

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 3, 2022

Monday, 8 to Wednesday, 10 August
Year 8 Summit Camp

Tuesday, 9 August
Year 11 RYDA Driver Training

Thursday, 18 to Saturday, 20 August
College Production - Shrek the Musical

Thursday, 25 August
Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 1 to Friday, 2 September
Year 10 Snow Camp

Wednesday, 7 September
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Thursday, 8 to Friday, 9 September
Year 9 Outdoor Education Surf Camp

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

VAPING – A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CONCERN



This week, there have been reports in major news mediums about primary and secondary age students experimenting with vaping. Worse, it appears that many school age children are regularly using ‘vapes’. Whilst this is becoming more prevalent in school grounds, it is certainly not only a problem for schools, but also for families and communities.

As I have written previously, it is illegal to provide or sell e-cigarettes (vapes) to under 18s. This includes parents who purchase on behalf of children and then give them to their children. Yet, we have also become aware, from conversations with our local schools, that some students are bringing e-cigarettes to school and using them on the school grounds – sometimes sharing them with other students.

There are several issues associated with this new phenomenon. It has been quite a few years since schools had to deal with smoking of cigarettes in their grounds. We felt, with the clarity of the dangers associated with the health of smokers and the strategies used to dissuade smokers from smoking (including the graphic pictures and warnings on cigarette packs and the significant taxes on cigarettes) that society had mostly won the ‘battle’ against smoking. It has been rare that we have had to deal with the use of cigarettes at Norwood in the past few years.

Sadly, vaping has seen a resurgence in ‘experimenters’. It appears that these usually unlabelled e-cigarettes have high levels of nicotine (amongst many other chemicals). Regular use can lead to a level of addiction or dependency and some of our young *are* apparently developing a level of addiction to them. Worse, there are increasing incidents of the use of e-cigarettes causing vomiting, burns and poisoning.

Recently released data suggests that school toilets and outside areas at the perimeter of school grounds are common locations for using vapes. Consequently, and because we don’t believe that Norwood will be immune to this phenomenon, we have asked our staff to ensure they are vigilant around these locations when on duty and senior staff are

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

SUBJECT SELECTION

Thank you to the many families who attended our online Senior School Information Night on Tuesday, 2 August. There were presentations for families of current students in Years 9 and 10, to assist with course planning for Year 10 and VCE. If you were unable to attend the online sessions, the presentations have been sent to families via Newsfeeds.

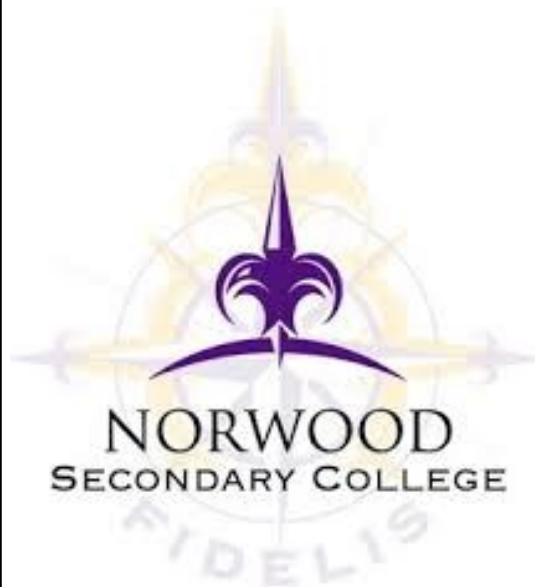


I would encourage families to make use of the Senior School Handbook, located on our College website or by accessing this link: <https://www.norwood.vic.edu.au/senior-school/vce-info-evening/>. In Mentoring sessions this week Year 9 and 10 students were encouraged to view subject specific videos that outline subject progression from Year 10 through to Year 12. All of these have been updated by our dedicated team of teachers to reflect course changes and amendments. These can be accessed by families on our website or by accessing this link: <https://www.norwood.vic.edu.au/senior-school/vce-info-evening/>.

Next week we will be assisting students in course counselling sessions to confirm their subject choices. This will take place on Wednesday, 10 August for current Year 10 students and on Thursday, 11 August for current year 9 students. Before these sessions, students should discuss their subject selection with their families and complete their choices.

