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THE 2014 NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE YEARBOOK



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^{*} an Aboriginal word meaning 'distant view', it compliments the majestic sight of the Dandenong Ranges

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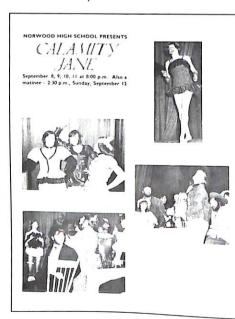
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FLASHBACK WEEMALA 1976



Thirty-eight years ago, Norwood was already well established with its tradition of welcoming students from foreign lands and sending some of their own abroad.

In just that one school year, Norwood hosted students from Bolivia, the U.S.A., and Malaysia, while sending some of their own to Japan and Egypt. (King Tutankhamun was a big deal at time.)



Closer to home, students were trying to avoid 'Late Notices' between bells, watching *Happy Days*, and staging their own performance of *Calamity Jane*.

It's good to see that our traditions have lasted the test of time.

MR. ANDREW SLOANE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The College's 2014 edition of the Weemala offers us an opportunity to reflect on the year that has just past. It also offers something that can be kept as a memento of your year at school – the value of which can increase with time. Memories of our past years can, indeed, be precious.

2014 has been an interesting year for Norwood Secondary College. With Mr Vin Virtue as Principal when the year commenced, then Mr Geoff Castles acting most ably in the role during Term 2 and 3 and, finally, in Term 4, a newly appointed Principal arriving, it has been a year of change.

The 2014 Weemala will reveal a year in which there were some very special events and some important transitions in the College's history.

The College Production of 'Beauty and the Beast' showcased our performing arts, with some outstanding leads and a very solid chorus, along with our traditional music concerts at which our very talented students had opportunities to impress audiences with some outstanding individual and group performances.

Our many 'sporty' students achieved some exceptional results — individually and in teams — and consolidated the College's position in the Region as a sporting force to be reckoned with. The staff who have supported these areas deserve our thanks and congratulations. Their efforts give our students enduring experiences of their time at Norwood.

Thank-you to the Norwood staff (teachers and support staff) for their involvement in our rich and varied programs. We are very fortunate to have the team of teachers and support staff that we do – they are a genuine 'team' and I became aware very early in my first term of how supportive our staff are of each other. Thank-you to the staff Leadership team – especially the Assistant Principals (Geoff Castles, Jackie Harris and Jenny Mason) - for their much appreciated support and advice this term.

Our student leaders of 2014 deserve



recognition. In particular, our Captains, Danya Matonti and Austyn Rayner, Vice Captains, Amber Rottinger and Ben Moore and the College Prefects and other student Leaders have been excellent role models in their various roles. Their support of the College and their leadership of the student body has been outstanding.

I trust all in our community will have a safe and restful break and those who are leaving us have great success in their ongoing journeys.

MRS. JENNY MASON, MR. GEOFF CASTLES and MRS. JACKIE HARRIS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

MRS. JENNY MASON: Our students continue to excel in many areas. In particular the Prefects have been supportive, enthusiastic leaders of the College in many ways and I thank them for their contribution. To the departing Year 12s, I wish them well for all their future endeavours whatever these may be.

MR. GEOFF CASTLES: It's been a busy and exciting year for Norwood and has finished with great promise and potential for the school community. I'd like to congratulate the Year 12 graduating class and wish them the best of luck for all their future endeavours.

MRS. JACKIE HARRIS (not pictured): I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the College Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects on their outstanding leadership and contributions this year. All the very best to each and every Year 12 student in pursuing their dreams and ambitions.





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orwood prides itself on the com- The tried and tested mixture of youth their oral and written examinations. mitment of its staff and the re- and experience has once again deliv- As a faculty, we would like to wish sults they achieve in the classroom. Here, the faculties reflect on the year that was and share with us some of their standout moments...

ENGLISH

In 2014 the English Domain focussed on improving students' reading skills as well as introducing a digital program at years 7 & 8. Literacy Planet was popular with students and an engaging way to improve spelling and A big thankyou and congratulations grammar skills.

and experience has once again delivered a comprehensive and interesting curriculum, incorporating the reguirements of AusVELS and the VCE. The staff would like to thank the students for their efforts to master this rigorous and sometimes difficult language and art form. Keep up the good work. We look forward to further mathematical discoveries together in the future.

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As a faculty, we would like to wish them the very best of luck in the fu-

In September this year, Norwood participated in the Victorian State Championships using the Language Perfect programme. Students spent hours learning and perfecting vocabulary in their target language and competed against different schools all over the state. I am pleased to announce that Norwood placed in the impressive position of 11th out of 190 schools.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

A recap of another successful scholastic year at Norwood.

texts and the context 'Identity and Belonging' was introduced at year 11. Year 10 students explored how hardship can affect our lives through the study of 'Overcoming Adversity'. Some excellent performances of ard. scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet' were seen in different classrooms and in the open air 'theatre area' next to the music block.

