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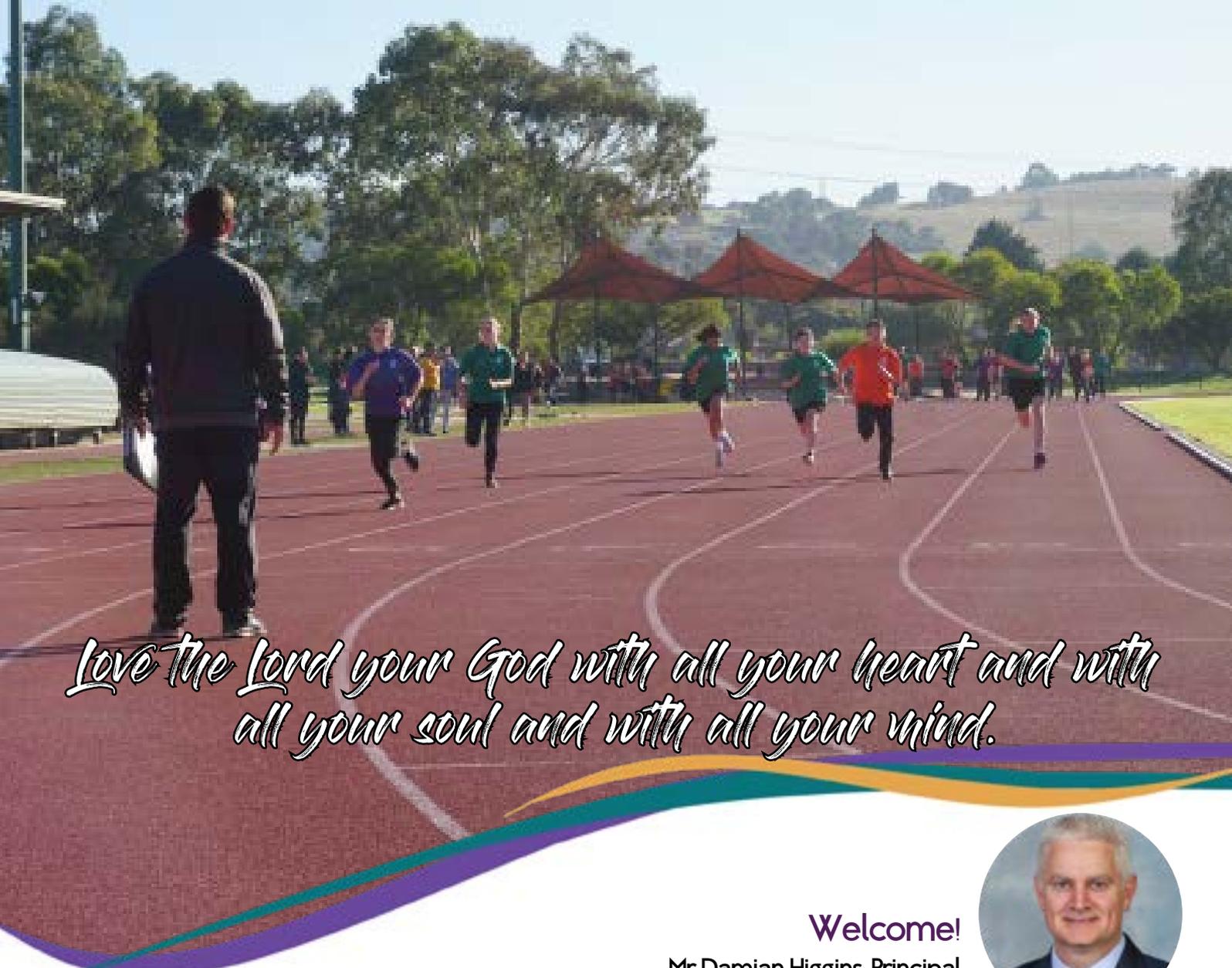


2021 Term 2, Issue 5



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



We have arrived at the midpoint of the year and I am sure you will agree that some rest is in order after an unusual, somewhat disrupted but, nevertheless, busy term.

