



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Vine

A stylized illustration of a green vine with several leaves and a cluster of small, dark green grapes. The vine is positioned behind the title 'The Vine', with the leaves and grapes partially overlapping the letters.

NEWSLETTER

A large, stylized rainbow arc is positioned at the bottom of the page. The arc is composed of several concentric bands of color: a dark teal band, a purple band, and a gold band. The word 'NEWSLETTER' is written in a light gray, sans-serif font, following the curve of the top of the rainbow arc.

INTEGRITAS

I'm sure you would agree that integrity is a very important value, a wonderful quality that we would hope our children will actively and consistently adopt and apply to their own lives. Integrity is one of our College core values and, along with 'Community' and 'Service', is a whole-school focus for 2017. These values will regularly feature in our devotional sessions, assemblies, chapels and also everyday in the classroom.

In attempting to explain the meaning of integrity to students both young and older, I generally use the following basic definition: 'The way you behave when no one is watching you reveals your level of integrity'

In my research into the origins of the word integrity, I came across the following extract, taken from a speech given by Marine General Charles C. Krulak during the Scope 2000 Conference.

"Integrity as we know it today stands for soundness of moral principle and character. The word integrity itself is a martial word that comes to us from an ancient Roman army tradition."

During the time of the 12 Caesars, the Roman Army would conduct morning inspections. As the soldier struck his armour, he would shout "integritas", (in-teg-ri-tas) which in Latin means material wholeness, completeness, and entirety.

At about the same time, the Praetorians were ascending into power and influence. These elite soldiers received the finest equipment and armor. They no longer had to shout "integritas" to signify that their armor was sound. Instead, as they struck their breastplate, they would shout "hail Caesar" to signify that their heart belonged to the imperial personage - not to their unit - not to an institution - not to a code of ideals. They armored themselves to serve the cause of a single man.

We can learn much about integrity from the ideas expressed by the General; God calls us to '...take up the full armour of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm' (Philippians 4:13).

We, like the Praetorian's, are called to serve the cause of a single man, Jesus Christ, who was fully man and fully God. Let us continue to stand firm in faith, hope and love, as we continue, in partnership, to raise and educate a generation who will serve God's purposes with integrity.

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)



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

www.ncc.vic.edu.au

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

NOTICES

DIARY DATES

Monday 13 March

Labour Day Holiday- No classes

Thursday 16 March

Twilight Open Evening
3.45pm-7.30pm

Monday 20 March- Friday 31
March

Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 30 March

Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival

Friday 31 March

End of Term One - 2.30pm finish

Wednesday 19 April

Term 2 Commences
Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews 3:45pm-7:15pm

Monday 24 April

Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews 3:45pm-7:15pm

TERM DATES 2017

Term One:

Monday 30th January -
Friday 31st March

Term Two:

Wednesday 19th April -
Friday 30th June

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -
Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -
Friday 8th December

NAPLAN

Details about 2017 NAPLAN will be published in The Vine at the start of next term.

Please note that between the 9th- 11th May, the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund)

Application forms for the CSEF are now available at the Office or online for eligible families.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or who are 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. Further details & eligibility criteria can be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef>

Completed forms must be returned to the Office by Friday 24th March.

ENROLMENTS

Applicants for Prep and Year 7 2018 will be interviewed in 3 weeks- during Term 1 holidays.

Please ensure that you lodge your child's 2018 application this term as current application numbers indicate that Northside will have a waiting list after first-round offers.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MICHAEL BOND

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of the Year 10 experience, all students aged 15 years and over are required to complete two weeks of Work Experience with an employer. Work Experience can be a very rewarding experience for all involved. It can serve to not only facilitate the investigation of career choices by students; it can also lead to part-time work for some. For this reason, it is recommended that you choose a Work Placement with an employer or industry related to a career you may wish to pursue.

The Work Experience Program will take place from Monday, 20th March to Friday, 30th March 2017. We are most grateful for the support of Mrs Lenna Waters, who coordinates this program at Northside Christian College.

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.

GAT

Senior students need to become accustomed to having their dictionaries with them and not relying on Google. All students should have a dictionary and it should be 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, 14th June 2017, between 10.00am - 1.15pm.

EXPERIENCE LATROBE UNIVERSITY EVENT

Attention Year 10, 11 and 12 students: Attend workshops, lectures and seminars of your choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. Come with your friends and parents and chat with the student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe and what to expect. Experience La Trobe is a free event - with lunch and entertainment!

For more information, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

La Trobe Melbourne Campus: 7th April and 6th July

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Year 11 students interested in learning more about the National Youth Science Forum are encouraged to refer to the following website: www.nysf.edu.au/applying. Expressions of interest open on the 1st March 2017 and close 31st OF May 2017.

