

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 1, 2024

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Years 7,10,11 & 12 students commence

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Years 8 and 9 students commence

Friday, 9 February 2024

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

College Photos

Monday, 19 Feb – Friday, 23 February

Year 7 Camp

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VCE RESULTS

At this time of year, we look to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and endeavour within the school community.

For our VCE students who have achieved academic success, their dedication, hard work, and commitment to their studies have truly set a commendable standard for the entire Norwood community and we look forward to inviting these students back to a special whole school assembly in 2024. We are thrilled to announce that a significant number of our students have achieved exceptional results in their academic pursuits. There are a testament to the collaborative efforts of our students, dedicated teachers, and the unwavering support of parents and guardians.



The impressive academic accomplishments span across a variety of subject areas showcasing the diversity and depth of talent of students within our school. From outstanding scores in the Unit 3 and 4 exams to exemplary performance in coursework and the creative arts, our students have excelled in multiple domains.

The following students have received study scores (raw and unscaled) of 40 or higher, which places their performance in the top 90% of the State:

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STUDY SCORES OVER 40

Unit Name	Student Name	Study Score
PSYCHOLOGY	KIEFTE, LAYLA	49
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	KIEFTE, LAYLA	48
PSYCHOLOGY	MCPHEE, JESSICA	46
MEDIA	FOLETTA-SMITH, CHARLOTTE	45
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STUDY SCORES OVER 40 CONT..

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	THOMAS, JASMINE	42
VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN	BRICE, MIA	41
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	OAKLEY, CIERAN	41
BIOLOGY	STUBBINGS, CAILIN (Year 11)	41
PSYCHOLOGY	AQUILA, HELENA (Year 11)	40
MATHS: GENERAL MATHEMATICS	RIDDELL, KYLAH	40
HISTORY: REVOLUTIONS	MARTIN, OLIVIA	40
BIOLOGY	BAILEY, MIA (Year 11)	40
BIOLOGY	CARDWELL, ELOISE (Year 11)	40

TOP 10 ATAR SCORES

The following students have achieved outstanding ATAR scores:

KIEFTE, LAYLA	97.75
HIKI, RINA	94.1
BRICE, MIA	91.95
WASGEWATTA, THARINDI	90.5
MARTIN, OLIVIA	87.2
CONWAY, MACY	86.9
MCMAHON, ELLA	86.65
MUN, SEOHYUN	85.5
THOMAS, JASMINE	85.15
GATSOULIS, ELENA	83.75



Congratulations to our College Dux, Layla Kiefte who achieved an ATAR result of 97.75. We know that Layla is intending to study Pharmacology next year. We wish her well with her future endeavours.

In addition to these academic achievements, it is equally important to recognise the character, leadership, and resilience displayed by all our graduating students as they close a chapter on their educational journey with us. Their accomplishments extend beyond the classroom, reflecting the holistic education we strive to provide at Norwood.

As a school community, we celebrate the successes of each student, acknowledging the hard work, perseverance, and determination that have contributed to their achievements. We look forward to hearing about the continued successes of our Class of 2023.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Our Presentation Evening was well attended in the College Gymnasium on Wednesday, 13 December on a warm, humid evening. Thank you to all those who attended, including some very special guests and generous sponsors of the College.

On behalf of the Norwood staff, congratulations to all students who received awards. We are very proud of the efforts of all students. Thank you to our talented music students and staff on the performance of the Musical Finale, Adiemus. This was an outstanding collective performance by our combined String Ensemble and Performance Band.

The Fidelis Award is one of the highlights of the evening and is presented to a student in each year level who has excelled in their academic studies. They are each the highest achieving student in their year level, so it is a most significant achievement.

