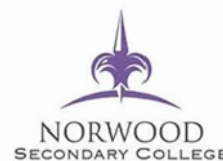


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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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

Monday 2 November

Normal School Day

Tuesday 3 November

Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 10 November

VCE Exams begin - Good Luck!



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU CLASS OF 2020

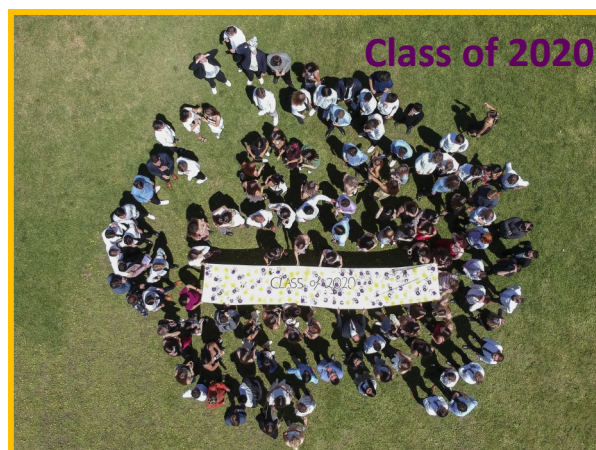
Yesterday (Thursday) marked the final 'school day' for our Class of 2020. With the normal series of events that offer Year 12 various rites of passage as they leave their school lives behind, not being able to run, our options were quite slim until last Sunday when the Premier offered some loosening of the constraints on 'gatherings'. Up until this week, we had been planning a combined Presentation Evening / Valedictory Dinner event for Year 12, in order to present our traditional awards, honour the contributions of the departing cohort and celebrate their friendships and struggles and successes. It would have seen each class in separate classrooms linked by video to the senior staff and some award winners in the Gym. At that time it was the best we were able to do, so there was considerable joy in being able to make best use of our 1000 seat stadium with large video screen....with **all** the year level (appropriately spaced and masked) and many staff, in the one place.



The event had two halves: formal award presentations and speeches, then a student-run presentation that had been recorded previously to accommodate the original plan for students to be separated in various classrooms watching on screens. It went flawlessly and the College Captains and Vice-Captains are to be congratulated for their presentations.

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A huge thank you to Senior School Principal, Jackie Harris and her extended team of teachers and administrative staff – led by Head of Year 12 Scott Kirkby and Year Level Coordinator Mel Cherry. I lost count of the draft programs developed as rules changed, but the final iteration really hit the mark.

We could not have been prouder of our students. Their understanding of the sense of occasion was not diminished by the COVID-related constraints and the manner in which they participated and honoured the award recipients was a true reflection of their maturity and sensitivity.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients, good luck to all for exams and access to further study or employment. Thank you to all of you for everything you have given Norwood and its community over the past six years.

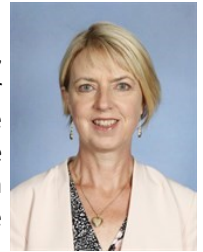
Safe journeys, Class of 2020.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2020

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions, Thursday, 29 October was a day of celebration for our Class of 2020. Earlier in the week we received the welcoming news that Year 12 students could come together in the one venue for a final assembly. It is a credit to the staff and students involved that we were able to quickly organise a day of celebration and fun. Without hesitation we discarded our plans for remote ‘assemblies’ and the planning began in earnest.



The Class of 2020, like no other group before them, arrived to school on their last day, dressed formally. Many students took the opportunity to wear the outfit they had planned to wear to their Valedictory. We made the decision to go ahead with the presentation of all awards normally presented at the Valedictory Dinner and so our first celebration was a Valedictory Assembly. In a year full of cancelled events this was a tradition we were reluctant to lose. It might have looked different but is was still meaningful and marked an important milestone for the Class of 2020.

Every student was recognised for their efforts, receiving a Certificate of Year 12 Completion and commemorative NSC glass. Teachers chose one student across every subject to be presented with a Subject Excellence Award. In four subjects, these awards were won by Year 11 students. Many awards were also presented to students in recognition of their contributions to leadership, community service and the broader school program. The list of award winners is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to invite parents to the Valedictory, however, the entire assembly has been filmed by Scott Dixon. This recording will soon be available for families to watch on the College website. Whilst families were physically absent, our student leaders paid tribute to families for their support, when delivering their speeches.

After refuelling on souvlakis and ice creams, the Class of 2020 returned to the Gymnasium to watch a special video, packed full of wonderful Year 12 memories. Thank you to Zoe, Ryan, Tobi and Will for the hours you spent collating this video and your leadership as College Captains throughout the year.





