



Northside Christian College

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NEWSLETTER

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Calling All

I have a deep appreciation for the following quote from the American author Mark Twain: 'The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why'. The obvious implication from this, is that every single human life has deep significance and purpose. Ephesians 2:10 is helpful in developing this thought: 'For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.' The Bible teaches that we are all infinitely valuable priceless beings, unique in our complexity, designed and crafted by God! (Jeremiah 1:5, Timothy 1:9) Furthermore, God has hard wired into us all incredible potential to add value to this world.

People often talk about their 'calling' in God and their commitment to serve a cause; it seems clear that God is calling all of us, but to what?

Luke 11:2-4, taken from the Lord's Prayer, reads: 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven'. What would it actually look like if God's will is done on earth? Here comes the challenge and the answer to the question posed above: God has called you and I to work in partnership with him, to use the talents, energy and gifting we have to serve others. All Christians are in full time ministry, whether through building houses, driving trucks, teaching, creating art, designing products, serving at the coffee shop, working in retail, or serving our families and churches, we are working in and for the Kingdom of God.

Our Mission is to raise a generation of young people to transform this world through Christ's power and the wonder of learning. Whatever our young people choose to do on graduating from NCC, they will, if they can work in God's empowering strength according to his will, transform the area of the world in which they serve and in the process further bring God's Kingdom to Earth.

Shalom

Doug Holtam
Principal



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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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DIARY DATES

Monday 20 November
Early Commencement Starts

Friday 24 November
Report Writing Day -
No Classes

Monday 27th November
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
2:30pm + Dinner

Tuesday 28 November -
Wednesday 6 December
Vietnam Trip

Wednesday 29 November
Prep-10 Orientation Day

Thursday 30th November
Whole School Awards Assembly

Friday 1st December
Cultural Day
Prayer at the Pole

Wednesday 6th December
Celebration Evening

Monday 29th January
Prep, Year 7 & Year 12 Start Classes

Tuesday 30th January
All other students start classes

TERM DATES

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

TERM 1, 2018



Next year our Prep, Year 7 and Year 12 students will be starting the school year on 29th of January. All other students will begin the day after on Tuesday 30th of January.

The staggered start is to help students going into these year levels ease into the school year and community. We look forward to the return of all our Northside students at the beginning of 2018.

PARENT PRAYER GROUP



Our Parent Prayer Group is run on 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!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- All parents are invited to the Awards Assembly Thursday 30th November in the Middle School Building at 9am.

- Attendance at Celebration Evening is compulsory. If your family is unable to please write to Mr Holtam's Assistant, giving an explanation: fmtucker@ncc.vic.edu.au

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



YEAR 5/6 CAMP: CITY EXPERIENCE

Two weeks ago, our Year 5/6's headed into the heart of Melbourne for their city experience camp. On day one, our students explored the city by taking part in a scavenger hunt as well as visiting Federation Square and ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image). The second day involved a special focus on the class' Civic and Citizenship studies, as the students visited the Shrine of Remembrance to watch a unique ceremony-The Light Horse: Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba. It was there that our students also had the opportunity to meet the Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau.

Overall, the students and staff members had a wonderful time away on camp and we are happy that the students were able to see the highlights of Melbourne up close.

CONGRATULATIONS ANDEE!

The College would like to say a special congratulations to one of our students, Andee, for being presented with a Watsonia RSL Scholarship award. The Watsonia RSL provides a scholarship to neighbouring school students who show model behaviour in their school community. Congratulations Andee and keep up the good work!





2018 EARLY COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM FOR YEAR 11 AND 12

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 - 27th November. The compulsory week long orientation program for VCE/VCAL provides a valuable opportunity for students to not only receive study materials and gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in, it also allows them 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 has been emailed to students and families in preparation of this program beginning next week. Students are expected to attend all classes in full school Summer uniform. The program will begin with an assembly at 9am on Monday, 20th November for all 2018 Year 11 and 12 students.

2018 Subjects at Northside

Northside Christian College remains committed to offering a varied and flexible program for Senior students each year. The final availability of subject options each year depends on student preferences, staffing and timetable requirements, but further possibilities may be

available through the other options. In 2018, the College will be offering the subjects listed below. Current Year 10 and 11 students and families were provided with a 2018 Subject Selection Statement earlier this term.

VCE Subjects

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

Please feel free to contact the College VCE Administration Office if you have any questions about the Early Commencement Program.

Michael Bond
Deputy Principal





RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA GAMES

The Year 6 Inspire students recently went on an excursion to the MAV Games which was held at Lumen Christi School in Point Cook.

