PRESENTATION EVENING
In a year filled with significant College events, Presentation Night stands out as the most significant. It is the evening on which we recognise the achievements of our students across a wide range of endeavours. The auditorium was completely filled with parents and students and the program contained a mix of awards, musical items and addresses. With the positive feedback from our community about some of the changes to the tenor of the evening, we continued with that structure and tone this year.

The Dux of 2015, Ms Helena Knight, received the William and Elizabeth MacKinley Prize. She gave a very interesting presentation, offering some sound advice on how to survive the rigours of VCE and explaining how opportunities continue to be offered even when tertiary studies are commenced.

2016 DUX – AN EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE
As the Presentation Evening was run a week later than last year (due to availability issues with the venue), we had received the 2016 Year 12 results on the day. It was, therefore, with great pride that we were able to announce the 2016 Dux of Norwood. With an amazing ATAR score of 99.85, a 48 in both Physics and English as an additional language (EAL) and a 43 in Specialist Maths, Caitlyn Liu had the Class of 2016’s highest ATAR score. This comes after achieving a 47 in Chemistry and a 42 in Methods in Year 11.

AWARDS
Amongst the many awards for Personal Achievement and Academic Effort across the year levels, there were some very significant awards presented:

- College Council Award for Leadership: Kaila Booth
- Deakin Student Awards
  - Community Service: Luke Vescio Y12
  - Academic: Caitlyn Liu Y12
  - Leadership: Rowan Arblaster Y12
- Holland Foundation Award: Grace Williams Y10
Caltex Best All-Rounder Award  
Isobel Decru Y12

ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards  
Brooke Johnston Y12  
Will Scoble Y10

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award  
Jessica Freitag Y10

NESTA and Citizenship Award  
Ollie Krusec Y12  
Liam Chaplin Y12

Pierre De Coubertin Award  
Bayley Forbes Y11

Fidelis Awards
Year 7  
Jaclyn Bevan  
Angus Scott
Year 8  
Chloe Tough  
Wil Parker
Year 9  
Emily Sweeney  
Jared Halden-Cornish
Year 10  
Jessica Freitag  
Sebastian Kostas
Year 11  
Molly O’Brien  
Ryan Brook

The 2017 College Student Leaders were also presented to the community on the evening. Congratulations to:

College Captains:  
Jaymie Burgess (on the trip to Nepal)  
Lachlan MacDonald

College Vice-Captains:  
Nathalia Amato  
Martin Bui

Congratulations to all our award winners. There were some very fine achievements recognised on the night, in addition to those listed here. Of note was the number of students who were recognised for their achievements over multiple areas.

Thank-you to our 2016 College Captains and Vice Captains, Brooke, Rowen, Ollie and Aaron, who were outstanding leaders and role-models. The manner in which they led during the year will have an impact on younger students and I look forward to that impact being seen in our future leaders’ development.

YEAR 12 RESULTS
The VCE results for 2016 are the best overall for the past few years. Our students’ overall average ATAR score is 60.91 (2015 – 53.48; 2014 – 58.43). Some of the highlights included:

- Caitlyn Liu (2016 Dux) – ATAR score of 99.85  
- 7 students with an ATAR over 90 (6 of them above 95)  
- 27 students scoring above 80  
- 48 students scoring above 70  
- 76 study scores greater than 40

Year 12 students with 40+ scores:
Rowan Arblaster  40 Geography
Liam Chaplin  41 English, 40 History Revolutions
Jesse Cox  40 Further Maths
Will Francis  48 Further Maths
Jasmine Hall  45 Further Maths
Jade Harvie  41 PE, 41 Health, 40 Legal Studies
Angela Haviland  43 Physical Education
Jasmine Kaur  41 Business Management
Bhavisha Khatri  40 Health
Tessa Lai Sang  42 Accounting, 41 Spec. Maths, 40 Methods
Sachi Liston  44 English
Caitlyn Liu  48 Physics, 48 EAL, 43 Spec. Maths
Alex McCartin  45 Further Maths, 41 Methods
Amy Moore  41 English
Tom Murphy  40 PE
Cassidy O’Donnell  40 Further Maths
Erin O’Connor  40 English
Daniel Park  41 Physical Education
Brodie Taylor  41 Further Maths
EVENTS
2017 Year 7 Orientation Day occurred last week. A big thank you to all the staff who were involved in this event. We received such positive feedback from the students involved and from parents who experienced the positivity of the students at the end of their first day at Norwood. The Orientation Day (and ‘Pre-Orientation Day for primary schools with only one or two students) offer incoming students a taste of secondary school, an opportunity to meet staff and their new classmates. All went home with a photo of their new class, with the names of their new classmates. We know this will help them come on Day 1, 2017 with confidence, ready to reacquaint themselves with their new friends.

