

*Look what  
I made  
in Remote  
Learning!*



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning



Thank You  
for your  
support!



### Welcome!

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and forever!"  
Hebrews 13:8*



I'd like to extend a thank you to our College Community for your flexibility as we transitioned into a short period of remote learning between the 15th and 17th February. The College's Executive and Teaching and Learning Teams prepared draft plans for scenarios similar to this lockdown situation. We were grateful to be able to respond swiftly on short notice when the Premier announced the Circuit Breaker Action for Victoria on Friday 12th February.

Ms Angela Eynaud, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided a flipped briefing to staff earlier in February in preparation for a "snap lockdown". We thank Ms Eynaud for her leadership and support for staff during this time. Thank you to our students for your engagement with the remote learning program over these three days. Our staff at Northside Christian College remain committed to providing instructional continuity to support student

learning throughout the year. Thank you to our teachers, wellbeing, facilities, and administrative staff for your support in the implementation of our short-term remote learning program. We know God made us for community and challenges like this remind us of this. May we continue to work towards our College's Vision, "To be an inspirational Christian learning community."

We continue to give thanks to God for his steadfast love.

*"My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:19*

As we trust in the Lord, we can know with confidence a hope that transcends all our fear and concerns during this challenging season.

Thank you once again for your support during the recent lockdown.

*Working together.*

## 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

## Diary Dates

Thursday 25th February +

Friday 26th February

Scholastic Book Fair  
POSTPONED

Monday 1st March

Whole School Assembly Online

Thursday 4th March

Parents and Friends (P&F) Meeting

Friday 5th March

Years 5-12 Swimming Carnival

Monday 8th March

Labour Day Public Holiday -  
No classes

Thursday 11th March

Open Evening

Monday 15th March

Whole School Assembly Online

Thursday 18th March

Prep - Year 12 PSTI 4.00pm -  
8.00pm

Monday 29th March

Prep - Year 12 PSTI 2.00pm -  
5.00pm

Wednesday 31st March

Last day of Term 1

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Due to COVID restrictions, our Scholastic Book Fair, planned for 25th and 26th February, has been postponed until a later date. We look forward to hosting a successful Fair later in the year.



## Open Evening Thursday 11th March 2021

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Principal's Tours:

4:15pm

5:45pm

Jumping Castle

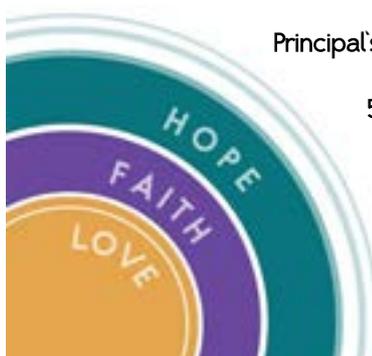
Face Painting

Music

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## ENROLMENT UPDATES

### Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 will close on Friday 19th March 2021. All siblings of existing students must apply by the closing date in order to confirm their place for Prep 2022. The College cannot guarantee a place for a younger sibling expecting to commence Prep next year if their application is received later in the year. Please avoid disappointment by submitting your Prep 2022 before Friday 19th March 2021. Download our application form from the College website, or send a request to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.



# YEAR 3/4S ARE AMAZING!

*A Poem by Tomisin, Year 4*

3/4 s are amazing, they really are  
 They're the ones who set the bars  
 They're big, small and medium all-stars  
 Who walk around like superstars

They're strong, determined and happy with life  
 They mostly don't cause any strife  
 They love to play in the company of friends  
 They sometimes have to make amends

The teachers are kind when we are bad  
 They can grind their teeth when they're mad  
 We hope they do not resign because of this  
 We do not want to give them a goodbye dismiss

The 3/4s and teachers know how to be amazing  
 They know the act of praising  
 God in heaven who is gazing down on us  
 The goodness of God we should always discuss



## MEET OUR RECEPTION TEAM!

It's a privilege to introduce you to our professional and friendly Reception Team at Northside Christian College: Jesslyn, Fleur, Liliana, Sam and Elena. We have a couple of new faces on the team this year, as well as some continuing from 2020 in new roles.

If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact the College on 03 9467 2499 and our Reception Team will be happy to help you out!



## INSPIRE ~ STUDENT MENTORING

### Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

The Senior School mentoring program is an important feature of the College's support structure for our students as they navigate this often intense and rigorous time in their lives. It is continually a great encouragement to our students and to our College Community to see the enthusiasm with which our staff volunteer their time generously to support our students by mentoring them each week. Staff mentors support students by helping them navigate a variety of challenges and opportunities such as time management, motivation, self-care, work/life balance, social/emotional wellbeing, spiritual

growth, leadership and academic progress. With the uncertainties of our COVID-normal lives, we are pleased to continue to uphold our students in such a practical way through their final years at our College, and we are proud of the strength of our staff community in being willing to serve our students in this capacity.



