

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
NUMBER 3
2 June, 2023

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 2, 2023

Wednesday, 7 June

Year 11 Exams Commence

Thursday, 8 June

Year 7 Sport

Year 12 Formal

Friday, 9 June

Year 10 Exams Commence

Monday, 12 June

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 13 June

Year 9 EMR Cross Country

Year 9 Leadership Training

Thursday, 15 June

General Achievement Test

Friday, 16 June

Correction & Report Writing Day



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of Term 2 is fast approaching, with many exciting events planned, such as the Year 12 Formal, Year 11 Central Australian Tour, Year 10 Work Experience and Year 9 City Experience. Planning for these events are well under way and close to being finalised. Students without Work Experience are encouraged to attend to this quickly.



Many students, particularly Years 9 – 12, are currently completing assessment tasks and commencing revision for their forthcoming examination period. It is important that students form good study habits now and prepare productively for their exams. At a recent Michael Carr-Gregg presentation, Michael encouraged students to study in blocks of 20 – 25 minutes, free from distractions, then take a 5 minute break before studying again. Phones should be out of reach and notifications turned off during the study component. Further advice from Michael's presentation included: drinking water for hydration, the importance of breakfast, creating study groups, ensuring good sleep routines, seeking help from teachers and involving families with revision as recalling information 'out loud' helps with memory recall.

Year 11 exams commence on Wednesday, 7 June, with Year 10 exams commencing on Friday, 9 June and Year 9 from Tuesday, 13 June. All students undertaking a Unit 3 and 4 sequence will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Thursday, 15 June. Families are reminded that **Friday, 16 June is a Correction and Report Writing Day** and therefore, pupil free.

Our Production cast enjoyed a whole day of rehearsals yesterday and by all reports the production of Anastasia will be an event not to be missed. We have had a couple of sneak peaks with small performances and it would appear that much of the polish has already been added. We cannot wait for opening night.

Next term our music students get to enjoy their time away together on camp. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for students from Years 7 – 12 to come together and celebrate their musical talents. Whilst this camp promotes concentrated time for practice, there are plenty of social/craft activities for students to enjoy.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

The new building "building M" is coming along really well. Over the last few weeks, we have been discussing our new furniture orders to ensure that when we move into the new building it is all ready to go.

Through this process the SRC has been involved in choosing some of the seating and how the spaces will work. The school is set to take occupation of the building towards the end of July. We will have 8 new classrooms that have been built with senior spaces in mind. Each classroom has operable walls that can turn each space into a bigger space if needed. We've also got 3 great break-out spaces which allow us to provide much more flexibility in how the students work.

The building will also have a designated Wellbeing space with a private terrace and a new space for our Integration and Senior School teams.

Nick Mammoliti, Junior School Principal



SCIENCE NEWS

TITRATIONS IN BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCE

Students in Biochemical Science have been introduced to acid-base titrations and calculations in Chemistry. This technique required precision and patience, students became very competitive and were determined to get the pale pastel pink colour. When they got the required colour, this meant that in the reaction, they had neutralised the acid and the base to make table salt and water.

Several students were able to get the required colour and I am very proud of how they conducted themselves during this practical which had 13 steps that needed to be followed.

It has been a fun semester in Biochemical Science and I wish all the students the best with their exams and in Semester 2.

Ms Shalini Singh, Head of Science



THE RAISE MENTORING PROGRAM

The Raise Mentoring Program is being run for a number of our Year 8 students, who will be working with external mentors until Week 4 of Term 4.

The Raise Mentoring Program delivers mentoring programs in secondary schools nationally working with students to set and achieve goals, develop resilience, increase confidence, whilst having someone to talk to. Both the mentors and mentees have had a great time building connections during the first two sessions and will continue to do so until Term 4.



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

INCREASING STUDENT MOTIVATION

We all know that maintaining motivation throughout the school year can be challenging. Sometimes, it feels like the weight of assignments, exams, and projects is just too much to handle. Here are some strategies that you can do to boost your motivation and reclaim your enthusiasm for schoolwork:



1. **Set clear goals:**
Begin by setting specific, achievable goals for yourself. Whether it is scoring highly on a test, completing a project, or improving your overall grades, having clear objectives helps you to stay focused and motivated.
2. **Break tasks down:**
Large tasks can be overwhelming, making it difficult to stay motivated. Break them down into smaller, manageable steps. Completing each step will give you a sense of accomplishment and motivate you to move forward.
3. **Create a study schedule:**
Establish a study routine that works for you. Having a structured schedule helps build discipline and ensures you allocate enough time for each subject. Remember to include breaks in your schedule to recharge your mind.
4. **Celebrate small wins:**
Acknowledge and celebrate your achievements along the way. When you accomplish a milestone, reward yourself with something you enjoy – a movie night, a treat, or a little extra time. Celebrating your progress reinforces positive behaviour.
5. **Seek help when needed:**
Do not hesitate to seek assistance when you feel stuck. Teachers are there to support you. Asking questions and seeking clarification demonstrates your commitment to learning and can help you overcome obstacles.
6. **Take care of yourself:**
Lastly, do not forget the importance of self-care. Get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals, and engage in physical activity. A healthy mind and body are essential for maintaining focus, energy, and motivation.