On a final note, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 students all the best for their forthcoming exams and their future career pathways. We look forward to hearing of your successes and achievements in the years to come.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR 12/11 STUDENTS

SUBJECT AWARDS

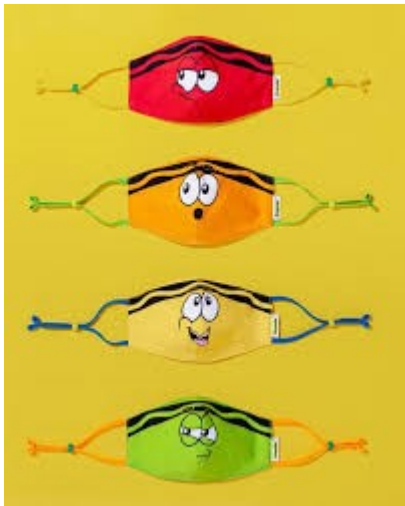
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| Accounting | Matthew Freitag - Year 11 |
| Applied Computing - Software Dev | Justin Baker |
| Biology | Sarah McKenzie |
| Business Management | Joanne Loong |
| Chemistry | Joanne Loong |
| English | Matthew Sandison |
| English Language | Belle Cheong |
| Food Studies | Courtney Peake |
| Health & Human Development | Jaclyn Bevan - Year 11 |
| History | Jocelyn Dexter - Year 11 |
| Legal Studies | Talisha Doran |
| Literature | Joanne Loong |
| Maths – Further | Matthew Sandison |
| Maths - Methods | Jia Hao Huang |
| Maths - Specialist | Jia Hao Huang |
| Media | Tahlia Rowe |
| Music Performance | Tahlia Rowe |
| Physical Education | Astrid Gardiner - Year 11 |
| Physics | Jia Hao Huang |
| Product Design & Tech - Wood | Charlotte Perry |
| Psychology | Bailie Van Pelt |
| Studio Arts | Sit Blut Hei |
| VCAL - Top Achiever Award | Zac Newlands |
| Visual Communication | Kaylee Launder |

RECOGNITION AWARDS

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| Music Program | Tahlia Rowe |
| Performing Arts Program | Charlotte Perry, Tahlia Rowe and Rhiannon Wood |
| Principal's Acquisition Award | Lucy Kim |
| Spirit of VCAL Award | Rhett Berry |
| Sport Program | Wil Parker and Ryan Kelly |

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AWARDS

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| N.E.S.T.A - Leadership | Courtney Peake |
| Bert Prior Award | William Robinson |
| ADF Long Tan - Leadership | Tobi Ray |
| ADF Future Innovator's Award | Joanne Loong |
| Deakin Shield - Leadership | Zoe Tucker and Ryan Smith |
| Deakin Shield - Community Service | Charlotte Perry |
| Deakin Shield - Academic | Jia Hao Huang |
| College Council - Best All Rounder | Wil Parker |
| College Captains | Zoe Tucker and Ryan Smith |
| College Vice Captain | Tobi Ray and William Robinson |



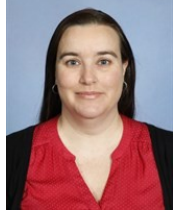
RETURN TO SCHOOL

A big welcome back to the Year 8, 9 and 10 students this week! It has been absolutely incredible to see our hallways bustling with activity and student voices! We extend a big warm welcome to all returning students – but we need to acknowledge that while this week may float by on a cloud of excitement and reconnection, there may be a few feelings of hesitation or worry over the coming weeks. This is completely normal, and we are here to support anyone who is feeling a bit overwhelmed or off balance with returning to onsite learning. Come and see us at the end of C corridor if you feel you need!

If you are feeling a bit lost or unsettled, and want to make life a bit easier transitioning back into normal (well, COVID -normal) school life, check out the last edition of the newsletter for some practical tips to implement at home, to help you out at school!

FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2020

In the same breath as welcoming back our Year 8, 9 and 10s, we need to farewell our Year 12 students! It has been a rather unbelievable ending to six years of high school education, and we could not be more proud of the resilience, grit and spirit shown by the Class of 2020! While the at school component of school life has wrapped up, there are still exams ahead, and we are around to help with any pre exam jitters (or straight up stress!), as are all the Year 12 teachers, Mrs Cherry and Mr Kirkby. Utilise all the resources around you for this final stretch – it will make study life a bit easier and may minimise your worry!



