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NEWSLETTER

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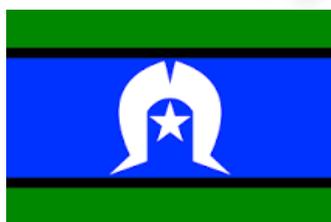


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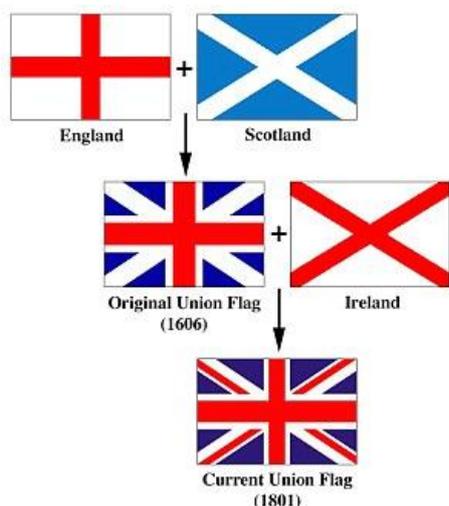
Fly the Flag



You may have seen the colourful House Team banners around the College. The banners feature the House Team logos along with scriptures that represent each of the three House Teams.

Banners and flags are important; they help us to express and define our core values, celebrate our identity and frame culture.

My country of birth, The United Kingdom, has an interesting flag commonly referred to as the 'Union Jack'. However, unless the flag is 'flying' on a Royal Navy warship, it should be referred to as the Union Flag. This flag represents the union of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, namely: Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland. Over time, the flags of three of these countries have been combined to create the Union Flag (see the diagram below). Wales is indirectly represented through the red cross of St George, which represents the former Kingdom of England (which included Wales).



The Australian National Flag features the Union Flag, the Southern Cross and a seven pointed star. The imagery represents our nation's historical origins, our geographical location in the Southern hemisphere, our Christian philosophical origins, and our States and Territories.

There are several other flags that have official status as 'Flags of Australia'. Notably, these include the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. The Aboriginal Flag (shown at the head of the page) was designed by Harold Thomas, a Luritja man of Central Australia. The black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia, the yellow circle represents the sun and the red represents the red earth.

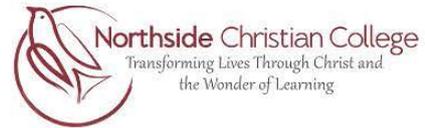
Bernard Namok designed the The Torres Strait Islander flag (featured above). The thin black stripes between the green and blue panels signify the Torres Strait Islands people. The white five-pointed star at the centre of the flag represents the five major island groups, and the white dhari (dancer's headdress) around it also symbolises the Torres Strait Islands people.

As a mark of our respect and support for the Indigenous peoples of our nation, and to underline our commitment to God's greatest commandment: 'to love God and others as we love ourselves', we will be erecting two additional flagpoles at the College, in order that we are able to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags alongside the Australian National flag.

We plan to mark the incorporation of the new flags with a 'Prayer at the Pole' celebration. I will publish details of this event to the College Community in due course, and very much hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate the wonderful diversity in culture and ethnicity we are blessed to experience together as Australians.

Doug Holtam
Principal





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10th October, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier this year, we advised you that Mr Doug Holtam has taken up a 'God given' opportunity as the Principal of Freshwater Christian College in Queensland from January 2018. Again, we thank God for Doug's time in leading our College so effectively and passionately.

On behalf of the College Committee of Management, I write this letter to update you on our search for a new Principal who will take the College into a new season.

Firstly, we truly thank God for His provision, and the wisdom and unity within the selection panel throughout the whole process. For further context, an external professional recruitment agency was engaged to help cast our net far and wide. This generated a large amount of interest for the role and enabled us to create a strong shortlist of candidates to interview. Three rounds of interviews were conducted with representatives from the College Committee of Management, the College Executive Team, teachers, and another long standing Principal from a significant Christian school in Melbourne.