I look forward to assisting students with their Senior School subjects.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



randomly checking on these areas. We very much understand how daunting it is for younger students to enter an area if there are students smoking/vaping there. For most parents, all you have to do is remember your own school days (whether you were a smoker or not) and the places smokers frequented and how it made other students feel.

We will do our best to encourage e-smokers to NOT use the school facilities or grounds, but we will have a better outcome if the e-cigarettes don't come to school. As always, when staff and parents offer a common message there is a better chance of it resonating with our young. Any support that you can offer regarding e-cigarettes and vaping would be very much appreciated. We do not wish for this unhealthy and dangerous habit to impact on the health and wellbeing of our students.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

PARENT STUDENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Student Teacher Conferences will take place from 11am – 6pm, Thursday, 25 August 2022. Unfortunately, due to the increased number of COVID cases we have made the decision that the upcoming **Conferences will only be conducted virtually, using the Microsoft Teams platform.**



The Conferences provide a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss their progress to date. We strongly encourage students to attend online with their parents/carers, as we believe there is great value in the students being a part of the conversation.

Bookings: Year 11 - 12 students from 9am on Thursday, 11 August.
Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students from 9am on Friday, 12 August.

Bookings will close for all students at 12noon, Wednesday on 24 August. Although the Conferences will be conducted using Microsoft Teams, the booking process will remain the same as previous years using Compass. Please contact the General Office if you require assistance making bookings. (Instructions on how to access the conference bookings you have made will be published on Compass Newsfeed in the coming week.)

The conference booking duration will be 10 minutes. The 10 minutes will allow you to have a 6-7min discussion about your child's application and academic results and then prepare for the next conference. If you are unable to make a booking with a teacher, you are welcome to email the teacher via Compass to request feedback on your child's progress and the teacher will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

NSC DEDICATED BUSES

Norwood SC is fortunate to have two dedicated school buses. Recently a Public Transport Victoria representative raised two concerns with the College:

1. The manner in which students are boarding the buses.
2. A significant number of students are not paying for the service, 'tapping on'.

To ensure the safety of all students using the bus service we ask that students board the buses in a respectful and orderly manner and strongly encourage students to 'tap on' as they board the buses. Please be aware that there will be an increased presence of ticketing inspectors in the future.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

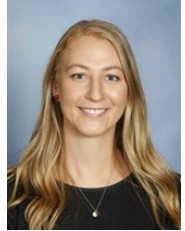
BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club for Term 3 will now run before school every Thursday morning. Community volunteers from Youth Dimension are running the breakfast program from the Wellbeing Deck. Students in attendance this term have enjoyed having a chat before school and the hot pancakes are proving to be an extremely popular option.

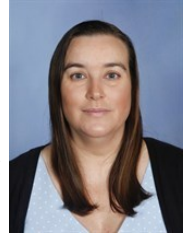


STUDENT FOCUS TOP 20 (SFT20)

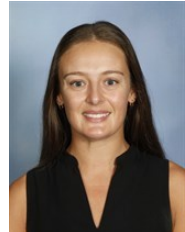
SFT20 is a lunchtime program specifically aimed at Years 7 and 8 students which introduces them to evidence-based wellbeing principles in a fun and engaging way.



The five “Life Domains of Wellbeing”; Self-esteem, Perceived Control, Optimism/Hope, Achievement in Life and Personal Relationships are all delivered in broad strokes through fun games, talks and activities.



SFT20 is running at Norwood on Thursdays during lunchtime in B11 for interested Year 7 and 8 students. Students can engage with high energy games which have an emphasis on the freedom and fun of the lunchtime break. This wellbeing program is led by the trained team at Youth Dimension.



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

YEAR 8 NEWS

It has been a busy week again for the Year 8 team who have been busy fundraising for the World Wildlife Foundation with their book sale. A BIG thank you to all who have donated books. We have ended up with half a library almost!



We will be calculating what we have raised in the coming days. A HUGE congratulations to all students who have been involved. This was a team effort by many of our Year 8 students.



Finally, we head off to camp on Monday. Please make sure everything is packed. We will have RAT tests going out to Year 8 Students on Friday and we ask that all students complete a test prior to camp. We will see you all when we get back!

