

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

*Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment*

**TERM 4**  
**NUMBER 19**  
**9 December, 2022**

School Email Address: [norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](http://www.norwood.vic.edu.au)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

### TERM 4, 2022

#### Tuesday, 13 December

2023 Year 7 Statewide Orientation Day

Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 11.30am

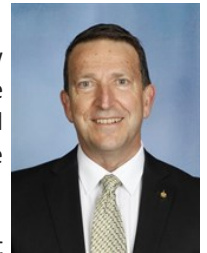
#### Thursday, 14 December

Reports published on Compass - 4pm

## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

### REFLECTIONS ON 2022

With an uninterrupted year of in-school classes now almost behind us, schools have reflected on how the school, staff and students (and families) have fared over the past three years and what we wish to achieve in the coming year(s).



We have certainly been reminded of how important regular, frequent, positive social interaction is for children and adults. Whilst there were some who actually thrived in remote learning, many did not and the return to school has revealed the impact of a lack of socialisation and the close, personal attention that a teacher can offer in a classroom. Teachers have needed to help redevelop the capacity of many students to persevere with tasks. For some, sitting in a classroom and concentrating for an hour required considerable effort – and support from teachers. On the bright side, there has been noticeable progress in students across all levels, as the year has progressed. There was, of course, a heartening level of joy amongst students as soon as they returned to school, early in the year – being with each other, having access to the various in-school programs that they loved (Music, Production and Sport programs featured highly – with Shrek the Musical being such a huge highlight of 2022) and re-engaging with out-of-school activities such as community sport. These were all very important avenues for our young to take, in their recovery from the remote learning periods.

Students have re-engaged with their studies to varying degrees. As we have been determining award recipients for Presentation Evening, we have been struck by the number of students who have settled quickly into their previous strong work ethic and level of focus on their academic endeavours, leadership opportunities and more. We are also aware of students for whom the journey is longer. To this end, 2023 will see a continuance (and in many areas an enhancement) of our focus on students' well-being. We are acutely aware that for students to aspire and to perform to the best of their abilities, they need to feel positively disposed to school, feel connected to friends and to see a purpose for making the effort to persist with their studies. In the coming year we will continue to offer a range of programs to meet the many needs of our students, knowing that the effects of the past three years of living with COVID may be with us for a while.



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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It has been very pleasing to get through the entire year without any major interruptions. This has been particularly important for our Year 8 and Year 9 students who were yet to experience all Norwood has to offer. Students in the Junior School took advantage of a full year of onsite learning and many co-curricular activities, including; Sport, Music, Lunchtime Clubs, Debating, the Musical and Academic State and National Competitions.



Congratulations to the students who have aspired to work hard and achieve their best. Now is a good time for all students to reflect on the positives and challenges experienced in 2022 and set goals for next year to improve in areas that require attention and excel in areas of strength.

A big thankyou to all the teachers and educational support staff who go above and beyond to provide our students with a stimulating curriculum and a friendly and safe environment.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the parent community for taking the time to support your child and the College.

Finally, congratulations to the Year 12 students on their personal and academic achievements. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

*Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal*

## SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

### UNIFORM MATTERS

Now is a good time to purchase new uniform with extended trading hours on offer in December and January. If there is insufficient hem left on summer dresses, new ones will need to be purchased prior to the 2020 school year.



Hemlines should be modest and reach just above the knee. I would ask that you check this and either purchase new dresses or let hemlines down in readiness for next year.

It is important that items of uniform are purchased from the Uniform Shop, to ensure correct style and colour. This is particularly important with shorts. Please check the College website if unsure of the uniform expectations: [Norwood SC Uniform details](#)

## FINAL WEEKS OF SCHOOL

The last few weeks at school have seen students completing their exams (the most significant of which were the Year 12 / VCE exams). Last week we ran our VCE Transition Program; introducing students in next years' Years 11 and 12 cohorts to their courses. Final assessments have now been completed and staff have been focusing on completing students' reports and determining recipients for the range of awards that will be celebrated at the Presentation Evening next week.

Awards will be presented for Endeavour, Academic Excellence, Citizenship, Visual and Performing Arts and Sports. The presentations will culminate with the announcement of the Fidelis Awards – the College's premier academic award at each year level.

As has been flagged previously, the 2022 Presentation Evening will be held in the College's Gymnasium. The seating and floor space will allow us to cater for a large audience. The screen will also offer us opportunities we cannot access at our traditional venue.

Today we held our Student Celebration Day, with an excursion to *Funfields* in Whittlesea, a very popular destination in warm weather.

The Celebration Day usually marks the final day for many of our students and the incoming 2023 Year 7 students, who join us on Tuesday next week, will find they have plenty of room to move as they explore the school on their Orientation Day.

Staff are now focussing on preparing their 2023 programs and resources and completing the many other matters that need to be finalised prior to the upcoming break.