Year 9 students used advertisements in their oral presentations to show their understanding of persuasive language and it was good to see year 8 students doing their inquiry projects based around 'Whale Rider'. hard rehearsing for such events as Year 7 students focussed on reading through the use of literature circles and daily reading sessions.

MATHEMATICS

I would like to thank the members of the Mathematics Faculty for another successful year, well done! This year we were joined by Elisabeth Collins. Ann Anderson, Adam Cooper and Lauren Buckley who have been an excellent addition to the Mathematics team. Sadly we say farewell to Joanne Roughan, Jill Schroder, Ann Anderson and Adam Cooper who are off to new challenges. We thank them all for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work over their respective times at Norwood Secondary College

Year 12 students studied two new organising the Australian and ICAS There have been many exciting op-Mathematics Competitions, and all the students who took up the challenge. These students competed against other students Australia wide and performed at a promising stand-

PERFORMING ARTS

What an eventful year it has been for the Performing Arts Faculty in 2014. In Drama the students have been studying the dramatic elements and non-naturalistic theatre as well as completing solo monologues and scripted performances. The students in the Music faculty have worked the Winter and Spring concerts as well as numerous other events which you can find out more about on their featured Music page. The School's Musical, Beauty and the Beast was also a huge success with stand-out performances by both the cast and

LANGUAGES

As always, the Languages department has had a very busy year. I'd like to thank all the language staff who have worked so hard to keep promoting Languages at the college, our lan- show. guage assistants and of course, our group of diligent students who have worked so hard throughout the year. Our Year 12 students have worked

portunities for French and Indonesian students this year including: Crêpe Day, The Year 7 French poetry competition, the cooking and tasting of French and Indonesian cuisine, French fashion parades, Indonesian mask making, pen pal letters with New Caledonia and many more. Have a happy and safe break and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year, for a fun and productive 2015.

TECHNOLOGY

2014 has been another busy year in the life of the Technology KLA. A new Foods/Textiles coordinator and new staff have created challenges and opportunities for both staff and students alike. In term 1, VCE students visited "Top Designs" to get inspiration for their folios. In term 2, 8C had a bake sale and raised \$300 for UNICEF.

At the beginning of term 3 at the annual Spring Show was held. The best work from Technology and Arts were put on display for our community to view and appreciate. The event was catered for by the year 11 Food and Technology class, a group whose work we will be seeing in next year's

SCIENCE

2014 witnessed the implementation of the Science Master Class program. hard this year and have completed Students across the college were

presented with the opportunity to extend their classroom studies and excel in off campus workshops and tours at a variety of tertiary institutions.

Year 10 advanced science students received intensive hands on workshops in genetics/microbiology and chemistry at GTAC and La Trobe University Biochemistry Department. Professor Bunsen also visited the year 10s.

Year 9 immersed themselves with their new curriculum focussing on the exciting units, two of which were Forensic science and Microbiology.

7 ACE science had a consistent start to the year, finishing on a high with a special visit to Healesville Sanctuary for hands on classification activities to compliment and extend their studies in classification and ecology.

VCE students attended many excursions, including physics of Angry Birds and the synchrotron, GTAC, Melbourne Zoo and microscopy department at Melbourne University, Cunningham Dax at Melbourne University and Melbourne Aquarium and Latrobe University Chemical Science.

BUSINESS STUDIES

2015 was our first year without Collingwood fan Mr. Ted Walsh, now in 'domestic bliss', enjoying his retirement. We welcomed Miss Munford to the team this year and thank her for her wonderful contribution to the teaching of 'Out on Your Own'.

Yet again it was a busy year with Y11 Legal Studies visiting the courts and Margoneet Prison while the Year 9 students had 'Jamie' from the Startsmart Program entertain them with his humour whilst actively engaging them in his presentations on Earning, Saving, Spending and Investing.

We had strong numbers in our senior classes this year and we are pleased to see that the majority have acquitted themselves well throughout the year and into their exams. To our students that are leaving the shelter of

Norwood and moving in new directions we wish you well for the future.

HUMANITIES

2014 has been a dynamic year of incorporating new units of study and refining our existing units and the Humanities' staff have, once again, instilled their passion and enthusiasm for the teaching of these subjects.

History units have been taught at all levels in the college and comprise of core and elective units at different year levels, covering everything from the desert sands and pyramids of Egypt, to studying the life and mysterious death of the Ice Man, 'Otzi'; from the fearless Vikings, to the trenches of World War 1; and on to the revolutions that changed the shape and direction of the world.

Our Geography program has grown across the college and examines both the natural and human environments of our world. This year students studied topics as diverse as mapping, landforms and landscapes, climate, natural systems such as coasts, and thematic studies such as farming and sustainability.

