



Northside Christian College

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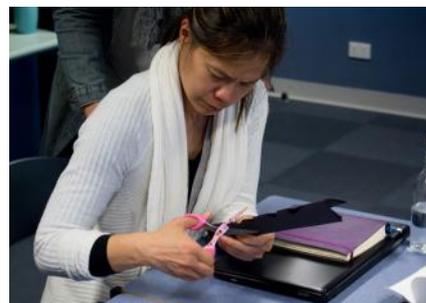
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WIN/WIN

Last week I told our VCE students the story of the time our family acquired a new TV set. The year was 1977 and I remember Dad proudly announcing the arrival of our 'huge' 26-inch colour TV, a massive block of technology weighing several tonnes; I exaggerate slightly but it was very heavy.

The main issue my younger sister and I faced with the new TV was the lack of a remote control to change channels. In those days, remote technology had not been invented and changing channels necessitated a walk to the TV set to press a button, how inconvenient I hear you cry! Needless to say, my sister and I had many arguments over our choice of program and who should take the 'long' walk to the TV set to change channels.

What point was I making to the VCE students in telling this story? Stephen Covey in his amazing book, 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People', discusses how to achieve win/win outcomes in situations where conflict could potentially arise. I only wish I had read Covey's book years earlier; perhaps the TV disagreements I had with my sister, which usually ended in a lose/lose outcome, when our parents intervened, turned off the TV set and sent us to our rooms, could have turned out differently.

Community - or common-unity- is built through a joint commitment to win/win outcomes. It's through collaboration, negotiation and patience that we are able to facilitate ways forward that are considerate of the entire community's needs. This process facilitates understanding, trust and harmony. It empowers us to create true common-unity. I suggest that the motivation for win/win is inspired by God and reflected in Mark 12:31 '...Love your neighbour as yourself.'

In all of our dealings, may we continue to seek win/win outcomes that don't compromise our values, but help us, in all of our diversity, to continue to build stronger community based on trust, strong relationships, understanding and most of all love.

Doug Holtam

NCC Principal



STRONGER

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles,
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



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FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th June:

Queen's Birthday - no classes

Wednesday 14th June

Yr 12 GAT Exam

Friday 16th June:

Report Writing Day - no classes
(Senior school exams will still
run)

Thursday 29th June:

Prep - Year 10 Showcase

Friday 30th June

Last day of Term Two
2.30pm finish

Wednesday 19th July

Students Return

Thursday 20th July

VCE Information Night

TERM DATES 2017

Term Two:

Wednesday 19th April -
Friday 30th June

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -
Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -
Friday 8th December

SAFE DEVICES

We strive to provide a safe College environment for all our students. If your student brings a device onsite we ask that you assist by following these steps

- When ever possible charge the device at home
- All devices must be in good working order, free of cracked screens and free of damaged cords or charges.

If your students device is damaged please get it repaired as soon as possible. We appreciate your support in this matter.

PARENTING SEMINAR



On Tuesday 30th of May, we hosted a parenting seminar aimed at Primary parents, run by Parentzone and Whittlesea Council. We had 50 parents attend both our own and from the community.

This community partnership with City of Whittlesea supports families and also brings new families onto the College grounds which aids in the College's growth. Thank you to all parents who attended this event.

REPORT WRITING DAY

If you are interested in enrolling your child for care on the upcoming Report Writing Day on Friday 16th June the online system is NOW OPEN for you to book your child in for the day. Please log onto the Parent Portal to make your booking as soon as possible. Hours of operation for the day are from 7am - 6pm. Fee and rebate information is available by contacting Camp Australia on 1300 105 343.

Furthermore, we will also be offering the opportunity for care in July during the three elected school curriculum days which are: Monday 17th Tuesday 18th (First two days back from the school holidays) and Friday 28th July. If you would like to access the OSHC program for any of those days please book via the parent portal or visit www.campastralia.com.au to create an account and booking.

CAR PARK SAFETY

The Junior Primary Car Park (alongside the oval) is closed between 11am and 2pm each day. This is to ensure that the students can move between the school grounds and the oval safely during recess and lunchtime. Parents who are visiting the school between these hours are welcome to park in the Main Car Park. Parents also need to be aware that the primary crossing must remain clear at all times.

