

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

**TERM 1**  
**NUMBER 3**  
**10 March, 2023**

**School Email Address:** [norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

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**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](http://www.norwood.vic.edu.au)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

### TERM 1, 2023

#### Monday 13 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 14 March

Year 7 Immunisations

#### Wednesday 15 March - Friday 17 March

NAPLAN - Year 7 and 9

#### Monday 20 March

NAPLAN catch up

#### Thursday 23 March

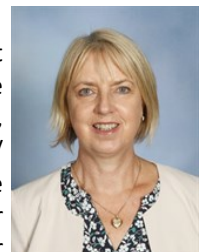
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### INVESTITURE ASSEMBLY

The annual Investiture Assembly is always a highlight event at the College. On Wednesday, students were recognised for a number of important leadership roles, such as, Class Captain, Year Level Leader, SRC, Sport/House Captains, Music Captains, Prefects and College Captains. Congratulations to all students on your leadership positions. We look forward to your contributions to the life of the College.



Another feature of our Investiture Assembly is the presentation of Scholar Awards to our returning Class of 2022. Students with ATARs above 90 and students with study scores above 40 were presented with certificates. Another proud moment was the Concert Band performance of 'Quiet Moments', by Brian West, under the direction of Ms Barry.

Student voice is always a feature of our College Assemblies. At the Investiture Assembly, Mia Brice and Layla Kieft led the proceedings, commencing with an Acknowledgment of Country. Students then heard from Brodie Smith and Ethan Wilson who both delivered speeches on what leadership means to them. As a College, we are fortunate to have so many willing and vibrant leaders. Our future will be a bright one with their considered input.

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## **LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

On Sunday, 19 February, the four Norwood Captains Mia Brice, Layla Kieffe, Brodie Smith and myself participated in a speaking competition organised by the Lions Club. The day consisted of two impromptu speeches where we were asked to speak on a random topic for 2 minutes and a 5 minute prepared speech of our choice. There was also a 35 minute interview where we were asked a series of questions about ourselves.

The day went very well, with all Captains speaking clearly and with passion. Unfortunately for us the competition was won by a student from another school who spoke magnificently. While we did not win overall, we also walked away with a winner, with my fellow Captain Mia Brice winning the best speaker award.

A big thank you to the NSC staff and our families for turning up to support us. A special big thank you to Mrs Jackie Harris who helped us prepare for the competition and assisted with our speeches.

**Ethan Wilson, School Captain**

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

On Wednesday, 8 March, myself and the other female Prefects, along with Mrs Mel Cherry and Mrs Jacki Landy, attended an International Women's Day breakfast at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood. We heard an engaging speech by Christine Kennedy from the organisation Australian Women in Solar Energy (AWISE). Christine spoke about her struggles with being a woman in, what is a predominantly male dominated workplace, and how she worked to overcome the odds presented against her to become a key figure in this industry. At AWISE, their mission is to "promote diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the solar energy industry". They achieve this by supporting women through their apprenticeship programs and providing scholarships and mentoring.

I walked away from that breakfast feeling more positive about diversity within the trade and technology communities. Knowing there is an organisation out there actively striving to make change and continually working towards equality within the population. They provide opportunities that some may never get the chance to have which is absolutely inspiring on such an important day.

**Charli Blizzard, Wellbeing Prefect**

## **COLLEGE COUNCIL**

After issuing the Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in the parent member category for College Council we are now required to conduct a ballot, as we have four nominations for three vacancies. Norwood Secondary College parents are invited to vote in this ballot. The youngest student in each family will have taken home a ballot pack, containing envelopes, a ballot form and clear instructions about how to vote. Please prompt your child to retrieve this letter from their bag.

Please note that voting is optional but for your vote to count, it must be received at the College by Friday, 17 March at 4pm. We look forward to welcoming our parent members to the College Council. 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.

**Jackie Harris, Acting Principal**



## **INVESTITURE ASSEMBLY**

This past Wednesday, the Norwood Secondary College community came together to present our new leaders from every year level for 2023. This was a time to commemorate and introduce these young people who are taking this daring step. We are unbelievably proud of our new Year 7s, who are taking a step into the deep end of leadership as captains of their class. For many, this has been and will be a challenge of confidence and taking a new step when it is easy to just blend into the sidelines. We also introduced our new Year Level Leaders, Class Captains and SRC leaders as well as our 2023 Sports Captains and Vice Sports Captains.

