



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning

# The Vine

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NEWSLETTER

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# The Beginning, Middle and End

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End'. This powerful scripture from Revelation (22:13) points to God's awesome power as the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. Between the beginning and the end, he also holds everything together continually, as revealed in Colossians (1:17) 'He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.'

As we maintain our focus on Jesus, he leads us to the end of various seasons of our lives and introduces new ones. As I contemplate a new season in my life and plan the move to Far North Queensland to take on the leadership of Freshwater Christian College; I take this opportunity to express my deep and sincere thanks to the Northside Christian College Community for your encouragement, support and love over the three and a half years that I've been privileged to serve as Principal of the College. Northside will always have a special place in my heart and I will never forget my time here.

As we look to the future, I know that the College will continue to go from strength-to-strength under the experienced and dynamic leadership of Mr Damian Higgins.

I pray God's continued rich blessing over the College and every family represented within our community. May he continue to grant the NCC Community the hope, faith, love and courage to maintain a clear and passionate focus on "Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning".

Here's wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas and an energising break with family and friends.

Signing off for the last time.

*Doug Holtam*  
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  
LOVE

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6th December  
Celebration Evening

Thursday 7th December  
Last Day of Term Four

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 One:  
Monday 29th January -  
Thursday 29th March

## TERM I, 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.

## 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](http://www.bundooraflorist.com.au)

## VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

We would like to acknowledge and show our gratitude to the many parents who have supported the staff and students at Northside in 2017.

If you have volunteered your time to the school in any capacity then please join us for this morning.

When: Tuesday 5th December  
Time: 11.00am - 11.45am  
Where: Staffroom  
RSVP Date: Monday 4th December

## LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property Basket is currently overflowing with uniform pieces, lunchboxes and various other unnamed items. Please make time to check the basket before the last day of Term Four. Any remaining items will be donated to local charity stores on Friday 8th December.

The Lost Property Basket is located in Reception.





## TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURE!

This week in art classes, our very own "Junk Artists" joined the RECYCLING REVOLUTION for National Recycling Week. Students took time and care to sort through old beads, bread ties and buttons, as well as deconstructing used coffee pods! They used these materials to embellish cardboard photo frames and Christmas Tree templates. Here are only a few of the Prep and Grade 1/2 trash-art treasures!

*Antonietta Veljanovski*  
Primary Art





**RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD**

## PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE FOR GIRLS (PC4G) AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

## INSIDE A DOG



On Tuesday 21st November a group of four Middle School girls (Dimi, Bisola, Shemara and Jennie) participated in Melbourne University's Programming Challenge for Girls, where they learned how to use the computer programming language 'Alice' and then competed against other teams in the programming challenge.

It was a day of intellectual challenge and learning for our girls and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They mentioned that they are looking forward to being given further opportunities in the future to explore the exciting and diverse world of Information Technology.

"This year I joined a program called 'Dog's Advisory Board'. It ran from Term 2 until 4 weeks into Term 4 in the State Library of Victoria. It was centred around re-developing the website [insideadog.com.au](http://insideadog.com.au) which is a place for book-loving teens, whether that be novels, comics, manga or zines. As part of the Dog's Advisory Board, I helped to write new material for the new website coming out at the start of next year and be a teen voice for design decisions. I was picked out, of teens from all over Melbourne and became 1 of 14 girls who received the honour of writing about books each week.

Through this opportunity, I was able to become a 'teen moderator' at the Eltham Festival of Stories, where I got to interview (with another member of the group) the famous authors, Fiona Woods, Cath Crowley and Simmone Howell, about a new book called 'Take Three Girls'.

Having this opportunity has honestly changed my life as it has given me 13 new friends and given me opportunities that have helped me with my confidence and writing abilities."

-Gabrielle, Yr 10

Gabrielle has a goal to start a Northside creative writing publication in 2018 and would love to hear from creative writers, young and old.

*Amy Horneman*  
INSPIRE



# KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS' PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

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Abigail in Year 10 at Northside Christian College has been awarded a Kwong Lee Dow scholarship through the University of Melbourne. This program offers academic enrichment to support high-achieving students and offers students who are involved access to opportunities to develop their academic, leadership and personal development skills both during their VCE studies and into the future as tertiary students. Abigail has ambitions to study Biomedicine at Melbourne University after graduating from Year 12 from Northside Christian College.

"I was happy to be selected by The University of Melbourne for the Kwong Dong Lee Young Scholar

Scholar Program. This will give me the opportunity to build my leadership, problem-solving, and presentation skills. I will also be able to experience a snippet of university life. Exciting!" - Abigail, yR 10

We congratulate Abigail on her successful selection into this prestigious program.

## YEAR 12 GRADUATION

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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. On Monday, 27th November the Northside Christian College Community gathered together to celebrate the Year 12 class of 2017 at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at Encompass Church. This special event provided an opportunity to reflect on the gifts and talents of each of our students and honour their contribution to our College Community.

A number of special awards were presented at this ceremony including those outlined below. The Unit 3/4 Subject Awards were also presented. Once again, we congratulate the recipients on their very special achievements.

- Perseverance Award - Samuel Arter
- Honorable David Feeney MP Special Award - Paolo Quijano
- Caltex Best All Rounder Award - Sarah Wong
- ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards - Michael Hadj
- Excellence Award - Ryan Bland
- Principal's Award - Reuben Cohn

We wish to announce to the College Community that the Year 12 Dux for 2017 will be decided by the highest ATAR. As a result, this special award will be awarded during the 2018 academic school year.

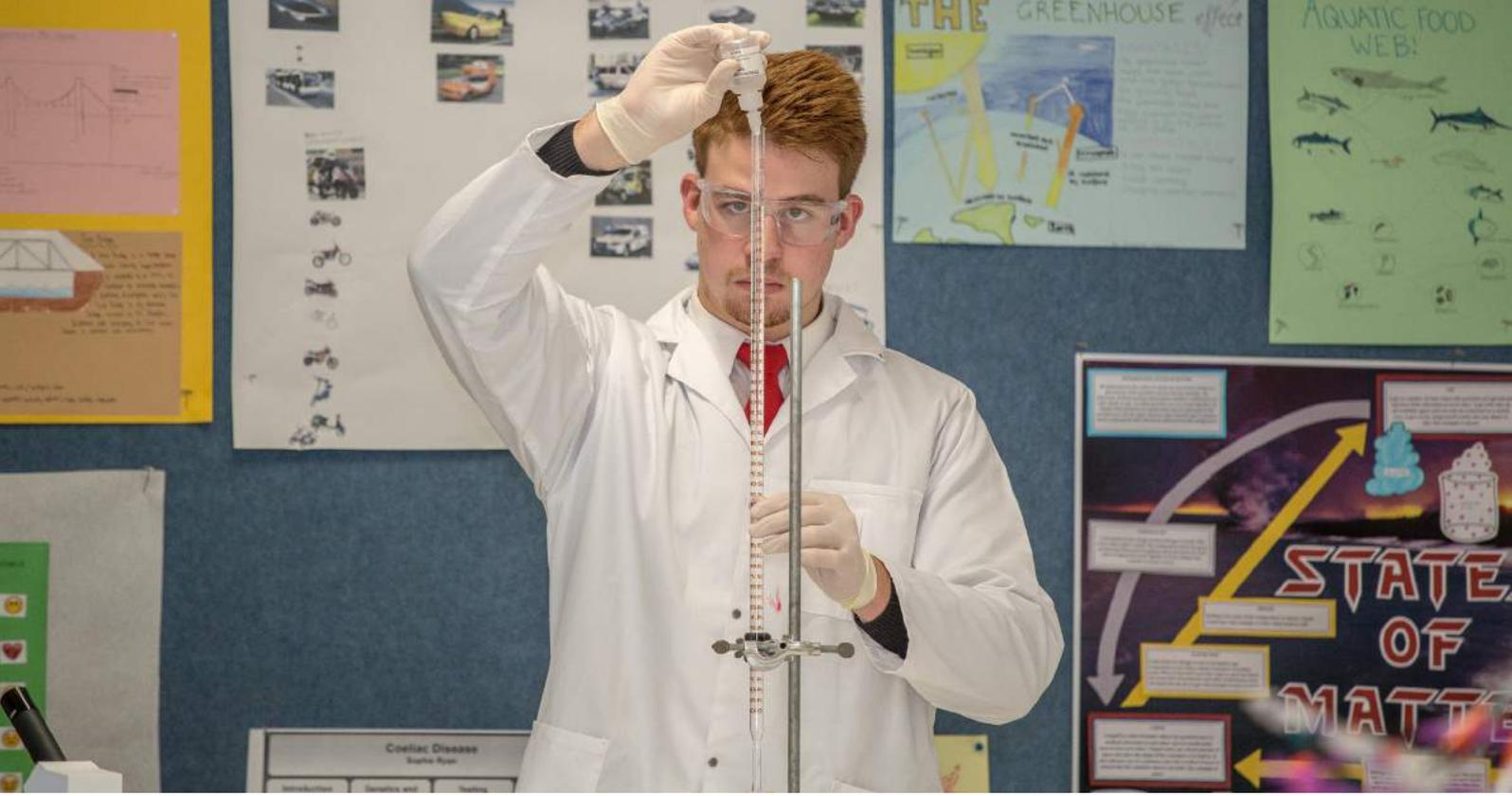
This Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held on Monday evening at Bell City and was a special time to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Year 12 students. The dinner provided an opportunity to formally farewell the Year 12 students as they came to the end of their Secondary School journey. At the dinner, we acknowledged the support of the parents and guardians of the Year 12 students who have supported them throughout a challenging, albeit rewarding school year. Likewise, we were able to thank the staff at the College for their important contribution towards supporting each Year 12 student.