UPDATED VISITORS POLICY

Northside Christian College is currently reviewing a wide range of policy documents in order to strengthen our operations at the College. We are committed to developing sound policies and procedures across our wellbeing programs, education programs and our overall operations.

During 2017, the College has updated the Visitors to the College Policy (Policy No. 32). The goal of this policy is to provide a safe and secure environment for all members of the College community and the resources of the College. The College aims to establish protocols and procedures that effectively monitor and manage visitors, whilst not compromising the open and inviting nature of our College culture.

All visitors will be required to report to the College Office prior to undertaking any activity within the College, where they will be required to sign a "Visitors Book" and will be assigned a "Visitors" badge which they must wear at all times within the College. Similarly, visitors will be required to report to the College Office at the end of their visit to return their badge and to "sign out" in the Visitors Book. Parents are requested to sign in as visitors for College Chapels, assemblies and other visits to the College outside of student drop-off and collection.

In order to strengthen our culture of child safety, we request that no photos of children will be permitted without the approval of the appropriate parents / guardians. The College will aim to provide an opportunity at special events for photo taking. This will be facilitated in a way to respect the wishes of families who may not want their children to be photographed.

Northside Christian College is committed to developing policies and procedures to create and maintain a child safe school environment. Child safety encompasses matters related to protecting all children from child abuse, managing the risk of child abuse, providing support to a child at risk of child abuse, and responding to incidents or allegations of child abuse. A variety of policies are in place to demonstrate the College's commitment to child safety.

A copy of the updated Visitors to the College Policy document will be posted to the College website in the near future.

Michael Bond

Deputy Principal



Decorative flourish

**Thursday 29th
June 2017
9.00 am
All College
families welcome**

Decorative flourish



READY, SET, GO!

The Oval has now been opened by the Senator for Victoria, Jane Hume at an official ceremony held on Monday June 5th. Northside hosted the Senator, her assistant Mr Bennett, Colin Brooks MP, the Architect who worked on the project, the Principal of Melton Christian College, Mr David Gleeson, and past NCC Business Manager, Mr Matthew Duke as well as our College House Captains and Reuben Cohn one of our College Captains at a short ceremony followed by morning tea. Senator Hume spoke, acknowledging the contribution of the College Community and especially the funds raised by Parents and Friends towards the project. Mark Donato, President of the College Committee of Management, also attended and dedicated the space to God in prayer. During morning tea, our House Captains served guests delicious morning tea prepared by the P&F and took visiting Principal Gleeson on a tour of the College.

The total final cost of the project was \$367,337 with a \$250,000 contribution of an Australian Government Grant. We recognise and are grateful for the Government's funding towards this project. Mr Holtam thanked Senator Hume during his speech at the opening ceremony.

The Northside Sports Precinct Development has been a significant upgrade for the former oval. There is also the addition of 2 basketball courts. These courts have the facilities and line markings to cater for basketball, netball and volleyball. The basketball and netball rings are height adjustable to cater for students of all ages. Adjoining the soccer pitch there is a long jump pit for use in our PE classes. Additional parking has been installed alongside the area and a storage shed which provides an adequate space close to the sports facilities to store sporting gear.

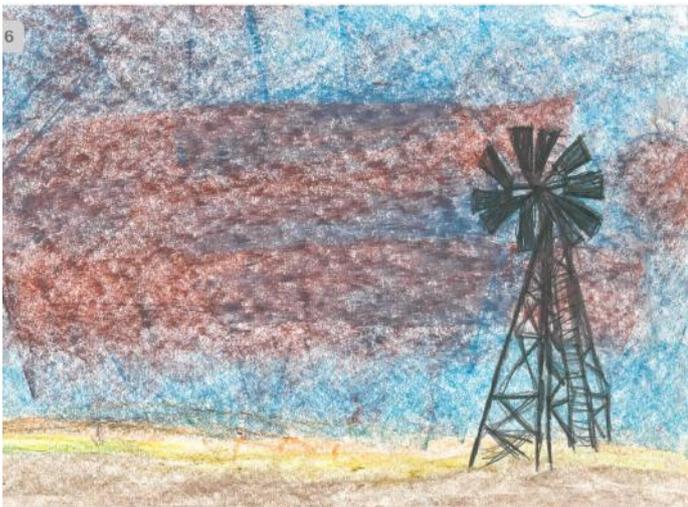
This facility will strengthen and further develop the sporting program and opportunities at Northside. As a school that already competes in sporting competitions across Melbourne, these facilities will allow our teams to train more effectively and develop a culture of sports participation for students from Prep to Year 12.

