

The Vine



2020 Term 2, Issue I



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



Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

Our students are beginning to return to school and our College Newsletter is also now making its comeback after the lengthy break in onsite activity.

This week saw the return of our Prep and Year I students along with Year II and 12 students who are studying Unit 3 & 4 subjects for VCE. It is really great news that our students can now start returning, as we were originally anticipating that it would be Term 3 before the College would be fully open again.

There will be quite a few processes to get used to as we adapt to the "new normal" of life back on the College grounds. Physical distancing, regular hand washing and sanitation, staggered pick up times, no hugging or shaking hands when we greet each other and just generally behaving differently to what we have been used to in the past.

These big changes to the way we see things makes me think about the changes that must have been spoken about back in the early stages of the Church, when a whole new narrative came in to being following the death and resurrection of Jesus. Those early disciples didn't have the Bible that we all have in our houses and on our phones today. In particular, they didn't have the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament. I am sure they were just trying to figure out what had just happened and what it meant for their lives and passing on the story to their children and others who they met. It wasn't until around 50AD, according to biblical scholars, that Paul's letters started to arrive at their designated places starting with his letter to the Thessalonians. In this letter, Paul gave them wise and practical advice on how to live their lives with gratitude, grace and glory. This advice is still very relevant to us today as we seek to follow Christ in a world that has changed.

But before these letters, the early followers of Jesus Christ were living within something totally new. A story that was ultimately calling every person on the face of the Earth to be reconciled to God. Those early followers - and now we too today as the body of Christ - are called to ".....be Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us..."

In the world that we find ourselves today, amidst a global pandemic, it has never been more important for us to be alive and active in God's Big Story and to be His hands and feet as ambassadors of Christ to those around us..

Grace & Peace

Parents & Friends *News*



The Parents and Friends AGM will be held on Thursday 25th June 2020 at 9am by Zoom.

Participants are asked to register their details (name, mobile # & email) to lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au
Please RSVP by Thursday 18th June 2020.

2020 Term Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 15th April - Thursday 25th June

Term 3

Wednesday 15th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday 8th December



Diary Dates

Term 2

Monday 1st June

Return to School for Years 2 - 6, Year 11, Year 10 enrolled in a Unit 1/2 Subject 2021 Year 11 and 12 Information Night

Tuesday 2nd June

Family ISO Kahoot! Night 6:30 - 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home

Monday 8th June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday - Student Free Day

Tuesday 9th June

Return to school for Years 7-10 - Remote learning program ends

Wednesday 17th June

Year 10 Allwell Testing

Thursday 18th June

2021 Year 10 Information Night

Thursday 25th June

Last day of Term 2 for students - Normal dismissal times

Friday 26th June

Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

Term 3

Wednesday 15th July

Term 3 begins

Thursday 23rd July

Year 10 - 12 Parent Student Teacher Information Night

Camps & Excursions

Due to COVID-19, many of the College events, camps, excursions and incursions have had to be reviewed. We understand this is disappointing for students and may cause inconvenience to families as they try to plan ahead. Where possible, alternate dates have been chosen and these will be communicated via The Vine and other means with the aim of giving plenty of notice to families. Please be patient and understand that the College is making these decisions based upon student, staff and community safety while receiving advice from Government and Education Bodies that are relevant to us as an Independent School in Victoria.

SEQTA ENGAGE

Have you signed up?

Ms Liz Tsiros, Office Manager

In 2019 the College launched SEQTA Engage, a branch of our collaborative teaching, learning and communication ecosystem.

SEQTA Engage gives parents access to their child's timetables, homework tasks, due dates and upcoming assessment dates as well as important notification from the College.

SEQTA Engage replaces the traditional method of emails from the College and we thank all families that have set up their usernames and passwords already. The final step requires setting up the App on your phone or device.

You will need to install the SEQTA Engage App on your mobile device from the App Store or Google Play Store. This app will work on iOS and Android devices.