Thank you to everyone who supported these special events for our Year 12 students.

*Michael Bond*

Deputy Principal





## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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It has been a very busy few weeks in the Senior School with Year 10 and 11 examinations, VCE External Written Examinations and Early Commencement. It has been pleasing to observe how our students have approached these challenges. Furthermore, it is encouraging to note that our students are optimistic about the 2018 academic school year.

Please continue to let me know if you have any questions about our Senior School program at Northside Christian College. I look forward to working with our Senior School students once again in 2018.

### SUMMER READING (YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 2018)

Students who will be in Senior School in 2018 are encouraged to read the following class texts over the Summer holiday break. Reading these texts ahead of time will support their learning when they come to study each text. It is recommended that students re-read these as they study the novels in 2018.

**Year 10 2018:** 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee

**Year 11 2018:** 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare, 'Night' by Elie Wiesel and 'The Secret River' by Kate Grenville

**Year 12 2018:** 'Burial Rites' by Hannah Kent and 'I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban' by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai

### UNIVERSITY EXTENSION (YEAR 12 2018)

The University Extension programs give the most able students the chance to extend their ability in a particular area during Year 12. VCE students may qualify for University Extension study if they achieve excellent results in Year 11. Please refer to the requirements established by each tertiary institution. La Trobe University, Monash University, RMIT and the University of Melbourne offer a wide range of subjects at first year level. The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) has advised that for extension studies there is a grading of the ATAR increment for any result of a pass or above. Please note that applications close very soon for a number of these institutions

### 2018 BOOK LISTS (YEARS 11 AND 12 2018)

The North of the Yarra School Booksellers have published the "Student Resource List" for 2018 for Northside Christian College Year 11 and 12 students. A PDF copy of the form has been emailed to families. A paper copy was distributed to students during the Early Commencement Program. Copies are also available from the VCE Administration Office. Students are advised to purchase folders, plastic pockets, dividers, notebooks, etc. to organise their notes throughout the year. This is the best time for students to consider how they will organise their notes.

