







## Welcome!

### Damian Higgins, Principal

As we commence a new term together, it's always good to re-establish focus on the things we know are important. For me, this involves reminding myself and others of our theme of Harvest. This theme has many aspects, not least the exploration of what the tangible work required by the harvest workers that Jesus mentions really looks like.

As I think about this, my mind is drawn to the idea of 'Mission' and what this means for us as followers of Jesus Christ. If we step back to look at what God's Big Story is about, we see patterns appearing right through scripture that lead to an understanding of what this mission really means. Taking the example of Abraham, we learn that God first called Abraham and blessed him. Abraham was then given the vision of a family or tribe of which he would be the leader. But it didn't stop there. God told Abraham that through his tribe, all other tribes would be blessed.

In our own story, we can see parallels. We are first blessed. Last year, we explored what it meant that we were made in God's image. When we realise the implications of this, it is natural that God draws us together into community. But we mustn't get stuck here. As with Abraham's story, God is calling us to move beyond our own community and partner with God in the blessing of others. There are people beyond our College Community that may not have an understanding that they, too, are created in His image and are called into a relationship with Him. I believe our Harvest work or mission is to find ways that we can reach out to others. That our Northside 'tribe' can be a blessing to other people groups.

This also may include those within our College Community who may not yet feel connected. Whatever this looks like, I am excited by the prospect of us working this out together, keeping our hearts and minds open to God's leading and finding ways that we can continue to play a significant part in His wonderful harvest.

Grace & Peace



## 2019 Term Dates

### Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 28th June

### Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

### Term 4

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December

## Parents & Friends News:

### *The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective*



James 5:16

Please join us every Wednesday 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!

## 2019 MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 10th May

The P&F will be holding a Mother's Day Stall.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send them to school with some money.

Gifts range from \$2 to \$10

**Volunteers are needed to help manage the stall.**

If you are able to assist, please leave your details with Reception 9467 2499.

Volunteering counts towards your parent participation.

## AGM

Thursday 27th June from 9am.

The next P&F AGM is scheduled for the end of Term 2.

Please meet in the foyer.



## Diary Dates

Thursday 9th May

Parent Helper Training

Monday 13th May

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th May

NAPLAN - Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

Friday 17th May

Senior School Formal

Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th May

Year 9 City Challenge

Wednesday 22nd May

Parent Zone Living with Autism Parent Session 1

Monday 27th May

Year 9 Resiliency Day

Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30th May

Year 10 'Horizons' Poetry Intensive

Wednesday 29th May

Parent Zone Living with Autism Parent Session 2

Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st May

Year 7/8 Camp

## WOOLWORTHS

### EARN & LEARN STICKERS

If you already shop at Woolworths, our Primary students would appreciate it if you could collect their stickers and donate them to our school so that we can use them to procure some new equipment. There is a collection point at Reception.



### WINTER SCARVES

NEW NCC Scarves have been added to the Winter Uniform range available at Academy Uniforms priced at \$15.

No other scarves allowed.



## Primary School Banking



Just a reminder that 2019 School Banking takes place every Friday.

Thank you for supporting our School Banking Program.

Happy savings!

## Aalsmeer Florist



Aalsmeer Florist has generously offered to donate a floral arrangement to the College once a month. It will be in the foyer. Next time you're in reception, take the time to stop and smell the roses (or lilies or carnations). Aalsmeer has been the College "florist of choice" for many, many years. If you need to send flowers why not visit their website?

[www.bundooraflorist.com.au](http://www.bundooraflorist.com.au)

# 40th Anniversary Celebrations

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

In the last week of Term 1, the Northside Christian College Community celebrated the 40th anniversary of the College.

**Monday 1st April:** The week commenced with a special assembly at Encompass Church. We enjoyed hearing interviews with past parent Jack Robertson, and past principals Ken Greenwood, Stephen Leslie and Doug Holtam, who each shared reflections from across the four decades.

**Tuesday 2nd April:** We started the day with a special Prayer at the Pole, led by College Chaplain, Jared Stocks. This event was followed by the opening of a spectacular new water feature on the College grounds, which was created by current staff member and College parent, Maryann Stewart.

**Wednesday 3rd April:** The College hosted a 40th Festival in the evening, which included displays of photos and memorabilia, food trucks, a jumping castle, face painting, and live music. The evening was attended by many past students and was a lovely opportunity for the broader College Community to celebrate together. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks show.





# 40th Anniversary Celebrations



Thursday 4th April: The College hosted the Staff and Parents vs Students Great Debate in the evening. The student team consisted of Jacob (Year 6), Isabelle (Year 9) and Dimi (Year 11). They debated against Mr Damian Higgins (College Principal), Mr Chris Gatt (staff member) and Dr Theresa Cole (current parent) on the topic "That robots should not replace teachers as humans." This was an entertaining event with the audience declaring the students the winning team.

