

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 4, 2023

Tuesday, 3 October

EMR Intermediate Boys' Hockey

Wednesday, 4 October

RAMS Program

VCE English Oral Presentation

Monday, 9 October

Athletics Track & Field Championships



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

BEST WISHES FOR THE BREAK

With the Term ending this week, it is a time to reflect on the busyness of the past 10 weeks. We have run a very productive Music Camp, presented an amazing Production ('Anastasia') with some extraordinary student performances, taken our Year 8 cohort away for a three day experience and thrown ourselves back into a rich and varied interschool sport program. Many of our students (if not most) will very much be looking forward to a well-deserved break from school. Our Year 12 students (and Year 11 students studying a Unit 3 / 4 subject) will, of course, be using the coming two weeks to ensure they are across all their studies. With 2 weeks of classes left after the break, it is certainly the business end of the academic year – with exams to follow a brief 'study vac'. For some, it may be a challenge to focus on studies in the coming two weeks and even more so if the weather turns to warm Springtime. However, our teachers will all offer appropriate work/revision to their students in an effort to help them keep their focus and, I'm sure, will remind all that they only need to keep that focus for another couple of months and then they are finished with 'school'. An appealing incentive to continue to focus on studies.



I wish all our senior student who are facing their final exams all the very best. To the rest of our school community, I hope you have opportunities to spend time with those special to you and return to Term 4 refreshed and ready for your final term of 2023.

ACTING PRINCIPAL DURING TERM 4

I am taking 6 weeks of long service leave from the start of Term 4. My wife and I, with some close friends, are doing some travelling for most of that time.... something I am very much looking forward to. During my absence, **Jackie Harris (Senior School Principal)** will be Norwood's Acting Principal, as she has done on previous occasions. The College will be in very capable hands. With the busyness of a school year, there never seems to be an appropriate time to take a block of leave, but with most of our staffing now close to completed for 2024, and courses finalised for each year level, there is an opportunity to take leave with a minimal impact, early in Term 4.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

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YEAR 8 NEWS

YEAR 8 CAMP 'SUMMIT ADVENTURE CAMP'

During the past week, Year 8 students prepared themselves for the opportunity to get out of their comfort zone and build resilience through The Summit Adventure Camp. Throughout the three days of activities, our incredible Year 8s overcame significant challenges including heights, cold temperatures and wet weather. It was fantastic to witness the personal growth of our students as they pushed their limits and overcame their personal fears.

Our supervising staff noted how proud they were of our student's willingness to support their friends and teammates during adventures including the 'Monster Course' in which all students completed a full obstacle course, followed by a surprise challenge which involved them completing it again backwards (much to the students' surprise...and frustration).

With 'Respect' being at the Core of Norwood Secondary College's Values, It was with pride that we ended the camp with fantastic feedback from the Summit Staff regarding how respectful our students were.

I would like to personally thank all parents for their support in helping to organise our students, the supervising staff for giving up their time to help run the camp effectively and our General Office Staff for the significant amount of 'behind the scenes' support that make these events possible.

Daniel Cole, Head of Year 8



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2024

The application process for leadership positions for 2024 Year 12 students is now open. Current Year 11 students who would like to be considered for the position of College Captain, Vice Captain or Prefect, should access the application documentation available via the Compass Newsfeed published on Monday, 11 September. The closing date for these applications is Tuesday, 3 October (no later than 4pm).



We look forward to receiving applications from students who demonstrate exemplary conduct in upholding the College Values, who would be proud to represent the College at functions and events and have the drive to work hard for the benefit of the Year 12 cohort and the Norwood community.

YEAR 12 REVISION

As Term 3 draws to a close our Year 12 students conclude their school assessed coursework and begin their preparation for their external exams. These holidays are generally regarded as a 'study break' with the long holiday period still to come after the conclusion of exams in November.

In the second week of the holidays, students will attend the College from Monday through to Wednesday, sitting practice exams in preparation for their final exams. Teachers will then provide students with meaningful feedback prior to their final exam preparations.

A number of Connect Revision Lectures are available in some subjects after school in the first 2 weeks of next term. Students are strongly encouraged to attend these.

I would encourage all students to use this break purposefully and to find the right balance between rest and study. Both are important. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students for their work so far this year. I look forward to celebrating their achievements at the upcoming Valedictory Dinner.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

Year 12 Report

'As the Year 12 cohort of 2023 reaches the end of their schooling experience, it has been a stressful, exciting yet bittersweet experience for many of us. As a year level, we have shared and faced many experiences together since coming to Norwood in 2018 for Year 7.'