NORWOOD FACILITIES
Our planning for the new Gymnasium is now at the stage where we have a ‘final’ design being costed. We are thrilled with what we believe the available funds will provide (State Government and Federal Government promises combined.) We will have a two court facility with larger than usual dimensions and a teaching space for PE included. A schematic is shown to offer a vision of its design.

NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE
We are proud to announce our new website is now up and running. Our aim is to make it a user friendly resource for all our parents. You may find the Community Menu a useful source of information. Please check it out at: http://norwoodsc.norwood.vic.edu.au/

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
On behalf of the College Council and staff, may I wish all in our College community all the very best for the coming month. May you enjoy some time with those important in your worlds and I look forward to you reconnecting with Norwood in 2017 refreshed and relaxed. Best wishes to our departing Year 12s. We trust that whatever pathways and journeys are ahead, you find yourself well-equipped from your time at our wonderful school.

Andrew Sloane, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

SENIOR SCHOOL REFLECTIONS
What a wonderful year. When the frenetic pace of the year finally slows down, it provides an opportunity to look back on so many highlights. The Presentation Balls, all four of them, have left students with memories that will likely last forever. The trip to Central Australia was once again an outstanding experience. To have raised in excess of $5,400 for The Royal Flying Doctors
leaves all of us feeling very proud of our Year 11s. Our students are known for their generosity in supporting charitable organisations. This year was no different. We anticipate the return of our Nepal students after completing a safe water project and painting classrooms.

The production of the *Addams Family* was a huge success and we look forward to another major production next year of Monty Python’s *Spamalot*. Our music students have excelled and our sporting teams continue to impress. A special mention should be made to the girls who won the State Cricket Final.

Of course we are proud of all of our Year 12s for their efforts throughout the year. ATARs are important but they don’t tell the whole story of effort, resilience and just doing your best. The friendships our students have cemented this year just might last a lifetime. We already know that our VCE students from next year will achieve success, given their commitment to the VCE Transition Program.

On a final note, enjoy the break, have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in 2017.

*Jackie Harris, Assistant Principal of Senior School*

**FAREWELL**

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final article this newsletter. At the beginning of this term, having made my decision to retire at the end of the year, I have had time to reflect on just what a great school Norwood is.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Norwood community, parents, students and staff, both past and present, for their support and contribution to the life of the College over the past 17 years. Thanks to the past principals who I have had the pleasure to work with and particularly to Mr Andrew Sloane, Mrs Jackie Harris and Mrs Jenny Mason, who have been outstanding colleagues and leaders at Norwood and whose support and friendship I have so valued.

I have really enjoyed my interactions with parents at Working Bees, on College Council and the Facilities Committee and through day to day student issue communications. The Norwood staff are amazing and I have long appreciated their dedication, enthusiasm for education and their loyalty and ongoing support. It is however the students that make the school great. So many work hard each day to achieve their best and contribute to College life in various ways. It has been a particular thrill to have been able to participate on many camps, excursions, City Experience and sports days with the students. The times spent with Mr Wilson, staff and students on many Central Australia tours will always be fond memories for me. Thank you to you all.

Norwood has much to be excited about as plans for the new Gymnasium are finalised and thoughts will be turned to rebuilding other sections of the school. Likewise, new uniform changes will also herald in changes that will take the College forward to build on its traditions but to also enhance the academic opportunities it offers. I will watch with keen interest as the building program commences. I also look forward to taking an interest in the Alumini Association being developed by College Council.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

*Geoff Castles, Assistant Principal*
Congratulations to the Class of 2016. One hundred and fifty-one students completed the VCE and graduated successfully with a pass rate of 100%. We saw a pleasing rise in our median VCE study score to 29. Our VCAL class also had a 100% pass rate, with eighteen students obtaining their certification and moving into the workforce. At this stage 75% of our students have applied for tertiary studies.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of students who achieved their personal best and wish the class of 2016 every success in their future pathways of university, further education or employment.

Mark Fuller, Year 12 Manager
Paul Duncan, Year 12 Coordinator

Top Designs is an annual exhibition at Melbourne Museum that honours a handful of students who demonstrate outstanding ability and talent in their School Assessed Task in VCE Media, Product Design & Technology, Food & Technology, Systems Engineering, Visual Communication Design and VCE VET Interactive Digital Media. It showcases a selection of exemplary student work from around the State of Victoria that has achieved an A+ or A and meets the assessment criteria at a very high standard in innovative and individual ways.

