

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 4
NUMBER 18
25 November, 2022

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

College Phone No. 9871 0400

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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: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 4, 2022

Monday, 28 November

Years 10-12 Senior School Transition

Monday, 5 December

Staff Professional Practice Day

Pupil Free Day

Friday, 9 December

Junior School Celebration Day

Tuesday, 13 December

2023 Year 7 Statewide Orientation Day

Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 11.30am

Thursday, 14 December

Reports published on Compass - 4pm

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

INTRODUCING OUR 2023 PREFECT TEAM

The last newsletter edition focused on introducing the College Captains to the school community.

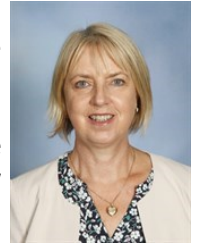
In this edition our new Prefect Team share some thoughts about themselves to help you get to know them better.

We look forward to their collective efforts next year in leading the College.

Caitlin Waters:

SRC/Community Service Prefect

When I finish school I hope to work somewhere in the medical field. It would be great to say I have completed study to be something such as a Doctor or Paramedic because my Mum was a nurse and my Grandad was a paramedic.



The best movie of all time would have to be I definitely can't choose just one for but I love the Fast and Furious movies. They are just crazy and cool and I hope to one day be able to drive/own cars like that.

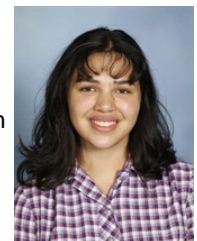
My favourite thing to do in my spare time is either working or playing piano. Both are great because one of them I get paid to do and the other is a time for relaxing which is always helpful.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to having fun in our last year of school but also finding a balance that helps me get the very best score I can. I am looking forward to spending one last year with the people we have grown up around and getting even closer, while planning events and fun things for the school.

Hannah Magno:

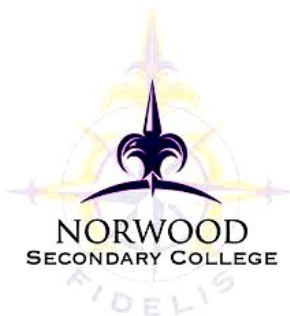
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Lachlan Clark: Environmental Prefect

The best movie of all time would have to be Interstellar, as it sparks my interest in space and sci-fi. For a film made in 2014 its visuals still excite me to this day, so if you are interested in sci-fi go check it out. 10/10



When I finish school, I hope to head off to University and study some sort of Science, relating to the environment. However, leaving school will be hard as many friends and teachers will be missed.

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is to play and coach Basketball. I play in two teams, one for my church and one for my local club and I coach another team of under 14's.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to having the best year ever! I cannot wait to see our year level in the 2023 jackets with our design on it and all the smiles we are going to have in this next year.

Cieran Oakley: Environmental Prefect

When I finish school I hope to study to be Paediatric Nurse so I can help those who face unfortunate events, and provide meaningful and loving care. I would also like to do placement as a nurse overseas to help those who are less fortunate with their health care.



A quote worth remembering is "You don't have to forgive and you don't have to forget to move on, you can move on without any of those things happening. You just become indifferent, and then you move on." -Taylor Swift. This quote reminds me to push the past aside and experience life with the ones that really care. This then allows me to live life to the fullest and enjoy every moment.

The person I most look up to is Taylor Swift, as despite her facing public criticism several times in her career she has bounced back and become a stronger person. She also publicly supports several causes during her career and stands up for what she believes and values, regardless of what society tells her.

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is to read. I like reading because it allows me to immerse myself in a wide variety of literature and learn about different stories. I use it as a way to see the world from other people's perspectives and see how they view the world.

Charli Blizzard: Wellbeing Prefect

The best piece of advice I have been given is to 'choose today'. Many times we find it hard to focus on the things that are right in front of us. Instead, we dwell on what is to come and start to stress about our futures. These words remind me to take the time to focus on what really matters and stay present, rather than get lost in the worries of tomorrow.



When I finish school, I hope to travel. I want to get out, not because I dislike where I live, but because I want to experience as much as I can until I can't anymore. I want to see many unfamiliar cultures and try new things.

