



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning

# The Vine

NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Report

**Damian Higgins**

One of the wonderful things about being part of a Christian School is the freedom we have to pray together, to pray for each other and to share and support each other in our faith journeys. In our daily staff devotions and prayer time and throughout our classrooms, there are numerous reminders of our theme for the year. You will find the word 'SHINE' in big letters along with variety of artistic reminders displayed in key places around the campus. I would like to encourage you all (parents, students and Northside staff alike), to pause for just a few seconds every time you see such a reminder when walking through our College grounds and contemplate the implications of this theme. We were all created in the image of God from the very beginning (Genesis 1: 26-27). As we contemplate what this really means, we are left with a very real reminder of how we should relate to others. We should recognise that every other person we meet is also created in God's image and as such we should always be respectful of this, without exceptions.

Thinking about this truth, it can feel like high expectations are placed on us to live up to being God's image bearers. Surely we are destined to fail. However, it is in humility rather than arrogance that we fulfil our calling. Although we are all sons and daughters of God, we know that this status is not something we have earned or are worthy of. Instead, this is entirely a gift to each of us.

The combination of us seeing each other as made in God's image and at the same time understanding God's infinite generosity and favour towards us, is what makes for a thriving Christian College community. As with all community relationships, we need to work hard to play our part. But as we stop to reflect on our theme at the end of a long and busy term, we can be open to the Holy Spirit working within us to help us become more aware of who we are in God and also how precious our classmates, fellow parents and staff members are.

I pray each and every one of you has a refreshing and energizing break and that next term when we return, we continue to learn together what it really means to SHINE.



## 2018 Term Dates

### Term 2:

Tuesday 17 April- Friday 29 June

### Term 3:

Wednesday 18 July- Friday 21 September

### Term 4:

Tuesday 9 October- Tuesday 11 December

## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 27 June

Learning Showcase - 3:30-7:00pm

### Thursday 28 June

P&F AGM

### Friday 29 June

Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish

### Wednesday 18 July

Term 3 Begins

### Thursday 19 July

Senior School Information Evening

### Thursday 19 July

Samaritan's Purse Discovery Trip

Information Evening

### Monday 23 July

Horizons Showcase

### Wednesday 25 July

Yr 7 Information Evening

## School Holiday Hours

The College Office & the Accounts Office will be open 9:00am - 3:30pm Monday - Friday during the School Holidays (Monday 2 - Friday 13 July).

The College will be closed Monday 16 - Tuesday 17 July.

## Prayer Changes Everything

Please join us every Thursday for prayer.

Meet at the foyer at 2:15pm.

ALL WELCOME.

You are welcome to sms prayer requests to Jenny Masino on 0425 769 829.

Look forward to seeing you there!



## Parents & Friends

P&F AGM to be held on Thursday 28 June from 9am.

Meet in the foyer.

All welcome.

### 2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, LOVE.

## Extended Care Visit

On Friday 9 May the Junior Choir, Brass Band and some of our Student Leaders visited the Bundoora Extended Care facility so that we could bless all the women on Mothers' Day. The band played two songs and the choir sang the national anthem and a Christian version of Havana. The Student Leaders mingled with the patients and handed out gifts made by the students. The patients, staff and volunteers of the Bundoora Extended Care were very excited to have our students visit. We all look forward to visiting them again soon.

- Maitri (Yr 9)



## Aalsmeer Florist



Aalsmeer Florist has generously 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 smell the roses (or lilies or carnations). Aalsmeer has been the College "florist of choice" for many, many years. If you need to send flowers why not visit their website?

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

## Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now well underway.

Prep - Year 2 students need to be reading a total of 30 books, 15 of those being from the booklist provided and 15 own choice books. Years 3 - 10 students are required to read 15 books with 10 being from the booklist. Additional information can be found on the PRC website at

[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Any Secondary students wanting to sign up should see Mrs Marsh.



# Transforming Lives Through Christ and the Wonder of Learning

Angela Eynaud

At Northside Christian College, we aim to create a sense of wonder in our students about the Character of God and all he has made. We are committed to creating a culture where students and teachers foster their God-given curiosity and love of learning. Our curriculum intentionally focuses on developing the skills and habits that equip students to become life-long learners. The College Curriculum meets and builds upon the Australian Curriculum standards and capabilities, challenging students to be the best they can be.