I am very proud to announce that two of our Year 12 students, Morgan Rayner and Jayden Dunsford, have had their Food & Technology work selected by VCAA to exhibit their folios in the 2017 exhibition. Morgan and Jayden’s work will be part of nine Food & Technology folios chosen from a short list of 150 students. The Top Designs 2017 exhibition will be officially launched on Friday, 17 March at the Melbourne Museum, Carlton. It opens to the public from Saturday, 18 March and closes on Sunday, 16 July 2017.

Well done Morgan and Jayden, this is an awesome achievement.

Jan Woolard, Food Technology Teacher
FUNDRAISING FOR MADDIE RIEWOLDT’S VISION

On Friday, 9 December, Mr Joe Riewoldt (Maddie’s father) attended a morning tea hosted by the Year 9 Leadership students. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to meet the co-founder of Maddie Riewoldt’s Vision. Mr Joe Riewoldt has been overseeing foundation with his wife Fiona and sons Nick and Alex.

Mr Riewoldt was extremely grateful for the work the students had put in and thanked them for not only raising money, but for also raising awareness in the community about Maddie’s Vision. He said as a result of Norwood’s fundraiser, there were more than a thousand families who now knew about this charity.

After the morning tea, Mr Riewoldt attended the Year 9 Awards assembly and accepted the cheque on behalf of the Norwood community. The cheque was for a sum of $1154.20 raised by the Year 9 Leadership students after running a free dress day and a sausage sizzle.

Thank you to the Norwood community for all your support.

CELEBRATIONS AT CASEY RACE AND AQUATIC CENTRE

On Wednesday, 14 December, a group of Year 9 students celebrated the end of the year at the Casey Race and Aquatic Centre in Cranbourne. The students were rotated through different activities including volleyball, space bowl, inflatable, dives, water polo and novelty races.

A fantastic day was had by all the students; everyone was very tired by the end of the day and it was a very quiet bus trip back home. Some student comments are below:

“A really good way to end the year and start the holidays. It was a great way to dive into the New Year”
Tex Langford 9F

“Space bowl was awesome”
Hayley Morris 9G

We would like to thank the following teachers for accompanying the students on their excursion: Mr Gary Leonard, Mr Matthew Joyce, Mrs Mary MacDonald and Mrs Sandra Fraraccio.

The Year 9 cohort would also like to thank Mr Geoff Castles (Junior School Principal), Mrs Cheryl Taylor and all the teaching and support staff who worked hard to make 2016 a successful year.

Wishing all Year 9 families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Susan Marshallsea, Year 9 Manager
Shalini Singh, Year 9 Coordinator
**RYDA PROGRAM**
During the transition period, the 2017 Year 12s went to Lilydale to participate in the RYDA Program. This is a road safety course and students received a certificate of completion at the end of the day. Six sessions were presented and covered topics including: how to be a good passenger, the differences between hazards and distractions and how best to manage them, different braking speeds and distances, each driver’s rights and responsibilities on the road and a personality quiz to determine what kind of driver you might be. There were also two sessions about people that had been directly affected by car crashes.

The day was very engaging and informative and the Norwood students presented themselves with decorum and were respectful to all the presenters. It was a very worthwhile excursion and I am sure the students will remember much of this day when they are out as drivers on the roads.

*Lauren Coburn, 2017 Year 12 Coordinator*

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**PARIS TO PROVENCE FESTIVAL**
On Friday 18 October, twenty-five marvellous French students attended the gorgeous Paris to Provence Festival at Como House in South Yarra. Students unanimously agreed that the food was delicious, having sampled the *pain d’épices* (gingerbread), *glaces* (ice creams), *beignets* (donuts), *crêpes au chocolat*, *croissants* and *baguettes*.

Simone and Breda competed in the waiter race, winning their trays of delicious *camembert* and *Orangina*. Students were also able to compete in a 3D puzzle building competition of French landmarks or colour in *la Tour Eiffel*. Some saw a French film (*La vie d’un chat*) while others had their faces painted with French flags.

We are hoping to make this an annual cultural event for students in the LOTE French elective stream in Years 9 and 10.

*Kristina Lecluyse, French teacher*
ELECTRICITY AT LA TROBE
Students in Year 9 have been studying heat, temperature and electricity. They looked at scientific theories and how these relate to the natural world and advance society. In class, students learnt the basics of different circuits. They then constructed their own parallel and series circuits as well as probing them, determining voltage and current.

