

The Vine



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Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning



Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



Our College campus burst into life again as hundreds of students returned to school last Monday. There was no denying the tangible sense of joy that permeated throughout the College grounds as friends were reunited again. There is something to be said about the power of presence. Technology platforms such as Zoom and social media apps have their merits and have indeed enabled us to continue to learn and connect over the past few months but there is no substitute for real, face to face presence.

A pivotal moment in God's big story is when **"The word was made flesh and dwelt among us"** as written in the Gospel of John. No longer was God a distant Deity who we hoped would have favour on us. God became one of us, in person, living alongside of us and experiencing all of the challenges of being a human being.

God is all about relationship. This is emphasised to its fullest extent in I John 4:8-9, which tells us,

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

We are also reminded in this passage of our 2020 Theme - KNOWN. The key to knowing God, is to love. The more we love, the more we know God.

Now that we are back in the presence of one another, we will have the blessing of being present with one another again, to actively love one another. Interestingly, loving others who are present in the same physical space around us is often a challenge too. This, I believe, is where the experience of getting to know God more fully, becomes very real.

Grace & Peace

HAVE YOU HEARD?

2020 Term Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday 8th December



Diary Dates

Term 4

Friday 23rd October

Grand Final Public Holiday

Monday 26th October

Years 8-10 Return to On-Site Learning

Tuesday 27th October

Year 12 Celebration Day

Thursday 29th October

Year 12 Graduation

Friday 30th October

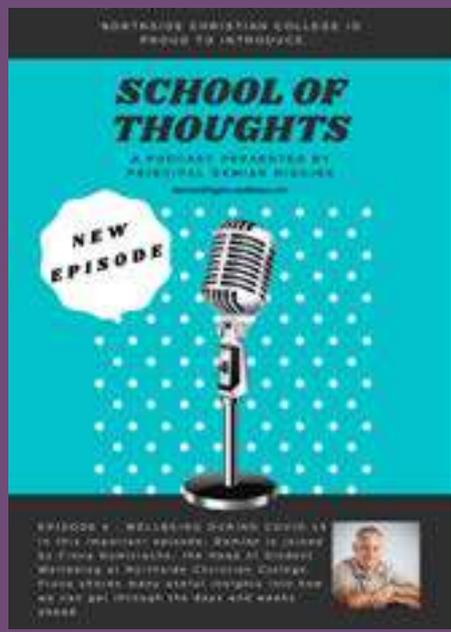
World Teachers Day

Monday 2nd November

Mid-Term Break - Student-Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



The College regularly sends out important notifications to families through SEQTA Engage.

If you have not yet downloaded the App, please contact Reception for instructions on how to do so.

If you have already downloaded the App, thank you!

Don't forget to turn on your SEQTA Engage Notifications in Settings, to avoid missing any essential information.



COVID-SAFE REMINDER!

Due to current COVID-Safe practices, there are restrictions in regards to parents and visitors accessing the College grounds. Please call Reception on 03 9467 2499 if you need to collect your child or would like to make an appointment to meet with a member of staff. Our preference at this point in time is to conduct meetings on Zoom.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding.

2020 YEARBOOK

Did your child participate in the Kindness Challenge?

Have they created a work of art?

Did they get involved in a Sports challenge?

Were they part of the Premier's Reading Challenge?

Please send your photos and any questions to

yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au



Welcome Back!

Northside's grounds are once again alive with the animated sounds of school-life!

It has been wonderful to have Prep to Year 7, VCE and VCAL students and teaching staff on-site again after many weeks of Remote Learning.

We look forward to our Year 8 to 10 students joining us at the start of Week 4.