**Learning Showcase**   
 Wednesday 27th June  
 3.30-7.00pm

In the Primary School, the emphasis is placed on foundational skills and building students' capacity to learn with the courage and confidence to explore the world and to try new things. There is a commitment to developing students' literacy and numeracy as well as their competency in an increasingly digital world, through differentiated, specialist programs. The curriculum is targeted to meet individual needs with an emphasis on support and extension.

In the Middle School, there is an emphasis on establishing students' good habits for learning and life. In Year 9, the Survival Challenge encourages students to be courageous and resilient, taking risks and challenging themselves. The curriculum aims to develop a broad and deep understanding of the world and their place in it. At all year levels, the curriculum is taught through a Biblical worldview encouraging students to use their learning to impact the world for good.

In the Senior School, there is an increased emphasis on academic rigour and the ability to solve problems and achieve success in all areas of their lives. Students' understanding of themselves as global citizens and preparedness for life after school are two important foci.

Our curriculum model from Prep to Year 12 is Understanding by Design, which results in a curriculum geared toward the practical application of learning to real life problems.

We look forward to showcasing the learning that is taking place at Northside at the upcoming Learning Showcase on Wednesday 27 June 2018.

## Capital Building Improvements

Facilities play a role in the delivery of learning experiences. Inspiring learning spaces, multi-purpose communal areas, arts and sporting facilities need to be created, maintained and improved. The following improvements are just a few examples of what philanthropic support from the community has helped to achieve for Northside Christian College:

- New Primary Playground
- Basketball and Netball Courts
- Soccer Pitch
- Water Tanks
- Middle School Improvements.

We seek to engage with alumni, current families, friends and corporate donors who wish to help us implement our Capital Projects Plan. If you are considering a tax deductible gift to Northside Christian College's building program before 30 June 2018, please contact the Accounts Office.

### Tax Deductible Donations

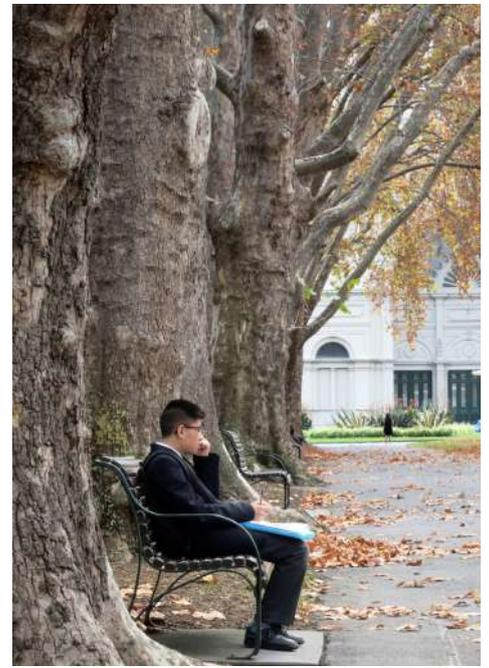
All voluntary school buildings donations are tax deductible.



### Thank you

Northside Christian College acknowledges, with appreciation, the tremendous support of parents and friends, alumni and staff. These individuals, through their collective philanthropy, support the vitality of school life at Northside through their commitment and generosity to the College.

We thank all those whose gifts enable Northside to provide a well-rounded education to our children.



# Year 9 City Challenge

Jo Westland

The Year 9 Challenge program at Northside Christian College runs throughout the school year and challenges students to move out of their comfort zones and overcome hurdles, while learning to work collaboratively with their peers and teachers. The program provides opportunities for students to develop their independence as they grow through experience and begin to demonstrate the good judgement that comes with maturity.

**During the last week of May, the Year 9 students participated in the City Challenge, trading their school desks for the city pavements.**

There was a buzz in the air on the first morning as the students made their own way into the city with their travel buddies to meet their teachers at the Federation Square home-base. Learning to navigate the public transport system and managing their time to make the allotted appointments throughout the CBD was a new experience for some students and definitely a challenge for some.



The students engaged in new experiences and learnt to solve problems while looking out for one another. They visited historical and cultural sites and encountered some of the community issues found in and around the city. In the pursuit of being active and more informed citizens, the students and staff were moved by the stories of youth homelessness in Victoria while at the Melbourne City Mission's Front Yard services.