The person I most look up to is my mum as she is the strongest person I know. With all that she's been through she has managed to push through. I love how she does not care what anyone thinks and is always 100% herself. Her heart is so full of love and kindness and that is something I really admire about her.

My favourite school experience was Cathedral Camp in Year 9. The hiking was not the most enjoyable experience but it was the people who made it special. I remember everyone seated around the fire, sharing jokes with Mr Mitchell and Mr Cole both telling scary stories.

Kylah Riddell: Wellbeing Prefect

When I finish school I hope to become a trauma nurse or midwife and travel the world. I really love helping people so being able to do that for my career is something I am really looking forward to.



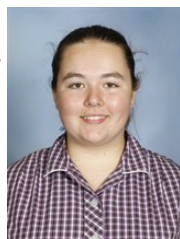
A quote worth remembering is "You are not the opinion of someone who doesn't know you" – Taylor Swift.

My favourite holiday destination would have to be Europe, specifically Rome. I loved visiting all the archaeological remains throughout the city and learning about how civilisation lived thousands of years ago.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to having costume days with the whole cohort and dressing up with my friends. Watching the Class of 2022 dress up on those days and have so much fun makes me so excited to do the same thing.

Lily Johnstone: Wellbeing Prefect

A quote worth remembering is "Don't waste today by fearing tomorrow, for tomorrow will come whether you are ready for it or not". Lynette Noni, writer of one of my favourite book series, the Medoran Chronicles. This reminds me to live in the moment and appreciate every part of life, instead of stressing about the future.



My favourite thing to do in my spare time is to read. Reading is one of my favourite hobbies, thanks to my mum being a huge bookworm. Books help me feel calm and allow me to have a moment of peace and quiet.

My favourite holiday destination would have to be Mansfield. My family stay in a holiday house on the edge of Bright during the summer holidays. We would go down to the river on the edge of the house and spend the day in the water. My favourite thing to do is to walk around the small towns surrounding Mansfield and spend time in the country.

The best piece of advice I have been given is that it doesn't matter what other people are doing or saying, you need to stay true to yourself and form your own opinions. This advice was given to me by my mum, who tells me this when I overthink or spend too much energy on what other people are saying. It has helped me take a step back from a situation and evaluate, giving me a chance to breathe and apply my own values to the situation.

Congratulations

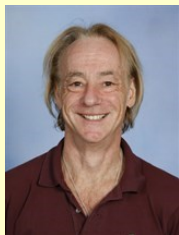
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MATH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MATH COMPETITION

Late in Term 3, students at the college sat the 2022 International Math Competition.



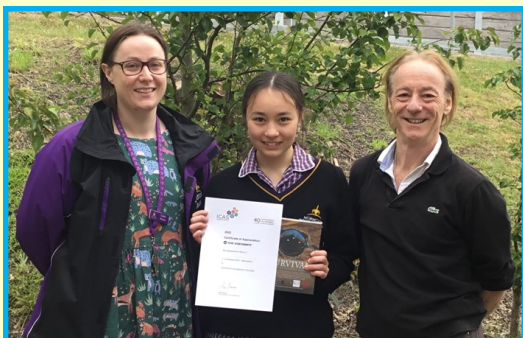
Students attempted sets of test questions which were undertaken by students from all over the world and gave the students great test method practice.

Questions relied on Math ability and problem solving methods as well as persistence and the ability to read a long problem, to sift through literacy information and identify the relevant data to solve the problem.

Pictured is the top performing student in the college, Sapphire Abbott receiving the Principal's award from her teacher Mrs Walton and the test administrator, Mr Papanotas.

Sapphire will receive her distinction certificate and prize at a year level assembly from her subschool Teachers.

Alex Papanotas, ICAS Competition Coordinator



Indi Hartman-Thompson: Performing Arts Prefect

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is listening to music. I like the relaxing feeling of having music to my ear, whether that's at home, in a car or on a walk. I like listening to any genre of music and discovering new bands and artists.



The best piece of advice I have been given is 'Enjoy the moment while it lasts.' This resonates with me because everything goes by so fast, so we need to make the most of fun moments, big or small.

The person/people I look up to is my own parents. This may seem clichéd, but I believe they're our biggest role models in life. I look up to my Mum and Dad because they are both very hardworking people and are teaching me life lessons to prepare me for my future.

