



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning

# The Vine

NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Report

Damian Higgins

Now that Term 2 is underway, it is good to be reminded of our Mission. This is sometimes expressed as "the why behind the what". Our mission statement, which can be seen around our school in a variety of places is, "Transforming Lives through Christ and the Wonder of Learning". The two verbs in this statement, Transforming and Learning, both imply a positive change and the movement or trajectory from one state to another. I am sure that no one reading this would think that they had already "arrived" and did not need to be continually learning and being transformed.

Romans 12:2 says, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

I believe this verse is emphasising the importance of not remaining as we are. Many of us may remember a particular moment in time when we experienced significant change in our faith journey. Possibly a moment when we became renewed by an experience with our Living God. It is important that we continue in this renewal process so that we maintain our sense of trajectory and don't become defined by single points on our journey. The Northside Christian College Mission Statement speaks of continual transformation and progress. Yes, we celebrate together when a child makes a breakthrough in their learning or in their faith or character development, but it doesn't stop there. All our teachers and staff are committed to a journey of lifelong learning and transformation. It isn't just a one-off event.

My encouragement to everyone reading this message today is for us to know that God has wonderful things in store for each and every one of us. This sentiment is captured beautifully in a memorable passage from C.S. Lewis's chronicles of Narnia. This passage has always stuck with me since reading these books many years ago and I pray this resonates with you too as we continue to journey through life together in the NCC community.

*"All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."* C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle (1956)



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 May  
Soccer Clinic Returns

Friday 4 May  
Whole School Athletics Carnival

Monday 7 May  
School Photo Day

Friday 11 May  
P&F Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 May  
NAPLAN

Thursday 24 May  
P&F Hot Food Day  
Year 3 Sleepover

Tuesday 29 May  
Year 1 Breakfast

Wednesday 30 May  
Year 2 Breakfast

Monday 4 June  
Free Parent Session: Education Around  
Dealing with Pornography

## Term Dates 2018

Term 2:  
Tuesday 17 April- Friday 29 June

Term 3:  
Wednesday 18 July- Friday 21  
September

Term 4:  
Tuesday 9 October- Tuesday 11  
December

## CHILD SAFETY REMINDER: STUDENT TOILETS

Northside Christian College wishes to remind adults and visitors that adults who require a toilet at the College should not enter clearly marked toilets for students, including ambulant student bathrooms. If required, adults can access the toilets near the school administration office which have been designated for staff until such time as we can clearly designate adult toilets in other parts of the College. Adults who need to assist a child in the bathroom must use the staff toilets. This procedure assists the College with implementing the Child Safe Standards, with the goal of minimising the risk of child abuse at our College.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 4th May

The Athletics Carnival will be held at the Meadowglen Athletics Track  
Drop off: 8.45am  
Pick up: 3.00pm  
Address: 146 McDonalds Rd, Epping

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP YOUR CHILD:**

There will be an option of booking a seat on the bus to transport your child to and from this event. The booking form have been sent out with the permission form.

### PARENT HELPERS ARE NEEDED!

If you are able to assist on the day, please fill out the Parent Helper sheet attached to the permission form and return it to Reception by Friday 27th April.

All helpers must have a current WWCC and have signed the NCC Code of Conduct.

## SOCCER CLINIC IS BACK

Starting Tuesday 1st May

To register your child, please make a payment of \$90 to the Account's Office.

Day: Tuesdays commencing next week (1st May)

Time: 3.35pm - 4.30pm

What to wear: Sport clothing (students will need to get changed after school if they are wearing their Winter uniform during the day).

Participants must wear soccer boots or runners, school shoes are not permitted.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Venegas for more information [avenegas@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:avenegas@ncc.vic.edu.au).

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month unless it falls during the school holidays then the meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the new term.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 3 May.. All welcome!

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 7th May

School Photo order forms have been sent home. Parents can order their photos online and there is a bonus for ordering prior to Photo Day. All families wishing to order Sibling Photos must order them before School Photo Day.

