

The Vine



2021 Term 4, Issue 2



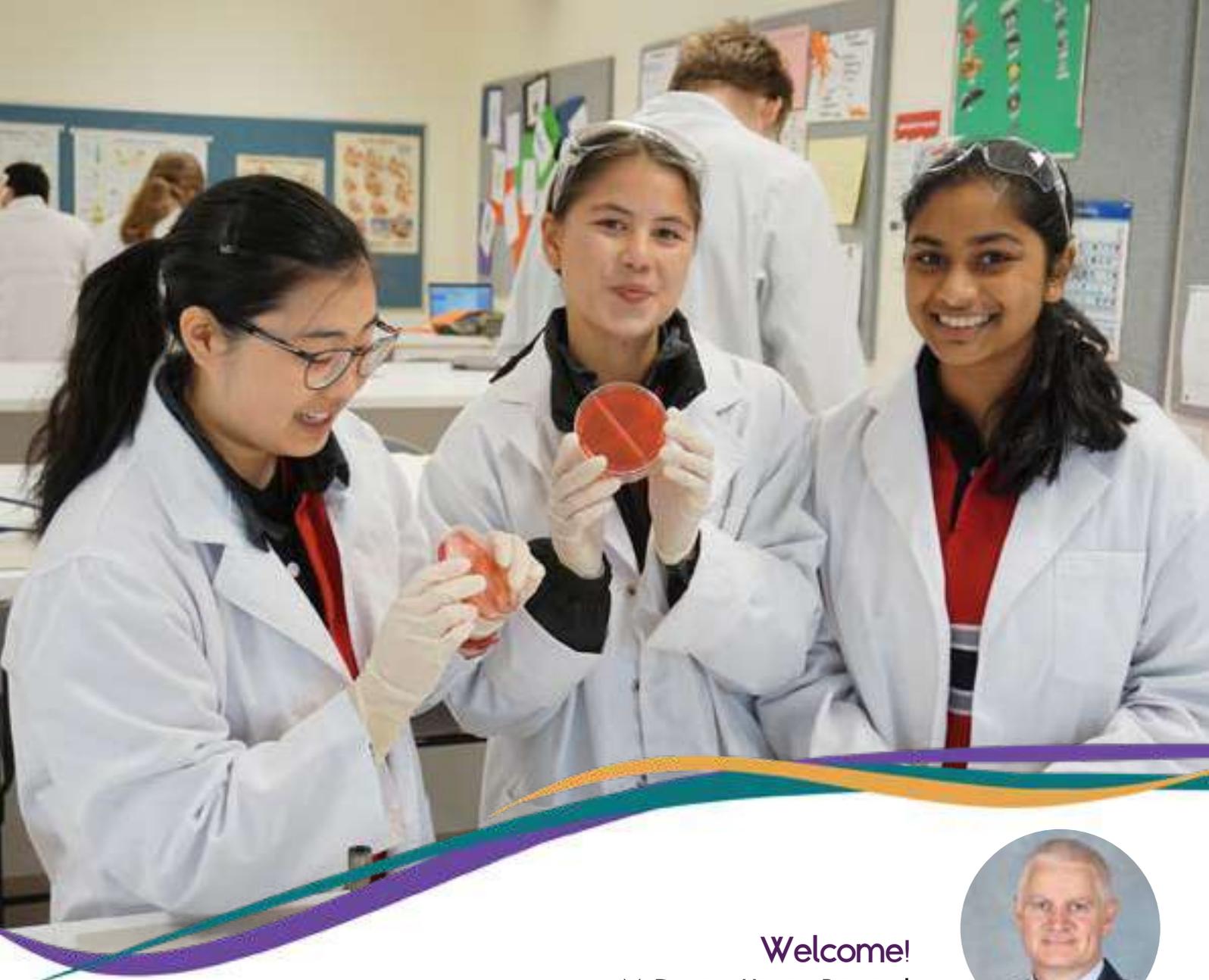
*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.*

Psalms 95: 1-3



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning



Welcome!
Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

Students and staff returned to the College last week for what we hope will be a long-lasting period of time. We can now share the final few weeks of Term 4 together. These will be my final few weeks as Principal of Northside Christian College. The past 4 years have been a wonderful experience as I have got to know many of you who make up our special College community. I hope I have been able to make a small deposit into people's lives. I can say with absolute certainty that so many of you have made a significant deposit into mine and I will carry the spirit of NCC with me into the next season of my life. Although the last 18 months has been very restrictive on how much time we can spend together in person, we still have so many testimonies of how we have been able to impact each other's lives positively through these limited interactions.

I have been reflecting recently on how God draws close to us and STANDS with us, sharing in all of our joys and sorrows. This is illustrated so clearly in the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In the Gospel of John, we

pick up the story with Jesus saying, **"Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!"** (John 11:34-37).