A highlight for me was our wonderfully successful Athletics Carnival and it is unlikely we will forget it with the amazing weather that accompanied us at the track and field that day. What made this event so enjoyable was the way in which we could gather again after so long being apart. So many parents and helpers came along to make this a truly memorable community event. I hope we can enjoy an increasing number of these community experiences in the second half of the year.

The last 12 to 18 months have been quite extraordinary. You will struggle to find a person alive today who could speak of a similar time in history quite like what we have all experienced. Many of us have lost loved ones as a result of the global pandemic and an even greater number have been unable to see family and friends overseas for quite some time. The one constant

through all of the events of this last year and a half is our loving Father, the creator of all things. His presence never leaves us, and His love is more powerful than we can imagine. There may well be more twists and turns in the road ahead of us but, with the knowledge that God is with us, we must continue as a community to love God and love others. These are the two greatest commandments that we are given as written in the Gospel of Matthew 22:37 where Jesus says, **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”** I pray that, as we take some time away from school over the next two weeks, we can return in mid-July refreshed and ready to not only continue our adventure in learning but also draw closer as a community as we seek to share God’s love with everyone we meet.

Grace & Peace

Middle School Request for Art Supplies

The Art Room is in need of old newspapers and cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls). If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them at Reception or give to Ms Westland.



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

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th
June

Year 9 Virtual City Challenge

Friday 25th June

Last Day of Term 2 - standard
finishing time

Term 3

Wednesday 14th July

All students return for Term 3

Monday 19th July

Online Whole School Assembly

Thursday 22nd July

Year 10-12 Parent Student Teacher
Interviews

Friday 23rd July

Girls in Physics Day

Monday 26th - Tuesday 27th July

BOOST Year 10 Camp

Tuesday 27th July

2022 Year 7 Information Night

Friday 30th Saturday 31st July

Year 2 Sleepover & Breakfast

Thursday 5th August

100 Days of Prep

Thursday 5th - Saturday 7th

August

Year 9 Community Challenge

Friday 6th August

Year 7 2022 Applications Close
Shool Principals' Day

2021 Premiers' Reading Challenge

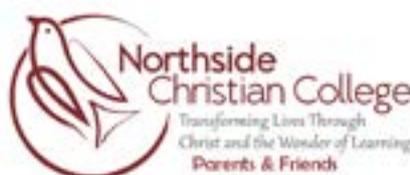


Launching from Monday 31st May 2021!

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is off to a great start this year with 1558 books being read across the Primary School in only three weeks! Books from home, borrowed from friends or libraries, and even new books bought to add to your own collection can all be added to your totals, and the winter school holidays are a great time to catch up on your reading.

If you have any queries about the Challenge, please feel free to contact Mrs Marsh at cmarsh@ncc.vic.edu.au or Miss Skerry at rskerry@ncc.vic.edu.au.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE OVAL?

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

We keep looking for ways to help pick-up and drop-off times go as smoothly as possible. One project we have completed recently is to add an additional gravel car park for staff use around the far end of the oval. This area of the grounds was used minimally and now accommodates 10 staff cars. By creating this new parking area, there is now more space for pick-up and drop-off in the main car park.



Please remember when you enter the car park to never drive more than 10km/h and to follow the instructions of the staff on duty as they are there to ensure the safety of students and families.



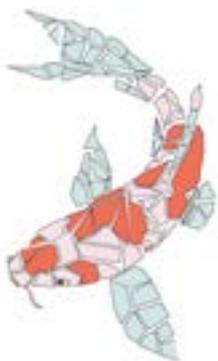
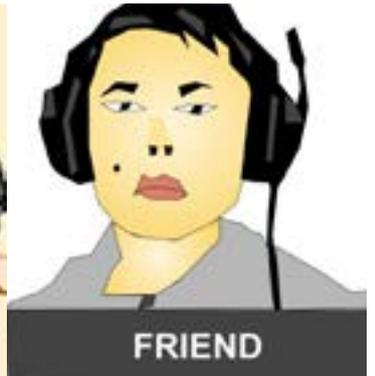
DIGITAL ART

Ms Jo Westland, Art Teacher

Students in Years 5-8 have been creating digital art using the program Google Draw.