Image: 2020 Mentorship

# WHAT'S NEW IN SENIOR SCHOOL

*Class of 2021 Hoodies are in!*



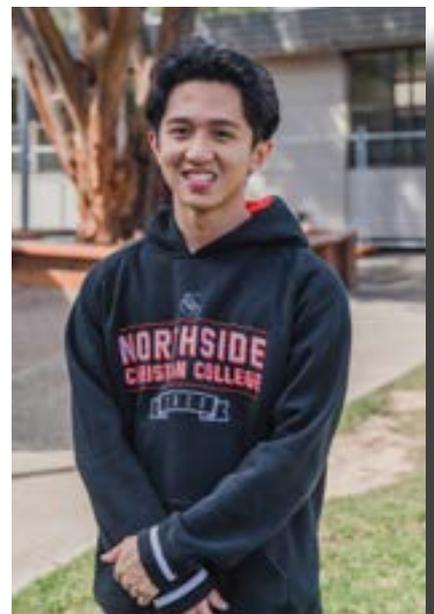
*New furniture in the Senior School Study Room!*



## CONGRATS TO OUR CALTEX ALL ROUNDER!



At the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, the College announced Gabriel Callado as Northside Christian College's recipient of the 2020 Caltex Best All Rounder Award, one of Australia's most prestigious Secondary School prizes. This award is for outstanding commitment and effort in demonstrating the key characteristics of the Best All Rounder, including Academic, Attitude, Personal Conduct, Leadership and Service. As one of the College's Vice Captains, Gabriel demonstrated characteristics of the Caltex Best All Rounder, including an overall commitment to doing his best, setting an outstanding example in his conduct and assisting his peers and community. The Caltex Best All Rounder Award has been presented to thousands of final-year students around the country across its 35-year history.



# IN THE SCIENCE LAB

Mrs Susan Varghese, Science Co-ordinator

## Meet a Scientist 2021

"Frailty, thy name is woman!" wrote William Shakespeare in his lifetime. But these days women are career-oriented and taking on roles that were once done only by males. Women are shining as scientists and technocrats on par with their male counterparts. I feel proud to be able to say a few words in appreciation of the 'Meet a Scientist 2021' workshop and would like to encourage all our Senior Secondary girls to get involved in this worthwhile event in the coming years.

Meet a Scientist 2021 celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11th February. The event was a fantastic opportunity for female Secondary School students to hear from 4 different scientists and learn for themselves just how great science can be, especially when it is taught by a teacher who is passionate about science.

Each guest presenter reflected on her own unique career pathway, encouraging female students to pursue their own careers in science while helping them to understand the paths and opportunities through higher education and beyond.

Our participating girls were left inspired, having heard directly from Australia's leading research scientists about their career journeys and their achievements in their respective scientific fields.



"I have learned that scientific research in medicine is just as important as the actual medical practice. These women have helped improve the lives of many patients through their research and perseverance."

Amelia (Year 12)

"This event was a great opportunity to listen to the journeys of several women in Science. They provided advice and insight into working in several fields of Science."

Andee (Year 10)

"We should follow our hearts and not be influenced by other people. Don't let your ATAR determine your life; there are many other pathways to the degree you want."

Jasleen and Grace (Year 10)

## Jelly Baby Wave Machine

This term, our Year 9 students have been learning Physics - in particular, energy transfer through different mediums. They are exploring the properties of waves and situations where energy is transferred in the form of waves, such as sound and light.

The scientific understanding of waves has led to technological innovations ranging from microwave ovens to mobile phones. Their basic properties can be demonstrated using a "Jelly Baby Wave Machine".

Thank you to Mr Ottosson, one of our NCC Science teachers, who created a model using skewers, duct tape and jelly babies. The Year 9G and 9R students had a lot of fun exploring the model and learning the properties of waves. What a great way to illustrate transverse wave motion in a visual and engaging manner!



# UPSKILLING OUR STAFF



## Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

Northside Christian College commenced the new year with a series of professional learning and development days for staff. This program provided an opportunity to complete training, plan curriculum and review policy and procedures in preparation for the 2021 school year. Our College Principal launched the week with a discussion about the College's theme for the school year, which is "Stand", based on Ephesians 6:13.



