



Welcome!

Damian Higgins, Principal



It was great to see so many new families visiting our school last week for our Twilight Open Evening. This annual event seems to be attracting more and more visitors every year. A big thanks to Hannah Tucker for organising and overseeing this event. I am also very thankful to all our staff who stayed behind for several hours to support this event and made themselves available to talk to all our visiting families as well as demonstrating and presenting some of the great things that are happening with regards to their learning areas.

One of our big focusses for this event is our Mission Statement - "Transforming Lives through Christ and the Wonder of Learning". This mission statement is something we as a school try to keep front and centre in our daily routines. The planning that goes into each and every lesson for all classes from Prep to Year 12 takes this into account.

Of course, we can't expect every child to be in a constant state of wonder throughout the day, but what we do want to see are those moments when a child makes a breakthrough in their learning. These are the moments we plan for and are thrilled about when they take place.

The transformation aspect of this mission statement is also incredibly important and fits in nicely to our Harvest theme this year. Although it is difficult to notice transformation in the moment during a typical day, it is much easier to see it when we look at our senior students and their achievements as they head towards the culmination of 13 years of schooling. I can think of numerous exemplar students in our current Year 12 group who have quite clearly been undergoing transformation over the years they have spent at Northside Christian College. The fruits of their labour and those who have impacted their lives is very clear to see and is an illustration of **Harvest** in our community. This kind of harvest is one that we can all enjoy. I would like to encourage every one to hold up these particular students in their prayers and support them as they navigate their way through the final few hurdles of their formal education. We can look forward to celebrating their successes later in the year as we hear about their own unique transformation stories.

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!



Monday 1st April

40th Anniversary Ceremony
Encompass Church
9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 2nd April

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40th Festival!

Wednesday 3rd April 3.30-7.30pm

Food Trucks, Fun Activities,
Fireworks and Face Painting
All welcome!

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6.30-8.00pm

Staff vs Students:

Teachers should be replaced by robots

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Back to 1979

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Diary Dates

Thursday 21st March:

CSEN Primary Swimming

Harmony Day

Friday 22nd March

Planet Shakers @ Chapel

Monday 25th - Friday 29th March

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 1st - Friday 5th April

NCC 40th Birthday Celebration Week

Friday 5th April:

Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

College Office Closed for 40th Anniversary Ceremony

Dear Parents,

While we are celebrating the College's 40th Anniversary on **Monday 1st April** in the church auditorium, the Reception and Accounts Offices will be closed. This is so that all staff can join in the celebrations.

If you have any business to conduct at the College on this day, please either come before 9:15am or after 10:45am and our staff will be happy to assist you.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Students are invited to bring a gold coin to wear casual clothes on **Tuesday 19th March.**

One of our students has been selected as a part of the Victorian CSEN soccer girls team and will be competing in the nationals in Queensland. Funds raised will go towards flights, uniform and accommodation.

This is an OPTIONAL casual clothes day run by our Student Representative Council. All students who do not bring a gold coin donation to wear casual clothes need to be in full and correct school uniform.



Wellbeing

Fiona Dumitrache

Head of Student Wellbeing

The honeymoon period of settling into school has now come to an end and students will be starting to feel some pressure both with their academic work as well as with relationships. This can result in heightened emotions being displayed or internalised.

In acknowledgement of students' different needs and developmental stages, we allow them the space to "get themselves together" and to recharge. Some students are provided with a "Recharge Card", which they can use to exit from class for a short time, and then to return and be ready to learn again. Some students come to school with weighty issues on their minds, some find it difficult to make sense of the social environment, some become deeply upset or unravelled over a small look, word or interaction, some are simply tired ... the reasons for potential emotional distress are numerous! But if we, as adults, understand the neurology of distressed students, it helps us to manage more helpful responses.