Fieldwork components included activities such as visiting Edendale Farm, a model sustainable farm run by the Shire of Nillumbik; and a local area study in the North Ringwood area, looking at diversity and liveability in the urban environment.

HEALTH EDUCATION

From developing personal health goals in Year 7, to analysing influences on self-esteem and cyber safety issues in Year 8 to decision making, alcohol and drug education in Year 9, just to name a few, students are provided with a variety of engaging learning activities across each year level.

In Year 10 Healthy Children, students learnt about the fascinating facts of pregnancy and birth, including foetal development and the importance of maternal nutrition.

Our Year 11 students have spent the year developing their knowledge around prenatal, child, youth and adult health and development. Once again, it was great to see most of our students were eager to take on the challenge of being a 'parent' to a newborn 'infant' for a 72 hour period in our ever-popular Baby Real Care program.

In contrast, our Year 12 students spent the year looking at the health status of Australia's population then shifted our focus to global health and development to gain insight into why there are such marked differences between levels of health and development around the world.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A major focus of the year in class has been participation and movement. Students had opportunities out of class in our new afterschool Fun and Fit program, where they were encouraged to enjoy themselves and experience the benefits regular physical activity has on the mind and body.

A real VCE highlight was when the vear 12s attended Monash Frankston to apply understandings of theory through utilising the latest assessment technology available to athletes and sport scientist's. Our year 11 students did a fantastic job coaching the year 7s in a variety of sports.

At year 10 our students had the opportunity to partake in driving sessions at METEC, for some this was their first experience driving a manual car. The Outdoor Education course had another very successful year filled with surfing, hiking, snorkeling, skiing and bike riding.

Year 9 students experienced a wide variety of sports, including lawn bowls, wheelchair basketball, fencing, self defence, laser tag and rock climbing while the Year 7-8 the focus was participation, team work and developing new skills.

Check out The Year in Review to see more of what happened in 2014.







THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Because school is about more than what happens in the classroom.







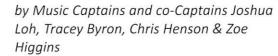








































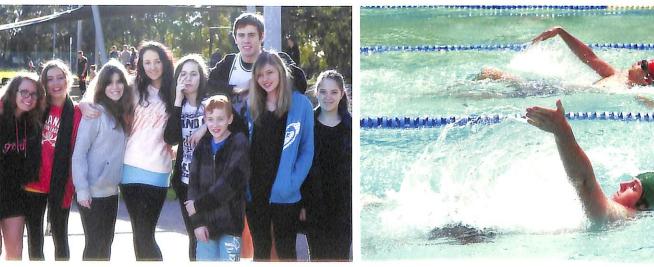
















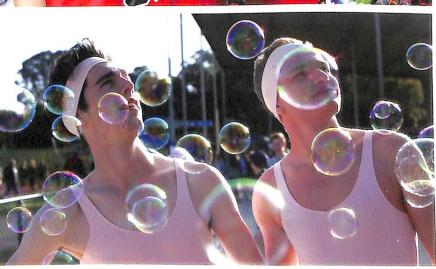












YEAR 9 SUMMIT CAMP

SPORTS AT SCHOOL DAYS













REFLECTIONS ON CITY EXPERIENCE



Early morning, tired eyes all around we're Waiting on the platform for the train. Flinders street station a wonderful sight, allowing Culture to mix in Melbourne. Fed Square a ground and unique meeting place Noisy crowded finishing our great race Graffiti covered the smelly alleys Showing us different people's ideas Yarra River so full of life and joy Running right through the city of Melbourne In the street art tour we walked around Through the emptiness and underground smells Graffiti brings colour to Melbourne streets A cool twist to otherwise boring lanes China town an explosion of culture colours And smells not seen in Ringwood yet Unleashing our inner radio host Broadcasting the wonders of the city At the shrine we learnt about our heroes The city people made me very sad The market contained some delicious food

Waking up early was pain We had to catch the metro train Some people got left behind Slept in, eyes closed, they blind We arrived at Flinders Street station But don't be mistaken, this ain't a vacation We have to work hard and learn In the heart of Melbourne We all made a show for the radio We did math and used the golden ratio Eureka was high as the eye can see Lots of people were scared, but not me We ran an Amazing Race through the city All the sights were pretty, pretty We went to the Shrine, but nothing was open When it came to lunch, KFC is what was chosen We were told a story about the Big Issue It was so sad; I think I need a tissue We had lunch at Lygon Street I ate so much pizza, it really was a feat At Victoria Market people were selling stuff There was a guy selling Churros and he gave you heaps, like 50 Churros, and I was like WOAH dude that's enough We learnt about the messages in street art

We learnt about the messages in street art Some of it is dumb; some of it is very smart A was the time we spent in the city When we left, it was a pity.

