





Welcome!



Damian Higgins, Principal

There are many different ways that we as a community experience harvest in our daily lives.

Our jobs, the money we earn, our loved ones, our children all belong to the Lord of the harvest. It's all 'His'. When we put God in His place – His rightful place – we recognise Him as the Lord of 'our' harvest. We recognise that He is the one who gave us hands to work, that He is the one who supplies our provisions, that our family is actually His family ... that it rightfully belongs to Him.

An interesting fact that I learned some time ago regarding the ancient harvests that were gathered by the Israelites, was that they left the corners of their fields unharvested for the poor to help themselves. This was a deliberate act of hospitality and generosity and one we can still learn a lot from today. In essence, the harvest is not just a gift for us to enjoy; it's also a gift we can share with others. I would really like to explore what we, as a blessed College Community, can do to share our gifts with others less fortunate than ourselves.

Tomorrow night (Thursday), we are holding a special parent forum and everyone is invited to attend. This forum has been specifically organised to enable you as parents in our College Community to bring your ideas to the table. Our College Executive team will be present to chair discussions around tables and encourage you to contribute your thoughts and ideas, which will ultimately help shape our College as we continue to move forwards into the future together.

I would be most interested to hear any ideas relating to how we might have an impact on the wider community of Bundoora and beyond. I believe God wants us to stretch out the hand of friendship into our neighbourhood. As Jesus said in our scripture verse for this year, ".....the harvest is plentiful". Surely this applies to all of God's children throughout the world. Maybe we can make a difference locally and bring His harvest to the lost, just beyond our own front gates. Let's imagine together what could happen out there and start to talk about how we can achieve it. I believe we have some really exciting times ahead.

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 Wednesday 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

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 4:00pm Wednesday 27th February.



Primary School Banking



Just a reminder that 2019 School Banking takes place every Friday.

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



INSPIRE

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

For the Love of Books!

It is a thrill to see the level of enthusiasm for books and reading growing at our College. The INSPIRE program seeks to create spaces and learning communities that promote enjoyment of literature and as we continue to build on our existing opportunities and incorporate new ones into our program, we see children of all ages flourishing in their love of reading.

Bookworms

Primary Bookworms and Bookworms Jr are lunch time literature clubs where students pre-read a novel and come each week to discuss the novel and to participate in intellectual, dramatic, artistic and linguistic activities related to the set text. This semester, Bookworms Jr with Mr Longley are looking at Roald Dahl's *The Enormous Crocodile* and Bookworms with Mrs Horneman are looking at Michelle Cuevas' *Confessions of an Imaginary Friend*. It is fantastic to have over 30 students signed up for Bookworms this year!

INSPIRE English

INSPIRE English classes run as weekly withdrawal extension classes from Year 1 right through to Year 12. Students are reading texts such as the classic *Pippi Longstocking* (Astrid Lindgren), the well-loved (and recently famous because of the Disney film) *A Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Engle), Paolo Coelho's time-revered philosophical work on personal journeys, *The Alchemist* and the 1960s play set in Manchester, UK *A Taste of Honey* by Shelagh Delaney. Discussions in these classes are rich, deep and complex, and some of the big ideas brought up have profound influence on our understanding of ourselves and our world, and how we can see God's purpose at work in our lives and communities.



Inside a Dog

Gabrielle (Year 12) has been involved in a unique and exciting venture with books over the past two years, through her involvement in the Dog's Advisory Board, a website development for promotion of and communication about books for keen teen readers. The advisory board has redeveloped the website 'Inside a Dog', which is an initiative of the State Library of Victoria. As part of the experience of being on the Dog's Advisory Board, Gabrielle has participated in multiple workshops with professional editors, publishers and writers as published authors, as well sitting on the interview panel for the Eltham Festival of Stories in 2017, where she interviewed popular authors on their latest published books. She has also had the opportunity to develop her website design and market analysis skills through the redesign of the website, and has been involved in event management of various book launches.

This initiative certainly sounds like a really enriching and exciting opportunity, and according to Gabrielle, "the best thing was that I got to hang out with like-minded and diverse teens weekly and discuss our obsessions with books." Young people aged between 12 and 18 are welcome to visit the website and engage with fellow book lovers in interesting online conversations about what they are reading: [Inside a Dog](#). You can also watch Gabrielle speak at the Inside a Dog launch ('A Dog's Breakfast') by visiting their YouTube video and watching from 14min-38min: [A Dog's Breakfast](#).