It is so encouraging to me to read this and realise that although Jesus knew what was going to happen next and that Lazarus would be alive again in less than half an hour, he stood with the mourners and shared in their pain and sorrow. This story speaks of a God who is so powerful that nature bows to Him but, at the same time, it speaks of a God who feels our pain with us. I am so glad that God is both these things.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we can learn from this. As we return to face-to-face learning together, we can share each other's joys and sorrows and also know deep in our hearts that, no matter what the circumstances, God has a wonderful and eternal future for each and every one of us.

Grace and Peace

2021 Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 4th October -
Tuesday 7th December

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th October -
Wednesday 17th November

Unit 3/4 VCE Exams

Thursday 28th October

Prep 2022 Information Evening

Friday 29th October

World Teachers Day

Monday 1st November - Tuesday
2nd November

Mid-term Break

Wednesday 3rd November

All year levels return to onsite
learning

Monday 8th November

Whole School Online Assembly

Prep Orientation Day - Mingle
Morning

Wednesday 10th November

Prep - Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Prep - Year 4 Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 16th November

Prep Orientation Day 2

Wednesday 17th November

Prep - Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Monday 22nd November

Whole School Online Assembly

Please note: These dates & events are
subject to public health advice and
epidemiological conditions.

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.



Cambodia Mission Fundraiser

You will all agree that 2021 has been a challenging year! Sadly, due to lockdowns and restrictions, we could not run our annual mission fundraiser or plan an overseas mission trip. As a result, we have not raised any funds for the Cambodian school that Northside Christian College supports financially. We are putting the call out for anyone who is interested in making a donation towards the Cambodia Mission Project ([flyer on page 12](#)). Donations will be gladly received for this very important mission project:

BSB: 013 243

Account: 833 020 276

Account Name: Northside Christian College

Reference: Cambodia Mission Donation

Thank you in advance.



IT'S TIME TO PACK SOME CHRISTMAS LOVE!

See [page 11](#) for details on how you can be involved with Operation Christmas Child in 2021!



BACK IN THE KITCHEN!



Mrs Roshel Ravida, Home Economics teacher

The Year 10 Food Studies elective students were very excited to be back in the kitchen cooking dhal with garlic flatbreads. They have been studying wet and dry cooking methods, so we were able to put both into practice with this recipe. Amazing aromas of cumin, turmeric and curry wafted throughout the Home Economics room as they followed this recipe, demonstrated wonderful teamwork and produced a delicious meal.



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.



INSPIRE ~ Science Talent Search Success in 2021!

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

Our budding scientists worked extremely hard throughout Semester 1 to complete scientific investigations, many of which centred around this year's topic Food: Different by Design. I am pleased to announce that as a result of the excellent work our students have done this year, Northside Christian College has been awarded a Peter Craig School Award for outstanding entries across a breadth of categories. With 29 projects entered across Primary and Secondary, our students showed impressive scientific skill development and it was a joy to see their finished projects. They received outstanding results: 6 Major Bursaries (major money prize), 5 Minor Bursaries (minor money prize), 10 Distinctions and 7 Merits.

Special mention goes to Harry in Year 5, whose invention of an automatic flood prevention device for cars has been entered into the National BHP Billiton Future Science and Engineering Awards 2021! This is the third year in a row Harry has had an invention entered into this prestigious award.

Congratulations, Science Talent Search participants and award winners! We look forward with great anticipation to next year's competition.

Major Bursary:

Julian A, Year 2: Game - Protect the Pollinators!

Aarav B, Year 2: Creative Writing - Farming in the City: Farmer Joe and Lego World

Amelia N, Year 3: Poster - How do Bees Help the World?

Mikha T, Year 5: Experimental Research: Enhancing the Rate of Composting of Organic Waste

Harry C, Year 5: Invention - Automatic Flood Prevention Device for Cars

Harry C, Year 5: Computer Program - Power Plant Tycoon

Minor Bursary:

Shaygan H, Year 2: Poster - Growing Grapes on Mars

Aylaa A, Year 4: Creative Writing - I Can't Believe It's Not Meat!

Gideon C, Year 4: Poster - Could We Grow Food on Mars?

Rachel W, Year 5: Poster - Can We Grow Radishes on Mars?

Victor Z, Year 5: Computer Program - Motion and Gravity Made Easy



MAKING PANCAKES!

Mrs Matilda Holden, Primary Teacher

To celebrate coming back to school soon, the Year 1H students came together on Zoom to cook and eat pancakes together! We were flipping, cooking and eating pancakes together while talking about our favourite toppings. Some students love jam or maple syrup, others love icecream and chocolate toppings! No one thought that vegemite should go on pancakes, even though Mrs Holden's dad thinks this is the best topping!

