



**Northside Christian College**

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# The Vine



NEWSLETTER



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# THANK YOU PARENT & FRIENDS!

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Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet was one of his greatest practical examples of serving others, below is the exhortation which followed this action:

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13: 14-15).

Washing dirty, smelly feet is not something most of us would choose to do, Jesus' example is a call to love others, through personal sacrifice. As I think about our College Community and Jesus' example, I'm reminded of the many people that we need to thank for their tireless dedication and sacrificial giving to our community over the years. There's not enough space on the front page of this newsletter to highlight everyone's contribution, so, in this edition, I'll focus on one amazing group of servant hearted people who have consistently added value to the College over the years: the amazing Parents and Friends Team.

Recently I attended the Annual General Meeting of this energetic and creative group of parent volunteers, excellently led by Liz Karkaloutsos, who have done a truly magnificent job of supporting the mission to which we are called: 'Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning'. The AGM was very well attended and I was humbled as I listened to the many ways in which the group has served us. Here's a short summary:

- Welcome Morning Tea for new families at the start of each year
- Showcase & Open Day BBQ's
- Prep Orientation sessions
- Morning tea and taking new parents to Lucio Café.
- Hot Food Days x 2 per Term
- World Teachers Day High Tea
- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast & Stall
- Father's Day Pancake Breakfast & Stall
- Multi-Cultural Day lunch
- Supported Yr 6 & Yr 12 Graduations
- Morning Tea & several suppers for College events
- Bunnings BBQ's and cake stalls

In June the P&F's generous \$20,000 donation to the development of the new Oval Sports Precinct was acknowledged by Senator Jane Hume during the formal opening of the Oval Precinct. The P&F regularly fundraise and were able to successfully accumulate \$5,608.15 over the financial year. This underlines the P&F team's amazing 'go the extra mile' commitment to our College.

I take this opportunity to express my heart-felt thanks to the Parents and Friends Team for their outstanding commitment and servant hearted sacrifice. Your efforts have and will continue to help us to go from strength-to-strength in this year of STRONGER!

*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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FAITH  
HOPE  
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## DIARY DATES

Thursday 3rd August-Sunday 6th August

Yr 9 Community Challenge

Thursday 10th August

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 10th August- Friday 11th August

Yr 11 Cross Country Ski Trip

Monday 14th August

Primary and Secondary Parent Forum

Monday 21st August

Write A Book in a Day

Friday 25th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 22nd September

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 13th October

Annual Art Show

## TERM DATES

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -

Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -

Friday 8th December

## BOOK WEEK 2017

August 21st - 25th is Book Week, and Friday 25th August is our Dress Up Day. All students and staff are invited to dress up as a book character and bring a copy of the book with them on the day. When choosing a costume, please be sensitive to the ethos of the College and choose a character that reflects this attitude.

If you are having trouble deciding on a costume, pop into the Library and maybe we can help you. Costumes don't have to be elaborate - this is a fun day.

Students not in costume MUST wear school uniform. A parade of costumes will be held during assembly in period one in the Middle School Area.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

## STUDENT SAFETY

In our ongoing commitment to keeping our students safe, from Term Three onwards, the Middle Gate and Oval Gate will be locked at 8.50am every morning. If you anticipate that you will be on school grounds or at Assembly past 8.50am, please park in the Front Car Park or the Gravel Car Park near the Oval.

No cars will be allowed to access the Oval Car Park until 3.15pm when all sporting activities will have ended.

## PARENT FORUM

Monday 14th August is a combined Primary and Secondary Parent Forum. We would love to see you there and provide you with an opportunity to give feedback and ask questions. The event will be held in the Middle School Building between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please arrange for your children to be cared for during this time as we are unable to provide childcare at the event. Please RSVP to Reception by Thursday 10th AUG.

## SAVE THE DATE!

2017 ARTS FESTIVAL @ NCC!

Friday 13th October 3:30pm-5pm

More details coming soon.