Friday 5th April: Celebrations concluded with a themed "Back to the 70's" day, with students and staff dressing up in costumes and fashion reflective of the 1970s. This proved to be a fun way to conclude a special week and the last day of Term 1.

The celebrations will continue later in the year when the College recognises the actual anniversary of the College's registration.

Many thanks to the staff, students, parents and the broader College Community for assisting us in celebrating this milestone!





## Term 2 Changeover to Winter Uniform

Term 2 marks the change (from Summer) to Winter Uniform with the first two weeks changeover now completed. From Monday 13th May ALL students must be in full WINTER Uniform.



Academy Uniforms is open during the school holidays.

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

Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

They are located at 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown

Phone: 9460 8011



## 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.



**Men of NCC**

- ① Men's Breakfast @ NCC  
Saturday 25th May  
9:00-10:30am  
@ Northside Christian College  
(RSVP to office by: Wednesday 15th May)
- ② B.Y.O (Buy Your Own) Coffee  
Saturday 22nd June, 9-10:30am  
@ Epping Plaza Food Court

Our events are to be kid friendly, but your kids are welcome to attend either with you, or alone. There will be NO kids are provided.

## SRI LANKA

Over Easter we were shocked to hear of the terrible loss of life and also the many who were left injured as a result of attacks in Sri Lanka. We are deeply saddened and pray for the Sri Lankan community, including family and friends within our own College Community who have been affected. We want our students to feel as settled as possible so please let us know if your children are among those affected and we will do what we can to provide support through well-being and pastoral care support.

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

**SCHOLARSHIP EXAM - THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2019**

Application Forms available from the College office

We have now released our 2020 Secondary Academic Scholarship Information. Spare copies of the Application Form can be collected from Reception.

Families are welcome to apply straight away. Applications will close on Friday 20th September 2019. Please ensure that you supply all supporting documents required with your Scholarship Application.

The Scholarship Exam will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the College. There is only one date for this exam; we are unable to reschedule for individual students.

High achieving candidates will be asked to attend an interview with the Principal on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th November and results will be communicated with families shortly after.

# Wellbeing

## Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing

I was recently reminded of the importance of my role as a mum when a friend described the departure of her son from the family home, as he prepared to set up a home for himself and his bride-to-be.

We work alongside our children, trying to help them to understand who they are and how to live life so they are ready to live independently. In this age when our lives appear so crowded with so many responsibilities and distractions, I would like to support all mums. The demand to be more and to do more are pressures that tend to stall mums rather than motivate, because the "more" doesn't ever seem to be enough!

I encourage mums to focus on two things: time and Jesus.

Family was created by design so that our children can grow in a safe, secure and nurturing unit, with adults "showing the way". Time is one important thing that gives children opportunity to see and adopt modeled values essential for their eventual independence, both for living here and now as well as eternally.



By introducing our children to Jesus and helping them to think for themselves - to read, to listen, to trust, to believe in one's purpose - we are building in them strong foundations to see them through the storms of life that will surely come.

These two things really are enough!

Being a mum in today's culture can be hard going; take the time to acknowledge the role you play in your children's lives and to

celebrate being a mum. Your children need to see how you look after yourself and nurture your own life. Make sure, within the time you give to your children, you show them the importance of setting aside time to refresh and rejuvenate. After all, a happy mum leads to happy children.

## Year 4 Art Excursion



Antonieta Veljanovski, Art Teacher

### ART EXPLORERS DAY!

2019 Independent Schools Victoria Bi-Annual Arts Learning Festival

On Friday 3rd May, the Year 4 Class explored portraiture at the National Gallery of Victoria. Students took part in a guided gallery tour, showcasing masterpieces such as Pablo Picasso's "Weeping Woman". They enjoyed working in the gallery's art studio to create their own Manga inspired portraits. Overall, we enjoyed an eventful and creative day out, celebrating the Arts in Education.





# Year 9 Coastal Challenge



## Jo Westland

### Director of Middle School Learning

From Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th April, our Year 9 students participated in the first of four events as part of their Year of Challenge. The group, supported by Mrs Venegas, Mr Waters, Mr Devine, Ms Cook and Fiona, spent three days at Anglesea and surrounding areas as they discovered more about themselves and their classmates, tried new skills and incorporated core subjects into this new environment. The infusing of the Australian Curriculum into the Year of Challenge is a deliberate part of the planning as students explore and experience new opportunities, learning important transferable life skills and preparing for Senior School and beyond.

I loved seeing our students embrace the challenges and support one another. Even on the first day of camp, a number of our students were able to successfully stand up on the surf boards! Well done to all the students on an outstanding effort and for representing our College in such a positive manner. Thank you, also, to our wonderful staff for their support.