by the students of 9C























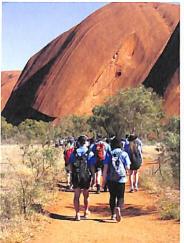




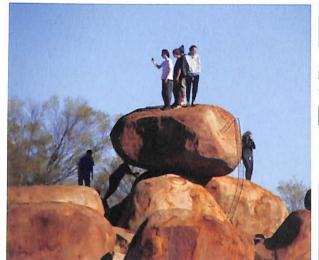


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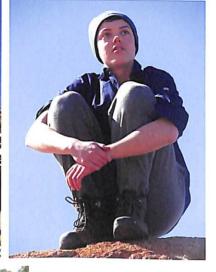












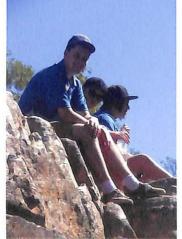




















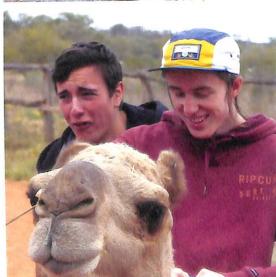










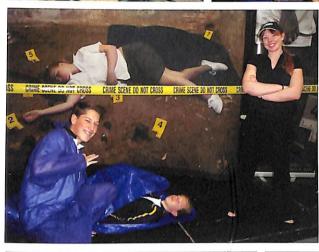


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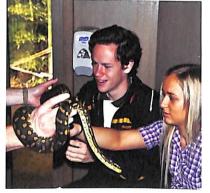


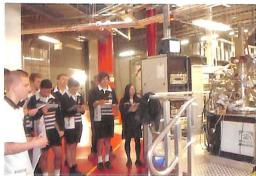






















THERE'S NO CAMP LIKE SNOW CAMP











THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

It has been a pleasure to co-ordinate the Enrichment Program at Norwood this year. There have been many exciting opportunities in which students involved in this program can participate.

The Year 9 class had many highlights this year, including a wonderful Inquiry into the United Nations. After many weeks of research, students set up a display in the library which was open to parents, staff and other students.

Each Year 9 Enrichment student designed and set up their area within which they explained their research and answered any questions in regards to the particular area of the United Nations that they had studied. The depth of knowledge was outstanding and the students should be very proud of their achievements.

This year a team of eight Year 9 Enrichments students had the oppor-Decathlon Day. Students competed against many different schools in ar-Poetry, Code Breaking, General Knowledge, Science, Public Speaking



and Engineering. Several students were in winning teams on the day.

The Year 7 and 8 Enrichment classes have also been involved in a range of exciting and challenging activities.

tunity to compete in an Academic Some of these include a girls' science excursion, a trip to Healesville Sanctuary, an extended research project, eas including English, Maths, Art and a French fashion parade, designing products and creating film advertisements for them, being introduced to

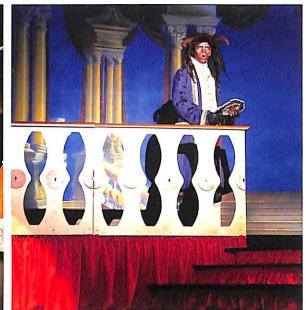
the study of Shakespeare and many more. In their day to day classes, students study topics and complete tasks designed specifically to deepen and broaden their knowledge.

For three years, the program has been very successful and I am looking forward to being involved with its development and planning new things for our Enrichment Program students in the future.

Mrs. Lauren Coburn













































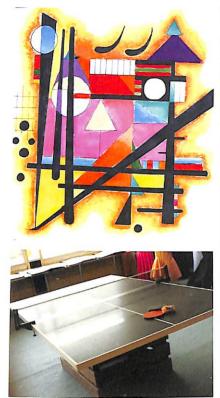






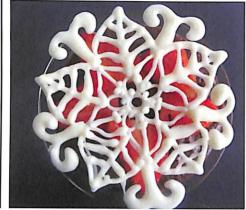


MR. WILSON'S AMAZING YEAR



























It has been a very special year for Norwood's Mr. Michael Wilson. Not only did he lead a number of girls' cricket and football teams to great victories, he also received the honour of having the school's oval named after him for all of his great sporting contributions to Norwood. And what a year of sporting highlights he was a part of...

GIRLS FOOTBALL: The Seniors team had a tremendously successful year, winning the Division Premiership for the 18th (out of the past 20) years. Defeating Koonung and Camberwell, they were undone by a strong Lilydale who went onto the State Finals. Standout players included Lucy Whelan, Kate Borzym, Dilek Ugrasbul, Chelsea Ryan, Jorga Van Unen and Natasha Belo.