The Year 7/8 portraits are based on Northside Christian College's 2021 theme, 'Stand'. Students were tasked with choosing a word that represented what they valued or felt they would take a stand for.

Other Year 7/8 students created Pop Art digital artworks based on their favourite snacks. Pop artists of the past wanted to challenge what society valued by turning everyday objects into works of art. As Christians, God wants us to value very different things to that which the world or society would like us to value.



SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

Leila, Year 12

This year's formal was a fantastic event. From the giant arch entrance to the extravagant feather table settings, the decorations transported the Senior School back into the 1920s for a great night. The venue was excellent, supplying both the delicious food and the beautiful room. It was really fun using the 20s themed photo booth with its props, and all the students had a blast dancing on the floor. The outfits were spectacular, making it hard to choose the winner of best dressed, and it was especially good when we crowned our formal royalty. Overall it was a great night and we can't wait to see what is done for formal next year.



INSPIRE ~ Maths Masterclasses

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

We have had the great privilege of having visiting Maths educator and expert Kathy Harrison (GiftEd for Life) running Maths masterclasses for some of our burgeoning mathematicians this term. These masterclasses, based on the Mathscraft pedagogy, have engaged our keen mathematicians in exploring how Maths can be used to communicate, collaborate, problem solve, discuss creative and various strategies at arriving at solutions, and most importantly, have FUN!

The process students were taken on helped to develop their skills in thinking like a research mathematician:

Do

Notice

Describe what you see

Form conjectures

Test, Generalise

Convince BAD (Beyond All Doubt) - prove

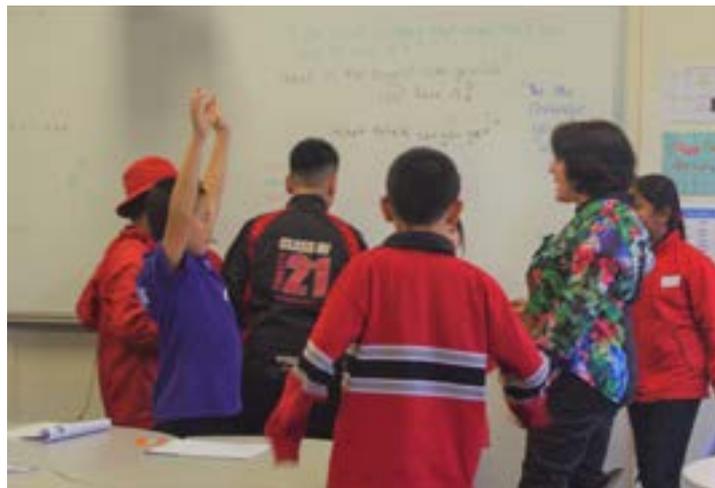
Think Beyond - problem pose.



Students in Year 3 - 9 thoroughly enjoyed playing with numbers through activities like multiple digit algorithms, strategising (Race to the Nugget), combinations of numbers (Noisy Neighbours, Domino Donuts).

Year 1 - 3 students can look forward to their masterclass at some stage after we return to face to face learning.

Many thanks to Mrs Metcalfe who contributed to making these masterclasses such a success!



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ART COMPETITION

Earn points for your House by entering this competition!

Show us your dynamic style and creative flair!

All students P-12 and Teachers can enter!

Theme: Stand

Art Competition

The NCC Art Competition is now open for submissions from students in Prep-Year 12 and staff.

Theme: STAND

Categories: Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Digital Drawing

Ends: Friday 25th June 2021

Each Category winner will receive a prize and points for their House.

Please submit entries to apaterno@ncc.vic.edu.au or your class / homegroup teacher. Entry forms available from apaterno@ncc.vic.edu.au

STEAM BRIDGES

Larry, Year 5

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. In STEAM this week, we had to make a bridge. However, there were only a set amount of items we could use. We all started off with \$18 and every item you got would cost this "money". You could get felt, a little card, a big card, cups, cupcake cups, cardboard, lids and straws. Each item cost a different amount of money. The challenge was to build a bridge that has to be free-standing (nothing stuck on the table) and to complete it in 30 minutes. The bridge also had to hold matchbox cars ... the more the better!

