

The Vine

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Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning



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For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

As 2020 finally draws to a close and we look ahead to a new year, we still see only as a reflection in a mirror and we still only “know” in part.

At the outset of the year, in those early stages as we learned about a new virus that had emerged in another land, did we have any idea of how the year would play out? Of course not. No one could have imagined or predicted how the 12 months of 2020 would look. This is, of course, the whole point behind our verse for the year. We need to always look to Jesus. Not necessarily to give us the answers to the many questions that life throws at us, but to look to Him as someone we can trust. Someone who knows us intimately and someone who loves us infinitely.

One day we will know fully. But while we are still seeing only as a reflection as in a mirror, we must accept

Welcome!
Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



our limitations and let God be our strength. That is not to say that God hasn't gifted us with wisdom and talents through which we can have an impact in our fallen world but, ultimately, we need to partner with God. If we try in our own strength, we are destined to fall short of the plans He has for us.

2020 has taught us many things and I believe we are wiser now than we were in 2019. We also know God more now than we did at the start of the year. Let us keep our hearts and minds open to God so that this year's journey to know God more will continue throughout our lives.

It has been an immensely challenging year for all of us and I pray that together, we continue to grow stronger as a community and that lives continue to be transformed by Christ and the Wonder of Learning.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace & Peace

2020 Term Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday 8th December

Diary Dates

Term 4

Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December

Senior School Early Commencement Program

Thursday 3rd December
Year 6 Graduation

Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th December

Senior School Retreat

Monday 7th December

Primary School Awards Assembly
Senior School Awards Assembly

Tuesday 8th December

Middle School Awards Assembly
Last Day - 1:00pm Finish
Celebration Evening

2021

Term 1

Friday 29th January

Prep, Years 7, 10, 11, 12 Return

Monday 1st February

All Other Students Return

2021 Term Dates

Term 1

Friday 29th January -
Wednesday 31st March

Term 2

Monday 19th April -
Friday 25th June

Term 3

Wednesday 14th July -
Thursday 16th September

Term 4

Monday 4th October -
Tuesday 7th December

2020 VIRTUAL ART SHOW



Excitement for the upcoming launch of the Northside Christian College 2020 Virtual Art Show is mounting. We received an entire gallery of beautiful artworks from an array of talented students, parents and staff and can't wait to share them with you!

The 2020 Virtual Art Show will officially open on Friday 4th December at 4:00pm for families to view the artworks and vote for their favourites in the People's Choice Awards.

An access link to the online event, as well as instructions for voting in the People's Choice Awards, will be made available to the College Community closer to the event - look out for details in your SEQTA inbox on Friday afternoon!

Please note that voting for the People's Choice Awards closes Friday midnight.

The Virtual Gallery will remain open all weekend for viewing.

LAUNCH:

4:00PM FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020

DON'T MISS OUT!

The College regularly sends out important notifications to families through **SEQTA Engage**. If you have not yet downloaded the App, please contact Reception on 03 9467 2499 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.



Roses in Bloom

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

Over 2015 and 2016, maintenance staff, contractors and parent volunteers created the Rose Latimer Memorial Garden as a way to honour and remember Mrs Rose Latimer, who was the much-loved Office Manager, Enrolments Officer and Receptionist at Northside Christian College for 16 years. When she passed away in 2014, the College wanted a way to recognise the contribution Rose made to the College and to pass on the values she lived to future generations. The verse on the post - *Three things will last forever, Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love.* (1 Corinthians 13:13) - was a verse that Rose's husband, Paul, selected to be included in the Garden. This verse ties in well with both our own College Values and the way Rose chose to live her life.

Roses were a favorite of Rose. She had some of the same varieties in her garden as we now have in the Memorial Garden. This year the garden looks the best it ever has due to the great weather we have had for roses in Melbourne. The students and staff have enjoyed seeing and smelling the roses over the last month, since we have returned to on-site learning.



WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS!

Ms Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher

Ms Schepis and I had the classroom all set up and ready to welcome the 2021 Preps on Tuesday 24th November. While there had already been two orientation sessions, they were via Zoom, so it was especially exciting for the Preps and the Prep teachers to meet each other in person.

The day went exceptionally well. The Preps completed a cutting and pasting activity and made new friends. The greatest achievement of all was that there were no tears!

We look forward to welcoming the Prep class of 2021 to our beautiful Northside Christian College Community next year!



INSPIRE 2020

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

What a year we've had! Not only has 2020 brought many challenges and interruptions, but silver linings have indeed included some remarkable resilience being shown by our students, some remarkable achievements, and some remarkable growth - not only academically, but intellectually and emotionally as well. In all, we had over 100 students participating in INSPIRE in some capacity this year, with students discovering capacity within themselves they didn't know they had.