Instructions for setting up the App on your phone/device:

Select SEQTA Engage App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your device.

1. Hi there - select: >
2. Never miss a thing - select: >
3. Keep is secure - select: >
4. Got a code - select: >
5. Already logged in:
Add Account - select: **MANUAL SETUP**
URL: engage.ncc.vic.edu.au
6. Username: _____ (the username you set up)
Password: _____ (the password you set up).

Remember to turn on your Notifications in Settings.

Parents/guardians that have **forgotten or NOT set up their username and password**, please call the friendly staff at Reception on 9467 2499 and they will be able to direct your call.



Remote Learning

Inquiry Lesson

Ms Christie Vaughn,
Primary School Teacher

The Year 5/6 students have been learning about the function of the different types of weather equipment, such as a barometer, wind vane, rain gauge and anemometer in Inquiry lessons. This week, students had a go at constructing one these instruments at home.

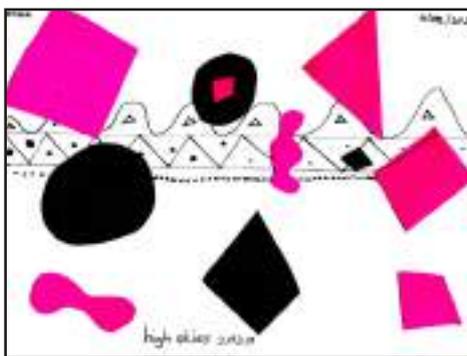


Art at Home

Mrs Antonietta Veljanovski, Visual Arts Primary Teacher

Year 3 & 4 Abstract Landscape Compositions, inspired by Alexander Calder.

These artworks were created at home during Remote Learning Week 3.



Prep-2 Flying Fish Mobiles inspired by Alexander Calder's art installations.

These artworks were created at home during remote learning Week 3.



Vision Prayer

Ms Christie Vaughn, Primary School Teacher

In Vision Prayer Jr., students examined some of the miracles that Jesus performed in the New Testament followed by some that the apostles saw happen. Students then discussed modern day miracles we have seen take place and learnt that miracles can and do still happen. Students were encouraged to continue to pray for things that feel impossible. As a take away, Zoe gave students a sticker to remind them about the miracles we can still see take place today.



238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown, 3074
 Mon to Fri 9am-5pm & Sat 9am-12pm
 Telephone orders: 03 9460 8011.
 Online ordering is available at www.academyuniforms.com.au.
School Login: Northside Christian College
Password: BUNDOORA
 Delivery options: Free delivery directly to the College every Friday during school term or next day \$10 home delivery available.

Northside Christian College uniforms are available for purchase from Academy Uniforms:

In preparation for your child's return to school-based learning, a reminder that all students are required to wear Winter Uniform. Academy Uniforms in Thomastown is fully stocked, adhering to social distancing and disinfecting all surfaces between sales while open with normal trading hours. Of course, on-line is available at all times.

In the last week they have had a large number of families visit their Thomastown store and in order to adhere to social distancing advise that there may be a long wait during busy times.

If you have any further questions, you are welcome to call the College on 03 9467 2499.

Northside Christian College - Years P - 6
Girls Winter Uniform - Terms 2 & 3

Appearance: Hair should be of natural colour, neat, tidy and off the face. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. All hair accessories including clips, bands, ties and ribbons should be plain black, red, white or grey, in line with the uniform colours. Strictly no make-up, jewellery or nail polish permitted.

White Long Sleeve School Shirt: Must be buttoned up to the top and neatly tucked in. Any singlets or t-shirts worn under the shirt must not be visible.

School Tie: Ties to be worn over the shirt as illustrated.

College Jacket: to be worn over the shirt.

Black Knee High Socks: to be worn. No other style, pattern or colour is permitted.

School Shoes: must be Black leather 1 bar or lace up shoes. Shoes must be polished and cleaned regularly.