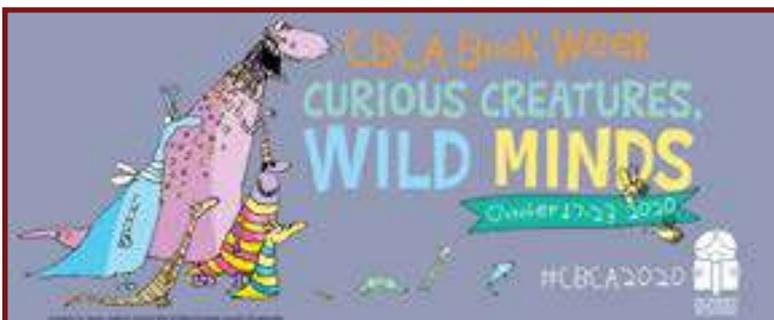
Please don't hesitate to speak with the classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's transition back to face-to-face learning.



Book Week 2020

DRESS UP DAY

Thursday 22nd October



All students who are on-site this day are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and, if possible, bring a copy of the book that their character is in. Instead of the traditional Book Week Parade, a [Zoom Assembly](#) will be held so that we can see the costumes in each class.

Students who are still in Remote Learning are invited to dress up and post a photo of their costume on the [Remote Learning Community page](#). Tag your House for House points!

Chappy Chat ~ I Speak Jesus

Mr Jared Stocks, Chaplain

I don't know about you but, during this season, I have been leaning into the Lord like never before. I have been reading the Word, and I have been listening to podcasts and lots of worship music.

I have been looking for music that is slightly newer than my current playlist and seeking new wisdom on the scriptures. I've come to realise a couple of key things during this year. Firstly, what you listen to produces fruit, whether good or bad, and secondly, there is great power in the words we speak and in our confession.

One song that has really spoken to me during this year is "I speak Jesus" by the worship band *Here Be Lions*.

The lyrics of the 2nd verse and chorus stand out most to me:

I just want to speak the name of Jesus,
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression,
I speak Jesus

Your name is power, Your name is healing,
Your name is life

Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows,
Burn like a fire.

With this song in mind, a special project was birthed - I have called this **The "I speak Jesus" Project**. The aim of the project is to have members of our College Community send in photos of themselves (individually or with their family), holding up signs with lyrics from the song. There is a short video explaining what to do on the [NCC Facebook page](#). You can also watch it on [YouTube](#).



I need lots of words, so please don't all send in the word "Jesus"! If you do, maybe send in another photo of one of the more obscure words, too. The more material I have the better the outcome.

I hope that whatever circumstance you are in right now, that you would speak Jesus over that circumstance and find peace in His presence.

Bless you, Jared

Please send your photos in to jstocks@ncc.vic.edu.au or chaplain@ncc.vic.edu.au by 4pm, Monday 26th October.



Words we need!	
JESUS	LIFE
I SPEAK JESUS	STRONGHOLD
WE SPEAK JESUS	SHADOWS
HEART	FIRE
MIND	ANXIETY
PEACE	FEAR
PRESENCE	CAPTIVE
ADDICTION	DEPRESSION
BREAK	MOUNTAINS
HOPE	STREETS
FREEDOM	DARKNESS
POWER	ENEMY
HEALING	FAMILY
	HOLY NAME



SCIENCE WEEK

Mrs Susan Varghese, Science Co-ordinator

Week 6 of Term 3 was National Science Week. Despite being in stage 4 lockdown, the Prep to Year 10 students enthusiastically participated in a range of STEM-based activities.

The theme for this year was "Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans", which encouraged students to look to the future of our oceans. With the ocean playing such a pivotal

part in life on this planet, it needs our help now more than ever! Students were tasked with bringing awareness to our future citizens and chose from activities such as creating a poster with a message, participating in the daily quiz, writing a poem or drawing.

Winners of the Daily Quiz

First - Halden Family (Worthy Warriors)

Second - Marshal (Courageous Conquerors)

Third - Kian (Worthy Warriors)

Congratulations to all participants!

EP Science Championship Challenge

The students in Years 7 - 10 were also given the opportunity to participate in the Education Perfect (EP) World Championship Challenge for a week. Many students elected to participate in the challenge and our College won a lot of prizes!

