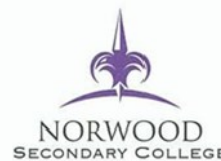


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 2
NUMBER 1
26 April, 2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 2, 2024

Monday, 29 April

Outdoor Rec—Cathedral Ranges Camp

Tuesday, 30 April

Senior Boys and Girls Sport

Friday, 3 May

VCE Career Options Excursion

Tuesday, 7 May

Production—Full Day Rehearsal

Thursday, 9 May

Intermediate Sport

Friday, 10 May

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion



COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

STARTING A NEW TERM

May I take this opportunity to offer my warmest 'Welcome Back' to Norwood life, in Term 2. On a personal level, I have returned from leave and am enjoying being 'back at my desk'. Having been absent for a longer time than I expected (or wanted), I look back at how smoothly transitions of significant leadership roles in the school, occurred, during my absence. The ripples associated with 'stepping up' into the roles of others and the expertise briefly lost for the roles vacated by staff moving up were minimal and the school continued to flourish.



However, I would particularly like to make mention of the most senior staff who held the school firmly on their journey through the busiest of times, with some very significant issues being dealt with. Alexis Watson (Director of Curriculum) stepped into an Acting Assistant Principal role, Nick Mammoliti spread into various other areas of leadership on top of his 'own', and Jackie Harris, across the two busiest terms of the year, offered consistency in the running of the school and a deft hand in dealing with Regional, school-based and family-centred issues....all while ensuring the 'essence' of Norwood was front and centre. I offer her my sincerest thanks for her willingness to step in at such short notice.

Term 2 has certainly heralded the start of Autumn with fresh mornings and sunny afternoons. Whilst only 2 weeks into the term, school life has been busy with the Athletics Carnival, Transition Tours, our culturally significant ANZAC Assembly and our Open Evening. Whilst not as frenetic as the start of the school year, there is still much to look forward to.

OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening was held last week, where interested members of the community joined us in the Gymnasium to celebrate all that Norwood has to offer and to meet key staff in preparation for enrolments in 2025. Thank you to our Head of Year 7, Ms Nicole Pratt, for leading this important event, Cynthia Kennedy (Year 7 Coordinator) as well as all of the staff in attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jassie Freeman, Logan Bexley and Savannah Wheelan for speaking on the night. Many students also represented the College by leading tours on the evening.

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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

We are aware that the College continues to attract interest from families both in zone and out of zone. It has always been our wish that families who seek enrolment because their values strongly align with those of the College, are able to attain a place at the College. Our experience is that the closer the overlap between family and school Values, the more productive the journey is, through the 6 years of secondary education. The enrolment process, however, has changed slightly over the last couple of years. Norwood does have a cap of 1100 students and seeks to enrol students according to the Department of Education enrolment processes. This number still allows for students to be enrolled into Year 7, who live outside of our zone. We would therefore still encourage families out of zone, to seek enrolment at the College as in previous years, approximately 50% of this cohort has been out of zone.

ANZAC DAY

One of the important fixtures on the Norwood calendar is our support of ANZAC Day as a day of great cultural importance. We again, had the privilege of involving two members of our staff in the program. Cpl Tim Scully (a very regular replacement teacher at Norwood) ably filled the role of presenter/overseer of the occasion. He spoke passionately of his Australian Defence Force involvement and how various aspects of the story of Gallipoli have resonated for over a hundred years. Many students offered Tim their thanks for his involvement – he, again, touched hearts and minds in our community. Yet again, all attendees (over a thousand individuals) observed a minute's silence. A wonderful tribute by our students and our school culture.

Lauren Inness (one of our team of Instrumental Music Teachers) played the bugle, for the last post. Conversations after the event indicated that I was most certainly not the only person present who was affected by the playing. The best I can offer is that the shivers down my back took some time to settle. It was hauntingly beautiful in our Gymnasium.

Thank-you to all the staff who were involved in this very special event. So many people 'stepped up' to ensure that it was run smoothly and respectfully.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 'ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY'



Each year the Student Attitudes to School Survey is administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12. This voluntary survey seeks to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction. The survey asks students about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year the survey will be conducted at our school from 6 May until 14 June, however, each year level will likely undertake the survey at different times, in order to minimise disruption to classes and the co-curricular program.

