

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

College Phone No. 9871 0400

Principal: Mr Andrew Sloane

Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer

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

TERM 2
NUMBER 9
17 June, 2022

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 2, 2022

Monday 20 June
Year 9 City Experience
Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 21 June
Year 12 English Oral Presentations

Friday 24 June
Last Day Term 2 - Early Dismissal 2.30pm

TERM 3, 2022

Monday 11 July
First Day Term 3

Friday 15 July
Year 12 Studio Arts Excursion

Monday 18 July to Wednesday 20 July
Music Camp

Tuesday 19 July
Alternatives to VCE Evening

Tuesday 19 July to Wednesday 20 July
VET Sport and Rec Snow Camp

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

TERM 2 REFLECTIONS

With 5 days of school left before the mid-year break, it is appropriate to reflect on how the school community has gone over the past months. In a context where it is understandable that many of our students have taken time to re-engage with their learning, I can only express my gratitude for the many students, parents and staff who have found ways to encourage each other to 'do their best' and to become involved in all aspects of school life. We have noticed, like most schools, that being able to keep involved for a full 60 minute lesson proved a challenge earlier in the year. (Clearly a result of remote learning reducing the formality of a lesson in a classroom, with a teacher at the front of the class.....and eye contact on all class members). However, we are seeing more and more engagement in class and persistence with homework.



We are also celebrating our students being involved, again, in interschool sport, the Production rehearsals and music program. It is feeling like school is getting much closer to being up and running 'normally'. Of great importance, as I have noted previously, is the reintroduction of some of our 'milestone' events. The Year 10 Presentation Ball was held last week and followed the Year 11 'catch up Ball' in the week prior. Our Year 12s had their Formal last night – a really important part of their final year of school. All these events had a real upbeat and celebratory feel to them.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year as students and staff continue to settle into a more familiar routine – a routine that still feels 'different' for many, such has been the impact of COVID and bouts of remote learning. Thank you to all our wonderful Norwood community for whatever you have done and however you have managed to get to this point. Like you, our staff look forward to us continuing to move from 'surviving' to 'thriving' in our lives in and beyond the school. I trust that all will be able to relax and recharge over the coming break and look forward to continuing to advance in the new term.

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2022 Presentation Ball



YEAR 10 PRESENTATION BALL

Under the guidance of the Head of Year 10, Mr Chris Sheehan, and the Year 10 Level Coordinator, Ms Leisa Beggs, 31 student couples participated in a lovely evening attended by a large number of family and friends of the couples. It is a tribute to our students (and their parents) that we managed to avoid COVID impacting too greatly on rehearsals, the evening itself or afterwards. It was also a tribute to our dance teachers Andrew and Gayle and to Leisa Beggs who ran extra sessions of dance rehearsals that the students' performance on the evening was close to flawless....and consequently, the students had a fantastic evening. Thank you to Chris and Leisa and to Mr Rod Mitchell and Mrs Cynthia Kennedy (their Year 11 counterparts who were also very involved across the rehearsals.) Their care and support of the students helped make the evenings so memorable. Well done to all the students....the evenings were, quite rightly, all about you and it was hard not to be very proud of your achievements.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



Norwood Secondary College



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST DISTRIBUTION

We are pleased to report that the distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) continued beyond Term 1 and all the way through Term 2. Due to the various year level activities in the last 2 weeks of this term (examination schedules, City Experience, sport and Work Experience) we have needed to stagger the final RAT distribution for Term 2. Please see below:

Year 7:	Monday, 20 June
Year 8 and 9:	Thursday, 16 June
Year 11 and 12:	Monday, 20 June
	Tuesday, 21 June
Year 10:	Term 3, Week 1

If your child is absent from school and you need to collect your RAT allocation, you are welcome to visit the General Office or ask a sibling to do so. At this stage we are unsure as to the future of this program but will keep you informed.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



YEAR 8 SRC REPORT

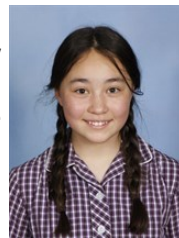
Recently the Year 8s had a 'Wellbeing Day' organised by the Wellbeing Team, where students listened to informative presentations regarding social media and the possible dangers behind it. During lunch, teachers and student leaders ran a Sausage Sizzle for the Junior School.

