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The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 3, 2022

Tuesday, 20 to Thursday 22 September Year 12 Connect Revision Lectures

TERM 4, 2022

Monday, 3 October
First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, 11 October
Spring Show
Friday, 14 October

Last Day Year 12 Classes Monday, 17 October

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Wednesday, 26 to 28 October

Year 9 OE Cathedral Ranges Camp

Tuesday, November 1

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE MUSIC SHOWCASE

After so many cancelled and postponed music events, over the past couple of years, it was a joy to join a substantial audience of parents and families at the Music Showcase, this week.

The music Camp early in Term 3 provided the perfect springboard for acquainting many of our Junior School students to the joys of Junior Band, Junior Strings and Guitar Ensemble. For these students, it was their first performance in front of an audience! These students joined Senior strings, Norwood Chorale, Flute and Brass Quartets and the magnificent Performance Band for a most impressive evening of performances.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved and thank-you to our dedicated Music team – particularly Jo Dema and Ruth Barry.

YEAR 12 - END OF SCHOOL DAYS

Our Year 12 cohort will shortly complete their formal school days, with final exams commencing in six weeks' time. The traditional final days' activities and events for our Year 12s are being planned as I write. Valedictory Dinner, the Year 12's final assembly and Dress Up day will all run in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 4. Our Class of 2022 will finish their formal classes on Friday 14 October – a day full of excitement and nostalgia. We look forward to our final farewells with our Year 12s and trust that they will make the most of the coming weeks to best prepare for their final exams....most particularly their final 'study break'.

A SAFE AND RELAXING BREAK FOR ALL

For all students (other than our Year 12s who will, no doubt, be very focussed on their final preparations for exams), and our staff, I trust the break will offer time to relax and engage with friends and family.

I look forward to all returning safely and joining the hectic pace of the final term, with all it holds in celebratory events (including Valedictory, Spring Show, Presentation Evening and more).

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

UNIFORM TERM 4

The official date for students to be in full summer uniform is Monday 17 October. Students are permitted to wear either the winter or summer uniform until Friday 14 October.



Dobsons Uniform Shop opening hours are: Monday 8:30am-11:30am and Thursday 1:30pm-4:30pm during the school terms. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal

SRC NEWS

YEAR 10 SRC REPORT

Recently Year 10 has been busy on our Snow Camp and preparing for our Cancer Council Fundraiser on Friday 16 September, the last day of term.



This fundraiser aims to raise awareness and funds for skin cancer and melanoma research as summer begins shortly where sun exposure increases. We are also looking forward to seeing everyone celebrating the last day of term in high spirits as they enjoy the Out of Uniform Day, Sausage Sizzle, and the Staff Versus Student Footy Match.

Thank you to all the staff and students that have worked hard to make this an amazing day for the whole school, we couldn't have done it without the many people who helped get this organised and running!

Snow Camp went wonderfully well for all involved. No matter whether they choose snowboarding or skiing, everybody had a fun and exciting time over the days they were at the mountain. Through going on this camp everyone learnt something new about winter sports and now have valuable, priceless memories of an amazing trip with their friends.

Jacqueline O, Year 10 SRC Representative









SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATE: ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED

Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID -19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 days instead of 7. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6. If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7. If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.



As an additional risk mitigation, the Department of Health strongly recommends that those leaving isolation wear a face mask when away from home, both indoors and outdoors, and when they cannot physically distance. Those leaving isolation on day 6 should wear a mask for 5 days but particularly the first 2 days. Those leaving isolation on day 7 should wear a mask for 4 days but particularly the first 2 days.

Those leaving isolation should consider taking a rapid antigen test before attending school.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RATS) DISTRIBUTION

Throughout Term 4, RATs will be available for student collection on request, from the Junior and Senior Sub-School offices. Students with symptoms who require RATs will be able to access these as needed. Due to the decline in COVID numbers, we will be discontinuing the whole school distribution of these tests. The exception to this is that Year 12 students will receive another pack in the first week of Term 4.