I want to say a massive thank you to all the families that got involved in our pancake day! Everyone loved being able to cook and eat together. If you are looking for something to do with your children this week - organise a Zoom cooking day with a friend! The Year 1s from my class would totally recommend this!



Wellbeing - Nurturing Predictability



Mrs Heather Cootee, Head of Wellbeing

There's much to be said for predictability.

Recently, I was chatting to someone about when our children attended playgroup. Each Monday, Wednesday or Friday we would meet together at the hall attached to a local Baptist Church. It was in a small country town and nestled in foothills among some beautiful deciduous trees. Their vibrant colours were magnificent during autumn, and provided welcome shade during summer. It was so picturesque and the perfect place to meet together.

We looked forward to catching up with other mums or dads to share bits of our week while our children socialised. They were joyful times and hilarious stories were shared while watching a bunch of toddlers and pre-schoolers create more funny tales! We were reminded of a time when we were as carefree as our children. They enjoyed their freedom to play, to learn and enjoy each other's company. They knew what to expect when they reached the hall's wooden front door. They couldn't see through it to know what was going on inside, but it didn't matter. The experience was predictable. They knew they were coming to a safe and nurturing environment which encouraged learning. They came to understand that, although learning to get along with others was challenging and tiring, it was worth the effort because it was fun. The same applies within our College. As your young ones return to school you can be assured that, like the playgroup described, they will return to a safe place of predictability.



I recently heard the following, 'Predictability brings Stability' and 'Unpredictability equates to Risk'. They were used in different arenas and both caught my attention. When our children know what to expect, they are less likely to be hypervigilant than when they are entering a 'risky' situation. They are better equipped to face challenges. Where routines and structure are in place - not to hem them in, but to allow them to thrive within needed boundaries - a sense of safety can follow. Now, more than ever, our students need this.

*The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.
Proverbs 18:10*

As your young people embark on a return to onsite learning, I would encourage you to consider the predictability of your home and the routines you build within it to assist in their transition. Be their safe place. Remember, you will all be tired. You will no doubt see meltdowns and maybe even have some of your own. They are expected and reasonable. Be self-compassionate. Having clear routines will help. Be there for each other. Allow time to share how you all feel, to regain your unique stability.

Years ago, a group of children found safety in a Playgroup hall. This was a wonderful season. Proverbs 18:10 reminds us that God wants us to feel safe and to know that we are safe with Him. 'The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.' He is strong and because He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, He provides predictability and safety in every season. Your College is always endeavouring to do the same.

I am grateful and privileged to be a part of Northside Christian College, where God underpins everything we do. He is everywhere. He is called upon and He is with us. He is our protector and gracious Father. I am thankful that we can feel safe because of His love and predictability.

Celebrating Our Values

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

This semester, the College is recognising students who actively demonstrate the College's Core Values by presenting certificates at our fortnightly assemblies. As part of our commitment to maintaining a positive learning environment, teachers are actively looking for students who exhibit acts of Hope, Faith, Love, Community, Service, Grace, Humility, Perseverance, and Integrity. We anticipate that by celebrating authentic expressions of our Core Values, we will create a greater awareness of our values within our College community and continue to develop a school culture with shared values.

We congratulate our Term 4, Week 2 recipients of these awards and look forward to recognising many students in the months ahead.



"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

*Manxin (Prep) for demonstrating **Perseverance** in learning by being attentive and engaged during her lesson introductions, and completing all tasks.*



*Genesis (Year 7) for displaying her **Faith** in her work during Remote Learning, and for being an encouragement to others.*



*Hannah (Year 6) for displaying **Integrity** by having a strong, positive work attitude in her learning both at school and when at home. Hannah, is dependable and follows through with all her tasks. She is also open and honest when communicating with others.*



ENROLLING IN PREP?

Ms Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

Prep 2023

Norhside 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.



YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY

Leila, Year 12

Celebration Day 2021 was a really special time for all of the Year 12 students. Although it didn't look the way we had first imagined, it turned out to be a great event. We decorated the VCE Study Room with an ocean theme, to carry on past traditions of decorating the school. Mrs Venegas organised our last game of volleyball together - the favourite sport of the 2021 graduates. I especially loved seeing the staff dressed up ready for the beach - we really appreciate their support throughout this challenging year. Seeing them joining in on the fun made the day a lot more special. Being able to celebrate together one last time was really meaningful to me, as it was to the whole class, and I'm grateful that we were able to end the year with a splash.



END OF YEAR EXAMS

We are praying for our Unit 3/4 students, who have commenced their end of year examinations. These exams will be conducted over a three week period.

