

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
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3 June, 2022

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 2, 2022

Tuesday 7 June

Year 10 Presentation Ball

Thursday 9 June

Year 11 Exams begin

Friday 10 June

Year 8 RAISE Program

Year 9 O/E Bike Tour

Year 10 Exams begins

Monday 13 June

Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Tuesday

Year 9 Exams begin

Years 10, 11 Exams continue

Thursday 16 June

Year 12 Formal

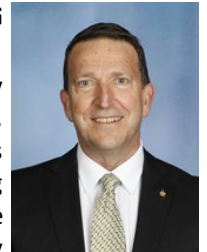
Friday 17 June

Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

KEEPING OUR PROGRAMS RUNNING DURING COVID/FLU

Conversations with other Principals and commentary in the media strongly suggests that many, if not most, schools are finding the student and staff absences caused by illness (COVID and Influenza) are creating challenges for the 'return to normal schooling' that we are all looking to achieve. Whether it is the many students not in class and too ill to work effectively from home or the absence of classroom teachers or support staff with very limited numbers of Relief Teachers available to fill in at schools, we are all becoming quite inventive in strategies to keep students involved in meaningful work.



I spoke with one colleague recently who has been pushed to the point of aggregating several classes of students in corridors and supervised by a single, senior member of staff in an effort to maintain a semblance of a meaningful program. Norwood has not reached that level of staff absence but it does appear, from the experiences at other schools that there can be a very sudden and unpredictable increase in numbers of infections. I am aware of several schools where 30 or so teachers have been absent through illness in a given week – that level of absence necessitates quite unusual strategies.

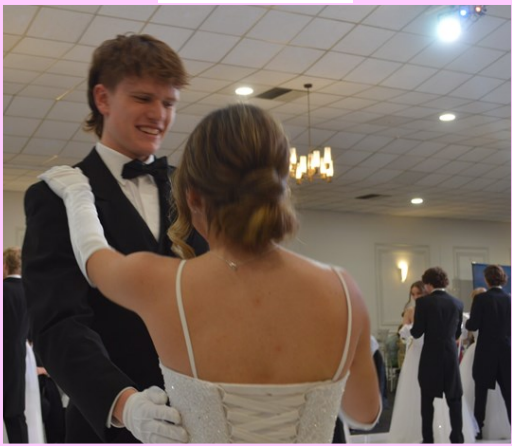
One of the great joys at the moment is being able to run the many programs and special events that make school rich and varied for our students (interschool sport, the Production (Shrek, The Musical), Presentation Balls and Jazz Night are but a few). It is also a joy for teachers to have students *in person* in their classes. I have written previously of the reason why people go into teaching and there would be very, very few who enjoyed teaching to blank screens in remote. For most, it is the daily interactions with our students and colleagues and the 'successes' achieved through their personal care and sound teaching practices. It makes sense, therefore, for me to note that we (Norwood) will be very reluctant to use remote teaching as a strategy to deal with any significant loss of staff through illness. We will investigate anything and everything possible before we consider sending groups of students home for remote learning. As I write this, however, I am aware that there are several schools who would have had the same stance....until

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2022 Presentation Ball



they had very significant numbers of staff absent. I am, therefore, flagging that these are unpredictable times that may warrant undesired strategies. I am also suggesting that some of the rules or guidelines that helped us navigate the past two years still offer us protection from spikes in illness: observing distancing and the wearing of masks indoors, according to health leaders, still have merit in reducing the likelihood of transmission – as do vaccinations for COVID and influenza.

Rest assured that we will continue to have the health and wellbeing of your children, our students, foremost in our minds as we deal with these challenges.

JAZZ NIGHT

As mentioned above, many of the major events in the Norwood Calendar have returned. Last weekend saw the return of the Music Department's 'Jazz Night' after two years of absence. Perennial visitors to Jazz Night, the amazing '*Plan B Big Band*', provided foot-tapping jazz throughout the night and backed the performances of our many vocalists. A huge thank you to Director of Music, Jo Dema and her team. There was an amazing turnout of students and parents/friends of Norwood and a great time was had by all. A more detailed report from Jo Dema will be following.

2021 YEAR 10 PRESENTATION BALL – FINALLY ACHIEVED!

After being cancelled in 2021 (when the students were in Year 10), and through some amazing persistence in the organisation of the many aspects that all must go together to achieve the outcome (available and appropriate venue, our tried and tested dance teachers and an appropriate calendar placement etc), the students, now in Year 11, were offered the chance to have their Ball this year. 26 dance couples jumped at the opportunity and, on Tuesday this week, the Year 11 Presentation Ball was held.