Please be assured that we still have sufficient stock of RATs to provide to students as needed.

HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM NEWS

VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM, TERM 3

During Term a number of Year 7 and Year 8 students participated weekly in the Victorian High Ability Program undertaking Secondary English or Secondary Mathematics.

In the Secondary English course students explored challenging concepts, characterisation and visual images to find deep meaning. They made comparisons between historical events and contemporary world problems. Following an analysis of key texts that explore dystopias — including "Hive" by AJ Betts — the students created their own dystopian world.

Students also focused on the hope evident in dystopian narratives and their own dystopian worlds. Students provided meaningful feedback to support each other at the drafting stage, prior to the finalisation of their final written piece. Throughout the program, students were supported to participate in an exemplary online English classroom.

During the Mathematics program students were challenged to communicate their mathematical reasoning 'Beyond All Doubt' when explaining their findings and had the opportunity to apply this to the Three Digit Algorithm, patterns within the Fibonacci sequence, strategy in games and other interesting mathematical results. Students had the opportunity to evaluate their own progress on a practical problem using graph theory. Mathematical horizons were broadened through the examination of infinity, repeating patterns and paradoxes.

Congratulations to the following students for their participation throughout Term 3.

Sanne B Heidi C San H Lucas J Junhyun M Luke R Jett S Hugh T

Good luck to the Term 4 participants.

Lisa Jane Walmsley, Program Coordinator





YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2023

The application process for leadership positions for 2023 Year 12 students is now open. Current Year 11 students who would like to be considered for the position of College Captain, Vice Captain or Prefect, should access the application documentation available via Newsfeed or Teams. The closing date for these applications is Tuesday 4 October.

We look forward to receiving applications from students who demonstrate exemplary conduct in upholding the College values, who would be proud to represent the College at functions and events and have the drive to work hard for the benefit of the Year 12 cohort and the Norwood community.

YEAR 12 REVISION

As Term 3 draws to a close our Year 12 students conclude their school assessed coursework and begin their preparation for their external exams. These holidays are generally regarded as a 'study break' with the long holiday period still to come after the conclusion of exams in November. In the first week of this break, our Year 12s will sit an English practice exam and attend subject specific revision sessions at school. When they return to school in Term 4, the first four days will be taken up with practice exams across all subjects in order to provide students with meaningful feedback prior to their final exam preparations. I would encourage all students to use this break purposefully and find the right balance between rest and study. Both are important. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students for their work so far this year. I look forward to celebrating their achievements at the upcoming Valedictory Dinner.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

PREFECT NEWS

YEAR 12 PREFECT REPORT

The end of Term 3 has arrived and what a jam-packed term it has been. The whole of Year 12 have completed their last SACs and are beginning the next step into exam revision.

To finish Term 3 on a high, today marked the last Staff vs. Students match of 2022 and what a match it was. Today's footy match brought much of the College down to the oval to support the Year 12's and watch their favourite teachers step up to the challenge. Thank you to all staff and students who participated in making today happen for the first time in two years.

Though these holidays are not traditional holidays for Year 12s, today was a great send off into the beginning of our exam preparations before our final assembly next term.

The Year 12's last R U OK Day at Norwood was also a huge success with many activities to do and food trucks to buy from. A huge thank you to the Wellbeing Team that made the day possible, and it was amazing seeing everyone having such a good time even though they were in the midst of SAC preparation.

Happy Holidays!

Saina D and Natalie V, Prefects



Lucas J and Jarryd A from Year 7 wrote a wonderful poem in honour of the day –

Are you okay?
The most important phrase for today,
Go to your mates and say
Are you okay?
Who will you ask?
Ask them to take off their mask
3 minutes of hearing
Listening to what their fearing
Recommend some help to be seen

stranger or friend
They'll be there till the end,
When you share,
You can find the people that care
Just one conversation,
Can feel like you're on a vacation
RUOK?