The 2023 winners of the Fidelis Awards are:

Sian Sung Hatzaw
Chiara Geals
Heidi Cowie
Alma Bolvardi
Savannah Whelan

A full list of Presentation Evening Award winners is included below:

DEAKIN SHIELD AWARDS:

Community Service: Hannah Magno
Academic: Layla Kieffe
Leadership: Caitlin Waters

NESTA (NORWOOD EX STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION) AWARD:

Ethan Wilson

College Council Award for Best All-Rounder:

Layla Kieffe

YEAR 7 AWARDS:

ENDEAVOUR

Remy Bexley	Mitchell Frost	Billy Midgley-Schulz
Amelia Cantwell	Jasmine Heydarinejad	Maggie O'Halloran
Gabriella Carbone	Chloe Hunter	Toby Packett
Quinn Crawford	Cooper James	Cooper Ricketson
Rebecca Cung Hrin Mawi	Christopher Jennings	Lucy Thackwray
Amelia Donald	Dylan Kannegiesser	Kalila Vaihu
Keira Excell	Joshua Lewis	Ava Whelan

CITIZENSHIP

Arke Van der Gajt
Lily Russell



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Nathan Carvill	Isaac Lockwood	Chloe Riman	Leah Tonkin
Paige Fitzsimons	Charlotte Luke	Lily Russell	Lucas Tran
Jasmine Harvey-Hunter	Grace Manning	Hannah Stroud	Arke Van Der Jagt
Sian Sung Hatzaw	Danielle Murray	Sylvia Swiss	Edmond Zhan
Isla Johnstone	Mia Pretty	Ryan Tan	



YEAR 8 AWARDS:

ENDEAVOUR

Beau Aquila	Max Lattimore
Reinette Bahlo	Joshua Mills-Morley
Mia Burleigh	Skye O'Dwyer
Zara Dayman	Alice Osborne
Amelia Dent	Aroha Packett
Jarryd Glanz	Chloe Phillips
Jake Hetrelezis	Ryder Thomas
Lucinda Hulbert	Lily Thompson
Sebastian Koro	Daham Wasgewatta



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Madison Beilken	Isabella Daly
Zetara Bheem	Yasmin Deagan
Hamish Clark	Jeremy Deutrom
Nikayla Daly	Chiara Geals
Katerina Daly	Celeste Newland

Jaime Preston-Allen
 Jenaya Prinsen
 Summer Prinsen
 Bernice Renison
 Vincent Stewart
 Stephanie Watts

CITIZENSHIP

Jamie Preston-Allen
 Chiara Geals

YEAR 9 AWARDS:

ENDEAVOUR

Alessandra Argentino	Madeleine Deylen	Georgia Mills-Morley
Indiresh Bhattacharya	Matilda Flood	Jack Peterson
Sanne Biermans	Kayla Germano	Sienna Pretty
Benjamin Broadhurst	Katrina Hewlett	Laura Quinn
Emma Campbell	Oskar James	Amelia Sledge
Jack Carvill	Harry Knuckey	Stefan Smith
Rianna Davison	Olivia Manning	Lily Tough



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Logan Bexley
Oren Bheem
Heidi Cowie
Tahlee Deylen
Niang Hatzaw
Jake Kassim
Alexa Lebedyantsev

Hannah Hiu Ching Lee
Sienna Lomax
Paige Magarry
Oliver McArdle
Emma Murphy
Bonnie Murray
Veronica Na

Sophie Ogden
Liana Ohi
Sarah Otten
Natalie Papatsaras
Isabel Robinson
Sienna Schwab
Hayley Tonkin

CITIZENSHIP

Zac Penhalluriack
Amelia Sledge

ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD - JUNIOR

Hayley Tonkin
Liana Ohi

VISUAL ARTS AWARD - JUNIOR

Veronica Na
Marni Bevan

SPORTS

Paige Fitzsimmons
Cooper James
Christian Laurie

YEAR 10 AWARDS:

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS AWARD YEAR 10

Olivia Hague

ENDEAVOUR

Alex Bennett
Rhea Brophy
Victoria Carter
Jake Doensen
Eryn Glanz
Ashley Lee
Jessica Maggs
Shaye Mattison

