

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
NUMBER 10
25 June, 2021

School Email Address: norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au

College Phone No. 9871 0400 **Student Absence Line:** 9871 0401

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Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer

College Captains: Olivia Kieft and Samuel Ball

School Web Address: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

TERM 2, 2021

Friday 25 June

Last day of Term 2 - Dismissal 2.30pm

TERM 3, 2021

Monday 12 July

First day of Term 3

Thursday 15 July

State Cross Country

Monday 19 July

Music Camp departs

Year 10 Alternatives to VCE Information

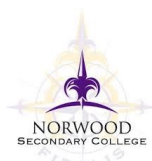
Session - Library 6pm

Wednesday 21 July

Music Camp returns

Saturday 24 July

Presentation Ball - Year 10 Night 1



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COLLEGE REVIEW

After several postponements, courtesy of COVID, we are aiming to commence our four yearly Review of the College, Week 1, next term. We will be reflecting on our past four years – with significant input from community members, and creating a new Strategic Plan for the coming four years. These Reviews provide an invaluable opportunity for us to seek constructive feedback on all aspects of the College's functioning. We will then use the feedback to create our goals and directions for the future. The beauty of having an external Reviewer guiding us and two 'Challenge Partners' who are Principals of secondary schools, is that we will have objective, insightful reflections from 'non-insiders' who know schools intimately to help prompt our considerations.



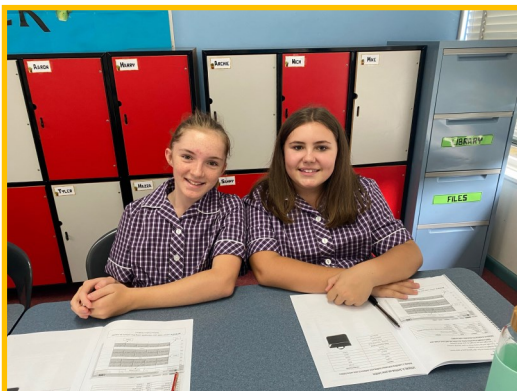
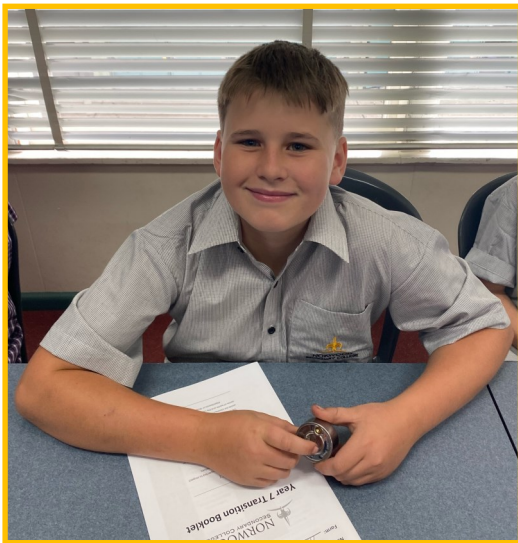
YEAR 7 2022

First Round requests for places in Year 7, 2022 are now in and we are already receiving a trickle of second round requests. Interest in Norwood remains very healthy and, sadly, we will not be able to accommodate all who wish to join us next year. We have strictly enforced limits on enrolments and, knowing that most students who commence at Norwood in Year 7 will remain at Norwood for the six years, we have to ensure we do not 'over-enrol' in Year 7 as that would see us pushed over the DE&T enforced cap on overall College enrolments. Consequently, we are working through all applications ensuring that students who live within the enrolment 'zone' are accepted, along with those with siblings currently at Norwood. We then gradually work outwards from the lines demarking our zone to include students who live successively further away from the College until we have reached our enrolment capacity. This meets DE&Ts expectations for fair enrolment practices....there is no room for deviating from that process as all enrolments are checked by Regional personnel.

As I have noted previously, we are very disappointed to not be able to offer places to all who made the decision that Norwood would be the 'best' school for them. We do, however, accept that we are part of a 'system' of local government schools and the DE&T rules are in place to ensure an equitable spread of enrolments between schools.

