

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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NUMBER 1
10 February, 2023

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

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: Mia Brice and Ethan Wilson

School Web Address: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 1, 2023

Tuesday 14 February

College Photos

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 February

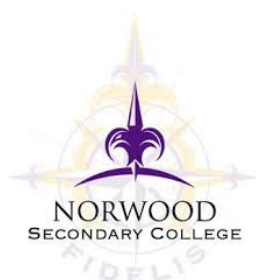
ADANAC Camp - 7A, B, C, D

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 February

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Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 February

Year 12 VET Sport and Rec Surf Camp



COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

WELCOME TO THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

A very warm welcome to the many new students and families who have joined the Norwood community, this year. We look forward to forming close and productive relationships with all. Welcome back, also, to the students and families who have been a part of our community in past years.



For the first time for a couple of years, we were able to welcome our new Year 7 students to Norwood Secondary College with a full school assembly in the Gymnasium. I'm sure our Year 7s felt the significance of the symbolism of the rest of the students and the staff applauding them as they entered the Gym to take their seats. I was particularly impressed with the tone of the Assembly – the students behaved impeccably and the warmth of the welcome for the Year 7s together with the applause when our Year 12 students were presented with their "X11" badges, were great moments. Our 2023 College Captains, Mia Brice and Ethan Wilson both spoke most impressively to the assembled students. The scene was set for all to move forwards in 2023 and aim to be involved in as much as possible and to do their best in all their endeavours.

With the new EBA for government schools requiring increases in staffing levels, several transfers, retirements and extended leave, there was a need to employ new staff.

We welcome the following new teaching staff:

Zac Parr (Learning Specialist)	Leadership Team, PE, Maths, Health
Freya Allen	English and Humanities
Jason Boyce	Maths and Wellbeing role
Rebecca Buchan	Psych, Health, Science
Damien Edgar	Maths
Miranda Ferrie	English, Drama, Music
Alannah Frampton	Visual Arts, Humanities
Duneesha Gamhewage	French
Marcelle Greto	Geography, Maths, STEM
Samantha Hadley	Psych, History, Geography
Ashlee Henshaw	English
Penelope Keaghan	English and Humanities

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Welcoming our Year 7 classes



College Captains, Ethan and Mia, addressing the Assembly



Introducing the 2023 Prefects



Presenting the Year 12 badges

Elise Obradovic
Mitch Poole
Jack Pritchett
Maddie Sweeney

Humanities and Legal Studies
Humanities and History
Media and English
Food Technology

Tutors:

Libby Arendse
Robyn Spandonide
Grace Moroney
Bernard Zhang

We also welcome back, from Family Leave:
Shanae McKenzie and Vian Emeric

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The College's House Swimming Carnival was held this week. Whilst the weather didn't oblige us with a sunny, warm day, there was a strong turnout of students and a great day was had by all. Thank you to all the students who shared the day with us and particular thanks to those students who competed in a varied program with both traditional races and 'fun activities'. A big thank you to Ms April Glare who organised the day.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN NEWS

Our first day of Year 12 consisted of much enthusiasm and anticipation for a busy but exciting final year at Norwood! Refreshed after a relaxing summer holiday, we were all thrilled to see our friends and teachers again, as we get ready to tackle this year together.



A definite highlight of the first week back was receiving our Year 12 jackets on our first day back. Jumping straight into classes with our jackets on, with nerves and excitement running high, the expectation of our final year of high school quickly became a reality.

In the first week back, we took part in an insightful study morning, consisting of presentations where we learnt tips and skills to prepare for and manage exams as well as specific session geared to helping us prepare for our English SACs. After these sessions, much of the cohort and I, feel much more prepared and ready to jump into what will be a very exciting final year!

Layla Kieft, College Vice Captain

SPORTS PREFECT NEWS

Our first official day as Sport Captains was at the 2023 Norwood Swimming Carnival and it was brilliant to kick off our year at such a fun event. Our fellow Year 12 students did an amazing job getting involved and dressing up for the carnival.



The carnival was highly competitive and showcased all of our talented swimmers at Norwood. As Sport Captains we were so impressed to see all students across all year levels jump in the pool and have a go.



To top off the day, a surprise Teacher versus Student relay race was held which was great entertainment for all in attendance. The 12s did us proud and we narrowly beat the teachers after a mad dash from Mr Wilmott fell short over the last 50 metres. This is no doubt the start of what will be a hugely competitive year in the "Student versus Teacher Games" with many more battles to come! Congratulations to Kalinda House on the first win of the year!