**Sport has been cancelled on this day. All students must wear their full Winter Uniform.**

## 2018 P&F MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 11th May

Time: 9.00am after Chapel

Where: Admin Foyer

Gifts range from \$2 to \$10

Volunteers are needed to run the stall. If you are able to assist, please contact Liz on 9467-2499.

Volunteering counts towards your parent participation.

## TERM TWO P&F HOT FOOD DAYS

Thursday 24th May 2018: Pizzeria Day

Thursday 21st June 2018: To Be Confirmed

Order forms will be sent out in due course. Volunteers always welcome, provided you have completed the Food Safety online module: <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/>

If you are able to assist, please contact Liz on 9467-2499. For safety reasons, pre-schoolers are not allowed. Volunteering counts towards your parent participation.

## WASTE INTO ART!

This term in Art we will be focusing on sustainable art projects. Students will be incorporating 'junk' in their art works.

**Please help by collecting these items for the art room:**

Buttons, plastic bread ties, beads, bottle tops, squeeze bottle lids, and any other small plastics.

Students can bring these items to the art room during their Art lesson.

## Chappy Chat

Jared Stocks

### Easter and the Resurrection

In my role as Chaplain, I was privileged to lead the school in an Easter Chapel, and to follow this up with a Chapel on the Resurrection in our first Chapel for Term 2. I felt it would be good to share my thoughts from these Chapels with the wider school community. I pray you feel blessed by reading through this simple gospel message.

In Genesis we read the creation story and we hear that God created us for relationship with Him. Adam and Eve walked and talked with God, in perfect love. He placed two trees in the garden of Eden, the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God commanded them to not eat the fruit of the second tree, or they would surely die.

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve, when tempted by the serpent, disobeyed God

by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This meant that their relationship with God was imperfect and broken.

Because of the broken relationship, access to the Father was denied. Our sin was too great for God to have a direct relationship with us. The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death", so as a result of their sin, access to the 'life' giving God was removed.

Throughout the rest of the Old Testament we read that God spoke to individuals like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and the Prophets. Through Moses, the commandments and the law were given to help guide the people of God into right standing with him. God even provided a High Priest to be the mediator between man and God. Once a year this High Priest could enter behind the curtain of the Holy of Holies to make a sacrifice of atonement for the people, but even he had to have a rope tied to his ankle, just in case he did something wrong and died in God's presence.

In John 19:30 we read, "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." In the Greek it is just one word: tetelestai, which can mean "it is finished, it is completed, or it is accomplished". It is vital that we understand that when Jesus said this it wasn't a sigh of resignation, but a declaration of victory. Jesus has accomplished everything He came to earth to do. In ancient Israel, tetelestai is also a business term meaning 'paid in full'. Our sin was paid in full.

With Jesus' death on the cross, the temple curtain was torn in two, symbolising that separation from God's presence was over, Jesus had made a way to the Father, and access was now granted into relationship with Him. We now have full access to Him. Because of Jesus, the man who became sin though he knew no sin, that we may be made righteous before the Father, we now have His presence living in us, we have complete access to the Father.

## ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at Northside Christian College

Teresa Connelly

During whole school assembly on the morning of Monday 23rd April, the College community, including all staff, students and parents, attended and participated in an ANZAC Day Service. The Service took place outdoors, by the flag-poles. It began with the singing of the national anthem, led by the junior choir. Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal read the address, acknowledging that it is now just over 100 years since Australian soldiers first set foot on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey, far from their homes and loved ones, as a result of Australia becoming involved in the First World War. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers lost their lives during that campaign. For Australia, the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. Students then heard of the role played by the Bundoora Homestead, in our local area (then known as the Bundoora Repatriation Hospital), in the care and restoration of many WWI returned



servicemen who's hearts and minds had been shattered by the events they had experienced in war. The service included a reading by the College Captain (Olivia Ryan), and her Assistant (Ivy Liew), of the poem 'In Flanders Fields' (by John McCrae). Student leaders from across all sections of the College then laid a floral wreath, and single poppies, to commemorate the fallen. Later this year, in November, 11am on the 11th day of that month will mark

exactly 100 years since the guns on the battle fields of that conflict fell silent, ending WWI. We will mark that occasion in the appropriate way on that day. During the College ANZAC Service on the morning of the 23rd April, we honoured the ANZACs, and all Australian service men and women that have served this nation and all of its people, in fields of conflict from WWI, to the present.



