



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Wine

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

Damian Higgins

Here we are again at the start of a brand new school year. As we look ahead in the hope of achieving our goals for 2018 I would like to welcome back all the members of our school community.

For me personally, this is a new beginning as I am a new member of this community this year. This is also true for quite a few others who will be joining the Northside family for the first time. With unprecedented enrolment growth, the number of students in our school is the highest it has ever been since the school began 39 years ago. It is important in the first few days of term that we look around us for those who may be new in this environment and reach out in friendship and hospitality.

The Christian community is at its best when its members are both welcoming and vulnerable with each other. When we meet others where they are at, allowing each other a safe space to tell their stories, the Good News of Jesus has the chance to SHINE through each of us and be reflected among us and also beyond our borders.

SHINE - is our new theme for 2018. This theme is about how we are all made in the image of God. It is important to remember this original purpose for all of humanity. We often make the error of seeing God as "out there"- as a separate and distant figure, but as Jacob exclaimed in Genesis 28:16 - "Surely the Lord is in this place and I was not aware of it".

As we explore over the course of 2018, what it means to be divine image bearers, I pray that we all, individually and collectively, are continually transformed into an ever increasing embodiment of His love as we "do life" together here at Northside Christian College.

I look forward to sharing this journey with each and every one of you.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th January
P&F New Parents Morning Tea

Wednesday 7 February- Friday 9 January
Yr 5/6 Camp

Friday 9 February
Prayer at the Pole
Whole School Dedication Service

Thursday 15 February- Friday 16 February
VCE Outdoor Ed Camp

Tuesday 20 February
Yr 7 Dinner

Term Dates 2018

Term 1:
Monday 29 January- Friday 29 March

Term 2:
Tuesday 17 April- Friday 29 June

Term 3:
Wednesday 18 July- Friday 21 September

Term 4:
Tuesday 9 October- Tuesday 11 December

2018 CSEF Application Forms

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for Primary School students
- \$225 for Secondary School students.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. CSEF applications open from the commencement of Term 1.

How to apply

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, please complete the CSEF application form found at the Office or online @ www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and hand it in at the Office.

Should you have any questions, please contact our business office.

Volunteer Information Session & Parent Helper Training



Monday 5th February, 9.00am - 10.30am

All parents who volunteer their time at the College are requested to come for an induction into our policies for volunteers and be given the opportunity to sign our Volunteer Agreement and Code of Conduct.

Parents are unable to assist at the College or at events offsite unless the necessary paperwork has been signed. Even if you have attended a briefing and have already signed the Code of Conduct last year, you will still be required to attend this meeting. (Another evening session will be made available for those who are unable to attend this morning session.)

Parents who have not yet attended the Parent Helper Training session and would like to assist at the College, please register at Reception by Friday, 2nd February.

All volunteers: 9.00am - 9.30am
Parent Helper Training: 9.30am - 10.30am

P & F
New Parents
Morning
Tea



Tuesday
30th January
9.00 am
All new College
families welcome



Congratulation Class of 2017

Michael Bond

The Northside Christian College community is proud of our 2017 Year 12 students and their VCE results. Their recent achievements reflect their perseverance and commitment over many years of study.

We acknowledge and thank our parents and dedicated teaching and support staff for their efforts supporting our students throughout their learning journey.

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At Northside Christian College, our staff, parents and students are committed to assisting each student achieve their personal best. Furthermore, we acknowledge that we are preparing our students for a diverse range of pathways reflective of the passions, gifts and talents God has blessed them with.

The Year 12 VCE Class of 2017 achieved some excellent academic results. We are



pleased to announce that our Dux for this year is Michael Hadj who achieved an ATAR score of 96.55. Michael worked hard while also remaining engaged in a broad range of co-curricular activities throughout his Senior years at Northside, including leading the Courageous Conquerors as House Captain.

We also wish to acknowledge the many students who completed VET courses during their Senior years. Furthermore, we congratulate the students who successfully completed their VCAL studies.

The College also wishes to announce that two students from the class of 2017 were also awarded the VCE Baccaulaureate. The VCE Baccaulaureate is an additional form of recognition for those students who choose to undertake the demands of studying both a higher level mathematics and a language in their VCE program of study.

