

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 1
NUMBER 5
6 April, 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

Friday, 7 April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday, 26 April

Year 10 Immunisations

Thursday, 27 April

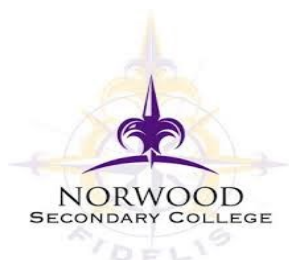
EMR Intermediate Boys' Baseball

Wednesday, 3 May

College Open Night

Thursday, 4 May & Friday, 5 May

Year 10 Presentation Ball



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FAREWELL TO OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: KRIS JOHNSON

Kris Johnson, our Junior School Principal, is departing from Norwood Secondary College at the end of this term. After 6 years in the role, and having had a significant influence in both Junior School leadership and many 'whole school' aspects of Norwood, Kris is seeking new challenges outside education. Kris will be sorely missed at Norwood. His professionalism, understanding of all parts of our community and his warm and engaging interpersonal skills have seen him equally valued by students, parents and staff.



We wish Kris all the very best for whatever the future holds and know that he will 'make a difference' wherever he goes.

With Kris' imminent departure, we have needed to run a selection process for a replacement. It was decided that we would advertise for an Acting Junior School Principal for the remainder of 2023 – with the intention of advertising the substantive role late in Term 3 for a 2024 commencement.

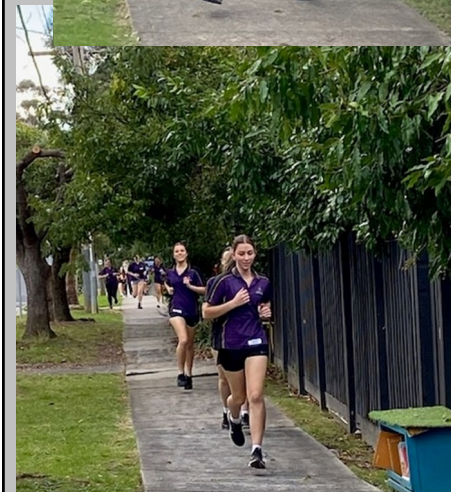
It is a very great pleasure for me to announce that the selection process (which was open to internal and external applicants and attracted a strong field) resulted in **Mr Nick Mammoliti** being appointed to the position. Nick has been a Learning Specialist since 2021, at Norwood SC, has experience in student management and curriculum and has been an acting Assistant Principal at both Norwood and his previous school. He is particularly experienced across the many areas that his new role will cover and the leadership team and staff in general are very much looking forward to his 'presence' and input in his new role.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday this week saw the running of the Norwood House Cross Country Championship. On a beautiful mild Autumn day, with periods of sunshine, there was a fantastic turnout of students who ran or walked (or did both) the course, in great spirits. Well done to all the students who involved themselves so positively.

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The view our students will soon have from new wing.

Thanks to the many teachers who ensured the event was not only well organised, but safe on the roads and tracks, with particular thanks to Ms April Glare who oversees the House competitions and ensured that every last detail was checked off. It was a an excellently run event.

BUILDING PROGRAM

The construction of our new 'wing' has continued to progress and Will Fowles MP (our local member) visited the College during the week to see how it was progressing. Looking out from what will be a Senior School classroom towards the Dandenongs, we did agree that it was a very impressive view. While he was at the College he indicated that he understood our need for the Stages of construction following the current Stage #1 to continue with minimal interruption. He has indicated that he will endeavour to gain support for the College building program to be completed and in a timely manner.

A SAFE AND RELAXING BREAK

Wishing all in our community a safe and relaxing break. We hope you can take some time to catch up with those near and dear to you and have the opportunity to enjoy some different vistas.

A particular thank-you to our staff who continue to do their best for our students and families – both our teaching staff and support staff.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



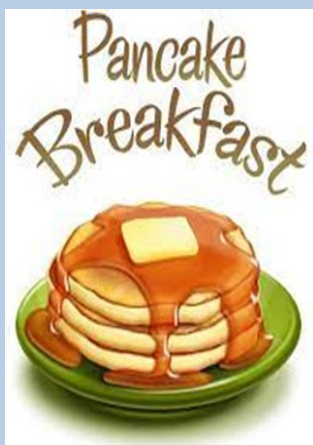
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Wednesday morning we held our Annual Year 7 Pancake Breakfast. Over 300 people attended the event as we welcomed Year 7 families, primary school Principals and past Grade 6 teachers. There were lots of stories from camp shared and students proudly introduced their new friends to both their former teachers and families.

The event is a great celebration of the Year 7s achievements across their first term of high school and it was fantastic to hear so many positive stories from students and families. We are very proud of the transition of all our students and would like to congratulate all students for completing such a successful Term 1.

