



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning





## Principal's Report

### Damian Higgins



As we settle into a new year here at Northside Christian College, I am excited at the thought of all the things that lie ahead of us during the course of 2019. As I am sure you are aware by now, our theme for this year is HARVEST. I am looking forward to exploring together the significance of God's harvest in our day to day lives. It has been remarkable, from my perspective, how many times I have heard others, totally unconnected with our own Community, talk about the ideas surrounding harvest. Just 2 weeks ago, at my home church, the sermon focused on the Harvest and the exact same verse we are reflecting on this year. That being Matthew 9: 37-38, which says:

'When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Just last week, I attended an event with a well known visiting guest speaker from the United States. Once again, my attention was heightened as he began talking of harvest.

Harvest is clearly a central idea in all of our lives and I look forward to unpacking it together.

Reflecting back on last year, we experienced a harvest of sorts as we celebrated the achievements of our Graduating Year 12 student. There were some outstanding individual results, which illustrated that, no matter what skills or abilities a student has, our College provides an environment in which each and every one of them can reach their full potential.

Finally, as our College continues to grow rapidly, I would like to reassure you all that our primary focus will always be to keep our feet on the ground and to remember why we are here - to have our lives transformed by Christ and the Wonder of Learning.

Grace & Peace



## 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

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December

## 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!



## ENROLMENT IN 2020 AND 2021

We are blessed to be a part of a growing school community. Parents are advised that due to the number of new enrolments in 2019, there are now waiting lists for a number of year levels. If you have not yet applied for 2020 and 2021 and wish to secure a place for your child, we recommend that you submit your enrolment application ASAP to avoid disappointment. Please remember that existing families are encouraged to submit applications for younger siblings 2 years in advance to ensure a place is reserved for their child. 2020 Prep and Year 7 interviews will take place in Term One holidays. We have already received enough applications to fill one class, and are more than half way to filling another.



## Diary Dates

Friday 15th February

Allwell Testing Catch Up day

Wednesday 20th February

Year 7/8 CSEN Interschool Sport

Thursday 21st February

Year 7 Student and Parent Evening

Monday 25th February

School Photo Day

Wednesday 27th February - Friday 1st March

Year 5/6 Camp

Monday 4th March:

Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 5th March

Year 10 Allwell Testing

Thursday 7th March

Twilight Open Evening

Monday 11th March:

Labour Day Holiday - No classes

Thursday 21st March:

CSEN Primary Swimming

Monday 1st - Friday 5th April

NCC 40th Birthday Celebration Week

Friday 5th April:

Last day of Term One - 2.30pm finish

## Second Hand School Uniform

There is a noticeboard outside Ms Natoli's Prep Room in the foyer with ads for second hand uniform for sale. If you are looking for a uniform item, you may find it here. Please contact sellers directly.



## Parent Forum to discuss School Improvement

**Thursday February 28th**

6pm in Middle School

All parents welcome. Please make arrangements for your children as child care is not provided. RSVP to the office by Tuesday 26th February.



## Primary School Banking



Just a reminder that 2019 School Banking has resumed, as of Friday 8th February 2019. Thank you for supporting our School Banking Program. Happy savings!

## 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)

# Missions Trip

22nd November – 2nd December 2019

## FINAL DETAILS NOW AVAILABLE AND TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

Thank you for your patience as we have waited for details to be finalised for this exciting new trip with Samaritan's Purse. The itinerary looks amazing with many opportunities to interact with young people and children, humanitarian aid projects, and distribution of Christmas shoeboxes to needy children.

We are praying for a team of at least 15 staff and students to venture out in faith this year. Commitments are needed by Friday 22nd February.

Parents please feel free to contact Mrs Lenna Waters for more information or to book a time for a chat.

Previous trips have been life-impacting for team members. We eagerly await to see who will be on the team this year!



## School Photo Day

Monday 25th February is  
Whole School Photo Day.