Once the 30 minutes passed, we all got together and watched as each group tested out their bridge. In the end, Group 8 won. Their bridge held 18 cars and was made of cups, straws, cardboard and felt. It had an interesting triangular shape.

In conclusion, this was a very fun challenge to do, and I personally highly recommend it.



TUNING INTO KIDS: PARENTING PROGRAM

Russell and Melanie Moore (Christian Counsellors) present the popular parenting program, Tuning Into Kids. Thursday nights for six weeks: 15th July, 22nd July, 29th July, 5th August, 12th August, 19th August

Time: 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Location: Online

Cost: \$50 per person (\$30 per person for Healthcare card holders)

To register: melanie@bestlifecounselling.net.au

For more information please see the attached information, email Melanie or click on the following link: <https://www.bestlifecounselling.net.au/blog/tuning-into-kids>



WELLBEING - BUILDING RESILIENCY

Mrs Heather Cootee, Head of Wellbeing



At the beginning of Term 2, the Year 8 students participated in their 'Discover Me' Resiliency Day.

The focus of the day was on Purpose, Identity and Passion and was organised and coordinated by your Wellbeing Team.

The Day Included:

- ~ An online presentation from Nick Vujcic, which was very powerful and moving. He covered the impact of bullying, and reminded us that we are all valuable and our lives have purpose.
- ~ Outdoor initiative and team building games.
- ~ A reflective activity demonstrating 'What you do' is different to 'Who you are'

The Planet Boom speakers arrived at lunchtime, when pizza was provided for the students.

Planet Boom engaged with the students through games and sharing their own challenges, how they responded to them and the part God has played in their journeys to date.

Various presentations and activities were delivered by the Wellbeing Team.

Overall, it was a fun and reflective day for all.



Volunteer Induction and Parent Helper Training

Northside Christian College is most grateful for the support of our parents and volunteers. We have 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. 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. 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>

COLOURFUL SCIENCE

Mrs Serene Eng

For Science this term, the Year 2 students have been learning about mixtures. We read ingredients on packages and discussed whether these ingredients can be separated.

This week, we conducted an experiment using Skittles (or M&Ms) and the students marvelled at how the food colouring on the Skittles created beautiful patterns when water was poured on them. Students learned the process of making a hypothesis using their prior knowledge (which colour will dissolve the fastest, hot/cold water will accelerate the dissolving stage), practised patience while waiting for the colours to dissolve and exercised their creativity when they arranged the Skittles. Pictured are some of the patterns that the Year 2 students designed.



Northside Christian College *From the Air*

At the end of March this year, our Property Manager, Mr Stephen Nelson, arranged to have aerial photographs taken of the College. It's amazing how different things can look from another perspective!

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

(Isaiah 55:8-9.) Be encouraged today - God is in control, even when we don't understand the circumstances.

