



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Vine

NEWSLETTER

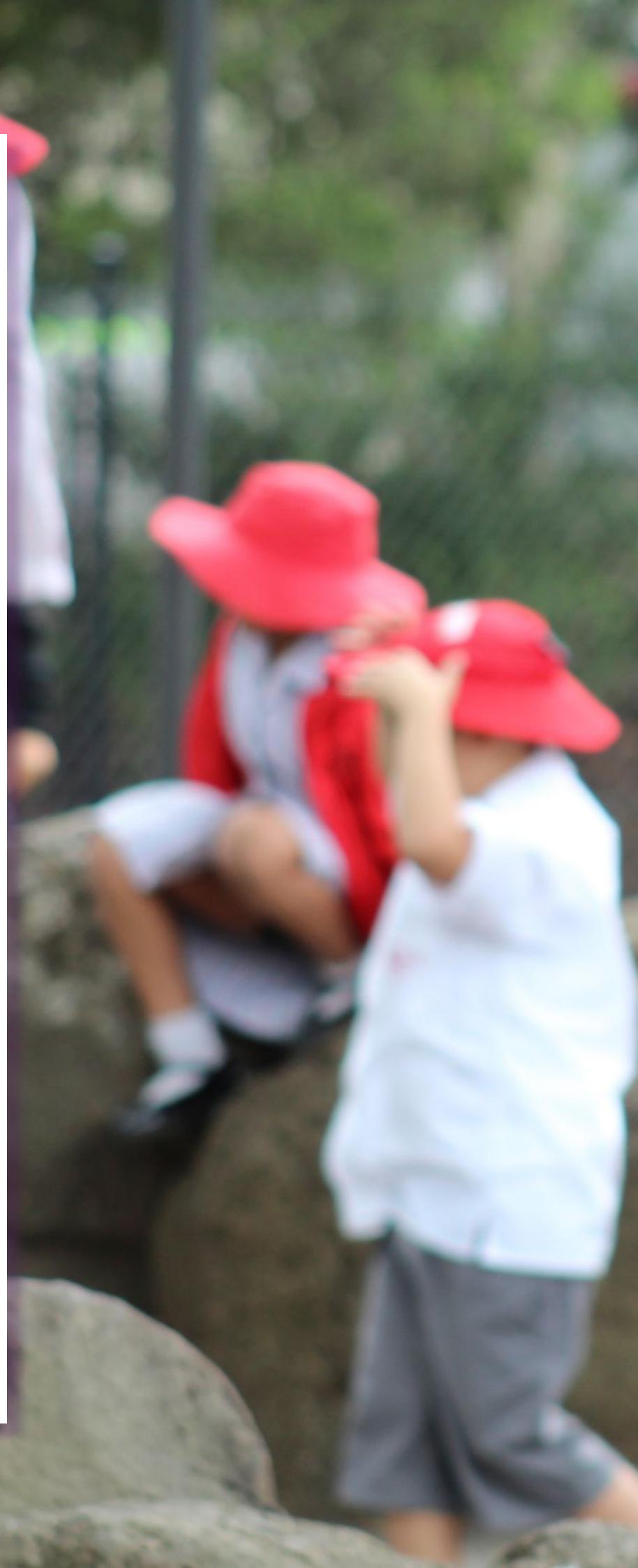


Principal's Report

Damian Higgins

As we enter the final 3 weeks of term I, there is already plenty to look back on in a busy start to the year. Just over a week ago, we had our annual swimming carnival. As this was the first major school event that I have experienced as Principal here at Northside, I was very much looking forward to seeing how our community participated together in this enjoyable day at the Diamond Creek Pool. I must say how proud I was to see all our students enter into the spirit of the occasion by being both competitive and at the same time genuinely supportive and encouraging of each other.