We can now advise you that Mr Damian Higgins, currently the Principal of Discovery Christian College in Queensland, has been successful in his application for the role of Principal of Northside Christian College. He will commence in January, 2018. Damian brings with him many years of educational leadership experience both in Australia and overseas. We know and believe that he will take up the baton from Mr Doug Holtam effectively, and lead our College into a new era of influence and strength.

You will have the opportunity to get to know Mr Damian Higgins more this term through various forms of communication.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Damian and thanking God for His faithfulness in securing an exceptional Christian leader for the College.

Regards,

Mark Donato

Committee of Management Chairman

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
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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25 October
Year 12 Fun Day

Friday 27 October-Friday 3
November
Year 9 WA Trip

Monday 30 October
Year 5/6 City Camp

Monday 6 - Tuesday 7
November
Midterm Break- No Classes

Monday 20 November
Early Commencement Starts

Friday 24 November
Report Writing Day-
No Classes

Tuesday 28 November-
Wednesday 6 December
Vietnam Trip

Wednesday 29 November
Prep-10 Orientation Day

TERM DATES

Term Four:
Tuesday 10th October -
Thursday 7th December

PARENT PRAYER GROUP



Tuesdays at 2.45pm, see Office for location. If families can't make it but would like prayer, please text Lyn Bland on 0488 420 542 or contact the Office. All welcome!

AALSMEER FLORIST

Aalsmeer Florist has offered to donate a floral arrangement to the College once a month. It will be in the foyer.



Next time you're in reception, take the time to stop and admire the beautiful arrangements. Aalsmeer has been the College florist of choice for many years.

If you need to send flowers why not visit their website:
www.bundooraflorist.com.au

PARENTS & FRIENDS



P&F are looking for parent helpers:

Year 12 Fun Day Breakfast
Wednesday 25/10/17

7.00am -8.00am (Food Handling Experience preferred - but not essential if you are happy with table preparation, tidy up etc)

World Teacher's Day Morning Tea
Friday 27/10/17



8.45am to 12.00pm (Food Handling Experience preferred - but not essential if you are happy with table preparation, tidy up etc). This can count towards your Parent Participation.

Please contact the office on 94672499 or email ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au if you are available to help.

OUR GROUNDS

Over the Term 3 holidays the Maintenance Team have begun to make some improvements to the grounds of the College. Earlier in the year we were thankful to be the recipients of the Turf Establishment Grant as part of the Victorian Schools Garden Award. With StrathAyr Instant Lawn providing the turf shortly we have completed most of the preparation work for this project and are looking forward to the delivery and installation of the turf in the next few weeks.

We have also been fortunate to receive two Vegetable Garden Drip Kits from Netafim which we will be installing in our Vegetable Garden soon.

If you have some time and skills we welcome your assistance in whatever way possible. Upcoming tasks include;

- Making timber outdoor furniture such as small picnic tables, standing sand boxes and creative blackboards (funds being supplied by Parents and Friends)

- Assisting to paint fun activities on the ground near Gym
- Assisting with the installation of the turf (on Thursday 9th November) or the dripper system- Recondition a boat for play that has been donated
- Planting new plants in the gardens

There may be other areas that you can see you could assist in. I would love to chat with you and see how you can assist to make our College Grounds even better. Email snelson@ncc.vic.edu.au or call the College Office.

Stephen Nelson
Facilities Manager



ART FESTIVAL 2017

Congratulations to our talented and creative Northside community! It was such a highlight to see everyone celebrate the Arts in drama, media, music and visual arts. Doreen Burley, our visiting artist, inspired many with her painting demonstrations. The Silent auction, Thumb Print Tree, Ice Cream and Coffee sales were a super success, raising \$1500 for the Vietnam Mission Project. A BIG thank you to those generous people who donated precious art works, people who registered art works for the Art Show, and particularly the staff, students and parents who kindly volunteered before, during and after the festival.

