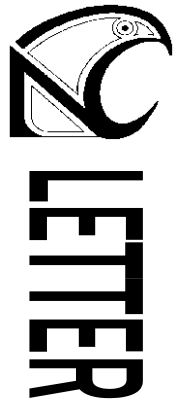


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

VALE NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I was appointed to this college as Principal in November 2010 and began here in 2011 and what an incredible journey it has been for me.

What is at the very core of this college?

- A community of students and their families who want to embrace the challenges of this college and share in the magic.
- Our students in large part have chosen to come to this college where inclusion and diversity of cultures are celebrated.
- They arrive in year 11 excited, keen to work hard, are sometimes daunted by workload and the unknown but are always aiming high. They certainly may face obstacles at times but there is strong support along the way, including our 3 session structure and Study Hub and they do seize the many opportunities both at college and then post college.
- Our students have choices: the Senior Secondary Certificate, the IB and the French Baccalauréat and in the classes they can choose. They can specialise in subjects they love, they can maintain diversity in their packages and in every class they will find like-minded peers with whom to share their learning journey.
- They can get involved in our community through joining SGG, the Green Team, Interact, Debating, volunteering, Outdoor Education, sport, playing music, bake sales, pancakes and much more– all empower them to look more broadly at the world and give back.
- I have ensured that our key priorities in our Improvement Plans overarch all we deliver across the whole college so that all students in every class have a voice and agency in their own learning. And at the very core of facilitating this is supporting student well-being.
- What we aim to deliver at this college is outstanding teaching by passionate teachers who are experts in their curriculum areas to provide the most dynamic learning environment so that our students can discover what they are interested in, develop their own learning journey and excel and they do!
- I acknowledge the significant support from my amazing deputies, Jenny Budd, Tom Kobal and Nicole Burg (2021), our wonderful Executive and our talented Administrative Staff led most capably by Kerri Morrison who all make a substantial contribution to our whole college community including successfully leading the last 2 +years of COVID management.

- We do have a powerful commitment from our parents and carers. You are definitely crucial to the success of your child's journey through college. I value the advocacy and support from our active Board and P & C Committee who continued to make an important contribution to this college.

What will I take away from my time as Principal of this college?

I have known thousands of students and shared their journey with them. They continue to be impressive: they love learning, they love being at this college, they value the diversity of this community and feel safe and accepted for who they are and they do want to make a difference to our world. I love their energy and that they have so keenly shared their journey with me.

Narrabundah College is an extraordinary college for senior secondary schooling and it has been a pleasure and privilege to lead this college for the last 11 years and one session.

Session 2 Beginning Tuesday, 26 April

The first week back to college begins with a Feedback Day for our students to meet with their teachers and take on board feedback from their Session 1 assessments.

It is crucial that students learn from the feedback they receive on their first day back in order to improve their outcomes.

Year 11 Students may choose to effect changes to their classes based on this feedback. They must discuss any proposed course changes with their parents and the Student Adviser.

The Year 11 Information Evening to be held online at 6.00pm Wednesday, 27 April on: **What do Scores and Grades Mean?** at which we will explain the scores and grades on the recently received reports and introduce the ATAR. **(See Login details below.)**

This will be followed by the Parent Teacher Afternoon on Thursday, 28 April where all parents/carers have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

Congratulations to:

- Our alumnus from the 2017 Cohort, Queenie L, who is off to Singapore to take up a DFAT posting.
- Tara Mairs who has been successful in being selected an IB Examiner – highly sought after positions for IB teachers.

I wish every success to the new Principal of Narrabundah College, Michelle Morthorpe, who will commence on 26 April and whom you will have the opportunity to meet at the events of week 1 Session 2

Regards

Kerrie Grundy
Principal

INFORMATION NIGHT REMINDER

A reminder to parents and carers that the Year 11 information night for "What Do Your Scores and Grades Mean?" will be held online from **6.00pm on Wednesday, 27 April**.

See classroom code below to join (this is the same code for the previous Year 11 information meet).

Classroom Code: [pzytm7r](#)

Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

REMINDER

**Parent Teacher interviews for feedback
on Session 1 Grades and Scores will be held on:**

Thursday, 28 April from 4.30pm to 7.30pm

From **9.00am, Monday, 4 April**, Parents/Carers can make bookings using the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) booking system available on the College website.