As with each 'end of year', we have staff departing Norwood and others joining our team. As we have a new EBA for government schools, we have been dealing with some of the changes to the employment of staff. One significant change from the previous Agreement is the slight reduction in teaching allotments. The decrease in each teacher's allotment, when multiplied by over 80 teachers, has necessitated the employment of an extra 6 teachers for 2023. A summary of staffing movements is below:

### STAFF WHO WILL NOT BE AT NORWOOD IN 2023:

Sara Amos	12 months leave	English Hums
Sarah Davis	12 months leave	Psych Science French
Zoe Taylor-Lynch	12 months leave	Media Drama
Lisa Walmsley	12 months leave	Commerce
Elisabeth Collins	12 mth secondment to John Monash Science School	Sci PHY Maths
Rosalie Sultman	End of contract	Maths
Susan Marshalsea	Retirement	Humanities Geog Science
Alison Ward	Resignation	Art Media Hums
Scott Kirkby	Mornington SC	Commerce VCAL
Scott Dixon	Pascoe Vale Girls SC	Media English Technology
Erin Jennings	Doncaster SC	English Hums
Simone Genovese	Blackburn HS	French Hums
Khwaish Madan	Ashwood College	English Hums

We wish each of these colleagues all the very best for the future and hope their coming experiences exceed their hopes.

### STAFF JOINING NORWOOD SC IN 2023:

Shanae McKenzie (return from Family Leave)	English, Hums
Vian Emeric (return from Family Leave)	Hums English
Jack Pritchett	Media, Hums, English

Students in Years 7 and 8 are still permitted to wear their correct PE uniform for the full day when they have timetabled PE classes on that day. All other students are able to arrive in full PE uniform when they have PE for period one or leave at the end of the day in full PE uniform if they have a timetabled PE class during period 5.

As a point of clarification, students are only permitted to wear a plain white T-shirt under their shirts. Black and grey T-shirts are not part of the uniform and students wearing these can expect to receive consequences.

If we work together to ensure the correct wearing of the College uniform then teachers can focus their attention on the teaching and learning within their classrooms.

**Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal**

## SCIENCE NEWS

### YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Students in Year 7 Science have been studying ecology and animal adaptations.



As part of their studies, they were required to go out into the school grounds and sample the population of a species of plant. In this case, the flat weed via correct sampling methods and then justify as to the weed's population density, distribution and number by analysing abiotic and biotic data of the habitat.

Students later used a transect to determine the composition of habitat species and diversity to draw conclusions as to the type of ecosystem they are studying.

**Alex Papanotas, Science Teacher**



Marcelle Greto		Enviro Sci/Geog, Maths
Jason Boyce	Lilydale Heights SC	Maths and Wellbeing
Zac Parr	Mooroolbark College	PE Maths
Damien Edgar	Luther	Maths
Freya Allen	Montmorency SC	English History
Penelope Keaughran	Reservoir SC	English Hums
Elise Obradovic	CLC Eltham	English, Hums and Legal
Samantha Hadley	St John's Dandenong	Psych, Hums, Sci, Drama
Rebecca Buchan	Berwick College	Psych, Biol, Sci
Mitchell Poole	Keysborough College	Hums, Visual Arts
Alannah Frampton	Mooroolbark College	Visual Arts, Hums
Maddie Sweeney	Melba SC	Food Technology
Ashlee Henshaw		English, Humanities
Duneesha Gamhewage	Preston SC	French
Miranda Ferrie	Vermont SC	English Drama Music

All the staff who will be new to Norwood in 2023 have now visited the College and met key senior staff and colleagues who are in their faculties. We very much look forward to all their previous experiences being shared with us. There is so much that can be gained from learning of 'how things are done' in other schools/systems. It can affirm our practices or stretch us to reflect on how we could be even stronger in our practices.

There have also been some changes to our Leadership Team for the coming year. The Leadership Team is made up of Principals, Leading Teachers and Learning Specialists and this Team oversees all programs in the College.

### COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023

Principal:	Andrew Sloane
Junior School Principal:	Kris Johnson
Senior School Principal:	Jackie Harris
Director of Curriculum:	Alexis Watson
Director of Pedagogy:	Zac Parr
Director of Staff Development:	Jan Woolard
Director of College Operations:	Kerrie Hobbs
Director of Literacy:	Sam Hassall
Director of Numeracy:	Natalie Nejad
Director of Data and Performance:	Nick Mammoliti
Head of Year 7:	Cameron Cox
Head of Year 8:	Daniel Cole
Head of Year 9:	Adam Given
Head of Year 10:	Annie Hearne
Head of Year 11:	Rod Mitchell
Head of Year 12:	Chris Sheehan

### BEST WISHES FOR THE UPCOMING BREAK

On behalf of the College Council and staff, I wish you a safe and restful break. May you be able to reconnect with people who are special to you and spend time doing things that make you feel good.