The Department's letter was attached to a Newsfeed on 24 April 2024, providing further information about the survey. Student voice is important to us, however, families do have the option to opt out (by Monday, 6 May) and the details are included in the letter. We look forward to our young people having their say on how their learning experiences can be improved.

UNIFORM MATTERS

As the colder weather sets in it is now time to implement a full uniform changeover. After a two week transition, Monday, 29 April will be the first day of official winter uniform. The wearing of summer uniform from this date is no longer permitted.

Please check hemlines and make adjustments as required. This applies to both skirts and trousers. Warm black tights, not stockings, should be worn with skirts. Please check the College Website for Uniform Shop hours and online purchasing options.

On another note, students are reminded that undershirts are an optional uniform item. Students not complying with wearing this item correctly will lose the privilege. Undershirts can only be plain white in colour and are not to hang below College shirts.

Furthermore, students are not permitted to wear other non-uniform items of clothing underneath College jackets. Students are encouraged to wear the College jumper for additional warmth. The College jackets can be worn to and from school, at recess and lunch, to class but are not permitted to be worn during class time.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal

"On Thursday, 25 April we had the pleasure of representing Norwood at the dawn service which was hosted by the Ringwood RSL and held at the Memorial Clock Tower from 5.30am. The Year 12 Leadership team, Mr Sheehan, Ms Watson, Mr Duncan, and Year 12 family members attended the service.

Each speaker emphasised the importance of incorporating the ANZAC values of mateship, courage, and sacrifice in our individual lives, and they highlighted the heroism of the ANZAC servicemen and women. The school captains and vice captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school, in commemoration of those who have served. We are all very grateful for this opportunity to honour the men and women who sacrificed so much for the freedom of our nation."

Morgan Jalocha and Laura Thompson, Year 12 students



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT

SCHOOL BUS UPDATE:

We are trialling a new system to ensure our students are safe around the school buses on Byron Street. Thank you to all students who have been lining up in the designated spot and walking to the bus in a respectful manner. We have seen a huge uptick in students tapping on, and we expect to see that continue going forward.



Some key dates for our junior students for Term 2:

Tuesday, 7 May	Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday, 7 May	Full day Production rehearsal
Wednesday, 8 May	Guest speaker to all students in Year 7 - 9
Friday, 10 May	Year 9 Science excursion
Friday, 17 May	GPA reports released.
Thursday, 30 May	Year 8 Sport
Thursday, June 6	Full day Production rehearsal
Friday, 7 June	Year 7 Sport
Monday, 10 June	Kings birthday (Student Free Day)
Wednesday 19 & Thursday, 20 June	Year 9 Exams and City Experience preparation
Friday, 21 June	Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)
Monday 24 - Fri 28 June	Year 9 City Experience
Friday, June 28	2:30pm finish and Reports released

Nick Mammoliti, Junior School Principal



PRODUCTION NEWS

URINETOWN – SET CONSTRUCTION STRIKES A VOCATIONAL MAJOR CHORD.

The Vocational Major class of 2024 takes the production sets to new heights!

The VM class of 2024 took to the tools with gusto on Tuesday 23 April to construct the *upstage* scaffold for this year's production of *Urinetown the Musical*.

Just like the cast of a show, the whole VM class committed themselves to their individual roles and worked cohesively as a team to build and brace the towering and dramatic upper level of our fixed set.

But, the team's industriousness did not stop there: paint-work has also begun on protest signs and towering arches.

The Production cast and team are immensely grateful and wholeheartedly thank the class and their fantastic teachers – Rod Mitchell, Jonathan Flack, Marcelle Greto, Samantha Fox and Tegan Kite – for their support and contribution to this year's Whole School Production.

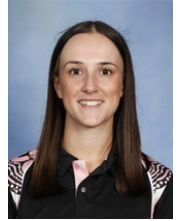
We cannot wait to begin to incorporate this awesome piece of stagecraft into our rehearsals!

Lucy Filor, Production Director



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2024



A big thank you to all students and staff for their contribution to the House Cross Country event during the last week of Term 1. It was so fantastic to see so many smiling faces in both the walk and run.

Well done to students who participated in the run event for their age group – it was so exciting to have a record number of students choose to run!

The results were very close...

Congratulations to Kalinda with a winning score of 572 points, closely followed by Maroondah on 540, Mullum on 425 and Yarra on 416.