At the Faculty of Engineering at La Trobe University, students were given a quick tour of the facility before setting up in the robotics laboratory for their projects. Students were asked to solder together infra-red detectors and emitters, or basically, to construct laser tag devices. They assembled integrated circuit chips, power supplies and a number of other components such as transistors and capacitors, to all work correctly. Students were also mentored on the function and correct application of each component as well as the accompanying theory in electronics.

Thank you to Mr Tony Lahy and Miss Emma Day for escorting the students to and from the event.

Alex Papanotas, Science Coordinator

YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO LATITUDE
Nineteen Year 7 students attended an excursion to Latitude on Friday, 2 December. Students from each Year 7 form were selected by their Physical Education teacher as the ones who demonstrate excellence in their PE class. As a reward for continued excellence in the areas of skill, teamwork and leadership, these students were invited to attend this special excursion.

Everyone had a fantastic time and demonstrated impressive skills on all of the equipment on offer at the venue.

Leisa Beggs, PE Teacher
BELGRAVE/LILYDALE LINE TRANSPORT DISRUPTION
The Victorian Government is removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne. To facilitate major construction works, buses will replace trains on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines between Box Hill/Blackburn and Ringwood from **Tuesday 27 December 2016 until Sunday 5 February 2017**. Normal train services will resume on Monday 6 February.

To speak directly to a project representative about the upcoming rail disruption, please contact 1800 762 667 or email Blackburn@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Kate Horan, Rail Communications Advisor

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDING
Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding is again available in 2017 and parents must submit a new application each year. We encourage all families holding a valid means-tested concession card to apply from the first day of Term 1. An application form is attached to this newsletter. Applications will be accepted until the last day of Term 2.

Using the CSEF
You can use the payment for expenses including:
- Year level camps
- Swimming and other interschool sporting events
- Excursions/incursions
- Specialist electives: Outdoor Education, Advance, VET Sport and Rec

You must advise Accounts Receivable each time you wish to use your CSEF. Please print out the excursion form from Compass School Manager and write “pay with CSEF”. If you have any questions, please call the General Office on 9871 0400.

Jane Arnold, Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR 2017
JANUARY/FEBRUARY
Wednesday 18 January 10am - 3pm
Thursday 19 January 10am - 3pm
Friday 20 January 10am - 3pm
Saturday 21 January 10am – 1pm
Monday 23 January 10am - 3pm
Tuesday 24 January 10am - 3pm
Friday 27 January 10am – 3pm
Saturday 28 January 10am – 1pm
Monday 30 January 10am - 3pm
Tuesday 31 January 8am - 11.30am

Uniform orders can be phoned through to the shop on 9871 0404 during school hours. Alternatively, leave a message and the shop manager will return your call.

Heather Timmins, Uniform Shop
CHANGES TO YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Ongoing revelations of unlawful employment practices, particularly regarding pay rates, has been one of the reasons an Act of Parliament has changed how students can do Work Experience or Structured Workplace Learning. The College has recently been informed that the current Work Experience Form handed out last month has been updated. The new Work Experience form was distributed at the 9 December assembly. Copies are also available via a recent Compass newsfeed as well as the Career Website at norwoodcareers.com. Please ensure you use the new form.

CHANGES TO VCAL STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT
The same Act of Parliament mentioned above has changed the way Structured Workplace Learning, typically used in VCAL, operates. It limits the number of days a student can do a Work Placement (linked with their VET study) to 40 in a year. It also limits the number of days with the same employer to 20. The previous Structured Workplace Learning form does not have these limitations and can only be used if handed in by the end of this school year. VCAL students were given copies of the new form during their Orientation. Copies are also available on the Career Website at norwoodcareers.com

Ron Chatton, Careers Advisor

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Maroondah Youth Services Summer Activities
Connect – Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Ringwood Train Station– Free Event
Craft markets, Live Music
Workshops, Food Stalls
Friday 16th December, 4:30 – 8pm
All Ages

Pool Party
Aquanation, Ringwood
Tuesday 10th January, 2 – 4pm
Ages 12-25
Half Price Entry; Discounted water slides

Dive In Movie (Jaws)
Aquahub, Croydon
Friday 13th January, 7:30-10pm
Ages 12-18
$5 Entry (includes popcorn and drink)

Freeza Event – Metal live music
EV’s Youth Centre, Croydon
Friday 27th January, 6 – 11pm
All Ages
Gold coin (or more) donation to enter
Headliner – Void of Vision
Fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoking free event

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

town/suburb

State

postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /