

## FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Can I firstly take this opportunity to thank both staff and families for the warm welcome I have received since my appointment and upon my arrival. It has been very much appreciated and provided me an immediate insight into the empathy and care which permeates the College – thank you.

The College's programs are fully operational and our P-12 students and staff have hit the ground running. Our student leaders have enjoyed the pleasure of being presented with their Badges in a specially convened ceremony in the new PAC. They will importantly be once again afforded the opportunity to participate in the City of Casey's school leadership program under the guidance of Assistant Principal Jo Keating. The ceremony highlighted for me, the fact that our very large student body is once again in the very capable hands of a most impressive group of young leaders. In addition, the event featured outstanding vocal performances from our Performing Arts Captains Loania Ausage Year 11 and Sadie Hughes Year 10 who were accompanied by Music Teacher Mr Shane Chidgey on guitar. On this musical theme, auditions are currently underway for the College's 2021 production of 'Legally Blonde' the musical scheduled for later in the year.

I have had the pleasure of welcoming a significant number of new staff this year who are settling into their respective roles and responsibilities under the tutelage and guidance of designated experienced educators who work across the College. Their energy and passion in and around classrooms and a willingness to embrace and indeed 'buy in' to the NWSC P-12 culture is most impressive. We wish them and their students every success this year.

These first few weeks have allowed me to meet and engage staff across P-12 and it is through these purposeful and professional conversations I am being provided valuable insights into the operations, organisational structures and the schools strategic targets moving forward. In addition, the school's Executive and general Leadership across a suite of portfolios continues to impress. For families, this grounded experience, knowledge and skill set provides an essential confidence in the Teaching, Learning, Wellbeing and Care that is being delivered in 2021.

In closing, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting, greeting and getting to know students and families as the term continues to progress.



My very best wishes  
**PETER THATCHER**

## Issue 1 Term 1 2021

### Dates to remember:

**Monday 1st March**  
**Wednesday 3rd March**  
**Thursday 4th March**

School Photos

**Wednesday 17th March**  
Secondary Athletics Carnival

**Tuesday 23rd March**  
Year 7 Immunisations

**Thursday 1st April**  
World Greatest Shave

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2021

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Narre Warren South P-12 College by Arthur Reed Photos on:

**Monday 1st March**  
**Wednesday 3rd March**  
**Thursday 4th March**

There is no need to return any forms or money to school before then. Online ordering details will be provided to families (via a flyer) to the student on photo day. Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Further information as to what year levels will have their photos taken on what day will be provided closer to the event.

### SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos will be from **8.00am on Thursday 4th March.**

REGISTRATION is required for sibling photos. To register go to <https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/YdShn5Op> OR contact the College on 9704 3333 no later than Friday 26th February 2.00pm.



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## PRIMARY UPDATE

Hello and welcome back to all of our P-6 families. It has been wonderful to see how efficiently and effectively staff and students have settled back into their school routines.

### 2021 STUDENT VOICE TEAM

A very big congratulations to our four School Captains for 2021:

**School Captains:** Shayna Young & Jared Svay

**School Vice Captains:** Alize Fau & Salman Akbar.

Our captains hosted their first face-to-face school assembly on **Friday 5th February**. Despite some minor technical glitches along the way, they did a fabulous job and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and lead this year.

The process for selection of our House, Sports and Class captains is currently underway. We look forward to announcing these positions in our next newsletter.

### 5/6 SPORT IS BACK!

Our Grade 5&6 students have recommenced our 5/6 Sport program. A very big thank you to our Year 10 students who are coaching the primary students in the summer sports.

The focus for this term is on building sportsmanship and demonstrating PRIDE outside of the classroom. We look forward to seeing these teams develop and improve their skills, ready for the Lightning Premiership competition in Term 2!

### LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Our Primary lunchtime clubs started last week with great success. Congratulations to the 24 students who participated in the Chess Club. All students are encouraged and welcome to join in at lunchtimes in the Grade 6 hub.

