

The Vine



2021 Term 2, Issue 1



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

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Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

A new term is upon us and already life on the Northside campus is becoming busy. Just last week we had our Year 3/4 sleepover, which was preceded by an enjoyable excursion to visit the Polly Woodside in the City. Needless to say, we had plenty of tired children (and staff) the next day. I am sure that the benefits of this shared experience made it all worthwhile.

As we continue to explore our theme for the year, let us turn our attention to the second piece of God's armour - The Breastplate of Righteousness. Over the years since I became a Christian (back in the 1980s) and first encountered these verses from Ephesians 6, I have often struggled to understand the true meaning of this phrase. The idea that we can "put on" righteousness is a challenging idea, particularly when we realise that it is not something we put on to impress God or others. Ultimately, this righteousness is given to us by Christ. It is Christ's own righteousness that we wear when we make the decision to follow him.

Although we are all flawed individuals, Christ chose us to be His body - the Church. God knew that we would make mistakes and miss the mark but, through His Son,

we can be transformed. When we become aware of His unconditional love for us, we can't help but put on that breastplate.

In our daily lives at Northside, we routinely begin our day together in worship. This may be in the form of prayer, devotion, singing or any combination of the three. By doing this, we move our focus away from ourselves and towards God and when this happens, more often than not, we find ourselves loving those around us and doing the right thing, which ultimately is what righteousness is all about.

In fact, putting on any of these pieces of armour always involves shifting our focus and looking to Jesus.

Grace & Peace

2021 Term Dates

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

Friday 30th April

Year 8 Resiliency Day

Monday 3rd May

All students required to be in full
Winter Uniform

Thursday 6th May

P&F Meeting

Year 7 Showcase

Friday 7th May

P&F Mother's Day Stall

Monday 10th - Friday 14th May

NAPLAN

Friday 14th May

Year 1 Breakfast & PJ Day

Senior School Formal

Friday 21st May

Year 3-12 Athletics Day

Thursday 3rd June

P&F Meeting

Wednesday 9th June

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Monday 14th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

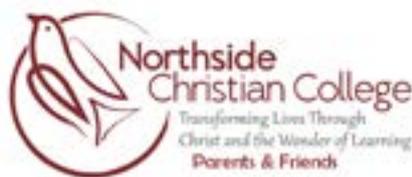
Tuesday 15th June

Curriculum Day - Student Free
Day

Friday 25th June

Last Day of Term 2 - standard
finishing time

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?



Parents & Friends Prayer

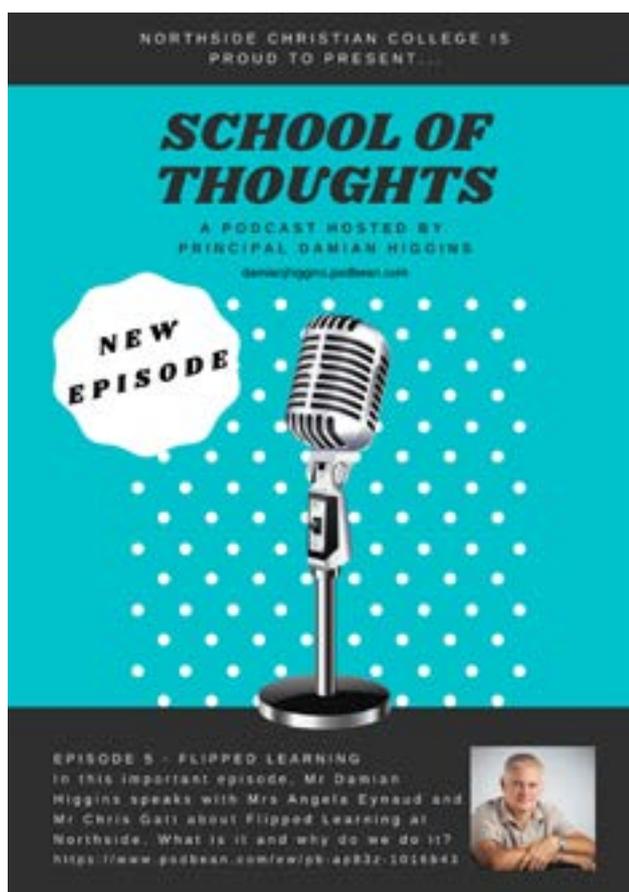
If anyone would like to be involved in prayer for the College or has any prayer requests, please contact Jenny Masino on 0425 769 829.

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 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.



