



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning

# The Wine

NEWSLETTER

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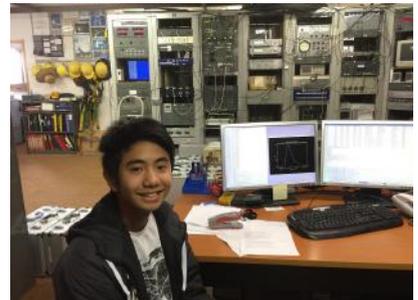
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# LEST WE FORGET

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ANZAC Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The ANZAC's impact on the formation of our nation's identity and culture is significant. The essence of what it means to be Australian is very much reflected in the spirit of those brave soldiers - nicknamed "Diggers" - who, through much adversity, remained resolute; demonstrating immense courage and an array of other qualities including: mateship, endurance, selflessness, audacity, humour, devotion and resilience. These are the values and qualities that have come to define all that is great about our nation.

It is important that we continue to ensure that our young people understand the importance of the past, as well as its significance to the present. Last Wednesday afternoon we commemorated and paid our respects to the ANZAC's and other Australian servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation over the years. We marked this important occasion with a minute's silence followed by a reading of the Ode taken from 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.*

Finally, the last post was played and a wreath of remembrance laid at the foot of the flagpole.



John 15:13 states: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends'. As we meditate on this, through ANZAC Day, remembering those brave soldiers, let us also remember and give thanks to Jesus - The Prince of Peace - who, through his sacrificial death on the cross at Calvary, fought and won an eternal victory over the enemy. Defeating the power of sin and death once and for all.

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*Doug Holtam*

NCC Principal



# STRONGER

Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles,  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



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## DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May:

Prep - Yr 12 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9th - 11th May:

NAPLAN for Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9

Friday 12th May:

Mothers Day Stall

Tuesday 30th May:

Middle School Parenting Seminar  
6.30 - 8.30pm

Monday 5th June:

Winter Music Recital

Monday 12th June:

Queen's Birthday - no classes

Friday 16th June:

Report Writing Day - no classes

Thursday 29th June:

Prep - Year 10 Showcase

## TERM DATES 2017

Term Two:

Wednesday 19th April -  
Friday 30th June

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -  
Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -  
Friday 8th December

## WINTER UNIFORM

Students have had a two week cross-over between Summer/Winter Uniform.

THIS IS NOW FINISHED, so from Monday May 1st, students will need to be in full and correct Winter Uniform, including blazers for Secondary students. Hoodies under sports polos, leggings under skirts and non-uniform hats or scarfs are not allowed.

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM

As we enter the season of Winter Uniform, we are often reminded of just how much our children have grown in the last 6 months.

For families wanting to buy 2nd hand uniforms please remember these are posted on the pinboard near the Prep A classroom door.

For those wanting to sell, please list the items clearly including size, condition and the asking price (generally 50% of R.R.P for items in excellent condition). Please include your name and contact details and hand this to reception.

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

At Northside we love to worship God through the gift of music. Please join staff and students alike for a time of lively worship on Friday 12th May from 8.15am-8.30am in the Middle School Building. We would LOVE to see you all there.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 12th May in the Main Foyer. If you would like your child to buy gifts for the special mums in their lives, please be aware that gifts range from \$2-\$10.

Each Primary class will have an opportunity to purchase their gifts during class time.

## THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL IS THIS MONDAY

Please remember to bring your children to the Meadowglen Athletics Track on Monday the 1st of May for the NCC Athletics Carnival.

Drop off: 8.45am

Pick up: 3.00pm

Address: 146 McDonalds Rd, Epping

Students travelling by bus:

If you have already booked and paid for a seat on the bus, your child needs to be at school at 8.00am. It is now too late to book a seat on the bus.

Parent Helpers Still Needed!

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact:

[avenegas@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:avenegas@ncc.vic.edu.au)

All helpers must have a current WWCC. Copies of our Code of Conduct will be available at the event in case you have not yet signed it.

# SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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Welcome back to all students, staff and families of Northside Christian College for Term 2, 2017. I trust that everyone was able to enjoy Easter and a restful break. I hope everyone in our Northside Christian College school community were blessed with a time of special reflection during the Easter period. The Bible reminds us that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him." John 3:16-17

It is a pleasure to have your children back in class this week. Once again, it is going to be a very busy term with many events already scheduled on the College calendar. I pray that as we continue to work collaboratively, the term will prove to be a successful and enjoyable one.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recognised as a significant factor that contributes towards academic success at Northside Christian College. The College highlights the importance for students to arrive on time and be present at school for as many days as possible. The College regularly communicates with families in regards to any absence from school. Attendance is recorded daily in Home Group. Unexplained absences are followed up promptly. Please continue to communicate with the College office in regards to attendance matters.

## GAT

The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequences must sit the GAT. Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores. No Unit 1 or Unit 3 VCE classes will be scheduled at Northside Christian College on Wednesday, 14th June 2017 as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

## STUDENT USE OF VEHICLES

A number of students gain their driver's licence during their Senior Schooling and may wish to drive their car to school. The College recognises that the added mobility adds extra flexibility to students' travel arrangements. Northside Christian College has a policy that caters for this added mobility, whilst at the same time carefully considering the safety and welfare of other students when travelling to and from school.

Please note: Students are not permitted to drive other students to/from school unless the appropriate paperwork has been filled out. Any student driving to and from school must have permission, in writing, from parents / guardians and the Deputy Principal (Permission Forms are available from the Office). Approval will be granted once the permission forms are processed.

## GOAL SETTING

My sincere thanks to the many parents, carers and students who attended our Parent-Student-Teacher Goal Setting Interviews at the commencement of Term 2. Our teaching staff greatly valued the opportunity to meet with students and families to set SMART goals in preparation for Term 2. I trust this was a valuable opportunity for our students to reflect and plan some effective goals for their learning. The new term is an opportunity to improve and to build on the learning foundations built earlier in the year.

## LATROBE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Please contact La Trobe University on 1300 135 045 or visit <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday> if you would like any information about the following Open Day events:

- Shepparton - Friday 4th August 2017
- Melbourne - Sunday 6th August 2017
- Albury-Wodonga - Saturday 12th August 2017
- Mildura - Wednesday 16th August 2017
- Bendigo - Sunday 27th August 2017

Michael Bond  
Deputy Principal





RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

## HIDDEN FIGURES MOVIE SCREENING



A group of girls from Year 9-11 who are studying Maths at a high level at Northside were invited by the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute and CHOOSE MATHS Victoria to take part in a free screening of the popular film 'Hidden Figures'. This film explores the contribution of three significant African-American women in progressing America's standing in the Space Race in the 1960s through their understanding and use of mathematics within their roles at NASA.

As well as watching the film, the girls were privileged to hear talks from two women who work as mathematicians in interesting fields. These talks opened up dialogue about the career opportunities that arise for women who are good at Maths.

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"I didn't think there were so many job opportunities that opened up when you are good at math, but 70% of all future jobs require a high level of math skill. The two women that spoke made me realize that jobs that use maths are actually very interesting and worth paying attention to."

~ Alin, Yr 9

*Amy Horneman*

VCE Coordinator





## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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During 2017, our College Community is focusing on three core values - community, service and integrity. During Term I, the Executive Team at the College investigated how we can become stronger in the area of academic integrity. At the conclusion of Term I, the College approved a new Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy.

“...we aim to teach and encourage our students to act with integrity...”

As a Christian school, we aim to teach and encourage our students to act with integrity, to be an honest person, one who knows right from wrong and who has the inner strength to stand for that which is right, good or just. This applies to many aspects of their lives, including their academic work.