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA



The Parents and Friends are hosting this fundraising event for the Australian Cancer Council and they would love to invite you to attend!

Thursday August 10th  
9am - 11.45am

In the Home Economics Room

Entry by donation

Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and morning tea is provided.



### LEGACY JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 18th July, four Year 8 students represented the College proudly through their participation in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Legacy is an organisation which promotes, through its heritage of care and support for war veterans, ideals of voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal effort, personal sacrifice and mateship. The public speaking competition aims to engender these values in young people and invites them prepare speeches related to these ideals. Our students, spoke eloquently and with sincere passion about the following topics:

Sofia: Life After Death

Shania: Don't Judge a Book by its Cover (Sexism)

Anu: Pianos, Elephants and the World (Environmental Care)

Zoe: Dare to Dream

Not only the judges, but the teachers and students from the other schools represented, commented to me that our students showed special connection with their topics and the preparation and heart they put into their speeches was evident. I would like to congratulate our students for representing the College and godly values so strongly at the competition, and we look forward to another strong team in 2018!

### WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY 2017

Write a Book in a Day, a 12 hour book writing, illustrating and publishing competition put on by the Kids' Cancer Project, is taking place on Monday 21st August to kick start Book Week. We have 6 student teams (Years 5-10) and one staff team registered this year, and we look forward to some incredible literature being published on this day. Teams also fundraise to make a minimum of a \$250 donation towards the Kids' Cancer Project.

### MATHS TALENT QUEST 2017

Students involved in the Maths Talent Quest have been working tirelessly on their projects in Term 2 and over the holidays. Projects will be on display from Week 3 on the INSPIRE wall in Reception. Come and check out our incredible mathematicians.

### PHILOSOPHY CORNER

'Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people.' - Socrates

Every Thursday lunch time, a group of keen emerging philosophers meet with Ms Eichwald, a trained Philosophy teacher, in the Middle School building to discuss big questions, ideas and ethical dilemmas. Here's what some of our Year 10 students have to say:

"The sessions broaden the way I think about the world and expand my perspectives. We always continue the conversation about the topics after the sessions are over because we have so many questions." - Gabrielle

"I found it interesting being given hard questions that we have to think about and use our brains for. I like having questions we wouldn't usually be asked in class that we have to ponder, discussing what we would do in that situation, or what our decision would be." - Victoria

*Amy Horneman*

INSPIRE



# NCC ALUMNI: CHRISTINA HILL

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Christina graduated from Northside in 2009. She studied a double degree in Law and Business at La Trobe University from 2010 - 2015.

She was offered a graduate position with the Commonwealth Government in 2016. She completed her Practical Legal Training Certificate at ANU in Canberra in 2016 and began work as a lawyer in 2017.

This photo is of her just after the ceremony last week at the Supreme Court in Melbourne where she received her Licence to Practice Law.



*Angela Eynaud*  
Director of Learning

# YEAR 8 RESILIENCE DAY

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A small group of Year 11's, along with the welfare team, led the Year 8 Resiliency Day on Wednesday 28th June. Vineta and Senara encouraged students to look at their style of interaction with others and the choices they make in resolving conflict. Looking after mental health was highlighted as necessary in managing an overall healthy life. With negative perception of the physical self being one of the leading causes of mental illness and having the highest rates of death of young people in this age bracket,

Ivy presented an important session for both young men and women on demystifying media lies and encouraged positive peer group conversations and challenged the reasons for positive self-perception. Youssef and Alex offered practice in speaking out affirmations of each other, a very powerful and impacting session for the class, focusing on the qualities of people that make their class great and elevated each other in their strengths. It was a great day of challenge and growth as students considered their own choices and self confidence.



*Fiona Dumitrache*  
Head of Welfare



# SPORT

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## PREP-YR 2 GYMNASTICS

Balance beams, swinging into foams pits, trampolining, head-rolls, parallel bars and rope climbing were just a few of the activities that the Preps, Year 1's and Year 2's got to do at Pit gymnastics in Term 2 Thanks to the Government's school sporting grants offered to primary schools across Australia, the lower primaries got to enjoy the benefits in 4 sessions of non-stop physical activity and of course, fun.