It was a lovely night with great attendance from families and friends of the students involved and I thank the combined efforts of Mr Rod Mitchell and Mrs Cynthia Kennedy (Head of Year 11 and Year 11 Coordinator) and Mrs Jackie Harris (Senior School Principal) along with Mr Chris Sheehan and Mrs Leisa Beggs (the Year 10 Head and Coordinator, respectively) who offered terrific support as their Year 10 students, who will have their Ball next week, have been sharing the dance practice sessions.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

THE MAN CAVE AND THE BIG SISTER EXPERIENCE

Monday was the Wellbeing Day for Year 9 students, where they either participated in sessions run by The Man Cave or The Big Sister Experience. The workshops focussed on personal identity, unique strengths, masculinity, social media and social circles. Mr Jono Flack and Mr Adam Given organised a BBQ at lunch for the students, assisted by some student volunteers. It was fantastic to see so many students immersing themselves in the day and supporting each other through the activities that were run.



RAISE PROGRAM

The RAISE Program has started at Norwood with 10, Year 8 students, who will be working with external mentors through the RAISE Program until Term 4. The program delivers mentoring programs in Secondary schools nationally working with students to set and achieve goals, develop resilience, increase confidence, and have someone to talk to. Both the mentors and mentees had a great time building connections during the first 'Jitters' session.

PARENT/CARER RESOURCE, VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES

Please see details below for a free webinar about vaping, for parents of young people in the Maroondah area. The webinar will cover up-to-date and accurate information on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping, including the potential harms for young people. The webinar will also include practical advice on how to talk to young people about vaping.

What: Vaping and e-cigarettes webinar with Paul Dillon, Director and founder of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA)

When: Thursday, 9 June at 7.30pm

Where: Online with Zoom (Link sent after registered and prior to webinar)

Cost: Free, but you must book a ticket

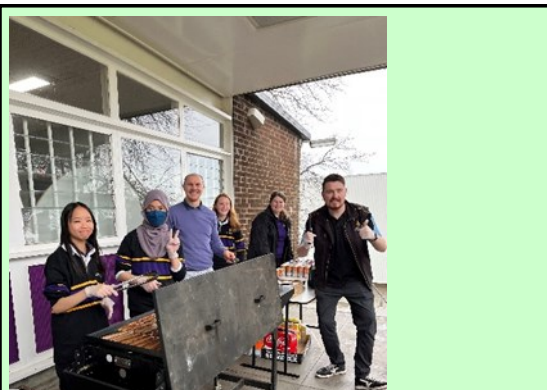
How: [CLICK HERE](#) to book online

OTHER PARENT/CARER WEBINAR OPPORTUNITIES

Maroondah Youth Services Providers Network has a number of free parenting/carers webinars available in June. The topics and dates are listed below, and you can find more information (and the registration links) [here](#).

- Wednesday, 8 June - **Post-Covid Positive:** *Resilience, anxiety and wellbeing in the 'new normal'*
- Thursday, 9 June - **Demystifying Brain:** *Behaviour and Trauma*
- Tuesday, 14 June - **Social Media:** *Parent Support Webinar*
- Wednesday, 15 June - **We are Family:** *How families, parents and communities can be awesome allies for gender and sexually diverse teenagers*
- 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*



SOCIAL MEDIA SELF-DEFENCE ESAFETY COMMISSIONER

There is a free, one hour workshop for women and girls aged 16 years and older to use social media platforms more safely and effectively. Delivered by the eSafety Commissioner 'Women in the Spotlight' program, participants learn how to use appropriate privacy settings, recognise online abuse and how to report it. There are two dates available:

- Monday, 20 June - 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- Wednesday, 22 June - 12pm to 1pm
- For more information and to register, use this [link](#).

ENGLISH NEWS



ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Sunday, 29 May, Year 11 student Layla K competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth speaking competition. A prestigious national competition, Rostrum provides secondary students with an opportunity to voice concerns on matters they are passionate about, and hone public speaking skills in a competitive arena.



Layla selected the topic 'Change the Narrative', presenting a prepared speech where she explored the limitations and expectations of women in sport, and the implications of this on youth. The field was incredibly competitive, and Layla's presentation was excellent. Although she did not advance to the next round (only the top two competitors advanced), she represented Norwood to a high standard with excellent feedback from the adjudicator on her performance. Well done, Layla!

EAGLE'S NEST THEATRE GROUP

VCE English classes have been fortunate to welcome Eagle's Nest Theatre Group to our school twice this term. Visiting the Year 11 students to perform key scenes from "Medea" in Week 1, and Year 12 students were treated with a full performance and workshop of "The Women of Troy".

After two years of restrictions on running incursions, it was exciting to welcome the Eagle's Nest players into the College. Both events provided students with an opportunity to see their English texts 'come to life', assisting with general plot comprehension and engagement.

Our VCE students interacted with the performers, asking questions and making observations about characters and plot points.

The English faculty look forward to providing more opportunities for students to interact with their texts in the future.

