

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

**TERM 1**  
**NUMBER 1**  
**9 February, 2024**

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

**College Phone No.** 9871 0400

**Acting Principal:** Mrs Jackie Harris

**Assistant Principals:** Mr Nick Mammoliti and Mrs Alexis Watson

**College Council President:** Ms Tammie Palmer

**College Captains:** Savannah Whelan and Lachlan Christie

**School Web Address:** [www.norwood.vic.edu.au](http://www.norwood.vic.edu.au)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

#### TERM 1, 2024

**Monday, 12 February**

Senior Interschool Sport

**Tuesday, 13 February**

School Photos

Year 7 Information Evening—6pm

**Friday, 16 February**

Year 9 Outdoor Recreation

**Monday, 19 Feb—Wed, 21 February**

Years 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D Adanac Camp

**Wednesday, 21 Feb— Fri, 23 February**

Years 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H

### ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

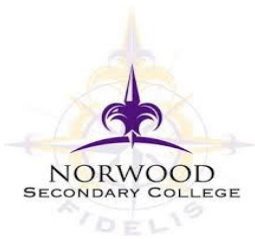
#### WELCOME TO THE 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



A warm welcome to new students, particularly Year 7s, and their families who are joining the Norwood community this year. We look forward to getting to know you and establishing meaningful and productive relationships over the journey. Welcome back to all current students and families. We trust you have enjoyed your break and are ready for 2024 school year.

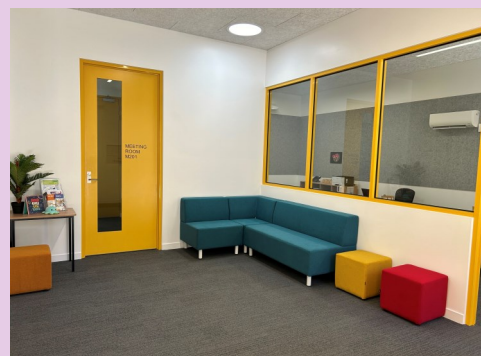
Throughout the summer break, there was great urgency for the completion of the new building. At precisely 4.34pm, on the Monday prior to the return of students, we received our Certificate of Occupancy. It is a credit to the wonderful staff that from Period 1 the next day, students were learning in classrooms in our new “M” building. We are thrilled to have such modern teaching spaces. The classrooms are spacious, well-ventilated, are air conditioned, have comfortable furnishings and up-to-date ICT infrastructure. Our senior students have access to a Study Centre and purpose-designed break-out spaces. It is a pleasure to walk through these spaces and see students studying before, during and after school.

Other features of the new building include a purpose-built Wellbeing Centre that offers privacy and support for all students from Year 7 through to Year 12. There are counselling rooms, quiet spaces and an enclosed outdoor decking. Additionally, Student Services, who provide individualised support for many of our students, is also located in the new M building, including the provision of a comfortable break-out space for collaboration. New toilets facilities are included in the building, providing discreet single cubicles, catering for all students. These facilities have been a long time coming. Our next challenge is to maintain this momentum and see the whole school Masterplan delivered for our community.



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**SENIOR SCHOOL**

Welcome back to all students and their families and a warm welcome to the students who are joining the Norwood community this year. It has been an exciting start to 2024 for our senior students with access to our new building and study space. A highlight of the week was our College Assembly; an opportunity to introduce our Year 7 students, give the Year 12 students their badges, and to see the school together for the first time looking enthusiastic and ready to tackle the challenges that the year will present.



In the first week back our Year 12 students were involved in a Study Program where they were provided with useful strategies for exam preparation as well as time management skills. With emphasis on a positive and growth mindset, the day sought to set high standards and motivate our students in their final year. We look forward to welcoming our Year 12 parents for an Information Evening on Tuesday, 20 February.