## GRADE 1/2 HOOPTIME

On Monday the 26th of June, the Year 1/2 students went to Mill Park Basketball stadium where they were involved in a full day of basketball skills, drills and games. The Year 2 students were placed in teams and got to play games against other schools. Overall, the students really enjoyed the day.

## GRADE 3/4 HOOPTIME

On Thursday the 22nd of June, all of the 3/4 students went to a Hooptime day at Mill Park Basketball stadium. The Rookie teams played really well with really good team work and had a lot of fun playing against each other and schools such as Eltham North and Meadowglen Primary School. The Future Stars (Brydie, Jordan, Noah, Dante, Kavindu, Genesis, Richard and Grace) played in a more competitive grouping. We did really well and made it all the way to the Semi Finals. Thank you to our coach for coaching our team on the day.

Jordan Dontsios

*Anna Venegas*

Sport Coordinator





# MUSIC

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## NCC YEAR 5/6 PILOT BAND PROGRAM 2017

Week 1 of Term 3 saw our Year 5/6 class begin their semester learning their chosen concert band instrument. I am so excited to see the pilot program successfully launched this semester after many months of meticulous planning and preparation.

Throughout the semester, students will have sectional rehearsals with their specialist tutor and also come to together regularly in a class formation to rehearse as a band. This all happens during the weekly classroom music lessons.

The aim of the program is to allow students to learn a new instrument, build community, develop discipline as a musician and experience playing in a large ensemble. The class will perform a specially chosen repertoire for the College community later in the year. Keep your eye out for that!

As part of this new program we welcome to the College three new Instrumental Music Staff.

**Ms Jessica Carlton** - Brass: Trumpet

**Mr Luke Carbon** - Woodwind: Saxophone, Flute

**Mr Brian Hamilton** - Brass: Trombone

These new staff are also available for private tuition as part of the College.

We look forward to sharing more with you as the students progress in this exciting new program.

*Andy Horneman*  
Instrumental Music Program



# UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

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On Open Day, a university opens its doors to anyone who is interested in attending that university in the future, or who would just like to know more about the institution. University Open Days are well worth attending because they can help you make one of life's important decisions. Some universities have multiple campuses with Open Days on different dates at their regional or smaller campuses. Senior School students are encouraged to consider visiting a university campus for an open day.

Now is a good time to plan some plan your dates for visiting universities later in the year. Please note that there is additional information published on a wide range of university websites. Please continue to pray for our Senior School students as they begin to plan their pathways beyond school.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Melbourne - Sunday, 13th August 2017  
Ballarat - Sunday, 27th August 2017  
[http://www.acu.edu.au/student\\_experience/student\\_life/experience\\_uni\\_before\\_you\\_start/open\\_day](http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/open_day)

## DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Warrnambool- Monday, 6th August 2017  
Geelong Waterfront & Waurn Ponds  
- Sunday, 20th August 2017  
Melbourne Burwood - Sunday, 27th August  
<http://openday.deakin.edu.au/>

## FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Mt Helen, Gippsland, Berwick, SMB, Camp Street - Sunday, 27th August 2017  
<http://federation.edu.au/future-students/information-for/information-for-schools/events>

## RMIT

Sunday, 13th August 2017  
<http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/rmit-open-day>

## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

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  
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday>

## MONASH UNIVERSITY

Peninsula - Saturday, 5th August 2017  
Caulfield and Clayton - Sunday, 6th August 2017  
Parkville - Sunday, 20th August 2017  
<http://www.monash.edu/open-day>

Monash is also travelling around the country to answer your questions about university. They are presenting on the 23rd August at Caulfield on the topic of pathways. Register:  
<https://www.monash.edu/information-evenings>

## SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Hawthorn- Sunday, 30th July 2017  
<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/>

## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Sunday, 20th August 2017  
<http://openday.unimelb.edu.au>

## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Sunday, 20th August 2017  
<https://www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu>

*Michael Bond*  
Deputy Principal



# SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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Welcome back! It is lovely to see everyone around the College once again. The new semester for our Secondary School students highlights that we have reached the half way mark for the school year.