Sports uniform: to be worn on specified day as instructed by the College in place of school uniform.

Red Wet Weather Jacket: can be worn all year round. The Summer Uniform and Sports Uniform cannot be interchanged or worn together.

Northside Christian College - Years P - 6
Boys Winter Uniform - Terms 2 & 3

Appearance: Boys should be neat and tidy. Hair must be natural colour, cut above the collar and off the face with no extreme hairstyles or shaving permitted.

White Long Sleeve School Shirt: Must be buttoned up to the top and neatly tucked in. Any singlets or t-shirts worn under the shirt must not be visible.

School Tie: Must be worn over the shirt at all times.

College Jacket: to be worn over the shirt as required.

Grey College Matching Trousers: must be worn. Primary Trousers have double knee and elastic back for ease.

School Bag: Black Backpack with white College logo only.

School Shoes: must be Black leather lace up shoes. Shoes must be polished and cleaned regularly.

Sports uniform: to be worn on specified day as instructed by the College in place of school uniform.

Red Wet Weather Jacket: can be worn all year round. The Summer Uniform and Sports Uniform cannot be interchanged or worn together.

Northside Christian College - Years 7 - 12
Girls Winter Uniform - Terms 2 & 3

Appearance: Hair should be of natural colour, neat, tidy and off the face. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. All hair accessories including clips, bands, ties and ribbons should be plain black, red, white or grey, in line with the uniform colours. Strictly no make-up, jewellery or nail polish permitted.

White Long Sleeve School Shirt: Must be buttoned up to the top and neatly tucked in. Any singlets or t-shirts worn under the shirt must not be visible.

College Jacket: to be worn over the shirt and under blazer when required.

College Blazer: must be worn to and from school, homework, assembly, chapel and on all excursions and formal occasions. The only exception is when sports uniform is required.

School Tie: must be worn over the shirt at all times. Except VCE students to wear plain Red VCE Tie with college logo.

Black Knee High Socks: to be worn. No other style, pattern or colour is permitted.

School Shoes: must be Black leather 1 bar or lace up shoes. Shoes must be polished and cleaned regularly.

Sports uniform: to be worn on specified day as instructed by the College in place of the uniform.

Red Wet Weather Jacket: can be worn all year round. The Summer Uniform and Sports Uniform cannot be interchanged or worn together.

Northside Christian College - Years 7-12
Boys Winter Uniform - Terms 2 & 3

Appearance: Boys should be neat, clean shaven. Hair must be buttoned up to the top and neatly tucked in. Any singlets or t-shirts worn under the shirt must not be visible.

White Long Sleeve School Shirt: Must be buttoned up to the top and neatly tucked in. Any singlets or t-shirts worn under the shirt must not be visible.

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Second Hand College Uniform

There is a noticeboard in the foyer outside Ms Natoli's Prep Room with ads for second hand uniform for sale.

If you are looking for a uniform item, you may find it here.

Please contact sellers directly.



Chappy Chat

Mr Jared Stocks, Chaplain

If there is one thing I have realised in the past 3 months, it's this: Times of struggle and uncertainty can bring amazing opportunities to get more creative. Although being a remote learner, teacher, worker, or even Chaplain, has had its challenges, in some ways it has also been an opportunity to reset; a chance to re-invent, re-generate and re-prioritise. Amazingly, even the earth has begun to regenerate! The air seems cleaner, the waterways clearer, and the trees greener.

I, personally, have enjoyed more face-to-face time with my wife and daughter, and reconnecting through phone calls and videoconferencing with family and friends. I didn't realise how much I had been missing time with my daughter, Lehti, until I dropped her at Day Care this week and suffered the absence of her interrupting me throughout the day!

My prayer is that we will find a way to keep the best parts of the past three months, as we return to the new "normal."