We all met early in the morning at 8 am so that Mrs Creek and I (Mrs Fieldew) could drive the mini-bus to our destination. Everyone was so excited and looking forward to representing Northside Christian College at this event for the first time. We felt privileged to be a part of the wider school community and meet students from other schools.

When we arrived, we were warmly met by some year six students who escorted us to the school hall where the competition was going to take place.

The tables were all set up and students from various schools around Melbourne were eagerly waiting for the competition to commence. There were many Math games such as: board games, fast math facts, group activities where children were required to make shapes as a team using their whole bodies. The main goal of the competition was to work in teams, get the answers correct and use time effectively. The students worked quickly and efficiently through a variety of tasks but were faced by some serious competition; with all students displaying brilliant mathematical skills. Every school represented battled through these activities, longing to win the coveted trophy.

It was fantastic to see the comradery between competing students during the breaks; the competition was fierce and the reciprocated gestures of kindness and friendship a pleasure to behold.

Though our students did not win this time, they displayed amazing sportsmanship and made Northside Christian College proud. We all had an amazing time being immersed in Math activities and competing against other schools. Students are looking forward to their next event and are already preparing for more competitions in the future.

Judy Fieldew
Primary INSPIRE Maths





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SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH



On Monday 23rd October, five of Northside's budding scientists were presented with major and minor bursaries for their outstanding work in this year's Science inquiry project competition, the Science Talent Search, hosted by the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria. The awards ceremony was held at LaTrobe University's Union Hall and presentations were made by representatives from the competition's sponsors.

This year's theme was 'Future Earth' and students were encouraged to complete an investigation into a topic related to this theme, focusing around environmental action and care for the planet.

In the Creative Writing category, Hanna and Lyvia in Year 3 were presented with a minor bursary, sponsored by Victoria Teacher's Mutual Bank, for their picture storybook 'It is Spreading', about the effect of pollution

on the earth's oceans and marine life. Suhanayan in Year 5 was presented with a major bursary by the Royal Society of Victoria Inc for his picture storybook 'Congratulations, You've Saved the Earth' about the little actions that can help save our environment.

In the Scientific Posters category, Dante and Jared in Year 4 were presented with a major bursary by Deakin University for their poster 'Smart Cities Going Green', which explored how cities can take steps to care for the environment.

Congratulations also to our Distinction and Merit award recipients:

Ezra & Aryan (Year 3): 'How Can Cars Make Less Pollution?' - Distinction

Natshali & Hannah (Year 3): 'Building Healthy & Productive Cities' - Merit

Sachin (Year 5): 'Food, Water and Energy to All' - Merit

Madison (Year 5): 'How can you build a car that reduces pollution to the earth?' - Distinction

Michelle (Year 5): 'Why is the Ozone Layer Important?' - Distinction

Analyse (Year 6): 'Hovercraft Game' - Merit

Amy Horneman
INSPIRE



NORTHSIDE'S 'JUMP ROPE FOR HEART' DAY

Thursday 30th November

Primary students are invited to find sponsors for Northside's upcoming Jump Rope for Heart Day. Students received a flyer last week with information about how they can contribute to the fight against heart disease through the Jump Rope For Heart Program.

On the Jump Rope for Heart Day students will need to return the flyer listing any donations they collected; this could also entitle them to some cool prizes. They will participate in fun activities which will showcase their skipping skills.



OSHC PROGRAMS

CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAMS

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER AND FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

BOOK NOW!

OSHC will be running a program during the school's upcoming student free days :

Friday 24th November (Report Writing Day)

Friday 8th December (The day after the last day of Term Four)

If you are interested in this service, which will be similar to a day at Holiday Club, please register your child via the Camp Australia parent console. If you are a new attendee please visit www.campaustralia.com.au or email: northsideecc@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Program hours of operation for the day will be from 7am - 6pm. Children are to bring their own lunch and light snacks will be provided.



MINI HOLIDAY PROGRAM - UPDATE

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER - THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER (AMENDED DATES)

REGISTER INTEREST NOW!

The program we are looking to run in the week after school finishes is gaining momentum and we are close to reaching our minimum attendance goal!

Please register your interest with us as soon as possible as we are trialling to see whether this opportunity is worthwhile continuing on with in the future.

Furthermore, there has been an amendment to the previously advertised dates. The week in which we will operate is from Friday 8th December until - Thursday 14th December. The daily hours will be from 7am-6pm, children are to bring their own lunch and light snacks will be provided.

If you are interested can you please email: northsideecc@oshccampaustralia.com.au

If you think you may need this service please take advantage of this opportunity.