I have always been a strong advocate of the school House program. For me, belonging to a House - Worthy Warriors, Noble Knights or Courageous Conquerors - provides so many opportunities to build character and learn the important life lessons of being part of a team. Everyone has a part to play, regardless of their strengths and weaknesses. Having a sense of belonging is a vital ingredient to every individual's health and flourishing. This is illustrated so clearly in Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he explains how we are all part of the body of Christ. A key phrase in this passage that often challenges me is verse 26 which says, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it." Sometimes we can be caught up in our own sufferings and our own successes and forget to share in each other's. We need to be continually on the look out for moments where we can draw alongside each other to celebrate and encourage and also to listen, empathise and support. Being present with each other is a powerful way to build a strong community which enables every single member to understand how valuable they really are. My prayer as this school continues to grow and thrive is that we will all gain a greater awareness of each other and also our own unique purpose in God's big story.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th March

Yr 9 Western Australia Information Evening- 6pm

Thursday 15th March

Wishing Away Worries Parent Seminar
NOW SOLD OUT
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 22nd March

Prep - Year 2 Swimming Carnival
*Please note change of date from calendar

Friday 23 March

Principal's Tour- 2pm

Thursday 29 March

Last Day of Term
2:30 finish

Friday 30 March

Good Friday

Tuesday 17 April

First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 24 April

Parent Student Teacher Interviews
(PSTI) 2:30pm- 7:30pm

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day- No Classes

Thursday 26 April

Parent Student Teacher Interviews
(PSTI) 4pm- 7:30pm

Friday 4 May

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Monday 7 May

School Photo Day

Term Dates 2018

Term 1:

Monday 29 January- Thursday 29 March

Term 2:

Tuesday 17 April- Friday 29 June

Term 3:

Wednesday 18 July- Friday 21 September

Term 4:

Tuesday 9 October- Tuesday 11 December

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 14th of March we will be having a Year 9 Western Australia information evening 6pm-7pm in the Middle School building. At least one parent and all the Year 9 students are required to attend as we discuss the Term 3 Cultural Challenge and give out permission forms.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

NCC is registered for Coles Sports for Schools. If you shop at Coles, please collect the vouchers and bring them to Reception so that we can redeem them for some new sport equipment.

For more information:

<https://wwwcoles.comau/sportsforschools>

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CARD



In order to complete parent participation at the College, to volunteer at the College and undertake tasks such as attending excursions, helping with Parents and Friends and helping in the classroom, we ask that you add the College to your list of organisations on the WWCC website. This ensures that the College is sent an official letter with an image of your card and your details on it. If we have this letter, we do not need a photocopy of your card.

To check if Northside Christian College is listed as an organisation where you work with children, please click this link and go to the Update My Details tab. www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

In 2018 Northside Christian College has offered two music scholarships across the whole school. The scholarships are offered through an application process and entitle each successful applicant to one full year of instrumental lessons on their chosen instrument.

I would like to congratulate Nikita (Voice) and Grace (Piano/Cello) on their achievement. We look forward to working with these students this year in the music programme at Northside Christian College.

ENROLMENT IN 2019 AND 2020

We are blessed to be a part of a growing school community. Parents are advised that due to the number of new enrolments in 2018, we are now introducing waiting lists for a number of year levels. If you have not yet applied for 2019 and 2020 and wish to secure a place for your child, we recommend that you submit your enrolment application ASAP to avoid disappointment. Please remember that existing families are encouraged to submit applications for younger siblings 2 years in advance to ensure a place is reserved for their child. 2019 Prep interviews will take place in Term One holidays. We have already received enough applications to fill one class, and are half way to filling another.

PRAAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Please join us every Thursday for prayer. Meet at the foyer at 2.30pm. ALL WELCOME

You are welcome to email prayer requests to Maryann - mstewart@ncc.vic.edu.au

Look forward to seeing you there!

ILL STUDENTS

If your child is ill, it is important that you keep them at home to recover.

Any child who has vomited must stay home for 24-48 hours afterwards to avoid spreading infection to other students.

Doing the Hard Yakka

Fiona Dumitrache

Now that school has been back for six weeks, the "honeymoon" period for students has usually expired and students will be facing challenges with friendships, workload and tiredness. In order for your child/young person to build resilience at this time, rather than bubble wrap them, try some of the following:

I. Continue with a good routine for bedtime. It works best for body regulation when sleep is the same time every night. Primary students should be getting between 10-12 hours sleep a night and secondary students between 9-10 hours sleep a night. The flow on affect of a good night's sleep is eating better and being able to manage stress more effectively.