**Mia Servinis and Jasmine Thomas,
Sport Prefects**

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome back to all families and students, in particular to those joining us for the first time. It has been a smooth start to the year. Our Year 12s have already benefitted from an organised Study Program, with presentations across all English streams, study skills for examination preparation and an informative VCE session.



UNIFORM MATTERS

We are proud of the high standard of uniform compliance amongst our students and would like to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting the College with this expectation.

POLICIES

Please be aware that all Norwood Secondary College Policies are located on our website under the 'Community' tab and can be accessed using the following link: [Norwood SC Policies](#).

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website [Norwood SC Policies](#).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. <https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/software/26/details>.

If after, reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy: Information for parents](#).

This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

Happy New Year!
Welcome back to the 2023 school year and a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and families.

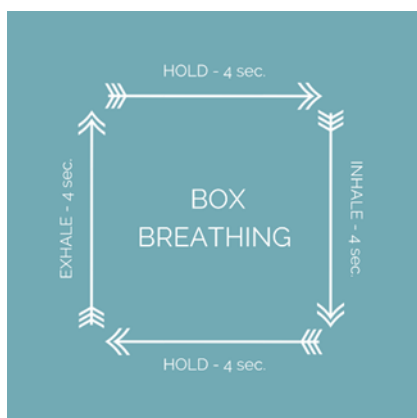


It has been a very positive start to the 2023 school year in Junior School. Our Year 7 students have enjoyed an engaging two-day Transition Program, with a focus on getting to know their peers and mentor teacher, whilst also supporting the students so that they feel ready to tackle formal classes. The Years 8 and 9 students have settled into their Mentor Groups and the Year 9 students are enjoying their chosen elective classes.

We are looking forward to an another uninterrupted school year where our students can experience all that Norwood has to offer in and out of the classroom.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal

STUDENT WELLBEING



5 things you can see around you.
Maybe it's a book, a painting or a chair.



4 things you can touch around you.
Maybe it's a dog, your desk or your leg.



3 things you can hear around you.
Maybe it's a ticking clock, a car alarm or a dog barking.



2 things you can smell.
Maybe it's the scent of soap or lotion on your hands, air freshener or freshly cut grass.



1 thing you can taste.
Maybe it's the drink or the snack you just had.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

WELCOME

The Student Wellbeing Team consists of Jacki Landy, Miranda Maginness, and Jason Boyce. This year we welcome Charli B, Kylah R, and Lily J to the team as our Student Wellbeing Prefects.



To our Year 7 students starting secondary school, to those who are new to Norwood this year and to all our other students returning in 2023, it can be an exciting and challenging time. Some strategies that can help create a smooth transition back to school are:



FRIENDSHIPS

Meeting new people and re-connecting with friends can be a daunting idea. Encourage your child to speak with someone new, invite friends on a social outing, join one of the many school groups or join a community based activity. Developing and strengthening friendships gives your child a sense of connection and develops their self-esteem and social skills.



ROUTINE

We have enjoyed our holidays by staying up late and sleeping in, possibly making the return to school a little challenging. Helping your child reintroduce a daily routine for structure and predictability will assist with school engagement and can reduce stress and anxiety.

MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS

Your child may be dealing with challenging emotions when returning to school. There may be excitement of seeing friends, anxiety about social situations or frustration about their earlier wakeup time. Some tips of how to support your child through these 'big' emotions:

- Help your child to get enough sleep, exercise and eat healthy food.
- Check-in: this can be as simple as asking "how was PE today?". Starting with a low-pressure question can help ease your child into opening up.
- Validate their feelings: acknowledging how they are feeling instead of challenging them. Statements such as "it's okay if you are feeling nervous about school tomorrow" can ease stress and anxiety.

Guide your child through emotional regulation strategies, such as deep breathing and mindful activities.

THANK YOU

We would also like to say a big thank you to our school community for all the donations towards the end of 2022 of uniforms, textbooks, and stationery.

