





Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



Last week, we said farewell to our Year 12 class of 2019. Or more specifically, they said farewell to us by putting on a wonderful series of events and entertainment that the whole Community could enjoy. If you came onto the campus last Tuesday morning you would have noticed the "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" theme throughout the College. Each of our Year 12 students became a character from the story and our staff and students from Prep to Year 11 were treated to an enjoyable morning of festivities. This has become a strongly embedded tradition at Northside for over a decade. It is a tradition that is overwhelmingly both creative and positive in every sense. It is a privilege to be at a school where the negative and often destructive aspects of "Muck Up Day" are noticeably absent, but instead we celebrate together and bless one another with kindness and generosity.

Traditions are a big part of living in community. Traditions are not always good. We often find ourselves doing things simply because we have always done them. It is always important to think about why we do what we do and change things if necessary. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul's final exhortations were to "Always celebrate, never stop praying; in everything be thankful (this is God's will for you in the Messiah Jesus); don't quench the Spirit, don't look down on prophecies, test everything, if something is good, hold it fast; if something looks evil, keep well away." 1Thess 5:16-22.

I believe that the traditions we have established here at Northside are good and that we should hold fast to them. But, as Paul says, let us always test things. We have an upcoming opportunity to "test" things together at our parent forum on Monday 11th November at 4pm. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend, so that we can talk together about the future of our College and the traditions that we will hold fast to, the things that we can change and the dreams that we can bring to life together.

As we approach the end of another year, let us not lose sight of these exhortations from Paul. Let's keep praying and be thankful for everything.

Grace & Peace

2019 Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December



Diary Dates

Term 4

Wednesday 30th October - Wednesday 20th November

VCE Written Examinations

Monday 4th November

Mid Term Break

Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 21st November

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Saturday 23rd November - Tuesday 3rd December

Cambodia Ventures Trip

Monday 25th November

Curriculum Day

Wednesday 27th November

Whole School Orientation Day

Friday 29th November

Primary Awards Assembly

Year 6 Graduation

Monday 2nd December

Secondary Awards Assembly

Wednesday 11th December

2:15pm - Term 4 Ends

3:30pm-5:00pm - Primary Celebration Event

6:30pm-8:00pm - Secondary Celebration Event

Term 4 Principal's Tours:

Friday 8th November 10:30am

Wednesday 20th November 2pm

Tuesday 3rd December 9am

Parents & Friends News



The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective
James 5:16

Please join us every Tuesday 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!

Our Next Parents and Friends Meeting



The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November 2019, 9:00am until 10:00am.

Please meet at Reception.

All parents are welcome to attend.

Car Park Safety

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

You may have heard in the news of the tragic death of a three year old in the car park of an Epping Child Care Centre recently. This news story has highlighted to many here at the College the continual need for utmost care in our own car park. Unfortunately, we as a car park duty team see near misses regularly that could result in serious injuries or death to our staff or students.



Please follow all car park rules to ensure the safety of all car park users including our students.

- ~ All areas of carpark are strictly 10km/h.
- ~ Even if you are late or in a rush take your time in the car park and be on the lookout for children and students in all areas of the car park.
- ~ When dropping off students in the quick drop off go all the way to the end even when late.
- ~ Pay close attention to all instructions by the car park duty staff.
- ~ Parents must not cross the road with their children until the Car Park Duty staff has indicated to do so.
- ~ Ensure you follow all car park rules. If unsure please ask the office for a full copy of these.

Are you an ambulance member?

Can you afford an ambulance transport bill? The cost of one emergency road transport is in excess of \$1,200.

Ambulance Victoria responds to over 800,000 calls for medical help from Victorians every year. That is over 2,200 calls a day. Emergency medical transport services are not free and not covered by Medicare. Become an Ambulance Victoria member and be protected against the cost of transport and treatment by paramedics.

It's quick and easy to join on the website:
www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/



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Victoria**

'DO FOOD SAFELY' ONLINE ASSESSMENT

It is very important that all volunteers who help with food handling complete the 'Do Food Safely' online assessment.

This is a quick online multiple-choice assessment. Feel free to ask anyone from the Parents and Friends committee if you need help.