Order forms will come home with your child this week. We ask that all orders be placed online. Please send your child to school on the day in full and correct Summer Uniform. This includes clean and correct school shoes, correct socks, hair tied up and blazers for Secondary students. All queries regarding photo orders are to be made directly to School Pix on 1300 766 055 or [help@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:help@schoolpix.com.au) as the College does not manage photo orders.

## NCC 40th Birthday

In 2019, the College celebrates our 40th Birthday. There will be several events during the week of April 1st. More information and invitations will be sent to you soon.

In the meantime, please plan to be at the College on Wednesday 3rd April after school for our "40 Festival". This will be a fun celebration including food trucks, displays, activities and ending with a fireworks display. If you know past students, past staff and other people who have been involved with the College Community over the past 40 years, invite them to join in the celebrations.



## PTV Approved School Student ID making concessions simpler to access

Victorian school students are now able to use their PTV approved school ID to access concession travel on public transport, saving time and money. If you are an eligible student you will no longer need to pay for and carry the PTV School Student ID as of January 2019.

This will eliminate the cost of passport photos for the PTV School Student

ID, saving students and their families up to \$30 a year per child.

Students will no longer need to complete paperwork and have it processed at a staffed train station, meaning students can access concession benefits as soon as they have their school ID at the beginning of Term I.

The new ID will only be available at schools that have had their ID cards approved by PTV to ensure they meet our fraud prevention requirements.

The existing PTV School Student ID will still be valid for students whose schools choose not to participate.

Children in regional Victoria will also benefit from the introduction of more affordable Regional Student Passes from Term I, 2019, which discounts the yearly cost of concession travel by 50 per cent.



# Congratulations



## Class of 2018

The Northside Christian College Community is proud of our 2018 Year 12 students and their VCE results. Their recent achievements reflect their perseverance and commitment over many years of study.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our parents and dedicated teaching and support staff for their efforts supporting our students throughout their learning journey. At Northside Christian College, our staff, parents and students are committed to assisting each student to achieve their personal best. Furthermore, we acknowledge that we are preparing our students for a diverse range of pathways reflective of the passions, gifts and talents God has blessed them with. Careers and pathway planning is an important and ongoing part of our Senior School program at the College.

The Year 12 VCE Class of 2018 achieved some excellent academic results. We are pleased to advise that our Dux for this year is Sophie Ryan (pictured right) who achieved an ATAR score of 97.15. At the recent Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Sophie received Subject Awards for Business Management, English, History: Revolutions and Psychology.

We congratulate Sophie on her outstanding results.

In 2018, 14.6% of study scores for Northside Christian College students were 40 and over. Achieving a study score of 40 or above (out of a possible 50) places a student in the top 9 per cent of the state in that subject. We congratulate the VCE students at the College on their achievements across a broad range of subjects.

We also congratulate the students who successfully completed their VCAL studies. Northside Christian College looks forward to further expanding the VCAL program during 2019.

We wish to acknowledge the many students who completed VET courses. The College is grateful to be part of the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster, which provides opportunities for students to complete a wide range of VET courses during their Senior School years.

The College recently announced that Olivia Ryan has been awarded a 2019 Principals Scholarship to the University of Melbourne. Olivia achieved an outstanding ATAR result of 93.15.

We also celebrate Ruth Vaiano being accepted into the 2019 LaTrobe University Aspire Program.

We congratulate all students from our Year 12 class of 2018 and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.



BLOCK THE SUN,  
NOT THE FUN

**WEAR  
YOUR  
HAT IN  
TERMS  
1 & 4!**



STUDENTS MUST WEAR HATS EVERYDAY IN TERMS 1 & 4 OR SIT UNDER THE SHADE CLOTH DURING RECESS AND LUNCH. SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN STAY IN STUDY ROOM.

## New Secondary Hats



We are changing Secondary Hats this term with the introduction of the NEW black bucket hat (with logo) in term 1, 2019. They are already on sale from Academy Uniforms (caps have been pulled from shelf) BUT will not be compulsory until Term 4 2019. Students are strongly encouraged to replace their caps as soon as possible.