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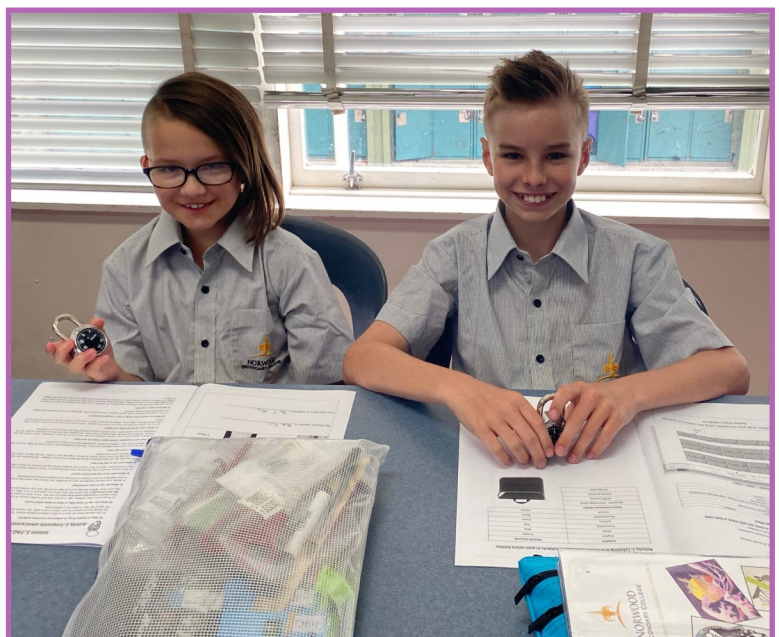


A SAFE AND RELAXING BREAK

On behalf of the staff at Norwood, we trust that with the opening of state borders and the capacity of all Victorians to travel within the state and Australia, many of you will be able to enjoy some different vistas and be able to enjoy some renewed freedom. All the best to students and their families – we hope you will find ways to relax and look after yourselves.

Finally, I thank our remarkable staff for the manner in which all have managed another bout of 'remote teaching' and kept their focus on the well-being and academic progress of our students. Take care and we will see you in a couple of weeks.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET): NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDING MODEL

In the recent 2021 state budget, the Victorian Government announced that from 2022, new funding will be available to schools to pay for the cost of materials used for VET courses for senior school students undertaking VCE or VCAL. This acknowledges the important contribution that VET makes to our students' learning, senior certificates, and future careers.

Schools will continue to provide for the cost of tuition, and this new funding will assist to also pay for the items used in training and assessment. This means that for VET subjects, you will no longer have to pay for essential learning materials.

It should be noted, however, that parents will still pay for some costs such as uniform requirements or personal protective equipment, that are used and retained by the student.

We are pleased to be able to reduce costs for families and help our students to participate in VET programs. If you have further questions, please contact Paul Duncan or Gretel Schroeder, our Careers Advisors.

The above information is provided on behalf of the Department of Education and Training and has been newly released to schools. We will keep you updated as more detail is provided to us.

We look forward to supporting our students through the course selection process in Term 3. Very soon, updated Handbooks will be available, and families will be informed about key dates for information evenings. At this stage, we are planning for families to attend on-site but our back-up plan will be to run remote sessions, whilst maintaining the same key dates. Heads of Year Level will communicate these shortly.



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

SENIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE REFORM

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.



Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighbouring school or a local TAFE.

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

WHAT THE REFORM MEANS FOR COURSE SELECTION IN 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements. This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

Enrolment options



PREFECT NEWS

Another term down, and one to go! It is surreal to think that we are more than halfway through Year 12 and well and truly into Unit 4 studies. As usual, this term has been a busy one and the holidays have come at the perfect time – many of us had weeks where SACs were never-ending, and we have all come out the other side to sit the mid-year exams. These were held in the last week of school, and were an opportunity for us to replicate the end of year exams to get a taste for what is to come. It also gave us an opportunity to gather our Unit 3 notes and content, ready to begin our revision at the end of our school year.