2. Without finding a solution to difficult situations or relationship challenges, pose questions so that they may be able to think about it from a different perspective. Questions such as, "What have you tried so far? What works/doesn't work?

3. Stay calm yourself and check in with the homeroom teacher if anything concerns you. Sometimes a simple conversation can help to bring understanding for you and your child.

4. Help them to stick to a working schedule. For senior students, have them place their part time job schedule or major school events on the home calendar or weekly planner so you can support them with particularly heavy weeks. For Middle School students, sit and help them to plan out their week ahead for homework to ensure things aren't being left until the last

minute, or to unravel difficult subjects and the often associated procrastination.

5. For ALL students, ensure their week is not too full to ensure that they can have down time to relax and enjoy family time. Pull out a board game, card game, go for a special drink...

6. Most of all, pray with your child. To be grounded in knowing that God is ever-present and wants the best for us is amazing.

Remember that the goal is to support your child/young person to be as independent as possible: in working their way through challenges; in developing a commitment to all that they do with a positive mindset (work, study, relationships); and in being empowered and confident as a result of their own sense of personal control.

Updated Student Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy

Michael Bond

During October 2017, the Executive Team at Northside Christian College approved an updated Student Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy (Policy No. 20). Northside Christian College is committed to maintaining a work and student environment that reflects Christian relational values and practices. We expect every member of the College, from the youngest to the oldest student, all our staff and the wider community to give and receive respect.

At Northside Christian College, we do not tolerate bullying in any form. All members of our College community are committed to ensuring a caring and safe environment, which promotes personal growth and a positive self-esteem.

We believe all members of our College community have the expectation and right to a safe environment and to be treated fairly with respect and courtesy. We believe these rights have concurrent



responsibilities that include accepting others and treating them with dignity and respect.

The updated policy document clearly defines bullying and harassment. Furthermore, the policy document outlines what we do to prevent bullying at the College. Protocols for dealing with incidents of bullying and harassment are also documented in this policy.

to abide by the College's policies, which have been endorsed by the Committee of Management. Policies are developed to assist in creating a learning environment in which students can experience success in a safe and caring environment that supports their wellbeing and achievement.

A copy of the updated policy is available on the College website. An extract of this policy is published in the Student Diary distributed to Year 5 - 12 students.



Child Safety

Child Safe Strategy Document

Northside Christian College has strengthened the safety of our operations as a result of the implementation of the Child Safe Standards at the College. A key objective for Northside Christian College is to embed child safety practices into our culture. The work that is involved in building a child safe organisation is never completed. It is a dynamic, multifaceted and ongoing developmental process of learning, monitoring and reviewing. Maintaining a child safe organisation is not a one-off task. It must become part of our College's ongoing processes and be embedded into our culture. Your feedback and support with developing a child safe culture is greatly valued. A copy of the College's Child Safe Strategy Document is available on the College website on the Child Safety page.

Child Safety Policy

The Northside Christian College Committee of Management has approved the Child Safety Policy, Code of Conduct and Procedures (Policy No. I). The Child Safety Policy is a comprehensive and overarching document that provides an overview of the key elements of Northside Christian College's approach to creating a

child safe organisation. This document is available at the College Office and on the College website.

Child Safety Code of Conduct

Staff, directors, volunteers and contractors at the College are required to abide by the College's Child Safety Code of Conduct. The purpose of this Code is to promote child safety within all College Environments. This document is available at the College Office and on the College website.

Child Safety Officer

Northside Christian College has appointed Ms Fiona Dumitache as the College's Child Safety Officer. The primary purpose of the position is to manage the implementation of the Child Safety Policy (Policy No. I), especially in relation to training and educating staff and students and to manage any incidents of reporting to ensure Northside Christian College is compliant with all legislation around such reporting.

The Child Safety Officer is a contact person for children, young people, parents, employees and volunteers to seek advice and support regarding the safety and wellbeing of children and young people within our College. The role requires the

officer to take action when child protection concerns are reported, including the provision of support to those within the community who have been affected, with an understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

Child Protection Workers

The College's Child Protection Workers are Ms Fiona Dumitache, Head of Welfare and Mr Jared Stocks, College Chaplain. The Child Protection Workers have the specific responsibility for responding to responding to any complaints made by staff, volunteers, parents or students in relation to Child Safety. The Child Protection Workers at Northside Christian College will always work concurrently with the Principal and other College leaders.

