

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 4
NUMBER 16
15 October, 2021

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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 Kieffe and Samuel Ball

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

TERM 4, 2021

Monday 18 October

Year 12 - Dress Up Day

Friday 22 October

Curriculum Day - No classes

Wednesday 27 October

Year 12 Exams begin

Tuesday 2 November

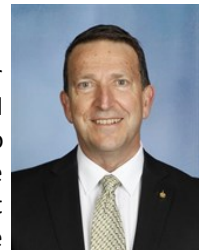
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

No classes

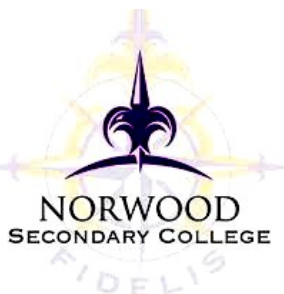
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK YEAR 12 STUDENTS

What a pleasure it has been to welcome back our Year 12s. Whilst they will only be back at school for a total of 10 days before we say 'goodbye and good luck' to the Class of 2021, it has been wonderful to have student and staff voices back in the school. Next Monday will be the final day the Year 12s will have classes at Norwood and then on Tuesday we will have our 'best possible version' of a Valedictory Assembly and the Year 12 Final Assembly. Clearly we are offering compromised events given the circumstances, but to their great credit, the students have looked to make the most of every opportunity to reclaim as much as possible from such a challenging year.



Remarkably, our student leaders have worked doubly hard during remote learning to keep in touch with the cohort. Communication using various electronic mediums has been ramped up and I have been very proud of the effort they have made to keep the group connected. If there was ever an example of how good people rise in the face of adversity, the College's student leaders fit the bill! A huge thank you to them all, and particularly the Captains, for their efforts when it would have been easy to feel dispirited and disinterested. It bodes well for their future to see such resilience and positivity.



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STAGE 2 OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

In a little over a week, students will return to classes:

- **Tuesday, 26 October: Year 7 and 11 (Monday to Fridays)**
- **Tuesday, 26 October: Years 8 and 9 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)**
- **Thursday, 28 October: Year 10 (Thursdays and Fridays)**

We can not wait!!

Thank you to those who have shared their best wishes for the rest of the term – we understand how keen you all are for school to resume to some form of 'normal'. Our staff are every bit as excited.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

CURRICULUM/PUPIL FREE DAY: FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER

Due to COVID restrictions and remote learning our teachers unanimously agreed to postpone the scheduled Curriculum Day that was planned for early in Term 3. This day will now take place on Friday, 22 October as this date falls neatly in between the end of classes for our Year 12 students and the return of onsite learning from Tuesday, 26 October.



On this day our staff will be engaged in targeted professional learning with a focus on the implementation of differentiated teaching strategies that cater for a diverse range of student learners. Glen Pearsell, an expert in this area, will present two sessions to staff on the day. He works throughout Australia as an educational consultant, specialising in effective classroom practice, engagement and assessment. He has been a Board Member of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and is the author of several textbooks for teachers.

We look forward to the opportunity to further our learning in the area of differentiation and take the time to plan teaching and learning activities for students that engage them as learners at their point of understanding.

There will therefore be no classes for students on Friday, 22 October.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



YEAR 7 HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE (HPV9) INFORMATION ON THE DAY:

- Your child should have some food prior to the session.
- Your child should wear clothing that is suitable for the upper arm/s to be exposed.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Read before attending the session:

- Do not attend the session if you or anyone within your family at your place of residence is unwell, especially a runny nose, fever, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath or loss of sense or taste or smell.
- Do not attend the session if you are awaiting results for a COVID-19 test.
- Do not attend the session if you have visited a [COVID-19 exposure site](#).
- Do not attend the session if you have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Do not attend the session if you are in isolation or quarantine.
- You will be asked to confirm the above when you arrive at the session.

AT THE SESSION:

- Do not enter the immunisation venue until your appointment time. Please remain seated in your vehicle until your appointment due to the risk of overcrowding. At your appointment time, please queue to see the COVID marshal.
- Only bring the necessary family members to the appointment (i.e. one parent or guardian per child).
- Wear a facemask and keep 1.5m from others. Further information on wearing a mask and the exemptions can be found on the [DHHS website](#).
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the check in desk for you to use.

If you are unable to attend the schools scheduled date, please make a booking to attend a [Maroondah Council public Immunisation](#) session via Maroondah Council website or contact Immunisation services during business hours on 9294 5654.

