

# The Vine



2021 Term 2, Issue 2



**Northside Christian College**  
Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning



The ultimate Mission of Northside Christian College is **Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of Learning**. This statement has two distinct aspects. Christ being the first and the wonder of learning being the second. It is important that Christ is at the centre of everything we do. If Christ is not at the centre, then something else is. If we have something other than Christ at the centre of our lives, then we would call that an idol and if we have idols at the centre of all we do then things tend to fall apart, including learning.

To put it another way, if we have Christ as our centre then all the learning that we want to happen as part of our mission will *hold together* along with all our relationships within our learning community.

As I am sure you will all agree, the armour of God that the apostle Paul describes in Ephesians 6, is Jesus Christ himself. Putting on that armour is the act of making Jesus our centre who holds all things together.

Learning can sometimes be challenging. Ideas and concepts can be complex and skills can take a lot of practice to master, but the challenge of learning can become the wonder of learning when we keep Christ at the centre.



## Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

As it says in Colossians 1:16-17

**“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”**

Knowing that Christ holds all things together gives us the freedom to engage in the wonder of Learning and find our place in God's Big Story.

Grace & Peace

## 2021 Term Dates

### Term 2

Monday 19th April -  
Friday 25th June

### Term 3

Wednesday 14th July -  
Thursday 16th September

### Term 4

Monday 4th October -  
Tuesday 7th December

## Diary Dates

Monday 10th - Friday 14th May  
NAPLAN

Friday 14th May  
Year I Breakfast & PJ Day  
Senior School Formal

Friday 21st May  
Year 3-12 Athletics Day

Thursday 3rd June  
P&F Meeting

Monday 7th - Friday 11th June  
Years 9-11 Midyear Examinations

Wednesday 9th June  
GAT

Monday 14th June  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th June  
Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

Wednesday 16th June  
Academic Scholarship Exams

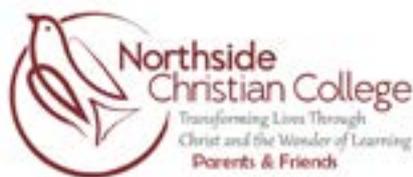
Thursday 17th June  
2022 Year 10 Information Evening

Monday 21st - Friday 25th June  
Year 9 City Challenge

Thursday 24th June  
Year 10 Resiliency Day

Friday 25th June  
Last Day of Term 2 - standard finishing time

## DO YOU NEED PRAYER?



### Parents & Friends Prayer

If anyone would like to be involved in prayer for the College or has any prayer requests, please contact Jenny Masino on 0425 769 829.



## HEALTHY EATING AT NORTHSIDE

As a registered Healthy Eating School, fast food is not permitted to be dropped off or delivered to the College. Parents should not drop off fast food or soft drinks for their children. Any deliveries will be kept in the staffroom refrigerator and the parent will be asked to pick up the delivery after school hours.

**Please ensure your child has adequate healthy snacks, lunch and a water bottle packed every day.**



# YEAR 9 COASTAL CHALLENGE



## Mr Patrick Devine, Year 9 Homegroup Teacher

During Week 9 of Term 1, both 9G and 9R went down to Anglesea for an experience in developing their Growth Mindset. This experience was the first in the Year of Challenge program. The aim of this trip was for students to come away with the confidence and resilience to respond well to challenging new experiences - emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and physically. The Year of Challenge program that runs throughout the year for our Year 9 students gives them the opportunities to apply their learning in the classroom to life experiences. On the Coastal Challenge, students had lessons in surfing, stand-up paddleboarding and golf. In these lessons, students worked on taking on feedback and improving, then reflected on the strategies they used to improve.

Some of the reflections students made are:

*"Surfing was a really challenging sport as it is difficult to balance on a moving board ... my arm started to ache more and more and I no longer had the strength to lift me up. So I told myself to just keep trying and giving it my all."*

*"[Paddleboarding] challenged me to use my arms to row myself as well as balancing on the board, which I could apply from surfing. I surprised myself as I adapted to it really quickly."*

Part of the experience was about aligning our positive mindset and self-talk with scripture. From this students reflected,

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
- Phillipians 4:13*

*"We don't have to rely on ourselves all the time but on God. We don't rely on the approval of others, God already accepts us how we are."*



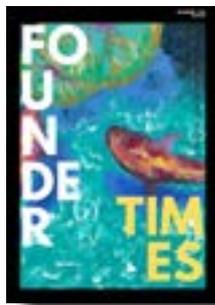


# Founder Times ~ Get Involved!

Students, share your talents and creativity in *Founder Times*!