# Flexidays

## Introducing a New and Exciting Innovation in Teaching and Learning

Angela Eynaud, Director of Teaching & Learning

Teachers always experience frustration when their classes are timetabled on a Monday or a Friday as the impact of Public Holidays is significant. Classes are lost to Labour Day, ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday, Good Friday, Melbourne Cup, AFL Grand Final Day and staff preparation days at the start of each term.

Add to this the other days when classes are replaced by whole school activities such as Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival, PST Interviews and then add in the impact of excursions and camps and you can appreciate that teachers often feel that it is a real strain to fit in the teaching and learning requirements of their subject area.

The challenge is always how to find the extra time needed to cover the class-time missed due to other worthwhile and valuable, but time costly events.

In 2019, we are introducing FLEXIDAYS as a way of solving this perennial problem.

Because we have a 10 day timetable it has been possible to allocate one day a fortnight to become a day for special activities. For Years 7 - 10, no core subjects are timetabled to this day, instead students will participate in the following:



~ *Intensive Delivery Experiences:* For example, in Week 3 of Term 1, Year 8s experienced a Learning Intensive participating in a range of activities which addressed the requirements of the Year 8 Civics and Citizenship Curriculum. An Incursion run by Passport to Democracy saw students participating in a mock election, and debating issues relating to Australian Identity in a mock Parliament. The day included assessment activities, which will be reported through Schoology as part of our CORP (Continuous Online Reporting Program).

~ *Well-being Intensives:* For example, in Week 3 of Term 1, Year 7s had their Resiliency Day. These days have been run for several years now under the guidance of Ms Dumitrache and they have been highly successful. Year 10s also participated, developing their leadership abilities and mentoring our younger students. This year Resiliency Days have been more closely aligned to requirements of the Health Curriculum. The days will continue to be a highly valued part of our educational program and running them on a Flexiday means they do not impact on the delivery of other subjects. This is a real win for our students.

~ *Whole School activities:* The Athletics Carnival has been scheduled for a Flexiday in Week 3 of Term 2.

~ *Extra-Curricular Opportunities:* For example, Mrs Waters has for some years arranged for Year 10 students to gain training that equips them to take up Traineeships or VET Courses and/or gain employment once they reach 15 years of age or after leaving school. This training is sourced by qualified trainers and students gain First Aid, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Barista certificates. Running this training on a Flexiday means students gain the benefit of the training without it impacting on the delivery of their Mathematics, Science, English, accelerated VCE subjects etc.

~ *Excursions:* For example, in Week 1 of Term 2, Years 7 and 8 are taking part in an excursion to La Trobe University to participate in a range of activities meeting both Science and Geography requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

~ *Careers:* Careers advice and preparation should begin as early as possible and be an ongoing discussion throughout every

student's time at school. Time has been set aside at every year level to facilitate careers focussed education including preparation for Work Experience for Years 9s in Week 1 of Term 3.

~ *Spiritual Development:* More important than anything else is the faith development of our students. Time has been set aside to provide focussed experiences delving into life's deep questions. What gives life meaning? Does God see me? How can I strengthen my walk with God? For example, in Term 3 Week 10 there will be a combined Spiritual Retreat for Years 9 and 10 run by Mr Waters.



We are confident that Flexidays will result in some of the richest learning that takes place in the College in 2019. This innovation sets Northside Christian College apart as a cutting edge educational institution and demonstrates that our staff are thinking constantly of how to develop better structures, how to enable students to have better learning, and how to be more effective teachers in the learning space.

Your Year 7-10 student has been given a Flexiday timetable today. Ask them to show you what is planned for their year level in the coming year.



# Child Safety

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

The Child Safe Standards aim to drive cultural change in organisations that provide services for children so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in everyday thinking and practice.