YEAR 7 HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE (HPV9) INFORMATION

Due to Victoria's current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and school closures, the Norwood Secondary College Year 7 immunisations for the second dose of the Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV9) vaccine will now be held after school hours at an off-site venue.



DATE: Wednesday, 10 November 2021

Please note, there must be at least 7 days between the COVID-19 vaccine and the HPV vaccine.

LOCATION: Maroondah Federation Estate
32 Greenwood Avenue
Ringwood 3134

IMMUNISATION:

Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV9) dose 2.

Dose 1 was given earlier this year. Please note there must be at least a 6-month gap between dose 1 and dose 2. If your child missed vaccinations earlier this year, they may have more than one injection – this will not increase risk of side effects.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT HERE:

<https://www.gobookings.com/au/clients/go.asp?webshowdate=2021-11-10&go=09302165771121>

You will receive a confirmation email once a booking has been made. If you would like to cancel or reschedule an appointment within the same session, you can refer to the confirmation email for details. The booking system will close 2 hours prior to the scheduled session.

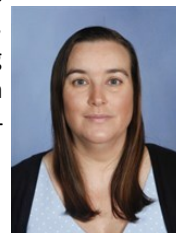
Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal





WELCOME BACK!

We want to extend a warm welcome back to all students and staff for Term 4 (both those attending on-site or remotely)! Uncertainty about the future has a common focus for students, so it is fantastic to be starting the term with some definitive steps in the return to school. We hope everyone has a brilliant Term 4. We are here for any support that students may need transitioning back into school life.



STUDENT WELLBEING PREFECTS

We have been very fortunate to have Ebony and Abby as our Wellbeing Prefects for 2021 and cannot be more thankful of the work they have put in over the past year! It has been a difficult year to plan and execute fundraisers, support the student body and lead the Student Wellbeing Committee. However, Ebony and Abby have done a fantastic job connecting, inspiring and leading, both in-school and remotely.

SCHOOL RETURN HESITANCY

We have all been so excited about returning to 'normal', however as these dates approach, it is natural that some students may experience some back-to-school nerves. Anxiety is a completely normal part of day-to-day life, and it is natural that this may occur. It may stem from a number of things, (feeling disconnected from friends, being overwhelmed with the work expectations); in order to assist our students, it is important to validate these feelings and then find proactive ways to deconstruct these anxieties. You may even find that your son or daughter is fine for a day or two, and these thought patterns or behaviours present a few days into in-school life. A few practical methods are detailed below to assist families in this transition;

- Do a 'trial run' a few days before your child's official start date – get the uniform out to make sure it fits, find and clean out the school backpack and check the timetable to figure out which books to bring back. This will help in picking up any 'road blocks', (like an ill-fitting uniform), and minimising unnecessary stress before the day of return!
- Start to resynchronise sleep-wake times back to a school day a week before returning. This includes getting up and out of the bedroom before Period 1 begins, and staying out of bed for the duration of the day.
- Gently check in with your child and if they present with concerns, investigate - that is, get to the root of the concern. For some students, it is easier to say that they have a headache (instead of that their school work is getting overwhelming, or that they are too tired to go to school), when in fact the concerns lie with reconnecting with friends. Being clear and honest will help both families and staff get students back on-site and as comfortable as possible.

For more tips on how to reengage with normal school life, please check out the incredibly helpful resources on [This Way Up](#).

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

YEAR 8 NEWS

A warm welcome from the Year 8 Team going into Term 4. It is hard to believe that in just 9 weeks, we end what has been a challenging year. I have included some gorgeous photographs taken by our Food Tech students, who created food art last term. Well done students on these wonderful pieces.



Thank you also again to the students who have had their screens on MS Teams. This greatly assists the wellbeing of everyone. We look forward to having more special days where this occurs.



Additionally, we would like to thank all our families again for the continued support. We have been busy touching base with many of you and welcome your precious feedback for the continued support for our students. Due to the large number of parent meetings, we have come up with the following assistance that may help our students to transition back to school comfortably.

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR CHILD'S REENGAGEMENT IN WEEK 4

- Remind students to attend all classes leading up to this time.
- Check on subject tasks that are due for each week. Students may need a structured plan at home to assist.
- Reconnect with friends after online schooling has occurred with walks, bike rides and video calls.
- Check that the school uniform and shoes fit your child.
- Bring essential equipment only in Weeks 4 and 5. (Laptop, writing books, pencil case, calculator, etc.)