The change of semester marks a new timetable for a number of year levels. The new semester also marks a change of subjects for some students. Our Year 12 students have just over a term remaining before they complete their studies. We pray for a productive and successful semester of learning for all of our students.

## UNIT 3 MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

It was pleasing to see a number of Unit 3 students complete practice examinations during the school holidays. The purpose of practice exams is to have an examination experience as close as possible to the real end of year examination. This type of practice is commonly used by schools to improve students' performance and is an effective technique for preparing for end of year examinations. Students at Northside Christian College had an opportunity to complete the following practice examinations:

English	Literature
History: Revolutions	Psychology
Chemistry	Physics
Mathematical Methods	Biology
Global Politics	

We trust this practice examination experience was a beneficial experience for our VCE students at Northside Christian College.

The Bible reminds us,

**“I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.”**  
**Philippians 4:13**

I wish to encourage our students to try their best this semester and to lean on God for strength during this busy term ahead.

## 2018 SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

It was a pleasure to meet with parents, guardians and students at the recent Senior School Information Evening. We appreciated the opportunity to share more about the Senior School program at Northside Christian College.

A number of handouts were provided at the evening, including the 2018 VCE Student Policy Handbook, 2018 Subject Selection Handbook and Subject Selection Forms. Students are reminded that subject selection forms are due back at the VCE Administration Office by Wednesday, 2nd August 2017.

The purpose of the Subject Selection Handbook is to provide a resource for students and parents / guardians to assist them with the selection of subjects for Years 11 and 12 and likewise to assist Year 10 students and parents / guardians with subject selection around acceleration into the VCE. At Northside Christian College, we believe that the process of subject selection needs to incorporate careful planning, evaluation and reflection, as well as accommodating individual interests and abilities.



Students are encouraged to choose subjects with a clear understanding of the requirements and recommendations for potential future study and work. It is advisable that students select subjects that suit their interests, develop their talents and skills, build on their strengths and enable them to pursue their goals and aspirations.

The VCE Student Policy Handbook provides helpful advice for Northside Christian College Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and parents.

It will provide our College Community with invaluable information as students proceed through the VCE. This handbook provides policies related to the VCE at Northside Christian College. These policies outline the requirements that students must adhere to in order for the VCE to be awarded.



Further clarification and explanation is available on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website or by appointment with the Head of Secondary School. The College promoted the following subjects at the Senior School Information Evening:

- Biology - Units 1 - 4
- Business Management - Units 1 - 4
- Chemistry - Units 1 - 4
- English /EAL - Units 1 - 4
- Food Studies - Units 1 - 4
- Health and Human Development - Units 1 - 4
- History: 20th Century - Units 1 & 2
- History: Revolutions - Units 3 & 4
- Legal Studies - Units 1 & 2
- Literature - Units 1 & 2
- General Mathematics - Unit 1 & 2
- Further Mathematics - Unit 3 & 4
- Mathematical Methods - Units 1 - 4
- Media - Units 1 - 4
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Units 1 - 4
- Physics - Units 1 - 4
- Psychology - Units 1 - 4
- Studio Arts - Units 1 - 4
- Visual Communication Design - Units 3 & 4

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate individual student courses, no guarantee is made that all subject selections will have a formal class at Northside Christian College. Some students may be required to choose alternative subjects or complete studies through another provider such as the Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV). Changes may also occur to subject offerings due to patterns of student preferences or availability of teaching staff.

I am happy to meet with students and families to further discuss the subject selection process at Northside Christian College. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Michael Bond*  
Deputy Principal





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