Any suggestions for additional lunchtime activities should be made to your school captains, to Miss Jacobs or Ms Adams, but we have lots of exciting activities starting over the coming weeks.

### REMINDERS

A friendly reminder to all families that correct school uniform, including a school hat, is required at all times. Students that are out of school uniform will require a note from a parent. Our Student Engagement Team will be in contact with families for any children who are habitually out of uniform.

It is strongly recommended that all children bring their own, reusable water bottle.

Please remember to name and label all personal and uniform items to avoid these ending up in lost property.

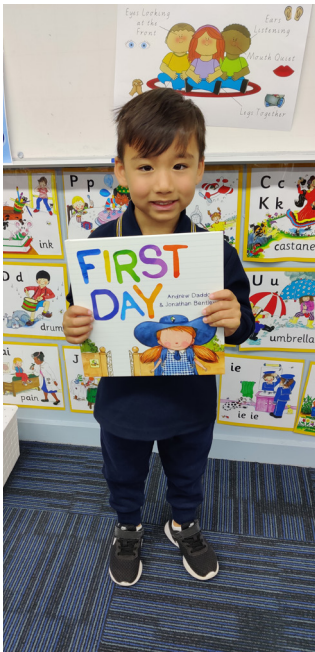
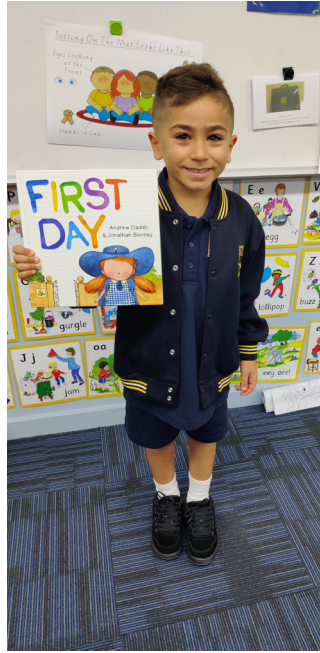
**ADRIANA ALLAN** Assistant Principal Primary

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## **7 & 8 SUB-SCHOOL UPDATE**

A very warm welcome to our Year 7 students and any other new students and families. I would like to commend all staff and students for the way that they have stepped into 2021 with optimism and enthusiasm. Our year 7 transition activities were a huge success thanks to the hard work put in by the year 7 Student Engagement Leaders and I am impressed with how quickly the year 7 students have settled into secondary school routines.

We officially launched our new School Wide Positive Behaviour System, which will see students being acknowledged and rewarded for positive choices and demonstrating our college values PRIDE (perseverance, respect, integrity, dedicated teamwork and excellence). Keep an eye on your child's Compass chronicle; for positive behaviour posts and positive news postcards which will be sent home to families! Students will be accruing raffle tickets that will go in the draw for rewards at our fortnightly assemblies.

### **YEAR 7 CAMP**

Our annual year 7 camp at Ace Hi Ranch. The camp will run over 2 groups. Students have been assigned to camp dates as below.

- **7A-7H Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th February**
- **7I-7N Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th February**

### **2022 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS**

If you would like to arrange a tour of the college please contact the school to register for one of our below tour times (subject to COVID restrictions).

**Wednesday 3 March 11:30am**

**Wednesday 10 March 11:30am**

**Wednesday 24 March 11:30am**

### **YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT LEADERS**

If you would like to contact one of the Student Engagement Leaders to discuss anything regarding your child please speak with one of the below Leaders.

**Year 7 - Cody Gunn & Lara Cuperus**

**Year 8 - Mark Doyle & Joe Wilson**

**LEAH HANNAS** Assistant Principal (year 7 & 8 sub-school)

### **COLLEGE REMINDERS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

One of the major contributors to a student's ability to succeed at school is consistent attendance. Therefore, we have a strong expectation that students will attend 95% of their classes over the school year. Students are expected to:

- Attend all timetabled classes, excursions, assemblies and events
- Be punctual to all classes, including home group (8:45am)
- Have a minimum of 95% attendance

Absences from class negatively impact a student's ability to learn in a sequential manner. Students who have less than 95% unapproved absences may be at risk of not satisfactorily meeting the requirements to pass their subjects and may risk not being promoted to the next year level. If a student is truant from

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class, Student Engagement Leaders will issue consequences to students.