Remember, motivation is not a one-size-fits-all approach and may fluctuate at times, but by implementing these strategies consistently, you can reignite your enthusiasm for learning. Embrace the challenges, persevere, and celebrate your progress along the way.

Jacki Landy, Miranda Maginness & Jason Boyce. The Student Wellbeing Team.

MUSIC NEWS



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MUSIC REPORT

The Music Department has had a very busy few weeks leading up to our major performance last weekend and Monday! Well done to parents and students for powering on, some through 3 performances in a row!



JAZZ NIGHT -WHAT A BLAST!

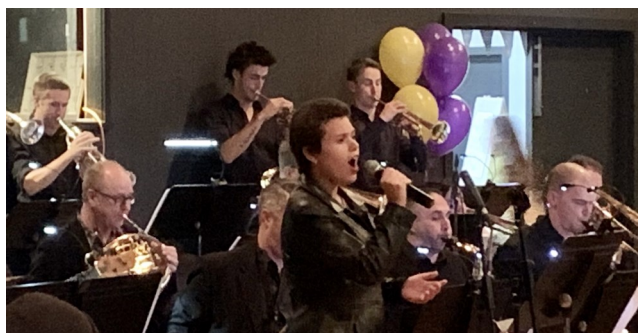
"On Sunday, 27 May we held our annual Jazz Night in the Hall, and it was a success! The night involved wonderful performances from all our featured singers, ensembles and the 'Plan B Big Band'. Jazz Night is always a highlight in the music calendar and this year was no different. It was amazing to see so many students there performing pieces they have worked so hard on at rehearsals this year. The night was a sold-out event with many parents, friends and Norwood staff coming to support the evening. The night ended with Plan B Big Band playing some well-known tunes and many students and guests on the dance floor. A massive thank you to all those who performed, organised, and attended the event."

Erin F Vice Music Captain

...AND FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to our senior soloists- Emily W, Bel J, Alex B, Georgia W, Jessica M and Hannah M for their fabulous performances at Jazz Night. Congratulations also to our wonderful senior ensembles-Concert Band, Snr Ensemble, String Ensemble and Chorale. Your music teachers are all so proud of you all.

Particular thanks to parents, Donna Groome for all Hall décor, and to parent, Saikat Bhattacharya, for his brilliant Sitar performance.



House Reading Challenge 2023

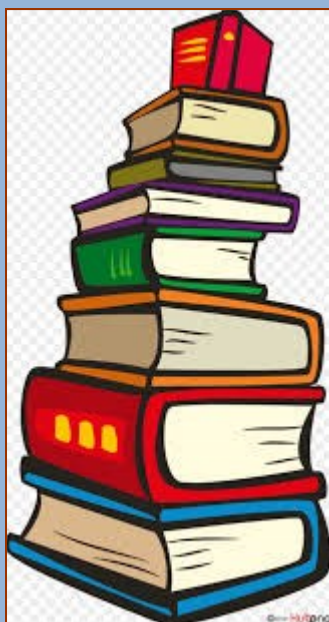
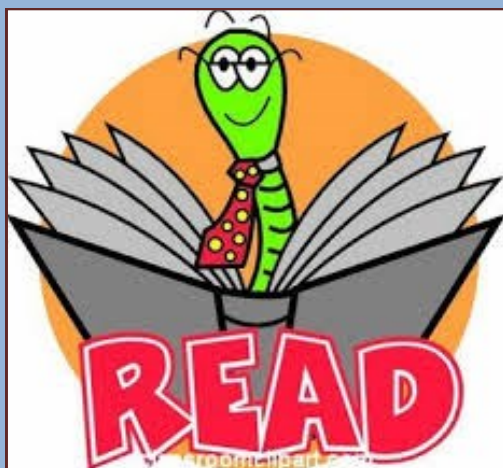
June 1 - August 25
Year 7 - 9

Who will win the Readers' Cup?

Fun activities throughout the challenge

Pizza lunch for the winning house

See your English teacher or library staff for more details



HAMER HALL CONCERT

22 Norwood students performed at the prestigious Hamer Hall on Monday, 28 May as part of the North Eastern Victorian Region Youth Concert titled "Fire and Rain".

We had the most students from our school in the Concert Band and also Bonnie M in the String Orchestra. Thanks to parents for allowing students to have this once in a life-time opportunity.



BRASS STUDENT SUCCESS!