Amy Horneman

Reading is one of the fundamental skills of modern society and can also be one of the most rewarding. But as Katherine Paterson, Newbery Medal and National Book Award winner, puts it, "It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations--something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."

In the INSPIRE program, we work hard to encourage a love of reading, as well as an understanding of what makes 'good' literature and how we can learn about God's world through reading literature. This year, the Primary Bookworms have been enthusiastically studying Sylvia Bishop's debut novel *Erica's Elephant* and the INSPIRE English classes have been working through analysing and evaluating a variety of novels, including *The Cat and the King* by Nick Sharratt (Yr 1/2), *Birring the Secret Friend* by Jackie French (Yr 3/4),



*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar (Year 5/6), *Refuge* by Jackie French (Yr 7/8) and course texts on the VCE Literature booklist such as *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson (Yr 9-11). These books pose interesting ethical, philosophical, cultural and literary questions which we enjoy unpacking immensely during our classes.

From the students:

"I like [INSPIRE English] because you learn but it's actually not boring..it helps you to learn how to think and communicate" - Justin  
 "You extend your knowledge of English and literature. It also organises your thoughts to thinking quickly on your feet. It is required for many future jobs" - Suhanayan

"I love INSPIRE because it helps with thinking outside the box" - Madison  
 "I get to learn lots of higher level thinking skills" - Kaeden  
 "It is a way of making me want to learn" - Jacob

All students are encouraged to read and to choose literature which is challenging for them, both in terms of vocabulary and in terms of the 'big ideas' which are presented in the texts. And parents can be very powerful promoters of literacy by providing interesting and stimulating books for their children to read at home. Why not try leaving a few good books lying around at home, and see if your child picks one up for a read?

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald

## Studio Arts Excursion

Michael Bond

On Wednesday, 19th April the VCE Unit 1 and 3 Studio Arts students from Northside Christian College had the opportunity to have a private guided tour through the permanent collection of the National Gallery of Victoria. The class were led through the complexities involved in curating an exhibition, designing an exhibition space and preservation practices.

Following this tour, students were inspired by the very best of 2017 VCE Studio Arts, at the annual Top Arts exhibition. This exhibition comprises of work selected from applicants across Victoria. The exhibition encompasses a range of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, digital and mixed media. Students also delved deeper into their studies with a student folio viewing and VCE Studio Arts lecture.



Top Arts is part of the VCE Season of Excellence managed by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The VCE Season of Excellence comprises twelve concerts (Top Class and Top Acts), two exhibitions, (Top Arts and Top Designs) and eighteen screenings of short films (TopScreen). All work is produced by outstanding VCE students who

completed technology, design, visual or performing arts studies in 2017. Events are presented in Melbourne's major cultural venues, and a number of associated education programs are offered in conjunction with Season events. Top Arts will be displayed from the 23rd March -15th July 2018 at the National Gallery of Victoria.

## Horizons: Year 10 Poetry Intensive

Chris Gatt

At the beginning of Term 2, the Year 10 class participated in a poetry intensive as part of their Horizons program. The purpose of this program is for students to find their 'voice' in order to respond to issues of social injustice. The poetry intensive is an integral part of that process.

The students worked with renowned poet Joel McKerrow to develop their poetry writing skills by digging deep into their feelings of outrage over injustice and compassion for those who suffer.

The students demonstrated bravery and integrity as they stood before their teachers and classmates and performed their poems. The poetry was of an excellent standard and their personal responses to such big issues was deeply moving.

These extracts from the students' poems provide a glimpse of the quality of the

work produced.

