan can be set up to fit in with your financial plans, ie weekly, fortnightly or other. The staff in Accounts Receivable at the General Office would be happy to assist you.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and are having difficulties in meeting these payment dates, please contact Jane Arnold, Business Manager, to discuss options available.

Compass Payment Schedule for 2021

	Standard Charges and Electives Years 8-12	Standard Charges Year 7	VET	Notebooks Years 7-9	Instrumental Music Years 8-12	Inst. Music Years 8-12 HIRE	Inst. Music Year 7	Inst. Music Year 7 HIRE
Nov-20	13/11/2020		1/11/2020		15/11/2020	15/11/2020		
Dec-20	13/12/2020	1/12/2020						
Jan-21	13/01/2021	1/01/2021	20/01/2021	20/01/2021				
Feb-21	13/02/2021	1/02/2021			15/02/2021	15/02/2021		
Mar-21	13/03/2021	1/03/2021					1/03/2021	1/03/2021
Apr-21	13/04/2021	1/04/2021						
May-21	13/05/2021	1/05/2021		20/05/2021	15/05/2021		1/05/2021	1/05/2021
Jun-21	13/06/2021	1/06/2021						
Jul-21	13/07/2021	1/07/2021					1/07/2021	
Aug-21	13/08/2021	1/08/2021			15/08/2021			
Sep-21							1/09/2021	
Nov-21	13/11/2021	Start of 2022 timeline						

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHANGES TO SCHOOL CROSSINGS

As of Wednesday, 14 October 2020 the majority of Maroondah City Council School Crossing Supervisors will be supplied with hand held whistles and will no longer provide voice commands to pedestrians.

This will mean that pedestrians will need to listen for the whistle as they previously would:

- **WALK** - 2 whistles
- **STOP** - 1 whistle

Please assist our school crossing supervisors by noting this change in crossing procedures.



TERM DATES 2020

Term 1:
28 January to 27 March

Term 2:
14 April (**Tuesday**) to 26 June
13 April (Public Holiday)
Easter Monday

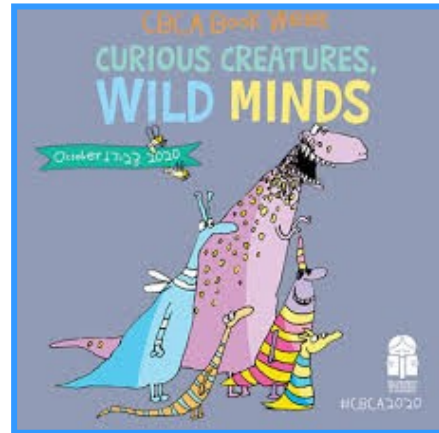
Term 3
13 July to 18 September

Term 4
5 October to 18 December

LIBRARY NEWS

OCTOBER 17 – 29 - BOOK WEEK

Book Week 2020 has arrived at Norwood!
Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



Over the next two weeks we welcome you to join us with beautiful books, great games, awesome activities, all filled with fun.

Click here to see the shortlisted books:

<https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>

"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten." – Neil Gaiman

Nicola Mackey, Kerri Jones and Kym McCullough, The Library Team

UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS: CURRENTLY CLOSED
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK.
nsc@dobsons.com.au

DOBSONS ONLINE (CLICK AND COLLECT):
AVAILABLE

Please visit: www.dobsons.com.au

Navigate to **SHOP** in toolbar

Click - Norwood Secondary College Logo

DELIVER TO HOME OR OFFICE:

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

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
- 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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Get ready, the Dobsons annual Buy Early & Save Sale is about to begin! Save on selected uniform items when you shop with Dobsons from September 1st till October 31st, 2020. Beat the back to school rush and save on a range of selected items, including:

- Blazers
- Pullovers
- Summer Dresses
- Summer Shirts
- Bags
- Sportswear

With a pain free returns policy, now is the time to plan ahead. Whether your child finds a few extra centimetres over the holiday break or not as many as you'd thought, Dobsons has you covered with a quick and simple returns policy.*

Once Dobsons stores re-open they would love to welcome you in store but until then they look forward to servicing your uniform needs online. To shop the sale online go to dobsons.com.au

**Terms & Conditions apply. Sale available online and in store once store services resume.*