The purpose of this policy document is to set out the College's commitment to academic integrity, with particular reference to the importance of acknowledgement, practice and responding to plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct in a consistent and equitable manner.

In all assessed work, students should take care to ensure that the work presented is their own and fully acknowledges the work and opinions of others.

It is also the responsibility of students to ensure that they do not undertake any form of cheating or other form of unfair advantage.

This policy document outlines a wide range of procedures and protocols at the College, including responding to plagiarism, non-submission of work, late submission of work, unsatisfactory results and scaling of results.

A key aspect of this policy document is on educating our students about academic integrity. Our teaching staff have a responsibility to educate students on cheating and plagiarism. This includes defining what cheating and plagiarism are and informing students of the potential consequences when cheating and plagiarism occur. Our Secondary School students will continue to learn more about citing sources of information and appropriately referencing sources.

We look forward to becoming stronger in the area of academic integrity at Northside Christian College.

Michael Bond

Deputy Principal



# PRE-TEEN CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS (8-11 YEARS OF AGE)

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There is a new welfare support pinboard for parents located in the foyer of the College, near the internal entry door to the Prep B classroom. As we develop this space you will find local supports, brochures, upcoming parent support events and more.

Please note that we are hosting a parenting seminar aimed at Primary parents, run by Parentzone and Whittlesea Council.

Presented by: Pauline Camilleri, Parentzone  
Date: Tuesday 30th of May  
Time: 6.30pm- 8.30pm  
Location: Northside Christian College  
31 McLeans Road, Bundoora  
Register Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/257129>

This is a FREE event but bookings are essential. Seats tend to book out quickly. If you plan to just turn up on the night you may miss out. **BOOKING IS NOT VIA NCC BUT WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.** We're hosting this in response to high parent request.

For more information or to register your booking contact Whittlesea Council's Family Services Education Officer, on 9404 8865 or email [familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

*Fiona Dumitrache*

Head of Welfare



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# THE VCE INVASION CONTINUES!

In the last few weeks, we have had Prep A and Prep B, as well as Yr 1/2 A and Yr 1/2 B visit us during homegroup to share songs, stories and 'getting to know you' activities.

To continue making connections with younger students in our College, VCE students made cards for each Prep - Year 2 student and hand delivered them in house group teams, led by our newly appointed house captains. The younger students were thrilled to receive their own personal hand written cards.

It is wonderful to see a connection developing between our youngest and oldest students!



*Amy Horneman*

VCE Coordinator





## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 12th May 2017.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks. Likewise, exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher immediately. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted. Please discuss this with your child's teacher during the next week if you believe your child is eligible for support or an exemption.

Students may be withdrawn from the NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the appropriate Director of Learning. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal Form. These forms can be requested from the College. Please inform the College during the next week if you wish for your student to be withdrawn from the NAPLAN in 2017.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at: [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAPLAN website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9467 2499.

*Michael Bond*

Deputy Principal



# LEVI MCGRATH

Last week we were blessed to be visited by musician and World Vision ambassador - Levi McGrath.

Levi shared not only his music at our whole school chapel but also stories from his personal experience working with World Vision and his ministry to people in Uganda and Ethiopia. Students, staff and family were all challenged to think beyond their own community and personal circumstance and uplifted by the stories of hope that were shared.

Levi's music is available online for purchase by following the links on his website.

<https://www.levimcgrath.com.au/>

Those interested in the work of World Vision and child sponsorship are encouraged to visit

<https://www.worldvision.com.au>



## 13 REASONS WHY

There has been heightened attention given to a new series, "13 Reasons Why", released on Netflix last month. (It is also widely available through alternative websites.) Its rating is MA15+ and is receiving a very mixed response from the mental health sector due to its "brave", "dark", "intense", "provocative" and "graphic" content. It is a story based on the aftermath of a teenage girl's suicide. It covers some very tough and sensitive material which is complex and can be both triggering and confusing as well as stimulating of discussion.