The Juniors, split into a Purple and a Gold team, also had great successes. While Purple was very competitive, Gold proved themselves to be a truly dominant force and thanks to them

Norwood again won the Division Premiership for the 18th out of 20 years.
On State Grand Final day Norwood and stormed home against Bendigo



in the last quarter of our semi final. The very best could be Ashleigh Allsopp, Madalyn Robins, Shae Copley, Jaymee Tough, Maddie Edwards, Ashleigh Watt and Paris Dewatch.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS CRICKET: The championship team, captained



truly memorable twelve months for Year 8 cricket. This time last year, they achieved a rare double (and school cricket first) when they won both the Cricket Victoria T20 Premiership at the MCG (133 runs to Hawkesdale's 118), and five days later the School Sport Victoria Premiership at Albert Park, 124 runs to Bendigo South East's 98.

Another highlight was being presented with the SSV premiership medals at Albert Park by former Norwood student, Julie Hunter, who opens the bowling for the Australian Women's cricket team.

And this year's team almost did the same again, led by Claire O'Brien and Caitlin Jackson, coming with just one run of taking out the State Grand final against Trinity College. Nevertheless, the thrill of playing on the MCG with the support of parents, grandparents and siblings ensured every girl felt like they were a winner on the day.

A final congratulations to all of the girls who played so well this year and added so much to the school's legacy.



















PRESENTATION NIGHT

After such a busy and rewarding year, the Presentation Night is a wonderful way to close 2014 and recognise the outstanding academic achievements of Norwood's students.

Amongst the many awards presented during the evening, Norwood's leading award, the Fidelis, went to Tracey Byron and Jordan Galbraith from Year 11, Tessa Lai Sang and Rowan

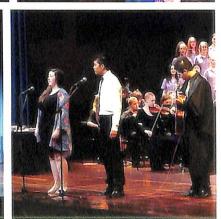
Arblaster from Year 10, Chloe O'Brien and Ryan Brook from Year 9, Jessica Freitag and Sebastian Kostas from Year 8, and Emily Sweeney and Jared Halden-Cornish from Year 7.

A huge congratulations to all of those worthy recipients and to all of the students who were recognised for their outstanding commitments to their studies this year.

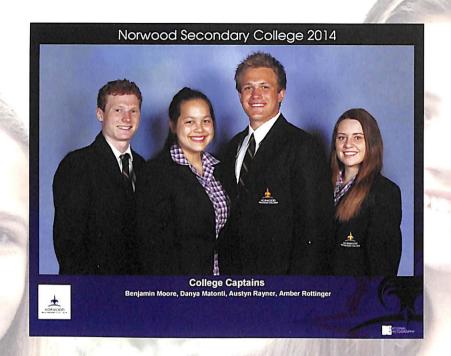




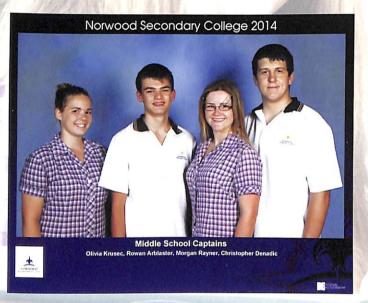


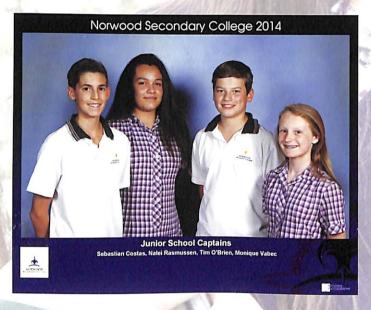


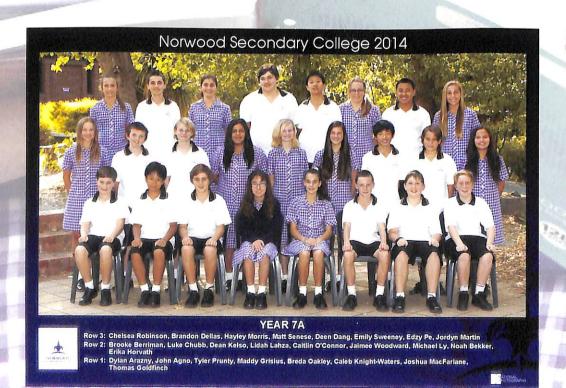
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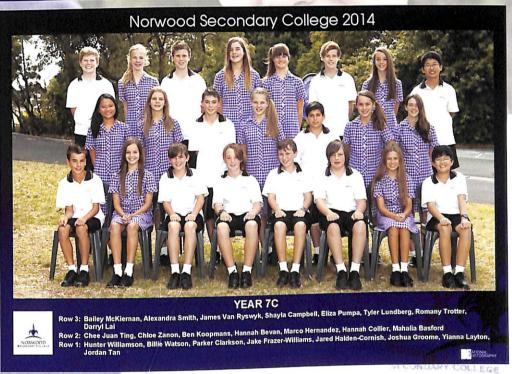
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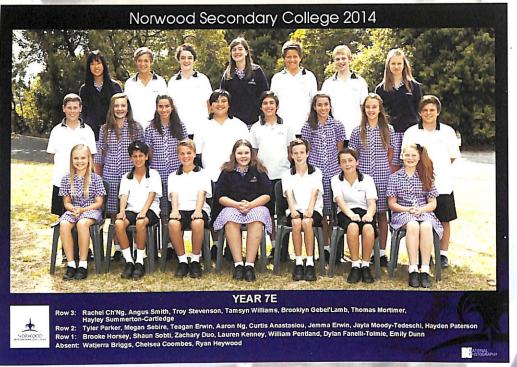


