Friday, 25 September 2026

Dear College families,

As Term 3 draws to a close, we are reminded once again of the gift of community and the importance of the relationships that enrich life at our College. Throughout the term, we have enjoyed many special opportunities to gather together, celebrate, and strengthen our connections with one another.

Events such as Father's Day, Soirée, the Colour Run, Year 12 Graduation, and the Valedictory Dinner have provided wonderful occasions for students, staff, and families to share in moments of joy and thanksgiving. These occasions are a reminder of God's goodness and the many blessings He has granted to our community. We are grateful for the partnerships we share with families and look forward to the many opportunities in Term 4 to celebrate the year together.

Year 12

We invite all College families to join us in praying for the HSC Class of 2026 as they prepare for the final stage of their schooling journey. This cohort has made a significant contribution to the life of the College, particularly through their leadership and commitment to student-led Christian ministry. They leave behind a legacy of faith, service, and community that will continue to influence those who follow them.

Please pray that our Year 12 students would approach their HSC examinations with confidence, wisdom, and peace, and that they would know God's presence with them throughout this season. We also ask for prayer as they consider their future pathways and make important decisions alongside the guidance and support of their families and teachers. HSC examinations commence on Tuesday, 13 October, and conclude on Thursday, 5 November. The examination timetable is available on the NESA website.

Uniform

The details of the College uniform can be found here. Please consider what steps will be required for students to be prepared, so that they can wear uniform correctly and proudly. The policy for skirt length is that the hem should sit on the middle of the knee with 2cm leeway to allow for growth. The uniform shop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am – 12:00pm and 12:45 – 3:30pm to purchase any required new items. Please note the following section of the uniform guide regarding hair:

Hair styles must be neat, clean and not styled or coloured in a way that draws specific attention to the student. This includes bright streaks, bright colours, partially dyed hair, or dreadlocks. Hair must be worn off the face and off the collar for all students. Girls with hair longer than the collar are to wear it tied back with hair accessories that are simple and in College colours. Boys are to wear their hair neatly, and, regardless of length, both off the collar and away from the face. Students must be clean shaven. Students may not wear facial hair of any kind, whether a moustache, goatee, beard or long sideburns. The “mullet” style of hair cut where the sides are shaved much shorter than the back is not permitted regardless of whether hair is over the collar or not. The visual guide for hair styles can be found here.

Student Profiles – Edumate

Student Profiles on Edumate provide you with live data on your child’s day-to-day engagement with the College. In the Secondary Years you are able to view your child’s assessment results, goal statements, merits, demerits, and upcoming tasks. We ask that you often engage with Edumate and use the information to initiate conversations about your child’s learning and participation in the life of the College.

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Careers Information

Our 'Norwest Futures Program' website has a range of resources provided for College families and students to gather information about careers of interest and post-school opportunities, including traineeship and apprenticeships, universities, vocational learning institutions, and private colleges. Mrs Barker, Careers Counsellor, provides links to Open Days, scholarships and important application dates for these options. I encourage you to spend some time looking through the resources provided. Of course, individual student careers advice is available upon request from Mrs Barker or other senior academic staff.

Student Leadership Team 2026-27

The incoming Prefect team was announced on Tuesday, 15 September at the Student Leadership Commissioning Assembly. The purpose of the assembly is to honour the roles and responsibilities that our Year 11 students will step into as they begin their final year of school. We also joined in prayer for all of Year 11 as they prepare to lead the student body as the most senior students in our College.

We learn in 1 Corinthians 12 that God has given each of us gifts that He wants us to use to serve Him and others. Being a Prefect allows the gift of leadership to be expressed for the benefit of the whole College community and develops in students a sense of purpose as a positive contributor to College life. The College gives students opportunities to express their gifts across a broad range of ages and areas of passion. The College's 'Building Purposeful Lives' framework for learning and life is a key expression of all that we value and seek to instil in the lives of all students, including our student leaders. The following students were appointed to the 2026-27 Student Leadership Team:

College Captains	Ruby Dunn, Isaac Reitsma
College Vice Captains	Isla Andrew, Hudson O'Dell
Bradman House Captains	Lily Ananin, Charlee Gambrill
Chisholm House Captains	Geethika Rada, Emily Ferry
Gould House Captains	Tahlia Highley, Harrison Parker-Kent
Johnson House Captains	Isla Marr, Levi Ben
Academic Prefect	Aashi Kinkhabwala
CAPA Prefects	Fox Steinfelder, Kieran Hart
Christian Ministry Prefects	Georgina Hurmiz, Melodie Guilmette, Eli Williams, Timothy McIntosh
Co-Curricular Prefect	Ethan Liu
Community Wellbeing Prefects	Evie Quinlan, Kate Coleman, Nashe Musesengwa
Inclusive Learning Prefect	Adrika Badu
Sport Prefects	Savanna Lee, Aiden Saunders
STEM Prefect	Elijah Hoffman, Jadey Hubbard
Technology Prefect	Rishan Rinosh

Work Experience and Senior Summit

In preparation for entering the Senior Years, Year 10 students will participate in Work Experience in the week of 16-20 November (Week 6), and **Senior Summit** will take place in Weeks 7, 8 and 9. Students should clarify their plans for work experience with Mrs Barker if they have not already done so. Please note that there will be no scheduled classes for any Year 10 student who does not confirm a work experience placement for the week of 16-20 November, and students will be recorded as absent without reason.