We thank all the student leaders who put so much time into the planning and execution of this event! A program was also held where students learnt about and practiced a PEGG lifestyle: Play, Exercise, Gratitude, and Giving.

Additionally, sport trials have been held each week in preparation for Interschool Sports. Good luck and well done to everyone who has signed up!

Lastly, the Year 8s have been extremely busy with assignments and tests before semester reports come out. Enjoy the last week of the semester!

Sapphire A, Year 8 SRC



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

THE MAN CAVE AND THE BIG SISTER EXPERIENCE

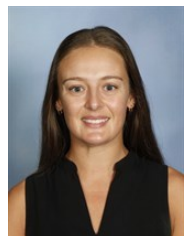
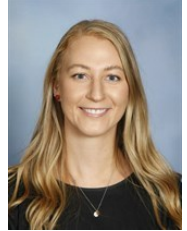
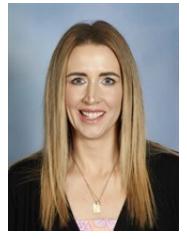
Last Friday was the Wellbeing Day for Year 10 students, where they either participated in sessions run by The Man Cave or The Big Sister Experience. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved in the sessions, which focussed on social media and connections, personal identity and unique strengths, and the concept of masculinity. A BBQ lunch was also organised for students.

PARENT/CARER WEBINAR OPPORTUNITIES

Maroondah Youth Services Providers Network still has a number of free parenting/carers webinars available. The topics and dates are listed below, and you can find more information (and the registration links) for each of the webinars below:

- Monday, 20 June - [Taming the Tiger](#)
- Thursday, 23 June - [Connection Based Parenting](#)
- Monday, 27 June - [Taming the Technology](#)

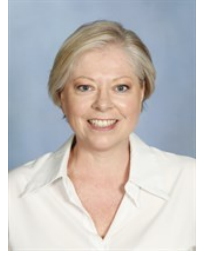
Jacki Landy, Miranda Maginness, Chayna Dight-Stone and Annie Hearne, The Student Wellbeing Team



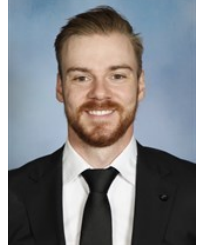


YEAR 8 NEWS

As we come to the end of Term 2, we would like to thank our students for a highly productive term. We have had positive outcomes to student learning and engagement this term which was greatly pleasing. I would like to congratulate you all for your efforts and encourage you to continue this work ethic in Term 3.



Recently we had the Year 8 Wellness Day. This was an opportunity for guest speakers to talk to students about Cyber bullying, Sexting and the legalities around social media usage. We also had a great opportunity to add 'Fun in Education' with kindness and gratitude activities. To finish the day, we had a Sausage Sizzle organised by the Year 8 Leadership students, who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this such a successful part of our day. Well done everybody.



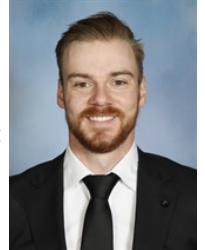
Finally, we are moving quickly through the year and we have some exciting things ahead. Students will be focusing on Subject Selections for Year 9 in the coming term. Additionally, we also have our Year 8 Summit Camp from Monday, 8 August to Wednesday, 10 August. We look forward to the fun times ahead. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful break over the holidays.

Alison Ward, Head of Year 8 and Dan Cole, Year 8 Coordinator



YEAR 9 OUTDOOR RECREATION BIKE TOUR NEWS

On Friday, 10 June, the Year 9 Outdoor and Recreational Studies classes participated in a bike tour from Norwood to Southbank in the city. We left from Norwood early and rode along bike paths that followed the Eastern Freeway towards the city. From there we rode on the Capital City bike trail around past the Fairfield Boat House, Dights Falls in Collingwood and towards Richmond along the Yarra River. It was fantastic to see all the areas that are not visible from a car and the beautiful houses that back onto the river. We past the Collingwood Children's Farm, a place that looks odd in the middle of a city, and rode along the pontoons that form the bike trail near the city end of the Monash Freeway.