Sidney Netherway
Grace O'Connell
Laura Otten
Shonell Patel
Parsa Rezaei
Jared Turnbull
L Van Straalen
Jade Wheatley
Georgia Williams-Dyson



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Narelle Bahlo
Victoria Beilken
Alma Bolvardi
Harrison Brice
Taylor Callaway
Phoebe Chuah

Maxwell Crawford
Mia Formichi
Naureen Mohammad Munir
Rose Silver
Nathan Wong
Eddie Zhan

CITIZENSHIP

Annabel Johnstone
Amy Robertson

SPORTS AWARDS

Mitchell Laurie
Lachlan McDonald

5 SPORTS AWARDS

Milly Smyth



YEAR 11 AWARDS: ENDEAVOUR

Helena Aquila	Darcey Hawkins	Gwenn Pakantara
Chloe Barr	Morgan Jalocha	Phoenix Prinsen
Lachlan Campbell	Sesath Jayasekera	Ella Rauli
Zack Cossey	Kyla McMahon	Emma Read
Benito Di Benedetto	Benjamin Murphy	Olivia Scurrah
Samantha Grace	Bailey O'Riley	

CITIZENSHIP

Jacqueline O'Connor
Lachlan Christie

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mia Bailey	Darwin Maizels
Kira Capuano	Jessica McPhee
Eloise Cardwell	Ella Russell
Phoebe Fry	Cailin Stubbings
Phoenix Goddard	Laura Thompson
Rin Te Lal Rin Nei	Elizabeth Vlahos
Jake Lattimore	Madeline Ward
Jemma Lyndon	Savannah Whelan



SPORTS BLUE - STATE ATHLETICS WINNER: Brodie Smith

SPORTS BLUE - STATE ATHLETICS WINNER:

2023 State Netball Team	Macauley Haig
Ry Cantwell	Dylan Matthews
Matthew De Losa	Jackson Oakley
Samuel Eckholt	Brodie Smith
Lochie Fisher	Zack Turner
Thomas Glide	Matthew Watt (Captain)

YEAR 12 AWARDS:

SPRING SHOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

SPRING SHOW PRINCIPAL'S AQUISTION AWARD:

OLYMPIC CHANGE MAKER AWARD:

Mia Brice
Chloe Xu
Lily Osborn

SPECIAL AWARDS:

VINNIES:

Billy Midgley-Schultz
Chiara Geals
Liana Ohi
Caleb Smith
Sesath Jayasekera

HOLLAND FOUNDATION: Bella Conversano

ADF LONG TAN AWARD: Amy Robertson
Mia Brice

FREEMANSONS:

Peyton David
Christian Dayman
Harry Knuckey
Koby Rodriguez
Alma Bolvardi
Pippa Whatmough
Ben Harwood
Jacqueline O'Connor

ADF INNOVATORS: Phoebe Chuah
Rina Hiki

RSL AWARD: Willow Smits
Toby Packett



YEAR 12 NEWS

As we bid farewell to another academic year, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey of our Year 12 students and the unforgettable moments that marked their final year of study. The Class of 2023 has truly left an indelible mark on our school, embodying resilience, camaraderie, and a spirit of excellence.

Although they missed out on a lot during their middle years of high school due to interruptions resulting from COVID, it was a welcome relief that they were able to complete their VCE studies uninterrupted.

Their final year was one of many highlights.

DRESS-UP DAYS: UNLEASHING CREATIVITY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

The corridors of Norwood were transformed into a vibrant tapestry of creativity as our Year 12s embraced the tradition of Dress-Up days. From superheroes to fictional characters, each themed day brought out the playful side of our graduating class, fostering a sense of unity and nostalgia culminating in their Primary School dress-up to conclude Term 3.

SPORTS CARNIVALS AND INTERSCHOOL SPORT EVENTS: A TRIUMPH OF TEAM SPIRIT

Our students did not just excel in the classroom; they showcased their prowess on the field during the spirited sports carnivals and their participation in interschool sports events. Winning the Senior Boys' State Netball title was a highpoint, however it was the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by all students across all sports that was truly commendable, with every participant giving their best to uphold the college values.

