

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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#### **COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT**

#### SPRING SHOW 2022

The College held the annual Arts and Technology Spring Show, this week. With a strong turnout of students and families, it was a wonderful event that reminded us all that we are gradually returning to a more normal world in which crowds are allowed to gather and enjoy events such as this.



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#### In the Arts and Technology Show, students' work from

Studio Arts, Visual Communication and Design, Media and Wood Technology were on display, in our Library. Of particular note this year were the outstanding folios of so many of the students. It is the folio, rather than the finished piece, that gives an insight into the design process and the learning of the student as they trial various techniques and ideas. There were so many folios that were truly impressive.

The winner of the 'Principal's Acquisition Award' (where the piece is purchased by the school and joins the past years' winners' work in the administration building) was Rachael Hardy with a set of beautiful drawings of her and her family, over the years. The piece that was



acquired by the school was a delightful representation of Rachael, as a very young child, painting....over everything including herself.

The winner of the 'Peoples' Choice Award' was unknown at the time of publishing the Newsletter.

#### p1-2 YEAR 12 FINAL DAYS

Next Monday we hold our Valedictory Dinner, at which we celebrate the many achievements of our Class of 2023. Awards will be presented to students who contributed significantly to the College this year and all Class members will be recognised through presentations of certificates. It will be so nice to be able to run this very important event after we have not been able to do so for a couple of years.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022**

**TERM 4, 2022** Friday, 14 October Last Day Year 12 Classes Monday, 17 October Year 12 Valedictory Dinner Wednesday, 26 October VCE Unit 3/4 Exams commence Wednesday, 26 to 28 October Year 9 OE Cathedral Ranges Camp Tuesday, 1 November Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Wednesday, 16 November 2023 Year 7 Transition Evening Friday, 18 November Curriculum Day (Student Free) Friday, 9 December Junior School Celebration Day



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Wishing you well on your next adventure

Farewell and good luck!



For 150 or so students in Year 12, today marks the end of formal classes at school. We have the Year 12's Final Assembly on Monday, after which our VCAL students will have finished their time at Norwood, and the VCE students will commence their 'swat vac' in preparations for the final exams. On behalf of the staff of Norwood Secondary College, I thank our VCAL and VCE students for all they have given the College during their time with us and wish them all the very best for their coming journeys. We hope to hear of their successes in the coming years.

#### Andrew Sloane, College Principal



#### SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2022

There are many special Norwood traditions that mark the end of the secondary school years for our graduating Year 12 students. The students have been kept busy planning their celebrations, adding their handprints to their banner, writing speeches, putting the final touches on their farewell video and reminiscing with their teachers.



Today our four captains planted their commemorative tree out the front of the school. In years to come, when the graduating class of 2022 drive past the school, they will notice the blossoms and remember that they are an important part of the history of Norwood. Thank you to Bunnings for your generous donation. We appreciate your annual support of this important Norwood tradition.

We now look forward to their last day and celebrating all that they have achieved with their families on Monday evening at their Valedictory Evening. After this, our students' focus will be on revision in preparation for their final exams. We expect to see students seeking extra support from teachers during this time and we would encourage students who work better at school to attend as needed.

#### Congratulations Class of 2022. Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal















#### **STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS**

#### YEAR 11 POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

On Monday, all students in Year 11 were involved in The Big Sister Experience or the Man Cave Programs.

This Big Sister Experience aims to facilitate conversations on important topics and empower teens with strategies to ask for help, seek information, and support one another.

The Man Cave targets the unique challenges and opportunities of masculinity, whilst helping to empower young people to healthily express their identity, learn how to care for themselves and reach their full potential.

The students who participated in the programs found the day very engaging and left with a greater sense of awareness of the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing.

