

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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School Email Address: norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Tuesday, 15 to Thursday, 17 November

Year 9 OE Cathedral Camp

2023 Year 7 Transition Evening

Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Junior School Celebration Day

Years 10-12 Senior School Transition

2023 Year 7 Statewide Orientation Day

Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 11.30am

Reports published on Compass - 4pm

Wednesday, 16 November

Friday, 18 November

Friday, 9 December

Monday, 28 November

Tuesday, 13 December

Thursday, 14 December

College Phone No. 9871 0400 Principal: Mr Andrew Sloane Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer College Captains: Caitlin Weatherburn and Evan Barjak School Web Address: <u>www.norwood.vic.edu.au</u>

SECONDARY COLLEGE

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

FINAL WEEKS AND PLANNING FOR THE COMING YEAR

The remaining weeks of the school year, perhaps surprisingly, become busier and busier, for staff. Finalising staff replacement and teaching allotments, planning new curriculum (particularly with many changes to VCE and VCAL/VM courses), ensuring work on facilities is done while the school has few or no



students in it and finalising all financial matters for this year (and planning budgets for 2023)....and more....ensures that most staff 'run' until the final days.

We are close to the final VCE Unit 3/4 exams being completed and many of the Class of 2022 have now finished their days of schooling – looking ahead to new challenges and relaxing, perhaps even having some fun, post-exams.

Other year levels commence their exam periods shortly and many of those students are also getting ready to commence Christmas break employment.

Our building program continues, weather permitting, and we are seeing construction now taking place above the ground. It is very exciting to see the new 'wing' (or it's foundations) rising from the dirt.



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JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

This is an important collaborative planning day for teachers.



The focus will be on planning for the implementation of 18 new VCE Study Designs in

2023, and on the analysis of the most recent student learning data in order to differentiate curriculum and assessment.

The day will be pupil free.

RESILIENCE PROJECT DIARIES

The Resilience Project's mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people become happier and more resilient.

Norwood Secondary College is also committed to supporting our students, staff and parent community in this space.

The Resilience Project has developed a student diary that includes information and strategies for students to reflect on and implement to support their mental health. We have decided to implement the Resilience Project Diaries for our students next year. Some of the activities and reflections will also form part of our Mentor Program curriculum.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal



With our new EBA coming fully into effect in the coming year, we require 7 additional staff – we are almost at the conclusion of our selection processes and we are close to also replacing all the staff who are transferring, taking extended leave or retiring/resigning.

STUDENT AND STAFF SURVEYS

DET has released the data for the Attitude To School Survey (completed by students) and the Staff Survey. We are still waiting for the Parent Survey data, we have commenced our analysis of the student and staff reflections.

Whilst I will offer more detailed information of the surveys at a later time, I can note that both students and staff have shown that although there has been an enduring impact on their lives from COVID-related impositions, there is a resilience and optimism that many have shown in their responses. Senior staff will analyse the student responses in depth – reflecting on what we can build on in 2023 and what areas require continued care and attention.

We are very conscious that every individual (student and staff) has been affected differently by remote learning, disrupted education, illness or the impact these have had on the friends and families. I am confident that the pastoral focus that Norwood is known for in our broader community will continue to be evident in the way we look after each other and focus on each person, individually. The surveys provide us with very useful data to help our reflections on what has been and what may be coming.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

FAREWELL 2022 COLLEGE CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

As our 2022 College Captains undertake their final examinations, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their outstanding leadership. We are proud of their efforts and thank them for their commitment and contributions. Thank you to: Caitlin Weatherburn and Evan Barjak: College Captains Zoe Servinis and Grace Jenkin: College Vice Captains



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our

2022 Prefect Team: Saina Dhekane, Tahlia Thomsen and Matisse Tucker (Wellbeing), Rica Poole and Natalie Vlahos (SRC/Community Service), Gemma Ogilvy and Max Parker (Sport) Emily Ball (Performing Arts) and Allanah Sebire (Environmental).