Jacki Landy, Miranda Maginness and Jason Boyce, The Student Wellbeing Team



Plan, Prevent, Protect

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT PARENT WEBINAR SERIES 2023 DATES:

- Term 1: Plan, Prevent, Protect:
Thursday, 16 February at 7.30pm
- Term 2: Safety on the Socials:
Tuesday, 9 May at 7.30pm
- Term 3: Gaming and You Family:
Wednesday, 26 July at 7.30pm
- Term 4: Digital Balance & Wellbeing:
Tuesday, 17 October at 7.30pm

WEBINAR 1: PLAN, PREVENT, PROTECT Thursday, 16 February 2023 at 7.30pm

Learning, connecting and playing online can be safe. Knowing how to arm young people with the right skills, knowledge and understanding of the digital world can feel overwhelming. In this session the Cyber Safety Project team share proactive and practical steps, tools and advice for keeping the whole family safe online.

Follow the below link, or via Compass newsfeed to register for Webinar 1 (see Webinar flyer on page 6) - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_covsz9fHQOK186zduglmyQ

Cameron Cox, Head of Year 7
Nicole Pratt, Year 7 Coordinator



YEAR 7 NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7s

The Year 7 mentor team would like to congratulate the students on their successful transition into the Norwood College community.



We really enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know the Year 7 students. During transition we have covered topics including getting to know you activities, organisation, homework and study skills. Students were also taken on a tour of the school and participated in Music, Laptop and Library information sessions, and that was all before starting scheduled classes on Wednesday. Well done Year 7s on a fantastic start to the year – keep it up! We are looking forward to a great year ahead working with our Year 7 community.



UPCOMING YEAR 7 EVENTS

YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, 14 February 6pm – Online via Webex

The purpose of the session is to give parents/carers the opportunity to meet the Head of Year 7 and Year 7 Coordinator and to share our Transition process at Norwood. A Webex link has been published on Compass to allow families to connect from home.

CYBER SAFETY PARENT WEBINAR

Thursday, 16 February 7.30pm – First of four Live Online Webinars available to families across 2023.

Throughout 2023, all members of the Norwood community will have free access to the Cyber Safety Project 4-part Live Webinar Series. The Cyber Safety Project's online family learning platform provides ongoing support and training for managing digital devices, screen time and creating family protocols for digital use in the home. Further information is available via the Compass newsfeed.

YEAR 7 ADANAC CAMP, YARRA JUNCTION

- 7A-D Monday, 20 to Wednesday, 22 February
- 7E-H Wednesday, 22 to Friday, 24 February

Students will meet their teachers at the front of the Hall at 8.30am on the day of their departure. Please refer to the "What to bring list" located within the Camp Compass event. Students will also be given a hard copy in Mentoring. A reminder to families to return the Camp Medical forms by Wednesday, 15 February. Forms available via the link if needed.

<https://www.norwood.vic.edu.au/transition-evening-information-for-year-7-2023/>

CYBER SAFETY STUDENT YEAR 7 INCURSION WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH

An exciting and interactive workshop looking at the use of Social Media and the negative impact it can have on young people's Health and Wellbeing run by The Cyber Safety Project. A Compass event will be available shortly with additional details about the event.

YEAR 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wednesday, 5 April 7am – 8.30am

Year 7 students and families are invited to a Pancake Breakfast. This is an opportunity for students and parents to catch up with last year's Grade 6 teachers, meet this year's teachers, other parents and students in an informal setting. A compass event will be available shortly with additional details about the event.

PARENT & GUARDIAN WEBINAR SERIES 2023



Plan, Prevent, Protect

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Learning, connecting and playing online can be positive and safe. Learn how to create a safe online environment at home with practical advice for raising young people in a technology-rich world.



Safety on the Socials

TUESDAY 9TH MAY

Uncover the world of social networking through the lens of a child and teenager. Understand the risks and discover techniques to prepare kids to be safe and responsible on the socials.



Gaming and Your Family

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

You can learn a lot through gameplay. Help the young people in your home get the most out of gaming experiences and learn strategies to build healthy gaming habits.



Digital Balance and Wellbeing

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Technology plays a vital role in our world but it's easy to lose control. Finding a balance is a crucial 21st century skill. Discover simple tools and settings to manage screen time and thrive in a digital world.

FREE REGISTRATION
cybersafetyproject.com.au/webinars



MUSIC NEWS

YEAR 7 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Year 7 students enjoyed a music session last week during orientation and participated in playing strings, percussion and listening to the Brass and Woodwind.

