

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
NUMBER 1
5 May, 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 2, 2023

Tuesday, 9 May

Senior Boys' & Girls' Badminton

Senior Boys' Football

Senior Girls' Netball

Thursday, 11 May

Year 12 History Excursion

Friday, 12 May

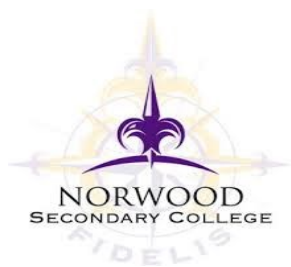
Year 9 Advance First Aid Incursion

Tuesday, 16 May

House Athletics Carnival

Friday, 19 May

VCE Career Options Excursion



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

The College's ANZAC Assembly was held in the Gymnasium, last week. Mr Tim Scully, a member of staff, was our ADF guest. Corporal Scully has served in the Australian Defence Force since 1979 – firstly as a Regular soldier in the Infantry (including time at the Special Air Service Regiment in Western Australia), and later as a Reservist in both the 1st Commando Regiment and the 1st Military Police Battalion – a role in which he is highly active to this day.



Cpl Scully led the Assembly, addressing the school and sharing anecdotes of his service and offering thoughts and reflections on the human costs of armed conflicts.

Music faculty member Ms Lauren Innes, played the Last Post and Reveille on her bugle – it was hauntingly beautiful and our students did themselves proud in standing silently for the Minute's Silence.

A special mention, also, to our College Captains (Mia Brice and Ethan Wilson) and students Savanah W, Elijah M, Maddie B and Zac P for their involvement with reading the Captains Address, reciting 'In Flanders Fields', laying a wreath and lowering and raising the flag. It was a very special event.

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Madi and Zac preparing to lay the wreath



Cpl Scully addressing the ANZAC Assembly



College Captains and Cpl Scully

OPEN NIGHT

The College held our annual Open Night this week. This event, along with the many small group Tours of Norwood offered, is designed to provide information and insights to families regarding the many aspects to a secondary school education....not simply the academic program. Prospective parents and students from the surrounding area attended in very solid numbers. The evening was designed to give a broad overview of Norwood Secondary College's programs, values and 'ways of doing'. Parents and prospective students then had the opportunity to meet the College Leadership Team and ask questions of them to assist the process of selecting the school that best seems to fit family hopes and expectations for their child.

An important theme that was covered was that of choosing a school with values that most closely matches those of the family and then, when enrolled, joining with the school as a 'team' to get the best outcomes for the child.

Families were strongly recommended to look through several schools to assist informed decisions regarding enrolments and issues relating to restrictions on enrolments (for example, 'zones') were explained.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



Head of Year 7, Nicole Pratt, addressing the audience.



College Captains, Mia and Ethan reflecting on their time at Norwood.



Year 7 students, Mitchell and Gabriella, offering their insights into life in Year 7 at Norwood.



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

ADVANCE NOTICE TO FAMILIES: PUPIL FREE DAY

Please be aware that Friday, 16 June is a Correction and Report Writing Day, therefore it is one of the annual designated Pupil Free Days. Please make note of this date in your diaries.



STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY 2023

A Compass Newsfeed went out yesterday informing families about the Department's annual student survey. This will take place from 17 May until 2 June. It is important to note that the survey takes only 20 – 45 minutes to complete. Students will be provided with time in one of their Mentoring classes during this time period. Whilst the survey is anonymous, it still provides our school with valuable information about the opinions of our students on how best we can improve student engagement, wellbeing and quality of instruction. More information can be found in the attachment provided in the Compass Newsfeed. If families do not wish to have their child participate in the survey, information has been provided on opting out, no later than Monday, 15 May. As a College, we value student voice and the opportunity that this survey provides for students to have a say about their school.



YEAR 10 PRESENTATION BALLS

After many weeks of dance rehearsals our Year 10 participants are finally 'dance ready'. Last night we enjoyed the first of two Balls, with the second one taking place tonight. After the loss of so many events through the COVID period, we are grateful for the continuation of these important Norwood events where students, families and staff come together as the one community.