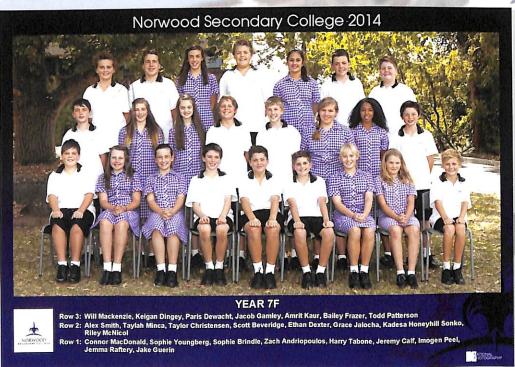








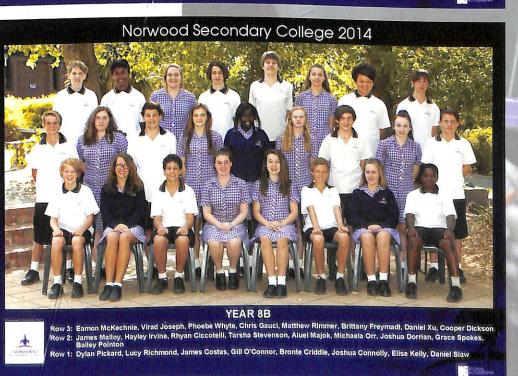


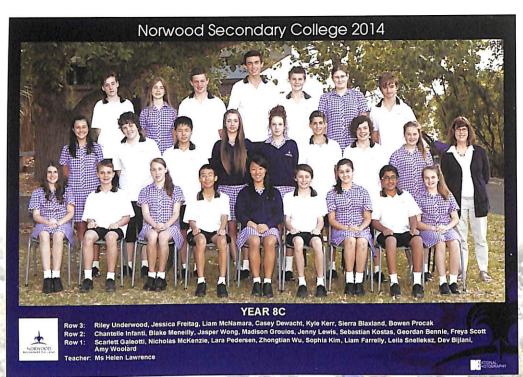


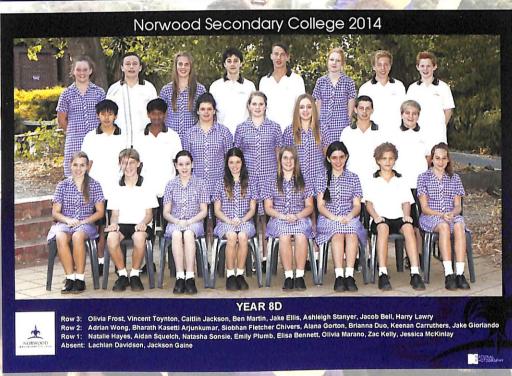


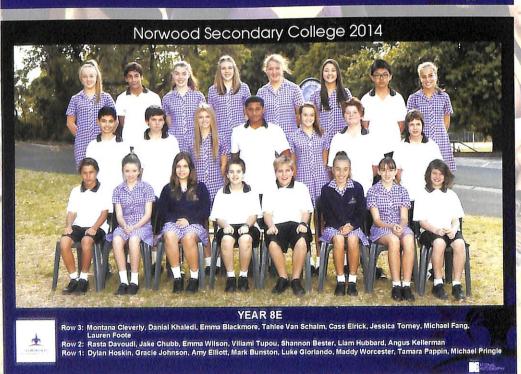






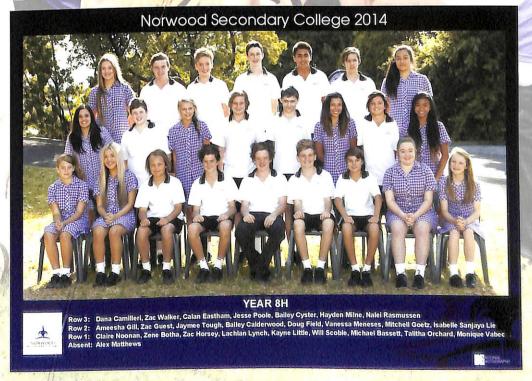


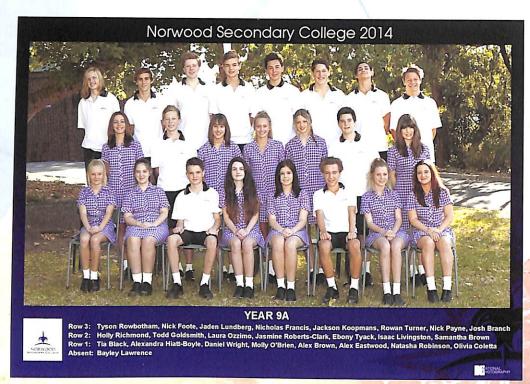