Our Year 9, 10 and 11 students are encouraged to use the next few weeks as an opportunity to prepare well for their own upcoming end of year examinations. These exams are an important opportunity to demonstrate their learning in a broad range of subjects. Students are encouraged to speak with their subject teachers if they have any questions about the exam format or how to best study for their subjects.

VCE Exams Navigator 2021

Student information and the VCE examination timetable for 2021 are outlined in the [VCE Exams Navigator](#) document. This booklet has been sent out to all Victorian schools for distribution to students currently enrolled in a VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 - 4 sequence.

The booklet contains important information for students regarding VCE examinations including:

- Approved materials and equipment for VCE written examinations
- VCAA examination rules and their observance for the conduct of VCE examinations
- 2021 VCE examination timetable

- Advice for students presenting for Performance and Languages oral examinations and the Extended Investigation oral presentation

- Special Provision

- 2021 VCE Results and ATAR Service.

Year 9 - 11 Examinations

19th - 24th November 2021

The Year 9 - 11 examinations will commence on the 19th November 2021.

A copy of the [exam timetable](#) is available on the College website.



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, Sell, Swap](#). 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.

CHANGING SCHOOLS IN 2022?

Ms Tina Montero, Enrolments Officer

Leaving Northside?

If your child is not returning to Northside in 2022, the College must be notified by completing the formal Withdrawal Notice available at the College Reception or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. Families may be liable to pay one term's fees for any withdrawals received from today, as the forms were due by Thursday 16th September (last day of Term 3).



PACK SOME CHRISTMAS LOVE!

Mrs Lenna Waters, Director of Senior School Learning and Careers Coordinator

It's time to consider packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! Last year we were deep into lockdown and did not do this as a school. This year, please consider thinking of the children around the world who are in need, not only of some basic necessities but, also, of hearing about God's Love.

[Official Brochure](#)

[Official Brochure \(Chinese\)](#)



This year, you can build your boxes in two ways:

1. Order a pre-packed box online:

This year, [pre-packed boxes](#) can be ordered on the Samaritan's Purse website. This includes all items as well as postage/shipping. You can still share God's love with a child or two but you do not need to do the packing yourself; OR

2. Fill a physical box:

a) Place an order for your preprinted shoe boxes online at the same web address and I will deliver them to your door after school hours. Fill them up with lovely items as per the suggestions (see image);

b) Use a shoebox from home that fits on an A4 sheet of paper. Decorate the outside of the box together during Remote Learning! Ensure that all items in the box are new and fit into the categories: something to wear, something for school, something to love, something for hygiene, something special. Ensure that your box is full to the top or it will crush during shipping. See the shoebox requirements in the official brochure. Remember to put a \$10 donation in to each box to cover the cost of shipping and customs;

c) Call ahead and pick up pre-printed boxes from Reception.



The College is your drop off point for the boxes once they are filled. Please ensure that they are delivered to the school by 5th November 2021.

If you need further information or help, please contact Mrs Lenna Waters or Mrs Nicole Budiman on 9467 2499.

Happy Packing!

Resources are also available on the Samaritan's Purse website, such as [this colouring sheet/letter](#) to include with your shoebox.



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WE CAN READ, WE CAN WRITE

The Samaritan's Purse 'We Can Read, We Can Write' project is changing the lives of Cambodian children through vastly improved literacy and numeracy programs.

CAMBODIA

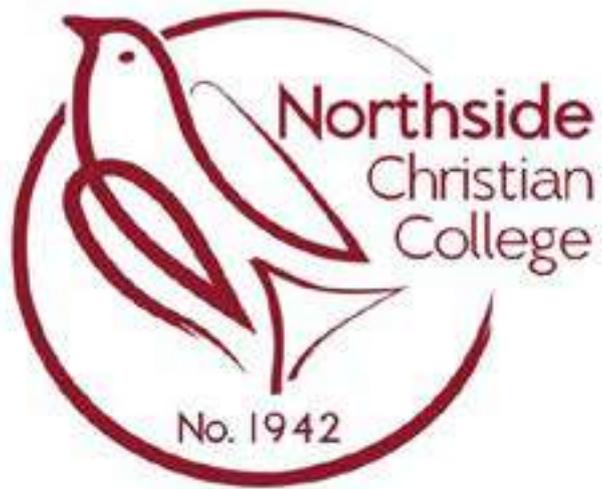
Educating children is a positive step towards reducing poverty. Good standards of education will build capacity for communities in Cambodia to support themselves for the future.



CHANGING LIVES

The 'We Can Read, We Can Write' project targets schools where teachers have not received any formal training. Your donation will help provide professional training for teachers and school leaders, as well as equip classrooms with up-to-date learning resources.

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