Based on the findings of the ‘Betrayal of Trust’ Inquiry, the Victorian Government is introducing the Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child protection within all organisations that have duty of care for young people. The State’s initiative to strengthen child protection through the Child Safe Standards, is not to be confused with the work of the Safe Schools Coalition of Australia, which is an entirely different matter.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory for all organisations providing services to children, and will assist organisations to:
- Prevent child abuse
- Encourage reporting of any abuse that does occur
- Improve responses to any allegations of child abuse

Northside Christian College has zero tolerance for child abuse and embraces the opportunity to further strengthen the protection of our students, through the review and development of our child protection policies, procedures, and practices. This is something we have worked on extensively over the past few years; consequently the College substantially meets the requirements of the new standards. Our key ongoing strategy is to further embed child safety practices into the culture of the College.

The seven Child Safe Standards are listed below and require that schools develop:

1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, through effective leadership arrangements.
3. A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
4. Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.
5. Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
7. Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

To provide parents with an opportunity to hear more about the Child Safe Standards, ask questions, and understand more about how the College Community is planning to further strengthen our commitment to Child protection, I have organised a Parent Forum to take place on Monday 21st November (6.30pm-8.00pm). I hope that you are able to attend.
NOTICES

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 October
Year 12 Muck Up Day

Thursday 20 October
Sock-It- To Sadness Day

Friday 21 October
Showcasing the Arts at Northside

Wednesday 26 October
VCE Exams Begin

Monday 31 October-Tuesday 1 November
Mid-term Break- Student Free Days

Monday 7 November
NCC Music Recital

Monday 21 November
Child Safety Parent Forum

SPRING MUSIC RECITAL

The annual NCC Spring Recital is fast approaching with a whole bunch of students eager to perform and showcase their musical skills. The Spring Recital will be held on Monday evening the 7th of November at the Banyule Theatre.

Students who are selected to perform will receive a letter home informing you of this. Tickets are now available for purchase from the school office.

INTRODUCING LEIGH ADCOCK

We have great pleasure in announcing that Mr Leigh Adcock will be Northside Christian College’s new Business Manager. Leigh brings many years of experience in business to this position.

He is currently on the Board of Harvest Bible College. He and his wife are expecting their first child early next year. If you see Leigh in the College grounds, please feel free to make him feel welcome.

HATS

Northside is a Sun Smart School. This means during Terms 1 and 4, uniform hats are compulsory for all students everyday.

HOUSE POINTS

Noble Knights 2962
Courageous Conquerors 2965
Worthy Warriors 2767
During Term Three, a small group of middle school students has been meeting with Mrs Fishwick on Friday afternoons, from 4.00-6.30pm, to do some extra English study. Together we have read John Steinbeck’s novel ‘Of Mice and Men’. We have discussed the themes, characters, context and the choices, such as fore-shadowing, that the author has made to develop and present these. We also discussed the social and cultural setting for the book.

This term we will be reading ‘Cry the Beloved Country’, by Alan Paton, and comparing it with ‘Of Mice and Men’. We will discuss and write about important similarities and differences, and will explore how the texts deal with similar or related ideas, issues or themes from different perspectives.

We work in a relaxed atmosphere and have fun, but really get down to exploring the deep issues and the techniques contained in these texts. Students from Years 8-10 may inquire about joining the group.

“This group has not only helped in school but also in everyday conversations. The thinking that we practise while reading has also made reading books more interesting.” – Gabrielle

Amy Horneman & Lynn Fishwick
During last Friday's assembly I spoke about the important topic of helping others. Students, staff and all of our visitors were encouraged to think of ways that they could help others around them. As a follow up I felt it would be good to give a few practical ideas for students, spouses and parents. So here they are:

The Chaplain's hints for helping others:

How can I help my parents/guardians?
- Clean up around the house or tidy up your room without being asked.
- Feed the family pet.
- Set the table, clear the table or help with the dishes.
- Help your parent sort, wash, dry and iron the clothes.