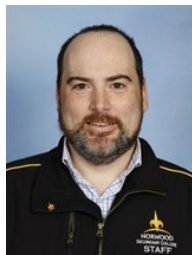
Our Year 12 Leadership Prefects and our 2023 School Captains were also presented with badges. This was a surreal experience, reflecting on just how far we have come as a cohort, growing and learning over the past years. Seeing my peers receiving their badges, I cannot help feeling pride and awe as I see this incredible group of young adults take a step into becoming who they truly are and unlocking their leadership potential. We look forward as your Year 12 leaders to represent and uphold the College and its values. We look forward to being a voice for the Norwood Secondary College community.

It was also great to see the return of so many of the 2022 Year 12 Cohort to receive Scholar Awards as recognition of their academic excellence, but what was really inspiring was to see so many of the current Year 12 cohort be recognised for the Year 12 subjects they completed last year.

**Hannah Magno, SRC Prefect**

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REPORTS

GPA reports are a chance for parents to get a snapshot of your child's performance during the first 6 weeks of term. The teachers have judged each student against a rubric on 5 (Years 10-12) or 6 (Years 7-9) different areas of assessment.



I have provided an example of a Year 7 GPA report below. What you will notice is the scores on the right give each subject a ranking – as a parent you can see the strengths (Music) and weaknesses (Woodwork/Mathematics).

The figures in the bottom line rank the skills and again you can see the strengths (respectful behaviour) and weakness (submitting work on time). The number in the bottom right hand corner gives your child an average GPA across all subjects and skills.

For a comparison, the average GPA in Term 1 for Year 7 is around 3.5.

To get access to this report please log into Compass and use the "pencil" menu to find "Progress Reports".

**Nick Mammoliti, Acting Senior School Principal**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 and 9 will complete NAPLAN Testing on the Wednesday, 15 and Friday, 17 May. The NAPLAN test results provide information on how your child is progressing against national standards. Your child's results will also add to the suite of data our staff currently use to differentiate the curriculum to meet the learning needs of every child. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by your child's teachers throughout the year. NAPLAN also provides the College with data that details the educational growth of each student and the cohort from Year 7 to Year 9. The data is more powerful when there is a high level of participation and effort from each cohort involved. We ask that you encourage your child to participate to the best of their ability.



If you would like more information about NAPLAN Testing please refer to the brochure page 12 in the newsletter.

**Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal**

# NAPLAN

Subject	Areas Of Assessment								Subject Avg.
	Demonstrates understanding of knowledge & skills	Contributes positively to class activities	Makes effective use of class time	Submits set work on time	Brings all appropriate materials to class	Displays respectful classroom behaviour	Modified Learning Program	Interview requested	
7Drama	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	No	Welcome	3.50
7Music	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	No	Welcome	3.67
7Materials/Technology Wood	Good	Good	Good	Good	Acceptable	Good	No	Welcome	2.83
7English	Good	Good	Good	Acceptable	Good	Excellent	No	Welcome	3.00
7French	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	No	Welcome	3.17
7Physical Education	Good	Good	Good	Not Applicable	Excellent	Excellent	No	Welcome	3.40
7SOSE	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	No	Welcome	3.17
7Mathematics	Good	Good	Good	Needs Attention	Excellent	Good	No	Welcome	2.83
7Science	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	No	Welcome	3.50
Performance Avg.	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.00	3.44	3.56	N/A	N/A	3.23



## VAPING AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, often called 'vapes', are electronic devices designed to deliver vapourised liquids into the lungs. There are many different styles of vapes and types of e-liquids, or e-juices, available. Vapes come in many shapes and sizes and can be made to look like everyday items including highlighters, pens, or USB memory sticks.

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. Vapes are not safe.

### VAPING FACTS:

- Many vapes contain nicotine making them very addictive. The nicotine in 1 vape can equal 50 cigarettes.
- Vapes can contain the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray. They just don't put it on the pack.
- Vapes can leave young people at increased risk of depression and anxiety.
- Young people who vape are 3 times more likely to take up smoking cigarettes.
- Vape aerosol is not water vapour.
- Vaping has been linked to serious lung disease.
- Vapes can cause long-lasting negative effects on young people's brain development.

### SIGNS YOUR CHILD MIGHT BE VAPING:

Tell-tale signs that your child might have started vaping include the symptoms of nicotine addiction such as feeling irritable or anxious.