The Year 12 'Decades and Cheese Toastie' day earlier in the term was a hit, with representation from the 50s to the 00s – some donned double denim, others wore bellbottoms and sported peace signs. These days are time for the cohort to come together for some fun in the seriousness that is Year 12. When school feels difficult, dress up days are always a day of refuge to have a laugh and somewhat relax in the chaos.

The all-important 'Dress Up' days were also marked on Athletics Day. Athletics Day in Year 12 is always a bit different: characters of all kinds jump hurdles and sprint the 100m, and it is, once again, a day to take the pressure off and have a giggle. Costumes included a pair of Richie Benaud's, the cast of Peaky Blinders and retro aerobics workout enthusiasts.

We are excited and ready for the two week break ahead to recharge for another busy term!

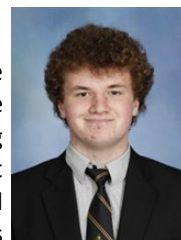
Ashleigh C, College Vice Captain



PREFECT NEWS

TERM 2 WRAP UP

Again, as another term draws to a close, and as the students at Norwood SC finalise their mid-year exams, the Year 12 Leadership team would just like to say a big congratulations to each and every one of you. It has not been an easy term, with Melbourne going into a second 'circuit-breaker' to stop the spread of the virus which has been plaguing the world for a year and a half; with students trying to once again adapt to 'contained' living which defined 2020. Despite these interruptions, however, the Year 12 Leadership team has been very busy planning out the events that will make our final year of high school a memorable one.



In Term 2, despite having everything we have been looking forward to, either postponed or cancelled by COVID; we have found time to have a little bit of enjoyment.

Towards the beginning of the term the Sports Prefects were very busy planning for their up and coming 'Staff vs Student Cup' and the "Baby Photo" competition in which students and staff submitted images of themselves as either little babies or young children. It was a tough competition, with lots of people in awe of how much people do or do not look like their baby photos, and yet (and do not think that I sound biased), the awesome, fantastic and wonderful identifying skills of the students secured a much needed win, after the teachers' victory in the 'Down Ball' competition last term. The Sports Prefects got right back into planning for the 'Tug of War' competition, signing up eager participants from both parties. Once again, the competition was fierce with the students honourably acknowledging another victory to the teachers in the 'Staff vs Student Cup.'

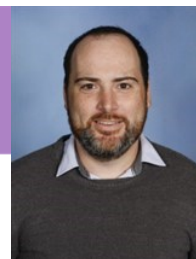
As we head into Term 3, the Sports Prefects will be busy planning for many more 'Staff vs Student' events, such as; Netball, Soccer and Volleyball Tournaments, as well as, of course, the end of Term AFL match, that I am sure each and every student is looking forward to viewing.

As for the rest of the Year 12 Leadership team, we have been busy working on the Year 12 Formal which was supposed to have occurred on Thursday, 17 June, but due to restrictions this has thankfully been pushed back to the Thursday, 12 August. We have got an amazing event planned for the whole cohort, and we look forward to giving awards out to those who got the most votes in the Formal survey that was sent out a few weeks back, as well as to see the beautiful/handsome outfits that our students will have on show.

Finally, I would also like to talk about the fundraiser that the Year 12 Leadership team will hopefully be holding following the start of the new term. The fundraiser will be a whole school event, raising money for 'The Lighthouse Foundation', an organisation which provides homes and therapeutic care programs to children and young people impacted by long term neglect, abuse, and homelessness. More information will be provided to students when we get closer to the date.

Though this past term has been a little stressful for some, I can very much tell you that the Leadership teams and more specifically the staff, are extremely proud of the resilience of our school community, despite the excessive interruptions and school-less days that occurred. So, from me, and the rest of the Year 12 Leadership team; congratulations on a great year so far, and hoping that the rest of the year will be even better.

Thomas C, College Vice Captain



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide an update on our Semester 1 student reports at Norwood Secondary College.

At Norwood we know it is vital to involve students and their parents/carers in learning. This includes providing a written report to parents/carers on student progress and achievement at least twice a year.

While there have been periods of remote teaching this Semester, our teachers have continued to deliver a high quality teaching and learning program and monitored the learning of all students.