How can I help my spouse?
- Ask your spouse what chore they dislike doing the most and do it for them for a whole week.
- Spend time with your kids and give your partner a break.
- Find a babysitter and take your partner out for dinner to a fancy restaurant.

How can I help my kids?
- CHECK IN with and talk to your children.
- Listen to your children, really LISTEN.
- Spend TIME with your children doing what they love.
- HELP with homework or find someone who can.

In Matthew 25:37-40, Jesus is explaining a very important principle for all of us to remember when helping others.

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

When we help one another, it’s as if we are helping God himself. So help others, be a blessing and watch as God blesses you in the process.

Jared Stocks

SHOWCASING

The Arts

at Northside Christian College

Whole School Showcase | Annual Art Show | Classroom Displays | Music Performances | Principal Tours

Friday 21st October 2016
3.45 – 6.45 pm

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PREP-YEAR 2 ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 6th of October
CONGRATULATIONS DAMIEN

During the school holidays one of our Northside students received an amazing opportunity. Damien was chosen to attend an elite athletics training camp for Under 15’s which was held in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Only 102 athletes Australia wide were chosen for this experience, and only 20 of them were from Victoria. Jason Hodson, Victorian coordinator of the camp explained that as there are 8000 athletes in this age bracket Australia wide the chances of being picked are 1.275%, making each representative truly elite. Damien was chosen for two places; 300 metres hurdles and multi-events and so was able to make a choice which sport to pursue at the training. He chose the multi-events.

As part of this group Damien was treated to an extra surprise. His coach for the week was Glynis Nunn, a gold medal winner at the 1982 Commonwealth Games and the 1984 Olympic Games. Glynis was an inspirational person who spurred Damien on to pursue his dream for excellence in the field of athletics.

We congratulate Damien on his selection in this squad and pray for him as he continues to display his God given talents this season and beyond.
Students arrived at the QANTAS domestic check in from 6:30 am on Wednesday, September 14th 2016 to begin their Canberra adventure.

On arrival in Canberra we boarded our bus and headed first to Telecom Tower at Black Mountain, then to Mount Ainslee. Despite being a grey day and blowing a gale, these vantage points gave us a view of the layout of Canberra city and surrounds.

We lunched in Canberra Central Mall, then checked into our accommodation at the YMCA in the Canberra CBD. Our accommodation had a pool which students enjoyed immensely. That afternoon we headed to the Australian Institute of Sport. Students saw what was needed to train as an athlete at the highest possible level, and the facilities available to them in their training. Students participated in basketball, dodge ball and sock wrestling to experience the joy of competing. Some of our students were able to witness one of the Chinese national teams in training on the basketball courts.
Thursday we headed out early for our visit to Parliament House. We were fortunate to be able to gain access to the public gallery in the House of Representatives to witness the opening of the parliamentary session; this included the bringing in of the ceremonial mace and opening prayers. It was an extra surprise and bonus for us to discover two of our students, Sophie and Olivia, were related to Kevin Andrews (MP). He and his staff, graciously met with us and invited us on a personal tour of the corridors of Parliament House, including a view of the door to the PM's office!

We then visited the High Court and Australian War Memorial (AWM). At the AWM students participated in a wreath laying ceremony on behalf of the College to honour all soldiers, men and women who fell during armed conflicts.

We received repeated compliments from multiple people with regard to our students' exemplary behaviour and presentation. One flight attendant even commented that they were the most well behaved teenagers he had ever met. This was echoed by another passenger as well. Our students showed motivation, initiative and real care for each other in their time away.

The staff involved in the trip would also like very much to extend their thanks to the parents of Year 10 students, for preparing the students so well for the camp, and for the time and effort it took to organise car-pooling and bus transfers to and from Melbourne airport in a timely manner. Your input contributed significantly to smooth running of the camp, and we are sincerely grateful for your assistance and time.

Northside Christian College can be very proud of all Year 10 students who represented our community so well in Canberra.

Wayne Barker
SOCK-IT-TO SADNESS

THURSDAY
20TH OCTOBER

Gold coin donation

WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES WITH BRIGHT COLOURED SOCKS/TIGHTS

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