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



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

UNIFORM MATTERS

As the colder weather sets in it is now time to implement a full uniform changeover. For the first two weeks of Term 2, students are able to wear either the Winter or Summer uniform, but not a combination of the two. Monday, 8 May will be the first day of official Winter uniform. The wearing of Summer uniform from this date is no longer permitted.



It is important to check winter uniforms over the holiday period as it is very likely that many hemlines will need adjustments. This applies to both skirts and trousers. Warm black tights, not stockings, should be worn with skirts. Please check the College Website for Uniform Shop hours and online purchasing options.

On another note, students are reminded that undershirts are an optional uniform item. Students not complying with wearing this item correctly will lose the privilege. Undershirts can only be plain white in colour and are not to hang below College shirts.

Furthermore, students are not permitted to wear other non-uniform items of clothing underneath College jackets. Students are encouraged to wear the College jumper for additional warmth. The College jackets can be worn to and from school, at recess and lunch, to class but are not permitted to be worn during class time.

We appreciate your support in upholding uniform standards.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Junior School students and staff have enjoyed a great start to the year. The Year 7 students have been well supported as they make the transition from primary to secondary school. The year 7 camp was a great time for the students to broaden their friendship group whilst having a lot of fun. Students in the Junior School enjoyed participating in numerous interschool sports teams, the numerous lunchtime clubs, rehearsals for the production 'Anastasia' and there was strong participation by the Junior School students in the House Swimming and Cross Country carnivals.

As I reflect on my time at Norwood, I am grateful for the way in which the community as a whole has supported the College staff and myself.

All the best!

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal

EXTERNAL SUPPORT

Better Place Australia is currently open for child and adolescent counselling referrals at their Croydon office.

Counselling programs:

- Supporting Children after Separation Program (**SCASP**) which provides counselling to children aged 5–18, from separated families experiencing difficulties arising from the separation. This would ideally involve both parents (where possible and safe to do so)
- Family and Relationship Services (**FARS**), which provides counselling to children aged 10-18, from families, who are experiencing relationship issues such as friendships issues, sibling issues and family issues.

How to refer: Parents can refer their child by calling 1800 639 523.

Further program details are available on our website:

<https://www.betterplaceaustralia.com.au/counselling-and-psychology/supporting-children-through-separation/>

YOUNG PEOPLE AND VAPING WEBINAR

Maroondah City Council, Knox City Council and Yarra Ranges are presenting 'Young people and Vaping' facilitated by YSAS on Tuesday, 9 May from 7pm – 8.30pm. There will be time for questions post webinar.

Parent, Carer and Educator Webinar

Young People & Vaping

**Tuesday 9th May
7:00pm-8:30pm**

To register for this FREE online webinar:
Or go to: https://knox.vic.gov.au/online-webinars/register/web_775005264679/parking

Receive up-to-date information about vaping, trends in use among young people and the potential harms of vaping. Learn how to talk with young people about vaping to prevent or reduce use.

In this session, you'll learn:

- What exactly vaping is and how it differs from cigarettes
- Why vaping is increasing in popularity, especially amongst young people
- What the potential harms of vaping are
- How parents can engage with young people about vaping

For more information:
Michelle - Knox City Council
0437 351 041
Kirsten - Yarra Ranges Council
0472 629 784

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Maroondah City Council Knox City Council Yarra Ranges Council

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

END OF TERM 1

The end of Term one is here; students are feeling tired and are eagerly awaiting the school holidays. Term 1 can be a challenging term, with having to re-establish routines after the Christmas break and adjusting to being in a higher year level and the challenges associated. It is important to use these holidays to rest and reset, however, it is also important to continue to implement a routine to assist with the return to Term 2.

Here are a few tips that may help with revitalising over the next two weeks;

- Reach out for support if you need it – friends, parents and teachers are all here to help.
- Try to get a full nights' sleep – use a regular sleep routine to encourage this.
- Drink plenty of water and eat lots of fruit and vegetables.
- Make time to be active. A 30 minute walk in the sunshine. A game at the local park with friends.
- Be patient and kind to the people around you, you never know what someone may be experiencing, and a kind attitude can make the world of difference.



HANDS ON PROGRAM

The Norwood Hands on Program has had a very successful start this term. Each week students meet as a group and set some individual and team goals. It has been great to see students encouraging each other to achieve these goals over the course of the day.

Students have worked enthusiastically in designing and beginning the College Sensory Garden. This has involved measuring and cutting the sleepers and digging holes by hand in preparation for the galvanised steel posts.

Students have also refreshed the seating area outside of the Library and the General Office by cleaning and giving the bench seats a fresh coat of Norwood Purple!

Congratulations to all students involved. We look forward to a very productive year ahead.



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

SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY TRANSITION METALS

Year 11 Chemistry students are learning about the special properties of a group of elements called Transition Metals.



They conducted a practical which allowed them to see how this group of metals can form various coloured compounds. They were able to observe the coloured ions of Vanadium, Manganese, Copper, Cobalt and Iron.

The different colours of gemstones such as ruby, emerald, amethyst etc are all due to the presence of different transition metal ion impurities.