Everyone was really happy to see Federation Square as we approached – we were all ready to have a well-earned rest and some lunch at Southbank. We spent about 45 minutes having lunch and then caught the train with our bikes back to Ringwood. It was great

effort by all the students involved, many of which had not participated in any bike touring before. We covered about 45 kilometres for the day and all enjoyed the experience or at least enjoyed completing the challenge. Well done!

Rod Mitchell and Dan Cole, Outdoor and Recreational Studies Teachers

YEAR 10 PRESENTATION BALL NEWS



This is the 29th year of Presentation Balls to be held by Norwood Secondary College - a tradition that started back in 1992.



After taking over as the Head of Year 10 in 2020, I inherited the responsibility of continuing this tradition. On paper it will say it took me two-and-a-half years to get this year's Balls off the ground.

After two years of being unable to run the Balls and the disappointment of having to cancel one week out from the 2021 Presentation Balls, it was a huge relief to have the 2022 Balls take place and see the College community gather for a memorable evening.



Both Presentation Balls were held at The Grand, on Cathies Lane in Wantirna. The first group on Tuesday, 31 May consisted of 27 Year 11 couples and the second group on Tuesday, 6 June included 31 Year 10 couples.

The students looked fabulous – with the boys wearing tuxedos with silver waist coats and the girls in beautiful full length white gowns finished with long white gloves and floral corsages.



They arrived in style in a variety of 'limousine' cars with their friends. The students spent the afternoon getting professional photographs taken, practising for their presentations and going through one last dance rehearsal. The students were very nervous as the guests started to arrive, but held it together well to get through the show with smiles all round. After each couple was presented to their family and friends in attendance, they provided the audience with a performance of well-rehearsed dances which they had learnt in a very short period of time.

Our dance instructors Gayle and Andrew, from Debutantes on High, deserve a special thank you. Gayle and Andrew have had a long relationship with Norwood. The College, as well as all the participants, are extremely appreciative of their support and patience in fast tracking the rehearsals for the Balls and creating an amazingly choreographed show.

Following the formalities, it was a celebration to be had with a live DJ, dancing and a chance for all in attendance to let their hair down.

Both nights were enjoyable events for the students and their guests as well as College staff who attended. We would sincerely like to thank everyone who contributed to making these two Presentation Balls a success.

We encourage all families involved to access the professional photographs that were taken at the event by visiting www.nationalphotography.com.au and we also hope that families will enjoy watching the videos of the evenings produced by Oakland Productions.

Please contact the Year 10 Team should you have any concerns or issues with regard to accessing the videos or photos from the event.

Chris Sheehan, Head of Year 10 and Leisa Beggs, Year 10 Coordinator

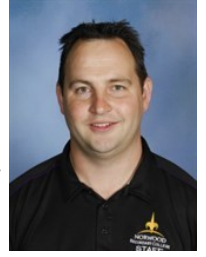


SPORT NEWS



DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

The Maroondah Division Cross Country was held at HE Parker Reserve on Tuesday, 31 May, on what was a very cold day. Congratulations to all the students who competed on the day and for the efforts they put in for themselves and the College. Norwood have 35 students who have progressed to the Eastern Region at Yarra Glen Race Course.



A special mention should go out to all our 13 Year old Females who ran the 5km track due to unfortunate circumstances. They should all be congratulated for the mighty effort and resilience they showed. They will never have to complete that track again!

Some notable mentions should go to our place getters:

- 13 Year Male 1st Place – Rory G (5km)
- 13 Year Male 1st Place – James B (3km)
- 13 Year Male 3rd Place – Luke S (3km)
- 14 Year Male 1st Place – Oskar J
- 14 Year Male 2nd Place – Benjamin H
- 17 - 20 Year Female 3rd Place – Alana W
- 17 - 20 Year Male 3rd Place – Liam I

Congratulations to all runners and best of luck at Region.

John Jagin, Inter Sports Coordinator

PRODUCTION NEWS

SHREK THE MUSICAL NEWS FROM THE LAND OF FAR-FAR-AWAY

Term 2 has flown by on its broomstick, and the cast of Norwood's 2022 Musical Production has been keeping pace.