That's all you have to say





STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

RUOK? DAY 2022

Thursday, 8 September was the national RUOK? day. The theme for 2022 was 'Ask R U OK? No qualifications needed', to remind Australians they already have what it takes to support their family, friends and colleagues.

Norwood celebrated the day with a variety of activities including inflatable sports and games in the gym run by the team from Proactivity, students signing an RUOK? Canvas with positive messages of support and the student and staff pet mural being unveiled. The Norwood library provided RUOK? bookmarks to celebrate the occasion and it was great to see so many students wearing wristbands and badges promoting the RUOK? message. The food and ice-cream vans at lunchtime were also a hit with hot chips being a popular choice.



A special thanks to the team from Maroondah Youth Services who came out in support and ran a character strengths wheel with prizes.

This pets mural and student message board promoting the RUOK? message will continue to be displayed in the Student Wellbeing Centre.



MAROONDAH YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS WALK AND TALK

Walk and Talk is a peer support walking group for young people in Maroondah aged 15-25 years old. This group is a supportive and welcoming space for all young people with



lived experience of mental health related challenges or looking to make connections within the community. The group provides a safe space, open for all kinds of conversation while being supported by a Youth Worker, a Mental Health Worker (Counsellor/Provisional Psychologist) and their therapy dog! Come down and have casual conversations with other young people while walking and immersing yourself in nature. The group is run fortnightly on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm and walks along the Tarralla Creek Trail.

EV'S YOUTH CENTRE CROYDON

EV's Hangout is a safe & inclusive place where young people (ages 12-25) can:

- Feel safe & included
- Socialise & meet new people
- Get free snacks
- Speak to a Youth Worker to get support
- Enjoy fortnightly activities
- Access an Xbox One, pool table/table tennis, board games, etc
 Come and go as you please

EV's Hangout runs out of EV's Youth Centre at 212 Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon, 3136.

It runs every Thursday from 3-6pm (including school holidays)

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







SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 10 BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCE

Year 10 Biochemical Science students are learning about the processes of photosynthesis (plants making food) and cellular respiration (releasing energy from food). These two chemical processes are vital for life and demonstrates how both plants and animals are so heavily dependent on each other.



Students performed an experiment to observe the two processes occurring in pond weed, Elodea.

They got some good data which they used to complete a practical report. Thank you Ms Emma Day for putting together this practical activity for the students.

YEAR 10 BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY INCURSION

This semester we again welcomed special guests in class, Emily, a zoologist and marine biologist from Wild Action in the Macedon Ranges came to present interesting adaptations and reproductive strategies for a range of Australian native animals. The students got to see some special features of different animals up close, and even got to hold crocodiles, diamond pythons, possums, frogs and turtles! This incursion was organised by Ms Nejad for the Year 10 Biological Psychology elective.

It was a fun session to have the zoo come to the classroom, students and teachers alike enjoyed the experience.

Emily, the presenter, mentioned that Norwood students were the only

students in the world who were able to pat the endangered pygmy possum in a school setting.

Ms Shalini Singh, Head of Science











LITERATURE NEWS

YEAR 11 LITERATURE

This term, Year 11 Literature students have been engaging with the conventions of ancient Greek theatre. They explored the structure of tragic plays using Sophocles' "Antigone" before applying their knowledge creatively and writing their own scripts. Students selected Greek mythological narratives, and wrote for a traditional audience after researching ancient Athenian society and values.



Throughout the term, students engaged in writing and editing workshops, learning to peer review their classmates work and apply constructive feedback to their own writing. They further explored traditional elements of Greek theatre by creating masks for their play's protagonist (traditionally worn by actors as they convey exaggerated emotion and status for the character they represent).