Procedures For Responding To And Reporting Allegations Of Suspected Child Abuse

Northside Christian College has a clear procedure for responding to allegations of suspected child abuse in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 870 and other legal obligations. Please use the template document of the Child Safety page on the College website to document any incident, disclosure or suspicion that a child has been, or is at risk of being abused.



INSPIRE

Amy Horneman

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.

The name Founder Times is representative of the generation who will be running the student publication. Founder Times will aim to involve all kinds of writing, from poems to short stories.

There will be a team of regular writers who write about events in the school and other topics reflecting the world around them. Then there will also be writers from Years 3+ who will write pieces based



on a theme or their imagination. These pieces will be read through, edited and put in the publication or sent back for improvement. The aim is to get the best pieces showcased and give constructive feedback to those who are not accepted.

We are looking for writing pieces from Years 3+ to feature in the publication. If you think your writing has what it takes, there

will be application forms at Reception. If you are in Prep-Year 2, you can submit artwork which can be chosen to be in the publication. If you are interested in being a regular writer or editor, please speak to Gabrielle, Laura or Abigail (Year 11).

If you have any further questions, please contact:

foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au



Senior School Report

Michael Bond

The academic school year is in full swing at Northside Christian College. Students have completed a range of assessments during the past two weeks. There are also a range of excursions and off-campus learning opportunities coming up, designed to enrich the learning experience for our students.

At a recent Senior School assembly, we had an opportunity to present our Year II students with their VCE / VCAL badges, a special reminder of their transition into these final two years of their schooling. Mr Higgins also presented 2017 subject awards for Unit 1/2 subjects. This provided our Senior School students with an opportunity to reflect on what they would like to achieve academically in 2018.

Once again, it has been a strong start to the 2018 school year. I look forward to seeing our students continue to challenge themselves with their learning.

Please find below a series of announcements pertaining to the Senior School at Northside Christian College:

GAT

Senior students need to become accustomed to having their dictionaries with them and not relying on Google. All students should have a dictionary and it should be with them in English classes at the very least. Students undertaking Unit 3 & 4 studies will be sitting the GAT and will more than likely need to utilise a

dictionary during that time, hence the need to become accustomed to it now. The GAT is scheduled for Wednesday, 13th June 2018, between 10.00am - 1.15pm.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FAIR & CAREERS EXPO

Year 10 and 11 students at Northside Christian College have an opportunity to attend the Youth Employment Opportunities Fair & Careers Expo on Thursday, 15th March 2018 at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, Ferres Boulevard, South Morang. This event will provide students with an opportunity to consult with University and TAFE advisors, apprenticeship and traineeship groups, support services, local employers and employment groups. Additional information will be communicated to students and families via an excursions permission letter. Year 12 students are encouraged to attend the VCE and Careers Expo 2018 at the Caulfield Racecourse in May 2018. If you have any queries regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lenna Waters.

A DAY AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

This special event is designed for Senior School students and their families. It allows visitors to come and explore the Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options at the University of Melbourne. This event will be held on Friday, 6th April 2018 between 9am and 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Isabella Mory at isabella.mory@unimelb.edu.au or phone 03 8344 6948.

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY EVENT

Senior School students are invited by La Trobe University to attend workshops, lectures and seminars of their choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. There is an opportunity to chat with student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe and what to expect. Experience La Trobe is a free event on the 6th April 2018 - with lunch and entertainment! For more information, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-la-trobe-events

VCE AND CAREERS EXPO

The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia's biggest careers and education event with 170 exhibitors providing VCE, tertiary courses, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The event will take place at the Caulfield Racecourse between the 3rd and 6th May 2018. Admission is \$10 per person, however, family discounts are available.

VTACMAG

Year 12 students are advised that the VTAC booklet has been replaced by a new VTACmag. VTACmag contains practical, easy to follow information about the VTAC process and preparing for study, will be available for purchase in printed format from newsagents (RRP \$7.95), and for tablets and smartphones as an eMagazine (\$4.49) from late July.



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