One food I could never live without is pasta! I absolutely love any pasta dish; Spaghetti Bolognese, Napoli, Carbonara, Mac n Cheese, etc. Pasta is very versatile with whatever you have with it, it is always so delicious!

Jasmine Thomas: Sport Prefect

My favourite holiday destination would have to be the Amalfi Coast in Italy. I loved the uniqueness of the pebble beaches, the colourful array of houses as you look up the steep cliffs and the amazing Italian food.



A quote worth remembering is "In life you never lose. You either win or you learn".

In 2023, I am most looking forward to the traditional Teacher vs Student Cup. It's so fun to watch everyone get involved and who doesn't love a little bit of friendly competition?

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is hanging out with my family and friends, playing netball and being with my dog Jett.

Mia Servinis: Sport Prefect

A quote worth remembering is "don't stop until you're proud". This positions people to achieve their goals. It leaves no room for a half completed task and pushes individuals to apply themselves.



My favourite school experience was the Presentation Ball. This involved many amusing dance lessons with your friends and partner, however, the big day was filled with excitement, nerves, and memories that would last a lifetime.

My favourite holiday destination would have to be New Zealand. This country was filled with action packed adventures such as parasailing which pushed me out of my comfort zone. The scenery and tours were excellent. I would definitely recommend it as a destination.

In 2023, I am most looking forward to sharing experiences with my cohort, making memories of the high and lows that we encounter and bonding together. I want to make sport carnivals and sport related activities special and enjoyable for all students.

On behalf of the Norwood SC community, we wish our Prefects all the best for their new roles in 2023. We can't wait to see what they achieve and how they further their leadership development.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

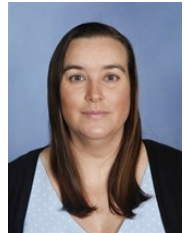
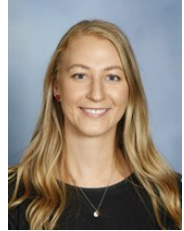
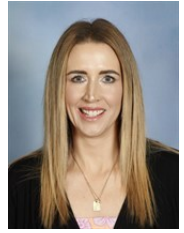
YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Over Tuesday and Wednesday all Year 7 and 8 students were involved in either The Big Sister Experience or the Man Cave Program, with Year 8 also having sessions in team building, self-defence and yoga from Proactivity.

The Big Sister Experience covers topics to equip young people with skills and knowledge to increase their self-awareness and capabilities of resilience. They cover ethical and moral issues and promote tools and strategies on how to live a happy and healthy life.

The Man Cave Program targets the unique challenges and opportunities of masculinity using evidence-based workshops and expert facilitation. This provides participants with the critical emotional and social skills they need to lead flourishing lives for themselves, their relationships, and their communities.

All Norwood Students from Years 7-11 have now had the opportunity to participate in The Big Sister Experience or the Man Cave Program and have expressed a greater sense of awareness of the importance of positive mental health and well-being.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT MAROONDAH COMMUNITY SESSION

[The Resilience Project](#) explores evidence-based approaches to building resilience, to develop and sustain positive mental health. Next week The Resilience Project will be running a workshop that outlines gratitude, empathy (kindness), mindfulness strategies and discusses simple ways you can practice these in your daily life. The session will be presented by Martin Heppell, former AFL player and inspirational speaker.

Event details

Date: Wednesday, 30 November

Time: 7pm to 8.30pm

Location: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East
OR livestreamed online

Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person for both online and in person

Book at: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Resilience-Project

Bookings close: 5pm, Monday, 28 November 2022



The Resilience Project is coming to Maroondah!

**Wednesday
30 November
7pm to 8.30pm**

\$10 per person

Hear from Martin Heppell, former AFL player and inspirational speaker, who will explore evidence-based approaches to building resilience using *The Resilience Project's* GEM strategies of Gratitude, Empathy (kindness) and Mindfulness. Come along and learn simple ways you can develop and sustain positive mental health.

Event details:
Wednesday 30 November
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Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East
or livestreamed online.
\$10 per person to attend the presentation at Karralyka
\$10 for each online booking

How to book
Book at: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Resilience-Project or scan the QR code.