**CURRICULUM MATTERS**

In 2024 there will be changes to the way that staff offer feedback to students in Years 7-10. The Norwood Grading Scale (A+-E) will no longer be used and students will receive a percentage on all Learning Tasks. This change will allow for greater consistency across the school and it will demonstrate where there is growth in a student's academic performance. It is hoped that this change will place greater emphasis on the written feedback that is received which considers student achievement as well as areas for improvement.

Student Learning Tasks will also have a deadline of no later than 8pm. This time takes into account travel from school, work commitments, sport and other extra-curricular activities, as well as family dinner times. Students need to be accountable and prepared for homework ahead of time and they need to be proactive in advance if extra time is required. Teachers will consider this deadline when setting homework for your child. Please refer to the school's website for more information on our Homework Policy.

**ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

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One of the highlights at the College is our first whole school assembly, held in the first week of the year. At this assembly all staff and students applaud every Year 7 student as they are presented to the College and make their way into the Gym to take their seats at the top of the stadium seating. I am confident that every Year 7 student felt the warmth in the welcome from the school community in the hearty applause that they received. During the same assembly our Year 12 students were presented with their "X11" badges and received a similar applause as we wished them well for their final year. Our 2024 College Captains, Savannah and Lachlan addressed students and staff, adding their well wishes for the year ahead.

The focus of our first assembly centred around the College value of aspiration and the importance of always doing your best and making the most of all opportunities. Students were reminded of the need to apply themselves in every subject and in every class. The message was a simple one; work hard and you will find yourself with greater opportunities. Alongside this message, students were reminded of the expectation to attend school regularly. Attendance at school is an Education Department requirement that extends beyond the classroom to College events, such as sporting carnivals. Regular attendance and doing one's best at school are whole school priorities in 2024.

This year we warmly welcome the following new teaching staff to the College:

- Luke Bohni Leadership Team, Maths, Science  
(Learning Specialist)
- Shane Dickinson ICT, Maths
- Sarah Mangan Humanities KLA Leader, English, History
- Will Macafee English, PE/Health
- Billy Longer English, History
- Grace Moroney Humanities
- Tim Scully English
- Daniel James Drama, Music, English

After a period of leave from the College, we are welcoming back Shanae McKenzie, Elisabeth Collins and Elise Warren. In the area of Instrumental Music, we are thrilled to have Luke Dema and Jaaz Tobia-Quigley continue to work with our students this year. We proudly welcome Elizabeth Madge to the Instrumental Music Team, as an ex-Norwood student. At the end of last year, Michelle Phillips was appointed to the position of Library Technician and Jaime Crilly to the Health Centre position. We would also like to formally welcome both Teagan Enright and Cory Van Der Jagt to the Student Support Team. Welcome also to Brendan Dao, who will be working in classes with students as a Tutor.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff and Norwood as we look forward to a productive and exciting year ahead.

*Jackie Harris, Acting Principal*



### NAVIGATING THE WAVES OF TERM ONE

It is normal to feel a mix of emotions, from nervousness to excitement as we return to school after a well-deserved break. Let us try and acknowledge that these feelings are part of the adventure, and that there is plenty of support around you to help you navigate the waves of Term One with confidence and resilience.

### EMBRACING THE JITTERS

First things first, it is okay to feel a bit jittery about returning to school. Whether you have been a high school student for several years, or a fresh-faced Year 7, the start of a new term brings a wave of unknowns. Take a moment to acknowledge your nerves and remember that you are not alone in feeling this way. Everyone is in the same boat, and these initial jitters often transform into motivation.

### STRESS LESS, ACHIEVE MORE

Stress is a natural part of life, but managing it is crucial for a successful school year. Break down your tasks into small, more manageable steps. Create a realistic schedule that includes time to study, breaks, and time for self-care. Remember, it is not about the quantity of time you spend studying, but the quality. Find what works for you and prioritise your wellbeing.