### Child Safe Strategy Document

Northside Christian College has strengthened the safety of our operations as a result of the implementation of the Child Safe Standards at the College. A key objective for Northside Christian College is to embed child safety practices into our culture. The work that is involved in building a child safe organisation is never completed. It is a dynamic, multifaceted and ongoing developmental process of learning, monitoring and reviewing. Maintaining a child safe organisation is not a one-off task. It must become part of our College's ongoing processes and be embedded into our culture. Your feedback and support with developing a child safe culture is greatly valued. A copy of the College's Child Safe Strategy Document is available on the College website on the Child Safety page.

### Child Safety Policy

The Northside Christian College Committee of Management has approved the Child Safety Policy, Code of Conduct and Procedures (Policy No. 1). The Child Safety Policy is a comprehensive and overarching document that provides an overview of the key elements of Northside Christian College's approach to creating a child safe organisation. This document is available at the College Reception and on the College website.



### Child Safety Code of Conduct

Staff, directors, volunteers and contractors at the College are required to abide by the College's Child Safety Code of Conduct. The purpose of this Code is to promote child safety within all College Environments. This document is available at the College Reception and on the College website.

### Child Safety Officer

Northside Christian College has appointed Ms Fiona Dumitrache as the College's Child Safety Officer. The primary purpose of the position is to manage the implementation of the Child Safety Policy (Policy No. 1), especially in relation to training and educating staff and students and to manage any incidents of reporting to ensure Northside Christian College is compliant with all legislation around such reporting.

The Child Safety Officer is a contact person for children, young people, parents, employees and volunteers to seek advice and support regarding the safety and wellbeing of children and young people within our College. The role requires the officer to take action when child protection concerns are reported, including the provision of support to those within the Community who have been affected, with an understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

### Child Protection Workers

The College's Child Protection Workers are Ms Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing and Mr Jared Stocks, College Chaplain. The Child Protection Workers have the specific responsibility for responding to any complaints made by staff, volunteers, parents or students in relation to Child Safety. The Child Protection Workers at Northside Christian College will always work concurrently with the Principal and other College leaders.

### Procedures For Responding To And Reporting Allegations Of Suspected Child Abuse

Northside Christian College has a clear procedure for responding to allegations of suspected child abuse in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 870 and other legal obligations. Please use the template document of the Child Safety page on the College website to document any incident, disclosure or suspicion that a child has been, or is at risk of being abused.



# INSPIRE

## Kickstarting INSPIRE 2019

### Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

Welcome to the beginning of a very busy and exciting year in the INSPIRE program! The program exists to extend the learning of students with high intellectual ability, and we undertake this task with enthusiasm and humility, recognising that all of what we are and have belongs to our loving heavenly Father. The start of the year is a good time to remind ourselves that God has given each of us gifts in different areas, and as our worship to Him, we use our gifts to honour Him and to serve and transform our communities.

There will be many opportunities for students to be involved in a variety of programs and experiences in 2019. Please keep an eye out in weekly e-newsletters for upcoming opportunities your children may be interested in. Here are a few to get the year started:

**Motorised Lego Workshops:** New in 2019 are motorised Lego workshops for students in Years 1-6, provided by Young Engineers (North East Melbourne branch). These workshops take place at the College after school (3.30-5.00pm) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Term One, and started in Week 2 (Year 1-3: Tuesday 5th February; Year 4-6: Wednesday 6th February). These workshops are highly engaging, practical and hands-on and it would be great to see this opportunity grow at our College. Bookings and payments are online directly to Young Engineers:

<http://northeastmelbourne.young-engineers.com.au>.



**Science Talent Search:** This rigorous Science inquiry project competition is open to all students in Years 3-12 (students in Years 1-2 need permission from their teacher to participate) and this year's topic is 'Destination Moon: more missions, more science'. Students who are interested in participating should collect a form from Reception.

**Debating:** The Debating program at NCC now runs at all year levels from Year 5 to Year 12. We are currently registering teams in the Primary program (Year 5/6) as well as the Senior competition (Years 9-12). Students who are interested should see Mrs Horneman to register their names in a team.