Upcoming Events

**A ROARING
20'S
FORMAL**

FRIDAY THE 14TH OF MAY

TIME: 6:30PM - 10:30PM

ADRESS: 215 BELL STREET
PRESTON

TICKET PRICE: \$70
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE
IN CASH AT THE OFFICE

*A Senior School Event
(Years 10-12)*

planetboom

Planet Shakers' lunchtime mentoring program, Planet Boom, will be landing at Northside Christian College on **Fridays from 7th May 2021!**

Planet Boom creates a positive and fun environment for students to connect and have a safe space, through shared music and games.

Northside Christian College
Secondary College
100-102 Bell Street
Preston, VIC 3072
Phone: 08 9437 1111

Discover Me

Year 8 Resiliency Day
Friday 30th April 2021

The 2021 Year 8 Resiliency Day will focus on 'Discovering Me' through Passion, Identity and Purpose.

Parents & Friends invites your Children to our

Mother's Day Stall

♥ Thursday 6th May ♥

Gifts from \$2 - \$8

Please bring your own carry bag and money in a envelope with your child's name on it

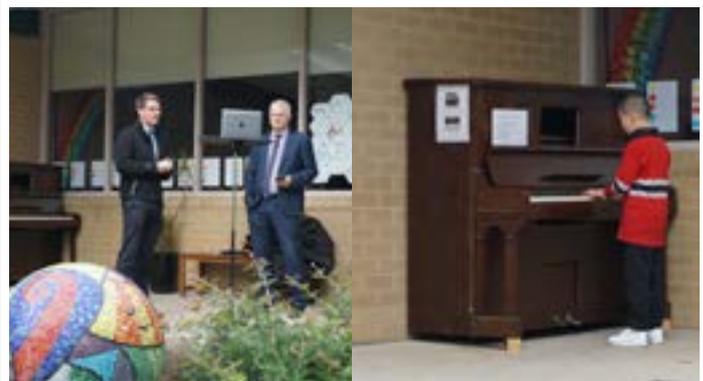


Online Whole School Assembly

Did you catch the Online Whole School Assembly live on Facebook on Monday morning?

The assembly was broadcast live from our outdoor piano!

The next online assembly is scheduled for Monday 10th May - we hope to see you there!



Term 2 Enrolment Update

Mrs Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

Secondary Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that Northside has revised its Secondary Scholarship program from 2022 onwards. Our College now offers the following scholarships to students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Secondary Academic Scholarship General Excellence Scholarship

Students entering Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are also welcome to apply for the following scholarship:

Christian Leadership Scholarship

Scholarships for students entering Year 7 will be for a period of six (6) years, and for those students entering Year 10, the scholarship will be for a duration of three (3) years. The scholarship amount is up to 70% off the tuition fees for each year.

For further information regarding our scholarships and to download application forms, please visit our [website](#) or contact the College at scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Please also see [page 14](#) of this publication for more information.

Applications for scholarships close Friday 4th June 2021

Prep 2023

Northside is currently accepting applications for Prep 2023. Families that have children due to commence Prep in 2023 are encouraged to submit their enrolment applications this year. Application numbers are increasing and it will be helpful for the College to know how many of our existing families require a place in Prep 2023. Interviews will still be held in 2022.

Enrolment applications are available at the College Reception and via our [website](#).

Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 have now closed and interviews are almost complete. Existing families cannot be guaranteed a place in Prep 2022 if they have not applied for a place already. If you have missed the Prep 2022 application cut-off, please immediately contact the Enrolments Officer at enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Students on Visas

If your child's VISA status has changed in the last 12 months, please provide a copy of their new VISA to our Reception team, in person or by email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.



Transition to Winter Uniform

During Term 2, there will be a uniform changeover period during the first two weeks of the term. Parents are asked to use their discretion as to which uniform is the most suitable for their child to wear between Monday 19th April and Friday 30th April.

As of **Monday 3rd May**, all students will be required to wear the full Winter uniform. Secondary School students are reminded that they need to wear their blazer to and from school every day.



CELEBRATING EASTER



For the last day of Term 1, our students were invited to wear casual dress and to donate a gold coin to the Bundoora Extended Care Centre (BECC). Our students took up the offer and raised \$423 in one day! Pictured are our Junior School captains with Christine, on behalf of the BECC.

Our Junior School leadership team organised a scavenger hunt and led lunchtime activities for the Primary students. Well done to our Junior School leaders for demonstrating strong leadership and organisational skills! Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Colouring Competition!

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the BECC and visiting the residents again from Term 2.



Some of our Easter Colouring Competition winners!



Founder Times ~ Get Involved!

Students, share your talents and creativity in *Founder Times*!