'We entered our VCE experience right after the 2021 lockdowns and with the help of our teachers, we fought and survived to stand here today as the class of 2023. As a group we have faced many a challenge, and many 'Teams' calls but, I am so proud of each classmate. It has been an honour growing up with these now resilient, brave, and strong young adults. Every experience, every friendship, and every moment has helped shape us into the people we are now as we enter the world and start 'adulthood'.'

'Now we stand at the cusp of our schooling time, having completed our final subjects, final tests and assignments and our final Teacher vs. Student Cup. We are now preparing for our final class, our final assembly, our final exit, our exams, and our final gathering as a whole year-level at the Valedictory Dinner. The final line before the page is turned on a new chapter of our lives.'

YEAR 8 NEWS CONTINUED



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

AWARDS FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 PHYSICS



Mrs Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal, visited the Year 11 Physics students and presented awards for their excellent performance in their test on the topic of Energy and Motion.

A number of high achieving students received the following scores: Elwyn R (97%), Darwin M (93%), Lal R-T (90%), David L (86%), Pierce R (85%), Noah A (83%), Kyla M (83%) and Ret H (83%). Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and for setting high standards for themselves. I encourage them to continue to be aspirational and continue to perform highly in the future.

Thank you to Mr Shaun Li (Pre Service Teacher standing on far left) who helped the students prepare for this test in class.

Mr Gurwinder Singh, Mathematics and Physics Teacher

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

I personally want to thank every parent and every single staff member who has helped along the way. Your care and compassion as we have walked through our 6 years at Norwood and 13 years of schooling have helped shape us into the people we are today.

To my fellow Year 12s, good luck and it's just getting started.'

Hannah Magno, Year 12 SRC

YEAR 8 CAMP

'On Wednesday, 30 August, all Year 8 students set off towards the Summit Camp, in Trafalgar. It began as a rainy experience and stayed that way for the rest of the camp. Despite the unfortunate weather, students remained positive and had even more fun as everyone got muddy and wet.

Over the course of the next 3 days, everyone participated in a range of different activities including; The Giant Swing, Abseiling, Flying Fox and of course the famous Summit 'Mud Run'. Overnight, we enjoyed playing Trivia, and afterwards the winning group was rewarded with the ultimate movie pack, which included popcorn, chocolate, and lots of lollies. This pack came in handy the following night when we watched Home Alone, and everyone had the opportunity to sit with their friends and bring their own snacks.

By Friday Afternoon, after completing some more activities, everyone was ready to return home, and sleep in their own beds again. All Year 8s would like to thank all the NSC staff who helped make this camp happen, as without them we couldn't have experienced all the fun activities that everyone enjoyed. Everyone would also like to thank the lovely staff at the Summit Camp who provided us with food and safety, especially during some of the more risky activities.'

Madi Beilken, Year 8 SRC

HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 MATHEMATICAL METHODS AWARDED



These students in Year 10 Maths Methods class were awarded by Ms Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal, for their excellent performance in their SAC on the topic of Probability. Chloe P (92%), Caleb S (94%), Alma B (100%), Kaelen S (100%), Phoebe C (96%), Harry B (94%) and Elana T (90%). Well done students for your great work, congratulations.

Gurwinder Singh, Mathematics and Physics Teacher

Artventurers

Artventurers is a free fortnightly art program for young people aged 10 to 14 years.

Explore new ways of creating art, access artist supplies, and connect with other young people in a safe and supported environment.



Celebrating Youth Month with a Youth Festival

EACH Youth and Family along with the Your Voice Youth Leadership team will be hosting a Youth Festival to celebrate youth month this September.

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food and plenty of FUN for the whole family. We are marking the occasion with multiple activities throughout the day, including:

- > Dance classes
- > Circus performers
- > Arts & Crafts
- > Pamper room with massage and facials
- > Sensory/quiet spaces
- > Karaoke
- > Competitive games
- > Wildlife exhibit
- > Food trucks and tasty treats to enjoy
- > Plus plenty more!!!

With the support of the Victorian Government, this festival will be an opportunity to connect with local services, have some fun and celebrate Youth Month in style.

Register today via QR code to secure your entry!