Last night, all students looked amazing. After watching many of the rehearsals, it was a proud moment seeing the group perfect the dances in front of their families. A more detailed report will be included in the next newsletter, celebrating both Balls. Congratulations to Ball 1 participants and all the best to the participants of tonight's Ball.



UNIFORM MATTERS

Families are reminded that the uniform changeover date for winter uniform is this Monday, 8 May. This will therefore mean that from Monday, 8 May summer uniform can no longer be worn. Students in Years 7 and 8 are still able to wear PE uniform on the days that they have a PE class.

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. Students are also reminded that the only jewellery allowed include a maximum of two small gold or silver studs or 12mm sleepers in each ear. Visible body piercings are not acceptable nor can they be worn with a covering.

Finally, it is important to note that students are not permitted to wear additional layers, other than College jumpers and College jackets. Any student wearing hoodies/windcheaters, will have these confiscated. Students are expected to wear College uniform to and from school, not just within the school grounds. We appreciate your support with these issues.



Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

MUSIC NEWS

OPEN NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our Senior Ensemble for performing at Open Night. This was a super challenging piece written for professional musicians.

Hannah M, lead singer in the upcoming production of Anastasia, gave an outstanding performance, backed by our production Chorus singers.

JAZZ NIGHT - SATURDAY, 27 MAY 7PM - 9.30PM

Tickets are now available for purchase for our wonderful Jazz Night featuring our senior singers - Alex B, Emily W, Bel J and Jess M.

Our Senior Ensembles will also be performing a short program each - Senior Ensemble, Concert Band, Strings and Chorale.

Families and friends are able to book tickets for tables through Trybooking. Please note you should bring along your own supper and refreshments for your table.

Student performers do not require tickets. Seats will be provided in the hall for you.

Link for Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHXFR>



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AND ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, 25 of April, representatives from the Year 12 Leadership Team 12 attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Ringwood Clock Tower.



The service was run by Mr Neil Trigwell, who served in the Royal Australian Regiment, in 1 RAR. The ceremony commemorated the lives lost during WWI, especially those who fought at Gallipoli in 1915. The service also commemorates the soldiers who have served in other wars, such as Afghanistan, Iraq, and Vietnam.

Different communities and schools from around Ringwood, including Norwood, laid wreaths at the base of the clock tower, extending their respect and acknowledgment of the men and women who have fought for our country.

The following day, Norwood held a Commemoration Assembly during mentoring, giving the school community a chance to remember the ANZACs together. Mr Scully, who has been a member of the Australian Army Reserve, talked about his own experiences within the Australian Defence Force, and the significance of ANZAC day for him.

Lily Johnstone (Wellbeing Prefect)



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

We want to remind our students that it is okay to seek help and support.

Some helpful tips on how parents can have these conversations at home are:

HOW TO HAVE THE 'TATE CHAT'

1. **Research:** Establish your own informed opinion.
2. **Create the space:** Create the space to have a conversation and do so with an intention of understanding and curiosity.

"Have you heard of Andrew Tate? Can we talk about him? I don't know much about him; can you tell me what you know of him?"

3. **Seek to understand:** If they feel as though the conversation is leading towards an argument, they will most likely withdraw. *"I am curious to understand – what is your opinion on Andrew Tate and his content?"*
4. **Acknowledge them:** Thank them for sharing how they feel and how open they were. Acknowledge that this is their opinion on Andrew Tate.
5. **Stay connected and curious:** Andrew Tate is just one person in a young person's life that can be influential. Remaining curious about their experiences while also sharing your own will assist with (having more conversations).
- Try not to ignore the topic or move onto a different topic when hearing your child talking about Andrew Tate.



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

As we return from our school holidays, we hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break. With the return to school, it is important to focus on adjusting back to our school routines.

Here are some tips to help make the transition back to school easier:

1. Get plenty of rest: Establish a regular sleep schedule.
2. Organise your space: Set up your study area to help you stay organised to reduce stress.
3. Review your goals: Goals can assist with keeping you feeling motivated and staying on track.
4. Stay connected: Reconnect with your classmates and teachers and take the opportunity to socialise and collaborate with your peers.
5. Practice self-care: Take care of your physical and mental health by eating healthy, staying active, and finding ways to manage stress.