A symbol of a distressed child or adolescent may be represented by a glitter calm down jar. When the jar is shaken rapidly, the glitter particles are caused to furiously dart around in the water. This is what is happening in the brain of a student who becomes "unglued" and falls apart in front of our eyes. But, just like when the jar is placed on the table and the glitter storm settles to the bottom and all is calm again, this is what is happening in the young person's brain when they are given time to unwind.

Around the age of 10 you may notice that your child or adolescent can become



quite easily overwhelmed, their emotions escalating from 0 to 10 rapidly, and their behaviour becoming quite irrational. The pre-adolescent brain prunes back neural pathways in order to make responses and learning more effective and efficient. In concrete terms, the usual massive, branching network of country roads and city streets in their brains is being cut back to streamlined neural freeways. The ability to reason and maintain perspective is not fully developed until about age 25; consequently, your young person may be operating mostly from the area at the back of the brain where it's all about survival. These more subconscious, automatic parts of the brain, where the emotions are housed, are upgraded first. If your young person becomes upset, their newly upgraded emotional senses can take over their yet-to-be-upgraded reasoning capacities, resulting in a melt down of

their entire system and thus their ability to function rationally. Like the jar of stormy glitter, they need time and space to reset.

Be patient with and show confidence in your young person, understanding the brain challenges and changes. Speak calmly instead of being the one who is picking up their "glitter jar" and shaking it rapidly! Locking horns and expecting emotional control and rational thought from your young person will only prolong the time that it takes for them to settle again.

Also, don't undervalue the place of an actual glitter calm down jar in your home!



Special Announcement: Changes to the 2019 Missions Trip

Due to a number of circumstances, the destination for our 2019 trip has now changed to **Cambodia**.

The cost of the trip has lowered by \$1,000 with this change.

Trip dates remain the same: 22nd November - 2nd December 2019.

If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 and are seriously interested in the trip at the new price, please let Mrs Waters know **IMMEDIATELY**.

There are several spaces available but you **MUST** commit by **Monday 18th March**.



Preps Chill Out



Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher

While the Year 3-12 students were out competing in the 2019 Northside Swimming Carnival, the Year Prep, 1 and 2 classes had the whole school to themselves!

The Preps took advantage of this and visited the Middle School Building and the VCE Study Room for a break from their busy schedule.

They have been learning a new sound every day, looking at how numbers to 10 are made, teaching each other about their own history and the history of someone special to them, and reading from the Bible about how God created our world.

They can also navigate their way around rotating activities, line up in alphabetical order, put their chairs up at night and take them down in the morning, and tidy up after themselves.

They certainly are Busy Beavers and deserved some couch time while the big kids were away!

Engineers of the Future

Fun, Creativity & Teamwork!

Sharon Simic, Year 4 Teacher

Students in Year 4 have been teamed up with other students in Years 2 and 3 to create a hut for native animals. As the Term has progressed, the students have become more inventive, with towns, tunnels and homes spreading across the hill on the oval.

I think we have some engineers, builders and architects in the making.



Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

Jacob, Year 6 Student

The Years 5 and 6 cohort of 2019 went to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, for our camp experience. The camp was very exciting and eventful, and so the bus bringing us back was significantly quieter than the bus trip there.

We left on a sunny morning and embarked on the one and a half hours to Sovereign Hill. Everyone was bursting with energy as the long awaited camp had finally arrived. We reached our accommodation and sat in the shade, eating our recess. After this, we split into six groups. All these groups completed the same activities but on a rotational basis. Some of the most memorable events happened after dinner on both nights. The first night's show was called AURA. We watched three spectacular events that described Gold, as keeping with the theme of Sovereign Hill. The display had many awesome attributes such as 3-D glasses, an outdoor light show and very realistic noises of explosions.

The second night was an equally thrilling experience. We watched a pantomime and a magic show. The pantomime required audience participation and we eagerly joined in. It was hilarious and full of actors



that acted in a way that sent us laughing our hearts out. The magic show was very funny but not magical. The magic tricks always failed or left a blatantly obvious clue on how it 'worked'.

