

Student Free Day – No Students

Friday 20th May

Family & Friends Open Morning

Thursday 26th May RC Early Years A&B

Thursday 26th May LC

Friday 27th May RC Middle Years A, B & C

Friday 27th May Norris Bank

Photo Day RC LC

Tuesday 7th June

Photo Make up day

Wednesday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 13th June No School

Last Day Term 2

Thursday 23rd June 3:00pm

SSG Day

Friday 24th June No Students

2022 Term Dates

Term 1:

1st February to 7th April

Term 2:

26th April to 24th June

Term 3:

11th July to 16th September

Term 4:

3rd October to 20th December

Uniform Shop RC

Monday 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 9:30am

Thursday 2:45pm – 3:45pm

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From the Principal

Term 2 has had a busy start. I have had the pleasure of visiting a lot of classrooms across the school over the past two weeks. The Teaching Teams are working hard to engage the students. Northern School for Autism is very fortunate to be so well resourced.

Lalor Campus Upgrade

As a school community, we are overjoyed with the announcement of \$20.3 million being allocated towards an upgrade of our school. We know that our incredible Teaching, Education Support and Allied Health staff currently provide the best Teaching and Learning Programs for our students, however, this money will mean that we can now design and build 21st century facilities that will help us to further advance the learning opportunities for our students. We will be looking to include universal design principles across our new classroom facilities, so that students of all abilities can access all learning spaces, and we are very excited about the prospect of having subject specific spaces such as a sports court, music and drama facilities and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics) spaces.

Coronavirus

Whilst the vast majority of restrictions have been removed, it is important to remember that the coronavirus is still circulating, and there are still exclusion periods in place for any staff member or student that tests positive. People who test positive must isolate for 7 days from the date of a positive test. Household contacts no longer need to isolate; however, they are required to wear a mask and record a negative daily test for the 7-day period. Please note that if your child is a household contact and cannot wear a mask, then they should not be attending school for the period of the positive case isolation, as the virus is still a threat to the vulnerable students at our school.

Northern School for Autism Newsletter

Enrolment for 2023

Enrolments for 2023 are filling up fast. Please email me if you have a child at home who you are thinking will need to be enrolled at Northern School for Autism in 2023.

Attendance

It is vital that every student attend school as much as possible. Every Day Counts. Sometimes, we lose sight of the number of days that our children do not come to school and without realising it, these days quickly add up. The impact of missed learning time can be significant; a student absent for an average of 20 days per year for 13 years, will miss out on 52 weeks of learning over the course of their school life. This term we will again be focusing on student attendance and working with families to break down any barriers that may be impacting our students attending school on a regular basis. We do understand that the last 2 years have been very difficult for some of our students to engage back at school and that it has increased anxiety. Please reach out to your child's teacher or your relevant Principal Class Officer if you need support in improving your child's attendance. The Leadership Team will be monitoring student attendance data, and who work with those students who have been identified as being severely chronically absent or chronically absent attendees regularly, will be in touch with you in the coming weeks if your child is at risk of chronic absences.

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

NSA SCIENCE FACT



**Koalas and humans are
the only animals with
unique footprints.**

Room 6

The students in Room 6 are enjoying their time at school. They know the routines of the classroom and are enjoying our classroom activities. The students are enjoying using other areas of the school such as the Art room, the gyms and the STEAM building. They particularly like the VR room and the roller coaster ride.

We have been reading a variety of books in both English and Maths such as 'Brown bear, brown bear', 'The giants ice cream' and 'I went walking'. The students have enjoyed the activities we have done based around these stories in particular making their own 'Brown bear, brown bear' books.

This term we have been doing gymnastics and the students have loved trying a variety of activities and equipment.

Room 24

Room 24 have had a busy and fun-filled start to the year! We love our weekly swimming lessons, excursions to Bounce, sessions in the STEAM building and our music sessions,

We are practising our gross motor skills in the Middle Years' Gym, conducting science experiments and experiencing the 'chemical science' incursion and making delicious sausage rolls in our cooking sessions in the kitchen.

We are making great progress in our maths and English skills and our leadership and group work skills. We can't wait to see what we will do next!

LC4

Great start to the term for students in LC4! LC4 students have been actively engaging and enjoy running the '*Coffee Morning*' program. The program is aimed to develop good customer service skills, food preparation, personal hygiene, kitchen safety, money handling and the ability to work as a part of the team. The students have shown great progress as they greet staff and take coffee and tea orders. We look forward to continuing the program with the intention to hosting '*Coffee Mornings*' for families and friends.

Hello, my name is Monica, and I am one of the four learning specialists at Northern School for Autism. Our roles are different, but we all have a similar aim of supporting teachers to create structured and individualized programs for the students at NSA.

As a classroom teacher, I have the privilege of working in Room 26 and we have been enjoying the new portables at the Reservoir campus. As a learning specialist, I had the opportunity to help kickstart the tutoring program for the year. The students have been settling well into the program, where they have been working on ELSB with Cathy. It is always heartwarming to see them enjoy their time with Moe the Frog. I have also been mentoring teachers and modelling sessions. This gives me the opportunity to work with different students across the school.

We have had a great start to the year here at NSA and I look forward to more great things to come.

Northern School for Autism



FAMILY and FRIENDS

OPEN MORNING

Reservoir

Thursday 26th May Early Years A and B (Room 1—Room13)

Friday 27th May Middle Years A, B and C (Room 14—Room 26)

9:15AM – 10AM.

Norris Bank Friday 27th May 9.45am -10.30am

Lalor Thursday 26th May 9:15am – 10am

****Open mornings are for family and friends of current students only. ****