The College's New Staff Induction Program was facilitated at the commencement of the Staff Preparation Week. Northside Christian College recognises that effective induction is critical to ensuring that staff can contribute to the College's Vision and Mission, are aware of their legal obligations as members of staff of the College and can undertake their work roles quickly and effectively. Staff were provided with briefings on a range of policies including Occupational Health and Safety, Emergency

Management, Child Safety, Behaviour Management, and a range of other policies and procedures. New staff were also provided with briefings on the College's Model of Teaching and Learning, flipped learning pedagogical model, Understanding by Design, and Rubicon Atlas. The College is committed to providing induction to all new members of the College staff.

All staff were provided with opportunities to engage in professional learning opportunities to meet ongoing compliance requirements including completing training in First Aid, CPR, Mandatory Reporting, and Anaphylaxis e-training.

Staff at Northside Christian College engaged with a series of flipped digital video policy briefings in the lead up to a day dedicated to discussing scenarios related to College policies. Flipped policy briefings at Northside provide staff with an opportunity to review the policy information at their own pace and repeat it as often as they deem necessary. This has effectively moved the content component of the lecture ahead of the briefing time, which frees staff to engage more actively in discussions, scenarios, and reflection. This has allowed staff to connect more deeply and personally with the topic at hand. The flipped briefings have also provided an opportunity for part-time staff at the College to engage more readily with policy briefing content.

The teaching staff also participated in a session on the Teaching and Learning Strategic Priorities for the College for the year ahead, which provided an opportunity to reflect on the teaching and learning during 2020, including remote learning. Faculty teams were provided with scheduled time to collaboratively plan the curriculum in preparation for the 2021 school year.

We are grateful to have an opportunity to collaborate at the start of each school year to ensure that we can deliberately work towards our mission of "Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning."





# Updated Medications Policy

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

The Northside Christian College Medication Policy (Policy No. 28) has been updated and approved by the Committee of Management during February 2021.

The College is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. The policy document highlights that the College requires that parents/carers provide the College with any relevant health information that is required to support students while at school and when participating in school-related activities.

A key aspect of the policy document is the administration of medication. College staff are often asked by parents and carers to administer medication for their children while at the College. It is important that such requests are managed appropriately, ensures the safety of students, and fulfills the duty of care of staff. Due to the serious nature of medications, both prescription and non-prescription, Northside Christian College recognises the need to adopt procedures and risk minimisation strategies to reduce the risk of a student receiving the incorrect medication or dosage. The College requires medical authorisation from a prescribing medical or health practitioner, which can include a pharmacist, to administer any medication to students (including over the counter medications such as Paracetamol, Claratyne, etc.). The College has developed a Medication Plan document, which needs to be completed by the prescribing doctor or Pharmacist and the parent/guardian for a student who requires medication at the College.



Please note that College has updated procedures around distributing medication that requires staff to split tablets. Families previously required staff to split tablets for a variety of reasons, however, there are problems associated with this process. Tablet-related factors include inaccuracy in splitting tablets and the resultant dose fluctuations, increased degradation of the drug as a result of exposure to air, and alterations in the dissolution rate of some formulations. Even when commercial tablet cutters have been used the accuracy of splitting may be variable. The College is requesting that families request that pharmacists pre-package split tablets to avoid the issues referenced above. Please contact the College Reception staff if you require any further guidance.

Thank you for your support and understanding in regards to why the College needs to implement procedures as outlined in the Medications Policy. We trust this will further strengthen procedures around creating a safe learning environment for our students.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions.

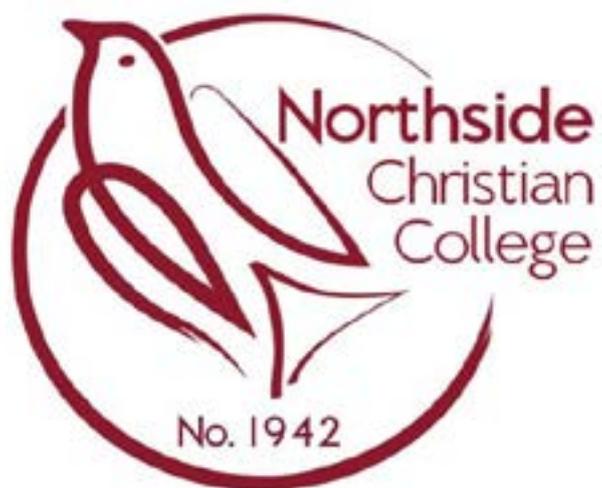
Applications for 2021 will open in Term 1 (27th January 2021) or Term 2 (19th April 2021)

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

If you applied for the CSEF at NCC in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Submit completed [Application Forms](#) to the College Reception.

For more information about the CSEF visit Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund.



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