### YEAR 12 LUNCHTIME BOXING

A group of Year 12 students have enjoyed participating in lunchtime boxing sessions that ran weekly last term and concluded this week. The sessions aimed to assist in stress relief by using up adrenaline whilst also building on strength and stamina. The trainer from Proactivity taught shadow boxing, and exercises involving hitting and kicking pads coupled with other fitness drills.









#### GOOD LUCK TO THE YEAR 12s OF 2022

With Year 12 exams fast approaching it is a timely reminder to parents that there are ways to help manage

the stress and pressures that many of the students are experiencing heading into this busy time.

Stress is a normal part of the exam period and cannot be avoided, but it can be managed. A few strategies that you can employ to support your child include:

- Offering daily messages of encouragement, reminding them that you love and support them.
- Helping to create a positive environment by cooking their favourite meals, providing an inviting study space and keeping the noise down at home.
- Encouraging regular study breaks to avoid your child feeling overwhelmed.
- Having realistic expectations of ATAR results and replacing ATAR expectations with an achieving their 'personal best' expectation.
- Ensure that your child is getting adequate nutrition, sleep and exercise to keep a healthy mind and body and increase optimal performance.

The Student Wellbeing Team would like to wish the Year 12 students the best of luck for the upcoming exam period and for all their future endeavours.

We would like to remind the Year 12s that even though their classes are finished, our services in the Student Wellbeing Centre are still open to all.

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

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

SHOP HOURS:MONDAYS8.30AM - 11.30AMTHURSDAYS1.30PM - 4.30PM

#### DOBSONS ONLINE (CLICK AND COLLECT):

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Jenny McKenzie, Dobsons Uniform Shop 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



#### **SCIENCE NEWS**

#### **TITRATION COMPETITION 2022**

After two years of hiatus, Year 11 and 12 Chemistry students participated in the Titration Competition organised by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI). It was an exciting event because it is very hands on, students were engaged in the activity and had 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 its practical side, to develop their skills in carrying out a volumetric analysis of a simple acid-base reaction.

Each team consisted of three members that competed with students in their own class along with students across the state.

I would also like to acknowledge the help of Meg Kelly (VCE Chemistry Teacher) and Sam Harkin (Science Laboratory Technician) for their hard work behind the scenes in supporting the Science faculty to run opportunities of excellence for our highly aspirational students.

Ms Kelly and I are very proud of our students and the way they conducted themselves during the competition.

We are looking forward to running the competition again in 2023.

Shalini Singh, Head of Science





#### **ATHLETICS NEWS**

#### EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION ATHLETICS

The EMR Athletics Championships were held last Monday at the Knox Athletics Track. We had 35 students represent Norwood and they delivered some amazing results. We would like to congratulate all the participants who represented the College on the day. There were several students who performed personal best results which was fantastic.



I would also like to thank all those Parents/Carers who drove students to and from the venue. It was also great to see so many family members supporting our students on the day. I know our students appreciate it.

Over all our Boys' team finished in 12th place, with the Girls' team coming in at 21st place.

The following students made it to the podium in their events:

Zack Cossey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Boys 16Yr 100m - 11.86s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 16Yr 200m - 23.05s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 16Yr 400m - 51.37s
Brodie Smith	1 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 17Yr Long Jump – 6.23m 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 17Yr Triple Jump – 12.48m 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 17Yr 200m – 23.35s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys 17Yr High Jump – 1.80m 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Boys 17 Yr 100m – 11.60s
Milly Smyth	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Girls 800m 2:43.74
Scarlett Staples	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Girls 15Yr Javelin 18.04m
Josh Thomas	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Boys 15Yr Discus – 23.19m

A special congratulations to Zack Cossey who broke the EMR Record in the 400m yet finished in  $2^{nd}$  place. An amazing effort!

We all wish Brodie Smith and Milly Smyth all the best competing at the State Championships on Monday, 17 October.

John Jagin, Interschool Sport Coordinator





#### **CRAFT NEWS**

#### KNITTING DRIVE 2022

As Winter has ended I extend a big THANK YOU to our Norwood Knitting and Crochet community for your contributions.

