



*"Reading Is My
Secret Power"*



Welcome!



Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

A question that Christian educators often discuss and explore is: *What is Christian Education?* This is certainly a consistent question that keeps emerging throughout the numerous CSA conferences, both National and Statewide, at Network meetings across Christian schools in Victoria and most prominently at school level in our regular meetings as the Northside staff in faculties and in our Primary and Secondary teams. One thing that Christian Education certainly isn't is *'Educating Christianly'*.

There are two distinct features of thriving Christian Schools. The first is the visible curriculum. These are the activities that form part of the weekly timetable such as Chapel, assemblies, devotions, praise and worship, Christian Life Studies lessons, prayer times before activities, scripture memorisation and special events where we acknowledge the presence of God in our community.

Then there is the hidden curriculum. This is a lot harder to see or define but is more important and potentially more powerful in building and sustaining the Christian culture in our College. This hidden curriculum is ultimately centered around Christ Himself and involves the small, but numerous, interactions within the interwoven relationships between staff, students and parents. This hidden curriculum is ultimately all about a worldview that is based primarily on the teachings of Jesus. 'The Sermon on the Mount' is probably Jesus' most famous description of His worldview and as such should inform the worldview that we hold to here at Northside Christian College. As we read through Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7, we can hear Jesus calling us to a somewhat counter-cultural worldview - one which is distinctively different to the worldviews we are presented with in current popular culture.

As educators in Christian Schools, our responsibility is very much to give our students the best opportunity to build their lives on the foundation of rock as outlined in 'the Sermon on the Mount'. This is something that we work on daily as a staff in all our interactions big and small and we pray that, through these interactions, Christ becomes more visible in our midst with every passing day.

Grace & Peace

2019 Term Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December



Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th September:

Prep - Year 9 PSTI (4:00pm-8:30pm)

Thursday 5th September:

1:15pm Student Dismissal

Prep - Year 9 PSTI (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Wednesday 11th September

Art Show Registration Day

8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm

Friday 20th September:

Secondary Academic Scholarship Applications Close

Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

Monday 1st-Wednesday 3rd October

VCE Unit 3/4 Practice Exams

Term 4

Monday 7th October

Term 4 Begins MONDAY

Wednesday 9th October

Dress Up as an ART/ist Day

Thursday 10th October

NCC Annual Art Show

Thursday 17th October

Secondary Scholarship Exam

Term 4 Principal's Tours:

Friday 11th October 9:30am

Monday 21st October 2pm

Friday 8th November 10:30am

Wednesday 20th November 2pm

Tuesday 3rd December 9am

Parents & Friends News

The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective

James 5:16



Please join us every Tuesday 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 5th September 2019, 9:00am until 10:00am. Please meet at Reception. All parents are welcome to attend.

2020 Secondary Academic Scholarships
Applications Close Friday 20th September
APPLY NOW

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM - THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2019

2020 SECONDARY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Northside Christian College offers the following Academic Scholarships;

- 2020 Year 7 and Year 10 Students: Scholarships of three-year tenure

- 2020 Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 11 and Yr 12 Students: Scholarships of one-year tenure

Both classes of scholarship attract a fifty-percent reduction in tuition fees.

Application forms available from our office or on our website:

www.ncc.vic.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 20th September, no late applications accepted.

ENROLMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY 2019

Just a friendly reminder to all families regarding NCC's withdrawal policy.

Any families who make the decision to leave Northside Christian College are required to give a minimum of one (1) term's written notice prior to leaving. If notice is not received in advance the family is liable for the equivalent of one (1) term fees as outlined in the fee payment agreement.

Families who are enrolling at another school for Term 1 2020 are required to give this notice by the end of Term 3 2019.

When giving notice, this needs to be addressed to 'The Principal' in the form of a written letter or via email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. The letter should be written by the student's parent or guardian stating the reason for this decision and new school.

As some of our classes are at capacity, with waiting lists, once a family has withdrawn from the College this place may be offered to other applying families. We are unable to guarantee re-enrolment should a family's circumstance change or there be a change of heart.

For more information please contact the Enrolments Team

Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Prep - Year 9 from 4pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday 4th September

Prep - Year 9 from 2pm - 5pm

Thursday 5th September

Students will be dismissed at 1:15pm
on Thursday 5th September.



Walking Across McLeans Road

Students are reminded to please exercise caution when crossing McLeans Road during the day.