Gold award

Sarah

Timothy

Silver award

Madison

Jordan

Bronze award

Isabelle

Kian

Jasleen

Michelle

Credit award

Lily

Isabella

Joshua

Please join with me to congratulate all the students who won awards, as well as those students who gave the Championship a go. Well done to you all!



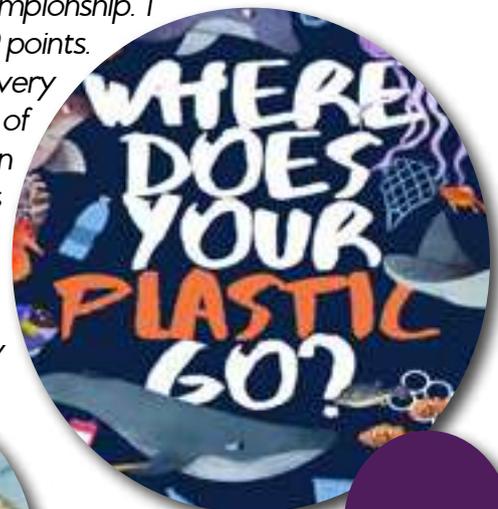
Science week reflections

Charlotte: *I did the quiz at 10:40. It was fun - thanks for organising it this week!*

Timothy: *Thanks for another great quiz. The EP tournament is a tough comp but has been a blast. :)*

Kian: *I personally found this year's Science Week to be relatively more interesting than in previous years - based on actual content being provided, not the activities involved. This year, the activities for Science week, revolved around the "Deep Blue" theme. Despite remote learning persisting the way it has done, our school has appeared to make up for it, to quite the standard, with our main activities including; anti-movement poster designing, a science quiz, the Education Perfect Challenge, and other various class activities. Overall, I do believe that students of our College did contribute and work a lot harder than in previous years.*

Marshal: *During Science Week, we were allowed to participate in a range of activities. I chose to do the daily Kahoot quizzes and a career test to see what science career I would be most interested in. The whole Secondary school also participated in the Education Perfect Science Championship. I ended up scoring 159 points. Science Week was very fun and I learnt a lot of useful information in the Kahoot quizzes and the Education Perfect Science Championship. We should do this every year!*



What's Happening in the Senior School?

Year 12 Celebration Day

Tuesday 27th October 2020

The Year 12 Celebration Day will be held on Tuesday 27th October and will provide students and College staff with a chance to say 'farewell' to the Year 12 class of 2020.

This day will also be our Year 12 students' last day of formal education at the College.

Please note that this event will run differently to previous years due to COVID-19 and the implementation of a range of COVID Safe strategies. Unfortunately, only students and staff will be allowed to participate in on-site Celebration Day events.



Year 12 Graduation

Thursday 29th October 2020

The College will be conducting a Graduation Ceremony in the VCE Study Room commencing at 2pm on Thursday 29th October.

This event will be attended by the Year 12 students and limited staff. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite the broader College Community to physically attend this event in 2020. Due to the current restrictions in regards to parents and visitors accessing the College grounds, arrangements are being made to share this event with the wider College Community by Zoom or similar video conferencing software. A range of COVID Safe strategies will be in place to ensure this event is conducted safely. Please continue to pray for our Year 12 students during this very different year.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we plan a unique graduation in 2020.

Books and Supplies Day

Monday 23rd November 2020

Year 10 and 11 students will be provided with a day without scheduled classes in order to purchase books and supplies in preparation for Early Commencement and the 2021 academic school year. This day has been scheduled for Monday 23rd November 2020. The [2021 Senior School Booklist](#) is available on the College website.