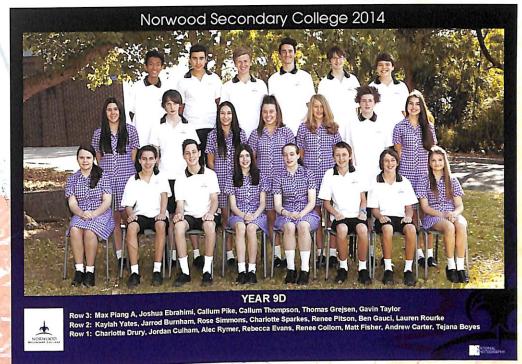








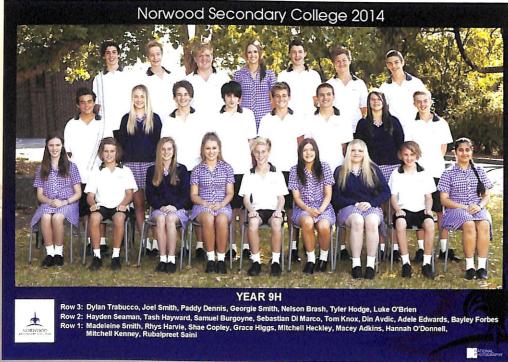


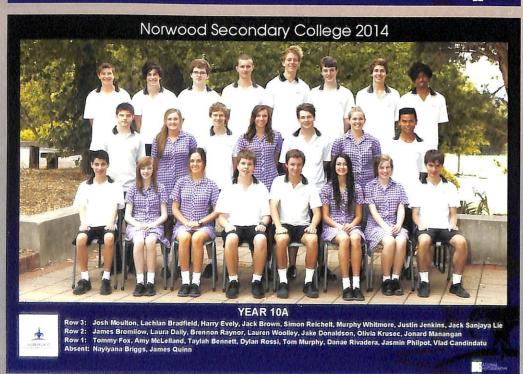


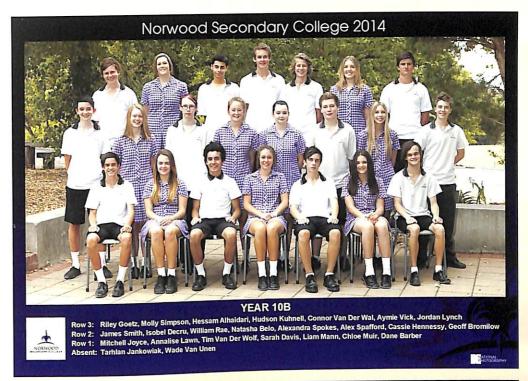


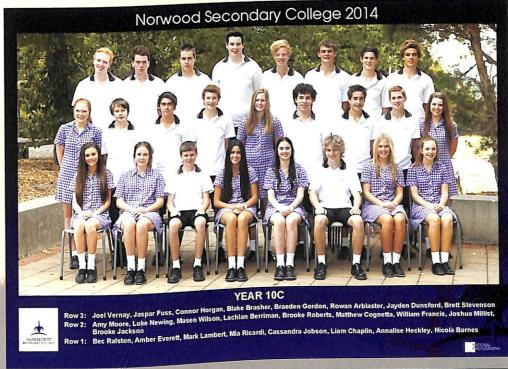




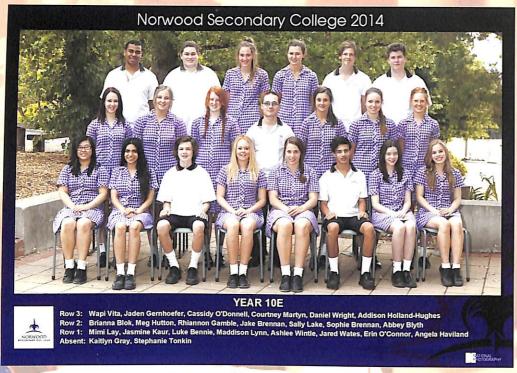


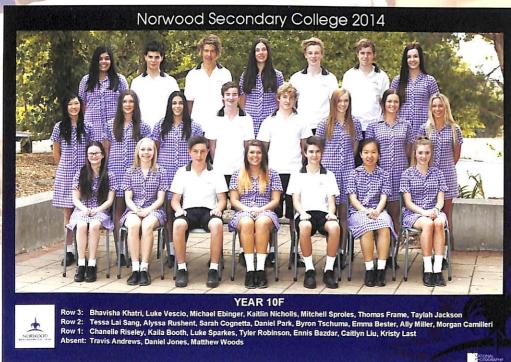