Please avoid crossing McLeans Road before the pedestrian crossing as it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians crossing in other areas on this road.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



OFFICE HOURS

TERM 3

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Term 3 Holiday Office Hours:

Monday 23rd September -

Friday 4th October

9.00am to 3.30pm

OFFICE CLOSED: Friday 27th September

(Friday before AFL Grand Final
public holiday)

Term 4 begins:

Monday 7th October 2019.

TERM 4 UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

During Term 4 there will be a change to summer uniform with a 2 week changeover period when winter or summer uniform can be worn (but not interchanged). Parents are asked to use their discretion as to the most suitable uniform for their child to wear between Monday 7th October to Friday 18th October. As of Monday 21st October all students are required to wear full summer uniform including hats for all students and blazers for Secondary students.



Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 238 Wolsley Place, Thomastown

Ph: 9460 8011

Online orders: www.academyuniforms.com.au

School login: Northside Christian College

Password: BUNDOORA

Academy Uniforms operate as usual during the school holidays except for Friday 27th September 2019, when they are closed all day for the public holiday.

Academy Uniforms delivers to the College during school term (not holidays).

\$10 home delivery available.

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.

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.



BOOK WEEK 2019

"Reading Is My Secret Power"

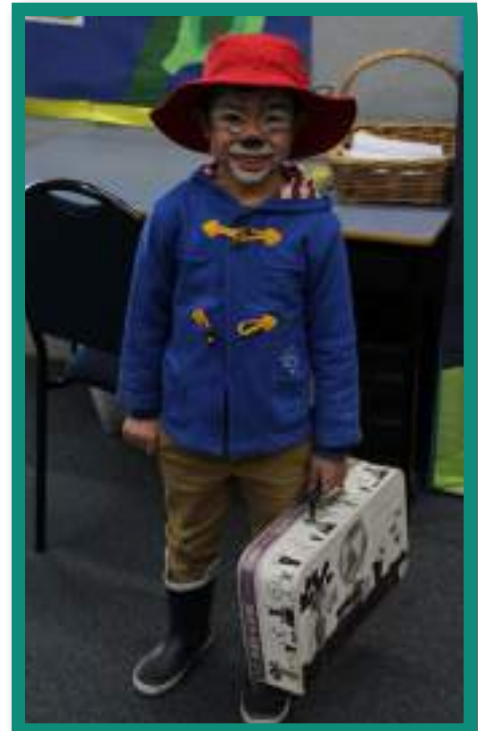


Mrs Chris Marsh, Librarian

This year our Book Week Dress Up Parade was held outside on the basketball court, and the weather was perfect. The theme this year was 'Reading is my secret power' - many students ran with the theme and dressed up as superheroes. We also had a visit from the Tardis, The Eye of Sauron, Gandalf and a host of princesses and other characters.

Mrs Angela Eynaud was compare and did a wonderful job keeping everyone entertained.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard making costumes - the time and effort you put into this is very much appreciated and made the day a great success.



INSPIRE

21st Century Skills: Critical Thinking, Ethical Understanding Communication

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

Model UN Conference

Tuesday 27th August saw our annual trip for interested Senior students to Mentone Grammar School to participate in the Model United Nations conference hosted by the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA).

This year's topic was *Enough is Enough: Ending Global Violence Against Women and Girls*, with Dr Maria O'Sullivan (UN Representative from Australia on Refugees) moderating as acting Secretary-General. Northside represented Turkey this year. Each conference is a day of rich learning and rigorous debate and negotiation.

St John, Year 12 ~ "I really enjoyed it because it's a very informative and constructive event, sharing ideas with other students from other schools."

Sofia, Year 11 ~ "I really liked it because it was interesting, engaging and fun, because you can debate with people."



Middle Years Debating Team 2019

Primary and Middle Years Debating

Our debating teams this year have shown incredible progress as students continue to learn and develop their debating skills. Several of our students have been awarded 'Best Speaker' awards in their debates - Congratulations, Isabelle (Year 9), Sharun (Year 6) and Lyvia (Year 5)!

What our students have to say about their experiences participating in the local Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV) competition:

Jacob, Year 6 ~ "I have enjoyed learning how to properly structure my rebuttal so that I can strengthen my team's case."

Natshali, Year 5 ~ "I learned how to build a correct speech for first speaker, and I learned how to debate in general, as it's my first year."