Alison Ward, Head of Year 8
Daniel Cole,
Year 8 Coordinator



NAPLAN NEWS

Students in Years 7 and 9 sat NAPLAN tests back in May and the results are in. All parents should have received a copy of their child's results and a handout on how to interpret them. If you would like to discuss your child's results please contact the students relevant heads of year level.



The students sat tests on spelling, grammar/punctuation, reading, numeracy and they finished by writing a narrative about 'a strange new world'.



Given we were not able to get any results last year due to the 2020 test being cancelled, the results this year have been thoroughly reviewed and will inform our teaching going forward but I will leave you with some brief highlights from the data include:

NAPLAN 2021 summary results

YEAR 7:

Compared with the last 6 years of data this year's cohort has the highest percentage of students (31%) sitting in the top two bands of reading. This demonstrates this group is very strong at decoding and inferring meaning from different types of texts.

We also had some really positive results from our transitional data. Our numeracy transitional data showed 87% students achieving either high or medium benchmark growth over the last two years. This is significantly higher than network schools and similar schools.

YEAR 9:

The Year 9 group data was strong across the board with most key indicators sitting at state median or slightly above.

The cohort also had high benchmark growth well above state, similar and network schools in both reading and writing.

Nick Mammoliti, Learning Specialist Data

PRODUCTION NEWS

The time to announce the 2022 Norwood Secondary College Production is drawing near, and we can not wait!



In the lead up to the grand reveal in Week 4, we will be posting clues to a Compass Newsfeed and the Norwood Facebook page every day during Week 3! We challenge you to piece together the clues to try and guess what next year's show will be. See you for the first clue this Monday!

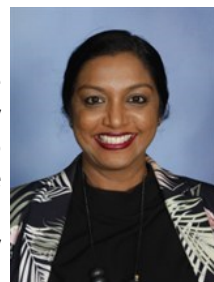
Zoe Taylor-Lynch, College Production Director



SCIENCE NEWS

TITRATION COMPETITION 2021

On Wednesday, 6 October, our Year 12 students were welcomed back on site, it was a glorious sunny day with blue skies. Our Chemistry students got stuck into the Titration Competition which was organised by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI). It was an exciting event after weeks of remote learning they walked straight into a hands on practical lesson.

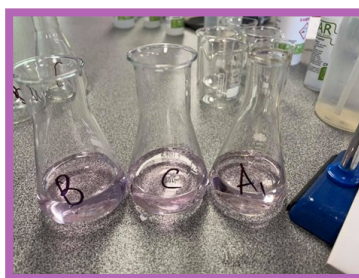


They were very engaged in the activity and had lots of fun interacting with and competing with their peers. This analysis tested their patience as the students slowly added the base to the acid to try and neutralise it and get a perfect colour change (end point). The competition is designed to encourage students who have a keen interest in Chemistry, particularly the practical side to develop their skills in carrying out a volumetric analysis of a simple acid-base reaction. This linked well with Unit 4 Chemistry and was an excellent refresher for the students. Each team consisted of three members and, not only did they compete with students in their own class, but also with students across the state.

I am very proud of our students and the way they conducted themselves during the competition. The Year 12 cohort started participating in this event in Year 9 but missed out on it last year when the event was cancelled due to COVID. I am so grateful that they had the opportunity to participate in this event in their final year at the College.

Thank you to Mr Andrew Sloane, (College Principal), Mrs Jackie Harris, (Senior School Principal), and Mr Kris Johnson, (Junior School Principal), for allowing us to run this event, welcoming the students and encouraging them during the competition. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and thank Ms Mel Ruddick, (Science Laboratory Technician), for her hard work behind the scenes and helping the Science faculty run opportunities of excellence for our highly aspirational students.

Ms Shalini Singh, Head of Science and Year 12 Chemistry Teacher





COMMUNITY NEWS

KNITTING PROJECT

Thank you for your support during our knitting project. It is always exciting to see the range of items that have been made.

As Winter has now passed, I am sure, many will continue to knit – so if you are keen all items will be accepted and forwarded on to KOGO. If you need inspiration please feel free to visit the website.: <https://www.kogo.org.au/welcome>

Keep knitting!

Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Community Coordinator



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

UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM-11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

CLOSED DURING LOCKDOWNS



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.