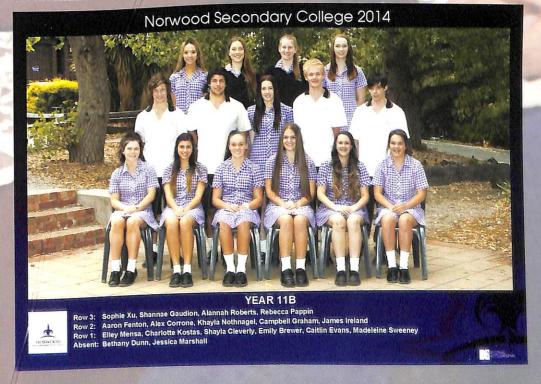




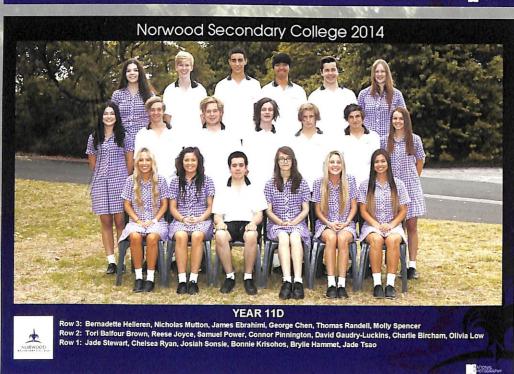




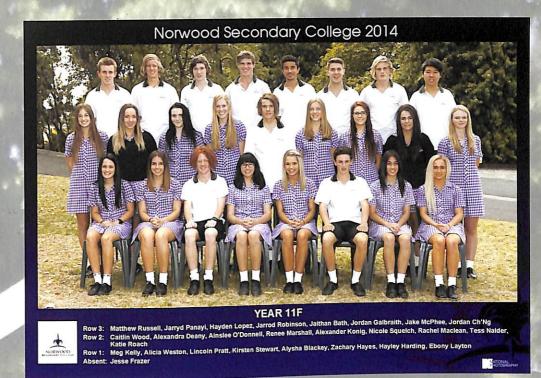


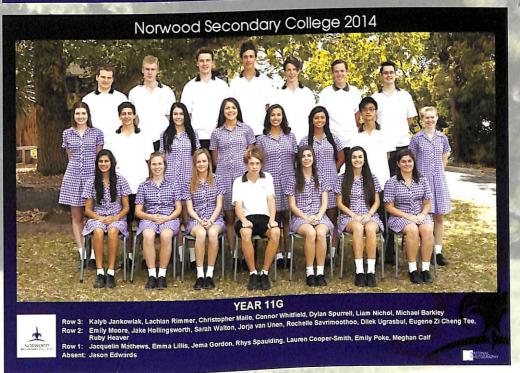






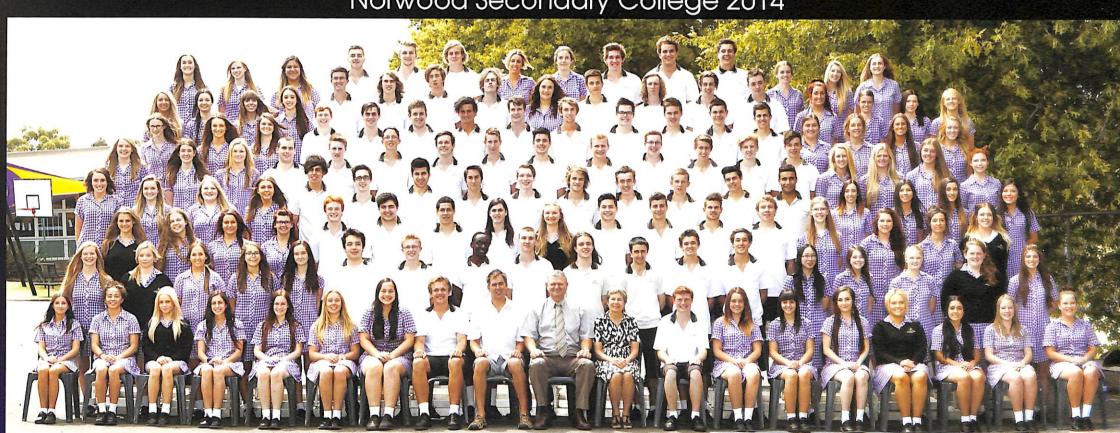








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