This event is brought to you by

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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.

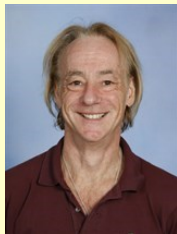
If you have any items you wish to donate, please drop them into the General Office or your child can bring them directly into the Student Wellbeing Centre.

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

SCIENCE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

The 2022 International Science Competition was held for the first time since the Covid lockdowns of 2021.

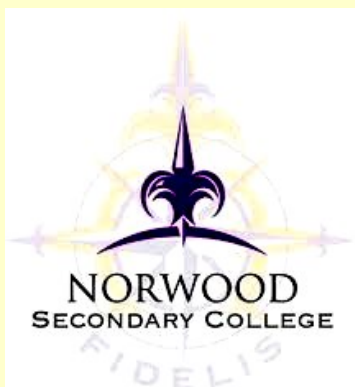


I am pleased to say we had students participate with great gusto and our Year Level results were above those of the state average.

Participating students have been presented with their certificates, awards and prizes. Pictured is the top performing student in the College, Year 10 student, Jaqueline O' Connor. Jacqueline is being presented with the Principals Award.

Pictured with her is Mrs Singh (Head of Science) and Mr Papanotas, (Competition Organiser).

Alex Papanotas, ICAS Competition Coordinator



HUMANITIES NEWS

YEAR 7 FIELDWORK EXCURSION

Recently, Year 7 students embarked on an excursion as part of the Humanities Curriculum. The focus of this excursion was the liveability of different suburbs.



Students visited both Seville and Toorak to compare various facets of liveability such as the facilities at the local shops and the features of residential houses.

The fieldwork experience proved to be extremely beneficial to their understanding and it was great to be back out and about!

Sarah Davis, Humanities Teacher



MUSIC NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 MUSIC

- Friday, 2 December
 - Rookie Band Day
- Wednesday, 14 December
 - Presentation Evening



YEAR 7 TRANSITION EVENING

Thankyou to Junior Band, with an extra special thankyou to all the senior mentors from the music block who came together to play at the Year 7 Transition Parent Evening last Wednesday.



It was fabulous to have the Junior Band play the piece 'Sneaky Sneaky' by Richard Linton and show the new Year 7 students what can be accomplished when learning an instrument for under 12 months. We look forward to meeting the new Year 7s for 2023 very soon and are excited to welcome new students to the Music Block.

On Wednesday, 23 November we had a Junior Music Soiree which saw the 30 students in our Junior Music Program have the bravery to play some solo's, duet's and small ensemble pieces for their parents/guardians.

It was a fantastic celebration of the year for our brass, woodwind and percussion students. It was great to hear so many of you sharing the talent you have and the skills you have learnt with our music community.

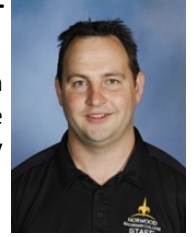
On Thursday, 24 November, the Junior Strings Ensemble had a waffle and hot chocolate breakfast, to finish off the year and celebrate how far they have come in under 12 months of playing. This was a special time for the students to hang out and enjoy the company of friends who make music together.

Ruth Barry, Music Teacher



YEAR 11 SPORT AND RECREATION GO KART EXCURSION

Our Year 11 Vet Sport and Recreation Group had an excursion to Le Mans Go Karting where they were able to identify and witness firsthand Work Health and Safety practices in the sporting industry.



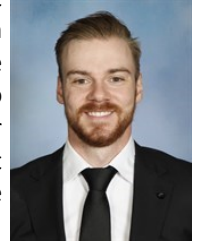
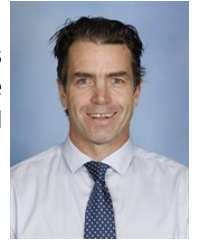
Students followed WHS guidelines and had a lot of fun racing the Super Karts on the Lakeside Track. Congratulations to Tom and Marcel who finished with a podium placing. It was a great way to finish the year. Well done and best of luck in 2023!

John Jagin, Sport and Recreation Teacher



YEAR 9 WILSONS PROMONTORY CAMP

Last week the Year 9 Outdoor Recreation students completed a three day hiking and wilderness experience at Wilsons Promontory National Park. The students had prepared their packs full of everything they would need for the following three days.



