

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 3, 2022

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

Tuesday, 20 to Thursday 22 September

Year 12 Connect Revision Lectures



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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

SHREK THE MUSICAL

What a pleasure it was to be in the audience for the performance of the College's 2022 Production: "Shrek The Musical". While being very conscious of the many hours that were put into all aspects of the preparation for the performances, it did strike me when I was watching/enjoying the Friday night show just how complex this musical was. The staging, the complexity of the spoken lines (special shout out to Donkey!), the many songs, the music score and the costumes and sets all contributed to a wonderfully entertaining event. I was very proud of both the students and staff (whether on stage, in the music pit or backstage). What a magnificent team effort!



Congratulations to every student who was involved – each performance was reported to be of a similar, outstanding quality and the primary students who attended the Matinee performance we traditionally put on for several of our feeder primary schools, were totally enthralled by the event...even seeking to get autographs from the lead performers after the show. Special mention must be made of our key lead characters. Jason as Shrek, Layla as Princess Fiona, Mia as Donkey and Charles as Lord Farquaad were individually and collectively exceptional. They were supported by many others in various character roles, with some students in multiple roles through the show. Additionally, we had four students in the band, nineteen in the Backstage team, two in the Technical crew and two in the Make-up team.

And then there were the staff who ensured it all came together for each performance. Congratulations and huge thank-yous to Director Zoe Taylor-Lynch; Producer Lucy Filor; Musical Director Ruth Barry





and Choral Director Jo Dema. Additionally, thank you to Marcelle Greco (Assistant Choreographer), Sara Amos (Backstage), Khwaish Madan (Makeup), Rod Mitchell and his team of VCAL students (Set Construction) and the many other College staff who pitched in and helped with a myriad of roles. It was an amazing team effort and the result was memorable. It is hard to articulate how wonderful it was to see our Production run its full course from auditions to performances after two years of being unable to complete the process. Thank-you to all involved – it was an amazing and affirming Norwood experience.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

SRC NEWS

YEAR 7 SRC REPORT

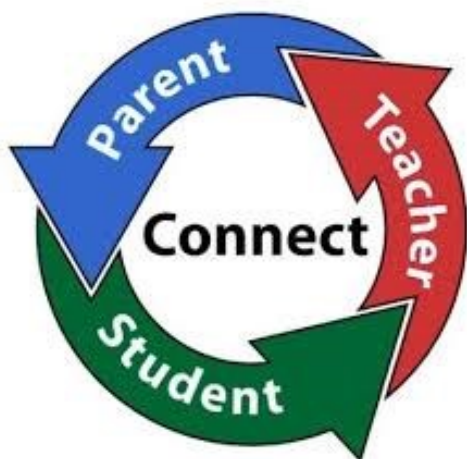
This term the Year 7s have just started our semester 2 subjects. I have started STEM, Music, and Drama. My favourite has been STEM because we can work as a team and show our creativity.



In Mentoring in Week 4 we had Chris and Mike from the Real-Life Resilience Project come into the gym to share their stories. They showed us all that no matter what happens you can always bounce back and be resilient.

We have a few events coming up. In the Library, there is an Indigenous Library lunch where there will be a movie playing and a whole new range of Indigenous stories on 6 September. On 8 September, the whole school will have R U OK Day and Year 7 Sport will be on 9 September. The Year 7s are running a fundraiser for Canteen 'Bandana Day' on 28 October. We are having our first big excursion for Humanities in Weeks 2 – 3 in Term 4.

Tommy M, SRC



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.



A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate in the survey. If you received an email invitation and haven't had time to complete the survey, there is still time. The last chance to participate is Friday 16 September. All opinions are valued. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey is conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact the General Office if you require assistance.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The recent Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences provided parents and staff the opportunity to discuss the progress of our students with the hope that this will lead to increased learning outcomes. It was great to hear that an increased number of students participated in the conferences.



Thank you to the parent community for the way in which you conversed with the teaching staff and a big thank you to the teaching staff for their involvement in making the day a success!

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

For the safety of our students please do not drive onto the school grounds to drop off and pick up your child at the start and end of the school day.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

RUOK? DAY ACTIVITIES AND FREE DRESS DAY

RUOK? DAY for 2022 is Thursday 8 September. It is the national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'Are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

The theme for 2022 is 'Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed', to remind Australians they already have what it takes to support their family, friends and colleagues. This comes in response to new research which found four in ten Australians feel asking someone 'Are you OK?' is a conversation better had with an expert. However, listening and giving someone your time might be just what they need to help them through a difficult period. The research also found that when authentic, genuine R U OK? conversations are happening, more than 80% of people say they are making a positive difference.

