



**NORWOOD
INTERNATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

A PLACE TO GROW,
LEARN AND DISCOVER

2026 SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

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SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

AT NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Norwood International High School has a proud and enduring tradition of academic excellence and opportunities for all. We are a vibrant, progressive learning community with 1650 students from diverse cultural backgrounds and aim to develop engaged, global citizens. Our school is indeed a unique place to grow, learn and discover.

At Norwood International High School we recognise that each student brings a unique set of skills, talents and interests with them. We value this diversity and aim to develop every student as an individual. In this way, we seek to inspire a passion for learning and engage our students in a world class learning experience that extends their individual strengths and empowers them to achieve their personal best in all aspects of learning and life.

Our vision is to empower curious and compassionate global citizens, shaping a better world for themselves and their community.

This commitment is also underpinned by our embedded core values of Curiosity, Community, Integrity and Diversity, and our motto, by daring and by doing, which emphasises the combination of confidence, curiosity, courage and action to overcome challenges, achieve success and accomplish purposeful goals.

We are proud of our long history and traditions of academic excellence and opportunity for all, and know that our future plans will continue to enhance our students' learning experiences.

In the middle years our year 7-9 students undertake the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme, a program that encourages students to become curious, caring and insightful learners.

Senior students in years 10-12 may then extend their learning to study either the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to complete their Secondary Education.

These senior learners choose from extensive curriculum offerings catering for a range of preferred pathways, interests and specialisation. They have access to outstanding specialist facilities, as well as unique study and meeting spaces, that promote both independent and authentic learning experiences.

We are incredibly proud of our diverse curriculum offerings across Years 7-12 and our successful special interest programs (SIP): **Italian Immersion, STEM and Rowing.**

These three selective entry programs begin in year 7 and continue to support student's passions and interests throughout their middle schooling to the end of Year 9. Following these programs our special interest students then explore individualised programs in Senior School.

We invite you to read more about these outstanding programs in this booklet and encourage you to [visit our website for more information](#) about the year 6 SIP selection process.

Please know that regardless of what your passion, talents and career aspirations may be, you can find your special place at Norwood International High School – a place to grow, learn and discover!



ITALIAN IMMERSION

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The Special Interest Italian Immersion program is a unique and innovative approach of learning Italian through Humanities and Humanities through Italian. Students are taken on a journey, immersed in Italian from the beginning. They develop high levels of Italian language together with a growth in understanding of concepts and perspectives in Humanities.

Our program challenges students to think critically and to discover more about the world. Students explore multiple perspectives of the historical and geographical concepts which contributes to a richer world view. Students have the opportunity to develop strong language skills and intercultural understanding which enables them to connect more authentically as engaged global citizens.

It is not a prerequisite that students have studied Italian at primary school or are of Italian background.

Through the program, students become effective communicators and emerge with an understanding of how to use language within, between and across languages and cultures. These literacy skills are transferred across the other Learning Areas.

Students have the opportunity to apply the skills and experiences in real world contexts, such as interacting with our Sister School in Italy.

Students grow as global citizens, expanding their horizons through integrated learning experiences. They develop resilience and confidence and become more open minded, welcoming, and embracing of change. Students learn to trust in their own ability, preparing them to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Structure of the Program

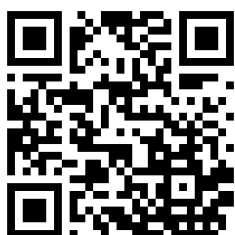
Our program is designed as a 3 year program, starting in Year 7 and concluding at the end of Year 9. Students will then have the opportunity to study Stage 1 Italian in Year 10. Students selected for this program are placed together in the same Italian and Humanities classes opportunity over the 3 years.

In this program, students accelerate their learning of Italian and Humanities through both subjects. The learning is carefully structured and sequenced to foster success in both subjects, at the same time building students critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a safe and collaborative environment. This means that students with little/no Italian language experience quickly feel confident to develop the necessary language skills for successful participation in both subjects.

Come and Try Sessions will be available in term 1 (Thursday 20 February, Tuesday 25 February and Thursday 27 March), from 3.45-4.45pm.

For those looking to apply for the Special Interest Italian Program please follow the online application process on our [website](#).

There is no application fee required for the application process into the Special Interest Italian Program.



[Italian Immersion Program:
Come and try Registration](#)







ROWING PROGRAM

AT NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Norwood International High School is committed to delivering a Special Interest Rowing Program (SIRP) that provides opportunities to develop student's rowing skills, time management, organisation, leadership, and teamwork. Students will study rowing as part of the HPE curriculum and can follow the rowing pathway from years 7 through to 10, including a 10-credit stage 1 course. The Special Interest Rowing Program incorporates a talent identification selection process whereby students from within and outside the NIHS zone can apply to enrol at the school.

Successful students who gain entry will need to commit to the Special Interest Rowing Program and associated activities until at least the end of their Year 9 season. This involvement will take precedence over any other sporting/extra-curricular activity. The Special Interest Rowing Program operates alongside the Norwood International High School Rowing Club, which is open to all NIHS students as a school sport.

It is compulsory for students within the Special Interest Rowing Program to also join and participate in the Rowing Club Activities.