YEAR 12 FORMAL DINNER: A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND MEMORIES

One of the crowning jewels of the final year was undoubtedly the Year 12 Formal. Decked out in glamorous attire, our students celebrated this milestone as memories were shared, friendships were celebrated, and the dance floor was lit-up making it a night to remember.

STAFF-STUDENT SPORT DAYS: A BOND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Beyond academics, the Year 12s engaged in friendly competition with the staff during the Staff-Student Sport Days. The highlight was the controversial AFL match, where our students clinched victory amid spirited debates over a scoreline review after the siren. The event showcased the strong bond between students and staff, fostering a sense of community that goes beyond the classroom.

VALEDICTORY DINNER: AN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL

As the school year ended, the Valedictory Dinner provided an emotional farewell to our graduating class. Heartfelt speeches, tearful goodbyes, and a shared sense of accomplishment filled the room as we said goodbye to a group of students who have left an indelible legacy.

As we celebrate the achievements and memories of the Year 12 Class of 2023, let us remember the resilience, creativity, and sportsmanship that defined their final year at Norwood.

We wish each graduate success in their future endeavours and look forward to hearing about the great things they will undoubtedly achieve.

Chris Sheehan, Head of Year 12, Mel Cherry, Year 12 Coordinator



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

It has been an absolute pleasure to take over the Assistant Principal role this year and I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to the College community for your support. 2023 saw our junior students take up some of the rich co-curricular activities such as Sport, Music, Lunchtime Clubs, Production and the many camps and excursions. It's really been a pleasure to see the growth of students both in the academic side, but also the personal and social side.



Congratulations to all the students who have aspired to work hard and achieve their best. Now is a wonderful time to reflect on your achievements from this year and project some personal goals for 2024. An extra special congratulations to our three Fidelis winners; Sian Sung Hatzaw (Year 7), Chiara Geals (Year 8), Heidi Cowie (Year 9).

A big thankyou must go to all our teachers and education support staff for their work going above and beyond to provide students with a safe and supportive environment.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful break and we come back ready to lift expectations on an even better 2024.

Nicholas Mammoliti, Junior School Principal

'HANDS ON' PROGRAM

The 'Hands On' Program has been running throughout 2023 with a select number of Year 8 and 9 students, who have been busy working on projects around the school. The program fosters creativity, teamwork, and community engagement. On Wednesday these hardworking students organised a fundraising market, where they sold various items that they have created over the year. The market not only showcased their talents but also served a greater purpose by raising money for future projects within the school and wider community. The success of the fundraising market reflects the dedication and passion of these young individuals, demonstrating the positive impact of the Hands On Program.

2023 has been a busy year for the Hands On Program, engaging in tasks ranging from repairing and painting benches around the school, to constructing raised vegetable gardens and planting a variety of vegetables. Additionally, their efforts extend to creating an inviting paved area for students and staff to enjoy. The Hands On Program not only creates a sense of pride and accomplishment among these students, but also develops a strong sense of community and responsibility within our school.

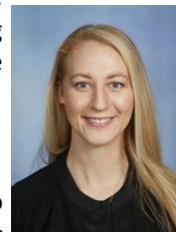
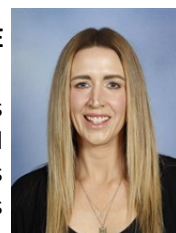


NURTURING YOUR WELLBEING DURING THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

As the festive seasons approaches and school winds down for the much-awaited Christmas break, it is crucial to remember to prioritise your wellbeing. The holidays are a perfect time to unwind, spend quality moments with loved ones, and reset for the upcoming year. However, we understand that this season may also bring its challenges and it is essential to be aware of the support available.