Founder Times is returning for 2021 with the first edition planned on the College's theme STAND! Any NCC students interested in an outlet for their creative projects and/or working collaboratively are welcome.

We accept creative mediums of all forms – articles, poetry, photography, art pieces, and short stories, just to name a few. Simply fill out a Submission Application form and email your work to foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au.

Those who are interested in being a committee member should fill out the Member Application form. Forms are available at College Reception.



REMEMBERING THE CROSS

Mrs Amelin Cheah, Primary Teacher

This Easter was like no other! On the last day of Term 1, the students of Year 2C took a moment to reflect upon what Easter really means to them in contrast to what it means to the world. To the world it could be about the Easter Bunny, chocolate eggs and a public holiday, but for us we know the true meaning that lies behind (or in front of) the Cross!

We revisited the Easter story from the Bible and were reminded of the significance of the cross we see on hot cross buns. The students were able to take a moment to reflect on the reason why Jesus died on the cross that day. As a result, we all took turns to ask ourselves, what could we ask Jesus to forgive us for and surrendered our sins and negativities to Him and left them on the Cross. He who rose again has conquered death and defeated our enemies, which gives us new hope and mercy daily. Thank you Jesus!



2 Corinthians 5:17
 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
 the new creation has come: The
 old has gone, the new is here!"

YEAR 3/4 HISTORIANS

Mr John Longley, Year 3 Teacher

Northside Christian College Year 3 and 4 students visited Melbourne City to launch the Inquiry topic, 'Change - Into the Unknown'.

Exploring the beautiful Polly Woodside and examining the early architecture of Melbourne allowed students to create personal experiences that will lead to meaningful connections through our unit of study.

The Polly Woodside schools program was brilliant and the tour guides were entertaining and informative. The excursion is highly recommended.

For more information see: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/educationprograms/welcome-aboard-shipmates-and-learn-the-ropes/>

The 'Change - Into the Unknown' unit of study is part of the Mappen Inquiry-based learning program. For more information see: <https://info.getmappen.com/>

The Polly Woodside was fun, except for the part where we saw how the sailors used rope for toilet paper! ~ Tobiloba

The Polly Woodside excursion was fun because you got to go on a real ship. ~ Rhys

It was interesting because I thought it was a replica but it was the real ship. ~ Ayla

The Polly Woodside excursion was fun because we were scrubbing the deck! ~ Mathew



On the 22nd of April, the Year 3/4s went to Polly Woodside, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Block Arcade. All the places were fun, but the best place we went was Polly Woodside because we learnt more about change there.

Tomison

When did we do it? 22nd April.

Why? To learn about change.

What did we do?

Go to Polly Woodside, St Paul's Cathedral, Block Arcade and Federation Square.

My favourite thing was Polly Woodside, having the tour. Why? Because I found it interesting.

Noah



Follow the QR link for a video presentation of the Year 3/4's adventures!



MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Jo Westland, Director of Middle School *Congratulations Year 8G!*

In the Middle School (Years 7-9) at Northside Christian College, we encourage and celebrate the '4Rs': Rigour, Respect, Relationships and Responsibility. Year 8G were recently rewarded with a casual clothes day for best demonstrating the 4Rs in Term 1. Well done, 8G, for your great attitude in working quietly, contributing to a positive atmosphere in the Middle School Learning Spaces and for keeping your Learning Studio Space clean and tidy.



Congratulations Middle School Personal Best Winners!

Congratulations to the following Middle School students for achieving their personal best in Term 1:

- ~ Adrian (Year 8G) - Chinese
- ~ Sharun (Year 8R) - Chinese
- ~ Justina (Year 9G) - English
- ~ Marshel (Year 9R) - English
- ~ Deena (Year 7R) - Music



OUR BUDDY BENCH

Helping children foster positive play, friendship and inclusion in the playground!

As part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) on Friday 19th March, Brunswick Private Hospital (along with 10 other private specialty hospitals in the Health Care group portfolio) gifted 20 'Buddy Benches' to Primary and Secondary schools across Australia.



WHAT IS A BUDDY BENCH?

Brunswick Private Hospital's Buddy Bench initiative aims to encourage inclusion and friendship among students in the playground and promote positive mental health and wellbeing in the youth of today.

If a child, or any of their peers feel lonely, sad or are finding it difficult to make friends in the schoolyard, simply sit on Brunswick Private Hospital's Buddy Bench to signal to their fellow students to include them in their lunchtime play activity or friendship group.