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

· PREPARING FOR EXAMS ·

- START EARLY**
Get your information organised and write up a study plan.
- KNOW YOUR LEARNING STYLE**
Audio learner? Record your notes and play them back. Visual learner? Use mind maps/highlighter/stickers. Kinesthetic learner? You might learn better standing up or maybe rocking on a fit ball.
- GRAB A STUDY BUDDY**
Share notes, explain things to each other and help each other.
- ONLY REVIEW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW**
Keep self-testing so you know what you need to revise.
- DO PAST PAPERS**
- USE NOVELTY**
Colourful mind maps/diagrams/infographics.
- KEEP PHOTOS**
of study guides/key points/maps on your phone or device to review on the bus or before class.
- BRING YOUR BRAIN BACK**
to relaxed alertness - take breaks, drink water, eat well, do some exercise.
- CHUNK IT**
Break down large amounts of subject matter into smaller chunks that your brain can manage.
- SLEEP**
Get at least 8 hours sleep every night when studying.
- REWARD YOURSELF**
by doing something you enjoy after study sessions.





LEADERSHIP IN 2021

In the last week, Year 11 students were given the opportunity to apply for Leadership positions for 2021. This honour in being selected holds much value in our College and students have to move through a vigorous set of processes with their applications. One key highlight for all staff and students, were the Year 11 speeches. Our students presented their passions, highlights, ambitions, aspirations and experiences. Their commitment to this public speaking section, and then their interviews to the panel were EXCEPTIONAL. Our College values shone through many of their presentations and I have no doubt when our finalists are announced, our students will represent our College with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all involved.



EXAM INFORMATION

The Year 11 exams are scheduled to begin on **Friday, 20 November and ending Friday, 27 November**. Our Unit 2 Exam timetable is almost complete and will be published on Compass as soon as possible. Please read through this timetable carefully as it will include all the exam locations and times. Student expectations will accompany the exam timetable, and will outline our College expectations for student conduct.



STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 COMPLETING A UNIT 3/4 SUBJECT

Those students doing a Unit 3/4 subject will need to check that they do not have a clash with their Unit 2 exams. The Unit 3/4 subject exam will take precedence over the Unit 2 subject exam. Please discuss any clashes with Mrs Cynthia Kennedy or Mrs Alison Ward.

ABSENCE FROM AN EXAM

If for some reason your child is unable to attend, then we would ask that you contact 'Senior Sub School' as early as possible on 9871 0400. **A medical certificate will be required for illness.**

ON THE DAY

Year 11 classes **will not run** through this time. Students only attend school on their exam day. Students may arrive for their exam and then leave school at the conclusion. Please note the specific arrival times for exams in the Hall and exams in the Portables. Students need to arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled exam. **Students will not be able to take any mobile or unauthorised devices into the exam. No responsibility will be taken by Norwood SC for loss or damage to any unsecured devices. Students need to leave their device at home or lock it in their locker.**

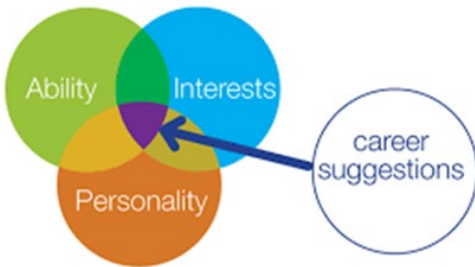


QUIET STUDY SPACE

If students require quiet study time at Norwood, they should sign in at the Library and utilise this space only.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students on the final leg of their Year 11 journey.

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



OPTIONAL ONLINE CAREER ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS (READVERTISED)



Some students and parents may have missed this important information and hence it is worth including again.

As part of a new Careers Initiative which began last year, Year 9 students participate in a program which includes 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.

Year 11 students will 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 Year 11 students 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 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. Feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

VET STUDIES FOR 2021

It is a long time since students applied to study a VET subject for next year. Applications are processed in different ways depending on the VET course. It is assumed that all students will gain entry into the course they have applied for but a number of places have not yet been confirmed. Swinburne has confirmed that all Norwood students have been accepted into their VET courses but schools are still waiting for confirmation of courses at Box Hill TAFE, Ringwood Training, ITS and Aquinas. Confirmation should be available within the next two weeks.

Ron Chatton, Careers/Pathways Coordinator



MUSIC NEWS



ENSEMBLE RECORDINGS

During online learning our ensembles have made, or are still making these recordings:

Concert Band:	Aeolian Winds
Junior Band:	Theme from Mission Impossible
A Cappella:	Danny Boy
Chorale:	One Short Day
Jazz Band:	Wayfaring Stranger



CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC!

