



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Vine

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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Damian Higgins

A significant event in the College calendar took place last Wednesday. It is always a time of great joy and also of great sadness as we bid farewell to our Year 12 students as they complete their final (official) day of formal education. Exams are just around the corner but we stopped, just for an hour or two, to round off the school days of these terrific young men and women with some fun.

As a teacher (and a student) back in the UK, there was no such thing as "Muck Up Day". The school bell sounded on the final school day and everyone just said farewell and maybe had a celebration of one sort or another. When I arrived in Australia and began teaching at a government school, I was shocked by the idea that students were allowed to behave so badly in some schools upon completing Year 12. However, not every school has such a negative experience. In our case, here at Northside Christian College, the final day for Year 12 is completely the reverse. It is a day full of creativity, generosity and positivity. It speaks volumes in terms of how our students have approached their time at the College, and the wholesome and respectful relationships they have formed with the staff members. As we have seen for so long within our Community, the students of years gone by return to the College over and over again. There is a desire to remain connected and to give back. I have no doubt we will see many of our 2018 graduating group again in a variety of capacities in the years to come, whether it be as future staff members, parents or even just occasional visitors. These students are now part of the history of our College and I pray they continue to play a part in our future.

I am sure you will join me in praying for these young men and women as they embark on an exciting new phase of their lives.

Grace & Peace

2018 Term Dates

Term 4:

Tuesday 9th October - Tuesday 11th December

2019 Term Dates

Term 1:

Preps, Years 7, 10, 12 Start Thursday 31st January

Friday 1st February - Friday 5th April

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 28th June

Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

Term 4

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 11th December

Diary Dates

Term 4

Monday 29th October

Music Recital

Wednesday 31st October

VCE Exams Begin

Thursday 1st - Friday 2nd November

Year 5/6 City Camp

Monday 5th November

Mid Term Break - Student Free Day

Tuesday 6th November

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday



Thursday 15th November

Hoop Time Regionals

Friday 23rd November

Yr 12 Graduation

Wednesday 28th November

2019 Prep - Year 10 Orientation Day

Thursday 29th November

Yr 6 Graduation

Friday 30th November

Awards Assembly

Wednesday 5th December

Semester 2 Learning Showcase

Tuesday 11th December

Last Day of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish

Celebration Evening (P. 6)



Parents & Friends News:

The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective

James 5:16

Please join us every Thursday for prayer.

Meet in the foyer at 2:15pm.

ALL WELCOME.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Next Parents and Friends Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st November 2018, 9:00am until 10:00am. Please meet at Reception.

All parents are welcome to attend.



2018 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training is currently undertaking the 2018 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection. As a parent/guardian you do not need to provide any information directly to the Department. The only thing you need to do is ensure your address details are up to date with the College. If you need to update your child/ren's residential address details, please contact the College Office by return email or on (03) 9467 2499. More information about this collection has been emailed to all parents directly.

Spring Music Recital 2018

Our music students are all busy working towards our annual Spring Music Recital Ensembles Extravaganza! This event will be held at the Encompass Church main auditorium on Monday 29th October, 2018. The aim of this year's event is to showcase all of the ensembles that run weekly here at the College. It is shaping up to be a fantastic event full of variety and entertainment for all. Tickets are available for purchase from the Accounts Office.





Year 12 Celebration Day!



On Wednesday 24th October, we joined with our Year 12 students as they celebrated the final day of their Secondary schooling. The College Community enjoyed a morning of carnival games and competitions with a 1980s theme. Thank you to Mrs Angela Eynaud, Mrs Lenna Waters, Mrs Fiona Dumitrache, Mr Stephen Nelson and other staff members who were instrumental in the success of the day.

The final assembly provided an opportunity to honour the Graduates for their unique contributions to the College Community. Our Year 12 students' behaviour on their last day was exemplary. We say farewell to a class of capable, creative, confident and passionate young men and women, and ask God to bless them as they prepare to transition into the next exciting chapter of their lives.



Year 3/4 Camp



Patrick Devine

In Term 3, the Year 3/4 students spent two nights at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp near Bacchus Marsh. On camp, students were encouraged to see the gold that God has put in every one of us to 'SHINE'. Students gave gold hearts to one another as they complimented each other on the skills that everyone has that make us different. Students got to ride mountain bikes, compete in Geocache races, go on a giant swing, and low ropes course.