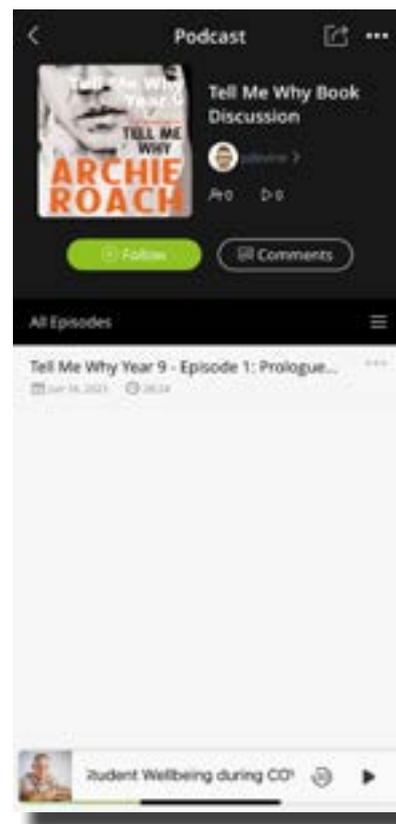


YEAR 9 PODCASTS

Mr Patrick Devine, Secondary English Teacher

As part of our English studies in Year 9 this term and next, the students are recording a podcast, reviewing and discussing each chapter from the text and publishing them to our own Podbean channel. The first episode "Tell Me Why Year 9 - Episode 1: Prologue and Chapter 1" was published on Wednesday 17th June. Parents, families, students, or anyone who is interested in tuning in, a new episode will be released each school week of Term 3. This edition of the text was released in March this year and our Year 9 students have already begun collaborating and sharing their learning with our friends at Wongutha Christian Aboriginal School in Western Australia - an indigenous boarding school we have been blessed to visit each year prior to COVID. If you are thinking about picking up an autobiography to read about the first-hand experiences of the impacts of the Stolen Generations, you might be swayed to this text by our students' reviews.

You can tune in via the Podbean app, or go to tellmewhyyear9.podbean.com/

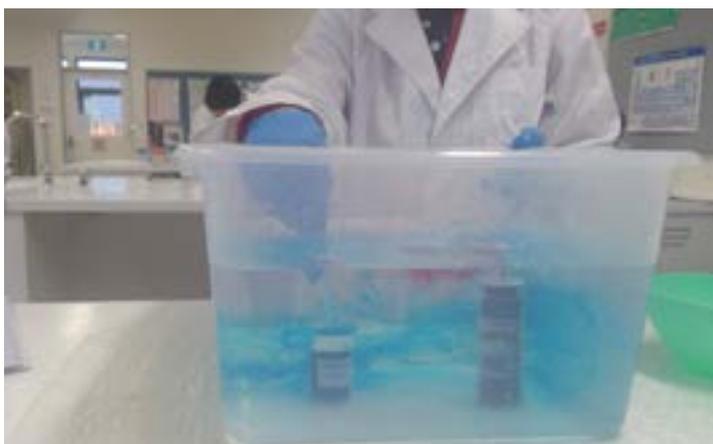
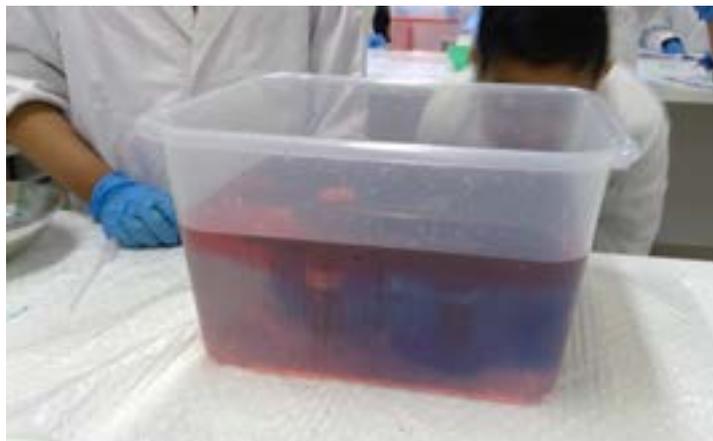


YEAR 8 SCIENCE

Ms Teresa Connelly and Ms Reena Thomas, Secondary Science Teachers

This term in Year 8, Science students have been learning about the physics of energy, how energy is transferred and transformed. During the term, students engaged in a number of experiments to investigate the movement of energy through different materials; in particular, how energy in the form of heat transfers through liquids and gasses. Using different coloured food dye in herb jars (one with hot water, one cold), lowered carefully into a large tub of room-temperature water, students were able to get a clear demonstration of the way convection works to distribute heat through liquids and gasses.

Other topics in this unit include looking at energy efficiency, with the aim of trying to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to help keep those home energy bills as low as possible!



