



## Welcome To Northcote High School

Thank you for applying to study at Northcote High School where we focus on educating our students for the 21st century by challenging curious young minds and equipping them with the necessary knowledge, skills and attributes to engage with life as confident participating citizens. Our vision and own values of Achievement, Curiosity, Humanity, Fairness are at the forefront of our school community and underpin all of our systems and procedures.

### **Our School**

Established in 1926, Northcote High School has built a rich tradition of academic excellence, dedicated innovative teaching, quality facilities and caring student support. We preserve this core and stimulate progress through our widely acclaimed Music, Science, Art & Design and Sporting programs.

The school's extensive academic, co-curricular and pastoral care programs encourage students to develop their own educational pathways and explore individual interests with opportunities to participate in Public Speaking, Debating, Coding, chess Clubs, Public Art Projects and many more.

Students are supported by award-winning teachers and have access to modern facilities including library, Performance & Visual Arts Centre, Design & Technology centre, outdoor sports centre and gymnasium. A purpose-built centre caters for the international program specifically and other facilities such as senior study centre, student wellbeing centre and computer facilities throughout the school ensuring international students are well supported.

### **Local Environment**

Northcote High School is situated at the southern end of the City of Darebin, on St Georges Road, Northcote. A tram service operates from the front of the school and the train station is only a five minute walk away. The location of the school is a drawcard for many families considering enrolment.

Northcote is an inner suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, 6 km northeast of Melbourne's Central Business District. It is a suburb with a village vibe, where older Greek and Italian residents live alongside artists, musicians and young families. It's a hub for live music, with shows at Northcote Social Club and the intimate Uniting Church. Innovative eateries and bars, plus shops selling designer goods, line High Street and spread into neighbouring Thornbury. The Westgarth Theatre shows movies in art-deco surrounds. Northcote has a huge variety of recreation facilities and sports clubs for residents and visitors to enjoy, catering to all interests.

### **Learning Resources**

In Year 10 students choose from a range of different courses enabling them to further customise their learning experience, to challenge and extend themselves or to embed skills in particular

learning areas. The Year 10 program in conjunction with year 9 is known as The Northcote Model: further information is enclosed.

In Years 11 and 12 students study the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and we offer a broad range of subjects that students can select from. From 2017 we have also offered the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) program, which has been undertaken by a small group of students. It is common for students who have demonstrated good learning behaviours to advance by undertaking a VCE unit in Year 10. Students can also elect, as part of either program, to study a Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject. NHS has very successful partnerships with external VET providers as well as offering some on campus.

For year 10, 11 & 12 booklist, please refer to the attachment.

Each learner at Northcote High School has access to a portable, networked digital device, such as a notebook, macbook or tablet that connects each learner with their teacher and other learners or experts, multimedia resources, software for learning and online tools and applications. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is delivered to students across all their subjects. Through the use of a range of software, students develop an understanding of how these can be applied to various activities undertaken in and beyond the classroom.

All students at NHS must have a 1:1 device. Students in Years 10-12 may choose the device they bring in accordance with the minimum specifications set out by the school. Please refer to the attached Bring our Own Device Requirement. For all students the device will be family owned. Some support will be provided by the IT team at school, but any damage, viruses, technical or insurance issues will be managed at home.

### **Online Communications Environments**

Northcote High School has two major portals that are used to communicate information to students and families:

- ❖ Compass is a portal that allows families to stay informed about what their child is involved in at the school. Through Compass parents and students can pay for excursions, approve attendance at school events, book parent teacher interview times, stay up to date with important school news through a “newsfeed”, email teachers and see the student’s timetable.
- ❖ MyNorthcoteHigh is a Learning Management System (Accessed through Compass) that allows students to interact with teachers, peers and resources to enhance their learning. Students can gain access to work, digital resources (videos, quizzes, and web-links) and assessment tasks that are specific to each of their subjects. Students and families also have access to a calendar that shows upcoming due work and school events that they are connected to. Most importantly myNorthcoteHigh is the portal where students and families receive feedback on assessment tasks; in terms of achievement and areas for improvement.

### **Extra-curriculum activities**

Our exciting programs include: Music, Sport, Debating, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Duke of Edinburgh program and NHS Green, which means there’s just about something for everyone to enable them to realise their potential.

NHS’s rich and active co-curricular program also includes:

- ❖ Debate & Public Speaking competitions
- ❖ In-house sport activities
- ❖ International study, cultural and leadership tours
- ❖ Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice Group
- ❖ Annual Arts / Design Enrichment Project activity
- ❖ Anime Club
- ❖ Aerobics Team
- ❖ Annual School Production
- ❖ NHS Publications Group
- ❖ Chess team
- ❖ Annual Cooking Competition

### **Support Services**

- ❖ After class tutorial & Homework Club staffed by caring and experienced teachers
- ❖ Student Wellbeing Service (School nurse & psychologist) and support from youth
- ❖ Careers Resource Centre and access to a personalised Career Pathway Advisor.

Studying at Northcote High School is a rewarding and exciting experience and we look forward to supporting you through your studies with us to ensure successful outcomes.

Yours faithfully

International Student Office

Northcote High School

Please note:

Students and families are provided with the welcome package containing essential documents which outline the school policies, homestay policy, cost of books and uniform, booklist, emergency cards and information about living in Australia. These documents are designed to make the transition as smooth as possible. It allows communication to take place between students and teachers prior to arrival in Australia, and upon arrival- an ongoing support system.

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