**INSPIRE Wall design competition:** All artistic, design-savvy students are invited to enter the INSPIRE wall design competition in 2019. 20 house points are up for grabs for the individual or pair of students who come up with the winning design for the 2019 INSPIRE wall in Reception.

We are looking for designs which connect with the theme of 'Harvest', are attractively designed and are most readily able to be translated onto a large wall border. Forms available at Reception.

New to the INSPIRE program this year include opportunities such as the *Australian Space Design Competition* (<https://www.ausspacedesign.org.au/>) and the *Future Problem Solving Program* (<https://www.ausspacedesign.org.au/>). There will be plenty more to get involved in this year and I look forward to a productive year of loving learning at Northside!



### Andrew Horneman, Instrumental Music Coordinator

I am very excited to start the new year and to see the music program at Northside continue to grow and develop. With nearly 100 students enrolled in music lessons, we have made a very good start! We have a number of new and exciting opportunities for students this year, including a concert band competition, local community engagements and the triple J Unearthed High competition. I am looking forward to seeing further growth in our concert band programs, worship bands, individual music tuition program, individual music exams and our ability to bless our local community with music!

This year we will be running a number of amazing ensembles and have the week full of activities for our students to get involved with and enjoy! These ensembles are key to our school music program are all run by our expert music tutors. Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved. I thank the you for supporting the music program here at Northside Christian College in 2019.

Weekly School Ensembles:

Monday - Middle School Band and Worship Band (Lunch)

Tuesday - Secondary Vocal ensemble (Lunch), Primary Band (Lunch)

Wednesday - Senior Band (Lunch)

Thursday - Secondary Concert Band (7.30am - 8.30am), Compulsory Senior Primary Concert Band (Period 1 and 1A)

Friday - Primary Choir (Lunch)





# Top Screen 2019

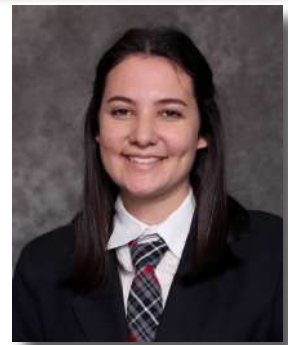
## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

We are delighted to announce that Sonja Veljanovski (Year 12 2018) will have her VCE Media documentary titled 'Memoirs of a Youngster' exhibited in this year's Top Screen exhibition as part of the VCE Season of Excellence 2019. During 2018, Sonja completed Unit 3/4 Media with Mr Chris Gatt at Northside Christian College.

Top Screen is part of the VCE Season of Excellence managed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). The VCE Season of Excellence comprises twelve concerts (Top Class and Top Acts), two exhibitions, (Top Arts and Top Designs) and screenings of short films (Top Screen). All work is produced by outstanding VCE students who completed technology, design, visual or performing arts studies in 2018. Events are presented in Melbourne's major cultural venues.

Top Screen will present films by 14 exceptional VCE students who were selected from over 300 applicants who completed VCE Media - Film. Top Screen 2019 will be presented by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) from Thursday 7th March to Wednesday 8th May 2019. Close to 4000 students from across Victoria see Top Screen every year. The Northside Christian College school community congratulates Sonja on this outstanding achievement.

In 2019, Sonja is enrolled in the Bachelor of Communications (Media) program at the RMIT city campus. We wish Sonja God's blessings as she commences her university studies this year.



## Recognising Senior School Student Achievement

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

God has given each of us unique abilities, talents and gifts. He has bestowed these gifts upon us not for our own benefit but rather the benefit of others. In 2019, the College is introducing Senior School House Awards as a way to formally recognise students who utilise their abilities, talents and gifts for the betterment of the College and wider community.

House points will be awarded to individuals who, through their actions promote the College values. A system has been developed where staff can assign points to individuals for such actions. Individual students can self-nominate for any activity they undertake using a points table which will be promoted to students. The process for the attainment of points will be such that no student will be excluded from having an opportunity to gain points due to the nature of the school activity. The Student Representative Council can also recommend additional activities that will attract points.