The student talent show was a great event, with special guest parents on the panel. Students performed song, dance and magic routines in well-prepared costumes. This was followed by some time spent in a devotion exploring more about God's love for us and how we can look out for each other.



Year 11 & 12 Mentoring

Michael Bond

Year 11 and 12 students and their staff mentors gathered at lunch on Monday 22nd October to celebrate a year of mentoring in the Senior School. Thank you to the many staff who have volunteered their time to support our students throughout the year. Likewise, I wish to congratulate our students on their willingness to be supported, challenged and prayed for throughout the year. Thank you, too, to Mrs Amy Horneman for coordinating this important program for our College.

At Northside Christian College, we recognise that mentoring is a very powerful way of helping our students to make the journey to realising their full God-given potential with someone more experienced than they are. Throughout 2018, we observed an increased sense of community as well as rigour and support being sown into our Year 11 and 12 students through this valuable program. We look forward to seeing this program continue in 2019.



INSPIRE News

Amy Horneman

Maths Talent Quest: Success in 2018

This year we had 16 individual or group entries in the Maths Talent Quest, and Northside students again achieved outstanding results.

The following achievements were made by our students, and all High Distinction and Distinction winners were awarded a certificate and a prize at the recent awards ceremony at Latrobe University (pictured here with President of the Mathematical Association of Victoria, Michaela Epstein, and MC of the awards ceremony and Student Activities Committee Chair (MAV), Tom Moore). The MTQ is sponsored by the School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences at Latrobe, of which Dr Katherine Seaton, a Northside parent, is an Associate Professor.

High Distinction:

Shemara, Dimi and Gabriel (Year 10): *The Monopoly Game* (this project was also entered into the National Maths Talent Quest and received a High Commendation award for excellent use of systematic reasoning)

Sarah H (Year 6): *Singin' in the Rain*



Distinction:

Joshua C-T (Year 7): *The Fuel Debate*

Joshua W (Year 4): *How fast is a VLine train compared to a bullet train?*

Aryan and Ezra (Year 4): *Who has better batting stats: Virat Kohli or Steve Smith?*

Sahil and Richard W (Year 2): *Which route is best to take from Melbourne to Sydney: Inland or coastal?*

Tobiloba and Tomision (Year 1): *How much water do we drink and how much fuel do we use in one week?*

Credit:

Valarie and Atara (Year 2): *Ice cream buckets and perimeter*

Mikha and Isabella (Year 2): *Avoid using plastic bags*

Sharika (Year 1): *How much milk does my family drink in a week?*

Aayla (Year 1): *How many grains of rice in a 1 kilo bag?*

Bryan (Year 1): *Who takes the most steps: Bryan or Daddy?*

Kiisi (Year 1): *Birds and the Lawn*

Matthew (Year 1): *How much do people in my neighbourhood spend in one week?*

Pupus, Amelia, Michael, Joshua, Jessinta and Eric (Prep): *Words, Words, Words*

Congratulations to all of our students for such outstanding work and it is so wonderful to see the enthusiasm for Maths in our College, as well as the investigation skills our students develop through participation in such programs.

We look forward to another year of MTQ learning in 2019.



Celebration Evening - 11th December

Families will have received an Information Pack by email about Celebration Evening. Any Families who have not already received the Pack by email, please contact Reception urgently.

Families who are unable to attend should please write to Mr Higgins c/- Mrs Tucker fmtucker@ncc.vic.edu.au explaining their absence.

This year, the venue requires that we use a ticket booking system. Information about how to book was included in the Information Pack. There is no charge to book and there is no allocated seating.

In order to gain access to the express entry lane to the venue, all attendees must present a ticket. This can be on a smart phone, or printed as a hard copy. Anyone without a ticket with them on the night will need to go through the security systems which all patrons coming into the venue are required to do. The venue is expecting long queues and that their thorough security protocols will take quite a long time. Presenting a ticket will ensure a faster and less difficult entry on the night.

Ticket Bookings are now open and will close on 23rd November at 4pm.