After submitting their completed plays, students celebrated with a modern Festival of Dionysus (a traditional fifth century theatre festival) by sharing their masks and delivering dramatic readings from their plays to the class. Like the traditional Festival of Dionysus, students voted for their favourite entries. The winner of the best play was awarded with a traditional Ivy Wreath, and a less traditional box of chocolates!

Best Mask: Anabel K Best Play: Josh P

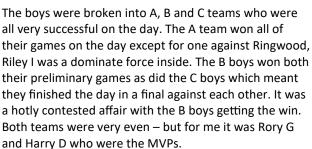
Congratulations to all Year 11 Literature students on their hard work and engagement in our Ancient Texts unit!

Samantha Hassall, English Literature Teacher

SPORT NEWS

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

After over a month of training it was great to see the Year 7 Basketball teams finally take the court on September 9. Norwood had 5 teams represented on the day which was a total of 44 students.







The girls were also broken into an A and B team. The B team acquitted themselves admirably winning two out of their 4 matches. The best in this team was Lilah K who played 4 outstanding games. The A team went one step better by winning all three of their matches, two of the games by only one point. They will play again next term. All students played excellent games. A big thanks to Emma R who coached the A team and Emily W and Sharon P who helped us on the day.

Mrs Kirkwood and Mr Mammoliti





It has also been a successful term for several of our Interschool teams.

The following teams came home with the pennant:

Year 8 Boys' Basketball Year 7 Girls' Basketball Intermediate Boys' Table Tennis Year 8 Girls' Table Tennis Year 8 Boys' Hockey Year 7 Boys' Hockey

The following teams also placed 2nd at the Region Championships this term:

Senior Boys' Netball Senior Boys' Basketball Intermediate Girls' Netball

Term 4 will see a number of teams represent the College at the Region level. Good luck and go Norwood!

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR & RECREATION STUDIES NEWS

LORNE SURF CAMP

Last week, the Surf Camp to Lorne was held for 2 days of surfing and other water activities. All Year 9 students tried hard and completed the activities successfully. The water was cold, but the students enjoyed it and surfed the waves. A few bigger sets came through and tested the students and a few brave surfers successfully tackled some of the challenging waves. All students demonstrated resilience in the challenging conditions and surfed for a few hours. The hot showers at the end were enjoyed by all the students

We stayed at the Surf Life Saving Club, which is right on the sand in Lorne. A great location with excellent facilities and activities to keep us all entertained. The next day we were up early to experience a beautiful sunrise, with a morning jog along the beach. Many of the group also enjoyed a swim in the surf before a big breakfast. We hit the surf again soon after and the students again performed very well in the sunny conditions. Most students were standing on their boards at some stage and many picked surfing up very well and excitedly rode some waves all the way into the beach. We had another great session and the students all improved their skills during this second session.

All students successfully and safely demonstrated their new skills and were a great group to lead. It was a rewarding camp and it was enjoyed by all. Well done!

Rod Mitchell & Daniel Cole, Outdoor Recreation Teachers

ATHLETICS NEWS

MAROONDAH DIVISION ATHLETICS

On Friday, 2 September, the Maroondah Division Athletics event was held at Ringwood Athletics Track and the day delivered some amazing results for Norwood. I would like to congratulate all the participants on the day who represented the college with pride. Norwood had 2 Age Group Champions on the day.



15 Yr Female Age Group Champion – Milly Smyth 17 Yr Male Age Group Champion – Brodie Smith

It is a pleasure to announce that Brodie also broke 3 Division Records. They include the 17 Yr 100m - (11.10s), 200m (23.30) and Long Jump (6.43m). Two of the previous records were held by Norwood Students: 100m - Nathan Carr (2005) and 200m - Thomas Sullivan (2001).

Norwood will have 4 Relay teams and a total of 34 students represent the

college on Monday, 10 October at the EMR Track and Field Championships.

John Jagin, Inter School Sport Coordinator





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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

VALEDICTORY NEWS

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER & SEAT PURCHASING INFORMATION

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner is on Monday, 17 October at the Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East from 7.00 pm to 11.00pm.