INTRODUCING 2023 COLLEGE CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

As a College we have been very fortunate this year to have such a dynamic and hardworking Year 11 Leadership Team. There were many more applicants for leadership positions, than there were positions for 2023. Thank you to all applicants for the interest you expressed and for your efforts in being part of the application process. Please remember that all students have the capacity to be leaders, regardless of whether or not, they hold an official position:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more and become more, you are a leader." (John Quincy Adams)

The following students have been successful in being appointed to positions for next year:

Mia Brice and Ethan Wilson: College Captains Layla Kiefte and Brodie Smith: College Vice Captains Hannah Magno and Caitlin Waters: SRC/Community Service Prefects Charli Blizzard, Kylah Riddell and Lily Johnstone: Wellbeing Prefects Jasmine Thomas and Mia Servinis: Sport Prefects Lachlan Clark and Cieran Oakley: Environmental Prefects Indi Hartman-Thompson: Performing Arts Prefect

Layla Kiefte College Vice Captain

When I finish school I hope to become a doctor. Though that's the dream, I would love to do anything in the medical field and study science. I love the idea of

being able to help people and



interact with many different people each day.

The best piece of advice I have been given is to never let an opportunity go. Make the most of Secondary School, not just as a place to study and learn, but a place to experience new things that you may never have the opportunity to experience again.

My favourite school experience was the

Presentation Ball this year. Every moment was a blast, from rehearsals where we couldn't control our laughter to nervously waiting to be introduced to our friends, family, and teachers. It was an amazing opportunity where we could have fun with our friends, dress up, and learn how to Ballroom Dance!

My favourite holiday destination would have to be England. Last summer holidays I spent 6 weeks in England, where I spent time with family I hadn't seen in years and went to some incredible places, such as London city. Though I felt colder than I ever had before, it was the best holiday by far.

Brodie Smith College Vice Captain

My favourite thing to do in my spare time: in my spare time would be hanging out with my friends. We enjoy riding bikes and once a week we always cook dinner at someone's house while playing cards.



One food I could never live without is my mum's Chicken Caesar Salad, especially on Tuesday nights for dinner. No one else's Caesar Salad compares to my mum's.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to next year to spending the last year of my schooling working hard and spending time enjoying school with my friends.

My favourite schools experience was our Year 11 Presentation Ball. All the practices were so much fun and the night of our Ball was even better. All of the dances and the meals were awesome.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR 2022 COLLEGE CAPTAINS Mia Brice, College Captain

When I finish school I hope to become a Primary School Teacher. I would really enjoy helping kids understand concepts and develop skills and knowledge to assist them in to high school. I'm excited to work together with parents and colleagues to encourage children to enjoy their time at school.



My favourite school experience was Presentation Ball earlier this year. I really enjoyed learning the dances with my partner and laughing with friends as we struggled to memorise the routines. The night with our families watching and joining in, as well as seeing everyone dressed up and enjoying a dance with our friends.

My favourite holiday destination would have to be New Zealand because of the beautiful weather and visiting their amazing volcanoes and islands. My cousins live in Auckland so I love hanging out with them and seeing the best attractions.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to enjoying my final year at Norwood with the cohort. As Captain, I'm really excited about bringing together the year level by making most of our last year at school while studying throughout the year.

Ethan Wilson, College Captain

My favourite school experience was the Presentation Ball. We had an amazing day full of dressing up formally, dancing, eating food and having fun with friends. One of the best parts about the Ball was taking the limousine to the event and having an awesome time being squished and crammed amongst friends, blasting music in the backseats, and laughing uncontrollably.



The best piece of advice I have been given is to try your best at everything and if you don't succeed at first, try again. You are always going to suffer setbacks in life, some small and some big, but those setbacks can be used as learning opportunities to help us get better and improve for new challenges we may face in the future.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to being able to step out of my comfort zone and push myself to achieve my best in school academically, as well as being a role model for my peers. Incredible opportunities do not come often, and you have to make the most of them while they last, whilst having a bit of fun along the way of course!

My favourite thing to do in my spare time would be anything to do with sport. This might be kicking the footy or playing cricket with mates, watching any sort of sport on TV, or constantly switching around players in my fantasy SuperCoach team. I could not live without sport, or my favourite AFL team, North Melbourne!

On behalf of the Norwood community, we wish our Captains all the very best for the year ahead. We look forward to their continued development as leaders: *"The role of a leader is not to have all the ideas, it's to create a culture where everyone can have ideas and feel that they are valued."* (Ken Robinson)

In the next newsletter edition, we look forward to introducing our 2023 College Prefects.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal





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STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

YEAR 7 MAT PROGRAM

This term selected groups of Year 7 students are enjoying participating in the MAT program run by TESSA Inc., the Therapeutic Engagement Support System Association.