A special thanks to Mrs Lenna Waters who made the curtain for the unveiling and the P&F team who provided morning tea.

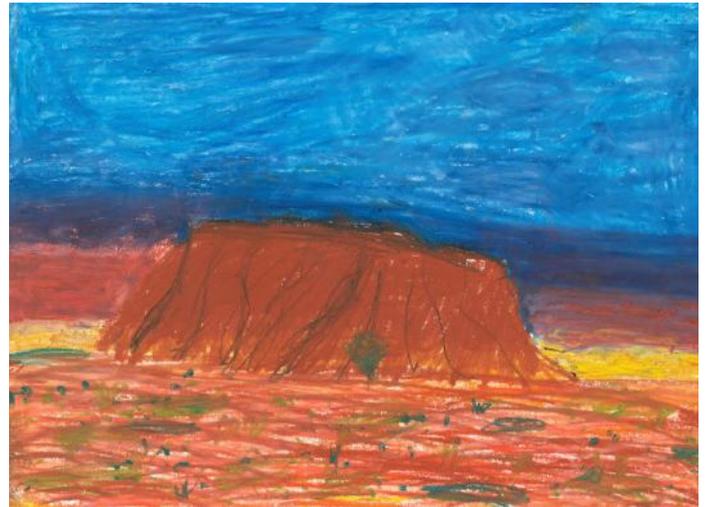
AURORA ART COMPETITION ENTRIES

These spectacular artworks were selected for the upcoming 2017 Aurora Art Competition. The purpose of the competition is to promote excellence in Australian Children's Art and show it to the world. Judges will select only eight winning entries nationwide, which will then be sent to the International Museum of Children's Art (Barnekunstmuseet) in Oslo, Norway where they will become part of the museum's permanent collection.

We are so proud of our student artists, and we wish them success in the competition.



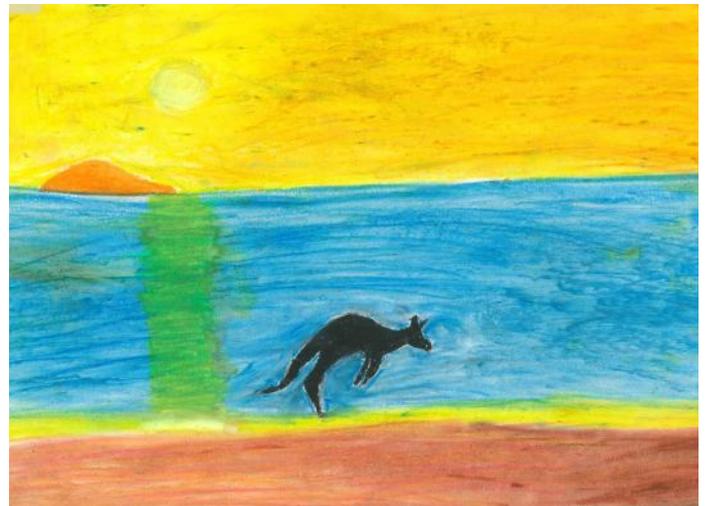
Madison, Yr 5: Australian Outback



Calian, Yr 4: Sunset Uluru



Joseph Yr 2
Australian Roots



Elijah, Yr 6: The Sunset Kangaroo



Sara Yr 2
Australian Still-Life

Antonietta Veljanovski
Primary Visual Arts Teacher





RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

CONGRATULATIONS, SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH ENTRANTS!