We look forward to catching up again in the new year. We will be focussing next year on your children's wellbeing as much as their learning. We understand that 2022 may have contained a 'mixed bag' of experiences for your children and have already been planning ways to further re-connect students with the co-curricular program, learning, friends and staff.

Take care and stay safe.

**Andrew Sloane, College Principal**



### STUDENT SPORT NEWS

#### NATIONAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week two Norwood students - Ruby P & Mia W completed in the National Cheerleading Championships on the Gold Coast.



Their team performed on Sunday, 27 November and placed first out of a total of fifteen teams. Following this, from a pinnacle bid on the Monday they competed again, where they came 2nd, placing them in the top two teams in Australasia. A big congratulations on your fantastic achievements girls!

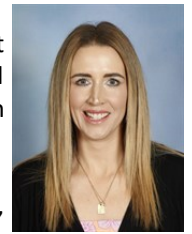
**April Glare, Head of Health and PE**



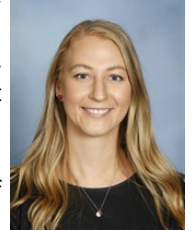
### STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

#### MAROONDAH YOUTH AWARDS 2022

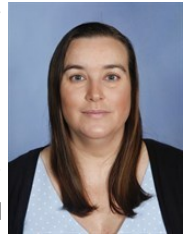
The Maroondah Youth Awards is an annual event that celebrates and recognises the strengths, resilience, and achievements of young people aged between 10-25 in Maroondah.



On Monday, 28 November 2022, at Karralyka Theatre, the Maroondah Mayor, Councillors and Directors were on hand to present the awards to the nominees coupled with performances and inspiring guest speakers. Norwood Secondary College is incredibly proud that three of our students were recognised in the ceremony.



Jason S, Year 12, was awarded in the category of 'Creativity' for his lead in the Norwood production as Shrek, in Shrek The Musical. Jason was a brilliant mentor to the other cast members and also demonstrated his phenomenal performance skills in assemblies and showcases throughout the year.



Lily J, Year 11, was awarded in the category of 'Leadership'. Lily leads and empowers her cohort and students from other year levels through consistent attendance in leadership meetings, a high level of involvement in regular school activities and the planning and execution of number of school fundraisers.



Bethany S, Year 11, was also awarded in the category of 'Leadership'. Beth has enthusiastically helped with regular school activities, and consistently sets a fantastic example for the school. She always goes the extra mile in supporting her peers in class, and her friends outside of class.

#### TEXTBOOK AND UNIFORM DONATIONS FOR 2023

Thank you to the many Norwood families that have donated textbooks and school uniforms this term. If you have any items you wish to donate, please drop them into the General Office before the end of the year.

#### WELLBEING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Whilst the school holiday period is generally a happy time for families to spend together, it can also be a time of additional stress on mental health.

A few tips to reduce the pressure and stay healthy include:

**Boost healthy activities** - The holidays will not be as health promoting and recharging as they could be if there is too much screen time. Studies suggest that there is an increase in the incidence of cyber-bullying reported during the school holidays. Set limits on technology use and encourage other activities that involve getting outdoors, exercise, socialising with friends and connecting with the community.

**Encourage communication** - Try to create positive communication practices. Communication with teenagers is often more natural and easier to do when you are doing something together, such as driving, taking a walk, or eating a meal. Talk about school, hobbies and life, use open-ended questions, keep calm and be non-judgmental. A big part of adolescent development is helping to build their communication and problem-solving strategies. Often being heard is enough. You want your teenagers to know that no matter what it is that is on their mind, you are always there to listen.



**Practice mindfulness** - Mindfulness is about giving your complete attention to the present moment. Evidence suggests that mindfulness practices can benefit adolescence by building skills in concentration and relaxation, as well as reducing stress and anxiety. Mindfulness can involve formal practices such as meditation and the use of mindfulness apps or informal practices such as colouring, focusing on your senses and taking in your surroundings. For more information visit [www.smilingmind.com.au/mindfulness](http://www.smilingmind.com.au/mindfulness).

The Student Wellbeing Team would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday break.

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

## VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

### TERM 4

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.

Congratulations to the following students for their participation.

#### Secondary English:

Addison A  
Alfie K

#### Secondary Mathematics:

Beth C  
Brian L  
Kyan S

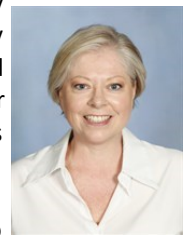
Thank you to all of the participants throughout 2022 you are all to be commended on taking up the challenge of extra learning via a remote learning platform.

**Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Victorian High Ability Program Coordinator**

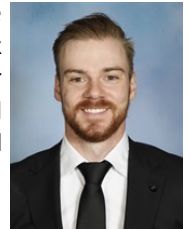


## YEAR 8 NEWS

We have had a fantastic year with our Year 8s. The many things we have achieved this year is testament to the way our Year 8s have embraced all our special days and programs. Additionally, the manner in which our students have diligently worked through this year has been fantastic.

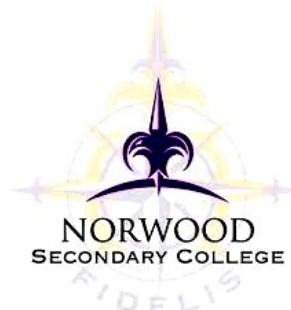


On behalf of Daniel Cole and myself, we would like to wish our Year 8s a wonderful festive season and all the best for 2023. We would like also to extend a big thank you to the staff who have worked and supported all our students. They have been an integral link with them, and have assisted with the ongoing education, wellbeing and holistic health of our students.



We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas.

**Alison Ward, Head of Year Level and Daniel Cole, Year Level Coordinator**





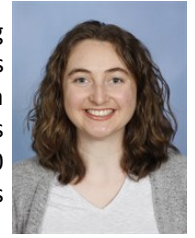
Well Done Bonnie!



## MUSIC NEWS

### NEVR STRING WORKSHOP

Bonnie M of Year 8 participated in a three day string workshop that was held at Blackburn High School. It was a fabulous few days of students from all over Victoria coming together to make music in large string ensembles groups. There was a concert held on Wednesday, 30 November, 2022 to showcase the work the students achieved.



Well done to Bonnie for her hard work and contribution to the workshop.

### NEVR ROOKIE BAND WORKSHOP

11 of our Junior Band students participated in the Rookie Band Workshop on Friday, 2 December, 2022.

The students participated in a large ensemble with approximately 100 students, who have been learning an instrument for under 12 months. These students managed to learn five different band pieces as they participated in sectional workshops, and large ensemble workshops run by professional musicians and education department teachers as well as a guest conductor Dr Joanne Heaton.

Well done to Addie, Reinette, Zetara, Isabella, Katerina, Skye, Denzel, Jett, Ewan, Daham and Stephanie for the fantastic contribution you made to the day.

### PRESENTATION EVENING

Reminder for music students playing in Presentation Night on Wednesday, 14 December - Please make sure that if you are singing in Chorale or playing in band or strings that you have consented on Compass and let Mrs Barry know of your dietary requirements for your pizza dinner. Looking forward to a fun night.

*Ruth Barry, Instrumental Music Teacher*

## PRODUCTION NEWS

### ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL

Auditions for the 2023 musical production of *Anastasia* were held on Thursday, 1 December, 2022.



Ms Barry, Ms Taylor-Lynch and I were blown away by all the talent in the room; such a high calibre of auditionees is extremely exciting, but it makes our job of casting incredibly tough.

Our leads will be AMAZING!  
The supporting cast, INCREDIBLE!  
And the chorus, RESOUNDINGLY WONDERFUL!

We would like you all to join us in congratulating the students below on successfully attaining leading roles for the 2023 musical production of *Anastasia*.

- ANYA  
(Anastasia with amnesia)
- THE DOWAGER EMPRESS
- VLAD
- GLEB
- DMITRY
- LILY

- Hannah Magno
- Anabel Johnstone
- Logan Bexley
- Elijah Magno
- Georgia Williams-Dyson
- Alex Bennett

*Lucy Filor, Production Coordinator*

**UNIFORM SHOP**



**SHOP HOURS:**

**MONDAYS** 8.30AM - 11.30AM  
**THURSDAYS** 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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

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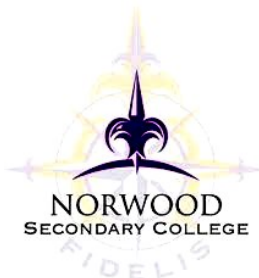
*Jenny McKenzie,  
Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator*

**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 CLOSED
Friday, 27 January	8.30am-4.30pm

**Regular Office Hours resume on Monday, 30 January, 2023**

8.15am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday

*Jane Arnold, Business Manager*

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# Whitehorse Carols

**Sunday 18 December 2022**  
5.30pm – 9.30pm

Tunstall Park



## School Holiday Volunteering Opportunity

**Volunteer at Oasis Community Meals**  
**Learn new skills: Serve: Give back**  
**Thursdays 10:30am - 1:30pm**



Suitable for families with High School  
or Primary School Children .  
Contact [office@ringwoodchurch.org.au](mailto:office@ringwoodchurch.org.au)  
or 0408 795 014 for more information.

**Registration is essential**

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**PARK ORCHARDS**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Saturday 10th December**

**10am - 2pm**

**Venue: Bowmore Ave, Park Orchards**