*Founder Times* is returning for 2021 with the first edition planned on the College's theme STAND! Any NCC students interested in an outlet for their creative projects and/or working collaboratively are welcome.

We accept creative mediums of all forms – articles, poetry, photography, art pieces, and short stories, just to name a few. Simply fill out a Submission Application form and email your work to [foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au).



## Founder Times previous editions

In case you didn't get a chance to enjoy the previous editions of *Founder Times*, please see below:

*Founder Times* Issue 2 2020

<https://anyflip.com/exxdh/tiku/>

*Founder Times* Issue 1 2019

<https://anyflip.com/exxdh/tlci/>

# INSPIRE ~ Science Talent Search 2021

## Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

This year's Science Talent Search (STS) has been a busy and productive one, with over 30 students participating and completing incredible scientific investigations on the topic Food: Different by Design! It's always so exciting to see our students grow and develop in their scientific inquiry skills, as well as their ability to communicate their process effectively with their audience. We have had a large number of scientific wallcharts entered this year,

along with some picture storybooks, coded computer programs, working models and even inventions! All students who have participated in STS and have met criteria will be presented with an NCC INSPIRE criteria medal in coming assemblies. Official external judging will take place in early August, when students will be invited to attend a judging venue in Melbourne and present their work to a panel of judges. We look forward to hearing the outcome of our students' hard work and creativity in this year's competition!



# SENIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPiRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

The Compass Student Leadership Conference is a conference dedicated to training and equipping our student leaders in Christian schools to understand what it means to participate with God in bringing His kingdom through their leadership and influence. On Friday 23rd - Saturday 24th April, our College Captains Leila and Zoe, along with Isabelle from the SRC, attended the conference at Ridley College in Parkville. It was wonderful to see our students engage so heartily with students from other Christian schools around Victoria, as well as with the deep and impacting content presented by Mark Ryan and Graham Stanton from Compass and Ridley College, as well as other key presenters. We look forward to attending again in 2022!



*Leila: Compass was such a beneficial and refreshing experience. I loved being surrounded by other people my age who are striving to lead for Christ. The topics discussed really helped me understand my position in the world as a Christian, and helped me to develop my role as a leader. The atmosphere, activities and focus on God were great, and I'd definitely do it again.*

*Isabelle: My experience of the leadership conference was amazing and I can confidently say it was the best conference I've ever been to. Not only did I meet other young leaders and mentors, but I also learnt a lot about what we've been called by God to do; one of which being to bring delight to a hurting world to show them that they too are made in Love's image.*

*Zoe: The Compass Leadership Conference was a useful program that allowed us to develop our leadership as school captains. Teachings about the life of Jesus, as well as sessions about leadership principles helped us understand what role leaders have in building the Kingdom of God. Furthermore, life-long positive friendships were built with school captains from other Christian schools. Overall, we are even more inspired as school leaders to make a difference in our community.*



## Volunteer Induction and Parent Helper Training

Northside Christian College is most grateful for the support of our parents and volunteers. The College has recently developed a Volunteer Induction portal on the College website to assist in facilitating the College's Volunteer Induction and Parent Helper Training. We trust this will provide an opportunity for volunteers to complete this training at a time that works conveniently for them. At Northside Christian College, the aim of our Volunteer Induction Program is to ensure all volunteers feel supported and valued as they prepare to take on a role volunteering at the College. We trust the digital video resources published on this webpage will assist with this process. Parents and members of the College community wishing to volunteer during 2021 are requested to refer to the webpage below for additional information. Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer at Northside. <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/volunteer-induction>



# CHAPPY CHAT

Mr Jared Stocks, College Chaplain

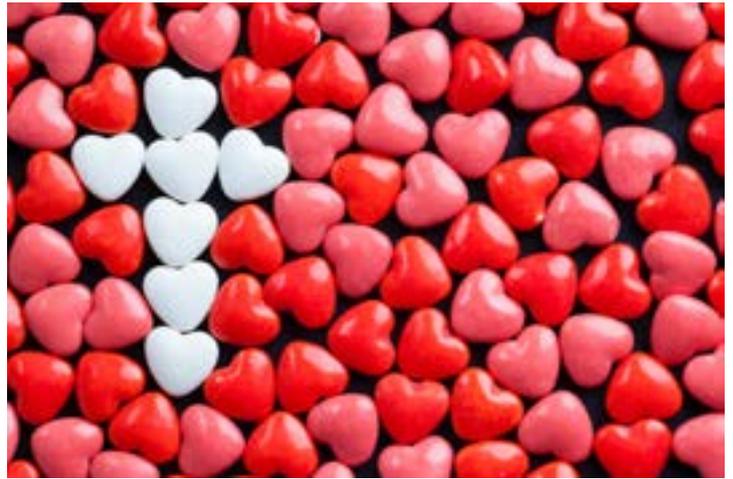
## *Power, Love & a Sound Mind*

In Week 3 of this term, I had the privilege of speaking to the Year 8 and 9 students during Chapel. I shared from the verse: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 1 Timothy 1:7 NKJV.