As a student develops and evolves within the Special Interest Rowing Program they are actively engaged and improve their ability to be organised, work within a team environment, become a leader and be part of a like-minded community. It provides an environment to successfully develop their aptitude for rowing in a high-performance pathway. A real-world environment is created to develop and understand areas including technology in sport, training principles, skill acquisition, group dynamics, nutrition, and performance analysis.

The curriculum students will follow is guided by the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB MYP) and/or South Australian Certificate of Education requirements. Throughout terms 1 & 2 students will undertake rowing-focused units, while terms 2 & 3 allow for the core HPE curriculum to be facilitated. Practical lessons see students develop and apply rowing skills including, sculling (Singles, Double, & Quads), sweeping (Pairs, Fours, Eights), coxing, and coaching. Off the water, students engage with various practical activities such as strength and conditioning, group dynamics, and competition and racing strategies.

Students will study a range of theory based rowing specific content, including, terminology, decision making, training principles, team dynamics, health and wellbeing, performance and technique analysis, and the evolution and history of rowing.

Students are guided by high-level educators and coaches to create a community of like-minded people to support, challenge, and develop each student. For those looking to apply for the Special Interest Rowing Program please follow the online application process on our [website](#).

Come and Try Sessions will be available in term 1 (Sunday 9 February, Sunday 2 March, Saturday 22 March and Saturday 29 March), from 9 am to 11 am at the Torrens River, with Introduction to rowing sessions occurring in Term 4. Students who apply for the SIRP program or register their interest in the rowing club will have information emailed to them around these sessions.

Please Contact Ms Talitha Benson (Rowing Manager), Dylan Barker (Sports Officer) or Darren Marner (HPE Coordinator)

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[Special Interest Rowing Program:
Come and try Registration](#)



STEM PROGRAM

AT NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Our STEM program pushes curious minds to investigate Science, Mathematics, and Technology and learn to think critically, imagine creatively, and be ready for the jobs of the future. The program has a focus on students using critical thinking and inquiry skills to find their solutions to real-world problems whilst integrating with industry leaders.

You'll connect STEM to real life contexts and be equipped with skills that transfer to whatever you set your mind to. Through the learning they will not only learn the content but will learn skills that allow them to transfer this knowledge to different and new contexts. This program sets students up for success in our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or SACE study programs.

The students will study the STEM program across a completely integrated Science, Mathematics and Technologies program. They will be learning from passionate educators and industry experts about topics that they care about and can have a deep connection to.

The program is designed as a 3 year program starting in year 7 and concluding at the end of year 9.

In year 10 students will have the opportunity to follow a pathway that best meets their needs.

For those looking to apply for the Special Interest STEM Program please follow the online application process on our [website](#).

For entry into the program students are also required to complete the Higher Ability Selection Test.

There is a \$200 annual additional course fee for the STEM program that will cover extra applications, materials and extracurricular opportunities that students will be involved in.



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SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Each of our Special Interest Programs provide our students with a unique learning experience that is specifically tailored to the program focus.

Students will have the opportunity to customise aspects of their learning program to align with their interest and passions. These opportunities vary across our programs, details of which can be found below:

Year 7	Arts Experience: Art & Drama	Arts Experience: Art & Music	Arts Experience: Drama & Music
	Specialist Music		
Year 8	Arts Experience: Art & Drama	Arts Experience: Art & Music	Arts Experience: Drama & Music
	Specialist Music	Specialist Sport	Food Technology
Year 9	Visual Arts: Art	Visual Arts: Design	Film & Broadcast
	Performing Arts: Drama	Performing Arts Music	Outdoor Education
	Specialist Rowing	Computer Aided Design (CAD)	Creative Technologies
	Digitech Girls	Digital Technologies	Digital Technologies (Advanced)
	Electronics	Food Technologies	Jewelry Design
	Photographic Imaging	Woodwork	

	YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Italian Immersion	English		English		English	
	Maths		Maths		Maths	
	Science		Science		Science	
	Italian Immersion: Language		Italian Immersion: Language		Italian Immersion: Language	
	Italian Immersion: Humanities		Italian Immersion: Humanities		Italian Immersion: Humanities	
	Design, Digital & Food Technologies		Design & Digital Technologies	Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education	Technologies Choice*
	Health & Physical Education	The Arts Experience*	The Arts Experience*	Elective*	The Arts Experience*	Elective*
Rowing Program	English		English		English	
	Maths		Maths		Maths	
	Science		Science		Science	
	Humanities		Humanities		Humanities	
	Languages		Languages		Languages	
	Health & Physical Education Rowing Specialisation		Health & Physical Education Rowing Specialisation		Health & Physical Education Rowing Specialisation	
	Design, Digital & Technologies	The Arts Experience*	Design, Digital & Technologies	The Arts Experience*	The Arts Experience*	Technologies Choice*
STEM Program	English		English		English	
	Maths		Maths		Maths	
	Science		Science		Science	
	Humanities		Humanities		Humanities	
	Languages		Languages		Languages	
	Design, Digital & Food Technologies		Health & Physical Education	Digital Technology	Health & Physical Education	Digital Technology
	Health & Physical Education	The Arts Experience*	The Arts Experience*	Elective*	The Arts Experience*	Elective*



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