This is not a debate about the details of the extremely sad fictional story, its value, messages, or very real parallels. It is important that we are not fearful about having discussions on these challenging topics. But rather to be well informed and to come with an understanding of the potential risks for your young person.

The most important thing we can do for our young people when they are experiencing feelings of isolation and a sense of hopelessness is to listen without judgement and to provide a supportive network of people, whilst always praying.

Our College provides support for young people, with referral options available.

24/7 chat support is also available, noting these are not Christian sites, yet highly valuable in times of crisis.

<https://www.headspace.org.au>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/>

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/get-help-home>

I have included one of hundreds of links for those who would like a snapshot of the series along with some of the concerns that have been raised by a few mental health support agencies.

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/tv-and-radio/headspace-issues-warning-over-graphic-netflix-series-13-reasons-why-20170418-gvmuzq.html>

*Fiona Dumitrache*

Head of Welfare





## YEAR 9 CITY CHALLENGE

We had a fantastic Year 9 City Challenge this year!

Each day began with roll call in Federation Square. For some of our students it was the first time that they had travelled on public transport without their family. Some groups of students took the opportunity to arrive early and have breakfast before meeting teachers.

Students were given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the City. Reading maps and arriving at meeting points on time were skills that they learned and honed across the week.

Our students explored the City of Melbourne through multiple subjects including Art, through stops to investigate key Street Art locations and History, which included a tour of the Shrine of Remembrance. At the Shrine, some of the students had the opportunity to dress up in authentic uniforms from World War One. This was a great introduction to our study of Australia's involvement in WWI.

Other activities included ice skating, a tour of ETIHAD Stadium and a visit to Scots Church and St Paul's Cathedral. Apart from admiring the beautiful architecture and stained glass windows, students also took time out for prayer and reflection. The Year 9s spent time recording their thoughts and experiences in their journals and writing poetry expressing their feelings about being in the City.