Firstly, I spoke about the difference between healthy fear, which our body uses to warn us of possible danger, verses unnatural fear. I also explained what a spirit of fear might look like in our lives today - for example, fear of death, failure, pain, loneliness, recurring nightmares and other manifestations. I then ran them through a short word study on the three main words, POWER, LOVE & SOUND MIND.

The word used for *power* in this verse comes from the Greek word "dunamis" from which we get the word "dynamite." The word for *love* in this Passage is the word "agape" which means "unconditional love." And finally, the words *sound mind*, which come from the Greek word "sophronismos" (phonetically spoken: so-fron-is-mos) which means self-controlled or self-disciplined.

As I usually do, I asked the students to choose a student to represent someone who was powerful, someone known for the way they love and support their friends and someone who is super smart. I discussed that our powerful student is strong physically, but even as



impressive as they are, the Holy Spirit in us is so much more powerful. For our student that loves everybody, we discussed that they do well to think of others and love them, but they can't possibly love everyone unconditionally at all times, especially if they've been hurt by someone else. Likewise, our 'brainy' students use an enormous amount of self-discipline to achieve their results but, even then, they can't possibly know everything or live the perfectly disciplined life. We need the Holy Spirit empowering us to do so.

May you be reminded today, the enemy would have you live in fear of him and the world itself, He would have you believe you are defeated in every way BUT, through the Holy Spirit, he has given you his dynamite power, his unconditional love and his fruit of self-control.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Staff members at Northside Christian College are encouraged to engage in ongoing Personal Development to continue learning and improving their practice in their various roles. Some of our staff choose to do this through continued study in higher education.

We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Serene Eng, Upper Primary Coordinator and Primary Learning Support Coordinator at Northside Christian College, on being selected to receive an Executive Dean's Award for studies undertaken in the Master of Inclusive Education (Advanced Practice) at Charles Sturt University in the 2020 academic year.

In any given session, only a small number of students attain this high level of achievement. Congratulations, Serene, on your impressive academic performance! We are pleased that your dedication and hard work has been formally recognised.



# LEARNING FROM SCIENTISTS

## Mrs Susan Varghese, Science Co-ordinator

On the 29th of April, our Year 12 Biology students visited the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) to apply their theoretical knowledge of immune response learnt in class to practical investigation. Our students had the amazing opportunity to work with scientists who shared their experiences about their research and what they do as a scientist each day. It was an eye opener for our students to see what it would be like to work as a scientist if they chose that path in the future.

The students were really impressed by this opportunity and shared the following reflections about their experience:



*Zoe - On Thursday the 29th of April, our Year 12 Biology class had the opportunity to travel to GTAC, a science technology centre. We were able to practically apply our knowledge of immune reactions through experiments exploring pathogens, vaccines and antibodies. Working with specialised scientific equipment and learning from scientists deepened our knowledge of the topic. Our class enjoyed our time there, specifically when we collaborated to discover solutions to issues regarding pathogens in cattle.*



*Eriayo - I really enjoyed applying the theory we've learned in class in a practical way. It was a great opportunity to visualise the various steps of the immune response in cows to pathogens. We also had the chance to work closely with scientists and have a taste of what it would be like to professionally work in a lab. Overall, it was a very informative and enriching experience.*

*Shania - My experience at GTAC was great, as I was able to work with my peers to enhance my understanding of various biology topics. I enjoyed working with a practising scientist to develop my understanding of the Humoral response to a pathogen. I had lots of fun and feel more confident with this area of study.*

*Amelia - I enjoyed my experience at GTAC. We learned how to determine what bacteria had caused a cow's disease and what antibiotics should be used to treat it. We also learned a lot about vaccines and analysed the blood samples of three different calves.*

## HONORING ANZAC

### Zoe, College Captain

It was a privilege to be able to honor the ANZACs at a commemorative service at Bundoora Extended Care. In our capacity as College Captains, we were able to hand various community representatives wreaths which they then laid in memory of the ANZACs. We also had the opportunity to talk with various leaders in the community such as individuals on the defence force. The service included readings of poetry, speeches and the laying of wreaths to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. Lest we forget.



# MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

During Week 8 of this term, students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be sitting midyear examinations. The Year 9 students will complete midyear examinations for English and Mathematics. Year 10 students will be completing midyear examinations 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 at Northside Christian College, which means they will also complete these examinations.

The purpose of the 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 in and out at the College Reception during the exam week. 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. No Unit 1 or Unit 3 VCE classes will be scheduled at

Northside Christian College on Wednesday, 9th June as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

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 9th 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 few weeks checking that their classwork is up to date and is organised in a logical manner.

Year 9, 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.

## SENIOR SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### Mr Michael Bond, Head of Secondary

#### OPTIONAL VCE WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There are a number of organisations that offer winter school programs to assist Senior School students with preparing for Unit 2 and 4 studies. These are optional activities that students may want to investigate to build on their learning at this point in the year. Furthermore, these programs can assist in preparing for end-of-year examinations.

#### Access Education

Venue: Zoom Webinar

The Access Education Mid-Year Lectures are a unique and comprehensive program between Monday 28th June - Friday 2nd July 2021 in Bundoora at La Trobe University. For more information about this opportunity to prepare for Semester 2, please refer to <https://www.accesseducation.com.au/Event-Program/107/mid-year-lectures-2021>



#### TSFX Winter School

Venue: Interactive, Live-Streamed Online Lectures

The winter break gives Unit 3 students the opportunity to attend the TSFX winter school program to get ahead in a time-efficient manner and revise Unit 3 course materials. For more information, please refer to <https://www.tsfx.edu.au/vce/programs/available-programs/winter-school/>

# Term 2 Enrolment Update

Ms Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

## Secondary Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that Northside has revised its Secondary Scholarship program from 2022 onwards. Our College now offers the following scholarships to students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

### Secondary Academic Scholarship General Excellence Scholarship

Students entering Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are also welcome to apply for the following scholarship:

### Christian Leadership Scholarship

Scholarships for students entering Year 7 will be for a period of six (6) years, and for those students entering Year 10, the scholarship will be for a duration of three (3) years. The scholarship amount is up to 70% off the tuition fees for each year.

For further information regarding our scholarships and to download application forms, please visit our [website](#) or contact the College at [scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au).

Please also see [page 11](#) of this publication for more information.

**Applications for scholarships close Friday 4th June 2021**

## Prep 2023

Northside is currently accepting applications for Prep 2023. Families that have children due to commence Prep in 2023 are encouraged to submit their enrolment applications this year. Application numbers are increasing and it will be helpful for the College to know how many of our existing families require a place in Prep 2023. Interviews will still be held in 2022.

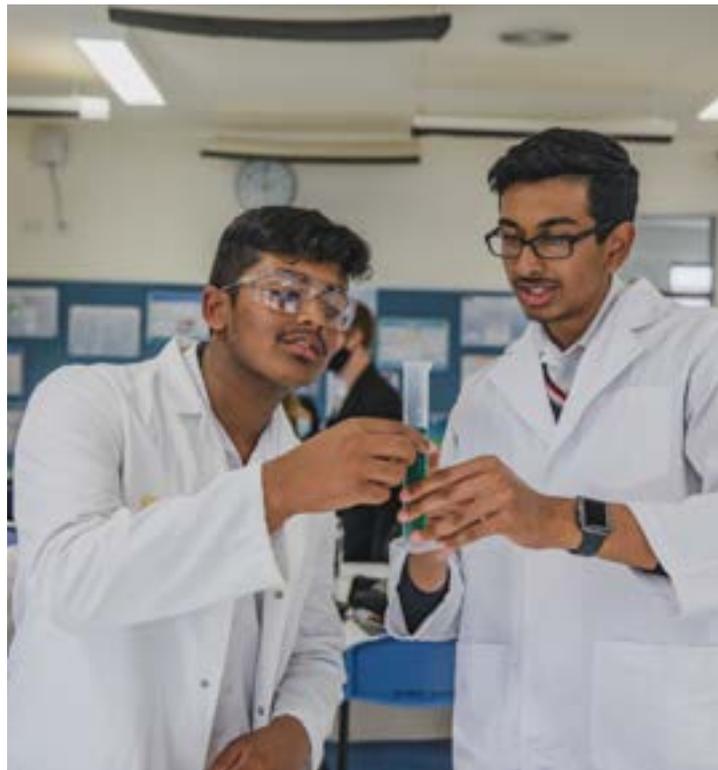
Enrolment applications are available at the College Reception and via our [website](#).

## Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 have now closed and interviews are almost complete. Existing families cannot be guaranteed a place in Prep 2022 if they have not applied for a place already. If you have missed the Prep 2022 application cut-off, please immediately contact the Enrolments Officer at [enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au).

## Students on Visas

If your child's VISA status has changed in the last 12 months, please provide a copy of their new VISA to our Reception team, in person or by email to [enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au).



## Winter Uniform

All students are required to wear the full Winter uniform during Terms 2 & 3. Secondary School students are reminded that they need to wear their blazer to and from school every day.



## Second Hand Uniforms

College families have the opportunity to sell their second hand uniforms directly to other families via the Facebook group [NCC Second Hand Uniforms and Textbooks Buy, Swap Sell](#).

Please ensure you read the group rules; only NCC uniforms and textbooks may be sold in this group. NCC provides the platform for the sale of second hand NCC uniforms and textbooks, but these sales and purchases are directly between families, not with NCC.



## Scholarship Information

Northside Christian College now offers the following scholarships to students entering Year 7 and Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

- Academic Scholarship
- General Excellence Scholarship
- Christian Leadership Scholarship

### Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 7 or 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Academic Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- High academic achievement measured by the scholarship exam;
- Evidence of previous academic results, including school reports, awards and references; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for an Academic Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed application, including provide supporting documents and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**;

### General Excellence Scholarship

General Excellence Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 7 or 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. General Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Displays special talents or interests in a broad range of areas, including but not limited to, the physical environment, sports, music or art; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for a General Excellence Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed application, including provide supporting documents and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**;
- Attach at least one written reference from the student's school, mentor, community organisation or club in support of the student's suitability to be awarded a scholarship; and
- Attend an interview with the Principal and Director of Learning if invited to.

### Christian Leadership Scholarship

Christian Leadership Scholarships are open to current and prospective students entering Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Christian Leadership Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to the Christian faith;
- Regular and active involvement in a local Church;
- Commitment to personal integrity and Christian character; and an
- Interview with the Principal and Director of Learning.

All students applying for the Christian Leadership Scholarship must:

- Submit a completed Christian Leadership Scholarship application, including all required supporting documents outlined in the application and the application fee, by the closing date, **Friday 4th June 2021**.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from their Church pastor or minister; and
- Attend an interview with the Principal and Director of Learning if invited to.

### Key Dates

Applications for all scholarships must be received by **Friday 4th June 2021**.

The Academic Scholarship Examination will be held on **Wednesday 16th June 2021**.

There is no examination for the General Excellence Scholarship or Christian Leadership Scholarship.

Students who have been shortlisted for an interview with the Principal will be advised in **July 2021**.

### Eligibility

Students who are Australian citizens, permanent residents or on funded temporary VISAs are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Current and prospective students entering Year 7 or Year 10 in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are eligible to apply.

Students can only hold one scholarship at any one time.

Late applications will not be eligible.

### Inclusions

Each scholarship gives a discount of up to 70% off the tuition fees. The percentage is at the discretion of the Principal. Scholarships do not cover the cost of school uniforms, books and stationery, camps, extra-curricular activities or other fees and levies.

### Duration

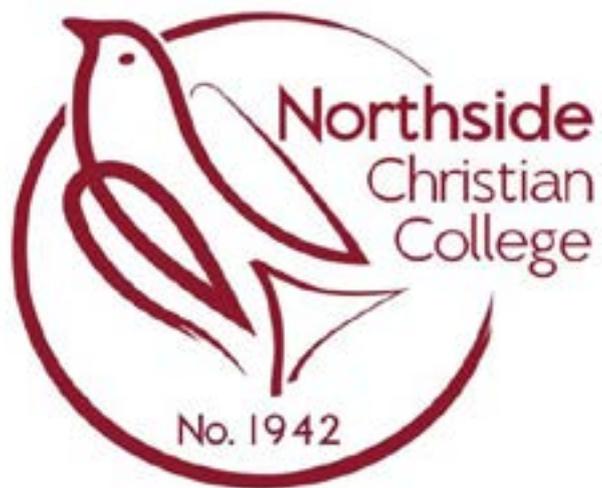
Scholarships awarded to students entering Year 7 will be for a duration of six (6) years.

Scholarships awarded to students entering Year 10 will be for a duration of three (3) years.

The College will seek reimbursement of the value of the tuition fees that were discounted under the scholarship for the period enrolled where the student leaves the College prior to completing Year 12.

### Further Information

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarships Co-ordinator on 9467 2499 or by email to [scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@ncc.vic.edu.au)



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