The activities during the day were also electrifying. Many of these events displayed how the diggers worked in the 1850s. A highlight was the mine tour where we went into the mine and saw a replica of the 'Welcome Nugget'. The mine was quite

chilly compared to the upper and outer world! Another activity for which we went underground was the sinister sounding 'The Labyrinth'. We went down a cable cart into a pitch black tunnel. You could not tell the difference between opening your eyes or closing them! In that tour, the mine shafts were very confusing and as the name suggests, like a labyrinth. We got to touch real gold which was embedded in quartz.

We also watched the making of the famous 'Raspberry Drops' and got to taste samples. Many of us tried our fortune panning for gold in the river. Some fortunate people got a couple of flecks of gold but most of us left empty handed. It was interesting to watch the blacksmiths at work. One of them purified gold while the other made a fireplace poker from iron.

This camp was certainly memorable and I am sure all of the students from Years 5 and 6 will remember this camp and the fun we had.



2020 SECONDARY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We have now released our 2020 Secondary Academic Scholarship Information. Spare copies of the Application Form can be collected from Reception.

Families are welcome to apply straight away. Applications will close on Friday 20th September 2019. Please ensure that you supply all supporting documents required with your Scholarship Application.

The Scholarship Exam will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the College. There is only one date for this exam; we are unable to reschedule for individual students.

High achieving candidates will be asked to attend an interview with the Principal on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th November and results will be communicated with families shortly after.



INSPIRE

The Northside Great Debate

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

As part of our 40th birthday celebrations this year, Northside Christian College is having its first ever Staff/Parents vs students Great Debate on Thursday 4th April in the evening. We have a team of enthusiastic students representing the Primary, Middle and Senior School debating teams, and they will be debating against Mr Higgins, Mr Gatt and Dr Theresa Cole (a parent at our College) on the topic "That robots should not replace teachers as humans."

All are welcome to attend. RSVPs to Reception by March 28th please. See below for further details about the event and for speaker bios.



Celebrating
40
years

Northside Christian College
releasing (and through) our
the power of learning

**THE
NORTHSIDE
GREAT
DEBATE**

**TOPIC: ROBOTS
SHOULD NOT REPLACE
HUMANS AS TEACHERS**

DATE: Thursday 4th April 2019
TIME: 6.30pm for light supper,
7.00-8.00pm debate.
VENUE: Middle School building,
NCC
RSVP: 28th March to Reception

Harmony Day

College Community Prefects

On Thursday 21st March, our College will be celebrating Harmony Day, an event that is centered around inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students are encouraged to wear cultural dress or can wear the colour orange, which represents unity in diversity.

As Community Prefects, we would like to hear from families who will share either a cultural song or dance for about three minutes each during lunch time, 1:15-2:00pm.

If you are interested in participating please email

2019taylor@student.ncc.vic.edu.au,
one of our College Community Prefects.



AFFIRMATIVE TEAM ~ STUDENTS

Jacob (Year 6) Jacob has been enthusiastically involved in Debating at Northside since he arrived in 2018. He has represented the College at regional and state debating tournaments with the Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV) and is interested in all things intellectual. He has ambitions to pursue a career in Medicine.

Isabelle (Year 9) Isabelle has attended Northside since Junior Primary. She is passionately opinionated about all sorts of topics, and as such makes a strong debater. She has represented the College in the local DAV competition both in 2018 and 2019. She plans to pursue a career in something related to Psychology or Sociology.

Dimi (Year 11) Dimi discovered a love of debating early in 2018 when she joined the Senior team representing the College in the local DAV competition. She combines her love of learning about every aspect of life and humanity with an enjoyment of the intellectual rigour debating provides, and will provide a thorough and formidable conclusion to the affirmative side's debate. Her ambition is to pursue a career in the field of Science.