All student absences must be provided with an explanation. Please call the College, access compass or provide a note to the home group teacher to explain reasons for absences.

## **UNIFORM**

I should stress that in main, students are arriving at school in the relevant uniform and this has been greatly appreciated by the College. There remains however a need to clarify a few points.

Secondary students are only permitted to wear the NWSP12 school uniform. The official uniform supplier for the College is Beleza Uniforms. Secondary students are required to wear leather lace up business style shoes or black leather T-bar shoes. Students are only permitted to wear runners on Sport / PE days, when dressed in the full sports uniform. Slip-on shoes, ballet flats and skater shoes are not acceptable. Students are not permitted to wear any style pants they like; they must wear the school uniform pants.

On the rare occasion a student is not in full school uniform, they will need a note signed by a parent or guardian explaining a legitimate reason for being out of uniform, and a date confirming when the uniform issue will be resolved. This note needs to be signed by a Student Engagement Leader and a Uniform Pass will be issued.

### **The following consequences will be applied for students out of uniform without a note:**

If the offending item/s can be removed:

The student will receive a detention.

If the offending item/s can be removed, they will be confiscated for a week. A parent is able to pick the item up from the Coordinators before the week is over.

If a student does not comply with the request, they will be withdrawn from classes with work to complete until the uniform can be corrected.

### **If the offending item/s cannot be removed or changed:**

We will try and correct the uniform with school supplies and if this is not possible the parent will be called to collect their student, so that the student can change into the correct school uniform. If a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the student will be removed from class with work to complete until the uniform can be correct.

### **Our school uniform policy is designed to assist with:**

- Student safety and identification.
- Promoting a sense of community and camaraderie.
- Eliminating discussion over what to wear to school and reducing pressure from student peers regarding what to wear.
- Promoting opportunity to increase student efficiency and organisation (regarding keeping uniforms clean and presentable).
- Supporting the setting of high expectations.

## **STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY/ARRIVING LATE**

A reminder to parents/guardians to notify the college prior to students arriving to school either via email, in writing (a note with student) or phone call if your child/ren are:

Arriving to school late - this is to avoid detentions being issued and students must sign-in at A-block reception

Leaving school early for a planned appointment - if prior knowledge is given our front office staff can arrange for your child/ren to be waiting for you to collect them at the front office

For emergencies/unplanned appointments or other reasons for your child/ren to leave school early - please contact the front office via phone so that we can arrange for your child/ren to be waiting for you at the front office to be picked up

Students must have parent consent and sign-out at A-block reception before departing the school grounds

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It is with great excitement that I welcome back our Year 9 and 10 students, families, and staff for the 2021 school year. I sincerely hope that everybody enjoyed their holidays. To our new students and their families, I extend a warm welcome to the College community. I look forward to working with you this year.

As a new member of the Narre Warren South P-12 College community, I would like to thank staff, students, and families for making me feel so welcome. It has been fantastic to see the energy, enthusiasm, and vibrancy as I walk around the school yard. During my visits to classrooms, I have witnessed a very calm and orderly learning environment, with high quality and dynamic teaching and learning taking place.

As I mentioned in an address to the Year 9 and 10 students earlier in the term, the middle years of secondary school are some of the most challenging and important years in a student's secondary education. During Years 9 and 10, students form the building blocks for their learning and organizational habits needed for study in the senior years. Students also begin to make important decisions around future education and pathways, and develop skills needed both at a tertiary level and in the workforce.

Year 9 and 10 is often a time of significant growth and development, where students transition into young adults, and will often experience many physical, intellectual, emotional, and social changes. Whilst this can sometimes be overwhelming, it is important to remember we have many processes and staff in place to help students if they ever feel they need any support.