We congratulate all students from our Year 12 class of 2017 and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.



2018 Staff News

Mr Longley and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Audrey in December 2017.

'Tiny fingers, tiny toes, tiny face and tiny nose. Introducing Audrey Rose Longley.'

Born 28.12.2017 at 23:20.

Our new Principal, Mr Damian Higgins has begun at the College during the holiday period. He will be meeting parents at an evening event on the 13th February at 6pm. Please RSVP to Reception if you'd like to attend.

When you come to Reception, you will notice some new faces. Adele, Sam and Maryann have joined our Administration Team. We farewelled Cathy and Sharon at the end of 2017.

Hannah has a new role as Enrolments Officer, so is no longer working at Reception. The new Team of Receptionists are well able to answer your queries and assist you, so please welcome them to the College.



Your patience with the new staff is appreciated as they learn the systems and people of a new work environment.

Liz has also had a change of role. She is no longer in the Accounts office, however, Bee is able to help you with any fee payments or queries.



Liz is now in charge of the College timetable and our Student Management Program, Edumate, as well as continuing with Daily Organisation.

As the College continues to grow, new teachers join the staff. In 2018 we welcome Mr Gorfine, Ms Rowse and Mr Harri to the Primary Team. Mrs Metcalfe is teaching Middle School Maths.

Ms Low, our Mandarin Teacher was farewelled in 2017 along with Mrs Mawal who taught Inspire and some Secondary Maths.

Please make yourself known to our new staff and welcome them to the College community.

2018 College Dedication Service

Friday 9th February

Prayer at the Pole - 7.45-8.15am
Pancake Breakfast - 8.15-8.40am
Dedication Service - 9.00-9.45am



INSPIRE 2018

Amy Horneman

Welcome to 2018!

We have lots of exciting opportunities in INSPIRE this year, the first of which are getting up and running in Week 1!

Some opportunities to watch out for in the coming weeks are:

Science Talent Search

This year's theme is Australian Game Changers and Change Makers. Students in Years 3-12 are welcome to enter a project in any category (creative writing, scientific wallcharts, experimental research, videos/games) and will be mentored by Mrs Horneman through the process of completing the project.

Students in Prep-Year 2 will need to have the approval of their class teacher to register. This is a rigorous, criteria-driven competition which requires much outside of school hours to complete (one full term), but is very rewarding and gives students the opportunity to develop skills in scientific research and communication. Forms available from Reception.

Primary Bookworms Bookclub

Bookworms is back! This term's novel is the delightful story Erica's Elephant by Sylvia Bishop. If your child has not signed up and would still like to, you will need to fill out a form at Reception and purchase a copy of the novel from an independent bookseller (we have run out of copies because of overwhelming interest!).

Bookworms meets every Monday lunch time in the Reading Room.

VCE Mentoring

The VCE mentoring program will be rolled out during Week 1 of this year. This invaluable program sees each Year 11 and 12 student matched up with a staff mentor who meets with them each week to offer one on one support and encouragement as they complete their VCE studies.

We are incredibly blessed to have such a dedicated team of staff members who voluntarily give up their time to help our students become the best they can be!

New! INSPIRE Wall Design Competition

For the first time this year, we will be having a competition for any students who love to get creative and use their design skills. The INSPIRE wall in Reception will become a project for a budding young designer.

Entry forms are available from Reception and are due by the end of Week 2.

Philosophy Corner

"Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people" (Socrates).

The philosophy corner is starting up on Friday lunchtimes and is open to all students who are interested in discussing the big ideas about life, faith, ethics and thinking. In good weather we will sit on the new turf outside in the fresh air.

New College Website

Michael Bond

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website at Northside Christian College.

The College website is an important communication tool to assist us in communicating effectively with families and our wider College community. A wide range of information and resources have been published on the website to assist students, staff, families and prospective families.

The new website includes news items, blogs, policy documents, newsletters, information about child safety, our Strategic Plan and much more.

The website is also available for viewing in a number of languages. We trust this will assist a broader range of people in the community in accessing our website.