For further information or enquiries email: youthandfamily@each.com.au



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RUOK? DAY 2023

Thursday, 14 September was the National R U OK? Day. The theme for 2023 was 'Ask R U OK? I'm here to hear'. This comes in response to new research, which found that four in ten Australians feel that asking someone 'are you okay?' is a conversation that is better had with a professional. The 2023 theme highlights that anyone can ask the question 'R U OK?' and listen to what others need to share.

Recognising R U OK? Day in Australia in 2023 holds immense significance. This annual event, typically observed on the second Thursday of September, emphasizes the importance of mental health awareness and open communication. In a world where the pressures of modern life can take a toll on one's mental wellbeing, this day serves as a reminder to check in on friends, family, and colleagues. In the wake of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for connection and support has never been greater. By acknowledging R U OK? Day, Australians can foster a culture of compassion and empathy, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more resilient society. This day encourages individuals to ask a simple yet powerful question, "Are you okay?" – a question that has the potential to make a profound difference in someone's life, highlighting the significance of mental health awareness.

Four Steps of an R U OK? Conversation:

1. How are you travelling?
2. I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.
3. What have you done before that has helped?
4. Just wanted to check-in and see how you're doing?

Norwood celebrated the day with a variety of activities including an animal farm run by the team from Animals on the Move. The burger and ice-cream vans were a hit, with ice-creams being a popular choice thanks to the beautiful yellow (R U OK? Day themed) sunshine. A special thank you to the teams at Maroondah Youth and Youth Dimensions who came out in support and ran activities with prizes.

Some Upcoming Community Webinars, Programs and Activities:

Butterfly Foundation - Teens' Eating and Body Image Webinars for Parents/Carers

See details below for two webinars for parents delivered by the Butterfly Foundation.

What: "Supporting Teens to Eat Well in a Food Confused World". Join Butterfly and two Practising Accredited Dietitians and learn how to help your teen have a positive and balanced relationship with food.

When: Tuesday, 12 September 7 - 8pm (AEST) plus question time

Who: Parents/carers of teens

How: Zoom. Register below.

Cost: FREE

What: "Body Confident Children and Teens for Parents". Information and practical tips for parents of primary and secondary-age children on how to promote positive body image in the home.

When: Tuesday 17 October 7-8pm AEST plus question time

Who: Parent/carers of primary and secondary aged children

How: Zoom. Register below.

Cost: \$15

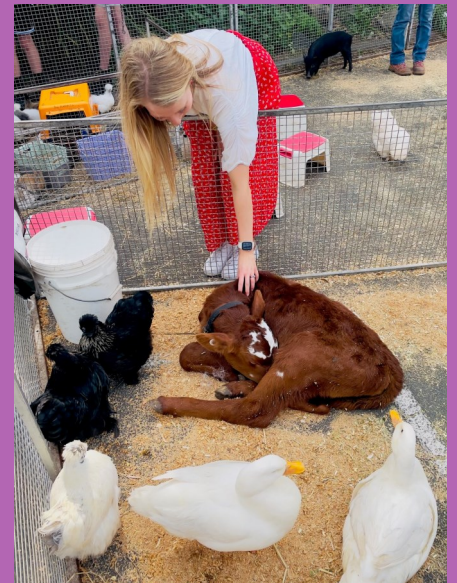
Jackie Landy, Miranda Maginness & Jason Boyce, The Wellbeing Team



R U OK CONTINUED



Make time
to ask
RU OK?™



FEATURED PROJECTS

This modular storage unit by Izzy in Year 12 is beautifully accented with highlights of Western Australian Jarrah. The unit serves as a testament to the craftsmanship skills our students are acquiring.



Andy in Year 12 is making the "The Pooch Pantry," is a timber cabinet made from solid wood. It includes specially designed holes for dog bowls and a storage locker for dog toys. Crafted to the perfect size and ergonomics, this unit is ideal for a student's family dogs and is made from sustainable timber.



FEATURED STUDENT

Michael Roberts, a Year 9 student, has been setting an example of dedication and high-quality craftsmanship in both his metal and wood classes. Not only has he excelled in his projects, but he has also taken the initiative to assist in the maintenance of a drill press.

In the coming weeks, Michael will be working on an important project to improve the dust collection system for a sander in Area 3. His proactive approach to enhancing the workshop environment is commendable and sets a great example for his peers.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY NEWS

YEAR 8: CRAFTING METAL DUSTPANS

Our Year 8 students are diving headfirst into the world of metalwork. They are currently working collaboratively to measure, cut and fold metal to create their very own dustpans. This hands-on project not only teaches them the fundamentals of metalwork, but also the importance of teamwork and precision.



