

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

**TERM 4**  
**NUMBER 4**  
**24 November, 2023**

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

**College Phone No.** 9871 0400

**Principal:** Mr Andrew Sloane

**Assistant Principals:** Mr Nick Mammoliti 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 4, 2023

**Monday, 27 November**

VCE Transition commences

**Friday, 1 December**

VCE Transition concludes

**Wednesday, 6 December**

City Bike Tour—Outdoor Education

**Thursday, 7 December**

Year 9 End of Year Program

**Friday, 8 December**

Year 9 End of Year Program concludes



## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### OUR NEW BUILDING

The highly anticipated opening of our new building is almost a reality. We are now at the stage where the final touches to the landscaping and compliance checks are being carried out. Unfortunately, 'Certificates of Occupancy' cannot be fast tracked, and so, we patiently wait. All classrooms are fitted out with furniture, screens, whiteboards, etc and look amazing.

The building is complete with heating and refrigerated cooling. Our students will have study spaces with comfortable furniture, access to printers and water fountains.

Our Wellbeing Team are looking forward to moving into a purpose-built space that will cater for students in Years 7 – 12, with greater privacy and in a bright and vibrant environment. I have included some photos in this edition of the building to share our excitement with the community.



### ASSESSMENTS

Schools are busy places at this time of the year. This week has seen our Year 10 and Year 11 students undertake their final examinations for the year. Next week they will step up into their VCE Transition Program and commence an introduction into their VCE studies. In less than two weeks from now, our Year 9 students will commence their examinations. This is not only a busy time for students but a heavy assessment time for staff, marking examinations and writing reports.

### ORIENTATION

Last week we met with our new Year 7 students and their families at our Transition Information Evening as part of our extensive Orientation Program. This is something that we pride ourselves in. Every 2024 Year 7 student has been visited by a Norwood SC teacher in the last month in order to reassure them that we are looking forward to welcoming them to our school. The Statewide Orientation Day is much later this year and will take place on Tuesday, 12 December.

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## ACTING PRINCIPAL NEWS

### CELEBRATIONS

Tonight, we celebrate with our Year 11 students at their Social, held at the York on Lilydale. The students have worked hard with Rod Mitchell and Cynthia Kennedy to plan and personalise the event. We look forward to celebrating with them.

On another note, our 2024 Captains, have received their blazers and have commenced their captaincy roles. I have included their first official photograph with this newsletter edition.

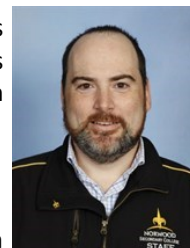
### STAFFING

Much has been said in the media regarding teacher shortages and this continues to be a challenge for schools. We are fortunate in that our staffing for 2024 is almost complete. Our College Principal, Andrew Sloane is extending his current period of leave to include Term 1. He is very much looking forward to his return to work at the commencement of Term 2, 2024. As a consequence, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Alexis Watson, our current Director of Curriculum, has been appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Principal, for Term 1, 2024. Her work in whole school curriculum matters ensure she is well equipped to seamlessly transition into this role.

*Jackie Harris, Acting Principal*

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

It is almost December which means the end of the year is coming at us very quickly. As discussed in the previous newsletter there is a change for Year 9 exams from previous years. See timetable below.



### END OF YEAR CLEAN UP

On Friday, 8 December, students will be asked to clean out their lockers. Students should begin to bring home textbooks and workbooks they do not need for the rest of the year to ensure they are not bringing them all home on the same day.

### FUNFIELDS EXCURSION MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER

We have nearly 200 students already paid up for what promises to be a positive dare I say "fun" way to end the year, plenty of staff are just as excited.

### YEAR 9 EXAM TIMETABLE

	Thursday, 7 December	Friday, 8 December
<b>Period 1</b>	Exam Revision Class	Exam Revision Class
<b>Period 2</b>	English Exam (1hr)	Mathematics Exam (1hr)
<b>Period 3</b>	Exam Revision Class	Humanities Exam (1hr)
<b>Period 4</b>	Science Exam (1hr)	Staff Vs Student Netball Game
<b>Period 5</b>	Early Dismissal (1.15pm)	Locker Sign-Off and Early Dismissal (2.15pm)

*Nick Mammoliti, Junior School Principal*



## YEAR 11 NEWS

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



On Tuesday, 21 November, Brandon R and Luke G, of the Year 11 VCE Vocational Major class, conducted a retro gaming competition for the Year 7s. The game, Crash Team Racing, was one of the original games made for the first PlayStation console. Brandon and Luke focused on community engagement by completing this project. They were successful in encouraging others to get together and have fun, while also creating a healthy competition.