Start exploring:

- We have recently welcomed our new Principal, Mr Damian Higgins. A news item, New Principal, has been posted to the website including a video message.

- The 2018 - 2021 Strategic Plan has been uploaded to the College website and is available under the "About" tab on the Home Page.

- The College's Child Safe Strategy Document was approved by the Committee of Management in 2017 and has been uploaded to the Child Safety page under the "Welfare" tab on the Home Page. This document outlines our approach to Child Safety at Northside Christian College.

- During 2016 and 2017, Northside Christian College created a unique and strategic Teaching and Learning Framework. The framework will assist the College community in the development of future teaching and learning programs and will support in the evaluation of existing programs and initiatives at the College. Details about the framework have been outlined on the website.

The new website is available at www.ncc.vic.edu.au. We trust you will find this to be a valuable resource.



2018 Term Dates and Timetable Cycles

This year Northside will implement a fortnightly timetable cycle, week one of term one being A and week two of term one, B. This pattern then repeats throughout the school year. Homeroom teachers will be explaining this new cycle to students and how it impacts their

Term 1			Term 2			Term 3			Term 4		
Week	Date	Cycle	Week	Date	Cycle	Week	Date	Cycle	Week	Date	Cycle
1	Mon, 29-Jan	A	1	Tue, 17-Apr	B	1	Wed, 18-Jul	A	1	Tue, 9-Oct	A
2	5-Feb	B	2	23-Apr	A	2	23-Jul	B	2	15-Oct	B
3	12-Feb	A	3	30-Apr	B	3	30-Jul	A	3	22-Oct	A
4	19-Feb	B	4	7-May	A	4	6-Aug	B	4	29-Oct	B
5	26-Feb	A	5	14-May	B	5	13-Aug	A	5	5-Nov	A
6	5-Mar	B	6	21-May	A	6	20-Aug	B	6	12-Nov	B
7	12-Mar	A	7	28-May	B	7	27-Aug	A	7	19-Nov	A
8	19-Mar	B	8	4-Jun	A	8	3-Sep	B	8	26-Nov	B
9	26-Mar	A	9	11-Jun	B	9	10-Sep	A	9	3-Dec	A
			10	18-Jun	A	10	17-Sep	B			
			11	25-Jun	B						

2018 Bell Times

With the new year, brings new bell times. Parents please ensure that you are aware of these new times. If you have an questions or queries please contact the Administration office.

Monday			Tuesday-Friday		
Period	Time	Minutes	Period	Time	Minutes
HG	8:40 AM	0:05	HHG	8:40 AM	0:20
Assembly	8:45 AM	0:20	This space is left intentionally blank		
Pd 1	9:05 AM	0:49	Pd 1	9:00 AM	0:50
Pd 2	9:54 AM	0:49	Pd 2	9:50 AM	0:50
Recess	10:43 AM	0:25	Recess	10:40 AM	0:25
Pd 3	11:08 AM	0:49	Pd 3	11: 05 AM	0:50
Pd 4	11:57 AM	0:48	Pd 4	11: 55 AM	0: 50
Lunch	12:45 PM	0:55	Lunch	12:45 PM	0:55
Pd 5	1:40 PM	0:50	Pd 5	1: 40 PM	0:50
Pd 6	2:30 PM	0:50	Pd 6	2:30 PM	0:50
Dismiss	3:20 PM		Dismiss	3:20 PM	

Chappy Chat

Jared Stocks



Hey NCC Community.

I have been spending a lot of time recently trying to improve in areas of personal discipline in my devotion times. Through prayer, reading the Word (in a new translation), listening to podcasts and worship music I have been trying to gain a deeper understanding of God. It's been a struggle on occasions, but God has used many different forms to teach me some very important lessons.

Recently my Pastor shared a message where he spoke of Jehosophat, a King of Judah, who's scouts informed him that the nation was surrounded by three enemy nations which had joined forces to destroy Judah.

He decided to fast and pray to God to save his people. He also called the nation to fast and pray in order for God to save them. Was he scared? Yes, but instead of being crippled by fear he chose to seek the Lord and call his nation to do the same. You can read this story in 2 Chronicles 20.