On day 1, the students prepared their campsite and set up tents well. We completed the Three Bays Walk from Tidal River Campground which was a beautiful walk. The students walked across Squeaky Beach all the way to Whiskey Bay. That night the students cooked their evening meals on their Trangia stoves. Some great gourmet bush camp meals were created and the students enjoyed their dinner.

We had a big day walk ahead on day 2 as we prepared to make our way to the Darby River via the Darby Saddle Walk.

We had beautiful weather for the walk and we were treated to some breathtaking views. We rested at Fairy Cove, a stunning beach inlet surrounded by granite rock. The students were well prepared and enjoyed the conditions throughout the day. We completed the walk in good time as the group proved to be very competent walkers. When we got back to camp the students enjoyed a well earned rest. Later that day we walked out to a lookout near Tidal River and continued to enjoy the stunning views.

The Friday morning sky was blue as we packed up camp and left for the summit of Mount Oberon. This iconic mountain has spectacular views of the whole peninsula including Sealer's and Refuge Cove. We sat and enjoyed the atmosphere at the top of the mountain before descending back to Tidal River.

The students achieved many great outcomes and were positive and enthusiastic. We experienced extremes of weather, from hail and rain to sunny blue skies. The students demonstrated excellent outdoor skills and enjoyed the three day wilderness camp. Well done to the Year 9s – a really successful camp!

Rod Mitchell & Dan Cole, Outdoor Education Teachers



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



TERM DATES 2022

TERM 4, 2022

3 October to 20 December 2022

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1, 2023

30 January to 6 April 2023

TERM 2, 2023

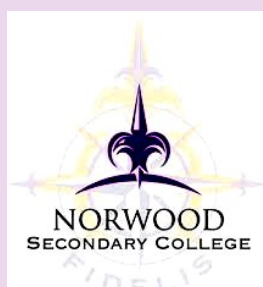
24 April to 23 June 2023

TERM 3, 2023

10 July to 15 September 2023

TERM 4, 2023

2 October to 20 December 2023



GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

COMPASS – PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

[All details regarding the 2023 Parent Payments will be posted on the Norwood Secondary College website and will be activated and made live on Compass from 9 December 2022.](#)



Contributions can be made via Compass, or by paying with credit card/cash at the General Office. These payments can be in full or via instalment options.

Norwood SC has endeavored to keep the costs of items and programs to a minimum and affordable for all families. We do understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offer a range of support options. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the General Office to schedule an appointment time with the Business Manager or the Assistant Business Manager.

Instalment Options for 2023

- Student Contributions – 4 instalments:
 - 7/1/2023
 - 7/3/2023
 - 7/5/2023
 - 7/7/2023
- Year 8-9 Notebook Program – 2 instalments:
 - 7/2/2023
 - 7/6/2023
- Instrumental Music Program – 3 instalments:
 - 7/2/2023
 - 7/4/2023
 - 7/6/2023
- VET Program – Payment in full due 25/01/2023

Instalment options can be modified to fit your personal circumstances, please contact Megha Malhotra, Assistant Business Manager at the General Office for assistance 9871 0400.

VET 2023

VET Programs for 2023 are predominately funded by Department of Education and Training. There are some VET subjects that attract a charge for uniforms and equipment specific to the program. These costs will be posted on Compass via the 'Events' module and are due in full by **25 January 2023.**

General Office Opening Hours for end of Term 4, 2022

Wednesday, 14 December 8.15am-4.30pm

Thursday, 15 December 8.15am-4.30pm

Friday, 16 December – 8.15am-4.30pm

Monday 19 December 8.15am-4.30pm

Tuesday 20 December CLOSED

General Office Opening Hours for 2023

Wednesday, 25 January 8.30am-4.30pm

Thursday, 26 January – Public Holiday

Friday, 27 January 8.30am-4.30pm

Regular Office Hours resume on Monday, 30 January, 2023

8.15am-4.30pm

Jane Arnold, Business Manager

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Friday 2nd December 4–8pm

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Hinkley Ave, Croydon



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Low waste • Parking Brentnall Rd, Croydon

 Ainslie Twilight Market 2022



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