Student Wellbeing Centre

Jenny McKenzie, Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator

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



Get ready, the Dobsons annual Buy Early & Save Sale is about to begin!
Save on selected uniform items when you shop with Dobsons from
Wednesday, 1 September - Sunday, 31 October 2021.

Beat the back-to-school rush and save on a range of selected items,
including: • Blazers • 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 our Dobsons stores re-open we would love to welcome you in store
but until then we look forward to servicing your uniform needs online. To
shop the sale online go to [dobsons.com.au](https://www.dobsons.com.au)

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Term 4 update

STAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

As schools in metropolitan Melbourne begin a staged return to onsite learning from Wednesday 6 October our services will continue to operate a regular service ensuring your students can get to and from school.

Regular services continue to operate allowing Vulnerable children and children of people on the worker list are able to continue attending onsite.

Thanks for keeping your school community updated about the information below:

WEAR A MASK

All students above the age of 12 must wear masks on all public transport services. Our buses continue to be thoroughly cleaned each day to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect your students.

CHECK IN TO SAY SAFE

QR codes are installed on our buses. Please encourage your students to check in every time they see QR codes when they on our services.

TOUCH ON TO BE COUNTED

Students are required to have a valid myki when travelling on our school services. We no longer accept cash on board, so students must ensure they have topped up their myki prior to travelling.

Please encourage your students to register their myki. This may help with COVID-19 contact tracing and helps ensure the balance is protected if the card is lost or stolen.

LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND?

If students leave anything behind on the bus, please contact 1800 718 121 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or 1800 800 007 (6am-midnight daily (all night Friday and Saturday), or complete our online enquiry form at www.transdevmelbourne.com.au.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For all other enquiries such as early finishes, charter requirements, student free days, school term dates and feedback please contact Joseph Yokneh via melbourne.schools@transdev.com.au.

Stay safe,

Transdev Schools Team



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ParentZone Term 4 2021

Online parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Dads Matter

Dates: Wednesdays 20th Oct to 24th Nov 2021

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children
Contact Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

Emotion-Focused Parenting

Dates: Mondays 18th Oct to 29th Nov 2021

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Explores emotional intelligence and supports parents to deal with challenging behaviors
Contact Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

Living with Autism

Dates: Thursdays 21st Oct to 25th Nov 2021

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Support for parents living with a child with Autism to explore parenting strategies
Contact Joanne on 97213632 or 0428 296 573

Parenting Preschoolers

Dates: Wednesdays 27th Oct to 1st Dec 2021

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

For parents of preschoolers to better understand their child, learn positive discipline strategies, improve communication and develop resilience
Contact Laurie at laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

Raising Resilient Kids

Dates: Thursday 21st Oct 21st to 25th Nov 2021

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

For parents of school-aged children. Explores strategies to help children bounce back from adversity, cope with change and deal with anger, and anxiety.
Contact Sharon at Sharon.Muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Safe & Respectful Program

Contact: Michelle on 0438 646 744 for dates / times

A supportive space for parents to consider strategies to support children in developing identity, sexuality, sexual health, and relationships.

Strengthening Parents Support Program

Contact: Michelle on 0438 646 744 for dates / times

Monthly peer support groups for parents who have a child with a disability or developmental delay.

Talking Teens

Dates: Wednesdays Oct 20th to Nov 24th 2021

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

For parents of 12 to 18-year-olds, topics include teen behavior, dealing with feelings, communication improving relationships, and resolving family disputes.
Contact Sharon at Sharon.Muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Further enquiries: parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au

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Parenting Workshops and Webinars

2 hour sessions * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Alleviate your Child's Anxiety

Monday 15th November 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

For parents of children 5 to 12-year olds

Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries. Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset.

Email Laurie to register your interest:
laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

Learn to Play, Play to Learn

Monday, November 1st 10:00 to 12:00 pm

For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds

Understand how young children's play supports early learning and development. Discover a variety of free and low-cost activities to engage your child at home

Bookings: [Click here](#)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Setting Boundaries

When: Monday 22nd November

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

For parents of children 5 to 12-year-olds

Discover how to work together to develop clear boundaries with school-aged children and what to do when boundaries are challenged.

Bookings: [Click here](#)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Teens and their Screens

When: Wednesday 1st December 2021

Time: 7.00 pm to 9:00pm

For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds

An interactive webinar to explore strategies to encourage young people to balance screen time and real life. Support in how to establish clear screen time rules together

Bookings: [click here](#)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Further enquiries: parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au

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