### EXCITEMENT IS YOUR ALLY

Amidst the nervousness and stress, there is a bubbling undercurrent of excitement. Embrace it! Use that energy to set positive intentions for the term ahead. What are your goals? What are you looking forward to? Channel your enthusiasm into creating a vision for a successful year. Visualise your achievements, both big and small.

### STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- **Start Strong and Finish Stronger:** Start the term off right by staying organised from day one. Use planners, apps, or whatever works for you to keep track of assignments, deadlines and important dates. This will help you stay on top of your game and avoid any unnecessary stress.
- **Connect with Others:** High school is a community, and your fellow students are your allies. Reach out to classmates, make study groups, and engage in discussions. The support of your peers can be a powerful motivator and a source of inspiration.
- **Mindful Moments:** Take time for yourself. Incorporate mindfulness into your routine, whether it is through meditation, deep breathing, or a quick walk. These moments of self-reflection can be game changers in reducing stress and increasing focus.

- **Ask for Help:** If you ever feel overwhelmed, don't hesitate to ask for help. Whether it is from teachers, friends, or family, seeking support is a sign of strength not weakness.
- As we embark on this exciting journey together, remember that you have the strength, resilience, and support to make Term 1 a success.



### WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

We are thrilled to introduce a new initiative that will bring health and wellbeing to the forefront of our high school experience: Wellness Wednesday. Every Wednesday the Wellbeing Team will be running fun activities, providing nutritious snacks and sharing helpful resources and information to boost our overall wellbeing. Cannot wait to see you there in Week 3 near the new Wellbeing Centre.



#### Why Wellness Wednesday?

The teenage years are a time of growth, exploration, and change. It is essential that during this period, we prioritise our mental and physical wellbeing. Wellness Wednesday is designed to provide you with valuable resources, tips and information that will help you navigate the challenges that can arise during high school.

#### How You Can Participate:

To access valuable resources and information on the highlighted wellbeing topic of the week, make sure to check out 'Compass newsletter' and the College's Wellbeing Instagram page. Here you will find links to articles, inspirational quotes, and other helpful information to keep you motivated and informed.

We are committed to your wellbeing, and we believe that by providing you with these resources and topics, you will be better equipped to navigate the challenges of high school. We encourage you to actively engage with Wellness Wednesday and the opportunities it provides.



### BOX HILL HEADSPACE

Box Hill Headspace is now open and accepting referrals. The service provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people to receive free and confidential support.

- Open to young people aged 12 – 25.
- They offer support, information, and advice on a range of topics including mental health and wellbeing, physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drugs services, and work and study.
- Located at level 1, 19-23 Prospect Street, Box Hill.
- Accept self-referrals, referrals from GPs and other community agencies, and referrals from family and friends.
- To make a referral please call (03 9810 9310) or use the referral link (<https://form.iotform.com/240100421755038>).

*Jacki Landy, Miranda Butterfield and Jason Boyce, Wellbeing Team.*

## LIBRARY NEWS



### WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY!

Ms Mill (far left) has been joined by Mrs Phillips (left) in the library this year. We've already had a great start to the year, catching up with returning students and meeting the Year 7s through orientation and borrowing sessions over this last week.

If you are looking for a new author or need some help with research for assignments you will find us ready and willing to help.

### LIBRARY LOVERS WEEK

This year we're going to be celebrating Library Lovers Week from Monday, 12 – Friday, 23 February with Library Lover's Day on Wednesday, 14 February. You'll find a Lucky Dip of wrapped books available for you to borrow on a special bookshelf in the library during this time. There'll be some clues on the wrapping paper to give you an idea of what is inside. e.g. An adventure story for Years 7- 9 etc.

All you have to do is:

- Select the lucky dip book you want
- Borrow it at the front desk
- Unwrap your book (don't forget to put the paper in the bin) and start reading.

You will have the normal 3 weeks for borrowing. We hope you'll enjoy reading something a bit out of the box.