SELF-CARE STRATEGIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- **Reflect and Set Intentions:** Take a moment to reflect on the past year, acknowledging your achievements. Set positive intentions for the coming year, creating a mindset of gratitude and resilience.
- **Disconnect to Reconnect:** Put away the screens for a while and engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation. Whether it is reading a book, going for a walk, or practicing mindfulness, find time to unplug and connect with yourself.
- **Quality Time with Loved Ones:** Use this break to strengthen your bonds with family and friends. Engage in meaningful conversations, play games, or create new traditions together. Social connections are a vital aspect of mental health.
- **Reset and Recharge:** Ensure you get enough sleep and prioritise rest. A well-rested mind is better equipped to handle challenges and make the most of the holiday season.



SUPPORT SERVICES AND HELPLINES

We recognise that the holidays may not be joyous for everyone and that is okay. If you or someone you know needs support, there is services available to help:

- Beyond Blue – for anyone feeling anxious or depressed. beyondblue.org.au Call 1300 224 636
- Kids Helpline – counselling for young people aged 5-25 years. kidshelpline.com.au Call 1800 551 800
- Lifeline – anyone having a personal crisis. lifeline.org.au Call 13 11 14
- 1800RESPECT – support for people impacted by domestic or family violence. 1800respect.org.au Call 1800 737 732
- MensLine Australia – for men with wellbeing or relationship concerns. mensline.org Call 1300 789 978

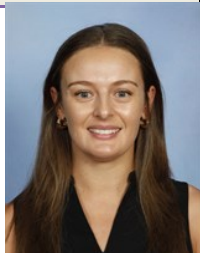
Remember, seeking help is a sign of strength, and you are not alone. Your wellbeing matters, and there are people and services ready to provide the support you need.

Wishing you a restful and joyous holiday season. Take care of yourself, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year, refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead.

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

YEAR 10 NEWS

Our Year 10 students commenced their first year in Senior School in 2023. It was a busy, productive and rewarding year as the students engaged in College life and prepared for entry into VCE.



PRESENTATION BALLS

The Presentation Balls for 2023 were held on Thursday, 4 and Friday, 5 May. In total across the two evenings, 41 couples were presented to staff, family and friends at the Cathies Lane Receptions. The students had practiced for months in the lead-up, and their hard work paid off when they did an incredible job performing six dances in front of a large audience.

WORK EXPERIENCE

At the end of Term 2, our students stepped out of the classroom and into the professional world, gaining firsthand insight into various workplaces. From engineering firms to medical practices, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in new roles, discovering the demands and rewards of full-time work. This week proved invaluable in shaping career aspirations, which made the VCE Subject Selection process in early Term 3 much easier to navigate.

SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

In term 3, the Subject Selection process for VCE was a critical focus. Students reflected on their Work Experience, Grade Point Average (GPA) and Semester reports, Morrisby reports and feedback provided by staff to guide the important choices they made selecting their subjects. Careers counselling occurred with each individual student, where Senior School staff supported the students through advice and resources to facilitate informed choices, ensuring their academic journey aligns with their aspirations.



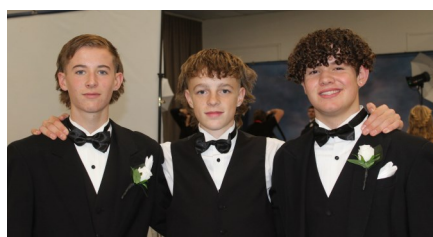
FUNDRAISING FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Our Year 10 Leadership team worked hard this year in raising money for Amnesty International. The Footy Day involved free dress, a BBQ and a stall selling hot jam donuts, run by 15 of the Year 10 Leaders. The school community truly rallied together, raising both funds and awareness for a cause that resonates globally.

STUDENT WELLBEING ACTION TEAM

A select group of students joined forces with Maroondah Youth Services, undertaking a meaningful role in shaping the College's wellbeing initiatives. Collaborating closely, they crafted and implemented wellbeing programs with a focus on (positive emotions, engagement, positive relationships, meaning, accomplishment and health) PERMAH, which was facilitated to both the Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the team have now committed to being Peer Support Leaders for 2024 – a role that involves mentoring incoming Year 7 students through their first year of school.

