

28th January 2021

Welcome to 2021 at Northside. If this is your first year at the College, I am sure you will be made to feel welcome and quickly feel at home. If you have any questions, queries or concerns at any stage, our staff will be more than happy to assist you.

We are really looking forward to this year as we get back to more regular routines compared with last year. It will be wonderful to engage more closely as a community, enjoy our facilities and take part in exciting camps, music, performing arts, excursions and sporting activities.

Our theme for this year is “STAND” and is based on the bible verse from Ephesians 6:13,

“Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

We hope to explore what this means to our community throughout the year and will continue to develop a learning culture among our students that reflects this.

NCC COVIDSAFE guidelines

The College will continue to follow the advice provided by the Government regarding Coronavirus. Below are some important things you need to know as we embark on a new year:

- Face masks must be carried by individuals aged 12 and over (except in Grade 6) and continue to be mandatory on public transport and school buses.
- Also, where physical distancing is not possible in a school setting, it is recommended that students aged 12 and over wear their face mask. Therefore, all secondary students, other than those with a valid exemption, must wear one during classroom based learning and in College buildings. However, they are no longer required in outdoor settings around the college campus.
- At this stage, we still have limitations in terms of gatherings. As such, parents cannot have access to classrooms, assemblies/chapel or playgrounds. Parents should not be gathering socially in groups at any time at the College.
- Excursions and school camps are permitted across Victoria for all schools.
- All interschool sports (indoor and outdoor) are now permitted. Hand hygiene must be practised before and after use of any sporting equipment. Students who have sport during the day will be permitted to arrive and depart the College in their PE uniform to avoid large groups in changerooms.
- Music activities, including group singing, wind and brass instrument use can resume.

Important information about end of school pick up in the car park

End of day pick up arrangements will be slightly different for the start of term. Please read the instructions below carefully:

- 3.05 All Worthy Warriors will need to be picked up from the Main Gate
- 3.05 All Noble Knights will need to be picked up from the Oval Carpark
- 3.20 All Courageous Conquerors need to be picked up from the Oval Carpark

Parents will need to remain in their cars for pick up and drop off. Students will be escorted to the car by staff at the end of the day.

Parents wanting to walk their children to the gate in the mornings are welcome to park in the top gravel carpark or the main carpark. Please note there is limited car parking on site. We will review these procedures after a week or so and make adjustments if necessary

****Prep Parents, please see correspondence from the Prep teachers.***

Communication and Correspondence (SEQTA DIREQT Messaging)

This year, we will be moving the vast majority of correspondence to SEQTA Direqt messaging. This means rather than having to look through your usual email inbox for letters and correspondence from the school and your child's teachers, you will now have all this communication in one place in your SEQTA Engage account. If you are new to the College, or haven't used SEQTA Engage before, please contact the College Office for instructions on how to set up your SEQTA Engage account.

Finally, I want to wish each and every one of our students every success in 2021 and look forward to partnering with you every step of the way.

Yours sincerely



Damian Higgins
Principal