Senior Summit aims to bring value to the start of the senior years with important messages and tools to ensure a successful start to Stage 6. The Program includes sessions about financial literacy, driver safety, academic approaches that support excellence, study skills, University options, post-school pathway options, and making positive life choices.

Stage 4 and 5 Assessments in Term 4

Years 7 to 10 are scheduled to have final assessments in Weeks 4-5 of Term 4. Students should check the Assessment booklets and consult teachers for final details.

Secondary Class Placements for 2027

As we begin planning classes for 2027, parents are invited to provide information that may assist staff in the class placement process. Please let us know if there are social, wellbeing or other concerns that should be

considered when classes are formed. While all submissions will be carefully considered, requests cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that requests for specific teachers will not be considered, as we value the professionalism and expertise of every member of our teaching team.

Requests for consideration are not ongoing and must be submitted each year to your current Year Advisor.

UPCOMING EVENTS – AN INVITATION

Year 7, 2027 Orientation Evening for Students and their Parents
Tuesday, 17 November at 7:00pm – 8:30pm

This evening aims to equip parents and students for the Secondary Years. College staff will present sessions including the value of communication, Secondary learning experiences, the role of the Mentor and Wellbeing Program, the Norwest Challenge, uniform, timetables, and an introduction to the College's online systems.

Year 7 Orientation Days for Students
Wednesday, 18 & 25 November at 8:35am – 3:00pm

The Orientation Days will be spent getting to know the Secondary areas of the College and offers students a chance to meet their future classmates. This is always an enjoyable introduction to life in the Secondary Years. Students should dress in appropriate casual clothes e.g. T-Shirt (no singlets) and shorts and enclosed sports shoes. Students are also required to bring their recess, lunch, a water bottle and a hat, as some activities will take place outdoors.

These days also include assessments that are intended to inform the College of each student's academic strengths and, along with information from our Stage 3 teachers, will assist with class placement. They are not intended to be exams for which students' study and will be held over a short period during the day.

Celebrate Sport & Music, Celebrate Secondary and Celebrate Norwest

Celebrate Sport & Music – Tuesday, 24 November

'Celebrate Sport & Music' will be a celebration of students' achievements in music and sport throughout the year. At this stage, we ask families to save the date. The event will be held in the evening, with further details to be shared closer to the date once arrangements are confirmed.

Celebrate Secondary – Wednesday, 2 December

This event for Secondary specific awards will be held during the day. At this point in time, we ask you to save the date. Information will be sent home, in late Term 4, with further details and invitations for award recipients.

Celebrate Norwest - Thursday, 3 December

This event will be held in the evening and will be a celebration of excellence where the efforts and achievements of our students from ELC-12 are recognised and celebrated. At this point in time, we ask you to save the date and note that the event will be held in the evening. Information will be sent home with further details and invitations for award recipients.

Upcoming Events

WEEK 1B

Tuesday, 13 October	First Day of Term 4 HSC Exams Commence

WEEK 3B

Tuesday, 27 October	2026 Year 11 Maximising HSC Success Evening

WEEK 4A

Monday, 2 November	Stage 4 and 5 Assessment Week 1
Thursday, 5 November	HSC Exams Conclude

WEEK 5B

Monday, 9 November	Stage 4 and 5 Assessment Week 2 VET Work Placement Week
Wednesday, 11 November	Remembrance Day
Friday, 13 November	Year 12 Formal

WEEK 6A

Monday, 16 November	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday, 17 November	Year 7, 2027 Information Evening
Wednesday, 18 November	Year 7, 2027 Orientation Day #1

WEEK 7B

Monday, 23 November	Year 10 Senior Summit Week 1
Tuesday, 24 November	Celebrate Sport & Music
Wednesday, 25 November	Year 7, 2027 Orientation Day #2 New Families Afternoon Tea

WEEK 8B

Monday, 30 November	Year 10 Senior Summit Week 2
Wednesday, 2 December	Celebrate Secondary 2026
Thursday, 3 December	Celebrate Norwest 2026
Friday, 4 December	Year 10 Formal

WEEK 9A

Monday, 7 December	Year 10 Senior Summit Week #3
Tuesday, 8 December	Christmas Service Glow – Christmas Carols event for families
Wednesday, 9 December	Last day of Term 4 Secondary Years Celebration Day

Thank you for your continued support of the College as together we shape young people who share a sense of community and purpose. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Mentor about any of the information contained here should you require further assistance.

Kind regards,

Mr Daryl Hinton
Head of Secondary Years