NEGATIVE TEAM ~ STAFF / PARENTS

Mr Damian Higgins: We all know Mr Higgins very well now, as our College Principal. His vast experience both in the UK and in Australia as a physicist and as a Mathematics educator and school Principal will provide fascinating insights into why robots should replace all of the teaching staff he has carefully recruited and maintained in the short time he has been part of our College community...

Dr Theresa Cole: Dr Cole is a Northside parent (mum of Reuben and Noah in Year 5 and Year 3 respectively) and also comes from the UK. She currently works at the Royal Children's Hospital as a paediatric immunologist, dealing with medical professionals and families of children with very rare blood diseases. It will be an intellectual treat to hear what she has to say about this topic, coming from her field of expertise.

Mr Chris Gatt: Mr Gatt is our well-known e-Learning Coordinator and is fascinated by all things digital, robotic and non-human. As such, he is the perfect speaker to wrap up this debate. He is also an experienced third speaker, as this was his role as a debater when he himself was a school student. Prepare for some powerful, persuasive and intelligent rebuttal!

Music News

Patrick Devine, Music Teacher

On Monday 25th February, the Music Department ran their first 'Flexiday' as part of the College's movement to deliver meaningful programs in an intensive format. Guest presenter Nick Agathos, a local music producer and recording artist, came in to run a songwriting and recording workshop with our Year 7 & 8 students that are enrolled in the elective. Students experienced some of the challenges of being a musician and experienced what it is like to mix their own recorded music using industry leading tools. Every student was able to achieve the writing and recording of a song in a day!



Creating a Model Dinosaur

Jessica Leed, Year 1 Teacher

This week in Biological Science, students created a model of a dinosaur of their choice. Students considered which features needed to be included in the model to help people know how the dinosaur moved and what it ate.



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.



Primary Swimming

John Longley, Curriculum Coordinator

Throughout Term 1, Primary Students have enjoyed Swimming Lessons each Tuesday. The Yarra Swim School Program has equipped students with physical swimming skills tailored to their individual level and also important water safety knowledge. One of the lessons the students completed in Week 6 entailed wearing life safety vests and acting out a 'capsized boat' activity. The program has been a highlight of the action-packed Health and Physical Education Program.



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 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 President) on lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au or Liz (School Representative) on tsiros@ncc.vic.edu.au

Parent Prayer Meeting

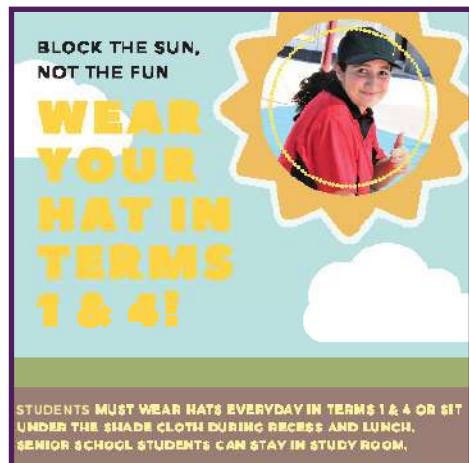
Please join us every Wednesday for prayer. Meet in the foyer at 2:15pm.

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-2) on onatoli@ncc.vic.edu.au or Serene Eng (3-6) 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.



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.



Senior School Report

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

At the recent Twilight Open Evening, it was a pleasure to meet a number of families interested in studying at Northside Christian College in the future. There are many exciting initiatives happening in the Senior School including students studying in both the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). The College also values its membership in the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster with our students studying a broad range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in the region. Our Senior School students are well supported with the Year 11 and 12 Mentoring Program entering its third year. Our Careers Program has continued to expand during the past two years with a wide range of resources available to support our students with their pathway planning. Students at Northside Christian College have achieved some strong academic results during recent years, with students benefiting from small classes and very supportive staff who are passionate about transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning. We look forward to continuing to support new and current students at Northside as we continue to expand and grow.