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



SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY – WHEN STUDENTS BECOME TEACHERS

The Year 12 Chemistry class is learning about how titrations can be used to determine concentrations of unknown solutions. They were introduced to this concept at Year 11 however, at Year 12 they perform a more in-depth analysis.

The following students - Aramis R, Sean M, Ambransh G and Roderick N volunteered to do the demonstration for the class and teach their peers the skills required to perform a volumetric analysis. Not only did they go through all the steps accurately, their calculated concentrations were very close to the theoretical value.

I am very proud of the students and how they conducted themselves in front of their peers as they took on a teaching role during that lesson.

YEAR 10 BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCE – IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DNA

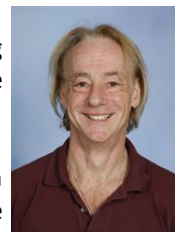
The Year 10 Biochemical Science classes are learning about the differences between DNA and RNA. To help consolidate their understanding of the structure of DNA, they created DNA models using liquorice and gummy bears. It was a simple activity but it helped visualise the structures.



YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SCIENCE CLASS

Students from the Year 8 EP class have been undertaking advanced studies into energy transformations and the Law of Conservation of Energy.

Students pictured are conducting a fair test of their own experimental design. Students are determining the percent energy efficiency of insulating and conductive materials with respect to heat transfer. Students were required to design their investigation and prepare an Extended Practical Investigation of their fair test.



Alex Papanotas, Science Teacher



YEAR 9 OUTDOOR RECREATION

LAKE MOUNTAIN CROSS COUNTRY SKI DAY

On Friday, 29 July, both Outdoor Recreation classes travelled to Lake Mountain Resort to experience a day in an Alpine Environment and participate in some Cross Country Skiing.

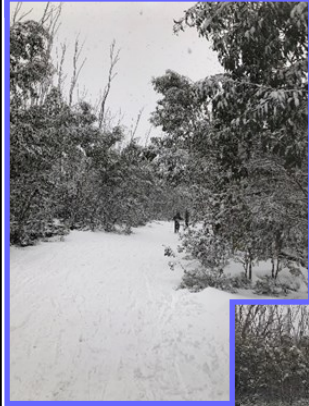
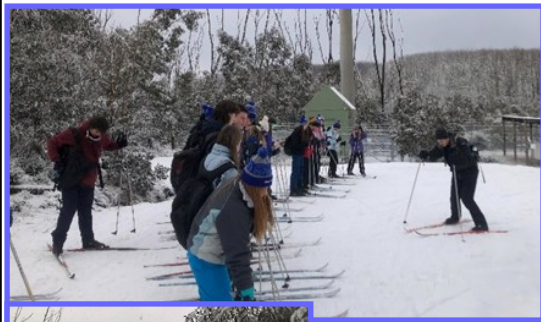
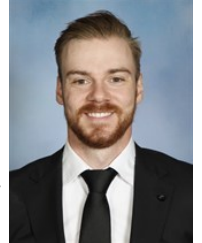
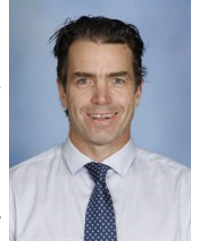
It was a fantastic day with brilliant conditions. Many students had never seen snow before and they loved experiencing light snow falling throughout the morning. At lunch, the weather cleared providing fine conditions for the afternoon.

There was plenty of snow on the trails and it was a picturesque scene. We started the day on the lower slopes and after some practice and instruction, the students did a tour of the mountain on various trails including a blue run named "Woollybutt".

The students all coped very well with the activity, picking up the required skills remarkably well and had fun skiing up and down the trails. We enjoyed lunch out in the snowfields and skied down the "Royston Rd" trail back to car park. There were plenty of laughs and spills on the downhill run home but all made it back safely.

Well done to all students involved – they were a pleasure to have on the excursion.

Rod Mitchell and Daniel Cole, Outdoor Recreation Teachers



STATE CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

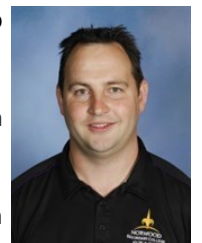
Norwood would like to congratulate 2 students who competed at the State Cross Country event last month.

Rory G finished in 38th position with a time of 11:51 in the 13Yr Boys.