### EBOOKS PLATFORM

If hard copy books are not your thing, the library also has access to over 2300 ebooks and audiobooks through our ebook platform. You can access this through the Wheelers app, available for free to download through the Apple, Microsoft or Google Play store. Find our library and login using your Compass login details.

You can also search the catalogue and borrow through Compass. In the School Favourites page, scroll down to "Library ebook catalogue", login using your compass login and you can start searching and borrowing from our collection. If you have any issues, come and see Library staff. We are happy to help.

### LIBRARY CLUBS

The library has a couple of clubs running during lunch times and after school and this week they will start back. Come along and check them out. We're also open to suggestions for new clubs. Talk to library staff about your ideas and we will see what we can do.

*Linda Mill, Librarian*

## YEAR 7 NEWS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7s

We would like to congratulate the Year 7s on a fantastic transition into Norwood! Tuesday, 30 January, marked the beginning of the first week of secondary school for our Year 7s who have now successfully begun their high school career.



During the first two days of school, the Year 7s were involved in the Norwood Transition Program in which they undertook a series of workshops from a wide range of topics such as: Time Management and Timetabling, Organisation and Gratitude. Students were also taken on a tour of the school and participated in Music, Laptop and Library sessions, and that was all before starting scheduled classes on Thursday! Well done Year 7s on a fantastic start to the year – keep it up! We are looking forward to a great year ahead working with our Year 7 community.

### Upcoming Year 7 events:

#### Year 7 Parent Transition and Information Evening Tuesday 13 February at 6pm online.

The purpose of the night is to give you the opportunity to hear from your child's Head of Year 7 and Coordinator and to share with you our Transition process at Norwood. We will discuss topics of relevance to parents in their transition to the Norwood community:

- Compass – our main communication tool for parents, learn about many procedures relevant to your child's involvement in College life – reports, excursions, financial management, emailing teachers, approving absences etc. Ask questions about this important communication tool.
- Study/homework skills – learn some strategies on how you can assist your child at home with home study.
- Transition and Cyber safety – learn strategies on how to keep your child safe on the internet and setting boundaries with technology use.

We look forward seeing you online and working in partnership to ensure your child's time at Norwood starts with a happy, challenging and productive time in Year 7.

### Year 7 ADANAC Camp

7A-D Monday, 19 - Wednesday 21 Feb

7E-H Wednesday, 21- Friday 23 Feb

Students will meet their mentor teachers at the front of the hall at 8:30am on the day of their departure. Please refer to the "what to bring list" from your Transition Pack. Students will also be given a copy in Mentoring.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wednesday, 27 March 7am

The Pancake Breakfast is a chance for our Year 7 students and their parents to celebrate the students' first term at Norwood.

*Nicole Pratt, Head of Year 7 and Cynthia Kennedy, Year 7 Coordinator*

## 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](http://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*



## TERM DATES 2024

### Term 1, 2024

30 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

### 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.

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*



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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!**



Lisa-Jane Walmsley

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 Front Office and will be forwarded to KOGO – Knit One Give One





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A vibrant blue poster for the Park Orchards Market. At the top, a white archway contains the text "Park Orchards". Below this, a large white box features the word "MARKET" in bold, pink, hand-drawn letters. Surrounding the central text are six colorful circles: a yellow circle with "ARTISAN", a green circle with "FARMERS", a pink circle with "MAKERS", a yellow circle with "FOODIES", a green circle with "CRAFT", and a pink circle with "COMMUNITY". Below the market name, the date and time are listed in large black font: "Saturday 17th February" and "10am - 2pm". At the bottom, the venue is specified: "Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue Park Orchards".

**Park Orchards**

**MARKET**

**Saturday 17th February**  
**10am - 2pm**

**Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue**  
**Park Orchards**



**KENC**

— KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB —

Are you or your child looking for a fun, family focused small sporting club to get involved in for 2024?

**KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!!**

We are looking for new players, coaches and umpires in all of our age groups – from age 7 and up of all abilities are welcome!