Samantha Hassall, English Teacher

SCIENCE NEWS

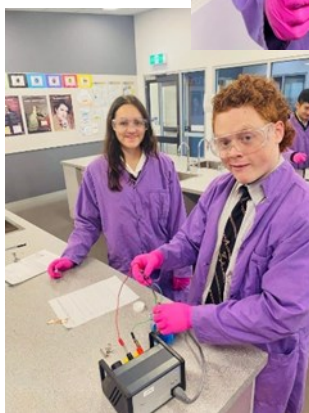
YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY – ELECTROPLATING SPOONS AND FORKS

In their last chapter of Unit 3 Chemistry, the Year 12s have been learning about how electrolytic cells are useful in producing chemicals.

In class, they were introduced to the concept of electroplating using an electrolytic cell and were able to copper plate spoons and forks. This activity allowed students to put theory about redox reactions and the electrochemical series into practice. Next time when you purchase plated items, please note that this is the same process that is applied in industries where they mass produce silver-plated, gold-plated, or copper plated utensils. Students were allowed to take their copper plated spoons and forks home.

A huge thank you to our fabulous Laboratory Technician Sam for preparing all the solutions for our students, the experiment worked perfectly and Year 12 students had a great time.

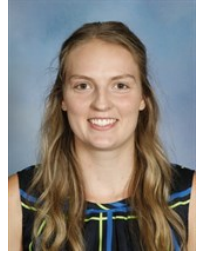
Shalini Singh, Head of Science and Year 12 Chemistry Teacher



SPORT NEWS

INTERMEDIATE BOYS' NETBALL

On Monday (Week 5), Norwood took three teams to compete at HE Parker in the Intermediate Boys' Netball competition. With a few last minute changes due to illnesses and injuries, we had four Year 8 boys step up and join the C Team. All three teams had a successful day with A and B Teams coming away undefeated and C Team only losing one game. All the students from Norwood showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm the whole day. The A Team will progress to the next round in Term 3.



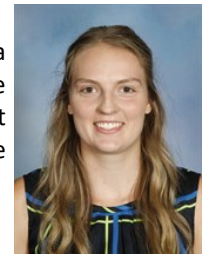
Ms Brodie Smith, Netball Coach



YEAR 9 NEWS

YEAR 9 CAFÉ BAKERY PICNIC/GRAZING BOXES

The Year 9 Café Bakery classes have been completing a design task in the kitchen. In small groups they have chosen a theme and created a Picnic/Grazing box that were cooked and presented within an hour. These are some of the boxes that have been created.



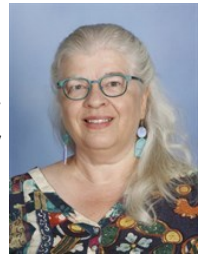
Ms Brodie Smith, Café Bakery Teacher



MUSIC NEWS

JAZZ NIGHT 2022- A SELL OUT!

We have waited 2 years to be able to perform live again and so Jazz Night on Saturday, 28 May 2022 was a very special occasion. The event was "sold out" to a very friendly, enthusiastic audience. All Senior ensembles performed including Senior Strings, Norwood Performance Band and Chorale. It was a brilliant start to live music at Norwood again!



Our featured singers, accompanied by Plan B Big Band were:

- Jessica M - "Moondance"
- Anabel J, Alex B and Emily W - "Cry Me A River"
- Jason S- "Sway" and "Just Haven't Met You Yet"
- Ex Norwood student, Sam N, well known for his lead roles in many productions, choirs and Acappella - "Jailhouse Rock"

I would like to thank all staff who assisted with setting up the tables and chairs on Friday and to Ruth and Zachariah Barry, Donna and Charlotte G, Joseph L and Aiden W for giving up their Saturday afternoon to finish setting up.

Jo Dema, Instrumental Music Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

DOBSONS ONLINE (CLICK AND COLLECT):

Please visit: www.dobsons.com.au

Navigate to **SHOP** in toolbar

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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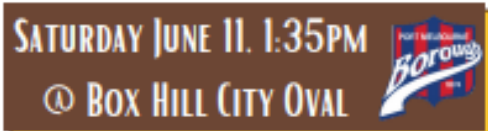
Please accept this invitation to attend Round 12 of the Victorian Football League (VFL) season at Box Hill City Oval (corner of Middleborough Road and Maroondah Highway) for free as the Box Hill Hawks vs. Port Melbourne on Saturday June 11 @ 1:35pm.


Simply present the ticket below, which admits one ADULT into the ground for free. Individuals under the age of 15 enter FREE, as well as any current 2022 Hawthorn Football Club Members.

Want to bring someone else along? Not a problem, any additional adult is \$10 and concession entry is \$5. Come and enjoy high quality football, with a fun and engaging community atmosphere. And don't forget to bring your footy, as you can head onto the field for a kick at all breaks!

If you would like to hear more about the club, discuss Sponsorship opportunities or subscribe to our newsletter, head to www.boxhillhawks.com.au or contact Pat Clancey on 0438 545 520.

Go Hawks!





ONE FREE ADULT ADMISSION

(PER one child) valued at \$10

To attend Round 12 at Box Hill City Oval
in the 2022 VFL season.

Authorized by Pat Clancey EXPIRES JUNE 11, 2022