VTACMAG

Year 12 students are advised that the VTAC booklet has been replaced by a new VTACmag. VTACmag contains practical, easy to follow information about the VTAC process and preparing for study, will be available for purchase in printed format from newsagents (RRP \$7.95), and for tablets and smartphones as an eMagazine (\$4.49) from late July.



RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

AMY HORNEMAN

INFORMATION ABOUT ICAS:

ICAS is one of the most highly regarded schools based competition and assessment programs in the world with over 30 years of experience in Australia. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.



If you would like your child to participate in ICAS this year, please follow this link to the NCC website where you register your interest and pay online:
<http://ncc.vic.edu.au/co-curricular/icas/>

TEST DATES:

- Science: Tuesday 20th May
- Writing: week beginning Monday 12th June
- English: Tuesday 1st August
- Mathematics: Tuesday 15th August

LOCATION OF TESTS: Northside Christian College

COST:

Prices go up by \$1 per student per test on 1st April. We are offering an early bird rate of the 2016 cost, which is \$8.80 per test for registrations before 30th March.

REGISTER BY: Before Thursday 31st March for early bird discount or by Thursday 27th April for increased price



Transforming Lives
Through Christ
and the Wonder of Learning

TWILIGHT
OPEN
EVENING

3:45-7:30pm Thursday 16th March

Northside is a co-educational
Prep - Year 12 College
specialising in Christian education

PRINCIPAL'S TOURS
2nd March, 31st March





2017 NCC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday the 3rd of March, the Grade 3 to I2 Swimming Carnival was held at the Diamond Creek Pool. All three Houses gathered together to compete for the Swimming Championship Trophy. The day comprised of the competitive segment where Northside students were able to display their swimming talents. There were medley relays, novelty relays and the traditional bomb and dive competitions. Primary Students had fun in the sun collecting pegs for their Houses, while the Secondaries earned extra points over a fun game of water polo. At the end of the day when all the points were tallied, the Courageous Conquerors took the Cup once again. We congratulate this team for their victory!

The House Point Tally is now:
Courageous Conquerors- 830
Noble Nights- 816
Worthy Warriors- 733

Anna Venegas

VCE MENTORING

This year we have rolled out our VCE mentoring program. Each student in Year II and I2 having been assigned a staff mentor. Staff and students meet one on one each week to discuss students' dreams, goals, difficulties and challenges. During these sessions, students work with their mentors on setting short term goals towards overcoming obstacles to success, and then review and reflect on their progress towards achieving these goals in the following session.

It is a testament to the strength of our College Community to see the volume of staff members who have volunteered their time to work with our students in a mentoring capacity. We mentors represent all areas of our College staff, from teaching, administration and welfare departments, all the way from Mr Holtam as Principal to Mrs Tucci in Prep!

We are seeing an increased sense of community as well as rigour and support being sown into our VCE students through this valuable program, and we look forward to strong 'personal best' outcomes for each of our students in response.

Amy Horneman



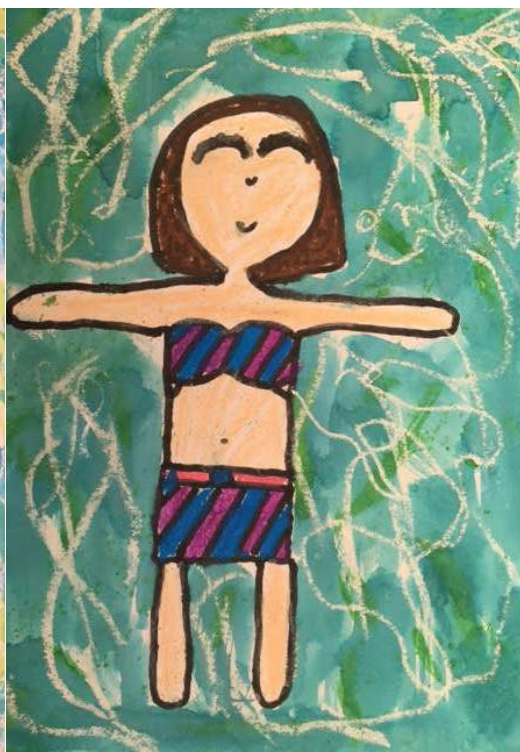
UNDERWATER SWIMMERS!

The NGV is currently showing an exhibition of one of the most influential living artists, David Hockney: Current. The exhibition features over 1200 works from the past decade of the artist's career - some new and many never-before-seen in Australia - including paintings, digital drawings, photography and video works.

This term students in Year 1/2 studied David Hockney's swimming pool paintings and created scenes of themselves swimming underwater. They sketched, outlined, coloured and painted using the media of oil pastels and food dye to create their drawings/paintings.

Here are just a few for you to admire!

Antonietta Veljanovski





31 McLeans Road, Bundoora, VIC, 3083
www.ncc.vic.edu.au
E: ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au
P: 03 9467 2499