On Friday, 28 March you were emailed a login and a PIN. All parents/carers will need to use their PIN to access the PTO system to make a booking.

To make your appointments, follow the instructions below.

1. PTO is available on the College Website at: [PTO Bookings Narrabundah College](#)
2. Use your login/PIN that has been emailed to you to access PTO portal and make a booking.

If you do not have access to a computer or have any problems accessing your PIN (you may have changed your email address), please call the Narrabundah Office on 6142-3201 between Monday, 4 April and Thursday, 28 April for assistance.

Staff Information:

The Transition & Careers Adviser, **Glenda Nimmo**, will be at Reception from 4.30pm. If you would like to arrange a follow-up appointment with her, please speak to her there.

Student Advisers will be available in the Student Services Area, A Block from 4.30 - 7.30pm.

Julie Bauer	(Student surnames A – F)	Birgit Matwijw	(Student surnames M – Sm)
Assunta Corrado-Nitz	(Student surnames G – L)	Delisia Wiild	(Student surnames Sn – Z)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

YEAR 11 IB

- Our IB students have settled in and have had an excellent start to the year at Narrabundah College. Students need to ensure that their email details are up to date as all Year 11 IB students will be added to Managebac for Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) and Kognity for Environmental Systems and Societies - online IB learning support.
- Congratulations to Aditya G for competing and winning the Pi competition hosted by Dickson College.

YEAR 12 IB

- A number of Year 12 IB students are studying hard for their May exams in Language B and we wish them all the best. – Mock trials for these exams will be held in week 10 in the library.
- Extended essay drafts are to be submitted to their supervisors by Thursday, 24 March.

OUR IB ALUMNI NEWS

- Queenie L - (Cohort 2017) is off to Singapore for a posting with DFAT.

Christine Ward

International Baccalaureate & CAS Coordinator

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Students have now reached the end of Session 1, with end of unit tests and assessments finalised in weeks 8 and 9. Feedback will be given for Session 1 classes on the first day of Session 2, **Tuesday, 26 April**. Students will collect marked work from the scheduled classes from 9.00am until 12.45pm for all classes. This will be followed by compulsory talks covering reports, ATAR and Certification information. The normal timetable and classes will start the same day from 2.00pm.

Week 1 of Session 2 is a busy week. Apart from the normal flurry of starting new units, there are three key events that week. Firstly, **reports** for units completed in Session 1 will be issued to students at college **online...** On Wednesday evening **27 April**, an information session for parents and students on **“What Do Your Scores and Grades Mean?”** will be held **online** at 6.00pm. This session is targeted at both Year 11 students and their parents to assist in gaining a better understanding of their report including the grades and scores and the process used to derive them.

This evening is followed on **Thursday, 28 April** by the **Parent Teacher Evening** from 4.30pm-7.30pm. Parents can discuss results and gain feedback from teachers about their son's or daughter's progress in this first session. Parents will need to book online for this Parent Teacher Afternoon – information about this is on page 3 of the newsletter.

Year 12 students should see their Student Adviser early in Session 2 to ensure that their courses and scores are on track for whatever they are aiming for in 2023.

STUDYHUB

The after-hours Study Hub on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.00pm-5.30pm has been a huge success this first session. The combination of targeted skill sessions, general tutorial support and private study has drawn a consistently large group, especially the week leading up to tests.

UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test)

If you were planning to sit the UCAT in 2022, you will instead need to register for and sit the UCAT. The UCAT ANZ is a computer-based test delivered in Pearson VUE test centres throughout Australia, New Zealand and at some overseas locations. The UCAT will be a mandatory admissions test for many courses and programmes. A list of the universities requiring UCAT and further details may be found on the website www.UCATOfficial.com and <https://www.ucat.edu.au/UCAT> applications are currently open and close on 17 May 2022. Students should access the website for further information or speak with Glenda Nimmo in Careers. Any students interested in Medicine or health related careers are advised to set up relevant work experience if possible, throughout the year. They should also join the Google Classroom for Medicine and Health Sciences.

YEAR 12 AST PREPARATION NEXT SESSION

All Year 12 students seeking an ATAR must sit the AST tests on 6 and 7 September. To ensure students are well prepared for that testing, AST Preparation Sessions will be held on **Thursday afternoons next session** and all students wanting an ATAR must attend their designated sessions. These will be held during weeks 1 to 13 and the two full trials in the gym in Week 9.