Over the next few weeks the main cast will be finessing melodies and harmonies, blocking and choreography, as well as getting their lines 'down' in readiness for a script-free Term 3! Meanwhile, the chorus and specialist dancers are keeping the beat and pumping volume into their lungs to ensure their moves, grooves and tunes get your toes a-tapping and hands a-clapping.

The backstage crew, too, are readying themselves to ensure seamless transitions from Swamp to Keep to Castle, and even 'a rickety bridge over a lake of molten lava!' – craftily constructed by the Year 12 VCAL cohort.

Join our unconventional heroes Shrek (Jason S) and Fiona (Layla K) on their quest for happily-ever-after at Karralyka Theatre Centre from Thursday, 18 August to Saturday, 20 August.

Tickets for General Admission will go on sale early next term. Stay tuned so you do not miss out!

Lucy Filor, Production Producer



MUSIC CAMP

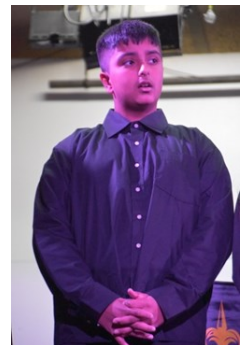


Caleb S - 9C

Congratulations on your excellent Grade 2 French Horn AMEB exam result!



Junior School playing Ukelele

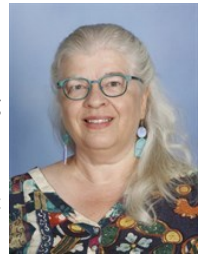


MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC CAMP TERM 3

MONDAY, 18 JULY TO WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY

Both students and staff alike are very much looking forward to our first Music Camp since 2019. Camp is held at Oasis Camp in Mt Evelyn. We have a wonderful camp planned for our students, combining music rehearsals, team building activities and even a DJ night!

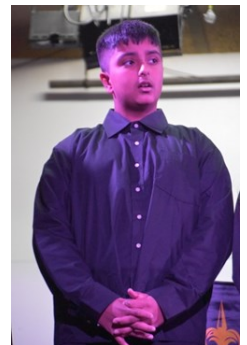


WE CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ENSEMBLES THIS WEEK

Junior Band enjoying a well-earned hot chocolate for attending rehearsals at 8am in the morning! Great work.



JAZZ NIGHT REHEARSALS OVER THE TERM



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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Click - Norwood Secondary College Logo

Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



CRAFT CLUB NEWS

AUTUMN AND WINTER KNITTING/CROCHET PROJECTS 2022

Once again, Norwood is planning on contributing to the KOGO organisation to continue our yearly tradition. In the recent extract below from KOGO newsletter you will see the 2022 requests.

If we could be so bold as to ask....

KOGO are so grateful for all donations.

For this month...

We need:

- children's scarves
- indigenous scarves, beanies, blankets, gloves in all sizes

We have enough:

- baby beanies

We don't have the capacity to run in the ends of knitted garments so please send items without loose threads. (Note: this does not include blanket squares – we use the tails on our granny squares to sew the blankets together).



Please feel free to use the link below to be inspired by the free patterns. <https://www.kogo.org.au/patterns>. All knitted items can be dropped off at the General Office and will be forwarded to KOGO on behalf of our Norwood Community.

Happy Knitting or Crocheting!

Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Craft Club Coordinator

TERM DATES 2022

TERM 1, 2022

31 January - Years 7, 10-12

1 February - Years 8-9

to

Friday, 8 April

TERM 2, 2022

Anzac Day Monday, 25 April - Public

Holiday **Tuesday 26 April** to 24 June

TERM 3, 2022

11 July to 16 September

TERM 4, 2022

3 October to 20 December 2022

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding applications close on the last day of Term 2. If you have not claimed CSEF in 2022 and hold a valid means tested concession card please apply now. An application form is available via the link.

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

Jane Arnold, Business Manager



**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF TERM 2
FRIDAY, 24 JUNE 2022**





NORWOOD 2022

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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PARK ORCHARDS MARKET
Saturday 18th June
10am - 2pm
Venue: Bowmore Ave, Park Orchards