The winner of the event was Billy (aka The Drift King) of 7A.



**Jonathan Flack, Health and PE Teacher**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### YEAR 8 HISTORY

If you are following the Library on Instagram, you will have seen how creative the Year 8 History classes have been. On display for a short time you'll see Kotana's, tea sets, war fans, masks and origami. Feel free to check it out or follow us on Instagram: #norwoodlibrary.



### CHRISTMAS CLEAN OUT

It is that time of year again. Time to **clean out your lockers and look under your beds and return any books to the library.** No questions asked. If you happen to have lost a book, please come and see the library staff. As an added incentive, there will be a prize for those who return their books before the last day of classes.



### CHRISTMAS BORROWING

If you are needing something to tide you over during the school holidays then come on down to the library. It's now possible for you to borrow books over the **summer holidays.** Library staff would love to help you find a new series or a new author to read. Do not hesitate to ask us.

**Linda Mill, Librarian/Resource Centre Manager**



## STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

As we navigate the challenges of high school life, let us embrace the power of kindness to create a supportive uplifting community. Challenge yourself to perform one random act of kindness each day, whether it is a smile, a compliment, or a helping hand. Together, we can create a ripple effect of positivity that extends far beyond the walls of our school.

Remember, kindness is contagious, and it starts with each one of us!



**Join the FFreeZA crew**

The Maroondah FFreeZA Program is a free initiative that trains local young people aged 15-25 to run live music and cultural events in Maroondah.

FFreeZA can give you the chance to work with other young people, learn about event management, receive free training, and gain transferrable life skills.

If you're interested in being part of the Bassline Productions FFreeZA crew or want to hear about upcoming events, contact Youth Services. If accessing our services is difficult for you, talk to our Youth Services team about some of the options.

Events for young people, by young people!

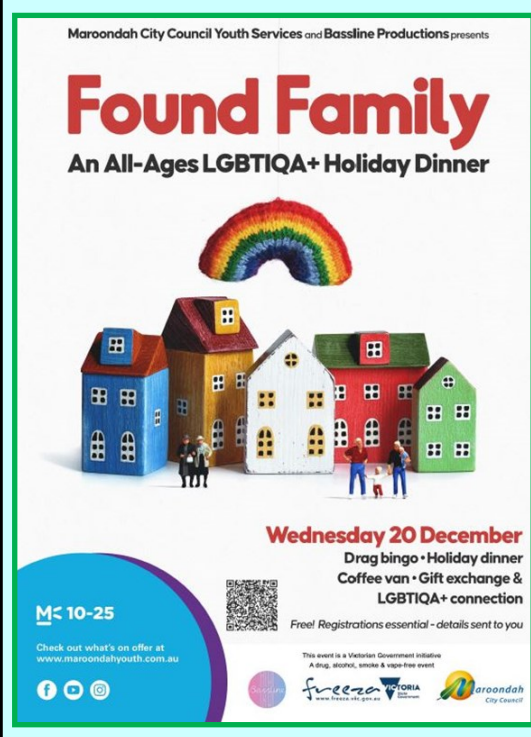
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The FFreeZA Program is a Victorian Government Initiative and focuses on interactive personal and professional development through the organisation of drug, alcohol and smoke free events.

**M<10-25**

Check out what's on offer at [maroondahyouth.com.au](http://maroondahyouth.com.au) 9294 5704

Logos: Australian flag, Victoria flag, Maroondah City Council, FFreeZA, Bassline Productions.



Maroondah City Council Youth Services and Bassline Productions presents

**Found Family**

An All-Ages LGBTIQ+ Holiday Dinner

Wednesday 20 December

Drag bingo • Holiday dinner  
Coffee van • Gift exchange & LGBTIQ+ connection

Free! Registrations essential - details sent to you

**M<10-25**

Check out what's on offer at [www.maroondahyouth.com.au](http://www.maroondahyouth.com.au)

This event is a Victorian Government initiative. A drag, alcohol, smoke & vape-free event.

Logos: Australian flag, Victoria flag, Maroondah City Council, FFreeZA, Bassline Productions.

## STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

### THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

In the hustle and bustle of high school life, it is easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of exams, co-curricular activities, and the daily challenges we all face. However, amidst the chaos, there is a simple yet powerful antidote that has the potential to transform not only our individual wellbeing but also the entire atmosphere of our school community: random acts of kindness.

Acts of kindness, big or small, have a remarkable impact on our wellbeing. Research consistently shows that engaging in benevolent actions not only boosts our mood, but also contributes to a positive, inclusive, and supportive school environment. Here are a few reasons why practising random acts of kindness can be a game-changer for our wellbeing:

#### 1. BOOSTING MOOD AND HAPPINESS

It is no secret that acts of kindness make us feel good. Whether it is holding the door open for someone, offering a genuine compliment, or helping a friend with their workload, these actions release feel-good chemicals in our brains. The joy we experience from being kind has a direct correlation with increased levels of happiness and satisfaction in our lives.

#### 2. CREATING A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

Random acts of kindness cultivate a culture of compassion within our school. When we witness or experience kindness, it inspires us to pay it forward, creating a positive feedback loop. A kind gesture has the power to break down barriers, fostering connections and understanding amongst peers, teachers, and staff members.

#### 3. REDUCING STRESS

In the midst of exams, projects, and deadlines, stress can often become overwhelming. Engaging in acts of kindness has been shown to alleviate stress by shifting our focus from our own worries to the wellbeing of others. The simple act of helping someone, even in a small way, can provide a welcome distraction and perspective that reduces stress levels.

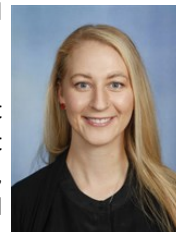
#### 4. BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Random acts of kindness strengthens the bonds within our school community. When we try to be kind to one another, we create a sense of belonging and unity. This unity, in turn, contributes to a positive and supportive school environment where everyone feels valued and appreciated.

#### 5. INSPIRING OTHERS

When we witness acts of kindness, we are motivated to emulate the behaviour. By being intentional about spreading kindness, we become catalysts for positive change in our school. Imagine the collective impact if each of us committed to one random act of kindness each day.

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





## CANTEEN NEWS

As from Monday, 4 December, on-line lunch orders will be closed for the remainder of the year. Students are still welcome to come into the Canteen and place your lunch order.

The Canteen will be closed from Monday, 11 December and will re-open Term 1, 2024.

The Canteen staff would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your holidays.

**Rhonda, Di, Wendy and Nicole, Canteen Staff**



# Canteen

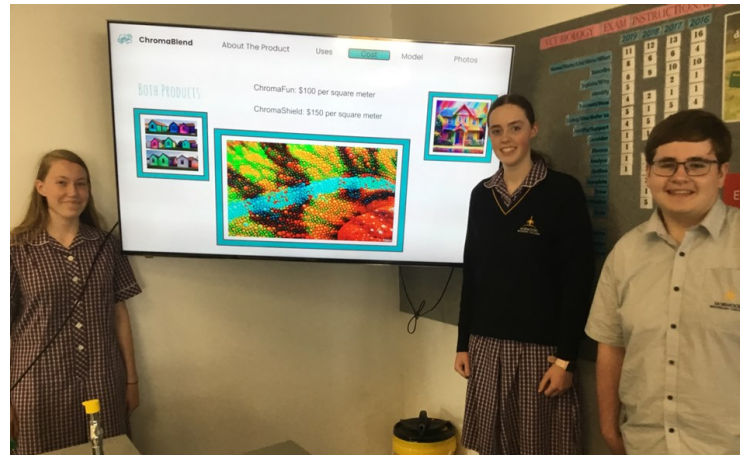
## SCIENCE NEWS

### STUDENTS IN YEAR 9 BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCHED BIOMIMICRY.

Students worked in groups to “invent” a product utilising biomimicry and biotechnology. Students presented their product to a “Shark Tank” audience in an activity requiring them to convince investors to invest in their product.

Pictured are Year 9 students presenting their product.

**Alex Papanotas, Science Teacher**



# Biotechnology

## UNIFORM SHOP

### SHOP HOURS:

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

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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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



All profits from event registrations go to the Warrandyte Sporting Group - keeping our kids playing footy, cricket and netball all year

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**Head Coach**  
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# CAROLS

**2023**

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
**6.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Whitehorse Civic Centre Precinct

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