# Sports Update

Anna Venegas, Physical Education Coordinator

## YEAR 7/8 GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 3rd April, the Year 7/8 girls basketball team won the grand final in the CSEN fortnightly sport competition against Belgrave Heights Christian College. The final score was 43-18 and all the girls played exceptionally. A special shout out to Kayla for scoring 22 points and Sarah for displaying skill and expertise throughout the season. Well done to all the girls for developing as a team throughout the term and displaying great teamwork. A special thanks to coach Mr Simmons and referee Sharon Halden.



## WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

### Monday 13th May

The Athletics Carnival will be held at the Meadowglen Athletics Track.

Drop off: 8.30am

Pick up: 3.00pm

Address: 146 McDonalds Rd, Epping

If you are unable to drop off and pick up your child, there will be an option to book a seat on the bus to transport your child to and from this event. The booking form has been sent out with the permission form.

**All bus bookings with payment must be returned to the Accounts Office by Wednesday 8th May to secure a position on the bus.**

### Parent Helpers are needed!

If you are able to assist on the day, please fill in the Parent Helper sheet attached to the permission form and return it to Reception by Wednesday 8th May.

There will be a Parent Helper Meeting on Thursday 9th May at 3.20pm.

All helpers must have a current WWCC and have signed the NCC Code of Conduct.

Please ensure your child is wearing their house coloured t-shirt and their red all-weather jacket in case of rain.

Each year there is a box full of lost property collected after our Athletics Carnival. Please label all items of clothing, food containers and water bottles.

## Champions Swimming Competition Results

MSAC

Friday 3rd May

Congratulations to:

Mikha - 1st place in 50m Breaststroke  
Ava - 2nd place in 50m Breaststroke  
Sienna - 2nd place in 50m Breaststroke  
Madison - 3rd place in 50m Backstroke  
Angus - 3rd place in 50m Backstroke  
Damien - 3rd place in 100m Freestyle and 3rd place in 50m Butterfly

## LIVING WITH AUTISM

4-Week Parenting Program at NCC

Sessions begin on Wednesday 22nd May from 10.00am until 12.00pm.

Registrations are **ESSENTIAL**. See the attached flyer for more information.

All participants will need to sign in at Reception and proceed to the Music Room.



## Capital Building Improvements - Tax Deductible Donations

Facilities play a role in the delivery of learning experiences. Inspiring learning spaces, multi-purpose communal areas, arts and sporting facilities need to be created, maintained and improved.

We seek to engage with alumni, current families, friends and corporate donors who wish to help us implement our Capital Projects Plan. If you are considering a tax deductible gift to Northside Christian College's building program before 30 June, please contact the Accounts Office.

All voluntary school buildings donations are tax deductible.

Thank you

Northside Christian College acknowledges, with appreciation, the tremendous support of Parents & Friends, alumni and staff. These individuals, through their collective philanthropy, support the vitality of College life through their commitment and generosity.





# INSPIRE

## Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

### Developing 21st Skills: Philosophical Thinking, Problem Solving and Communication Skills

The INSPIRE program seeks to provide students with a wide variety of opportunities to engage with the development of their thinking and communication skills; these skills enable us to behave positively and powerfully as Christian leaders and citizens of the world God has given us to steward. The ability to think deeply, critically and creatively, combined with the capacity to communicate our ideas effectively, is going to be increasingly sought after in our society as the pace of technological development, digital interactivity and face-to-face disconnection between humans speeds up.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) now mandates the provision in schools of development of these skills, amongst others, which they label 'General Capabilities': "General capabilities are a key dimension of the Australian Curriculum. They encompass knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum content in each learning area and the cross-curriculum priorities, will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. They play a significant role in realising the goals set out in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA) 2008 that all young people in Australia should be supported to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens." (ACARA online)

### The Northside Great Debate

On Thursday 4th April, as part of our 40th birthday celebrations, INSPIRE hosted the first ever Northside Great Debate, which was a fun-filled evening of intellectual sport attended by close



to 60 people. The students, faced by the fierce opposition of Mr Damian Higgins, our principal; Dr Theresa Cole, College parent and paediatric immunologist at the Royal Children's Hospital; and Mr Chris Gatt, our e-Learning coordinator, managed to take away the perpetual trophy in its first year of circulation, with their convincing and well-prepared arguments as to why robots should not replace our human teachers. Congratulations, Jacob, Isabelle and Dimi, and thank you everyone for an outstanding night of intellectual rigour and fun!

### Future Problem Solving Program

All students involved in INSPIRE English classes from Year 1 - 8 are working through the concepts and processes of global issues problem solving, which involves them identifying underlying problems in scenarios, finding workable (albeit futuristic and creative!) solutions, evaluating the effectiveness of their solutions through the generation of criteria rubrics, and devising action plans. This program is an

excellent resource and opportunity, in that it systematically develops students' capacity to locate and solve problems, base their thinking on careful research and work collaboratively to think critically and creatively about making the future of our world more positive.