Particular congratulations need to go to:



Harry C in Year 4 for being selected as a Finalist in the Primary BHP Billiton Future Science and Engineering Awards (National level) for his invention of an automatic fire extinguisher.

Eric L in Year 2 for being awarded a medal in ICAS for Science; this is the first time a Northside student has received such an outstanding result in the ICAS competitions.



Our 2020 Kwong Lee Dow Scholars' Program recipient, Abigail in Year 10.



Not only do we celebrate students who have achieved remarkable things this year, but we celebrate all of the growth and learning that happens across our College, and we look forward with great anticipation to 2021!

ENROLMENT UPDATES

Leaving Northside?

If your child/ren are not returning to Northside in 2021, families must complete and submit the Withdrawal Notice form as soon as possible. The Withdrawal Notice is available at the College Reception, or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. Many of our classes are now subject to a waiting list in 2021. Families that do not give the required notice will be required to pay one term's fees.



Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 are open. All current families that have children that will turn five years old by 30th April 2022 are eligible to apply. Please do not leave submitting your enrolment applications too late as the College may not be able to accommodate late enrolments for siblings. This year, the College received over 100 applications for Prep 2021.



Farewell, Fiona!

Mrs Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing

After 11 years of working in various roles for student wellbeing at Northside Christian College, and 30 years in education, God has called me to use my experience and skills in a different setting in 2021.

I was introduced to students and families at Northside in 2009, when I was completing a postgraduate qualification in Counselling and looking for a Christian school in which to do my 200 hour practical placement. Northside, at the time, had a Chaplain working 2 days a week. Since 2010, I have had the absolute privilege of working with students from Prep to Year 12. In 2011 I was employed 3 days a week to support student wellbeing and this developed into a full-time role shortly after.

In reflection, it has been a demanding yet incredibly rewarding job, with my focus on young people and the families they represent. I've also had the opportunity to support and equip teachers in their endeavour to bring about the best outcomes for students. Creating a safe space for students, often when they feel most vulnerable, has been really important to me. I have loved walking alongside both littlies and young people and watching their beautiful growth into awareness and success.

I, too, have grown so much in my time at the College. I have been privileged to collaborate with a wonderful community of beautiful and dedicated staff and parents to develop many successful programs, write policies and procedures to protect our students, and support a thinking culture in order to create safe learning and play environments for our students. It is hard to even call this role a job because it's such a joy to support and understand young people and help them to realise how special and important they are as God's creation. I have also learned to daily give myself over to God and to be



and do what He's called me to during this season.

My time at the College has been life-changing, and I have developed wonderful life-long friendships, but now God has called me into a time of change. Thank you to each and every one of you, as you've made a contribution to my life, too. Northside Christian College and this community of people holds a special place in my heart.



Second Hand Uniforms

Unfortunately, due to COVID, the College is unable to host its Annual Second Hand Uniform Day. College families have the opportunity to sell their second hand uniforms directly to other families via the Facebook group [NCC Second Hand Uniforms and Textbooks Buy, Swap Sell](#). Please ensure you read the group rules; only NCC uniforms and textbooks may be sold in this group. NCC provides the platform for the sale of second hand NCC uniforms and textbooks, but these sales and purchases are directly between families, not with NCC.



Join Today!

NCC MUSIC

Mr Andrew Horneman, Instrumental Music Coordinator

It is with great delight that we have been able to resume onsite lessons in the Instrumental Music Program.

We had to think creatively to be COVID-Safe and, in doing so, came up with some fun ideas such as playing outside on the oval under a marquee and splitting up into smaller group sizes with physical distancing. Our music programs have been mostly held online for a considerable part of 2020, so to have students back and playing together is fantastic. In the words of one of our young saxophone players, "I had forgotten how much fun it is to play music with others". What a testimony to the power of music and being together again after the year we have had.

The whole music team is looking forward to launching in the new year and performing live again for all the dedicated parents and staff at Northside Christian College. We thank all of our students and parents for your patience and collaboration in music this year and wish you a safe and happy Christmas!



2020 Celebration Evening is Coming To Your Home Tuesday 8th December!

This year, the Northside Christian College Celebration Evening will be held as a virtual event, so you can enjoy the festivities from the comfort of your own home! Join us online to celebrate 2020 on Tuesday 8th December at 6:00pm. Invitations and a special gift to help you celebrate will be going home with the youngest student in the family on Friday 4th December. Look out for the link to the online event on Tuesday 8th December.