The winners of the Max Darby Recognition Award:

Honoria (Prep) "Mondrian Inspired Art"
 Charlize (Year 1) "Firework"
 Amalie (Year 4) "Op Art Design"
 Kaitlin (Year 6) "Soar"
 Olivia (Year 7/8) "Telling a Story"
 Gabriel (Year 9/10) "Theme of Self"
 Alex (Year 12) Abstract Expressionist Pieces
 Emma (Staff) "Wonder Woman" Costume

Annual Arts Festival

Antonietta Veljanovski & the Arts Festival Committee.

Congratulations to all our participants this year! Your masterpieces are an inspiration to our College Community and a testimony of the amazing, God-given, creative talents within you.

The Arts Festival was officially opened on Thursday 11th October by Dr Max Darby - Author, Artist and Art Consultant. Max also presented his own art award to selected students at the Festival.

It was such a highlight to see everyone celebrate the Arts in Media, Music and Visual Arts. The Silent Auction and Café sales were a super success, raising \$667 for the Philippines Mission Project.

A BIG thank you to those people who registered art works for the Arts Festival, and particularly the staff, students and parents who kindly volunteered before, during and after the Festival.

Congratulations also to the students, parents and staff who received art awards. Your participation was very much appreciated and well received by our College Community.



The winners of this year's People's Choice Awards:

Eric (Category 1: Prep) "The Fisher"
 Kenzie (Category 2: Year 1/2) "Nyan Cat"
 Rebeca (Category 3: Year 3/4) "Op Art Design"
 Sophia (Category 4: Year 5/6) "Michael Jackson"
 Isabella (Category 5: Year 7/8) "The Flash"
 Amelia (Category 6: Year 9/10) "Theme of Self"
 Senara (Category 7: Year 11/12) "Child's Play"
 Lee (Category 8: Staff/Parents) "# Pug's Life"

Senior School Report

Michael Bond

A core value for our College is Community.

While our Year 12 students have completed their time at Northside Christian College, we wish to remind them that they will always remain an important part of our College Community. At Northside, we share a set of common values that help define us as a Community. I pray that our Year 12 students will continue to hold on to these values beyond Graduation.

As we rapidly approach the busiest time of the academic school year, we are preparing to provide maximum support to all students over the final weeks of formal classes. Our staff are determined to best prepare our students for the upcoming exams and other final assessments in their subjects.

We continue to pray for God's blessing on our students during this busy time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our team of staff at the College.

Year 12 Graduation

We would like to invite members of our College Community to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 23rd November, commencing at 1:00 p.m. in the Encompass Church main auditorium. Please ensure you are on time. We suggest you arrive at 12:45 p.m. to be seated, as we will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Year 10 and II Examinations

12th - 16th November 2018

Year 10 and II examinations at Northside Christian College have been scheduled between the 12th and 16th November. An examination timetable has been published on the College website at: <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Semester-2-Year-10-II-Student-Examination-Timetable.pdf>



VCE External Examinations

Unit 3/4 students have all been provided with a printed personalised exam timetable. A copy of the 2018 VCE examination timetable is available online at: <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx>

The VCAA have provided information about Unit 3/4 examinations in the VCE Exams Navigator. A copy of this booklet was distributed to students during Term 3. This resource is available online at: https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vcaanavigator_web.pdf

Books and Supplies Day

Monday 19th November 2018

Year 10 and II students will be provided with a day without scheduled classes on Monday 19th November in order to purchase books and supplies in preparation for Early Commencement and the 2019 academic school year. The 2019 Senior School Booklists has been published on the College website at: <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Year-II-and-12-Student-Resource-List-2019.pdf>

Early Commencement Program

20th - 27th November 2018

Senior School students will experience their first taste of 2019 VCE/VCAL classes during the Early Commencement Program, which will be conducted between the 20th - 27th November. This compulsory week-long orientation program provides a valuable opportunity for students to not only receive study materials and gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in but also to complete a significant amount of subject content. A timetable will be published in the Senior School e-newsletter.

Year 10 and II Retreat

28th - 29th November 2018

Students will be attending a two day retreat as part of their Senior School Early Commencement program on the 28th and 29th November. Staff have been planning to make this a positive experience for the students including finding guest speakers and other relevant activities. We trust that this retreat, together with the Early Commencement Program, will assist students in preparing for the 2019 academic school year.

Last Day for Year 10 and II Students

Friday 30th November 2018

The last day of school for our current Year 10 and II students will be on Friday 30th November 2018. This will provide an opportunity for all of our current Prep - Year II students to attend the Awards Assemblies on this day.





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