The Year 9/10 Student Engagement Leadership team plays a significant role in supporting the wellbeing, engagement and learning needs of our students. The Year 9/10 Student Engagement Leaders for 2021 are:

## **YEAR 10**

Student Engagement Leader: Emilie Jones

Assistants: Nathan McLean and Danielle Routley

## **YEAR 9**

Student Engagement Leaders: Ellen Sfindilis and Peter Falzon

Assistants: Ryan Worboys and Kirrilee Smith

Please contact the Student Engagement team if you have any questions, concerns or need to pass on any important information.

At this time, I would also like to remind all students and families that our core business here at Narre Warren South P-12 College is to get the best from and for our students. To be successful in 2021 Year 9 and 10 students need to make sure they focus on adhering to the fundamental expectations and rules at the college:

- Turn up to all class on time, with the correct materials and equipment
- Be in full school uniform every day
- Complete all classwork and homework by the due date
- Work closely with classroom teachers to maximize learning
- Invest time to study and prepare for assessments
- Follow all teacher instructions and classroom routines
- Refrain from use of mobile phones and headphones

We have a busy year ahead of us and I hope it is a rewarding one for all involved. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

**RICHARD ALLAN** Assistant Principal (year 9 & 10 sub-school)

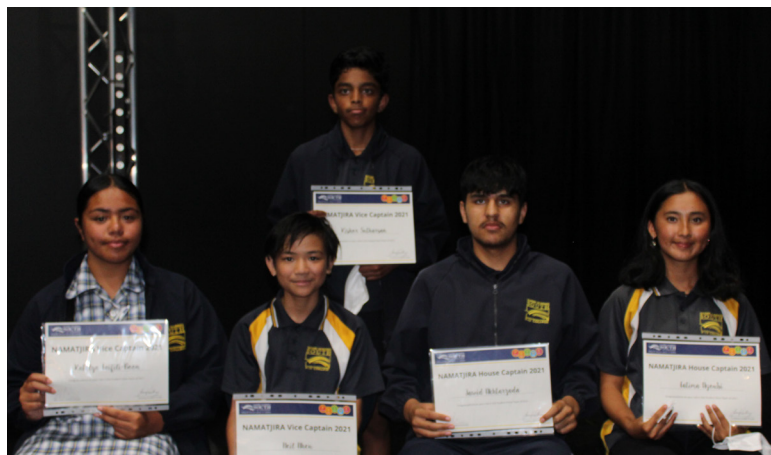
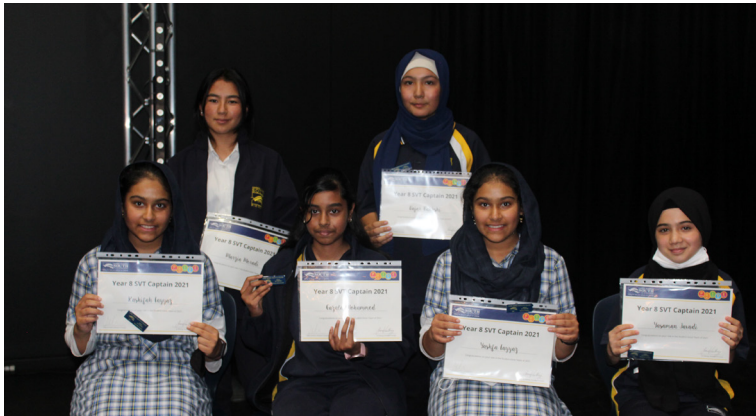
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## LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

We held the leadership assembly in the new Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 4th Feb. The student voice captains of each year level received their badges and certificates from the Student Engagement Leaders. Dr. Thatcher (our new Principal) opened the assembly with a short welcoming speech, and then we were treated to a musical performance by Shane Chidley, Loania, and Sadie.

The Arts captains, sports/house captains, debate captains, and the cyber team all received their badges and certificates with PRIDE.





# LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