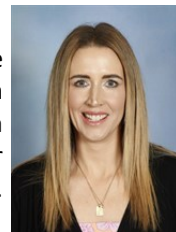


## STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

### TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT VAPING:

Whether you suspect your child is vaping or not, take the time to talk to them about vaping and help them understand the risks. Try to start the conversation in a relaxed easy-going way, be patient, and remember your goal is to have a conversation, not deliver a lecture. Importantly, have your facts ready.

- Start with information and approach the topic calmly.
- Do not make assumptions and avoid judging or lecturing.
- Focus on health and explain your concerns.
- Decide why they want to quit and write the reasons down or put them in their phone. Remind them to look at the reason(s) when they feel the urge to vape.
- Pick a day to stop vaping. They can put it in their calendar and tell supportive friends and family that they are quitting on that day.
- For some people, chewing sugar-free gum or lollipops can help distract them from the cravings.
- Removing all vaping supplies.
- Download tools (such as apps and texting programs) to their phone that can help with cravings and give encouragement while they are trying to stop vaping.
- Truth Initiative's 'This Is Quitting' texting program.
- Smokefree.gov also offers free apps and other tools.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

- Quit Victoria
- The Royal Children's Hospital: e-cigarettes and teens factsheets
- Better Health Channel
- Cancer Council: E-cigarettes
- Australian Drug Foundation: Nicotine Facts

### MAROONDAH YOUTH NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

- Headspace Knox and Lilydale will be hosting an information night for parents and carers on the 16 March 5pm -7pm at Headspace Knox. Bookings are essential.

### COME ALONG TO THE HEADSPACE KNOX INFO NIGHT TO LEARN ABOUT:

- ♥ What Headspace offers.
- ♥ Where and how to access support.
- ♥ What you can do to help your young person.
- ♥ How to have that conversation.

You can meet the team and ask questions, or chat with other parents and carers if you want to! Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

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

## YEAR 7 NEWS

### YEAR 7 CAMP

On Monday, 20 February, 7A-D set off for the annual Year 7 Transition Camp to ANADAC CYC, with 7E-H beginning their camp on the Wednesday. This camp provided students with a chance to get to know their peers, learn more about their teachers and build confidence in the mentor classes.



The sun was shining all week long and this allowed students to make the most of the many activities at ADANAC CYC. The water slide was a sure hit with all of the students (and staff) and there was lots of problem solving occurring at the hut building. Students enjoyed the thrill of the flying fox and it was great to see many students helping each other out during raft building.



Tuesday and Thursday were a real highlight for all students, as we welcomed the Year 11 Peer Support students to camp for the day. This gave all students a chance to get to know each other more and for our leaders to get involved in the activities on offer.

We would like to thank all of the staff who attended the camp and the Peer Support Leaders for giving up their time to help our Year 7s transition to Norwood. The two camps were a brilliant success and it really helped students strengthen their bonds within mentor classes.

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





## SCIENCE NEWS

### YEAR 10 BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY INCURSION

*On Monday, 6 March we had an amazing incursion at school from Wild Action Zoo 'the Zoo that comes to you'. They provided an interactive and informative presentation where we had the opportunity to pat and interact with different mammals, reptiles and some insects. A few lucky classmates were even able to hold some of the animals. I was one of the lucky students that got to hold a Bettong named Wicket. We also had a Port Jackson shark come in and we were allowed to look at a fertilised shark egg with a baby shark inside.*

*We learnt about "viviparous" meaning live birth and "oviparous" meaning egg laying animals and the different types of mammalian births such as placental mammals, marsupials, and monotremes. We would like to thank all the teachers for planning this event and a special thank you to Ms Natalie Nejad for sourcing this incursion. Thank you also to Emily from Wild Action for coming in and sharing her passion with us and showing us the remarkable animals and all their fascinating facts.*

**Bella C, Year 10**



## YEAR 9 NEWS

### YEAR 9 ADVANCE CAMP

Last week our Year 9 Advance camp took place in Torquay. Preparation for the camp began in class during Week 1, where students were responsible for creating a menu, budget and shopping list for some of their meals during camp. On the way to Torquay, we stopped at Coles for students to complete their shopping, which they described as a fun experience, allowing them to show independence and responsibility. All students did a fantastic job at creating different meals in their cabin groups – a highlight of the camp for many.



The students also participated in several team building activities including River Kayaking and Surfing. Throughout these activities the class showed fantastic persistence, despite the cooler weather, and challenge of learning what was a new skill for most of the class. The main assessment for Term 1 took place on camp, which involved running a peer teaching session for 20 minutes, having been planned in their groups in the lead up to the camp. This activity was completed in preparation for a community immersion experience later in Term 1.