There will be a range of lunchtime activities on Thursday to promote and celebrate the day including inflatable sports and games from 'Proactivity', a food truck selling hot chips, hot dogs and burgers, an ice-cream van, an RUOK? Canvas for students to sign and guests from Maroondah Youth Services.

This will also be a Free Dress Day for students with the theme of 'wear something colourful'. Please bring a gold coin donation.

The Student Wellbeing Team is still accepting photos of your pets promoting the RUOK? message for our photo wall. Photos can be sent to ncswellbeing@norwood.vic.edu.au by Monday, 5 September.



Is your teenager struggling to attend school due to anxiety, depression or emotional distress?

Be among the first to trial a new online parenting program designed to support parents of teens struggling with school attendance.

Researchers from Monash University and Deakin University are offering parents a **FREE online parenting program** designed to support parents of teenagers who have **difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress** (sometimes called 'school refusal', 'school can't', or 'school phobia'). The program is being offered as part of a research trial.

What's included in the program?

- Personalised feedback about your parenting
- Up to 13 online modules with practical strategies to support your teen's mental health and school attendance
- Up to 8 one-on-one coaching sessions with a parenting coach via videoconference

Who can take part?

You may be eligible to participate if:

- you are the parent or guardian of a teenager aged 12-18
- live in Australia
- can read, write, and speak in English,
- have regular access to the Internet.

Unfortunately, parents of teens who also live with Autism Spectrum Disorder or an intellectual disability are not eligible to participate this time.

What else is involved?

- Complete weekly online modules (20-35mins) and coaching sessions
- Complete two online surveys about your parenting and your teen's mental health
- Attend an interview about your experience in the program

FIND OUT MORE:

Contact us at med-pip-ed@monash.edu or express your interest at <https://redcap.link/pip-ed-eoi>

This research has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 32704).

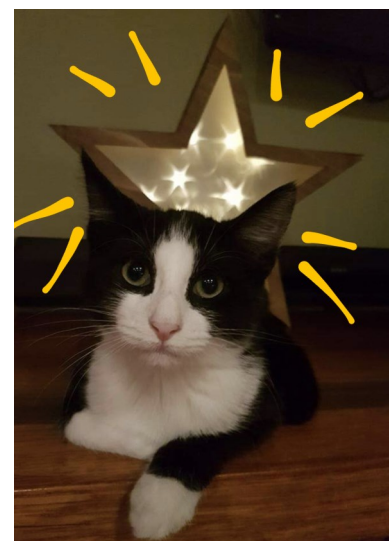
PARENTING PROGRAM RESEARCH TRIAL

Researchers from Monash University and Deakin University are offering parents a **FREE** online parenting program designed to support parents of teenagers who have difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress. The program is being offered as part of a research trial. Please see the attached flyer.

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



No qualifications needed



GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE NEWS

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

The 'Wear it Purple' Foundation aims to support and raise awareness for the LGBTQIA+ community in schools, universities and workplaces. They provide resources for people in the community with the goal to teach everyone that you should be proud of who you are.



On Friday 26 August, Norwood celebrated 'Wear it Purple Day'. Students were encouraged to wear something purple, were asked to bring a gold coin donation and a barbecue was held at lunchtime. The GSA Committee, with the help of other students and staff, worked together to organise the day and the barbecue, and collectively, we raised \$1,500.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to help support the foundation, and a big thank you to all the people who helped on the day to make this all possible.

Lily J, GSA Committee



YEAR 12 NEWS

THE GAT

The GAT is scheduled for Wednesday 7 September and all students completing a Unit 3/4 sequence are required to complete the GAT. VCAL students are required to complete Section A only. A PowerPoint has been released via Compass newsfeed with information about the GAT and exam protocols.



PRACTICE EXAMS

The Year 12 practice exams are scheduled for Week 1 of Term 4 and will run from Monday 3 October - Thursday 6 October inclusive. There will be three sessions per day for exams and they are designed to mimic the content and length of the VCAA end of Year exam. Full school summer uniform is required.

The aim is to have students complete an exam for each subject and access at least one review session per subject of these exams prior to them departing for study period. This will mean teachers will work hard to get these marked and returned to students before the end of Week 2.