Camp Australia

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

During the last weeks of Term 4, students in the Senior School will still be actively involved in the teaching and learning program. The Early Commencement Program forms a significant part of the curriculum for students during the next week. I encourage all students to finish well and to make the most of every learning opportunity that is presented to them.

VCE EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Our Year 11 and 12 students have almost concluded their external VCE written examinations. May I once again thank our College community for their support of our students during the past few weeks. Our Senior students have valued the opportunity to complete their exams on site at Northside and have appreciated the quiet examination setting. We acknowledge the support of our community with changes to school bells, room changes and restricted access to the VCE building, which have all contributed to a good examination environment for our students. Thank you also to the many teachers who prayed for our students prior to each examination. We continue to pray for our students as they complete their last few examinations for 2018.

YEAR 10 - 11 EXAMINATIONS

Students in Years 10 and 11 at Northside Christian College completed end of year examinations between the 13th and 17th November. The exams were comprehensive assessment of the knowledge and skills students gained over the semester in a wide range of subjects. For many students, this was an opportunity to demonstrate the growth in their learning that had taken place during the semester of learning.

There are a wide range of reasons why exams are an important part of the learning program in Years 10 and 11 at the College.

- Examinations provide authentic opportunities for students to further develop their revision techniques.
- End of semester examinations provide a chance to prepare students for Year 11 and 12 External examinations as part of Unit 3 and 4 studies. Many exams make up 40 - 60% of students' overall grades as part of some subjects in the VCE. This information is detailed in each of the Study Designs.

- Examinations provide an opportunity for students to gain further insight into their learning progress across a broad range of subjects. Exams are not necessarily a test of short term memory, but of the learning that has taken place over a longer period of time.
- Midyear examination results in Year 10 can assist students with decisions about subject selection as they prepare for the VCE.
- Examinations provide a chance for students to demonstrate their learning and growth over the course of the semester. This may be an opportunity to demonstrate a higher level of achievement than previously assessed in a subject for a particular concept.
- At Northside Christian College, examinations provide an additional opportunity for students to receive feedback on their learning. Teaching staff provide feedback for students via the Continuous Online Reporting Program (CORP) on Schoology. Educational research highlights that 'informative feedback' has one of the greatest effects on student learning.

As a College community, we recognise our students are more important than a grade or exam result. We also know the importance of preparing our students for a broad range of post school pathways. We continue to pray for wisdom as we nurture the gifts and talents God has blessed our students with.

DISTANCE EDUCATION (YEAR 11 AND 12 2018)

A letter was emailed to families on the 23rd October 2017 in regards to Distance Education in 2018. Students who wish to enrol in Distance Education classes are encouraged to complete this application ASAP.

The complete list of subjects being offered by the DECV in 2018 is available on the DECV website at: <http://www.distance.vic.edu.au/subject-information/>.

The DECV require that students complete an enrolment form. The DECV enrolment application form is available in the "2018 Students in Schools Enrolment Handbook". This resource is available at: http://www.distance.vic.edu.au/wpcontent/uploads/2017/10/2018_Students_in_Schools_Final.pdf

Students may also select to complete the enrolment process online using the form available at: <http://enrolments.distance.vic.edu.au/OnlineEnrolments.aspx>.



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 will also run on this day.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

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 two more special graduation events. The College will host a Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and a Year 12 Graduation Dinner.

We would like to invite members of our College community to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Monday, 27th November. This year, the Year 12 students, together with the Northside Christian College school community will gather in the church auditorium at Encompass Church for a Graduation Ceremony commencing at 2:30 pm. The presentation part of proceedings will then take place. Please ensure you are on time. We suggest you arrive at 2:15 pm. to be seated, as we will start promptly at 2:30 pm.

VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

A range of organisations offer summer school programs to assist in preparing for Year 11 and 12. A number of these programs are conducted around Melbourne. Please see the links below for additional information.

TSSM

TSSM offer a two-day Summer School Program, which is designed to give students in Year 11 and 12 a head start on preparing for SACs and Exams in 2018. For more information, please visit: www.tssm.com.au.

TSFX

During the TSFX Summer School lectures, TSFX aim to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the Unit 1 or Unit 3 course. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tsfx.com.au>.

NEAP

The aims of the Summer Lectures are to give students a headstart on topics and concepts from the Units 3 and 4 course for each subject, and to revise key concepts from Units 1 and 2 that form an essential base for each subject. For more information, please visit: <http://www.neap.com.au>.

I look forward to seeing our Senior Schools students conclude the school year in a positive manner and to the best of their ability. These final few weeks provide an opportunity to consolidate the learning that has taken place during 2017 and a chance to form a strong foundation in preparation for the 2018 academic school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

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