The weekly sessions aim to provide an active therapeutic program to assist students to learn the life skills required to effectively manage the challenges in their lives. The program reinforces the values – Be Strong, Be Calm, Be Kind and Try Hard.

MAROONDAH TAC L2P PROGRAM

The TAC L2P Program assists disadvantaged Victorian learner drivers aged 16 to 21 with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle to gain the 120 hours driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence.

The program is funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and Department of Transport (DoT), supported by the Victorian Government and coordinated by Maroondah City Council. The program is FREE for both young people and volunteer mentors (the car and all fuel is provided).

As well as being matched with a volunteer mentor, learners participating in the program have access to up to seven free driving lessons throughout the program with a professional instructor.









The program focuses on helping young people become safe, confident drivers. It also provides an opportunity for young people to interact with positive adult role models, gain confidence and move towards social independence.

Learners need to meet the following criteria to join the TAC L2P program:

- 16 21 years of age
- Live, work or study within the City of Maroondah
- Hold a current Victorian Learners Permit
- Have no access to a vehicle and/or a supervising driver*

* Applications outside of the standard criteria may be considered, please contact the L2P Coordinator for further information.

To register your interest in the program, please visit the <u>VicRoads</u> <u>website</u> to complete the online application. Alternatively, you can download the <u>application form</u> and email it to <u>l2p@maroondah.vic.gov.au</u>.

TEXTBOOK AND UNIFORM DONATIONS FOR 2023

If Norwood families have any current textbooks or school uniforms in good condition that you no longer require, we welcome donations at Student Wellbeing.

If you have any items you wish to donate, please drop them into the General Office or your child can bring them directly into the Student Wellbeing Centre.

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





REMEMBRANCE DAY

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning...we shall remember them"

LITERACY NEWS

CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

During Term 3, Norwood students were invited to enter the Indigenous Creative Writing Competition facilitated by the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation Organisation (PPCfR). The competition encouraged entrants to write short fiction or poetry inspired by 2022 NAIDOC theme "Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!".



Annabel J of Year 9 submitted an original poem titled

"Too Much Time Is Taken". Her submission won a Norwood based prize of Indigenous Literature, including poetry, short stories and songs by Indigenous authors.

In addition, Annabel and her poetry were acknowledged by PPCfR. She was invited to attend their Award's Night where she received a Highly Commended acknowledgement for her poetry.

Please join the Norwood community in congratulating Annabel on this exciting achievement.

Samantha Hassall, English KLA Leader

REMEMBERANCE DAY NEWS

REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

At 11am on 11 November 1918, World War One, the war to end all wars, came to an end. According to the First World War page on the Australian War Memorial website from a population fewer than five million, 416, 809 men enlisted, of which over 60,000 were killed

and 156,000 wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.



Consequently, the 11 November is now associated with the remembrance of those Australians who served in the First World War, and all subsequent military conflicts.

On Friday, 11 November 2022, Mr Adam Given accompanied Year 9 students Amy R, Phoebe C, Liam R and Ben H to the Remembrance Day Service at the Ringwood Clocktower. The Ringwood Highlands Pipes Band welcomed the attendees, creating a commemorative tone for the service. After introductory remarks from the Ringwood RSL President, members of the Victoria Police Force shut down the surrounding streets, bringing silence upon the congregation as the *Last Post* commenced followed by a minute silence.

The students were provided with the opportunity to lay a wreath at the base of the Ringwood Clocktower amongst the numerous flowers and wreaths by other members of the community. The students bowed their heads and took a moment to reflect and thank those military service men and women who have fought for Australia's freedom.

The Ringwood RSL President, David Jamison, shared a story of Phillip Scott, a 24-year-old soldier who died in the Afghanistan conflict. David highlighted the significance of Scott's sacrifice, he stressed the importance of all community members, young and old, in striving to echo Scott's dedication to freedom and democracy. The service concluded with the *Australian National Anthem*.