Congratulations again to our age group champions –

- 13 Year Male – Fraser G
- 13 Year Female – Chloe L
- 14 Year Male – Cooper J
- 14 Year Female – Paige F
- 15 Year Male – Rory G
- 15 Year Female – Berlin B
- 16 Year Male – Oren B
- 16 Year Female – Isabel R
- 17 Year Male – Lachlan M
- 17 Year Female – Milly S
- 20 Year Male – Liam B
- 20 Year Female – Savannah W

April Glare, Carnivals Coordinator



MATHEMATICS NEWS

YEAR 8 MATHS

Our College value “aspiration” was well met by many of our Year 8 students who recently completed a unit of work on ‘Integers’ and achieved a high academic result.

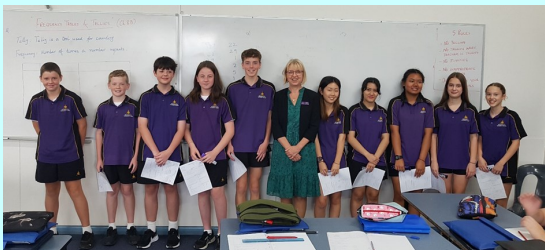


The following students scored 90% or above:

Addison (8A), Luke (8A), Finn (8A), Maddie (8A), Raff (8B), Lucas (8B), Max (8C), Gabrielle (*C), Emily (8C), Chloe (8C), Leah (8C), Quinn Crawford (8D), Ava Whelan (8E), Nathan (8F), Jasmine (8F), Zac (8F), Maggie (8F), Miller (8F), Aiden (8F), Logan (8F), Mijia (8F), Isabelle (8G), Dana (8G), Hannah (8G), Lara (8G).

The aspirational students in 8H are very proudly shown below with Mrs Harris.

Jo Pearson, Head of Mathematics



YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS AWARDED IN MATHS CLASS

Ten Year 8H Maths students received chocolates as awards for their outstanding performance in recent test on the topic of Integers. Harley, Will, Colbey, Beau, Jacob, Yui, Jasmine, Sian, Keira and Bailey are standing with Mrs Harris, Acting Principal, Norwood Secondary College, after receiving their awards. Sian, Jasmine and Yui scored 100%, 98% and 97% respectively. Congratulations to all students.

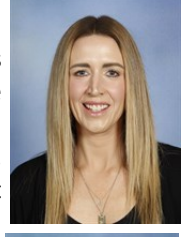
Gurwinder Singh, Maths Teacher

Maths

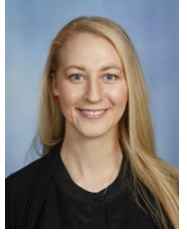
STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

RESPECT: BOOSTING YOUR MOOD AND WELLBEING

As we commemorate ANZAC Day on Thursday, 25 April, it is a time to reflect not only on the sacrifices made by those who served, but also on the values they stood for. One such value, deeply embedded in the ANZAC spirit, is respect. Respect is not merely a courtesy, it is a powerful force that can greatly influence our mood and overall wellbeing.



In our everyday lives, respect plays a crucial role in how we interact with others and ourselves. When we treat others with respect, we foster positive relationships and create a sense of belonging. Whereas, disrespect can lead to conflict, hurt feelings, and a breakdown in trust.



Respecting others is not just about following social norms; it is about recognising the inherent worth and dignity of every individual. By showing respect, we acknowledge the unique perspectives and experiences that each person brings to the table. This fosters an environment of inclusivity and understanding.



But the benefits of respect extend beyond our social interactions; they directly impact our mental health and wellbeing. When we treat others with respect, we feel good about ourselves. It boosts our self-esteem and enhances our sense of empathy and compassion. This, in turn, reduces stress and anxiety, leading to improved mood and overall wellbeing.

Respect also plays a vital role in our relationship with ourselves. Self-respect involves recognising our own worth and treating ourselves with kindness and compassion. When we practice self-respect, we prioritise our physical and mental health, setting boundaries and taking care of our needs.

On ANZAC Day, we remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom and values. Among these values, respect stands tall. The ANZAC spirit teaches us to honour the courage and sacrifice of others, regardless of our differences.

As we commemorate ANZAC Day, let us also reflect on the importance of respect in our daily lives. Let us strive to treat others with kindness, empathy, and understanding. By doing so, we not only honour the legacy of our veterans but also nurture our own mental and emotional wellbeing. After all, respect is not just a sign of strength; it's a catalyst for a happier and more fulfilling life.