*"We don't realise that a gentle stone can cause an endless ripple  
A tidal wave grows from its movement and it grows and it grows and circles the world again and again  
Flooding the world with hatred  
Every word said is a stone dropped  
Creating a tidal wave."*

- Ryan

*"We stand tall and we speak our heart  
Our existence isn't for the sake of his leisure  
We are eagles not chickens, we soar not roam,  
We shall not peck around and lay eggs in captivity  
Let us fly in the sky and look down upon those who shame our power  
We shall fly over these city walls."*

- Jennie

*"You don't know her story,  
She's been writing it since she was born.  
You can't fit into her shoes,*

*She's been wearing them since she was a kid.*

*She's been walking with them through her ups and downs.*

*That's where those scuffs come from.*

*We don't know her story but it's time we listen."*

- Arvin

*"You took me on a trip.*

*Took me to see your big houses and scarily perfect streets,*

*You don't live on clouds you live on cement.*

*Now I know*

*There are no such things as angels,*

*Just devils wearing halos,*

*And wearing white to cover the blood red reality,*

*You took me on a trip,*

*Where the money trees flourish everywhere,*

*Yet the seeds are never shared,*

*You took me on a trip."*

- Alin

## After School Arrangements

Student safety is a priority at Northside. As you are aware, in 2018 the time school finishes each day is 3.20pm. This means that children can not be left unsupervised in the school grounds after 3.35pm.

Please read this information to refresh your memory regarding after school expectations:

1 Primary students on site after 3.35pm will be taken to After School Care. In the interests of child safety there can be no exceptions to this rule. Staff are in meetings after school and are not available to supervise students.

2 We expect that most students and their parents would be leaving the school grounds by 3.45pm. If your child walks home, takes public transport, or rides their bike home, they should have left school by 3.45pm.

3 Primary students are not allowed to be looked after by older siblings in the Common Room after school. Secondary students can study in the Common Room and Primary students need to go to After School Care.

4 If parents are running late to pick up a Secondary student, students can not wait in the yard or the car park to be picked up by parents. They must wait in the foyer.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact a Director of Learning.

## Music Programme Term 2

This term we have much to look forward to with 2 Music Recitals happening in June as well as a visit to the local aged care facility already being planned. The Recitals will be held across two evenings to allow for our growing enrolments and to get as many students as possible performing. The evening events will be held on Monday 18th June for Piano, Vocal and String students and Tuesday 19th June for Drum Kit, Guitar and Brass students. Both events to be held in the multi purpose room at Encompass Church.

I would like to welcome two new members to the IM team. Mr Jeremiah Rose is our new trumpet tutor. Jeremiah is a wonderful musician and teacher. He will be an asset to our team. We also welcome Ms Anna Ives to be our new saxophone and vocal tutor. Anna started at the end of Term 1 and has a great passion for teaching and comes with a wealth of experience to share with our community.

We are currently running lunchtime ensembles everyday of the week offering these groups for students to get involved in - Percussion Ensemble, Middle School Band, Primary Band, Senior Band, Year 7 Concert band, Primary Choir and Secondary Vocal Ensemble. If you are considering enrolling your child in individual or group lessons at Northside or wish to have your child join a lunch time group please get in contact with us via the office or at [music@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@ncc.vic.edu.au).

## CSEN Regional Swimming Event

Administration

Late last term, Northside students competed in the CSEN Regional Swimming Competition in Ringwood. The College achieved outstanding results, entering younger swimmers in events to make up teams. Northside entered an Under 21 team with only one swimmer representing this age group. In the relays, younger students were utilized to make a team: Connor in Year 7, Daniel in Year 10, Maitri in Year 9 and Stephen in Year 7. The results for this age group in B division were:

50 m freestyle	1st Damien
50 m backstroke	1st Damien
50 m butterfly	1st Damien
50 m breaststroke	2nd Damien
100 m freestyle	1st Damien
Freestyle Relay	2nd NCC (Connor, Daniel, Maitri and Stephen)
Medley Relay	3rd NCC (Connor, Daniel, Maitri and Stephen)

Overall winners of the Under 21 Pennant for B division - Northside Christian College

Special recognition goes to Damien who is now through to the State CSEN in all the events he swam in at this regionals event. Damien has also been selected by CSEN to be part of their representative team in the 2 relay teams at Victorian School Associations Competition.