Annie Hearne, Head of Year 10 and Leisa Beggs Year 10 Coordinator



YEAR 8 NEWS

A YEAR OF GROWTH, FRIENDSHIP, AND ACHIEVEMENTS!

Our Year 8 students have truly demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. With each passing term, they have faced challenges head-on, embraced learning opportunities, and expanded their knowledge across various subjects. From solving complex Mathematical problems to creating oral presentations, the Year 8 class has exemplified aspiration and hard work. Beyond the classroom, our students have showcased their talents and passions in a myriad of co-curricular activities. Whether it's been on the sports field, in the art studio, or on the stage, our students sportsmanship, and creativity have made us proud to witness such a well-rounded group of individuals.



There can be no doubt that Year 8 has been filled with memorable moments none more impactful than our Year 8 Summit Camp. A truly challenging experience that pushed our students to grow as individuals and to form new dynamic friendships. As Year 8 comes to a close, it is important to celebrate the accomplishments and look forward to the exciting adventures that lie ahead. The transition to Year 9 marks a new chapter in our students academic journey, and we are confident that the resilience, determination, and passion demonstrated by the Year 8 class will continue to shine brightly.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers, supportive parents and most importantly, our incredible Year 8 students. It has been a pleasure to witness your growth, and we can not wait to see the amazing contributions you will make in the years to come.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break.

Daniel Cole, Head of Year 8 and Claire Jones, Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 9 NEWS

2023...a year gone too quickly! The Year 9s have embraced the excitement and challenges of their final year of Junior School with optimism and academic rigour. Students were excited to study a greater range of elective subjects, such as Metal and Silver, Ceramics, and Outdoor Education. This increased variety permitted students to not only focus their learning, but also expand their peer network.



Not long into the new year, the Year 9s participated in their first NAPLAN testing since Grade 5. Meeting the demands of the new online format, students took the task seriously and demonstrated their desire to demonstrate their academic growth. Year 9 also prompted students to begin thinking of their future outside of Norwood Secondary College. Each student completed an online aptitude testing, then participated in a careers interview. Students then received a 'Morrisby Career Profile' guiding students towards a vocation that would suit their abilities and interests.

A highlight of the year was 'City Experience'. In the last week of Term 2, students traversed the city and explored some of the 'must see' sites of Melbourne. Activities included the MCG, the Shrine of Remembrance, ACMI, Melbourne Museum, Queen Victoria Market, and an educational film at IMAX.

A particular highlight was the 'Amazing Race', organised by Ms Tegan Kite and her Year 12 VCAL class. It was heartfelt to watch the students develop in confidence and awareness throughout the week. A big thanks to the staff who volunteered to attend and assist the students in navigating the city and public transport network.

The Year 9 cohort experienced a new challenge in 2023 – the introduction of end of semester exams. Students completed exams for their core subjects: English, Science, Mathematics, and Humanities (History and Geography). Students approached this task with dedication to showcase their learning. The fantastic behaviour and dedication demonstrated by the cohort will provide a strong foundation for future exams.

It has been a fantastic year with the Year 9s. A highlight for Ms Bishop and me was the end of year 'Staff vs. Year 9s' Netball game on the last day of school. It was nice to be able to farewell 2023 by competing against each other to celebrate the cohort's successes.

Thank you to all the dedicated teaching and ES staff who supported the students throughout the year. A particular mention must go to Ms Jess Bishop (Year 9 Coordinator), who has acted diligently in assisting the students with their academic, wellbeing, and social needs.

Jess and I wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday.

Adam Given, Head of Year 9 and Jess Bishop, Year 9 Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 12 - 2023

Some important things to note for those applying for courses through VTAC:

- VTAC Change of preference for the 1st round of offers has now closed but will re-open between offer rounds for you to make changes if required.
- December round of offers will be made on Thursday, 21 December (2pm).
- January Round (traditionally the main round) will be made on Friday, 12 January (2pm).
- There are 4 other rounds through January and February (See VTAC Important Dates for specifics).
- You will not receive an offer if you have not paid the VTAC registration fee – this is done through the VTAC portal.

