

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 1
NUMBER 2
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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 28 February

Year 9 Advance Camp—Torquay

Wednesday 1 March

Intermediate Sport

Friday 3 March

Curriculum Day — Pupil Free Day

Monday 6 March

Divisional Swimming

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Whilst it might seem like the 2023 school year has just begun, many co-curricular events have already taken place. Some of these exciting activities include the Year 9 Outdoor Education snorkelling excursion, the Year 12 Sport and Recreation Surf Camp and the annual Year 7 Transition camp to ADANAC CYC.



The importance of the Year 7 camp cannot be underestimated. This activity filled camp provides opportunities for Year 7 students to form friendships, connect with their teachers and enjoy the company of the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. Some of the favourite activities include the waterslide, flying fox, canoeing and water trampoline. The connections made on this camp ensure a smooth transition to secondary school.

Additionally, the Production rehearsals for Anastasia are in full swing, the Year 11 Central Australia/Top End Tour is back in 2023 and our Year 10 students are about to commence dance lessons for the Presentation Ball. The learning that takes place outside the walls of the traditional classroom continues to be valued by the Norwood community and is a credit to the dedication of our hardworking staff.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Membership of School Council offers parents a unique position to be involved in the governance of their child's school. Council members are exposed to a broad range of decision-making from finances to educational programs and major events such as Camps and Tours. Reflection and discussion at Council provides us with variety in opinions and experiences as Council has staff, parents and students as members. This year we have a number of vacancies in the following membership categories:

- 3 parent
- 1 Department of Education
- 2 student
- 2 Community

Details regarding the Election Process are in this edition of the Newsletter. Parents are strongly encouraged to consider being a part of this important decision-making body. Interested parents and students should contact Louise Delaney via the General Office.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

Please ensure you have Friday 3 March marked on your calendar as a Pupil Free Curriculum Day. On this day, our staff will be working in class teams to explore student learning data in order to differentiate our teaching and learning programs. Teachers value the opportunity to collaborate together to ensure the best learning outcomes for our students.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

I had the great pleasure of attending the Croydon/Mooroolbark District Lions Club Public Speaking Competition on Sunday, 19 February. Our four College Captains entered this prestigious competition and I am proud to announce that Mia Brice won the Best Public Speaker for this event. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all four students, Mia, Ethan, Layla and Brodie for their extensive preparation which began last year. All four students had to speak for two minutes on two unfamiliar prompts in the 'Impromptu' section, present a five minute prepared speech, as well as taking part in a 45 minute interview, on top of their Year 12 studies. Their performances on the day were outstanding. Thanks must also go to the Croydon/Mooroolbark District Lions Club for providing this invaluable experience.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will take place from 10am-6pm on Thursday, 23 March 2023. We are pleased to return to the model where parents/carers have the option to meet their child's teachers onsite/in person or virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform.

The Conferences provide a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss their progress to date. We strongly encourage students to attend with their parents/carers, as we believe there is great value in them being a part of the conversation. There will be no scheduled classes running on this day.

Bookings can be made for Years 11 and 12 students from 12 noon, Wednesday, 8 March.

Bookings can be made for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students from 12 noon, Thursday, 9 March.

Bookings will close for all students at 12 noon, Wednesday, 22 March.

The booking process will remain the same as previous years using Compass. A Compass Newsfeed item will be posted next week to outline the booking process.

The Conference booking duration will be 10 minutes. This will allow you to have a 6-7min conversation about your child's learning and then prepare for the next Conference. If you are unable to make a booking with a teacher, you are welcome to email the teacher, via Compass, to request feedback on your child's progress. The teacher will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

BUILDING UPDATE – STAGE 1

It is very exciting to announce that the Stage 1 Building is starting to take shape and it is most likely to be finished and being used by our students and staff at the start of Term 3, 2022.



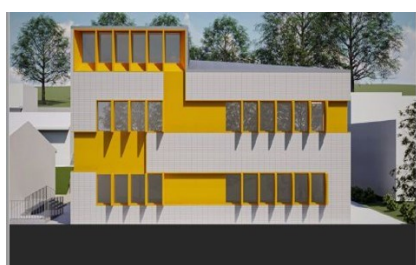
Over the past couple of months, the inground services have been installed, the Ground and Level One concrete slabs and lift shaft have been poured. And the steel frame is well underway.

The Stage 1 Building includes six spacious general-purpose classrooms and two flexible learning classrooms that could be used for Art/Technology subjects. It also includes a Student Support Services Space and a Wellbeing Centre and outdoor sensory terrace.

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal



Under Construction



**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our Breakfast Club is returning and will run on Thursdays throughout the term, starting on the 2 March. Youth Dimensions are back serving delicious pancakes and hot Milo. Come down to the Wellbeing Deck at 8am for a chat with some of the members of the Wellbeing team and Youth Dimensions and enjoy some food!