Please print off the certificate of completion and hand it in to Liliana Caldwell at the Account's Office. Alternatively, email the certificate of completion to lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Year 12 Celebration Day



Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

On Tuesday 22nd October, the College Community participated in a special morning of celebrations to say 'farewell' to a class of capable, creative, confident and passionate Year 12 students. This year's theme, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, was integrated into a wide range of activities and displays, including a 'chocolate lake', gigantic lolly pops and fun games such as 'Splat the Rat'.

At a whole-school assembly, each class presented the Year 12 students with gifts to help them in their preparation for the upcoming final examinations. Celebrations concluded with the Prep to Year 12 students and staff forming a guard of honour and cheering the Year 12s as they processed from the basketball court to the bridge and, symbolically, out from the College.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students on completing their schooling. We continue to pray for our students as they prepare for their final exams and a broad range of pathways beyond Year 12.



Wellbeing ~ Dealing with Change

Mrs Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Wellbeing

Change is an inevitable part of life that can, on occasion, bring with it joy and, at other times, grief and heightened stress. Young people face many changes and transitions - some predictable or planned and others unexpected. Sometimes, these changes can be extremely overwhelming and even feel intolerable. In order to maintain good physical and mental health, we all need to learn how to cope and to adapt to these changes. Change can bring fatigue, changes in sleep or sleep patterns, changes in mood and capacity to tolerate, withdrawal, feelings of being overwhelmed and changes in sense of self. Young people these days find it harder to manage change because the pace of life has increased, with so many competing thoughts, experiences and events.

Consider these helpful tips:

1. Try to understand the change and the effect on future plans. Understand that change is an essential and inevitable part of life.
2. Acknowledge that change often brings stress but that strong and challenging feelings will decrease or change with time.



3. Look for the positive that can come with change. For example, moving to secondary school - new subjects, different teachers, new friends. Grief and loss is the hardest change to manage because it shakes a person's sense of stability, love and security.
4. Consider what is the worst that can happen and bring possible reality into perspective.
5. Bring to perspective what you can actually control and resolve to let go and leave with God what cannot be controlled.

6. Use strategies to manage the stress: sleep, hygiene, eat well, join a club or interest group, rest, move, and seek support - we often process the change better when we can verbalise it.
7. Create action plans to support yourself during the change. Be active to embrace the change rather than fight against the inevitable.

Gym Renovation

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

The Maintenance Team have been working over the last few months to improve the inside of the gym. We have also installed new lighting in the gym this year, which allows greater use of this space. All areas have been dusted and all equipment cleaned and sorted. The sport store room has been cladded, painted and reorganised. A number of areas of the gym have been sealed and are now better protected to keep out dust.

Thankyou for your patience while we have had the gym closed to allow this to occur. The gym is now fully operational and students are enjoying using this space again for sport and training.



Discovering the Secrets of Mrs Waters Cinnamon Scrolls!

Ms Laura Bovey, Personal Assistant to the Deputy Principal

On Saturday 5th October, a small group of College staff and friends gathered in the Home Economics Room for one purpose: to discover the secrets of Mrs Waters' delicious cinnamon scrolls! As part of the ongoing fundraising efforts for the 2019 Cambodia Faith Ventures Mission Team Project - Classrooms for Cambodia project, Mrs Lenna Waters graciously gave of her time and baking talents to teach us how to create her famous scrolls. Best of all, participants got to take home their tray of still-warm scrolls to enjoy with family and friends.

A huge thank you to Lenna for letting us in on her baking secrets and Mrs Angela Eynaud for organising this event. Keep an eye out for future opportunities!



Mission Trip Trivia Night

2019 Cambodia Mission Trip Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Ms Liz Tsiros, Office Manager

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Mission Team Trivia Night held on Saturday 19 October 2019.

Whether you bought a ticket, brought someone with you, contributed to or purchased from the Silent Auction, you were a valuable contributor to the grand total raised of \$4,150.55. We could not have reached this amount without the generosity of our College Community. Please support the following local businesses whose generous donations contributed toward the success of our Silent Auction on the night.