Students are expected to take advantage of this opportunity and use the term break to prepare for the practice exams so that they are given high quality and relevant feedback to help them prepare the best they can for their exams.

Attendance is compulsory for students completing the VCAA exams. Student may remain at school to study between exams but are not required on campus outside of their exam times. If students are on campus outside of their exam time, they need to sign in and out at the senior school office. All exams will be listed on students schedules on Compass with room allocations.

Scott Kirkby, Head of Year 12

PE NEWS

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

On Monday 22 August, five of our Junior PE classes participated in the Positive Start Program, which is a State Government funded initiative, involving Basketball Victoria facilitating wheelchair basketball sessions in the gym.



The Wheelchair Hoops Program gives secondary school students access to an inclusive basketball clinic for those with physical disabilities and those without. The aim of the program is to spread awareness of disability in sport and give student's perspectives of what physical activity may be like for those who are physically impaired. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to be involved and showed fantastic levels of engagement.

A shoutout to Rhys Higgins (Year 12) who came down at lunchtime to show off his skills and passion for participation in Wheelchair Basketball. A big thank you to the Basketball Victoria staff who conducted the fun and inclusive sessions!

April Glare, PE Teacher



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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



FOR SALE

Secondhand uniform sales are currently suspended due to technical issues with the Dobsons website, we apologise for any inconvenience during this time.

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

Tuesday 26 April to 24 June

TERM 3, 2022

11 July to 16 September

TERM 4, 2022

3 October to 20 December

INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

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WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022



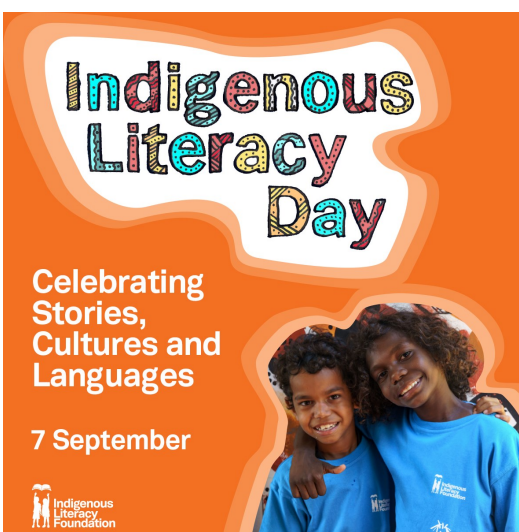
Literacy provides a fundamental step of building context, comprehension and understanding, whether it is written, visual or auditory. For children who miss that foundational step in their literacy journey, it has a lifelong impact. In remote Communities across Australia there is often no infrastructure such as libraries or bookstores. Access to reading material is extremely limited and this impacts the achievements of Indigenous children.

Across two days, on Tuesday, 6 September and Wednesday, 7 September, Norwood will be promoting our collection of Indigenous Literature through the Library. Students are welcome to visit the Library and explore our many resources to learn about the history and culture of our first nations people. Many of the picture books, magazines and novels on display are written by Indigenous authors looking to educate all people, and share their culture through story telling.

Movie: The Sapphires – will be played across two lunchtime sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Library for students.

Please visit the Library for further information.

Cameron Cox, Year 7 Head of Level



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A promotional banner for Dobsons' 'Buy Early and Save' sale. The background is a vibrant green with several colorful, rounded rectangular shapes in red, pink, blue, and purple scattered around. The text is centered and reads: '1ST SEP - 30TH OCT' in white, followed by a line of blue diagonal slashes, then 'BUY EARLY AND SAVE!*' in large, bold, blue capital letters, another line of blue diagonal slashes, and finally 'SALE' in large, white capital letters. In the bottom left corner, there is a small crest logo with the text '100 YEARS OF QUALITY' underneath it, and the website 'dobsons.com.au' below that. In the bottom right corner, the 'DOBSONS' logo is displayed in blue, with the tagline 'Look smart' underneath it, preceded by a line of blue diagonal slashes.

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DOBSONS
Look smart

Get ready, the Dobsons annual Buy Early & Save Sale is about to begin! Save on selected uniform items when you shop with Dobsons from September 1st till October 30th, 2022. Beat the back-to-school rush and save on a range of selected items, including:

- *Blazers*
- *Pullovers*
- *Summer Dresses*
- *Summer Shirts*
- *Sportswear*
- *Socks*

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