Norwood has provided a written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at the school for Semester 1, 2021 focusing on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child.

Reports will include:

YEARS 7-9

- Student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning
- Work Habits (effort, organisation and behaviour)
- Assessment Tasks marked against the Norwood grading scheme
- Learning Improvement Plan (LIP)

YEAR 10

- An overall S/N for each subject
- Student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning
- Work Habits (effort, organisation and behaviour)
- Assessment Tasks marked against the Norwood grading scheme
- Learning Improvement Plan (LIP)

VCE

- A Unit Result (S/N)
- Work Habits (effort, organisation and behaviour)
- Outcomes (S/N)
- Learning Improvement Plan (LIP)

Reports can be accessed in pdf format via the Compass portal, for those that aren't familiar with Compass there are some instructions available [here](#).

More details on student marks can be found on Compass under the 'Learning Tasks tab'.

Parents/carers are welcome to contact their teachers directly through the Compass portal with any queries about reports, or alternatively the relevant Head of Year Level.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nicholas Mammoliti, Learning Specialist Data

WELLBEING SUPPORT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

It has been a big first half of the year, and there will be a lot of students, families and staff who are very much looking forward to recharging over the school holidays. If you or someone you know is in need of mental health support, please use the links below to find out where best to seek support.

- **FOR PARENTS OR CARERS:**
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/english-for-parents-and-carers-wellbeing-support.pdf>
- **FOR STUDENTS:**
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/english-for-students-wellbeing-support.pdf>



LEAF PAINTING CRAFT FUN



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

YEAR 10 WELLBEING SESSION

Several Year 10 students participated in a Wellbeing activity on Monday to assist in making the Wellbeing Deck a brighter space. The students wrote words and quotes they associated with the word 'Wellbeing' on leaf cut-outs and decorated these to contribute to a Wellbeing tree full of positive messages that will be painted in the Wellbeing Deck. Other students throughout the year will be also encouraged to create a leaf to contribute to the Wellbeing Tree.

WELLBEING PAGE

We have some fantastic resources on the Student Wellbeing page, which can be found on the SWC resource page (with a tile created by the Student Wellbeing Committee) or via:

<https://library.norwood.vic.edu.au/c.php?g=942730>

Go and check it out!

SONS OF THE WEST MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Maroondah City Council and the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation are offering a 10 week health program for men. If any of our Year 12 male students (or family members) are interested and over the age of 18, please read the flyer below and register through www.westernbulldogs.com.au/sons2021

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





SONS OF THE WEST

WESTERN BULLDOGS
TACKLING MEN'S HEALTH

FREE PROGRAM

JOIN THE SONS OF THE WEST MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM IN MAROONDAH

Presented by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation and Maroondah City Council

Sons of the West is a FREE and FUN men's health program

10 WEEK health program for MEN
LEARN more about your HEALTH in a safe, inclusive space
CONNECT with new and old FRIENDS
Try new, FUN types of PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Register by visiting westernbulldogs.com.au/sons2021

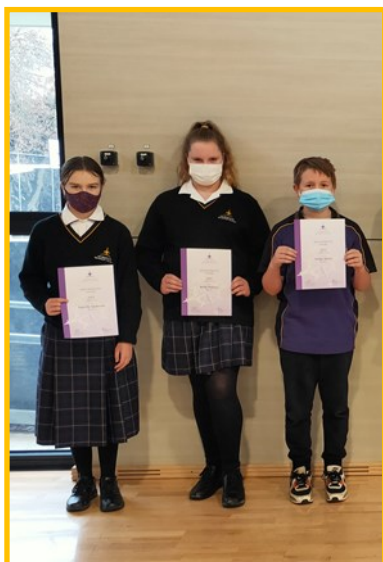
For more information please email foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au or call 03 9680 6355

Sons of the West 2021 program will run in accordance with government COVID-19 restrictions.
Please note, all attendees MUST register and have a ticket to attend. Places fill quickly so register now!