Congratulations also to the students, parents and staff below who received art awards.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

Prep- Matthew: Triangles and Squares
1/2- Mackenzie : Sea Animals
3/4 - Cooper: Ceramic Boat
5/6 - Joshua : the rainbow fish
7/8 - Sterling : Call of the Wild
9/10 - Abigail : Faces
11/12 - Senara: Starry Night
Staff - Julie : Water Birds



DOREEN BURLEY AWARD WINNERS

Prep: Gideon: "Jesus Celebrates Christmas"
Year 1/2: Josiah: Still Breathing Life
Year 3/4: Rebeca: The Art of Colour
Year 5/6: Rachael: Vase Collage
Year 7/8: Shania: Wise Eyes
Year 9/10: Carey: Logang
Year 11/12: Sophia: Einstein
Staff: Vitaly: Hand Solo

Antonietta Veljanovski
Primary Art





2018 TIMETABLE DEVELOPMENT

During the past term, a significant amount of planning has gone into preparing the first draft of the 2018 timetable for Northside Christian College. The early commencement of the timetable development process has provided the Executive Team with a greater opportunity to reflect on ways we can continue to improve curriculum delivery at Northside Christian College.

During 2018, Northside Christian College will implement a five-day timetable (Monday to Friday) over a two-week cycle of 10 days for Primary and Secondary School classes. The two weeks will be divided into Week A and Week B.

The move to a two-week cycle timetable will provide the College with with opportunity to maximise our implementation of curriculum over the course of the year and a chance to have greater flexibility in the scheduling of classes. In particular, the move to a two-week cycle provides an opportunity for the College to ensure that the same classes are not impacted by events and public holidays that routinely fall on Mondays and Fridays. The two-week model is very common and we anticipate no major issues for students or staff in managing it. Week A and Week B would be similar but not in every detail. We believe our College community will soon adjust this different timetable model.

The College will also be transitioning to a six period day in 2018 with each period running for 50 minutes. The lengthening of periods from 45 minutes to 50 minutes

provides a greater opportunity to complete some learning activities that are scheduled in double periods. The change from a seven period day to a six period day also limits the amount of time lost in transition between classes during each school day.

The Executive Team have also reviewed the time allocation for each subject in preparation for 2018. Once again, this has provided the College with an opportunity to reflect on how we can best implement the Australian Curriculum and the VCAA Study Designs in the VCE Program.

The College anticipates that we will be able to finalise preparations for the 2018 timetable during the next few weeks.

We trust this information will be of interest as we all prepare for the new school year. The College is excited about implementing additional strategies that empower and enable us to continuously improve what we do in fulfilment of our Mission: "Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning."

Michael Bond
Deputy Principal





CSEN RESULTS

Northside had a fantastic day at the CSEN State Championships on Friday 13th October. Out of the 19 students who attended, 18 of came home with at least one medal. Congratulations to all of our competitors and to those parents who assisted on the day.

Year 3

Amalie - 3rd U/9 400m, 3rd U/9 High Jump
 Ezra - 2nd U/9 Shot Put
 Genesis - 3rd U/9 100m

Year 4

Jordan - 1st U/10 200m, 2nd U/10 100m

Year 5

Drusilla - 2nd U/10 Shot Put
 Jacob - 1st U/10 Shot Put, 2nd U/10 Discus
 Keira - 3rd U/11 Shot Put
 Madison - 3rd U/11 200m, 3rd U/11 Triple Jump
 Sachin - 3rd U/11 200m
 Sarah - 3rd U/10 Triple Jump
 Sienna - 2nd U/11 1500m

Year 6

Elijah - 3rd U/12 100m, 3rd U/12 Shot Put
 Gisele - 1st U/12 1500m, 2nd U/12 800m, 3rd U/12 Discus,
 Priya - 2nd U/12 200m, 3rd U/12 Shot Put
 Timothy - 3rd U/12 1500m

Year 8

Maitri - 2nd U/15 Discus

Year 9

Damien - 1st U/16 100m, 1st U/16 200m, 1st U/16 400m, 1st U/16 800m

Year 10

Carey - 3rd U/16 1500m

Year 5/6

Madison, Priya, Gisele and Sienna - 3rd U/12 4x100m Relay

SCHOOL MEDAL COUNT

1st - 7
 2nd - 8
 3rd - 15
 Total - 30

Anna Venegas

Sport





STEM SKILLS AT NORTHSIDE

The Year 7-9 Innovation class have the opportunity to work with a professional engineer this semester.