Year 7 students are having “try out” lessons this week and next week and can start lessons once enrolled. Enrolment forms are available in the Music Office.



Thank you to families who have already enrolled. We are processing forms and creating lessons this week. Percussion tryouts are on Monday, 13 February. Junior Band will start late this term or early Term 2. Parents will be notified in advance.

All Music Ensembles commence next week (see below) except Junior Band, Guitar Ensemble, and Year 7 Strings. We look forward to our Inter and Senior Ensembles starting from next week. All contributions for lessons and hire are now set up as Compass Events.

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



Ensemble	Day	Time	Description	Level
Junior Band Start date TBA	Tuesday	7.50am – 8.30am	Year 7 Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Bass	Beginner
Concert Band	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4pm	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Bass	Intermediate
Guitar Ensemble Start date TBA	Thursday	1.15pm – 2pm	Electric and Acoustic Guitar Students	Beginner to Advanced
Chorale	Wednesday	3.15pm – 4pm	All Voice Students	Beginner to Advanced
Senior Ensemble	Monday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Year 10-12 Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion.	Advanced
Year 7 Strings Start date TBA	Friday	7.50am – 8.30am	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass	Beginner
String Orchestra	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass	Intermediate

* List is current at the time of printing but is subject to change

** Some exceptions/additions to ensembles are made according to the ability of individual students.

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THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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TERM DATES 2022

Term 1, 2023

30 January to Thursday, 6 April

Term 2, 2023

24 April to 23 June

Term 3, 2023

10 July to 15 September

Term 4, 2023

2 October to 20 December 2023

HOMEWORK CLUB

HOMEWORK CLUB

Starting on Wednesday, 15 February 2023, running every Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Library.

Students who wish to attend the Homework Club should complete the permission slip.



[Homework Club Permission Slip](#)

Gurwinder Singh, Homework Club Co-Ordinator



GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – COMPASS EVENTS

The process of using 'Camps, Sports, and Excursion Funds' (CSEF), and credits held on your family accounts, has recently changed. The option previously available in Compass to "use CSEF for an event" will be removed due to this new process.



The new process is as follows:-

The NSC General Office will now automatically allocate credits and CSEF towards events where applicable. **Please contact the General Office to notify us if you do not want this automatic allocation towards camps/events to occur for your child/children.**

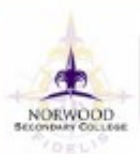
For example:

- An event cost is \$25 and you have a credit or CSEF of \$15, the amount owing for the event will be reduced for your child to \$10, therefore using the credit available to offset the cost of the event
- An event cost is \$25 and you have credit or CSEF greater than \$25, the full amount will be offset against the event and future credits or CSEF will be used in the same way.

Please note that consent **MUST** still be given on Compass for your child to participate in any event.

If you have any questions about this new process, or have a credit and would prefer a refund directly into your bank account, please contact Ms Megha Malhotra, Assistant Business Manager, on 9871 0400.

Jane Arnold, Business Manager



NORWOOD 2023

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What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop off at the General Office - Norwood Secondary College.



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Welcome back to Term 1!

We're excited to welcome your students back on board our services in 2023 for another school year.

There will be a number of students who are catching the bus for the first time so we've prepared a few tips and reminders for you to share to make their journey easy.

New school route maps now available

To make planning your school journey easier, we have recently published maps for all of our school services.

You can find these maps and the bus timetables for your school by visiting [the Kinetic website](#).

Ticketing information

If you have some first-time bus users, or in case some of your students need a reminder, remember all students must travel with a valid myki.

Information about student travel and myki can be found by visiting [the PTV website](#).

Remember students must touch ON and OFF to ensure they are counted on our services.

Important school dates

If you haven't already, please send through your school term dates and student free day dates to melbourne.schools@wearekinetic.com.au.

Staying safe onboard

We want the journey to and from school to be safe and pleasant for everyone.

While onboard the bus, students should remain seated or hold tightly to the railing so they don't slip if the driver needs to stop suddenly.

Please keep the aisles clear of school bags, sports equipment and musical instruments so other passengers can safely and easily move around the bus.

To help ensure our drivers can focus on the road and getting to school safely, students should be respectful, and if seated, remain in their seats. If they need to speak to the driver wait until the bus has stopped.

If listening to music, this should be quiet enough to not disturb other passengers.

We look forward to seeing you on board again soon.

Kinetic Melbourne Schools Team

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