Interested?

For more information:

email: [kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com) or phone Sara - 0408 997 228

We train on Thursday nights from 6.30pm and play Saturdays at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth  
New season starting now!

**REGISTER NOW!**

In-person Rego Day:  
February 10th 10-1pm Silcock Reserve Pavilion

**MAROONDAH UNITED  
FOOTBALL CLUB**



**2024**  
**SATURDAY  
SOCCER**

**TEAMS**

**ALL ABILITIES (5-12YEARS)**  
**MINI MAROONDAH (4-6YEARS)**  
**JUNIORS (U8-18)**  
**GIRLS (U10, 13, 15)**  
**SENIOR MEN**  
**SENIOR WOMEN**



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**School Photo Day: Tuesday, 13th of February 2024**

### HOW TO ORDER

- 1 Go to [www.nationalphotography.com.au](http://www.nationalphotography.com.au)
- 2 Select 'ORDER PHOTOS ONLINE'
- 3 Select 'SCHOOL ONLINE ORDERING'
- 4 Enter Below Access Key:

**9HHQBX5A**

OR SCAN HERE



If you have more than one student please select "Continue Shopping" and repeat the process.

### SCAN TO REGISTER SIBLINGS

**Sibling Photo Registration must be placed by**

**09/02/2024**



\*Please note that registering for sibling photos does not guarantee they will be taken. If you miss out on registering your children before the photo day you can advise the school on the day.

**ORDER BY: 11/03/2024 FOR FREE DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL**



Packs that contain Downloadable Portraits will be emailed out with photo delivery.

\*Make sure to check junk & spam folders.

(03) 9428 9420

[info@nationalphotography.com.au](mailto:info@nationalphotography.com.au)

PO BOX 3001, North Burnley VIC 3121

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# FAQS

### What are Add Ons?

Products at a discounted price! (\* Product/Group photo type depends on school )



Portraits in a variety of sizes



Download Portrait



Calendar & Bookmarks



Memory Book



Groups

### What if I missed ordering before Photo Day?

You can still place your order online OR you can call us on (03) 9428 9420 and our friendly staff can help you complete your order over the phone. We recommend that all orders are placed before photo day to ensure your child's order is included in the bulk delivery to the school.

### What if my child is wearing a face mask?

Covid-19 is still a very real concern for a lot of people and National Photography are conscious of ensuring that everyone feels safe while having their photos taken. Subjects may wear their mask up until their photos are being taken at which point, we will request that they remove their face mask. If the subject does not wish to remove their face mask at any point, the photographer will not enforce this and will take their photograph with their face mask on.

### Why does my child have to take their glasses off for photos?

Due to the aspects of studio lighting, we will sometimes get light reflecting in a subject's glasses. Our Photographers work hard to ensure reflections are not visible in the image but this isn't always possible. Where reflections are visible these will be removed in post-production. To assist our post-production team, it is helpful to have a photo of the subject without their glasses. The photographer will explain this to any affected subjects on the day and request that they remove their glasses for a photo.

If the subject is uncomfortable removing their glasses they will not be forced to.

### Do the photographers notice if my child's hair is out of place?

We have mirrors and combs on hand for all students to access before their photo time. Our photographers are trained to pick up on things such as hair falling in front of eyes, and depending on the school's photo requirements we will advise students on how to present for the photo. We are advised by the client of certain requirements for their students ahead of photo day that can include hair, piercings and uniform requirements. We are very respectful when speaking with students and will never force them to do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

### I'm having trouble ordering!

Scan the QR code and follow the steps in our 'How to Order' video

You can also call us on (03) 9428 9420

or email us at [info@nationalphotography.com.au](mailto:info@nationalphotography.com.au)

Our friendly team are here to help.

### How to Order



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# Join the FReeZA crew

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

FReeZA 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 FReeZA 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!

**M** < 10-25

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



To find out more  
scan the QR code.



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