Northside Christian College
CELEBRATING 2020

Join us online for the end of year celebration
Tuesday 8th December at 6:00pm



A link will be sent to College families on the day

CHRISTMAS WISHES

From The Deputy Principal

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal/Head of Secondary

It is my prayer that each of you has a lovely Christmas, a restful break and a safe holiday. May the time you share together as a family over this Christmas period and holiday break be filled with much joy and peace. I hope we all get a chance to pause to reflect during this busy time of the year. It is important to take time to appreciate once again the gift of God's Son, Jesus. May we receive the joyful news with all of our hearts. For those families that are leaving the College for various reasons we pray that the Lord would watch over you in your future endeavours and continue to bless you. I also pray that all staff and students would return in 2021 refreshed and ready to take on what promises to be a very exciting year.

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

This is the final Vine for 2020, so I would like to thank our College Community, on behalf of the Secondary School staff, for all the support and encouragement you have provided for us during 2020. We feel privileged to be able to educate your children. We look forward to working together in partnership once again in 2021.

I often talk to families about the importance of the three-way relationship between the child, parents and the school. This relationship has a significant impact on a student's potential to succeed at school. At this point in the year, I wish to thank our many parents and guardians for their support, feedback and open communication throughout the year. I look forward to working together again in 2021.

Secondary School Awards Assemblies

Monday 7th + Tuesday 8th December 2020

The awards assemblies will be conducted in a COVID-Safe manner this year, which means there will be no parents or additional guests attending these events. We trust these events will still provide an opportunity to celebrate students who have achieved academic excellence during the 2020 academic school year.

Year II and I2 Book List

The 2021 Senior School Booklists is available on the College website at the link below.

www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2021-Booklist-Units-I-4.pdf

Year 10 and II: Launch

7th - 8th December 2020

Launch plans are being finalised for the current Year 10 and II students. Students will be attending a two-day on-site retreat as part of their Senior School Early Commencement program on the 7th and 8th December 2020. Staff have been planning to make this a positive experience for the students including finding guest speakers and other relevant activities. We trust that this retreat, together with the Early Commencement Program, will assist students in preparing for the 2021 academic school year.



LAUNCH 2020
Building Foundational Skills for Academic Success

All students in Years 10 & 11 are required to attend the **2020 Senior School Retreat**
MONDAY AND TUESDAY 7 & 8 DECEMBER
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Monday 7 December 9:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 8 December 9:00am - 2:30pm
LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY

Secrets of Study Success with Felstead Education
Looking to the Job Future with Daniel Grech
Summer Wellbeing with Fiona

Active Team Building Activities with the Development Team from Upper Plenty Conference Centre
Creating the Best First Impression for Work with the Fashionista Sista team

Breakout Workshop Sessions to help you prepare for course specifics:
Create an A+ Scientific Poster
Getting a Head Start on Your Folio for 2021
Marking your English Text during Summer Reading
And others to come

2021 SECONDARY SCHOOL HATS

Please note that the black bucket hat will be compulsory for Secondary School students from Term I 2021. The cap has been phased out this year. All Secondary School students are expected to be wearing the bucket hat next year.



LIBRARY UPDATE

Borrowing has now ended from the library.

It would be appreciated if you could ensure that all borrowed items are returned immediately.

Overdue notices have already been sent home, but if there are any problems or questions please contact Mrs Marsh.



CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Camp Australia will be running a program from Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th December for any Primary School students who require care. Please see the next page for details!



PRIMARY CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL

This year the Primary School leaders have partnered with Empower Australia to spread the love and hope of Jesus and to see the less fortunate receive a Christmas gift at Christmas time. Students can take a tag from the Christmas tree located in the foyer. Together at home, families can purchase a gift for a child through the link provided on the Christmas tag. 100% of donations will go to purchasing gifts for children associated with the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, the charity that Empower have partnered with in the North.

Please join us as we work to spread the hope and love of Jesus this Christmas.

For your convenience:

christmasappeal.empoweraustralia.com.au/



Showcase 2020 is Here!

Northside Christian College is delighted to share this special short 10 minute film as a substitute for us not being able to run our annual Learning Showcase this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This Virtual Showcase video captures the essence of the learning that took place during lockdown this year and exists as a piece of history that has been captured for us to enjoy now and look back on in years to come.

Watch it online now!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1CH_Llgzj0&feature=youtu.be



Now live online!
https://youtu.be/g1CH_Llgzj0

Pupil Free Day

Come and join the fun with the Camp Australia Team at our upcoming Pupil Free Day!

 **Date:** 9, 10, 11 December 2020

 **Time:** 07:00 to 18:00

 **Location:** The Before and After School Care Room at Northside Christian College

 **Fees:** \$53.88



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