Delisia Wiild
Student Services, Executive Teacher

Student Adviser Contact Details Depending on Student's Surname

Student Advisors	Student Surnames	Phone No./Email
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TBA School Psychologist		6142-3200

STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If a student is absent from College, an SMS absence notification will be sent to the student's primary parent/carer's mobile contact number. The SMS will be sent in the afternoon of the student's absence. Parents/Carers have 15 hours to respond to the SMS message. After this time, or if you do not receive an SMS, a written response, signed by the student's parent/carer, is required. If you do not receive a SMS, please advise the front office. The Student Absence Form can be found under "Resources & Forms" on the college website. Alternatively, an email can be sent to info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au. Ensure you include the student's full name, year, ID number and date/week of absence/s. Notifications made over the phone cannot be accepted.

We strongly encourage parents to reply to absences using the SMS notification within the 15-hour time frame.

If a student is absent for any assessment item or exam, or absent for four days or longer, a doctor's medical certificate is required.

2022 CALENDAR & STUDENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Calendar and Handbook can be found on our website.

http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/resources_and_forms/other_resources_and_forms

Click on **2022 Student Info Handbook**

Click on **2022 Student Calendar**

DIRECT ONLINE PAYMENT

There is a 'Payment' option on the school website (www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au)

Go to the **Payment** tab on the home page.

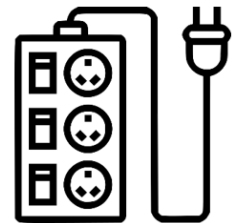
Click on **QuickWeb**

Please identify your payment by including the student's name.

Electrical items used at home

Like all electrical equipment, Chromebooks and chargers should be used with care and maintained to prevent damage:

- position power leads and equipment where they are not likely to be damaged or cause a trip hazard.
- use power boards with overload protection.
- make visual inspections regularly of the lead, plug and Chromebook before use for any cuts, damage, cracks, burnt areas, etc. If these are identified, do not use the item and report the issue to your school as soon as possible.
- remove faulty electrical items from use immediately and report the issue to your school.
- turn it off when you are not using it.
- contact the college if you would like your Chromebook tested and tagged.



FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT NEWS

“Seeds of Scientific Reporters” Project in Year 11 and Year 12



Ocean & Climate, “Seeds of Scientific Reporters” aims to offer middle and high school students the opportunity to be scientific mediators on a major Science-Society subject: the interactions between the Ocean and the Climate, which plays a central role in the climatic machine and constitutes a challenge.

Marine E-L, Anais B, Naia G, Louis L, Maxime C-B and Ana V take up this challenge and will interview an ANU scientist to warn their peers all around the world about the ocean acidification and the dangers for the Great Barrier Reef! Their video report will be published on the internet this winter.

Fabien Guiraud

Science Teacher et Project Coordinator

Science in English Project in Year 11: Videos about Famous Scientists

Year 11 students made some videos about the story and life of very important scientists through history who changed our perception of the position of Earth in the Universe and helped us to understand the planets' trajectories.

In this project, Year 11 students demonstrated creativity, energy and commitments. Well done to all of them!

Platform Parcoursup, Post Baccalauréat Studies in France

Year 12 students who would like to study in France after their Baccalauréat have registered their post bac studies applications on Parcoursup. The deadline to add applications on the platform is the 29 March and they have until the 7 April to finalise them.



Le Grand Oral - A new final exam in French Baccalauréat to develop and promote public speaking skills



During the last term before their final exams, each Year 12 student will develop a topical question related to their electives. Then they will research some solid arguments to answer.

Finally, they will give a 5 minute presentation of their work in front of a jury without any notes or material. This will be followed by questions from the jury about their topic but also their post-bac studies and future plans. This will last for 15 minutes. This new exam is about questioning/researching but also developing speaking skills.

Teachers will provide support and guidance to the students throughout the term to help them prepare.

What's On?

AP (Personal support) sessions for term 2

Year 12s focussed on Parcoursup and the "Grand Oral".

Year 11s are focussed on post-bac pathways and their specialties they are going to continue in Year 12. They also talked and debated about gender equality following International Women's Day.