Milly S finished in 48th position with a time of 13:41 in the 15Yr Girls.

It is an amazing effort to reach this level. 100 students competed in each event from all around Victoria. It was a fantastic experience for both Rory and Milly and an incredible achievement.

John Jagin, Interschool Sport Coordinator



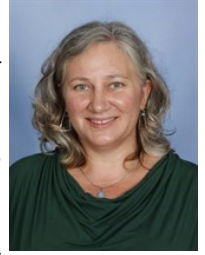
Congratulations!



PRODUCTION NEWS

FROM ONIONS TO PARFAIT

We peel back the layers of the onion for a behind-the-scenes sneak-peek at the week we've had so far!



Like Shrek and Donkey, all the members of the Production Team have been busily completing their own heroic quests with varying levels of complexity and physical prowess, from the Mses Dema and Barry's pursuit of choral, instrumental and high-tech perfection; to Mses Filor and Taylor-Lynch's costume gathering and distributing expedition; to Mr Mitchell's challenge to build the castle walls and capture a fire-breathing dragon!

This Monday saw the arrival of a literal half-tonne of costumes, which, with the help of Ms Dyson and Ms Barnett were – almost all – allocated and fitted to the cast members that very afternoon – epic!

Tuesday's excitement was all about Mr Mitchell's ambitious mission to cross the City of Melbourne to capture and bring back the fire-breathing dragon from the fiery keep of the puppeteers!

Also on Tuesday the dynamic Barry–Dema duo wrestled the digital music program and a bevy of keyboards (what even is the collective noun for keyboards?), celebrating each voluminous bodily noises that emanated from D7 – sound effects, apparently!

Thursday was the first of our extended rehearsals, which included the backstage Ninjas, fearlessly led by Ms Amos, along with the hair and make-up crew and their trusty leader Ms Madan.

And this Sunday is the inaugural weekend rehearsal for *Shrek the Musical*, incorporating makeup, costume and set changes, and all available stagecraft elements.

The addition of our wonderful cast and crew of students is sure to guarantee the many layers of Norwood Secondary College's 2022 production of *Shrek the Musical* will have all the flavour and appeal of a well-made parfait ... with a hint of onion aroma backstage!

We look forward to sharing our brilliant work with you all. Hold on to your socks; they are sure to be blown clean off! Grab your tickets from the Karralyka Theatre website:

[Norwood Secondary College - Shrek the Musical Karralyka](#)

Lucy Filor, Producer College Production



UNIFORM SHOP

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THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



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- Ensure they are clean and in good condition
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- 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

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

MUSIC NEWS

THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The benefits of music education are immense and highly beneficial to students. Music positively impacts a student's academic performance, assists in developing social skills, and provides an outlet for creativity that is crucial to a child's development. Music education catapults a student's learning to new heights, and because of this, it should always be considered a pivotal part of a student's educational process.



MUSIC EDUCATION AND ITS IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING

Music education improves and develops language skills in students. Music stimulates the brain, and with its varied sounds and lyrics, students are exposed to a large amount of vocabulary in a short amount of time.

SOCIAL BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

The mental benefits of music education are extremely advantageous to students in schools; however, the social benefits are just as wonderful! Music education requires teamwork and collaboration. In addition to teamwork, music education creates long lasting friendships and relationships.

OTHER BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Music education promotes improved coordination, specifically hand-eye coordination. Musicians must multitask! Music education fosters greater work ethic and discipline in students. Because music education is an outlet for creativity, it can be a source of stress relief.

Excerpts from Amanda Martin Music Teacher; M.A.Ed. In Curriculum and Instruction



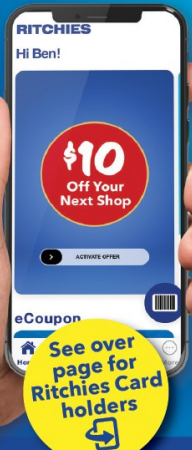
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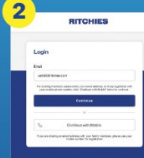
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BREAD TAGS for wheelchairs

VCAL 2022 AUSSIE BREAD TAG COLLECTION

A big thank you to all who have contributed so far.
This project is ongoing bring your tags to the General Office