Sharun, Year 6 ~ "It was really fun for the secret topic because we worked together as a team to create a good debate; and we won!" -



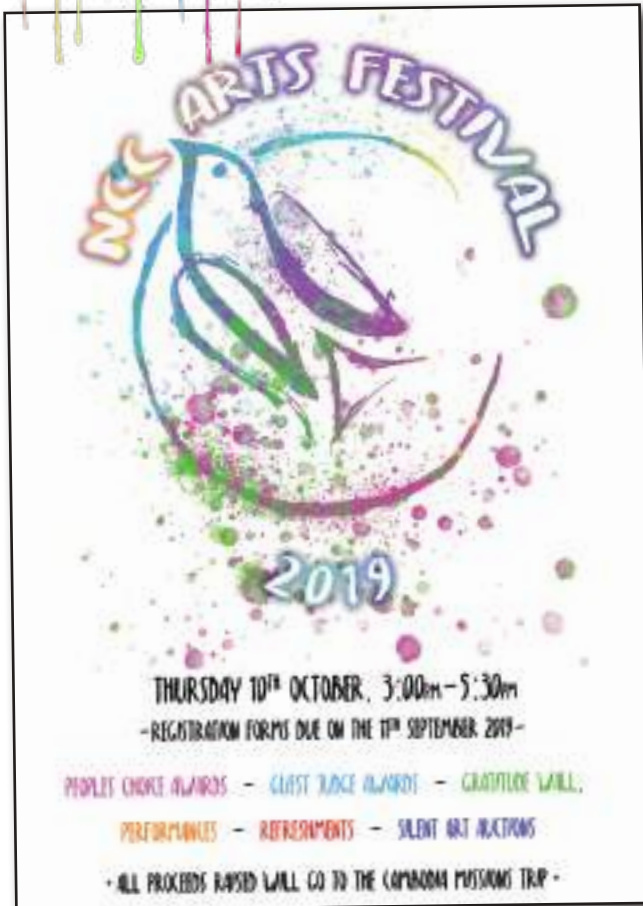
Model UN 2019 - St John & Maria O'Sullivan



Primary Years Debating Team 2019



Creative Opportunities



Register your art work!

Parents, Staff and Students who would like to enter artworks in the Art Show need to fill in a Registration Form and return it to the College with their art work on Registration Day: Wednesday 11th September from 8:30am-9am or 3:30-4pm in the Art Room.

Hard copies of the Art Show Registration Forms are available at the College Reception

BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION!



DRESS UP AS AN ARTIST/ART CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



• WEDNESDAY THE 9TH OCTOBER • TERM 4 WEEK 1

NOTE - The best dressed "ART/ARTIST" on the day will be awarded house points.



Creative Opportunities



The Gratefulness Family Challenge has arrived! See the attached flyer for more information!

We need your help!

We would love to make some outdoor musical instruments and other interactive activities for our students to enjoy in the College grounds. If you would like to help with this project please email Stephen Nelson (snelson@ncc.vic.edu.au).

The project can be counted towards parent participation.



Design the Front Cover for the 2019 NCC Year Book!

Entries due:
20th September 2019

The theme for this year is Celebrating 40 Years, so think celebratory and colourful! Your design must include the title: **Northside Christian College Year Book 2019 - Celebrating 40 Years**

House points up for grabs.
More details available from Mrs Worrell
Email: sworrell@ncc.vic.edu.au



Founder Times

Founder Times is a publication for students, run by students. A student publication gives those who have an interest in journalism, editing or publishing a safe space to practice, while being surrounded by supportive peers. *Founder Times* will aim to involve all kinds of writing, from poems to short stories. This will be an opportunity for students to develop their skills. The aim is to get the best pieces showcased and give constructive feedback to those who are not accepted. If you would like to be a member of our regular writer's team we will run workshops to ensure you are continuously improving.

We are collecting writing pieces as well as artworks! Please email your submissions and complete a submission form if you would like to submit an article or be a regular writer. For a copy of the forms, please email foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au.



Primary School Update

Year 5/6 STEM Challenge

Ms Christie Vaughn, Primary Teacher

The Year 5/6 students were involved in a fortnightly STEM challenge. In Week 7 they worked in groups and were given a limited amount of resources to make a Water Tower. To successfully complete the challenge students were required to build a tower that stood at least 10 centimetres above ground from the base and hold a full cup of water for 10 seconds.



STEM



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Word Mania Fun!

What is Word Mania?

Word Mania is a word-building challenge that's easy to play but tough to master. Race against the clock to build as many words as you can from 15 letters in just three minutes, and help your school reach the top of the leaderboards!



Well done to Ms Eng's Year 6 student who's drawn a wonderful artwork of one of our Word Mania characters during the competition.

We are so happy to see this level of excitement with the students. Keep up the good work!

Senior School Update

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

We have made it to Spring! September in the Senior School marks the commencement of the last month of formal classes for our Year 12 students, before they start revision in October. Recently, we have also finalised the subject selection process in preparation for 2020. Students are encouraged to continue studying hard as they complete a wide range of assessments during these last few weeks of Term 3. Please continue to communicate with mentors and subject teachers if you have any questions or concerns. The last few months of the school year are a very busy time for our Senior School students. We value the opportunity to work closely with them to support them during this time.

VTAC Applications

Applications are made through VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre). Timely applications close on Monday 30th September. Please note that VTAC requires a \$39 processing fee for timely applications. Upcoming VTAC Dates include the following:

- ~ Timely applications through VTAC due:
Monday 30th September 2019 at 5pm.
- ~ Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications close:
Friday 11th October 2019 at 5pm
- ~ Scholarships through VTAC close:
Friday 11th October 2019 at 5pm

Students applying for courses that have extra requirements (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students are reminded that if there have been circumstance that have made it hard for you to do your best at study, you should consider putting in a special consideration application via VTAC's Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is designed to make sure institutions get a sense of your full potential and it enables institutions to consider the circumstances you have experienced and their impact upon your studies when making selection decisions.



For more information about VTAC dates, please refer to: www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html



Book Week - Year 11



Book Week - Year 10

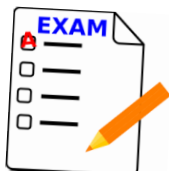
Unit 3 & 4 September Practice Examinations

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3/4 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3/4 practice examinations in a range of subjects during the week of the 1st - 3rd October 2019.

The College considers this very important assessment preparation for the 2019 VCE Examinations.

A copy of the practice exam timetable is available on the College website at:

ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Unit-3-4-October-Practice-Examination-Timetable.pdf



Book Week - Year 12

GRATEFULNESS FAMILY CHALLENGE



You are invited to participate in the FAMILY GRATEFULNESS CHALLENGE for the next month, and hopefully beyond! This way of thinking and living is God-designed, with our wellbeing, community development, and relationship with God being central.

During our Arts Festival we will have a special space for those families who wish to display their month of gratefulness. We'd love to receive your contributions. Our last chapel for the term will be a celebration of our GRATEFULNESS.

What is **GRATITUDE**?

Gratitude is an expression of appreciation or the quality of being thankful. When we experience the emotion of gratitude we are practicing the focus on good and the blessing God has so bountifully given us.



God created us to be reflective beings, unlike any other creation. He wants our relationship with him to be restored. Throughout history when people have shown gratitude God has blessed them well beyond their needs.

Consider the following passages:

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity^[a] in you. ¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹²So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem^[b] will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Living Bible (TLB)

¹⁸No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.



Some ideas for your family

For the younger ones you may like to focus on these main areas:

Thankful to others

How to help others

Appreciate what or whom you have

Notice the blessings you have

Know your gifts and be thankful for them

Serve others with what you have

- Collect 30 rocks and paint things you are grateful for on each one to make a gratefulness rock garden.
- Each person in the family creates their own flowers to make a family garden with one thing to be grateful for written on separate petals for each.
- Do a similar thing for making a tree of gratefulness, cutting out leaves for the trees.
- Make a special book to journal
- Family round table challenge where each one chooses one of the above to chat about.
- Finding a Bible promise and memorise it over the week.



For the 10 + year olds you may like to focus on these main areas:



Grateful for one experience I had today

Learned or discovered one thing today

Accomplished something today

Delighted in something or something that touched your heart

- Create a piece of word art.
- Take photos, draw, or write and hang using pegs and string.
- Keep a journal
- Create a collage using words or pictures.
- Family round table challenge where each one chooses one of the above to chat about.
- Discuss a Bible promise and how this relates practically to a life of gratitude.



Stuck for ideas? Excited to share? Email Fiona at studentwellbeing@ncc.vic.edu.au

NCC Primary presents...

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Thurs 17th Oct 2019
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for a picnic
for our 2019 Twilight
Primary Concert

- Food trucks
- Coffee
- Performances by every primary class





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