## YEAR 9/10 ELECTIVES (YEARS 10 AND 11 2018)

A letter regarding the 2018 Year 9/10 elective program was sent home on the 16th November. Students are reminded to return their forms ASAP to the VCE Administration Office. In Years 9 and 10, students can select from a range of specialist elective subjects. This helps students further explore their options in preparation for the Victorian Certificate of Education in Senior School. Year 9 and 10 electives at the College include: Athlete Development, Digital Technologies, Environmental Science, Folio, Food Studies, Legal Studies, Sport and Fitness and Textiles. Year 10 students in 2018 also have an opportunity to accelerate into VCE and complete a Unit 1/2 subject. The College is offering Unit 1/2 Business Management and Unit 1/2 Biology as acceleration options for Year 10 students in 2018. Year 10 students are also reminded to turn in their Maths selection form to the VCE office

## KEY VTAC DATES AND INFORMATION FOR 2017/2018 APPLICATIONS (YEAR 12 2017)

- Release of ATAR and VCE results: 7am Friday 15th December 2017
- Change of preference closing date (Round 1): 12pm Wednesday 20th December 2017
- Release of Round 1 offers: Tuesday 16th January 2018

For more information about changing your preferences, please refer to the following VTAC web page: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/courses/cop.html>

For the most up-to-date list of course amendments, please check the new, cancelled and amended courses page of the VTAC website. Please refer to: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/courseupdates.html>

## VCE RESULTS / ATAR (YEARS 11 AND 12 2017)

Students will need their VCAA student number and PIN (first 4 digits of your birthday). Please note that only 2017 results are recorded on this service.

### Internet Access

This service is free and is available 24 hours a day, from 7am Friday 15th December until 5pm Tuesday 19th December. The web address is [resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](http://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)

### Mail

VCE results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Monday, 18th December. VCE certificates will be

distributed by Northside Christian College and not mailed with your results.

### VTAC App

Students are advised to make sure they have the latest version of the app, which adds a "Login to your VTAC account" option on the main menu. Once logged in to their VTAC account from the app, students can use the "My ATAR" menu option to view their ATAR and contributing scaled study scores.

### Post Result and ATAR Service (PRAS)

If students have questions after receiving their results and ATAR they can contact PRAS by phone on 9032 1717 or 1800 653 080 (freecall) or email [pras@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pras@edumail.vic.gov.au).

For more information, please refer to <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/pras.aspx>

## WELL DONE!

We are coming to the end of a busy and successful year and I would like to thank our College Community for all your support. Plans are already underway for an exciting 2018 at Northside Christian College. It will also be lovely to welcome a number of new families to our College Community in the new school year.

I wish to congratulate our students on their efforts during the 2017 academic school year. It is always rewarding observing our students grow and challenge themselves each day. The Senior School years provide our students with many challenges as they prepare to complete their VCE or VCAL.

Our 2018 Senior School students are encouraged to use the holidays as an opportunity to have a rest but to also spend some time preparing for the new academic school year. Perhaps this time will be an opportunity to read ahead, attend a Summer School lecture, revise new content from Early Commencement or review areas of weakness from the previous year.

*Michael Bond*  
Deputy Principal



30 November 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As you would be aware, Northside Christian College is growing in both enrolments and the quality of our academic programs, as revealed in our NAPLAN and VCE results over the past few years.

Our growth has given rise to an exciting savings opportunity for parents to take advantage of.

### **Savings through Early Bird Payment in Full**

We are delighted to offer parents the opportunity, **for a limited time**, to receive a **5% discount** when the Annual 2018 Tuition Fees and Levies are paid upfront and in full.

This is an additional 2% discount over the normal annual upfront payment discount.

**This offer will expire on 15 December 2017.**

Please call the Office on (03) 9467 2499 for Bee and Liz to confirm your Early Bird savings.

Yours sincerely



Doug Holtam  
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