Shalini Singh, Head of Science



HISTORY NEWS

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On Wednesday, 29 March 2023, the Year 10 History students visited the Melbourne Holocaust Museum in Elsternwick. The staff at MHM taught the students about the importance of challenging discrimination and hatred. Following some informative and practical workshops, the students were given the opportunity to meet Vivienne Spiegel, a survivor of the Holocaust. Vivienne lived in occupied France when she was arrested by the Nazi Party. Vivienne shared her story, and all the students listened carefully and with full concentration.



The students were encouraged to ask questions, and they did so with respect and kindness. Vivienne was an inspiring figure, and implored students to stand up against bullying and discrimination in the school environment. When asked if she still feels hatred towards the Germans, she reminded the students that hate achieves nothing, and will only “eat you up” from the inside. The Norwood teaching staff would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour and participation whilst attending the excursion – they were fantastic ambassadors of the school.

Adam Given, Head of Year 9



SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET

Lily O, captain of our College Senior Girls' cricket team, is captured here proudly displaying two well deserved, shining medals.

Playing for Norwood Cricket Club's Senior Women's team, Lily not only won a premiership medal, but also was voted Player of the Match!

In addition to an excellent bowling and fielding display, her undefeated 100 plus runs was certainly a highlight for Lily and her family, as it was for the big crowd in attendance!

Congratulations, Lily, and thank you for your 6 years of enthusiastic and dedicated cricket for our College.

Mick Wilson, Cricket Coach



YEAR 7 VOLLEYBALL

Last Friday our Year 7s experienced their first Interschool Secondary Round Robin. Norwood were well represented sending out 7 Volleyball teams. It was pleasing to see how all the students improved their skills and understanding of the game, as the day progressed. Our girls came 2nd overall while our boys came in 3rd place. Norwood were the eventual winners of the Boys' B pool. Well Done.

John Jag, PE Teacher



SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET EASTERN REGION

A big thank you to the eleven girls who competed in the Eastern Region semi-final against Vermont.

All our girls gave their best and are to be congratulated in reaching the penultimate game to the Grand Final.



Most impressive was the commitment of all to support each other when fielding. The relay throws, running in pairs to prevent boundaries and consistent positive talk exhibited a team attitude which was admirable. A special mention must be given to Heidi C, whose concentration and skill in the field was consistently applauded by the astute observers.

Captain Lily O, as always, organised her team efficiently and ensured all eleven players had the valuable experience at this level of at least one over bowling.

As in the Division Grand Final against Ringwood, our two youngest bowlers, India C and Niki D bowled accurately against quality batters. Our wicket takers were: Ella R (1/5 off 3 overs); Maddie C (1/8 off 1 over); and Heidi C (4/8 off 4 overs- a fantastic performance).

Lily batted powerfully through the 20 overs, leading her team from the front, and accumulated 59 runs. Vice captains Ella and Maddie contributed 13 and 9 respectively. Heidi was next highest with 7.

The thrilling game was only decided in the final over, which saw Vermont just pass our competitive total.

Norwood 6/114 off 20 overs; Vermont 6/116 off 20 overs.

Thank you to Ms Smith for again accompanying the team; our scorers, Blake R and Ben H and to our greatly admired former Assistant Principal Mr Danny O' Connor who showed he still is dedicated to our College by driving me to the venue.

Next year's team leaders have decided to design a new cap and we look forward to donning it and to another successful season in 2024.

Mick Wilson, Cricket Coach



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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Metro Melbourne: Within 24 - 72 hours
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Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



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

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Maroondah Council's immunisation team will be using online immunisation consent forms for Year 10 students in 2023.



The immunisation team will be visiting Norwood Secondary College on **Wednesday, 26 April**. Council requires a completed consent form **to be submitted regardless of consent or not**.

Link for online consent forms Year 10

<https://au.openforms.com/Form/2b45b57e-2587-49d9-a098-7831d8e2e64d>

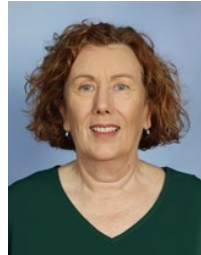
Corina Blackman, School Nurse



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

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NORWOOD 2023

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ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

We wish to advise you the Lilydale Memorial Park under the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is holding an Anzac Day Memorial Service and wish to invite your students / families and friends and teachers who wish to attend.

The details are the service will be run by Anthony McAleer, a well known historian on the war services and service people in our area.

The service will be held in the Federation Chapel, at Lilydale Memorial Park, 126-128 Victoria Road, Lilydale, on Tuesday April 18, 2023 starting at 5.00pm.

There will be an Anzac display installed at the park opposite the chapel from Saturday April 15, 2023.

If you have any queries please ring Sharyn May on 0436 367 376.

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July 2023

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Saturday 15th April
10AM - 2PM
Venue: Bowmore Avenue, Park Orchards