Our talented young scientists have finished their Science Talent Search projects and are ready to take their work for judging through the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria in August. Please head to the INSPIRE wall in Reception to check out the imaginative, creative and rigorous learning on display through these projects.

All participants this year met criteria and their INSPIRE STS medals were presented last Monday morning in assembly. The projects were:

SCIENTIFIC POSTERS:

- Rebecca, Yr 3, - Water, Energy and Food to All: How Kids Can Help
- Grace, Yr 3- Water, Energy and Food to All: How Kids Can Help
- Ezra, Yr 3- How can cars make less pollution? (Building healthy & productive cities)
- Aryan, Yr 3- How can cars make less pollution? (Building healthy & productive cities)

- Natshali, Yr 3- Building Healthy & Productive Cities
- Hannah, Yr 3- Building Healthy & Productive Cities
- Dante, Yr 4- Smart Cities Going Green (Building healthy & productive cities)
- Jared, Yr 4- Smart Cities Going Green (Building healthy & productive cities)
- Sachin, Yr 5- Food, Water and Energy to All
- Madison, Yr 5- How can you build a car that reduces pollution to the earth? (Building healthy and productive cities)
- Michelle, Yr 5- How can you build a car that reduces pollution to the earth? (Building healthy and productive cities)

PICTURE STORYBOOKS:

- Hannah, Yr 3- It is spreading...
- Lyvia, Yr 3- It is spreading...
- Suhanayan, Yr 5- Congratulations, you've saved the earth!

GAMES:

- Anelyse, Yr 6- Hovercraft Game

Congratulations, Scientists, on your excellent work!

Amy Horneman

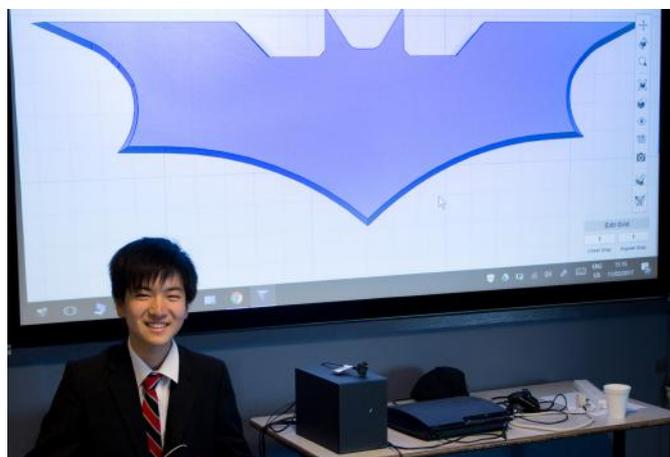
VCE Coordinator



STUDENTS SUPPORT STEM SKILLS

At Northside, we're committed to preparing our students for the dynamic work environment of the 21st Century. One way we address this is through our Year 7-9 Innovation class, where students learn about 3D Design, Circuitry, and Coding. As students have built up their skills, some have even had the opportunity to train others.

Kevin, ably supported by Emily and Gabriel ran a lesson teaching other students to use free software to create 3D designs. Amelia's version of the batman logo was voted the best in class, so we used our 3D printer to turn it into a physical object.



Liam, our resident 3D printer manager ran this process, ensuring the 3D Printer was aligned correctly to produce a quality final product. He has shown great initiative and skill in his maintenance and operation of this hardware.



The students took charge again when Kevin, Bisola, and Jasmine trained our Primary teachers in how to use 'LittleBits' to make electrical devices. Thanks to these three students, our Primary teachers are better equipped to consider how we could introduce these skills into the Primary curriculum.



Chris Gatt
eLearning Coordinator





WINTER MUSIC RECITAL

The annual Winter Music Recital was held Monday 5th June and it was a wonderful night of music-making by our talented students. We have a strong music programme which sees over 60 students learning instruments each week. In addition to this there are four ensembles which run during the week to cater for students who wish to participate in a music group. This year we had approximately 50 students take part in the Recital.

A highlight for me from this year's concert was the number of students teaming up and playing piano duets, as well as the first performance from the brand

new Primary Band and Choir. I would like to thank all the performers, the Instrumental Music Staff and the Northside community for continuing to support the vibrant music programme we have here at our College.