**HANDS ON LEARNING**

A number of students have been offered the opportunity to participate in the Hands on Learning program. The Hands on Learning program helps students engage with their learning by feeling connected, knowing that what they are doing at school is purposeful, and believing they are developing meaningful skills to thrive at school, within their community, and into employment.

**MAROONDAH YOUTH – EV'S HANGOUT**

Every Thursday, from 3pm - 6pm at the EV's Youth Centre at 212 Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon, the Maroondah Youth team provide a safe space where you can speak to the youth workers, socialise and meet new people and enjoy a range of different activities and snacks.



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



**Maroondah City Council
Youth Services**

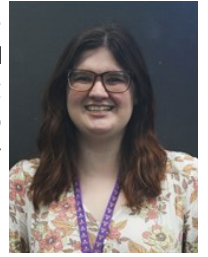
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HANDS ON LEARNING



PRODUCTION NEWS

There is a rumor in St Petersburg that rehearsals have begun! Our fabulous cast have been pushing their vocal cords to the limit for some of the most challenging musical scores NSC have ever attempted. A reminder to all Year 7 students that auditions are around the corner and if you would like to be a cast member for Anastasia, please come along.

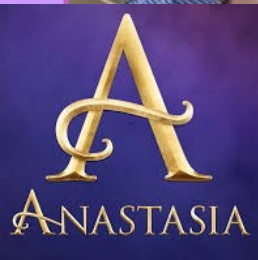
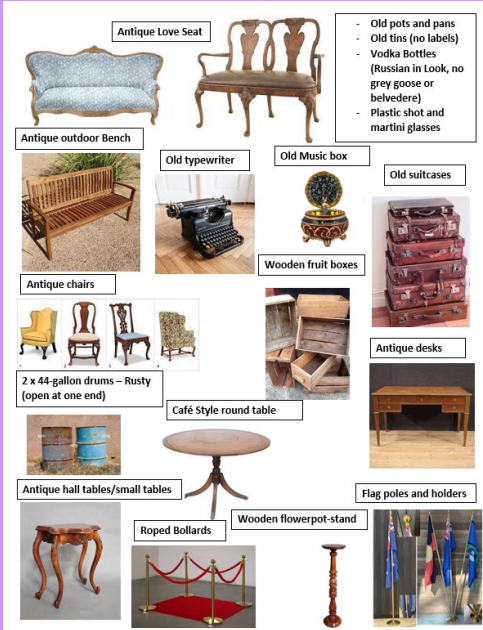
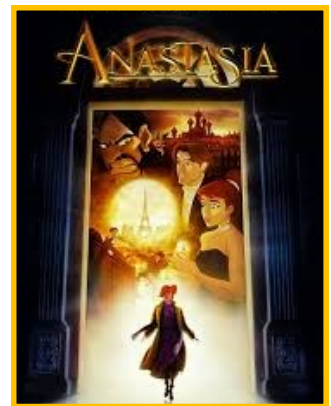


When: Week 5, Thursday, 2 March, 3.15pm - 4.15pm
 Where: D7 (in the Music block)
 What to expect: A good old sing-along!
 We will teach you - no need to prepare

The Production is also in search of several prop and set items. If you have any of the items to the left and are willing to either loan or donate them to the school, the production team will be incredibly grateful.

Thankyou in advance.

Alannah Frampton,
Production Producer



SPORTING NEWS

SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET: DIVISION PREMIERS 2023

Norwood 2/127 off 15 d Ringwood 1/75 off 15.

As in 2022, the third Thursday of Term 1 was set aside for the Division Competition and once again our Grand Final was played at Silcock Reserve in the searing heat against our formidable opponent, Ringwood.



The customary T20 format was reduced to 15 overs after the Osborn family generously delivered (in addition to extremely well received icy poles) their family broom with which to sweep the 'fertilised' pitch. Thanks so much Kate and family for all your dedication to the girls over the last 6 years.

Winning the coin toss, Ringwood's Rosie decided that she and Rory would take up the attack with the shining 142g Kookaburra. Captain Lily O and co vice-captain Helena A opened the batting with intent. 25 runs were quickly on the board, before Lily in the third over, attempting to crack one over the bowler's head all the way to the boys' oval, was bowled for 10 by a well-constructed delivery. Joining Helena, co vice-captain Ella R confidently clipped her first ball faced for 2, but unfortunately the next and last ball of over 3 saw her inside edge disturb the off stump. At 2/27 off 3, co vice-captain Maddie C marched to the pitch and straight away displayed her timing, hitting 4 fours in her first 7 scores.

During the valuable partnership of Helena and Maddie that ensued, exactly 100 runs had been added to our score, as we closed the innings on 2/127. Helena's 38* combined with her 48* last year and 51* in 2020 totals 137 runs without being dismissed against Ringwood Seniors: most impressive indeed! Maddie just pipped Helena, top scoring with 39*, which co-incidentally was a replica of her 39* in the same game last year!