The Valedictory Dinner is the College Community's formal farewell to our Year 12 students and a celebration of their achievements. It is a very special occasion for the students and has been a memorable and enjoyable evening in the past. Students will be presented with their Norwood Secondary College Certificates and winners of special College Awards and Subject Awards are also announced.

TICKETING & SEATING INFORMATION:

Ticket sales will close on Wednesday, 5 October. No further tickets will be available to purchase after this date.

The cost for the evening is \$97.50 per person and seating allocation is intended for a family group of three (typically the Year 12 student and two close relatives) with the exception of families with twins, where four seats will be allocated for purchasing.

Trybooking.com accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express. A fee of 2.5% per seat will be added at the time of booking. The payment site is secured and any personal information is encrypted and protected by Firewalls. Only the last 4 digits of the card number are kept on file.

Please note it is highly recommended that guests plan their table groups with their families and friends before going online to purchase. When allocating table numbers on *trybooking.com*, the guests that you have listed on your table will be confirmed, however, the table number itself may be different on the evening. A seating plan will be visible for guests to know which table they are seated on upon arrival. We reserve the right to consolidate smaller tables as needed to fit the space at the venue.

To book online, please go to the following link:

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954390&

If you are unable to make payment through the *trybooking.com* website, please speak to a member of the Senior School team to assist with payment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Guests are expected to dress in appropriate semi-formal/cocktail attire to mark the significance of the evening. No jeans, shorts or thongs are permitted on the evening.

This is an alcohol free event for all guests.

Two photographers will be present all evening and photos for the event will be available for digital download after the event at no additional charge. Dietary requirements can be entered on Trybooking.

We are very excited about the evening and are looking forward to celebrating the secondary school journey of our students with you and your family.

If you have any queries regarding this function, please contact either the Head of Year 12 or the Year 12 Coordinator.

Scott Kirkby, Head of Year 12







YEAR 10 SNOW CAMP NEWS

Snow Camp started with an early alarm of 4am before students hopped on the bus to Mt Buller. After a quick stop in Mansfield for breakfast and snow gear, students swiftly found themselves in their respective Snowboarding and Ski lessons. These lessons gave students the basics of Snowboarding/Skiing before they took to Bourke Street to further refine their skills.



The first afternoon was filled with many falls, tumbles and a few collisions as students found their feet on the mountain. It was great to see students picking up the skills and sharing their new knowledge with peers who needed a helping hand.

After a big first day on the slopes students returned to the Alzburg Resort in Mansfield for a big dinner and sleep.

Day two saw more students feeling confident on the mountain and far less tumbles than the day before. Some students went up to the Summit, while others continued to work on the basics. A second lesson provided students with further opportunity to advance their skills, before a final session on the slopes to show off all they had learnt.

The Year 10 students showed some fantastic resilience throughout their trip, and it was wonderful to be stopped by skiers complementing our students' behaviour. We are proud of all students and their ability to show the Norwood values throughout the trip.

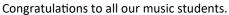
Thank you to the staff who attended Snow Camp for helping students on the slopes and for providing them words of encouragement throughout the trip.

Nicole Pratt, Snow Camp Coordinator

MUSIC NEWS

SHOWCASE SUCCESS

On Wednesday 14 September we had our Showcase Concert with a wonderful audience of 200 people. The ensembles were on fire, and I received many positive comments from parents and grandparents about the quality of the performances.





Reminder:

Please collect your instruments from the music block for the holidays.

We look forward to more great progress next term.

Joanne Dema, Instrumental Music Coordinator







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.

Dear Norwood Community,

Thank you for your contributions during 2022 – we are still collecting Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs.

The collection jar is in the General office so please remember to collect and donate.

Every bread tag helps our collection and it is one less bread tag going into landfill.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lisa-Jane Walmsley



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