One of my favourite songs is the Village People's "Can't Stop the Music" – and we are delighted to just hear the WONDERFUL news that brass, woodwind and voice lessons **can now take place outdoors** and ensembles of up to 10 people can rehearse outside with distancing and hygiene protocols in place. Music teachers are meeting asap to discuss how we can make this work. Updates will be posted early next week.



MARCHING BAND

Ms Lauren Innes (Brass Teacher and Concert Band Director) has some 'Marching Band' experience and she will be taking a combined 'Concert Band' and 'Junior Marching Band' rehearsal from Monday, 9 to Monday, 16 November from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. No instruments required. Marching band routines develop coordination, timing, rhythm and team skills.



STRING ENSEMBLES

Junior Strings and String Ensemble have started rehearsals again which is so wonderful to hear.

JUNIOR CLASSROOM MUSIC

Years 7 and 8 students have been composing rhythms and playing tunes on the Boom Whackers and playing melodies on keyboards, all instruments are carefully cleaned after every class.

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



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

All families were emailed important information regarding the 2021 Student Charges, via Compass on Thursday, 22 October. If you did not receive this important notification please contact the office.

- **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. Phone: 9871 0400 or via email: businessmanager@norwood.vic.edu.au

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 1				
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 1	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						



If you have any questions please see our friendly library staff

LIBRARY NEWS

IS THERE A LIBRARY BOOK HIDING IN YOUR ROOM?

Did you borrow way back in Term 1? It is time to return overdue books so others can enjoy them too. Check your Compass email to remind you of the books you borrowed.



"We read in bed because reading is halfway between life and dreaming, our own consciousness in someone else's mind." – Anna Quindlen

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



HOMEWORK CLUB NEWS

GOOD NEWS...

Homework Club will recommence on Wednesday, 4 November in the Library between 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Victoria Tigas and Gurwinder Singh



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM-11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - PLEASE

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

Jenny McKenzie, Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator

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

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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Dear Norwood families,

After the tough year we have all shared, the Year 11 Leadership are looking to support families in need. If you are able to, as a family or as a team, we would love it if you could take part in a Reverse Advent Calendar being run by Mums Supporting Families in Need Inc.

For the month of November, grab a box and instead of receiving a treat, each day add an item to create a food hamper for a family facing tough times this Christmas! Boxes can be delivered to the general office at Norwood Secondary College or you can email MSFIN direct at contact@msfin.org.au to arrange a drop off. (Please do not seal or wrap the box as it will be checked by their volunteers prior to being distributed). If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mrs Kennedy at Senior School. Many thanks, The Year 11 Leadership Team.

Here are the items to pack!



Reverse Advent Calendar

This November, grab a box and instead of receiving a treat each day, add an item to create a food hamper for a family facing a tough time this Christmas.

November 1 – Can of Baked Beans	November 17 – Can of Soup
November 2 – Fruit Mince Pies	November 18 – Bottle of Cordial
November 3 – Pasta	November 19 – Long life Milk
November 4 – Long life Milk	November 20 – Christmas Treat
November 5 – Can of Corn	November 21 – Can of Spaghetti
November 6 – Packet of Sweet Biscuits	November 22 – Tinned Fruit
November 7 – Pack of Tea Bags	November 23 – Can of Tuna
November 8 – Jar of Pasta Sauce	November 24 – Packet of Jelly
November 9 – Jar of Jam	November 25 – Long life Custard
November 10 – Packet of Rice	November 26 – Christmas Pudding
November 11 – Can of Tuna	November 27 – Block of Chocolate
November 12 – Can of Tomatoes	November 28 – Instant Pasta dish
November 13 – Multipack 2-minute noodles	November 29 – Simmer Sauce
November 14 – Packet of Cereal	November 30 – Meal base
November 15 – Cake Mix	
November 16 – Packet of Dry Biscuits	

If you would like to take part, send us an email at contact@msfin.org.au to arrange drop off.

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The Dobsons Buy Early & Save Sale has been EXTENDED!

Continue to save on selected uniform items until the 21st of November 2020 when you shop with Dobsons.