Andy Horneman

Music Coordinator



VCE INVASION

Last week we had Year 3 and Mrs Eng come and visit the VCE students during home group to perform a dance to Hillsong's 'Oceans' which they had been practising for their Primary assembly. The Year 3 students had made each of the VCE students a card, wishing them well in their upcoming exams. The VCEs were touched by the gesture and thoroughly enjoyed the dance!

This week Year 4 and Mr Devine came to share their favourite picture books with the VCE students. It was special for the students to spend time reading books together and discussing what we like about reading.



Thank you, Primary students, for making our home group times something to look forward to each week!

Amy Horneman

VCE Coordinator



SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

UNIT 3 MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3 midyear examinations. Some of these examinations will also serve as a SAC. Subject teachers will notify students if this is the case. For other subjects, this assessment will serve as a practice examination in preparation for the end of year examinations. Please note that Unit 3 examinations will be held in either Week 9 of Term 2 or during the first week of the holidays. Any practice examination held during the holidays will be an optional examination for students. Please see the schedule below.

The purpose of practice exams is to have an examination experience as close as possible to the real end of year examination. This type of practice is commonly used by schools to improve students' performance and is an effective technique for preparing for end of year examinations.

UNIT 3 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017

9:00- 11:00	Unit 3 English
11:30- 1:15	Unit 3 History: Revolutions
2:15- 4:00	Unit 3: Chemistry

TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017

9:00- 11:00	Unit 3 Mathematical Methods
11:30- 1:15	Unit 3 Global Politics
2:15- 4:00	Unit 3: Literature

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2017

9:00- 11:00	Unit 3 Psychology Unit 3 Physics
11:30- 1:15	Unit 3 Biology

PLEASE NOTE:

- All examinations will take place in Room 313 in the VCE Building
- If you have a timetable clash in your examination timetable, please see Mr Bond by Tuesday, 13th June.

These students should see Mr Bond to arrange an alternate sitting for their examination.

- Students are reminded that they need to sign in and out at the College Office during the week of the 3rd - 5th July.
- Please ensure that you arrive 10 - 15 minutes early for your examinations.
- Most of the Year 12 practice examinations will be held from the 3rd - 6th July. Some teachers have made alternative arrangements.
- Please note that some examinations or sections thereof may be graded as a SAC. Teaching staff will communicate with students details of any SACs as per the College's guidelines.
- Examination results for Unit 3 examinations will be reported on Schoology.
- Strict examination conditions apply for all students during examinations. No mobile phones or iPads are permitted into the examination room.

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 sequences 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 Tuesday, 14th June as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

VCE STUDY ROOM AFTER SCHOOL

Senior School students are welcome to study in the VCE study room after school between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please see Mr Bond if you would like to make any other arrangements.

Michael Bond
Deputy Principal



May 30 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Changes to Senior School Leadership

I am writing to inform you, that after much careful consideration and prayer, Mrs Amy Horneman has decided to step down from her position as VCE Coordinator at Northside Christian College; she will fully conclude her duties in this role at the end of the Semester One.

I am very grateful to Mrs Horneman for her willingness to take on the role of VCE Coordinator this year and for the value that has been added to VCE section as a consequence of her leadership.

On a more positive note, I am very pleased to confirm that Mrs Horneman will remain on staff at NCC, and will now be released to devote herself more fully to coordinating the College's 'INSPIRE' Program; she will also continue to teach VCE English.

I understand that you may have some concerns regarding this news; however, I can assure you that your child's learning progress is our main priority and to that end, we will continue to ensure that the support mechanisms currently in place to empower and assist our VCE students, will remain unaffected by the changes I have outlined.

Over the next few weeks we will seek to recruit a new VCE Coordinator. I would greatly value your prayers as we commence this process. In the meantime, our Deputy Principal/Head of Secondary, Mr Michael Bond, will continue to lead the Senior School - including the VCE Section - with my additional support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the College should you wish to discuss this further.

Warm regards



Doug Holtam
Principal



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