Silent Auction Partners:

Academy Uniforms, Thomastown
Maddness Hair Design, Bundoora
AutObarn, Epping
McDonald's, Thomastown
Bunnings, Thomastown
Priceline, Epping
Derrimut Gym, Thomastown
Quest Apartments, Bundoora
Chemist Warehouse, Bundoora
Total Tools, Thomastown
LaTrobe Golf Park, Bundoora
Vorea Polaris Café, Bundoora
Hoyts, Greensborough



The winning Trivia Team



The Cambodia Mission Team

Missions Update

2019 Cambodia Faith Ventures Mission Team Project - Classrooms for Cambodia

Mrs Lenna Waters, Mission Team Leader

As those who are privileged to live in a very developed country, we take our access to a good quality education and sufficient school facilities for granted. Millions of children around the world, have very poor school facilities - or no school to attend at all. Since 2013 Samaritan's Purse has supported the building and outfitting of schools throughout the poorest regions of Cambodia. It will be our privilege as a team to attend the opening of one of the new schools on our trip in late November 2019.

The 2019 Mission Team has chosen to raise money by a variety of means to help build a classroom in a poor province of Cambodia as our Team Project. If we are able to reach \$15,000 AUD it will be enough to build and fit out an entire classroom!

We are inviting you to join us in this part of our Faith Venture by contributing to this worthwhile project. We are choosing to have funds deposited directly to our Northside Christian College school account so that we are able to keep track of the amount of money donated - Just ring the College on 9467 2499 and ask for Accounts. Please be sure to let the school know that you are donating to the *Classrooms for Cambodia* project.

If you would like more information about this project, please go to www.samaritanaspurse.org.au/schools-for-cambodia/. **WARNING:** If you use the donation link on this page, the money will definitely go to the Classrooms for Cambodia project, but it will not be credited to the \$10 - 15,000 goal that the Cambodia Faith Ventures Team are aiming to raise.

Thank you so much for praying for and supporting those in need. We appreciate any amount that you are able to give toward this worthwhile project. It would be lovely to know that our College community was able to provide a classroom for a generation of students in a community in Cambodia.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Lenna Waters.



*Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD,
and He will repay the lender.
~ Proverbs 19:17*

INSPIRE ~ Maths Talent Quest 2019

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

This year's Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) was again met with much enthusiasm, with students from Prep to Year 8 entering group or individual mathematical investigations on a whole range of topics, from counting bones in bodies to analysing and predicting the best angles for 3-pointers in basketball.

Nine of our students were awarded either a Distinction or High Distinction prize at the State awards ceremony at LaTrobe University on Thursday 17th October. Special congratulations to Sarah H in Year 7 for her High Distinction winning entry on statistics in her district basketball competition; this project was entered into the National MTQ competition, which means it was the best individual entry in Victoria. Sarah and both of her siblings all received an award, which made Thursday a happy day in the Halden household!

All other students received a Credit award for their entries and are to be congratulated on their hard work and on their learning in developing mathematical investigation and communication skills.



Year 11 & 12 Mentoring Lunch



Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

On Monday 31st October we celebrated our annual Senior School Mentoring Program with a special lunch for all mentors and Year 11-12 students.

Each year, every Year 11 and 12 student is paired with a College staff member, many of whom volunteer to work with students regardless of whether or not they teach in the VCE/VCAL programs.

The Mentoring Program is a significant and highly valued part of the holistic investment we make into the learning and personal journeys of our Senior School students, and staff and students alike reflect each year on the joy, growth and sharing they experience as they work together throughout the academic year. It is a powerful strengthening of our College Community to have staff from across the College, both teaching and non-teaching, involved in supporting and championing our students as they prepare for the next chapters in their lives.



Sports Update

CSEN Year 7/8 Rally Day

Netball

Ms Rebekah Cogger, Health & Physical Education Teacher

On Wednesday 16th October, we took 2 teams to the Year 7/8 CSEN Netball Rally Day. Both teams put 110% in and participated in a number of matches. I was very proud to hear from our personal Netball instructor how blown away she was by the wonderful attitudes of our students, particularly the Division I team that she coached, who didn't manage to win a game but were supportive and encouraging of each other and tried their best in each game.

Well done to all of you!