Parent Participation Opportunities

In keeping with the College values of service and community, we encourage families to assist the College Community through Parent Participation. Please note that staff will not necessarily call you regarding the tasks you have indicated on the Parent Participation Survey. It is your responsibility to ensure that you find ways of fulfilling your parent participation hours. Please note that parent helpers in the classroom need to have a current Working With Children Check.

We have listed some suggestions below, of ways that parents can proactively complete their Parent Participation hours.

Parents & Friends Committee

Our Parents & Friends committee meets once a month to discuss ways that they can fundraise and support the College. They are always looking for new members. Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, but attendance can be casual. If you are unable to attend meetings, and would still like to assist with P&F events, you can contact Liliana (P&F leader) on lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au or Liz (School Representative) on ltsiros@ncc.vic.edu.au

Parent Prayer Meeting

Please join us every Wednesday for prayer. Meet in the foyer at 2:15pm.

Classroom Assistance

We are always looking for parent helpers in the classroom. Parents are welcome to assist in all classrooms, not just the ones that their children are in. You can find out about classroom volunteer opportunities by sending an email to Olivia Natoli (Prep-3) on onatoli@ncc.vic.edu.au or Serene Eng (4-6) on seng@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Keep an eye out!

We often advertise opportunities for families to volunteer their time in our weekly enewsletters (sent by Directors of Learning) and in our fortnightly newsletter. Parents are encouraged to read these communications as they are sent to find opportunities to volunteer.



Teddy Bears Wanted!

Do you have any cuddly stuffed toys lying around that need a new home? We are currently collecting teddies and other stuffed toys in good condition for a project. Please drop off any donations at the College Reception.



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.





Music News



Patrick Devine, Music Teacher

This year we celebrate over 100 students undertaking instrumental music lessons at the College. Our student bands have made a great start with Middle School Band, Senior School Band and Vocal Group, Primary Band and Choir, and our Intermediate Concert Band.

This year we also are continuing our Year 6 Concert Band Program, in which students select a concert band instrument to learn for the year and we develop our skills in music through performing with others. They have started their beginner band repertoire and are working on a grade 1/2 level band piece to perform at upcoming events.



Prep Buddy Program



Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher

The Prep and Year 6 students have begun the Prep Buddy program for 2019. Students have been able to interact and socialise with one another. The Prep Buddy time is a chance for the Year 6's to interact and participate in activities with their Prep buddies. These Prep buddies have been assigned to certain Year 6's by what they have in common and how they are able to work together. This experience helps the older students with socialising with younger children and teaches the Preps with general skills like working together. Students will create a bond with their buddies and enjoy the privilege to work with them.

We love our time together!



SAVE THE DATE
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

2019 Senior School Formal

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019
NORMANBY HOUSE, THORNBURY
3 COURSE MEAL - TICKETS \$85

TICKETS ON SALE
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

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.

Anaphylaxis Management Policy

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

The Committee of Management and the Executive Team at Northside Christian College endorsed the College's Anaphylaxis Management Policy during 2017.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Food allergies and anaphylaxis have increased over the last decade and it is not uncommon for schools to have many children who may be anaphylactic. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

Most food allergic reactions do not involve anaphylaxis, and the likelihood of a severe allergic reaction from casual exposure when food is not ingested (e.g. from touch or exposure to odours) is very low. However, severe reactions may occur unpredictably, thus any allergic reaction to foods should be taken seriously and treated as a potential medical emergency requiring immediate treatment.

The purpose of the College's Anaphylaxis Management Policy is to achieve the following:

- ~ To provide, as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of the student's schooling. This extends to all College learning environments (onsite and off-site);
- ~ To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and the College's Anaphylaxis Management Policy in the College Community;



- ~ To engage with parents/carers of students at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation strategies and management strategies for the student;
- ~ To ensure that each staff member has adequate knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the College's policy and procedures in responding to an anaphylactic reaction;
- ~ To remain compliant with Ministerial Order 706: Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools and the guidelines on anaphylaxis management.

As we commence a new school year, it is timely that we all remind ourselves to be mindful not to inadvertently expose our students to potential triggers. Your continued support in ensuring that our children stay safe is appreciated.

A couple of simple steps for families who have students with food allergies include:

- ~ Remind students to always eat food that has been packed from home;
- ~ Encourage students to not accept food from peers;
- ~ Provide food that does not contain allergens;
- ~ Make sure children know if they have an allergy as well as the adults who are caring for them. This includes completing an Action Plan. Copies are available from the College Reception.

More strategies and information is available from www.allergy.org.au or www.allergyfacts.org.au.