This week, I listened to a podcast on prayer and fasting for revelation from God. The speaker also shared this story of Jehosophat. The same thought came through. Jehosophat chose to pray and fast rather than react out of fear.

After hearing these two talks, and whilst I was sitting at home that evening a song I had recently heard came to mind. The song is called "The War Is Over." Here are some of the lyrics.

"The war is over, turn around,
Lay your weapons on the
ground
The smoke is fading before the
light, the dead are coming back
to life.
He has made a way for us, Born
for glory out of dust
Children held within the arms
of peace
He has made a way for all,
mercy waits where sinners fall
He is our Victory."

So what do we take from all this? Well I guess you'll need to read for yourself to find out what happens next in the story (no spoiler alert here, however I will say that the song lyrics give a large clue as to what happened to Jehosophat and the people of Judah.

The take home: "He is our victory." No matter what you face, no matter what tomorrow brings, no matter what enemy stands outside your city wall, do not be afraid, the Lord Almighty will fight for you, he is our Victory!!!



Senior School Report

Michael Bond

I wish to extend a welcome to all our students at the commencement of this new school year. Once again, I look forward to working with you all throughout the school year to best meet the needs of the students in our school community.

VCE Senior School Handbook

All families with students undertaking VCE study in 2018 would have received a copy of the Northside Christian College VCE Student Policy Handbook 2018 as part of the Senior School Information Pack. This handbook explains and details the policy surrounding the provision of VCE / VCAL studies at the College and it is vital that students and parents are familiar with the contents of this policy handbook. Students are reminded that the signed 'Parents and Student Declaration' forms were due by Friday, 2nd February 2018. This form was included in the information package at the VCE / VCAL Information Evening. A number of forms are still due to come in. Please sign and return this form to the College VCE Administration Office ASAP.

VCE Study Room After School

Senior School students are welcome to study in the VCE study room after school between 3:30pm and 4:45pm on Monday to Friday afternoons. Please see Mr Bond if you would like to make any other arrangements.

English Novels

Senior School students were encouraged to read the following class texts over the Summer holiday break in preparation for 2018 English classes. Reading these texts ahead of time will support their learning when they come to study each text. It is recommended that students re-read these as they study the novels during the year.

Year 10 2018: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Year 11 2018: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville

Year 12 2018: *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent and *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai

Special Examination Arrangements: Year 12 2018

For students that require special arrangements for examinations in 2018, application forms are now available to collect and complete. This applies to students that have severe health impairments, significant physical disability, specific learning disorders, severe language disorders, hearing impairment and vision impairments. To be eligible for special arrangements some documentation and medical evidence is required. Additional information is also published in the College's VCE Student Policy Handbook. If you would like to apply for consideration and / or find out more about the categories and arrangements, please do not hesitate

please do not hesitate to contact Mr Michael Bond. Completed forms and evidence are due Friday, 2nd March 2018.

GAT

Senior students need to become accustomed to having their dictionaries with them and not relying on Google. All students should have their dictionary with them in English classes at the very least. Students undertaking Unit 3 & 4 studies will be sitting the GAT and will more than likely need to utilise a dictionary during that time, hence the need to become accustomed to it now. The GAT is scheduled for Wednesday, 13th June 2018, between 10.00am - 11.15pm

SAC Calendar

Please be aware that a SAC calendar for both Unit 1 and Unit 3 has been released. This document provides an overview of when students are due to complete assessment tasks throughout the semester. Please contact Ms Laura Bovey in the VCE Administration Office on lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au if you would like to receive a copy.

I wish to remind all our students that the staff at Northside Christian College are committed to seeing each student achieve their personal best. Parents and guardians are encouraged to be in contact with the team of staff at school if you have any questions or concerns. We pray that 2018 will be a fulfilling and rewarding year for each of our students, families and staff here at Northside Christian College.

School Zone Safety Information

Understanding the signs around school zones



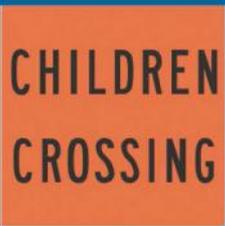
40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



No parking

It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.



Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Yellow edge lines

Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.



Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children's crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, ie. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors, away from the traffic.



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