The photo below displays a small selection of items made for our 2022 project. I have happily sent of two large bags of donations to the KOGO organisation from our Norwood Community. In particular this year I extend our thanks to the "Denholm" family for the very generous and colourful donations – some are visible in the picture below.

Please be assured – if you are still knitting or crocheting into Spring or onwards you are very welcome to bring your donations to the College and all items will be forwarded to charity organisations in need.

Once again, we are truly thankful of the time and efforts of our Norwood community and your generosity in contributing.

Keep on knitting and crocheting!

Lisa-Jane Walmsley

#### **RESPONSE TO OUR DONATIONS!**

"Dear Lisa-Jane, Students and Staff at Norwood Secondary College,

Thank you very much for the lovely items you kindly crafted for and donated to KOGO. We know the people who receive them will be absolutely thrilled. It gives them an emotional boost to know that someone in the community takes the time and trouble to create such special items.

Our finished garments are distributed through over 300 Community Partner Organisations. These agencies deal with a myriad of people undergoing hardship such as those who are homeless, refugees, children who are at risk, remote indigenous communities, women in refuges and families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Again, thank you so much for being part of our team of wonderful knitters and crocheters and helping us to spread the warmth. Warm regards, Vicki Davis CEO"



#### SPRING SHOW NEWS

#### **SPRING SHOW BLOOMS AGAIN IN 2022**

After two dormant years due to Covid restrictions the College has been able to once again present the annual Spring Show. The exhibition of VCE graduate work from the Visual Communication Design, Studio Arts, Media and Product Design Technology classes is currently being displayed in the College Library. On Tuesday, 11 October,



the exhibition was officially opened by our Principal, Mr Andrew Sloane, and the Principal's award winner announced.

The wonderful display of talent and creativity was enjoyed by an appreciative audience of parents, friends, College staff and past students. Light refreshments were prepared and served by the current Year 11 Food Technology students and were enjoyed by all. This was a joyous celebration for our students, their families and their very proud VCE teachers.

The Principal's award winner is chosen with the work purchased by the College. The artist receives a cash prize and the art work is added to the college's art collection, after having pride of place in Mr Sloane's office for a year. Our winner for 2022 is an exceptional photorealistic self-portrait, completed with coloured pencil. The very talented artist is Rachael Hardy.

Congratulations to all our Visual Arts VCE graduates and we wish you well in the upcoming exams and for all the wonderful and exciting adventures that will follow your time at Norwood.

Joyce Hughes, Visual Arts Leader



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# Welcome back to Term 4

As we head into the final term of 2022, we're excited to welcome your students back on board our services after a well-deserved break.

Here's a few tips and reminders you can share with your students to help ensure a safe and pleasant journey on our school services.

#### Change to mask rules

The Victorian Government announced last week that face masks will no longer be mandatory on public transport and **will instead be strongly recommended**.

Face masks remain a low-cost and highly effective tool to reduce transmission and protect the most at-risk members of the community.

Students who feel more comfortable wearing a face mask on the bus are encouraged to continue doing so.

#### Tap on and be counted

While we often have full buses on our school services every day, we continue to record poor touch on rates across our school routes.

Please remind your students that they must travel with a valid myki at all times.

They can be ready to travel by topping up before getting on the bus and **touching ON and OFF** to ensure they are counted on our service. Accurate touch on data helps the Department of Transport plan school services based on demand.

#### Keeping our buses clean

After school runs our buses usually go on to pick up members of the public on route services. Students can help us maintain a clean bus for other customers by putting rubbish in the bins provided or taking it with them.

Please also remind students to check for their belongings before exiting the bus to avoid leaving any items behind.

If students do lose something on our services, they can call us on (03) 9492 2200 or contact the PTV Call Centre on 1800 800 007.

Stay safe,

**Kinetic Melbourne Schools Team** 