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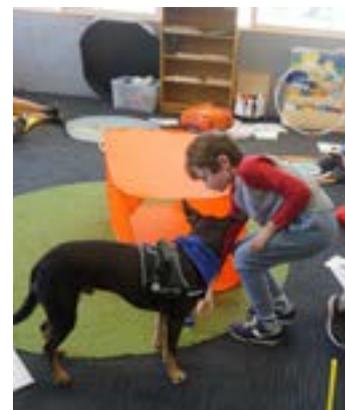
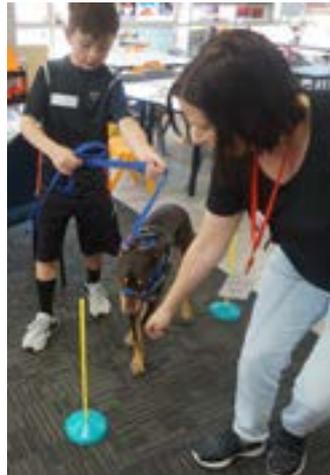
POOCH THERAPY

Mrs Heather Cootee, Head of Student Wellbeing

During Term 1, the team from Canine Comprehension (CC) came to visit us once again. The participants included students from Years 5-8, who had the wonderful experience of working alongside some amazing dogs and handlers to better enhance their social and emotional awareness.

CC is an evidence-based program that endeavours to promote a positive educational learning space while students learn about dogs as well as themselves. The students also discovered more about how dogs interact with us and how we interact with each other. The program aims to enhance the student's ability to identify and understand one's emotions, communicate more effectively through reading social cues and, ultimately, be able to build stronger relationships. Students found the sessions to be relaxing and a unique and special way to learn more about who they are and appreciated having 'man's best friend' to teach them. We look forward to continuing our partnership with CC into the future.

Many thanks to Jared and Chelsea for assisting with the program's implementation.



Library Time!

Ms Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher

The Prep are excited to be back at school and are looking so smart in their Winter uniforms.

Here, the class is enjoying a story with Mrs Marsh before they borrow new books for the week.



SENIOR SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Mr Michael Bond, Head of Secondary

OPTIONAL VCE WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There are a number of organisations that offer winter school programs to assist Senior School students with preparing for Unit 2 and 4 studies. These are optional activities that students may want to investigate to build on their learning at this point in the year. Furthermore, these programs can assist in preparing for end-of-year examinations.

Access Education

Venue: Zoom Webinar

The Access Education Mid-Year Lectures are a unique and comprehensive program between Monday 28th June - Friday 2nd July 2021 in Bundoora at La Trobe University. For more information about this opportunity to prepare for Semester 2, please refer to <https://www.accesseducation.com.au/Event-Program/107/mid-year-lectures-2021>

TSFX Winter School

Venue: Interactive, Live-Streamed Online Lectures

The winter break gives Unit 3 students the opportunity to attend the TSFX winter school program to get ahead in a time-efficient manner and revise Unit 3 course materials. For more information, please refer to <https://www.tsfx.edu.au/vce/programs/available-programs/winter-school/>



IN THE SCIENCE LAB

Mrs Susan Varghese, Science Co-ordinator

Year 12 Chemistry students have been learning the factors that affect the rate of reaction. On the 22nd of April they had the opportunity to investigate the various factors that could increase the rate of reaction.

The focus of this term for Year 10 is topics based on Chemistry. Students started the term by conducting experiments based on the chemical properties of metals and non metals.



A VISIT FROM THE MP

Mrs Lenna Waters, Director of Senior School Learning

At the end of Term 3, the Year 10-12 students were privileged to welcome local Member of Parliament for Bundoora and Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly Mr Colin Brooks to a homegroup session to share about his career journey. Students were inspired to hear how an electrician who had an interest in helping improve his community rose through politics to become the Speaker of the House in State Parliament.



The Honorable Colin Brooks, Member for Bundoora, inspired us with his career story, which showed us the flexibility of the workforce and that we aren't restricted to one job. We valued learning about the value of both the jobs he has worked in - honesty in the electrician workforce and the ability to make change happen as a politician.

Mr Brooks also talked to us about the importance of taking the opportunities you get - regardless of whether they are career related. He used the analogy of sliding doors to describe how opportunities can come and go and have the potential to change your life. He talked to us about his own career change from an electrician to a politician, and used this as an example. He also focused on the importance of family and friends throughout life. Leila

STAFF FIRE TRAINING

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

On Thursday 15th April, 15 of our Fire Wardens completed training with Fire Rescue Victoria. This training was informative and hands on and gave each staff member training around: principles of fire, identifying risks and hazards in the workplace, emergency evacuation process, roles and responsibilities of fire wardens and the correct techniques for the use of fire extinguishers. Everyone got a turn to extinguish a fire, which was a helpful experience. This is one way we train staff to ensure they have the skills needed for the tasks they undertake.