Early Commencement Program

30th November 2020 - 4th December 2020

Senior School students will experience their first taste of 2021 VCE / VCAL classes during the Early Commencement Program at Northside Christian College, which will be conducted between Monday 30th November and Friday 4th December 2020. The compulsory week long orientation program for VCE / VCAL provides a valuable opportunity for students to not only receive study materials and gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in, but also to complete a significant amount of subject content. This in turn helps them to get an effective head start to their studies, which should translate into a better understanding of the topics they cover as they progress into next year. Holiday homework will also be assigned during this week.

Year 10 students will be effectively moving into Year 11, while the Year 11 students will commence Year 12 for their last week of schooling in 2020. Some Year 9 students will commence accelerated Unit 1 VCE Courses during this week.

An Early Commencement timetable will be published early in Term 4.



INSPIRE ~ Future Problem Solving

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

Andee: Today was very fun but very exhausting. It was rewarding to see the application of all our learning and I'm very satisfied by what we've produced.



Congratulations!

Future Problem Solving Nationals Team

Early in Term 4, a team of Middle School students (Andee, Tim, Madison and Sarah) represented our College at the National level in the Future Problem Solving Program Australia competition. This requires students in teams of four to go through a rigorous intellectual and creative process of looking at and researching a particular global issue (this year's topics have been gamification, sleep patterns and living in poverty) and finding a solution. Our students worked extremely hard to complete their written booklet in the 2 hour window, and put together a very entertaining video of their action plan based on their solution to the problem of access to clean water in India.



Tim: This was a great experience for me; it was really rewarding just being able to get given something that has so many things wrong with it, and getting to have a go at solving it. It's so great to think that these types of solutions could be possible within the next 10 years.

Madison: This was an amazing experience that enabled me to unlock my inner creativity and bond more closely with my classmates.

Sarah: Today was really fun, but I found it interesting because when we first did this process as a team [last year], we didn't get very far and argued a lot, but this time, we really gelled as a team and had a great, productive time together.



Congratulations, students, on your efforts in representing Northside Christian College at Nationals!



Has Your Family Packed a Shoebox?

Mrs Lenna Waters, Director of Senior School Learning

National Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Month is 1st October to 8th November 2020.

We are pleased to announce that Northside Christian College is the official Resource Pick Up Point and Drop off Point in the northern suburbs this year. Due to continuing COVID-related restrictions, it is vital that you ring the College to arrange the collection of shoeboxes or brochures and also to drop off filled shoeboxes. The last date for our collection is firmly set for 8th November this year - so don't miss out!

Please see [this YouTube video](#) if you need help packing your shoebox.



Missions Update!

We have three exciting upcoming projects related to our Cambodia Missions Projects. All three projects are for the Daun Chreng Primary School in Cambodia with which we are building a new relationship through our Missions Trips, and are set to begin in 2021.

1. Restocking the library with new storybooks;
2. Providing education supplies for the preschool;
3. Construction of a playground for all the students in the school.

The total funds needed for these three projects to be completed is around \$8,000. If you would like to contribute to these projects as a part of our Cambodia Missions Fundraising, please ring the College Accounts Office on 03 9467 2499 where Bee or Lil will be delighted to take your donation.



END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS

Senior School Examinations

24th - 27th November 2020

The Unit 2 examinations will take place in Week 7 of Term 4. On Monday 23rd November, Year 10 and 11 students will have an opportunity to complete private study at home in preparation for their Unit 2 exams. The examinations commence on Tuesday 24th November.

A copy of the [Unit 2 Semester 2 exam timetable](#) is available on the College website.

Northside Christian College will not be conducting Year 9 and 10 end of year exams in 2020. This will provide the College will an opportunity to maximise

the teaching and learning time for these year levels in preparation for 2021. Students are advised that there will still be some significant assessments for some subjects in these year levels.

VCE Exams Navigator 2020

The [VCE Exams Navigator 2020](#) booklet outlines the examination times for the November/December period. This booklet contains everything you need to know about the VCE examinations procedures. A copy of this booklet was distributed to students during Term 3.





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