YEAR 9: CANDLE HOLDERS AND BEYOND

Meanwhile, our Year 9 students are adding the final touches to their intricately designed candle holders. Once completed, they will embark on an even more ambitious project—a folding picnic table! This project will challenge them to apply their skills in a real-world context, producing a functional piece of furniture that combines both form and function.



Here, we see Michael executing his detailed plan for a folding picnic table. His meticulous attention to detail and commitment to quality are evident in every piece he creates.



Stewart Tannock, Materials Technology Teacher

MATH AND SCIENCE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MATH COMPETITION.

The University of New South Wales recently invited Norwood to participate in the ICAS Math Competition.



Students at Norwood were given the opportunity to enter the competition and partake in the event towards the end of this term.

Students sat the test at the same time as others from across the country and around the world. Certificates and prizes shall be awarded next term with results being emailed to parents and students next week.

Pictured are students partaking in the opportunity of excellence and enjoying the event.



STEM NEWS

Year 7 students studying S.T.E.M in our S.T.E.M learning centre have been working on their major assessment piece for the second half of the term.

Students have been studying design, engineering, evaluating prototypes and construction to a brief within budgetary and clientele parameters in order to construct, test and evaluate a Flood Shelter.

Students then use ICT such as 3D C.A.D and Office 365 to collaborate and further refine their prototypes to their final assessed item.

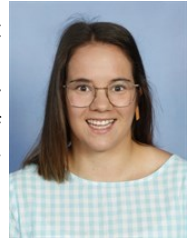
Students were encouraged to add to their designs principles in engineering and be sympathetic to budget and clientele needs.

Pictured are students with their redesigned shelters ready for the final phase of testing.

Alex Papanotas, Maths & STEM Teacher

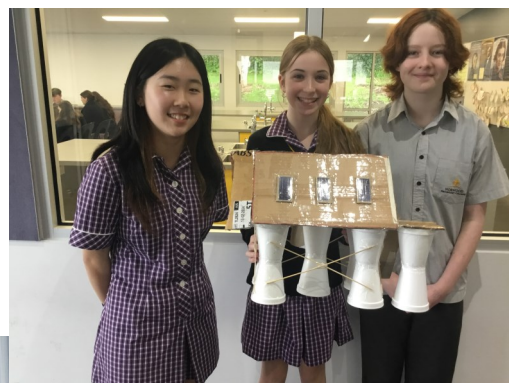
TECH TALK NEWS

As Term 3 draws to a close the students are hard at work finishing off their design projects. Within our food technology rooms, the Year 12s are completing their final SAC for the year, while the Year 11s are finishing of their last SAC for unit 2, AOS 1. Year 8s have been busy making fried rice and learning about the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, while the Year 9 elective classes have finished their assessments and beginning to get ready for Term 4.



It was an exciting few weeks for the Year 10 students as they cooked their crunch gooey dish! From brownies, to burgers, a HSP and cakes, we had it all!

Maddy Sweeney, Food Technology Teacher



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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

HOUSE READING CHALLENGE :

TROPHY AND PRIZES PRESENTATION



On Friday, 8 September the Library hosted a Pizza Lunch for the winners of this year's House Reading Challenge - **Yarra House**. They won with 112 points. Students from Years 7 – 9 in Yarra House who contributed to the challenge and the 'Reading Legends' who read four or more books - were invited to attend.

After eating their fill of pizza, the students participated in a Trivia Challenge, hosted by Mr Given (pictured above).

College Principal Mr Andrew Sloane, presented the Readers Cup to Amelia D (pictured) on behalf of **Yarra House**. Junior School Principal Mr Nicholas Mammoliti also gave individual prizes to the top 4 'Reading Legends'.

1. Amelia was also this year's ultimate Reading Legend, having read 44 books
2. Phoebe Palmer - 25 books
3. Bailey Milwain – 22 books
4. Isabella Daly – 19 books

Well done to everyone. 286 books were read!



Sashi Reddy, Librarian

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UNDER 18'S WANTED

With an impressive year building the senior club back to its former glory Norwood Netball are proudly expanding our club in the 2024 season.

Our 2024 18s and Under side will be coached by our one of our Senior top division players. Providing expert guidance to the future players of Norwood.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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Saturday 16th September

10am - 2pm

Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue, Park Orchards