After only a brief respite from the soaring temperature, Lily and India C bowled 2 tight overs each, which set the scene for another 7 bowlers to enjoy an over or two. Lily captured the wicket of one of their openers, sending the middle stump flying, whilst India's second over was commendably the only maiden over of the day, for either side. Heidi C, Summer D, Helena and Maddie Coia all contributed with 2 solid overs each; Niki D, Chiara G and Alana W each with one. It is pleasing to note that our 3 youngest bowlers, India, Niki and Chiara all displayed their accuracy with zero no balls and zero wides! Maddy C, Issy A, Mia B and Taya F all displayed determination in the field, with Mia's concentration at backward square leg most valuable in limiting boundaries. A special mention must also be given to the faultless display of our versatile wicketkeeper Ella, who did not let any ball pass her!

A big thank you to Ms Smith for accompanying and assisting the team, and to previous Norwood State Champion in cricket and football, Emma B, for her enthusiastic encouragement through the day. And of course, CONGRATULATIONS to all of the squad!

We look forward to the Region competition which is on Thursday, 9 March against the premiers from the Whitehorse and Waverly Divisions.

Mick Wilson, Cricket Coach



Lily O, Captain



Helena A, Co Vice Captain



Ella R, Co Vice Captain



Maddie C, Co Vice Captain

SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 10 BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCE

The Year 10 Biochemical Science classes are studying biomolecules - carbohydrates, proteins, lipids and nucleic acids. They performed an experiment testing a variety of foods to determine which of the four biomolecules the food types belonged too.



Students are also learning about the differences between DNA and RNA and to help consolidate their understanding of the structure of DNA, they created a model of DNA using liquorice and gummy bears. It was a simple activity, but it helped visualise the structures.

Shalini Singh, Head of Science



MUSIC NEWS

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A great start to the year! All our intermediate and senior ensembles have started with fabulous excitement and enthusiasm.



NEW ENSEMBLES

SENIOR ORCHESTRA WITH MR HOWARD

This year, our senior strings, woodwind, brass and percussion students have been placed in a new ensemble. The orchestra is currently working on a piece from "Anastasia" the musical which is both challenging and rewarding. I can not wait to hear the finished product.

CONCERT BAND - WITH MS BARRY

It is very exciting to hear our well-balanced Concert Band with 37 students on all the main instruments. The band sounds wonderful, and our first piece is already close to being ready for a performance. Fabulous musicians in our 37 strong Concert Band for 2023!

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

We have over 30 Year 7 students starting Music lessons on brass, woodwind, percussion and strings. **There are still vacancies for flute, clarinet, cello, double bass, trombone and voice.**

Please contact the Music Coordinator if you have any questions or if your child would like to start an instrument and has not had their try out yet.

A WORD FROM A YEAR 8 CELLO STUDENT

Hello, my name is Chiara, and I am in Year 8. From the start of Year 7, I have been learning the cello which was an excellent decision. The three things I enjoy most about playing cello are, going on Music camp, making new friends and challenging myself to learn new skills.

Music camp was the highlight of the music calendar as well as performing for other people. Music camp and playing in an ensemble are a brilliant way to get to know other kids in different year levels and in your year level. Meeting all the lovely other Musicians makes you feel like you always have someone to go to at school.

Learning an instrument is a very good idea and full of amazing opportunities. I would highly suggest anyone from any year level to start up and get a thrilling feeling of success. Hurry as there are only 3 cello spots left at Year 7 level.

Chiara G, 8H

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM
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TERM DATES 2023

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

LIBRARY NEWS

CLUBS IN THE LIBRARY ARE STARTING THIS WEEK

Homework Club: Every Wednesday and Thursday
 3-15pm - 4.15pm

Lego: Every Tuesday during lunch

Book Chatters: Every second Thursday at lunch
 started on Thursday, 16 February
 runs alternates with Book Club

Book Club: Every second Thursday lunch runs
 alternate weeks with Book Chatters

Craft Club: Every Wednesday during lunch



We are looking for people who can help us facilitate these clubs so that we can keep the Library open during lunch for others who just want to hang out, study or play games.

Sashi Reddy, Librarian

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

CHANGED GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

As from Monday, 27 February, the General Office hours will be changing to 8am - 4.15pm.

During these hours the Office staff will be here to answer all of your enquiries.



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

Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of
NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4pm on
Friday, 4 March 2023
The ballot will close at 4.00pm on
Friday, 17 March 2023

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

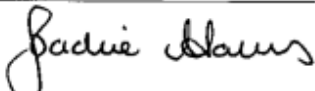
Membership category	
Parent member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2025
Number of positions:	3

Membership category	
School employee member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2025
Number of positions:	1

Membership category	
Student member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2025
Number of positions:	2

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Acting Principal signature: Jacqueline Harris


Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

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