Have you chatted with your family about fire safety recently? Do you have basic fire safety equipment such as an extinguisher and fire blanket at home? A small fire can turn into a very large fire within 2 minutes so it is best to be prepared and be confident in what to do. For more information please visit <https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-safety-0>

GAINING WORK EXPERIENCE

Andee, Year 10

During my work experience, I learned a lot about how the council operates and manages its natural resources. It was an opportunity to see many unique things, and I thoroughly enjoyed it!



Josh C, Year 10

I was able to learn a lot of valuable information and skills during my time at work experience, such as soldering, how lifts work and the ways that various components interact with each other so the lift can work properly. Getting to solder at work experience was quite fun - I had always wanted to do it and the opportunity finally opened up. I am very grateful to IGF Link for accepting me for work experience as they have truly helped me obtain valuable skills I can use potentially for my future career!

In the photo I am desoldering dies off circuit boards since the wrong ones were used during manufacturing, and I soldered new dies which can handle higher voltage currents.



Isabelle, Year 11

During my Work Experience week at Open House, I met the most amazing people and was given many opportunities to better serve my community. My experiences included being involved in the Girls' Youth Mentoring Program, making coffees in a coffee cart within the Malahang Reserve Program, and serving the Bible Fellowship meals. I learned to step aside and put others in front of myself, which was a humbling experience and one that I will forever cherish and be thankful for it.



Jesus Rocks!

In Year 4K late last term, we spent a number of weeks learning how to write persuasive texts. During one lesson, we were working on writing a great introduction.

The piece below is an introduction to the persuasive essay topic 'Jesus Rocks!', written by Aylaa.

I thought it was an exceptional effort and worth sharing with our College Community. Wonderful effort Aylaa!

I distinctly know with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength, that the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, Jesus - Rocks! Here are three powerful reasons why, with great torture He died on the cross to forgive our sins, He loves us dearly and He transforms many people's lives. By the end of this essay you are clearly absurd not to agree with me.





Scholarship Information

Northside Christian College now offers the following scholarships to students entering Year 7 and Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

- Academic Scholarship
- General Excellence Scholarship
- Christian Leadership Scholarship

Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 7 or 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Academic Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- High academic achievement measured by the scholarship exam;
- Evidence of previous academic results, including school reports, awards and references; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for an Academic Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed application, including provide supporting documents and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**;

General Excellence Scholarship

General Excellence Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 7 or 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. General Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Displays special talents or interests in a broad range of areas, including but not limited to, the physical environment, sports, music or art; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for a General Excellence Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed application, including provide supporting documents and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**;
- Attach at least one written reference from the student's school, mentor, community organisation or club in support of the student's suitability to be awarded a scholarship; and
- Attend an interview with the Principal and Director of Learning if invited to.

Christian Leadership Scholarship

Christian Leadership Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Christian Leadership Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to the Christian faith;
- Regular and active involvement in a local Church;
- Commitment to personal integrity and Christian character; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for the Christian Leadership Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed Christian Leadership Scholarship application, including all required supporting documents outlined in the application and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from their Church pastor or minister; and
- Attend an interview with the Principal and Director of Learning if invited to.

Key Dates

Applications for all scholarships must be received by **Friday 4th June 2021**.

The Academic Scholarship Examination will be held on **Wednesday 16th June 2021**.

There is no examination for the General Excellence Scholarship or Christian Leadership Scholarship.

Students who have been shortlisted for an interview with the Principal will be advised in **July 2021**.

Eligibility

Students who are Australian citizens, permanent residents or on funded temporary VISAs are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Current and prospective students entering Year 7 or Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are eligible to apply.

Students can only hold one scholarship at any one time.

Late applications will not be eligible.

Inclusions

Each scholarship gives a discount of up to 70% off the tuition fees. The percentage is at the discretion of the Principal. Scholarships do not cover the cost of school uniforms, books and stationery, camps, extra-curricular activities or other fees and levies.

Duration

Scholarships awarded to students entering Year 7 will be for a duration of six (6) years.

Scholarships awarded to students entering Year 10 will be for a duration of three (3) years.

The College will seek reimbursement of the value of the tuition fees that were discounted under the scholarship for the period enrolled where the student leaves the College prior to completing Year 12.

Further Information

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarships Co-ordinator on 9467 2499 or by email to scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au



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