### Philosophy Breakfast

Earlier in Term 1 we hosted the first Northside Philosophy Breakfast for the year, which was attended by 15 students ranging from Year 5 to Year 12. The topic of discussion was: What does it mean to be a friend? Discussions centred around the value of human friendship and our expectations of each other as friends; there were fascinating conversations about artificial intelligence and the modern trends that are moving towards heavily robotised societies, and how this fits in with God's design for friendship and community.

## 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@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:foundertimes@ncc.vic.edu.au).





# Senior School Report

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

Term 2 is a busy time in the Senior School with a wide range of learning activities and events scheduled, including the House Athletics Carnival, Senior School Formal, examinations, the GAT, SACs and SATs and more. Students are reminded to manage their time carefully during this busy time.

At this time of the year, the Senior School mentoring program is of great value to our students. Our staff are assisting students by having conversations around study plans, organisational skills and meeting deadlines. This is an opportunity for students to seek advice on implementing strategies to ensure they continue to achieve their personal goals.

## SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

Excitement is building as students look forward to the 2019 Senior School Formal, which is scheduled for Friday 17th May. Ticket sales have now closed. If you have any questions about this event, please speak with a member of the Formal Committee.

## INFORMATION EVENING

Northside Christian College warmly invites families and students from Years 9, 10 and 11 to attend the Senior School Information Evening on Thursday 30th May at 6:00pm in Room 315 of the Senior School. The transition from Middle School to Senior School is a significant step in the educational journey of our students. The purpose of the evening is to provide information regarding the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Year 10 studies in 2020. The Senior School Information Evening provides us with a chance to meet to discuss the College policy handbooks, subject options, career pathways and more. Subject Selection forms will be provided at this event for current Year 9 - 11 students. Your attendance at this evening is greatly appreciated. Please contact the VCE Administration Office for more information.



## GAT

The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequence must sit the GAT. Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores. No Unit 1 or Unit 3 VCE classes will be scheduled at Northside Christian College on Wednesday 12th June as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

## YEAR 10 AND 11 MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

During Week 7 of this term, students in Years 10 and 11 will be sitting midyear examinations. The Year 10 students will be completing a midyear examination for English, Mathematics, History, Geography and Science. Year 11 students will be completing Unit 1 midyear examinations in most subjects. Please note that some Year 10 students are also accelerating in some VCE subjects, which means they will also complete these examinations.

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3 practice examinations in many subjects during class time between the 18th - 21st June. The purpose of these examinations is to start preparing students for the Unit 3/4 end of year examination experience. Students are encouraged to use a range of revision tools and techniques when studying.

Students in Year 11 are not required at the College for those sessions in which they do not have a scheduled examination. Students are reminded that they need to sign out at Reception when they leave the College grounds. Accelerating Year 11

students are reminded that Unit 3 classes will continue during this week.

Normal Year 12 (Unit 3) classes will run throughout the week with the exception of Wednesday due to the GAT.

Year 10 classes will continue to run as normal as much as possible throughout the examination week. Please note that some Year 10 classes will be relocated to other classrooms on Wednesday 12th June to assist with the running of the GAT.

The idea of examinations can be anxiety-provoking for many students. While a little anxiety can be helpful, too much can be detrimental. One way of minimising anxiety is to be well prepared and well informed. During the next few weeks, students will be provided with more specific information about the structure and requirements of each examination by their teachers. In terms of being prepared, students are encouraged to spend some time over the next fortnight checking that their classwork is up to date and notes are organised in a logical manner.

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded that examinations are compulsory and that a medical certificate must be provided in the case of absence. Examination results for Years 10 - 12 will be reported on Schoology and on the end of semester report.

An examination timetable for the 11th - 14th June has been emailed home to families. You can request a copy from lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au.

## SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE

Please note that Semester 2 classes will commence on Monday 17th June for Unit 2 and 4 classes.

Please continue to pray for our Senior School students during this very busy time of the year.



## Living with Autism (4 week program)

### Presented by: Parentzone

Join in with this free four week parenting programme where you will have the opportunity to ask questions about autism spectrum and how this impacts on your child. Parents will be assisted to consider different approaches/strategies to help with parenting.

**Recommended for:** parents/carers of children with a diagnosis of Autism

**Date:** Wednesday 22 May 2019

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Location:** Northside Christian College  
31 McLeans Road, Bundoora

**Bookings:** Family Services Education Officer  
[familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 9404 8865

**Cost:** Free

**Register Online:** [www.trybooking.com/BASPT](http://www.trybooking.com/BASPT)

For more information or to register your booking contact Council's Family Services Education Officer, on 9404 8865 or email [familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

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