Three special awards will be available for Senior School students to aim for during 2019. They are the Individual House Merit Award, House Excellence Award and the Principal's House Achievement Award. Below is an outline of how we can reward students for their contribution to the House program throughout the school year.

### Individual House Merit Award (20 Points)

- ~ For individual behaviour that is above and beyond the normal expectations of the College
- ~ Nominated by a staff member
- ~ Presented by House Captains at Senior School Assembly

### House Excellence Award (equivalent to 50 Points)

- ~ Awarded at a House assembly to individuals for behaviour / activities relating to outstanding effort or achievement
- ~ The student has undertaken activities that constitute fifty points
- ~ Presented by House Captains at a House Assembly / House Chapel / Senior School Assembly

### Principal's House Achievement Award (100 Points)

- ~ A certificate awarded at a whole school assembly for achievement of 100 points by any student by the Principal
- We look forward to further developing a culture at Northside Christian College where we recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.



# Wellbeing

## Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing

Welcome back to all of our families and students! We trust that this will be a healthy year of growth for everyone.

Student welfare has been re-named this year to better reflect the roles of those in the team.

Introducing the Wellbeing Team



Fiona Dumitrache is a registered clinical counsellor and is head of student wellbeing.



Jared Stocks is our College Chaplain.



Phil Waters has some time within his teaching load for Pastoral Care of our students.

We work closely with all staff so that students can be well supported and understood. It is very important to us that we provide confidentiality for our students when they reach out to talk, to get support and seek a space where they feel safe and comfortable.

*Our aims:*

- ~ help students to understand themselves better as well as to see their identity in Christ;
- ~ encourage students to have healthy relationships with peers, family and God;
- ~ support students to make choices to improve personal success, health and wellbeing; and
- ~ strengthen students through Community and with the wisdom and guidance of our God.

In addition to the Team, we have two Christian psychologists who have a private clinic on campus and provide confidential Psychology services. To access these services contact Fiona for more information. We also collaborate with staff to provide referral information for off campus Psychologists or Counsellors, Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists (both on and off campus), as well as Paediatricians.

The wellbeing space is located beside the basketball courts at the front entrance to the College. You are welcome to drop in to introduce yourself or to chat. Blessings this year!

## Primary Bell Times

### Monday

8:15	0:25	Staff Devotion / Yard Duty
8:40	0:25	Assembly
9:05	0:35	Pd 1 to 9:40
9:40	0:35	Pd 1a to 10:15
0:05 (period changover music)		
10:20	0:35	Pd 2 to 10:55
10:55	0:35	Pd 2a to 11:30
11:30	0:30	Recess to 12:00
12:00	0:37	Pd 3 to 12:37
12:37	0:38	Pd 3a to 13:15
13:15	0:22	Lunch A to 1:37
13:37	0:23	Lunch B to 2:00
14:00	0:37	Pd 4 to 14:37
14:37	0:38	Pd 4a to 15:15
15:15	0:10	Primary HG 2
15:25	0:20	Primary Dismissal / Yard Duty

### Tuesday-Friday

8:15	0:25	Staff Devotion / Yard Duty
8:40	0:15	HG
8:55	0:37	Pd 1 to 9:32
9:32	0:38	Pd 1a to 10:10
0:05 (period changover music)		
10:15	0:37	Pd 2 to 10:52
10:52	0:38	Pd 2a to 11:30
11:30	0:30	Recess to 12:00
12:00	0:37	Pd 3 to 12:37
12:37	0:38	Pd 3a to 13:15
13:15	0:22	Lunch A to 1:37
13:37	0:23	Lunch B to 2:00
14:00	0:37	Pd 4 to 14:37
14:37	0:38	Pd 4a to 15:15
15:15	0:10	Primary HG 2
15:25	0:20	Primary Dismissal / Yard Duty