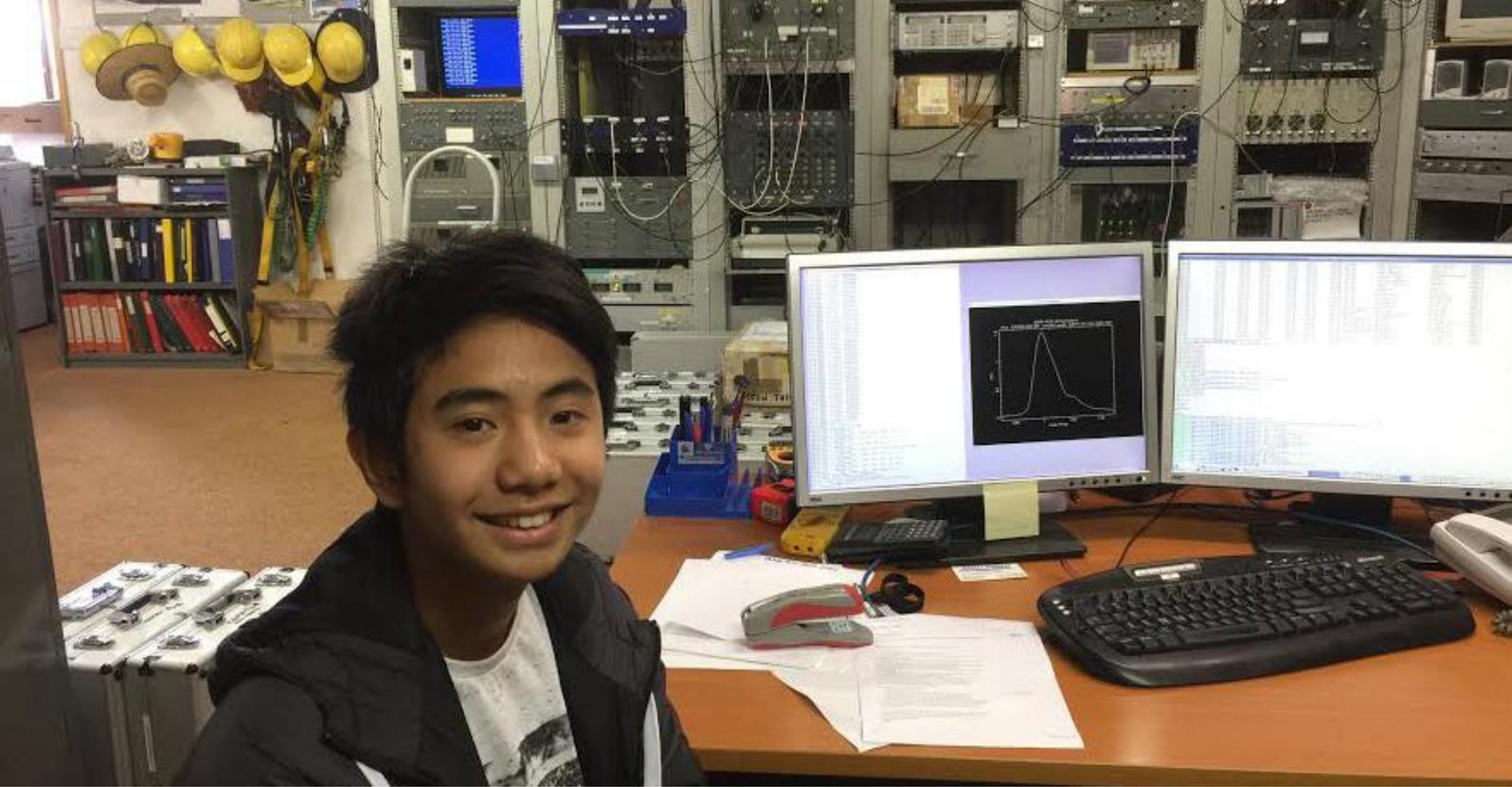


We are very proud of our students for being such active participants in the City Challenge; learning and exploring the great City of Melbourne.

*Jo Westland*

Director of Middle School Learning





## AIMING FOR THE STARS

Northside Christian College Year 10 student, Tommy Tran, has just completed work experience at the Mount Pleasant Observatory, located 25 kilometres from Hobart. Tommy has aspirations to work in the field of astronomy and travelled interstate to complete this unique work experience placement.

Tommy appreciated the opportunity to arrive in time for a spacecraft tracking on a small dish at the Mount Pleasant Observatory and was also able to see the large 26 metre dish doing combined very long baseline interferometry (VLBI) astronomy.

Tommy noted, "It was a spectacular experience to have a look into the field of astronomy."

"The highlight was going into the University of Tasmania and meeting many young astronomers."

The 26-metre radio telescope was donated to the University of Tasmania by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) when they rationalised their worldwide operations in the early 1980's. The large number of available receivers makes the telescope suitable for a variety of research projects within the University and its location makes it a vital element in the Australian Long Baseline Array (LBA) VLBI network.

The Year 10 students participated in the Work Experience Program between the 20th and 31st March this year. Work Experience provides students with an authentic opportunity to explore possible career directions, network and gain experience to include in their resumes. The students from the College obtained work in a wide range of interesting career fields including education, health care, retail and construction.

I would like to thank all those employers in the Bundoora and surrounding areas who have assisted in making this program a worthwhile, safe and informative experience for our students. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Lenna Waters for overseeing this program for our students.

The Year 10 students were commended for their efforts throughout the two weeks of the program. The feedback from employers has indicated that the Northside Christian College students have been engaged, enthusiastic and mature in their work setting. We look forward to seeing our Year 10 students continue to grow in confidence in the choices

*Michael Bond*

Deputy Principal



## Get involved in the School Banking program.

Northside Christian College is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

#### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

**School Banking day is Friday. Each week you need to give your bank book to your teacher first thing in the morning, before Chapel.**

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



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