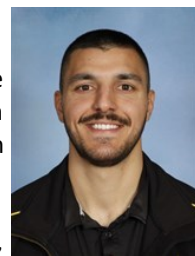
On our final night, we all had a pizza dinner together outside and reflected on individual and class achievements across the course of our time in Torquay. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students to reflect on what they were proud of and what they were grateful for.

**April Glare, Head of Health and Physical Education**

## SPORTS NEWS

### STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend Zack 11D, participated in the State Athletics Championships. He qualified for both the 200m and 400m finals – where he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200m event and won the state title in the 400m!



In the 400m final Zack ran a time of 49.04 seconds, which broke the standing record for Ringwood Athletics Club that had been held since 1980. Zack will head to Queensland for the Australian Athletics Championships at Easter.

A huge congratulations to Zack on an outstanding effort, we wish him all the best in Queensland!

**Dean Dernikos, Interschool Sport**



## FRENCH NEWS



### EDUCATION PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LEARNING PROGRESS

French students are competing from Tuesday, 7 to Tuesday, 14 March, in the Education Perfect World Championships. Students from around the world are busily answering language questions to gain points and increase their ranking amongst multiple schools. Our French students can win prizes, including certificates and international recognition.



Look at our students learning French by reviewing vocabulary and completing tasks, all the while earning points.

We are holding lunchtime sessions for students, working during class time and encouraging students to use their spare time to learn and gain points. Bonne chance! We are proud of your personal success!

French activities – Coming up! Film viewings, crêpe-making masterclass, create an Eiffel tower.... Stay tuned for lunchtime club activities!

*Jennifer Jeffrey, Head of French*



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## FRENCH FOOD





**Indi H, Music Captain**



**Cieran O, Music Captain**



**Erin F, Music Vice Captain**



**Lucas M, Music Vice Captain**

## MUSIC NEWS

### STUDENT INVESTITURE

After just 4 rehearsals, the concert band, directed by Mrs Ruth Barry, supported the Investiture Assembly with a fine performance of "Quiet Moments". Getting up to perform in front of peers takes leadership, self-confidence and most of all, team spirit, to work together towards a shared goal. Well done to all Concert Band members!



### MUSIC CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our Music Captains for 2023.

Captains: Indi H, Cieran O

Vice Captains: Erin F, Lucas M

*Jo Dema, Music Coordinator*





## UNIFORM SHOP

### SHOP HOURS:

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

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*Jenny McKenzie,*

*Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator*



## CRAFT CLUB NEWS



## 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*

## 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

## Appendix F: Nomination Notification Form

Nominations received for the parent, school employee and/or student member positions for
<b>Norwood Secondary College</b>
school council election
<b>2023</b>

An election is to be conducted for members of the
<b>Norwood Secondary College school council</b>

The following nominations were received by 4pm on	3 March 2023
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The name of the nominees, self-nomination or their nominator and the membership categories are as follows:

### Parent member

Number of vacancies	3
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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

<b>Name of self-nominees</b>
Julie O'Connell Lisa Beasley Paul Ricketson Ally O'Brien

### School employee member

Number of vacancies	1
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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

<b>Name of nominees</b>
Nil

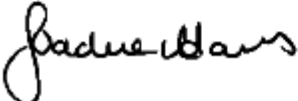
<b>Name of nominators</b>
Nil

### Student member

Number of vacancies	2
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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

<b>Name of self-nominees</b>
Jacqueline O'Connor Amy Robertson

Acting Principal's signature: Mrs Jackie Harris


Date: 08/03/2023
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# NAPLAN

## National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



**Writing**



**Reading**



**Conventions of language**  
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



**Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.**  
**For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).**

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# NORWOOD 2023

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## Junior Come & Try & Registration Days

Boys & Girls: T-Ball, Rookie Ball & Baseball

**Saturday 25 March** (9-10am)  
**Wednesday 29th March\*** (5-6pm)

All equipment provided!  
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**PARK ORCHARDS**  
**MARKET**  
**Saturday 18th March**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Venue: Park Orchards Primary School**

The poster features a blue background with a yellow scalloped border at the top. The text is in bold, with 'PARK ORCHARDS' in blue and 'MARKET' in large pink letters. The date and time are in pink, and the venue is in blue.