Opportunities and Pathways Newsletter

The first edition of the Opportunities and Pathways Newsletter for 2019 has been published. This document includes a wide range of announcements and resources that may be of assistance to Northside Christian College Senior School students and families. Students are encouraged to read the Opportunities and Pathways newsletter regularly and attend relevant events to expand their understanding of course and pathway options.



The February edition of the Senior School Opportunities and Pathways newsletter provides information on a range of topics including:

- Career Planning
- VTAC Updates
- VET Studies
- University Updates
- GAP Year Opportunities
- Further Opportunities

A copy of the Opportunities and Pathways newsletter is available on the College website at:

<http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/O&P-February-2019.pdf>



Senior School Formal

A group of students have been planning the 2019 Senior School Formal for the past five months in preparation for a special evening on Friday 17th May 2019. There is excitement building as tickets go on sale on the 15th March 2019. Students are encouraged to buy a ticket and enjoy the opportunity to participate in this special event on our Senior School calendar. More information will be distributed via the Senior School Assemblies and Home Group classes.

Student Use of Vehicles

A number of students gain their driver's licence during their Senior Schooling and may wish to drive their car to school. The College recognises that the added mobility adds extra flexibility to students' travel arrangements. Northside Christian College has a policy that caters for this added mobility, whilst at the same time carefully considering the safety and welfare of other students when travelling to and from school.

Any student driving to and from school must have permission, in writing, from parents/guardians and the Deputy Principal. Approval will be granted once the permission forms are processed. For more information, please refer to:

<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-34-Student-Drivers-Policy.pdf>

VCE Student Policy Handbook

The VCE Student Policy Handbook provides invaluable information as students proceed through the VCE. This handbook provides policies related to the VCE at Northside Christian College. These policies outline the requirements that students must adhere to in order for the VCE to be awarded. Further clarification and explanation is available on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website or by appointment with the Head of Secondary School. Please also refer to:

<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-4-VCE-Student-Policy-Handbook-2019.pdf>



SAC Calendar

Please be aware that an updated SAC calendar for both Unit 1 and Unit 3 has been released. Students are encouraged to be familiar with the schedule and requirements for each SAC. A medical certificate is required for the day of the SAC if a student is unwell and cannot sit the SAC at the scheduled time. The assessment will be rescheduled for the earliest convenient time once the student returns to school. Please contact Ms Laura Bovey in the VCE Administration Office on lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au if you would like to receive a copy of the SAC calendars.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our Senior School program.



Congratulations Courageous Conquerors

Winners of the 2019 Northside Christian College Swimming Carnival





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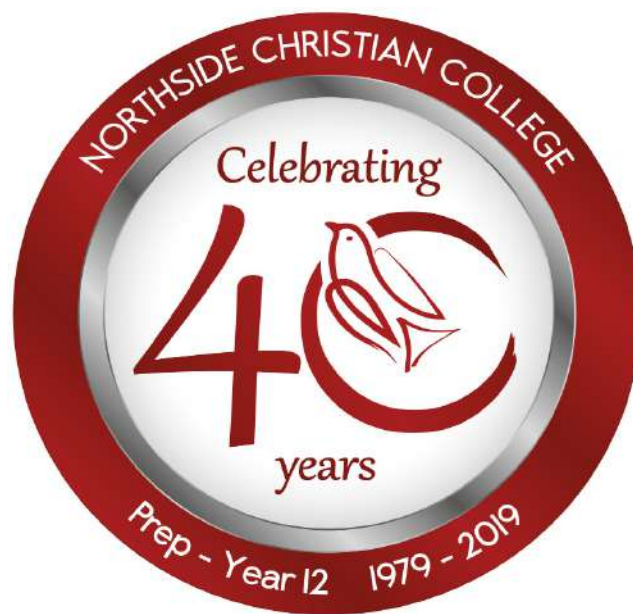
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