HEADSPACE KNOX

Headspace Knox has brought back their ‘Chillspace Group’ for Term 2. It is a free weekly drop-in group for young people aged 12-25, where they can meet the friendly team at Headspace, enjoy snacks and enjoys the weekly activities that include games, movies, reading, playing with visiting dogs and more.

Day/Time” Tuesdays from 4pm – 5:30pm

Location: Headspace Knox

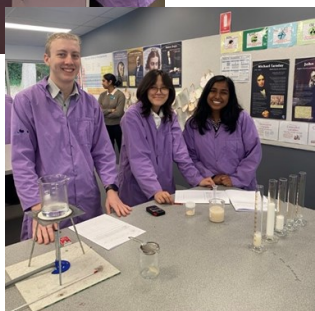
Contact: Ph.: 9801 6088 E: community@headspaceknox.com.au
(no bookings required)

Jacki Landy, Miranda Butterfield and Jason Boyce, Wellbeing Team



SCIENCE NEWS

Students in Year 12 Biology have started Unit 3 AOS 2, where they are looking at how biochemical pathways are regulated. For their upcoming SAC students are looking at factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis and cellular respiration by completing three practicals. They finished their first practical looking at how enzymes are affected by a change in substrate concentration.



Students in Year 7 Science have been looking at how to conduct a fair test by trying to reduce the number of errors in an experiment. Students completed an experiment by recording the rebound height of a tennis ball on different surface types around the school. In doing so students have been introduced to the different types of variables that are in an experiment.

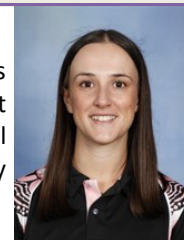


Emma Day, Head of Science

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

2024 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, 16 April we held our annual House Athletics Carnival. It was fantastic to see such great student numbers in attendance, in conjunction with wonderful levels of participation across our track, field and novelty events.



A big thank you to all staff who contributed to the running of the day, allowing the students to have such a fun and successful day.

We had a number of records broken this year – a big congratulations to these students.

- 15 Year Female 90m hurdles – **Jasmine G-F** 14.95 seconds (previous record was 15.12 seconds set in 2001)
- 14 Year Shot Put – **Paige F** 8.06m (previous record was 7.68m set in 2011)
- 14 Year High Jump – **Christian L** 1.71m (previous record was 1.7m set in 1989)
- 15 Year Triple Jump – **Jasmine G-F** 10.37m (previous record was 9.9m set in 2002)
- 17 Year 800m – **Milly S** 2:40.78 (previous record was 3:21.89 set in 2012)
- 20 Year Discus – **Baylen H** 31.39m (previous record was 29.64m set in 2018)
- 17 Year Javelin – **Scarlett S** 21.07m (previous record 15.15m set in 2014)

A big congratulations also to our age group Champions –

	Female	Male
13 Year	Rihanni M & Nina R	Fraser G
14 Year	Paige F	Christian L
15 Year	Sienna T	Harry D
16 Year	Hayley Mc	Finn H
17 Year	Milly S	Mitchell L
20 Year	Mia B	Lachlan C

Yarra took out the Team Spirit prize, on a total of 3113 points, followed by Mullum (2552 points), Maroondah (2447 points) and Kalinda (2396 points).

The overall results for the day were extremely close, coming down to the final few events. Well done Maroondah on winning the cup this year!

Final Standings -

Maroondah 1371

Kalinda 1353

Yarra 1305

Mullum 1081

Stay tuned for the results of our district Cross Country and Athletics carnivals!

April Glare, Carnivals Coordinator

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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

LIBRARY NEWS

On Wednesday, 22 March, Jess King, an Australian Fashion model came to the Library to speak to students about Fashion and Social Media. Jess openly shared her story and had some interesting insights into the perceived perfection of social media reels. Jess finished with some useful tips for using social media wisely.



There were around 100 students and staff who came to hear Jess speak and enjoy some awesome smoothies provided by the Well-Being team, as part of their Wellness Wednesday program. We thank everyone who attended with a special shout out to the Year 10 student leadership team who helped promote the event and to the Wellbeing Team for the delicious fruit smoothies.