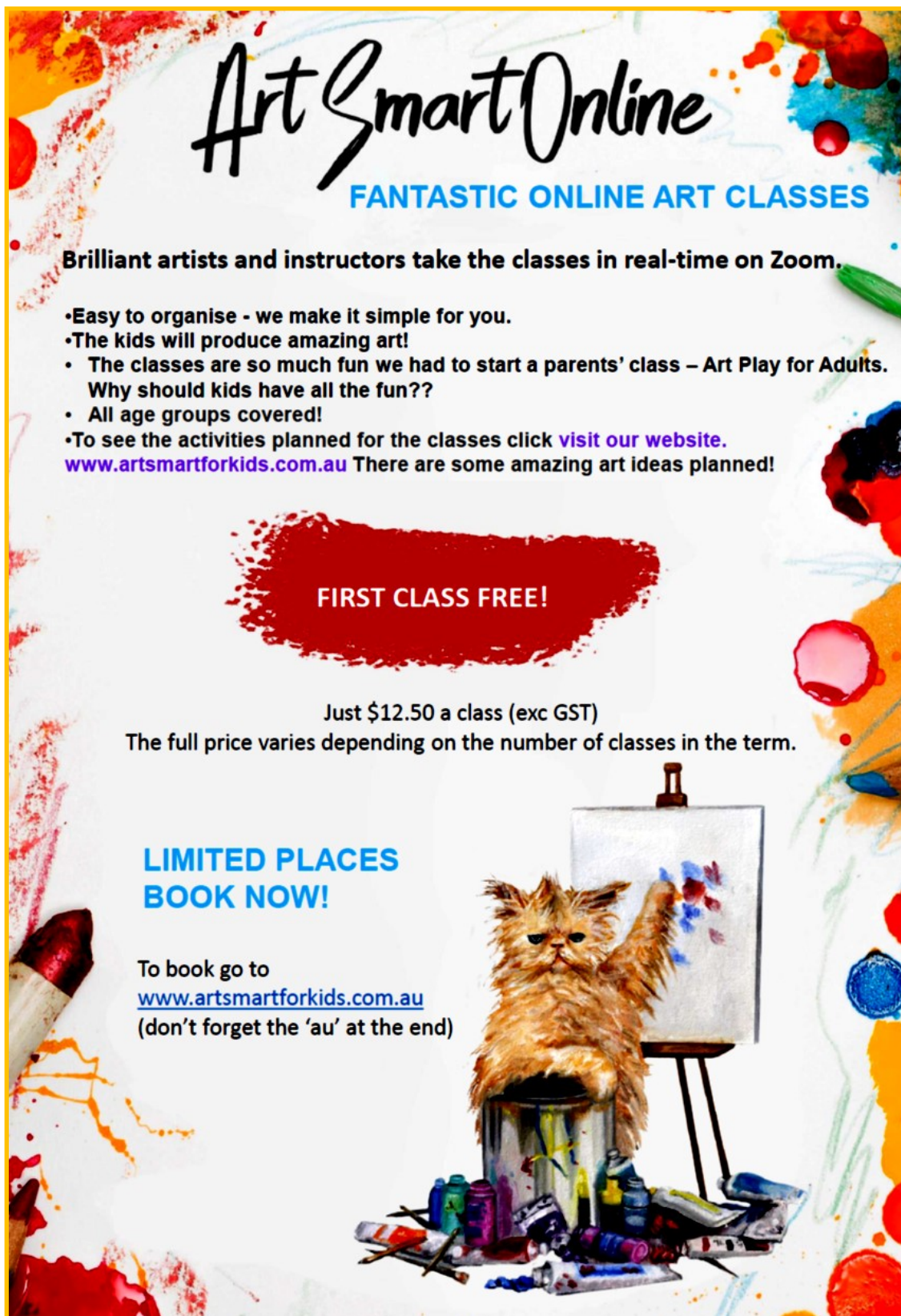
Shop in-store or online with \$10 flat rate delivery or click and collect. To shop the sale online go to **dobsons.com.au**

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The advertisement is set against a white background with colorful paint splatters in red, orange, blue, and green. At the top, the text 'Art Smart Online' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, 'FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The main text is in black, bold font, stating 'Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.' This is followed by a bulleted list of features: '•Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.', '•The kids will produce amazing art!', '• The classes are so much fun we had to start a parents' class – Art Play for Adults. Why should kids have all the fun??', and '• All age groups covered!'. A final line says '•To see the activities planned for the classes click [visit our website.](http://www.artsmartforkids.com.au) www.artsmartforkids.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!'. A large, red, brush-stroke shaped graphic contains the text 'FIRST CLASS FREE!'. Below this, it says 'Just \$12.50 a class (exc GST)' and 'The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.' The text 'LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!' is in blue, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says 'To book go to www.artsmartforkids.com.au (don't forget the 'au' at the end)'. The central image shows a fluffy orange cat sitting on a stool, painting on a white canvas on an easel. There are various art supplies like paint tubes and brushes on the floor around the cat.