Important Dates to Remember:

Term 1, Week 9:	Post Baccalauréat applications on Parcoursup to submit.
Term 1, Week 10:	Post Baccalauréat applications on Parcoursup to finalise.
Term 2, Week 1:	Info night for Year 11 parents and students about the new French Bac. Held online.
Term 2, Week 4:	17 and 18 May: Electives (specialites) exams for Y12
Term 2, Week 4:	20 May: DNL oral exams
Term 2, Week 6:	31 May and 1 June: ECE (Science prac exams) Year 12 and LLCE Elective oral Bac exam
Term 2, Week 6:	2-3 June: Grand oral mock exam - Year 12.
Term 2, Week 6:	2 June: Conseil de classe Year 12
Term 2, Week 7:	10 June: End of the classes Year 12 => revisions
Term 2, Week 8:	14 June: Conseil de classe Year 11
Term 2, Week 8:	15 June: End of the classes Year 11 => revisions
Term 2, Week 8:	16 June: Philosophy written exam Year 12
Term 2, Week 8:	17 June: French literature written exam Year 11
Term 2, Week 8-9:	17-22 June: Grand oral Year 12
Term 2, Week 9-10:	23-28 June: French literature Oral exams Year 11
Term 2, Week 10:	28 June 2022 French Baccalauréat results Year 12

Aurélie Le Nevez

French Baccalauréat Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all students and staff for your support of the library during Term 1. Many students have taken advantage of the various spaces to read, study and complete assessment tasks and it is great to see this facility so well utilised. A reminder that the Reference and Mezzanine areas are for quiet work only.

Texts loaned for Session 1 are due on Thursday, 31 March. Please ensure that all items are returned to the Library, Students are welcome to borrow books from the library over the holiday period and are encouraged to take a break from formal study and read some fiction!

Students, please remember that Library staff are available to assist you with assessment tasks. This includes finding resources, strategies for researching and referencing. We can work in your free lines and can be booked ahead. See any library staff to organise this help. We can also assist with any queries you may have with Turnitin, CiteMaker, printing and other IT issues. The Library Google page, **4siaes4**, contains many great resources, information and links to other libraries to assist with your studies.

In preparation for Anzac Day, Anna, our very creative Library Assistant, has put together an eye catching and informative banner to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin.

Best wishes to all students in their exams and course assessment items and we hope you have a restful break and return refreshed for Session 2.

Jenny Howard
Teacher Librarian

Library Opening Hours

The opening times are:

Monday	8.30am – 5.30pm (Study Hub)
Tuesday	8.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 5.30pm (Study Hub)
Thursday	8.30am – 4.00pm
Friday	8.30am – 4.00pm

This may help some students who are collected from the college after hours.

The library will open at 8.00am during exam periods.

Each day borrowing and returning will be available from 8.30am - 4.00pm.

Study Hub 3.00pm - 5.30pm Monday & Wednesday

Staffed by a teacher and qualified peer mentors (alumni students) that support students in many curriculum areas including English (includes the drafting process / preparation and presentation of orals), History, TOK, all Sciences and all levels of Mathematics. There is also some H course (ANU) support and specialised IB support - **FREE** to Narrabundah students.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

ARTS, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



The Arts and Design faculty has been buzzing with activities as the first term of the year draws to a close and many projects are getting finished. It was exciting to have our first lunchtime concert in over a year, showcasing our student talent and to feel the buzz of students completing sculptures and paintings, performing in the theatre, photographing, engineering, filming, editing, building and cooking! Here are a few snapshots from the last few weeks.

The school enjoying live outdoor lunchtime music from the music students.

The woodfired ceramics turned out beautifully and exhibited in the front foyer with the latest paintings.



Kerrie Grundy is doing her last interview of her principalship with the Media students

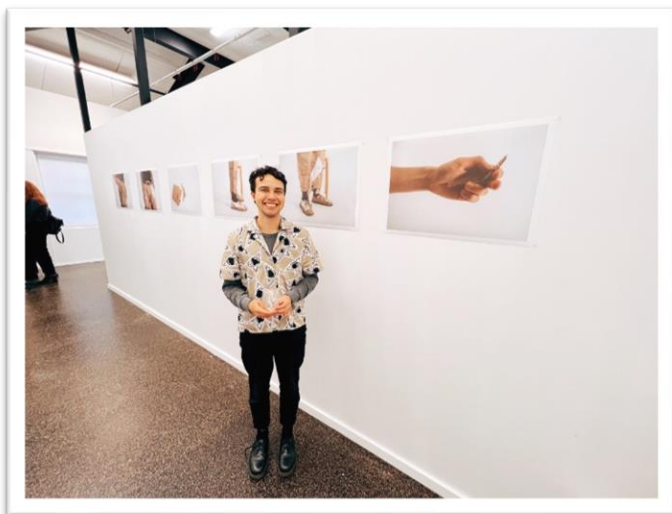


Students and staff enjoy a lunchtime recital from gifted past student Jacob W.