Soccer

Miss Ellison Cook, Secondary School Teacher

On Wednesday 16th October, eight of our Year 7/8 boys attended the annual CSEN Soccer Rally Day in Knox. Despite the changeable weather, our boys played brilliantly - they finished fourth in their own division and seventh out of 23 teams overall. Congratulations to our top goal scorers - Connor (10), Alex (9), and Josh (3). Special acknowledgements must also go to our excellent goalie, Sebastien - not much got past him! Also to Connor, who captained his team brilliantly and clearly has the qualities of a future leader.

Well done to all who participated, and did an amazing job representing their school.

CSEN Year 9/10 Soccer Rally Day

Miss Ellison Cook, Secondary School Teacher

On Wednesday 23rd October, Northside's Year 9/10 students participated in the annual CSEN Soccer Rally Day. It was extremely hot, but the students all showed amazing resilience in the not-so-ideal weather conditions. The boys did a great job; with Barakat as captain, they managed their team well and finished 6th in their pool. Our girls team placed second out of all the female teams, with Olivia showing outstanding talent and leadership. All students involved did a wonderful job representing our College and showing the best sides of themselves.

Thank God for the blessing of sport!



A Final Thank You & Farewell to Aalsmeer Floral Studio!

After many years of partnership with Mrs Franca Russo and the Aalsmeer Floral Studio in Bundoora Square, the florist will be closing on the 1st November 2019. Says Franco:

It is with much happiness, I inform you of my semi-retirement. After 28 years of service to the Bundoora community, I will close Aalsmeer Floral Studio. Final trading day will be Thursday 31st October 2019. I thank you for your loyalty and custom over the years.

We would like to thank Franco for all the glorious floral arrangements she has contributed to the College over her years of service and to wish her all the best for the future.



Senior School Update

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

This is the last newsletter article I will write while our Year 12 students are still at Northside Christian College; they will, however, always remain a part of our Community. At Northside, we share a set of common values that help define us as a Community. I pray our Year 12 students will continue to hold on to these values beyond graduation.

As we rapidly approach the busiest time of the academic school year, we are preparing to provide maximum support to all students over the final weeks of formal classes. Our staff are determined to best prepare our students for the upcoming exams and other final assessments in their subjects. Some of the support staff in the Senior School include:

- ~ Mrs Angela Eynaud, Director of Teaching and Learning / Year 11 Home Group Teacher
- ~ Mr Chris Gatt and Mrs Kirsty Watson-Jones, Year 10 Home Group Teachers
- ~ Ms Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing
- ~ Mrs Lenna Waters, Careers and Work Studies Coordinator
- ~ Mr James Eynaud, VCAL Coordinator
- ~ Mr Jared Stocks, Chaplain
- ~ Ms Laura Bovey and Mrs Maryann Stewart, VCE Administration
- ~ Mr Michael Bond, Head of Secondary School / Deputy Principal

We continue to pray for God's blessing on our students during this busy time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our team of staff at the College.



Upcoming Senior School Events

Year 10 & 11 Examinations

Tuesday 19th-Friday 22nd November

Find the exam timetable on the College website:

www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Semester-2-Year-10-11-%20Examinations.pdf

Books and Supplies Day

Monday 25th November

Year 10 and 11 students have a day without scheduled classes to purchase books and supplies in preparation for Early Commencement.

Early Commencement Program

26th November - 4th December

Compulsory orientation program.

Year 10 students will move into Year 11, while the Year 11 students will commence Year 12. Some Year 9 students will commence accelerated Unit 1 VCE Courses.

Year 10 Orientation Day

Wednesday 27th November

Orientation Day is designed to help students make a successful transition into the Senior School.

The Day's Program is available on the College website: www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Year-10-Orientation-Timetable-2019.pdf

Learning Life Skills - Changing a Tyre

As the Year 12 students approached the end of their time at Northside Christian College, they were asked if there was anything they would like to know about before they left.

One of their answers was "how to change a tyre", so Mrs Eynaud asked around the College and found a staff volunteer to demonstrate this to the Year 12s.

Thanks to Mr Kokonis for demonstrating tyre changing skills to the students and for Mr Simmons for volunteering his car for the demonstration.





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