Two of our brass students, Oren B and Zetara B, travelled to Bendigo on Sunday, 28 May to compete at the Bendigo Eisteddfod as part of Box Hill Academy of Brass. Oren B, Year 9 Bass Trombonist and Zetara, Year 8 Eb Tuba player.

On Sunday, 29 May Oren and I played with Box Hill Academy Brass at the Bendigo Eisteddfod. We competed in a field of 3 bands in the Junior Section, including against a band who has just won the National Band Championships in Junior B Grade! We played 3 pieces, spanning 20 minutes: Cantabile, St Andrews Variations and Viva La Vida!

It was great to have the opportunity to play with young musicians from a wide range of schools and represent Norwood in the process. Our next project with the band is the National Band Championships in Easter 2024!

Well done Oren and Zetara!

MUSIC CAMP NEWS

We are busily planning the schedule of the Music Camp. Letters and medical forms went home this week. First payment due by 15 June 2023. Please see Compass event for details.

Dates: 17-19 July 2023. Week 2 of Term 3. Please note the dates in your diaries.

JUNIOR BAND

Junior Band started rehearsals this term at the popular time of 7.50am with Ms Innes. The students are making excellent progress each week, developing skills in note reading, timing and playing as a group. Well done to each and every student.

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

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

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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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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students',

Please see changes to Norwood Secondary College school services and our route 380 services as part of the Coolstore Road Level Crossing Removal Project.

To progress with site establishment work, there will be a temporary relocation of the Croydon Station northern bus interchange (on the Wicklow Avenue side) to Kent Avenue and Croydon Road **from Thursday 1 June 2023 until 2025**.

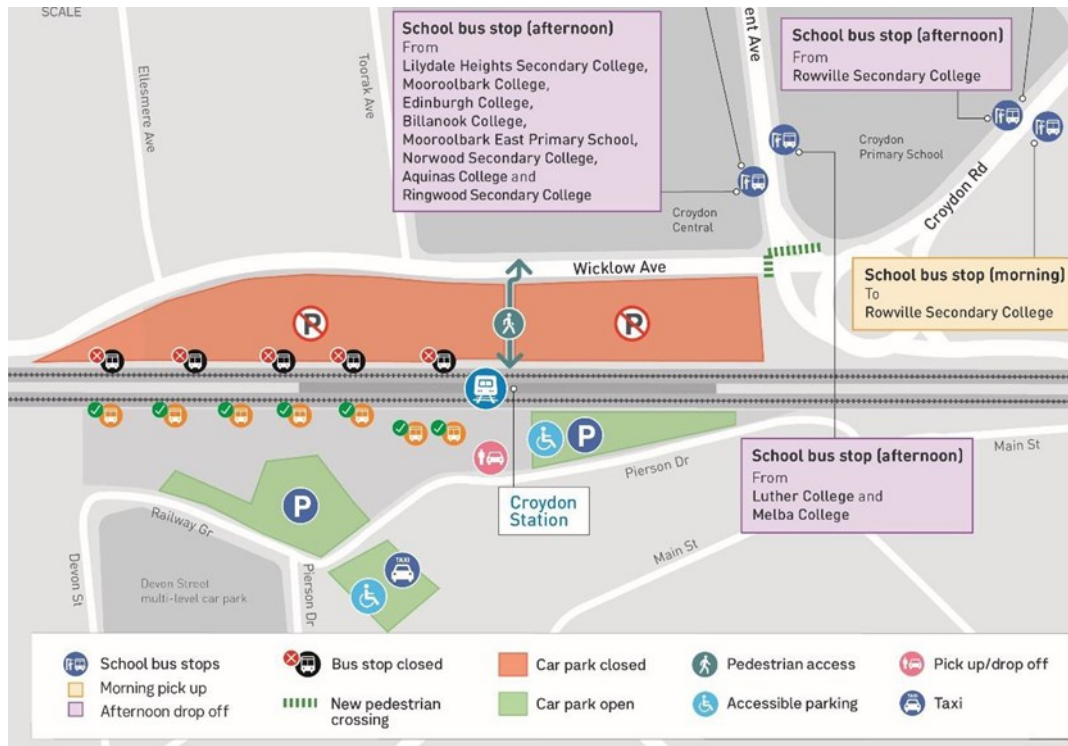
During this period, students can catch the bus:

- / On Kent Avenue (Croydon Central side) for route 380 Ringwood - Croydon Loop (Anti clockwise) services.
- / On Kent Avenue (Croydon Primary School side) for route 380 Ringwood - Croydon Loop (Clockwise) services.



For Norwood Secondary College services to Croydon Station (route 9078):

/ The bus will arrive on Kent Avenue (Croydon Central side) in the afternoon.



Safe pedestrian access between Croydon Station and the relocated bus stops will be maintained via the closed northern car park and new pedestrian crossings on Wicklow Avenue and Kent Avenue.