If any students require assistance, they should contact Mr Duncan on Microsoft Teams.

WORK EXPERIENCE— YEAR 10 AND STRUCTURED WORK PLACE LEARNING (VCE-VM)

Students entering Year 10 should use the holidays to seek Work Experience placements. It is a good time to talk to any leads you may have so you do not leave it to the last minute and be left with the less interesting options. Any VCE-VM 2024 students should spend some time looking for Work placement for 2024.



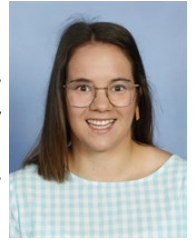
The forms for both of these activities are available on Norwoodcareers.com

Paul Duncan, Careers/Pathways Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS



TECH TALK



As the Food Technology classes for 2023 came to an end, the Christmas baking and decorating was well and truly a theme for the last week! We welcomed our new VCE students and wished them all a safe and happy holiday.

Year 9 Café Bakery students got to make the very anticipated Gingerbread Houses. Some decorated with as many lollies as possible, or chose the minimalistic and safe approach. With freshly made gingerbread, the hallways smelt like Christmas.

Year 9 Marvelous Meals students learned about egg foams and made their very own Christmas Meringue Wreaths. With a lesson making the meringues and decorating, the students were happy to show off their creations and of course finally eat them.

Our Year 8s made Christmas Chocolate Balls, the final cook for the year! Well done to all our students who have completed food studies this year. We hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have enjoyed teaching you new skills! Have a safe and happy holiday from all the Food Technology teachers.

Maddy Sweeney, Food Technology Teacher



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

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

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\$10 Flat Rate

Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



TERM DATES 2024

Term 1, 2024

29 January to Thursday, 28 March

Term 2, 2024

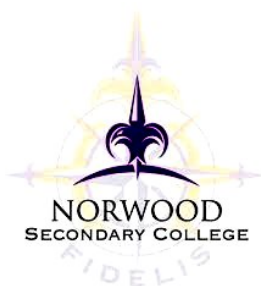
15 April to 28 June

Term 3, 2024

15 July to 20 September

Term 4, 2024

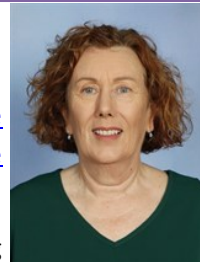
7 October to 20 December 2024



GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

COMPASS – PARENT PAYMENTS 2024

[All details regarding the 2024 Parent Payments have been posted on the Norwood Secondary College website and activated on Compass.](#)



Contributions can be made via Compass, or by paying with credit card/cash at the General Office. These payments can be in full or via instalment options.

Norwood SC has endeavored to keep the costs of items and programs to a minimum and affordable for all families. We do understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offer a range of support options.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the General Office to schedule an appointment time with the Business Manager or the Assistant Business Manager.

Instalment Options for 2024

- Student Contributions – 4 instalments:
7/1/2024
7/3/2024
7/5/2024
7/7/2024
- Year 9 Notebook Program – 2 instalments:
7/2/2024
7/6/2024
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7/2/2024
7/4/2024
7/6/2024
- VET Program – Payment in full due 25/01/2024

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VET 2024

VET Programs for 2024 are predominately funded by Department of Education and Training. There are some VET subjects that attract a charge for uniforms and equipment specific to the program. These costs will be posted on Compass via the 'Events' module and are due in full by **25 January 2024**.

General Office Opening Hours for end of Term 4, 2023

Monday, 18 December 8am - 4.15pm
Tuesday, 19 December 8am - 4.15pm
Wednesday, 20 December CLOSED

General Office Opening from

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Jane Arnold, Business Manager

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