Term 2 Enrolment Update

Ms Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

Prep 2023

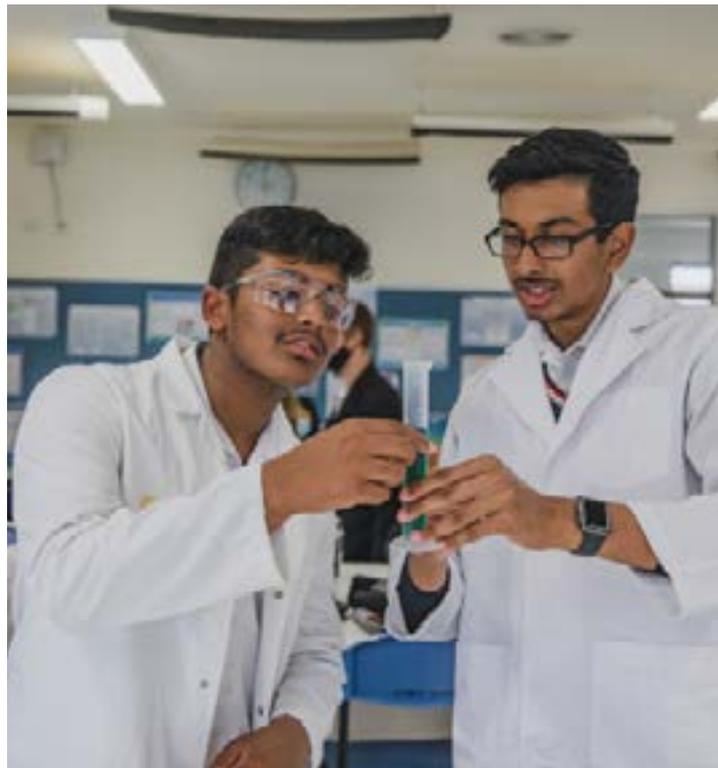
Northside is currently accepting applications for Prep 2023. Families that have children due to commence Prep in 2023 are encouraged to submit their enrolment applications this year. Enrolment applications are available at the College Reception and via our website..

Prep 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 have now closed and places have been filled. If any existing family has not submitted a Prep 2022 application, please contact the Enrolments Officer at enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. As Prep 2022 places have now been filled, existing families cannot be guaranteed a place for Prep next year.

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.



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.

Secondary girls now have two Winter uniform options:

Option 1: College skirt (knee length), white long-sleeved shirt, College tie, College blazer, black College jumper, black tights or black knee high socks, black leather lace up school shoes. Black bike shorts, no longer than the length of the dress, to be worn for extra warmth and modesty.

Option 2: College pinstripe slacks, white long-sleeved blouse, College tie, College blazer, black College jumper, black socks, black leather lace-up school shoes.

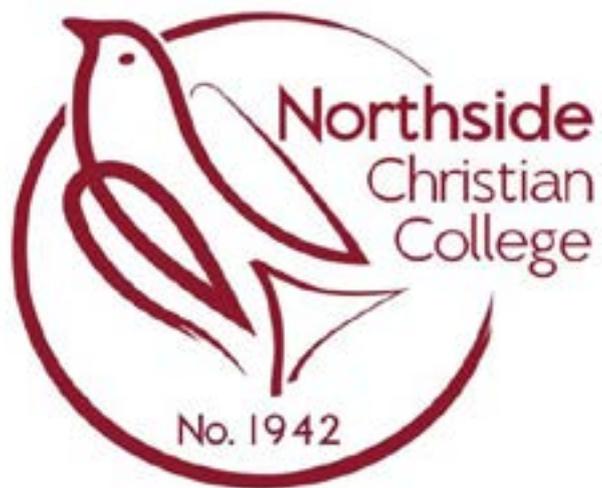


Capital Building Improvements - Tax Deductible Donations

Facilities play a role in the delivery of learning experiences. Inspiring learning spaces, multi-purpose communal areas, arts and sporting facilities need to be created, maintained and improved.

We seek to engage with alumni, current families, friends and corporate donors who wish to help us implement our Capital Projects Plan. If you are considering a tax deductible gift to Northside Christian College's building program before **30 June 2021**, please contact the Accounts Office on 9467 2499.

All voluntary school buildings donations are tax deductible. *Thank you.*



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