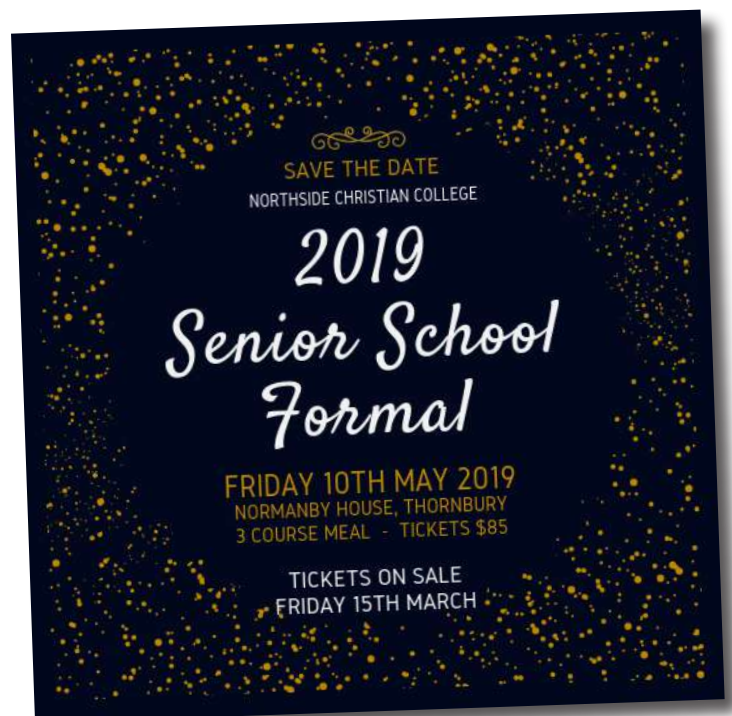
## Secondary Bell Times

### Monday

8:15	0:25	Staff Devotion / Yard Duty
8:40	0:25	Assembly
9:05	1:10	Pd 1 to 10:15
0:05 (period changover)		
10:20	1:10	Pd 2 to 11:30
11:30	0:30	Recess to 12:00
12:00	1:15	Pd 3 to 1:05
13:15	0:22	Lunch A to 1:37
13:37	0:23	Lunch B to 2:00
14:00	1:15	Pd 4 to 3:15
15:15		Secondary Dismissal / Yard Duty

### Tuesday-Friday

8:15	0:25	Staff Devotion / Yard Duty
8:40	0:15	Roll/HG
8:55	1:15	Pd 1 to 10:10
0:05 (period changover)		
10:15	1:15	Pd 2 to 11:30
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# Student Safety - Travelling To and From School

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

When students arrive at and depart from Northside Christian College, the staff are always mindful of their safety. Recently, the College has been made aware of a concerning incident in our region. We wish to remind our College Community of some strategies to further support the safety of our students as they travel to and from school.

We are aware that students travel to school in a variety of ways including walking, riding, private vehicle and catching public transport. May I encourage families to continue discussing with your children the importance of safe behaviours when travelling to and from school. If students are ever approached by a stranger, they should know to walk away and report the situation to an adult as soon as is practical. There are a number of strategies students can adopt to stay safe when walking to and from school:



- ~ It is generally safer to walk to and from school with an adult or with a buddy.
- ~ Never talk to a stranger. Strangers with bad intentions often try to trick young people into helping them. Young people walking home should never talk to or answer their questions.
- ~ If a young person is approached, they are advised to run or walk quickly towards an area where they see people (a school, a business, a shopping centre.) Never walk into an alley or location that further isolates you.
- ~ Families are advised to know their child's walking / riding path to and from school. Determine a path together that is safe and most visible, even if it's a slightly longer route home.

- ~ When walking or riding home, students are advised to go directly to their destination and avoid travelling home via an unfamiliar or uncommon route.
- ~ Pay attention to where you are going. Talking or texting on your mobile phone can distract you from noticing what's going on around you. When walking or riding home, it is important to be aware of surroundings - who is behind you and in front of you? Are there occupied cars parked along your route?
- ~ If someone approaches you or tries to get your attention, get away immediately. Cross the street or walk the other way.
- ~ Try and keep a safe distance from strangers. Do not let someone get close enough that they could grab or touch you.