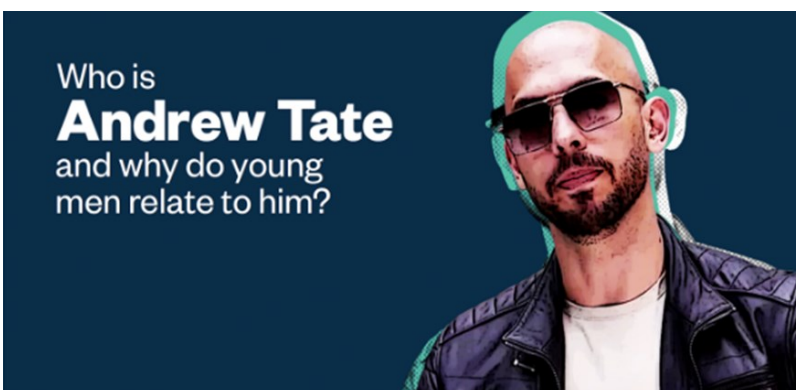
WHO IS ANDREW TATE? THE GROWING CONCERN OF ANDREW TATE'S INFLUENCE ON YOUNG MEN

Andrew Tate, a former kickboxing champion, and now social media personality has been making headlines for his controversial views on toxic masculinity. Concern is growing of Andrew Tate's influence, as well as his radicalisation of young men.

Andrew Tate's views on toxic masculinity are harmful, especially for young men who look up to him as a role model. Toxic masculinity is a set of attitudes and behaviours that are often associated with traditional masculinity. Andrew Tate's views on toxic masculinity promote an unhealthy and damaging idea of what it means to be a man. He promotes the idea that showing vulnerability or expressing emotions is a sign of weakness, and that men should never step away from a fight. These beliefs can lead young men into feeling pressured to conform to these harmful ideals.

Research has demonstrated that young men feel disconnected from the world and unable to participate in conversations on important topics like mental health, consent, and masculinity. It is important to talk about Andrew Tate and the concept of healthy masculinity with our children.

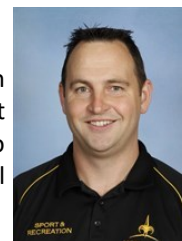
Jackie Landy, Miranda Maginness and Jason Boyce, The Student Wellbeing Team



SPORTS NEWS

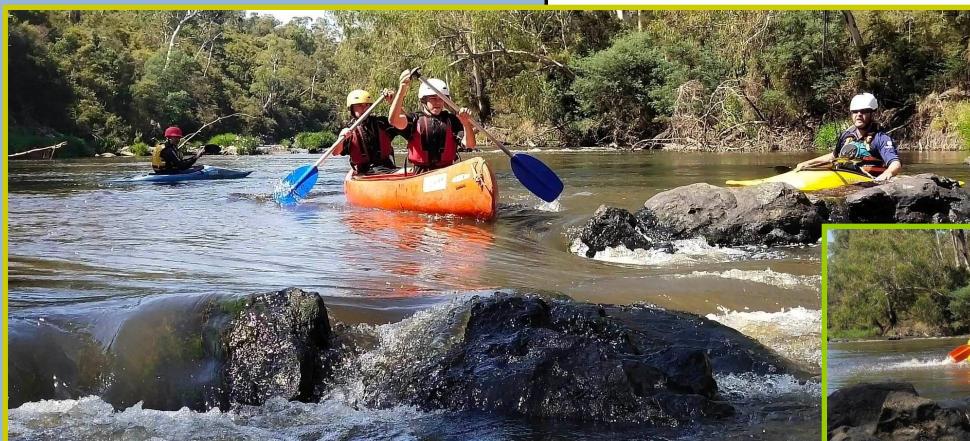
VET SPORT AND RECREATION CANOEING

Over the last few weeks our VET Sport and Recreation students embarked on a 2-day Canoeing adventure as part of their Certificate 3 assessments. Students were able to learn various strokes as they paddled through several challenging rapids from Jumping Creek to Warrandyte.