Northside is a school where students are celebrated for displaying excellence in all fields where God has gifted them. We congratulate all of the swimmers who participated in the CSEN event on these excellent results.

## PSTI Pop Up Bookstore

Eleanor Tan

Thank you to all the parents who attended the PSTI evenings last week. We hope that you found the interview times with teachers and your child/ren informative and helpful as students set goals for the remainder of the year.

We were able to host Sandy from Living Well Book Store at both PSTI sessions. Many parents took the opportunity to purchase high quality Christian books for their children. Money raised was given to the Vietnam Mission Project for 2019.

If you were unable to keep your PSTI appointments last week, please reschedule times with teachers through the Office by calling 9467 2499.



## Cancelled Event: Building Resilience in Young People

Fiona Dumitrache

Please note that the Building Resilience in Young People seminar with Sharon Witt due to be held this Monday 30 th April has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Free Parent Session: Education Around Dealing with Pornography

This session will be held on Monday June 4th and will especially be of interest to parents of Secondary students. The free parent session supports a student session which will take place at school. More information regarding both these events will be sent to parents closer to the time, but please pop the date in your diary now.

# Senior School Report

Michael Bond

## GAT

The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequences must sit the GAT. Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores. No Unit 1 or Unit 3 VCE classes will be scheduled at Northside Christian College on Wednesday, 13th June as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

## TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

In order to further equip our Year 12 students with important information to assist them in their pathways beyond Secondary School, Northside Christian College Year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Session held at the La Trobe University in Bundoora on Tuesday, 22nd May. The Tertiary Information Session (TIS) provided students with an opportunity to see an interactive presentation outlining the tertiary application process.

## END OF SEMESTER I EXAMINATIONS

During Week 9 of this term, students in Years 10 and 11 will be sitting midyear examinations. The Year 10 students will be completing a midyear examination for English, Mathematics and Science. Year 11 students will be completing Unit 1 midyear examinations in most subjects. Please note that some Year 10 students are also accelerating in some VCE subjects, which means they will also complete these exams. Please find below a copy of the Year 10 and Year 11 (Unit 1) Midyear Examination Timetable.

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3 practice exams in many subjects during class time between the 12th - 22nd June.

The purpose of the exams is to start preparing students for the Unit 3/4 end of year exam experience. Students are encouraged to use a range of revision tools and techniques when studying.

Students in Year 11 are not required at the College for those sessions in which they do not have a scheduled exam. Students are reminded that they need to sign out at the College Office when they leave the College grounds. Year 11 students are reminded that Unit 3 classes will continue during this week.

Normal Year 12 (Unit 3) classes will run throughout the week with the exception of Wednesday due to the GAT.

Year 10 classes will continue to run as normal as much as possible throughout the examination week. Please note that some Year 10 classes will be relocated to other classrooms on Wednesday 13th June to assist with the running of the GAT.

The idea of exams can be anxiety-provoking for many students. While a little anxiety can be helpful, too much can be detrimental. One way of minimising anxiety is to be well prepared and well informed. During the next few weeks, students will be provided with more specific information about the structure and requirements of each exam by their teachers. In terms of being prepared, students are encouraged to spend some time over the next fortnight checking that their classwork is up to date and is organised in a logical manner.

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded that exams are compulsory and that a medical certificate must be provided in the case of absence. Exam results for Years 10 - 12 will be reported on Schoology.

Please continue to pray for our Senior School students during this very busy time of the year.

Week B	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	
9:00 – 10:40	Unit 1 English	GAT 10.00am – 1.15pm	Year 10 Science	Year 10 Mathematics Unit 1 Legal Studies	
Recess					
11:05 – 12:45	Year 10 English Unit 1 Health and Human Development  Unit 1 Visual Communication and Design *** (Room 311)			Unit 1 History: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Unit 1 General Mathematics Unit 1 Foundation Mathematics Unit 1 Mathematical Methods
Lunch					
1:40 – 3:20	Unit 1 Psychology Unit 1 Physics  Unit 1 Studio Arts ** (Room 206)			Unit 1 Biology	Unit 1 Business Management Unit 1 Chemistry



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