Sudoku Wall Challenge

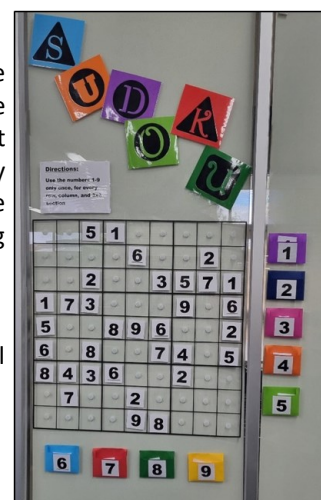
Starting this week, when you enter the Library, you will notice a giant Sudoku on the outer wall of 'The Cube' classroom. You must use the numbers 1 – 9 only once for every row, column and 3 x 3 section. We are looking forward to seeing students working together to complete the daily challenge.

Library Clubs Resume

Just a reminder that our lunch time clubs will start back this week:

Lego Club on Tuesday

Craft Club on Wednesday



The weekly Homework club will continue in the Library after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Teachers will be present and available to help students with any work or assignments. It is a great opportunity for students to receive one-one-one assistance.

We look forward to seeing you in the library.

Linda Mill, Librarian and Resource Manager

NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Oren and Zetara Bheem, who are members of Box Hill Academy Brass. The band, under the direction of our brass teacher, Lauren Innes, achieved first place in Section C at the Australian National Band Championships in Adelaide over the Easter weekend.

Oren and Zetara are valued students in the Norwood community- particularly in sport and music. Well done for your commitment and spirit.



PRODUCTION BAND “UR-IN THE BAND!”

This year we have 6 students in the Production Band. Rehearsals started last term and are now on each Monday afternoon.

Look out for these students and ask them about the music!

Erin F - flute, alto sax and our new soprano sax

Lucas M- tenor sax Isabelle A - aux percussion Reinette B - clarinet

Stephanie W -bass guitar Isaac L- keyboard

Our new soprano saxophone is getting a workout in the Production Band!



JUNIOR BAND

Junior Band had their first rehearsal in week 1 of Term 2. Students are learning important ensemble skills such as playing together in a group and learning to watch their conductor, Ms Lauren Innes.

Norwood is an Ensemble Program, and all students taking up their brass, woodwind and percussion instruments are required to join the band. Students are reminded to arrive by 7.50am for an 8am start in D7. We look forward to hearing your wonderful progress!

JAZZ NIGHT IS COMING! 25 MAY, COLLEGE HALL

Each year we put on a Jazz Night which is an opportunity for selected voice students to perform with a professional stage band. Rehearsals are taking place every Thursday evening. The following ensembles will also be performing – Intermediate Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra and Chorale. It’s always a great night!

Tickets go on sale Monday, 6 May, so book a table together and come along!

Details:

Saturday, 25 May

Times: 7pm— 9.30pm

Venue: Performing Arts Centre (Hall) Norwood SC

Supper: Please bring your own supper basket and refreshments to share with your family and friends at your table.

Tickets (\$12 each) will be open from Monday, May 6 via TryBooking.

(Student performers do not require tickets)

Jo Dema, Music Coordinator



Norwood Secondary College

Jazz Night



**Featuring Norwood Singers, Norwood Ensembles and
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Saturday May 25

7pm - 9.30pm

\$12 per ticket

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Information Bulletin



April 2024

26 Station Street, Ringwood

New school crossing location commencing in Term 2

In a recent Community Information Bulletin, schools were notified of the closure of the school crossing on Warrandyte Road at the intersection of Bedford Road, Ringwood. This closure is due to construction works which have commenced on a new Australian Government funded carpark at 1 Bedford Road, Ringwood.

Starting from Monday 22 April, Maroondah City Council will provide a temporary School Crossing Supervisor at the pedestrian crossing directly outside of the Ringwood Train Station at 26 Station Street, Ringwood.

The School Crossing Supervisor will be present in the morning from 8 to 9am and the afternoon from 3 to 4pm until the end of Term 3.

Provision of a School Crossing Supervisor at this new location for the remainder of the construction works will be dependent on a funding application with the Department of Transport and Planning. A further update will be provided later in Term 3.

The school crossings at Bedford Road and Greenwood Avenue are still in operation as normal and are marked on the map below.

We would appreciate if you could please advise your school community of these changes.

For more information

> Contact Kylie Hay, School Crossing Team Leader, Maroondah City Council on 03 9294 5780

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