SONS OF THE WEST IS COMING TO MAROONDAH

Starting Wednesday 4 August 2021
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Heathmont Secondary College, Waters Grove, Heathmont 3235



YEAR 7 NEWS

On Wednesday, we celebrated the end of term in our assembly by acknowledging our Year 7 students who received the top GPA or Most Improved GPA for their mentor group in Term 2. Congratulations to our students who were presented with their certificates.

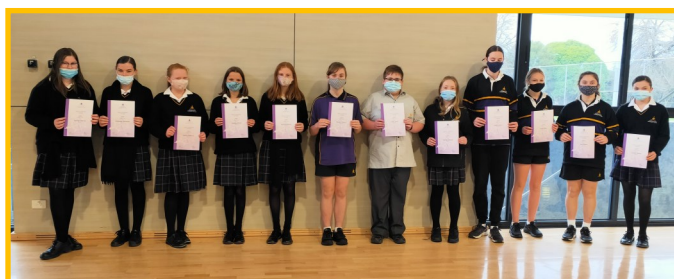


Unfortunately, our Year 7 students missed out on going to Camp Adanac in Week 9 for a day trip as a replacement for the cancelled Camp in Term 1. In-lieu of this day, the Year 7 team has arranged for the Year 7 students to attend a day trip to Gumbuya World on Monday, 11 October. The event has been published on Compass.



The Year 7 Mentor Team, Mr Given and myself wish all Year 7 families a safe and happy holidays and we are looking forward to an exciting Term 3.

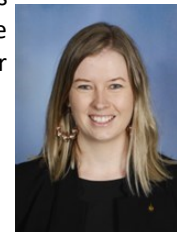
Priscilla Ryles-Smith, Head of Year 7
Adam Given, Year 7 Coordinator



YEAR 10 NEWS

YEAR 10 INFORMATION SESSION

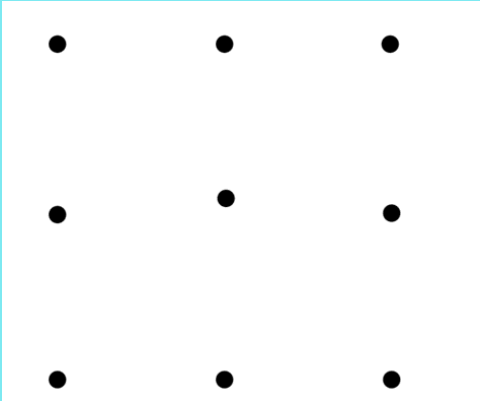
An alternatives to VCE information session for current Year 10 students will take place at 6pm on Monday, 19 July (week two) in the Library at Norwood Secondary College. The session will go over alternatives to a traditional Year 11 and 12 VCE and will include information about apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeship's and VET programs on offer. Information will also be shared regarding the selection and interview process for accessing VCAL at Norwood in 2022.



Chris Sheehan, Head of Year 10
Shanae McKenzie, Year 10 Coordinator

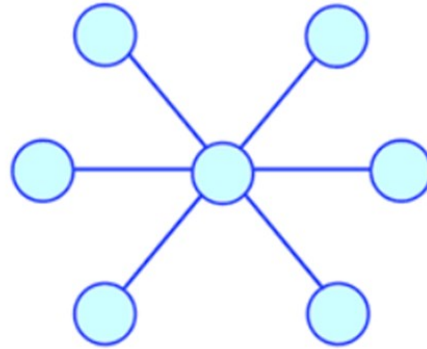
NUMERACY NEWS

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Can you join all 9 dots with 4 straight lines without taking your pen off the page? You can not go over any line twice!

The new numeracy notice board has been a hit this term, with lots of students and staff trying the weekly challenges and suggesting new and fun content for the space. We hope your problem solving skills are sharpening and you enjoy these puzzles to keep your minds active over the break. Have a fun and safe holiday!