## Our College Wellbeing Staff:



Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing



Jared Stocks, College Chaplain

For more information about personal security on Melbourne's public transport network, please refer to:

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/more/travelling-on-the-network/travelling-safely/>.

The College maintains strict rules and procedures about students leaving the College grounds during the school day. These procedures are in place to further ensure the safety of all students.

We urge all students to take care when travelling to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to their parents, the College or the police.

Our most important concern is the safety of all people within our College Community. It is our collective responsibility to contribute to this by following rules and instruction, and taking great care at all times.

A number of staff are available to assist if you wish to talk more about concerns in regards to travelling to and from school. Likewise, students may want to talk to a staff member about an incident.

# Senior School Report

**Michael Bond, Deputy Principal**

## SENIOR SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

I wish to extend a welcome to all our students at the commencement of this new school year. It is exciting to welcome a number of new students and families to our College. We look forward to a year of great learning at Northside Christian College. Once again, I am looking forward to working closely with our Senior School students. I look forward to working with you all throughout the school year to best meet the needs of the students in our College Community.

## VCE STUDENT POLICY HANDBOOK

All families with students undertaking VCE study in 2019 would have received a copy of the Northside Christian College VCE Student Policy Handbook as part of the Senior School Information Pack. This handbook explains and details the policy surrounding the provision of VCE / VCAL studies at the College and it is vital that students and parents are familiar with the contents of this policy handbook. Students are reminded that the signed 'Parents and Student Declaration' forms were due by **Friday 1st February 2019**. This form was distributed to students during the Early Commencement Program. A number of forms are still due to come in. Please sign and return this form to the College VCE Administration Office ASAP.

## VCE STUDY ROOM AFTER SCHOOL

Senior School students are welcome to study in the VCE study room after school between 3:30pm and 4:45pm on Monday to Friday afternoons. Please see Mr Bond if you would like to make any other arrangements.



## ENGLISH NOVELS

Senior School students were encouraged to read the following class texts over the Summer holiday break in preparation for 2019 English classes. 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 during the year.

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

*Year 11: Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent, *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose

*Year 12: I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai, *Like A House on Fire* by Cate Kennedy and *The Golden Age* by Joan London.

## SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

For students that require special arrangements for examinations in 2019, application forms are now available to collect and complete. This applies to students that have severe health impairments, significant physical disability, specific learning disorders, severe language disorders, hearing impairments and vision impairments. To be eligible for special arrangements some documentation and medical evidence is required. Additional information is also published in the College's VCE Student Policy Handbook. If you would like to apply for consideration and/or find out more about the categories and arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Michael Bond. Completed forms and evidence are due **Friday 15th March 2019**.

## GAT

Senior students need to become accustomed to having their dictionaries with them and not relying on Google. All students should have a dictionary and it

should be with them in English classes at the very least. Students undertaking Unit 3 & 4 studies will be sitting the GAT and will more than likely need to utilise a dictionary during that time, hence the need to become accustomed to it now. The GAT is scheduled for **Wednesday 12th June 2019**, between 10.00am - 1.15pm.

## SAC CALENDAR

Please be aware that a SAC calendar for both Unit 1 and Unit 3 has been released. This document provides an overview of when students are due to complete assessment tasks throughout the semester. Please contact Ms Laura Bovey in the VCE Administration Office on [lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au) if you would like to receive a copy.

## SENIOR SCHOOL RESOURCES

A wide range of resources have been published for students and families on the Senior School Resources page on the College website. This page is located under the 'Learning' tab. A number of forms, handbooks and resources are available on this page.

I wish to remind all our Secondary School students that the staff at Northside Christian College are committed to seeing each student achieve their personal best. We all look forward to working with our students and their families throughout the 2019 academic school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to be in contact with the team of staff at school if you have any questions or concerns. In particular, the Home Group teachers will be a good point of contact for a range of matters.

We pray that 2019 will be a fulfilling and rewarding year for each of our students, families and staff here at Northside Christian College.







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