On the second day, students were able to transfer their canoe skills to a kayak. They enjoyed the sport of canoe polo and some even got the opportunity to practice on a slalom course. Thank you to Paddle Victoria for their assistance with running the program.

John Jagin, VET Sport



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

DOBSONS ONLINE (CLICK AND COLLECT):

Please visit: www.dobsons.com.au

Navigate to **SHOP** in toolbar

Click - Norwood Secondary College Logo

DELIVER TO HOME OR OFFICE:

Metro Melbourne: Within 24 - 72 hours
\$10 Flat Rate

Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



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.

Just a reminder CSEF applications close on the last day of Term 2, Friday 23 June.

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

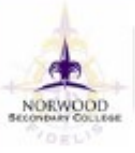
Term 4, 2023

2 October to 20 December 2023



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NORWOOD 2023

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please join us in our efforts to collect bread tags - tags collected will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread tags are collected Australia wide and recycled into a range of products. See the website below for more information.



Re-made in Robe!



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.



ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

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Norwood Knitting/Crochet Community

**If Dr Seuss could knit, I swear
That he would knit most anywhere...**

While in the rain, or on a train
Dr Seuss would purl and plain

He'd grab some yarn, head to a barn
A box of socks he'd surely darn

He'd knit a glove next to a dove
And make a scarf that we'd all love

And fancy that, just as he sat
He'd make his cat a perfect hat!

**Cos if Dr Seuss could knit, I swear
He'd knit for KOGO with great care!**



Much needed items for 2023:

- Scarves
- Beanies
- Socks
- Gloves (including fingerless)
- Adult Blankets (approx. 1.6 x 1.2m)
- Knitted squares that can be assembled by volunteers to make blankets
- Children's jumpers and cardigans
- Knitted Toys

Please join us and Knit/Crochet for a wonderful cause.

For inspiration and free patterns you can visit:

<https://www.kogo.org.au/welcome>

All donations can be dropped off at the General Office

and will be forwarded to KOGO – Knit One Give One

Lisa– Jane Walmsley



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Welcome back to Term 2!

As we begin term 2, we look forward to welcoming your students on board again for a safe and pleasant journey on our school services every day.

Here's some useful information to share with your students in preparation for the term ahead.

Kinetik kicks off partnership with Melbourne Rebels

Kinetik recently announced an exciting two-year partnership with the Melbourne Rebels rugby team to support the club's grassroots community programs.

As part of the partnership, Kinetik is transporting kids to and from games during the interschool rugby competition Rebels Shield.

It's our way of helping grow rugby in schools and supporting the next generation of rugby stars in Australia.

Staying safe around bus stops

With more traffic on the roads, it's important to be safe at bus stops and when crossing roads.

Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early, hail the bus and wait for it to stop before approaching.

Never cross the road in front of or behind a bus. Instead, wait for the bus to depart before crossing the road.

Keeping our buses clean

After school runs our buses usually go on to pick up members of the public on route services.

Students can help us maintain a clean bus for other customers by putting rubbish in the bins provided or taking it with them.

Staying safe on our services

Victoria Police has launched STOPIT, a new text-based notification service that allows commuters to notify police of unwanted sexual and anti-social behaviour on public transport quickly and discreetly.

If students experience or observe inappropriate behaviour on public transport they can **text 'STOPIT' to 0499 455 455**. This will trigger an automated response text that allows them to complete a police report. For emergencies students should contact 000.

Need to get in touch?

If you have any day-to-day operational queries about our school services, you can call us on (03) 9492 2200.

For all other enquires, you can give Savo from our Schools Team a call on 0419 096 082 or email: melbourne.schools@wearekinetic.com.au.

If your students leave something behind on the bus they can call us on (03) 9492 2200 or contact the PTV Call Centre on 1800 800 007.

We look forward to seeing you on board soon.

Kinetik Melbourne Schools Team

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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Jade or Sharon



enquiriesp@berrystreet.org.au



1300 610 355

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Find out more
at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.