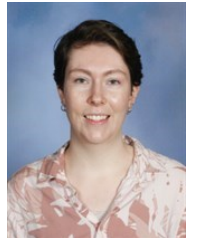
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Natalie Nejad, Learning Specialist - Numeracy

YEAR 9 MATHS

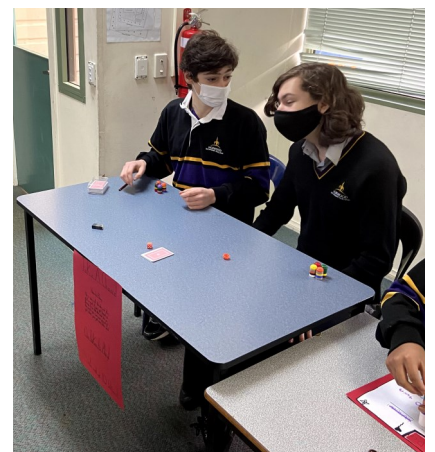
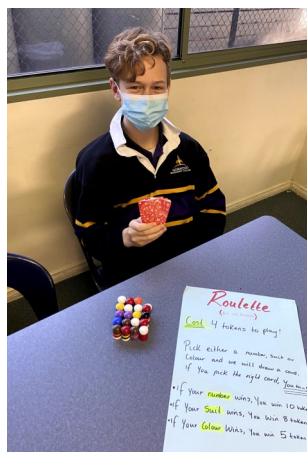
This week in Maths, 9B ran a Probability Fair. They set up and played the games of chance they designed during remote learning.

The students running the game 'Pick it to Win it' and 'The Lottery' game cleaned up with hundreds of tokens between them. The students enticed others to play their game with a low probability of winning by offering a high number of tokens to be won.



A great way to wrap up the final topic, Probability, for Semester 1.

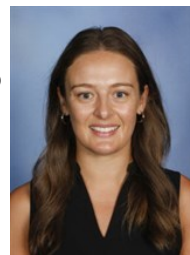
Amy Walton, Mathematics Teacher



SPORT NEWS

YEAR 8 GIRLS' NETBALL – INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

On Wednesday, three teams of Year 8 girls went to Melba Secondary College to compete in the interschool netball competition against Ringwood SC, Melba SC and Mooroolbark SC.



The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and fantastic teamwork (especially after a very rushed training schedule due to the COVID circuit-breaker shut down), and all three teams were undefeated at the end of the day. A big thank you to the girls for being amazing representatives of NSC, and to Ms Meg Kelly for her attendance on the day!

Annie Hearne, Netball Coach

I ♥ Netball



COMMUNITY NEWS

VCAL 2021 AUSSIE BREAD TAG COLLECTION

A big thank you to all who have contributed so far. In just one term we have collected a little over 1.6 Kilograms of bread tags!

The project is still going so keep on saving your bread tags. Thank you from Year 11 VCAL!

Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Community Coordinator

BREAD TAGS
for wheelchairs



TERM DATES 2021

Term 1

27 January (Teachers Only) to 1 April 2021

Thursday, 28 January 2021

Years 7, 10 - 12

Friday, 29 January 2021

Years 8 - 9

Term 2

19 April to 25 June 2021

Term 3

12 July to 17 September 2021

Term 4

4 October to 17 December 2021

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding is again available in 2021. We encourage all families holding a valid means tested concession card to apply now. An application form is available via the link.



To support schools through COVID-19 restrictions, the Department has extended the deadline for schools to submit Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications to Friday, 13 August 2021.

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 Education and write **"pay with CSEF"**. If you have any questions, please call the General Office on 9871 0400.

<https://www.norwood.vic.edu.au/community/>

Jane Arnold, Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM-11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



DOBSONS ONLINE (CLICK AND COLLECT):

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. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition.

Thank you

Student Wellbeing Centre

NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE'S READER'S CUP

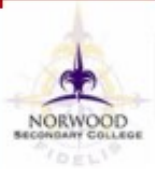
Form a team of four readers from Year 7 & 8 and compete against other students to win the trophy!

Read the three chosen books and be ready to answer questions about them in a head to head trivia battle!



Registrations are due by the last day of Term 2
and forms are available from the library !

Main event: Lunchtime Tuesday Aug 24



YEAR 11 VCAL 2021

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please join us in our efforts to collect bread tags - tags collected will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread tags are collected Australia wide and recycled into a range of products. See the website below for more information.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop off at the General Office - Norwood Secondary College.



ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

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