Even whilst in a week's isolation the drama teacher, Rachel Pengilly, is coaching the students in their last week of rehearsal.

The show must go on!



Narrabundah Alumni, Alexander Sarsfield has curated his first exhibition of work since graduating college in 2018. "Nestings collates understandings of our universal need and desire for comfort. Influenced by multicultural and personal experiences, as well as the shared difficulties in reaching a COVID normal, this exhibition explores how one may use materials, social and habitual rituals to evoke feelings of safety, warmth, and familiarity." The artworks, by Sarsfield and Melbourne based artists Jessica Tanto, Ashley Lavoyne Silaen and Megan Kamei, "compare these domestic tendencies to consider the diversity of what home comfort can be." Nestings is currently showing at Tributary Projects (Gorman House) until April 17.

David Appel
A/Executive Teacher, Visual and Performing Arts

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday, 23 March this year the newly elected Narrabundah College Parents and Citizens Association held their first general meeting. It was well attended with a large number of parents logging into the meeting and putting forward their views to the school.

Also, importantly, we were able to approve in principle the purchase of a new oven that will assist the canteen to provide a wider range of delicious options for students at school. Additionally, we ratified the previous P&C committee's strategic direction of promoting the wellbeing of students, rejuvenating the engagement hub, building active engagement with parents, continuing to prudently manage finances and advocating for positive educational policies.

With the exam period just completed, we wish the students and their parents/carers all the best as you look forward to a well-deserved holiday break.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the committee so that we can work together with the school to make the College a better place for students and their families. You can contact the P&C through our email at narrabundahpc@gmail.com.

We also invite you to attend and have your say at our next meeting, which will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, 18 May.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The P&C Team

LANGUAGES NEWS

Chinese Class VEP (Virtual Exchange Program) - To forge friendships and strengthen language skills.



Virtual Exchange Program with Tainan First Senior High School in Taiwan was launched on Friday, 11 March. This program combined communication skills, language skills and cultural awareness. It is a great opportunity for our Chinese students to connect with Tainan First Senior High School students to strengthen language skills and forge friendships.

The exchanges started with a presentation by students to introduce Taiwan and Tainan City, Australia and Canberra, working holidays in Australia

and followed by Q & A and small group conversations. These gave students the chance to ask one another detailed questions, such as school life.

Kevin Li, the coordinate teacher from Tainan First Senior High School worked relentlessly to overcome the issues of the three-hour time difference, technology and different school system so we can use Google Meet for this Virtual Exchange Program.

We will continue the program in Session 2 to explore more interactive, innovative, interdisciplinary, and immersive virtual program. If anyone would like to join us, please contact me in Language Staff room.

Grace Chen
Chinese Teacher

FIRST AID NOTICE

Please Note:
We DO NOT supply
ANY medication
to students.

GENERAL NOTICE FOR
PARENTS/CARERS

Parents are welcome to visit the Narrabundah College Front Office or call 6142-3200 to make enquiries regarding our students. Please do not walk around the college looking to make contact with staff.

COLLEGE CALENDAR



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[2022 Student Calendar](#)

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Important Dates



EVENT	DATE	TIME
Assessment Week - Student Free	1-8 April	
Parent Teacher Online (PTO) bookings open	4 April	9.00am
Road Ready	1 & 4 April	9.00am – 3.30pm
School Holidays	11-22 April	
Anzac Day Holiday	25 April	
Session 2 Commences - All Students	26 April	
Online Enrolments Open - 2023 Prospective Students	26 April	
Parent Info Evening for Year 11 Parents “What Do Your Scores and Grades Mean?” ONLINE - Classroom Code: pzytm7rm	27 April	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Parent Teacher Evening	28 April	4.30pm - 7.30pm
Work Experience and Vocational Placement applications OPEN	9 May	
Drama Camp	9-12 May	
IB Exams	10-11 May	
College Information Night - Including IB Presentations	12 May	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Board Meeting	18 May	4.30pm
P&C Meeting	18 May	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Public Holiday	30 May	