Amy, Phoebe, Liam and Ben were fantastic representatives of the College. They wore their poppies with pride and were extremely proud to lay the wreath on behalf of all staff and students at the school.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 MUSIC

Wednesday, 16 November

• Junior Band Performance Year 7 Transition Evening

Wednesday, 23 November

Junior Music Soiree

Friday, 2 December

Wednesday, 14 December

• Presentation Evening

Rookie Band Day









MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC EXAMS

Flute exam certificates have arrived in the Music Block. Congratulations to our three flautists for their amazing results in their exams. Erin F, Sapphire A and Phoebe C.



Music Captains: Indi Hartmann-Thompson and Cieran Oakley Music Vice Captains: Lucas Mosbey and Erin Flynn

Thank you to the new captains for your continued contribution in the Music Program over your years at Norwood Secondary College. We look forward to seeing how the department flourishes under your leadership in 2023.

BAND REHEARSALS

Even though the end of the year is close by, the Music Department is still a busy place to be and ensembles are sounding fabulous across the week in preparation for their final performances.

We split into little sections this week in Band, these sectionals were run by our senior students and assisted by Music Staff. We also look forward to celebrating the year in ensemble groups as the year comes to a close so make sure you are still committed to coming along to your rehearsals each week.

PURCHASING AN INSTRUMENT FOR 2023

There have been a few enquiries over the last few weeks about families looking to buy their child an instrument - it is a fantastic time to go instrument shopping in Music stores at the moment as there are lots of holiday sales around.

There are also music stores that restore preloved instruments, these are available to purchase with a warrantee. Please send an email to your child's Instrumental Teacher to help you out with your purchase as our professional Instrumental Staff are very helpful for finding the best brand of instrument for their students.

It is also a good time to restock on your reeds if you play Clarinet or Saxophone, or other accessories like tuners, music stands, strings, or sheet music.







PRODUCTION NEWS

2023 PRODUCTION

This week we announced that the 2023 College Production will be...

Anastasia The Musical!



We are thrilled that Norwood

has secured this new and exciting show, which is based on the beloved film. We cannot wait to see our students shine in what will no doubt be an incredible performance.

Students who missed out on attending Wednesday's lunchtime launch meeting can obtain further information on Auditions by contacting Ms Filor or Ms Taylor-Lynch. An "Anastasia" Teams page has been set up for interested students to receive news and updates.

Audition days and times will be announced soon, so keep an eye out on Compass and Teams.

Zoe Taylor-Lynch, Production Director



GIRLS IN TRADES TASTER

On Tuesday, 25 October, 10 girls from Year 9 and 10 took the opportunity to try out some trades. They were able to do some hands-on activities from the plumbing and carpentry fields. The event was organised by the Outer Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network.



VET

All the confirmed VET placements have been displayed on the Careers Noticeboard. Students should have checked this board to ensure that the course assigned is the correct course.

There are a number of VET providers who require extra enrolment tasks – please check that this is not a requirement for you. Please see Mr Duncan in the Careers Office if there are any issues.

YEAR 10 CAREERS COUNSELING

All Year 10 students have now had their Career Interview with professional counsellors from Jobs Victoria.

This was the first time this pilot program has run and reports suggest that the students found the interviews and advice given very helpful.

Paul Duncan, Careers and Pathways Coordinator











SPORT NEWS

ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Sunday, Brodie Smith was back at Lakeside for the All School Track and Field Championships.

He competed in the u18 Long Jump final and finished in 4th position with a distance of 6.37m.

Well done Brodie.

John Jagin, Sports Coordinator









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FOOD BBQ Popcorn Snow Cones Devonshire Tea Barista Coffee

MUSIC Outside live stage Brass Band 70's band Gensis brass Vocal group Just Brass Concert 6pm

ACTIVITIES

Animal Farm umping Castle Eliminator Kids Craft Face painting Stalls Christmas Craft Cake Lollies Op - Shop Craft & More

TIME: 3-7PM RINGWOOD SALVOS

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE!

We need your support to spread the Christmas joy to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place are hosting their annual community Christmas party and are seeking donations **(toys, games, gift cards)** so that each young person can receive a special gift this year!



FOOTY 4 FUN

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun acțivities,

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

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WHERE: Benson Oval Eastfield Road South Croydon

WHEN: Sunday 13th of November 1:30pm - 2:30pm



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