Students took time out to investigate Melbourne Museum's Indigenous display and later had the opportunity to pray and reflect at St Paul's Cathedral.

During one of the daily sessions, the students were asked to make comparisons of the cityscape and architectural developments over the past 180 years, as well as having the unique opportunity to observe an actual archaeological dig being undertaken as part of the Metro Tunnel project.

In preparation for the City Challenge, the class had been challenged to consider why is Melbourne one of the world's most liveable cities. Together in small groups, they collaborated to form an inquiry that saw the students investigate and gather data throughout the four days they were in the city, in preparation for the upcoming Learning Showcase.

Some of the highlights of this year's City Challenge Experience included students familiarising themselves with Melbourne's café culture, meeting Australian television personality Dr Chris Brown, having the freedom and independence to make decisions and find their way into the City and exploring the various cuisine on offer.



# Senior School Report

Michael Bond

The Northside Christian College Year 10 and Unit 1 examinations were held between Tuesday 12 and Friday 15 June. The examinations have provided students with an opportunity to review and, in some cases, re-learn topics studied throughout the semester. This approach to studying has allowed many of our students to consolidate the knowledge gained previously during the semester.

**I wish to congratulate our students for their mature approach to the recent examinations, and to thank our staff for their work in preparing meaningful revision activities and suitably rigorous examination papers to challenge our students.**

Staff at the College have assessed the examination papers and have provided feedback via the College's Continuous Online Reporting Program (CORP) on



School. Students are encouraged to take the time to reflect on this valuable feedback, and to embrace this opportunity to celebrate achievements, consider areas for revision and collaborate with staff to develop an improved understanding of the concepts studied during the first semester. The midyear holidays provide a chance to complete some of this revision.

Our focus in the Senior School now turns to commencing Semester 2 classes. For VCE classes, Unit 1 and 3 classes concluded on Friday 15 June. As a result, in most subjects, our VCE students have been finalising assessments to meet the Outcomes. Semester 2 VCE classes commenced in Week 10. A SAC Calendar for Units 2 and 4 will be published shortly.

Thank you once again to our students for their efforts during Semester 1. I trust that all of our families will enjoy a wonderful break over the winter holidays, and that our students will return rejuvenated for Term 3. May God bless your holidays.

## UNIT 2 AND 4 SUBJECT CHANGES

If a student wishes to make a subject change, they must speak with Mr Bond and complete the Change of Unit Request Form.

Changes can only be made subject to the constraints of the timetable and should occur within one week of the beginning of each Semester.

Forms are available at the VCE Administration Office or in the VCE Student Policy Handbook.

## YEAR 10 VET TASTERS

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) can be an exciting pathway of education for students to undertake as one of their options during Year 11 and 12. Completing a VET course can help students make more informed decisions about future educational and career pathways. For this reason, we have invited the Year 10 students to attend up to a maximum of three Taster Days at local VET venues during June, July and August. Taster Days give students hands-on experience and can assist in choosing the course that will best fit the student. Some sessions can book out quickly, so students are encouraged to register early. Please speak with Mrs Lenna Waters to find out additional details about the VET Taster Days. We look forward to hearing about the experiences of our Year 10 students.

## SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Northside Christian College warmly invites families and students from Years 9, 10 and 11 to attend the Senior School Information Evening on Thursday 19 July at 6:30pm in Room 315 of the Senior School. The transition from Middle School to Senior School is a significant step in the educational journey of our students. The purpose of the evening is to provide information regarding the VCE, VCAL and Year 10 studies in 2019. The Senior School Information Evening provides us with a chance to meet to discuss subject options, career pathways and more. Subject Selection forms will be provided at this event for current Year 9 - 11 students. Your attendance at this evening is greatly appreciated. Please contact the VCE Administration Office for more information.



# Monash University Kids' Lab



## INSPIRE News

Amy Homeman & Students

On Wednesday 13 June the Primary Science Talent Search participants had the opportunity to go to Monash University to do some science in a cool chemistry lab.

to our surprise the texta colour had separated into the two colours that were mixed to get it. The third thing we did was we had two cups and they were both filled with water.

In one we put cotton balls and in the other we put a kind of powder called superabsorber.

We saw how the cotton balls absorbed the water and we could squeeze the majority of the water back out but the superabsorber had a different story: when we mixed the powder with the water it turned into a satisfying sushi-like mix and we could not get the water back out. This is the powder which is used in nappies.