We had our first session at the end of Term 3 and the students built several electronic devices using a micro-controller and a range of sensors. It's been exciting to see the students wire together buttons, lights, and buzzers in interesting and unique ways.

The class will continue to meet with the engineer, Sanjin Dedic, in Term 4 to further build their coding and engineering skills. Ultimately, they will be equipped to invent a brand new device with a real-world application.

Chris Gatt
eLearning Coordinator



SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4! The staff at Northside Christian College are looking forward to working with you again to complete what has been a busy and rewarding year.

UNIT 3 AND 4 PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

May I acknowledge and thank the students who participated in the Unit 3/4 practice examinations during the September holidays. The practice examinations provided the students with a valuable opportunity to prepare for the 2017 VCE External Examinations.

YEAR 12 SPECIAL EVENTS

Graduation from Secondary School is a time of celebration, a time when parents and teachers acknowledge the accomplishments of our graduating students and share in the joy of their success. As our Year 12 students' Secondary education comes to an end, we would like to celebrate with them at the following special events:

- Year 12 Farewell Assembly - Wednesday, 25th October
- Year 12 Graduation Ceremony - Monday, 27th November (2pm - 3:30pm)
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner - Monday, 27th November (6:30pm - 10pm)

As a College community, we pray God's blessings on our Year 12s as they now commence their end of year examinations.

HOMEWORK CATCH UP DATE FOR YEARS 10 AND 11

Year 10 and 11 students are advised that they must be up to date with homework and online lessons by Friday, 3rd November. Year 10 and 11 students with overdue work will be required at school on Wednesday, 8th November to complete any incomplete work. Students are advised to please check their Schoology accounts to see if they have any overdue work. Students in Years 10 and 11 need to finalise any overdue work prior to participating in the Early Commencement Program.

PREPARATION DAYS

Students currently have a student free day scheduled for Monday, 6th November and Tuesday, 7th November is a public holiday. Current Year 10 and 11 students who are up to date with their assigned homework tasks will be provided with an additional day on Wednesday, 8th November to study for exams and prepare for early commencement. We trust students will value this time to study and prepare for the weeks ahead.

YEAR 10 - 11 EXAMINATIONS

Year 10 and 11 examinations have been re-scheduled to the 13th - 17th November 2017. This provides the College with an opportunity to accommodate for the learning needs of Year 11 students who are accelerating in Unit 3/4 subjects and completing external exams the week earlier. An examination timetable will be published and emailed to students and families in Years 10 and 11.

EARLY COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Senior School students will experience their first taste of 2018 VCE / VCAL classes during the Early Commencement Program at Northside Christian College, which will be conducted between the 20th - 24th November. The dates of this program have been modified to best serve our College community and to accommodate the needs of the students who will be attending the Vietnam Ventures Missions Trip.

The compulsory week long orientation program for VCE / VCAL provides a valuable opportunity for students to gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in and to complete a significant amount of subject content. This in turn helps them to get an effective head start to their studies, which should translate into a better understanding of the topics they cover as they progress into next year. Holiday homework will also be assigned during this week.

Year 10 students will be effectively moving into Year 11, while the Year 11 students will commence Year 12 for their last week of schooling in 2017. Some Year 9 students will commence accelerated Unit 1 VCE Courses during this week. An Early Commencement timetable will be published early in Term 4. Likewise, 2018 Booklists will be distributed early in Term 4.

LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

The last day of school for our current Year 10 and 11 students will be on Monday, 27th November 2017. This will provide an opportunity for all of our current Prep - Year 11 students to celebrate Year 12 graduation on this day. Some Early Commencement classes may also run on this day.

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Deputy Principal





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