A copy of the College's Anaphylaxis Management Policy is available in the policy section on the College website at www.ncc.vic.edu.au.

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection



The Australian Government Department of Education and Training is currently undertaking the 2019 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 Reception by email to ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au or on (03) 9467 2499.

More information about this collection has been emailed to all parents directly.

Senior School Report

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

The 2019 academic school year has well and truly commenced for our Senior School students. Many students have already completed assessments and SACs, while others have started attending Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses and external revision sessions. There are not too many quiet weeks in the Senior School. Students studying Unit 3/4 courses are reminded of the significance of every SAC and the impact these results can have on their Study Scores. Students are encouraged to speak with their subject teachers if they are concerned about an upcoming SAC and require any additional support preparing for their assessments.

It is very important that students make a strong start to their studies in the Senior years. This includes keeping up to date with assigned homework, revising content regularly, reading ahead, utilising resources such as Edrolo and Schoology and becoming familiar with the Study Designs for the courses they are studying. Students in Year 11 and 12 are also meeting regularly with their mentors. Students are encouraged to discuss with their mentors if they are struggling with any of the challenges or demands of Senior School. Our staff look forward to the opportunity of supporting our students throughout their Senior School years.

YEAR 10 ALLWELL TESTING

At Northside Christian College, we use diagnostic testing to get a better understanding of how we can assist your son or daughter to improve their learning. On **Tuesday 5th March 2019**, Year 10 students will complete Allwell Testing (Academic Assessment Services); including Careers Exploration testing. Students are not required to complete any preparation for these tests. The results will be shared with families when they are received by the College. If you have any queries regarding this testing, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Amy Homeman.



STUDY PLAN

At this time of the year, I wish to encourage our Senior School students to consider developing a study plan in order to start the year with some good routines that support their learning. Writing out a structured plan for each day provides a good opportunity to commit to making 2019 a year where you achieve your personal best. Make sure your plan is realistic, with consideration for part-time work, sport, family-time, dinner and sleep. It's a good idea to set aside time for each subject throughout the week. Developing a Study Plan is a good way to ensure that study and revision is part of your daily routine.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS APPLICATIONS

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**.

EXPERIENCE CLEVER AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Experience Clever gives students the chance to not only see the La Trobe University campuses but experience

them by taking part in fun and dynamic workshops led by real lecturers. Open to future students and parents. Melbourne (Autumn) - 12th April 2019, Albury-Wodonga - 31st May 2019, Bendigo - 3rd July 2019, Melbourne (Winter) - 5th July 2019. For more information, please refer to:

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-clever>

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

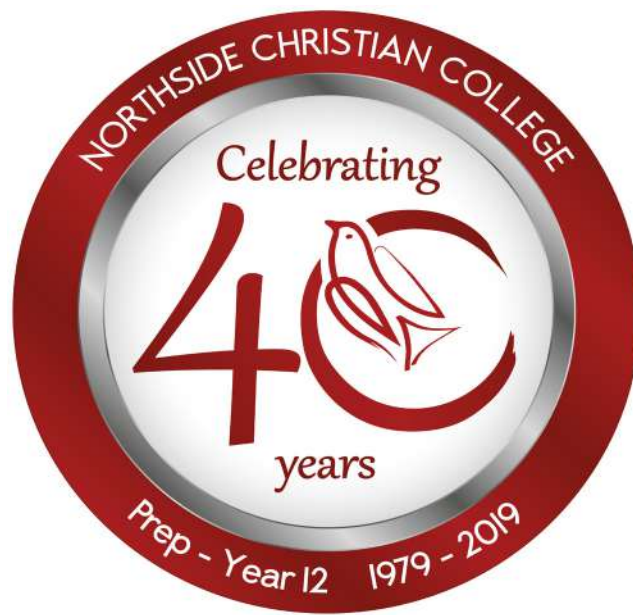
The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) has been running its Year 12 program for 36 years this year and it is certainly an influential event for all who attend. Year 11 students interested in learning more about the NYSF are encouraged to refer to the following website:

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>.

Applications for the 2020 National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program will open on the 1st March 2019.

TAX FILE NUMBERS

Any student who plans to start full or part time work, or enter tertiary education, will need a tax file number. Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number. It is advisable to do this as a priority - do not leave it until the last week of Year 12. Students can complete an online form (for individuals), on the Australian Taxation Office website, at <https://www.ato.gov.au>. Please note that students will need to attend an interview to present their proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office. There is no fee for lodging a TFN application.



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