The last thing we did was really weird: we had 2 cups, one with cold water the other with hot; in the hot one first we put something called worm activator and then some magenta coloured liquid and as soon as it touched the hot water it started to get a bit solid but really flexible and it was amazing. When we moved the worm-like object into the cold water it became dark and when we put it back into the hot water it became lightly coloured.

We had to give back the goggles but we got to keep the aprons and, to make it all better, we got a gift bag.

I'm sure everyone was excited to wear the scientist's goggles because it made us all feel like real scientists. When entering the real lab itself we separated into 3 groups. The first thing we did was learn 7 safety rules to keep us safe.

The first scientific experiment we did was chromatography and we had to fold a sheet of special tissue paper then use a bright coloured marker to draw lines on the outside. We then used a popsicle stick and placed it over a cup of water to wait for some time and



# Mini Music Recitals

Andrew Horneman

On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 June we saw over 50 of our College students perform in the two Mini Music Recitals held at Encompass Church. The students who were involved in the evenings' concerts are predominantly part of the individual music programs that are run at the College, with some additional students from the ensemble program. The Mini Music Recitals offer students an opportunity to showcase the skills they have developed during the semester and to practice performing for a live audience in a professional environment.

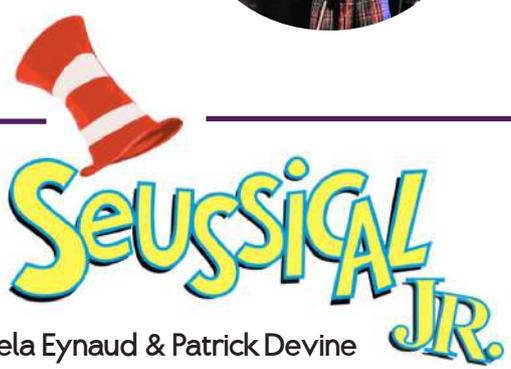
This year the decision was made to spread the performances across two nights, which enabled more students of all skill levels to take part while also reducing the timeframe of each concert.



All the students performed with enthusiasm and skill and a number of people commented on how nice it was to see all levels and ages of performers taking part. We have over 80 students participating in individual music tuition weekly at the College and many more involved in the ensembles that we run each week. It is wonderful that we can provide opportunities for these students to shine and be encouraged in their musical endeavors.



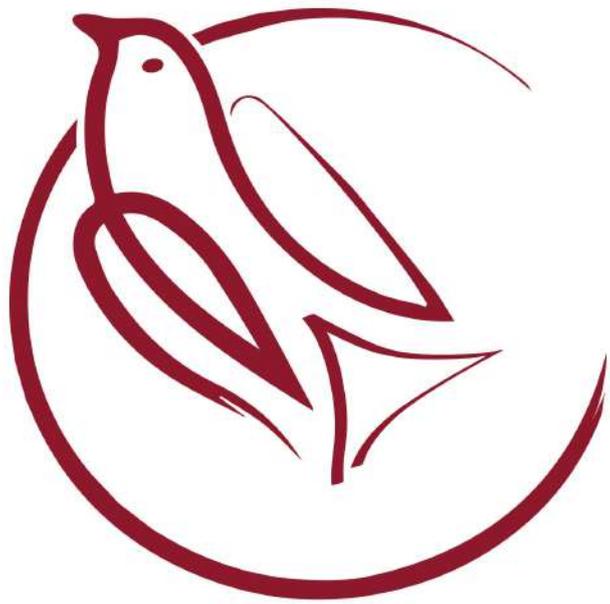
I would like to congratulate our students on presenting two outstanding concerts and to thank our parents and staff for getting behind these events. I encourage everyone in the community to consider coming along to future recitals to show support for our students, build the community and enjoy the gift of music!



**Angela Eynaud & Patrick Devine**  
Rehearsals for the 2018 Northside Musical are now underway!  
There will be three performances: Friday 31 August (7pm) and Saturday 1 September (2pm and 7pm).  
Write these dates in your diary now!

## Musical News

**WE NEED YOU!**  
For the Musical to proceed, we need the help of our College parents & friends. In the coming weeks, we will be asking for an array of willing people to help with props, sets, costumes and more ...  
Please contact Angela Eynaud or Patrick Devine for more information!



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