I hope that amongst all the fear in the media, you've also found ways to regenerate your faith with the Lord. I also hope you've learned to appreciate family, friends, loved ones, coffee shops, entertainment, and freedom to travel. May we never take these for granted again.

Before the lockdown, I was able to attend and help support a night of prayer in the city, and one of the guests of the night was an artist from the Salvation Army, whom I invited, Captain Jo Brookshaw. This event happened just after the bushfires, which had ravaged the nation. She painted this amazing painting and has given permission for it to be used.

Its all about regeneration. I feel it holds even more significance now. Out of the ashes, out of the shadows, God orchestrates a plan to regenerate, to rebuild, to reform. Moving forward, may we be eager to follow His plan and His design.



"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9 NIV



2020 Wellbeing

Fiona Dumitrache - Head of Student Wellbeing | Jared Stocks - Chaplain |
Phil Waters - Pastoral Care

We also work closely with the Learning Support Leaders, Serene Eng (Primary) and Michael Bond (Secondary), as well as Learning Assistants and Homeroom teachers in the classrooms. Additionally, we provide a private clinic at the College with Educational and Developmental Psychologist, Alexandra Tait. She will be in on Tuesdays once all students have returned to face-to-face learning. If you would like your child to be able to access this user paid service, please contact Fiona Dumitrache on fdumitrache@ncc.vic.edu.au for more information and costs (which are minimal with a Mental Health Care Plan).

We look forward to supporting your young people again in 2020.



CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP FLEXIDAY

Ms Ellison Cook, Secondary School Teacher

Back in March, Year 8 students took part in their Civics and Citizenship Flexiday - a day for students to explore the concept of citizenship, and what the 'Australian identity' actually looks like. Students studied the different ways Australian identity is portrayed in the media, and compared this portrayal to our own individual experiences of being Australian. We ended the day by coming up with video advertisements that we thought encompassed our values as Australians, and as Christians. It was a wonderful day filled with great discussions, collaboration and discovery!



LIBRARY NEWS

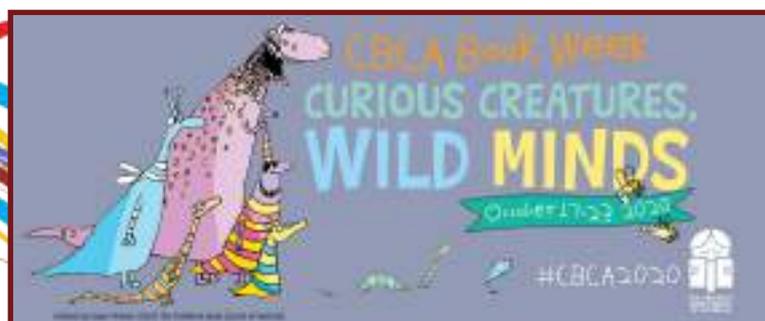
Book Week - Change of Date

We have been advised by the Children's Book Council of Australia that Book Week this year has been postponed until October 17-23.

Because of this, the College has decided to move our Dress Up Day to Friday 23rd October.

How Book Week will be celebrated is yet to be determined, but we will definitely be dressing up as our favourite book characters on this day.

Please disregard the August dates on the College calendar.



Welcome to Our New Prep Teacher!

The College recently appointed Mrs Amelin Cheah as a Prep teacher for the remainder of 2020. She will replace Mrs Anthea Georgiou, who is going on maternity leave.

Students of Prep G were invited in to the College for the afternoon to meet their new teacher, before returning to face-to-face learning this week.



Farewell Mrs Georgiou!

We wish you all the best for your maternity leave - we will miss you!
We can't wait to meet the new addition to your family!



HARMONY DAY

Shemara Karunaratne, Year 12 College Captain

To celebrate the different nationalities represented in our Community, on Friday 20th March the College held Harmony Day, a day centered on building unity by recognising diversity. Students and staff were able to express their unique backgrounds by dressing up in their cultural attire. As a racially diverse country, Australia has been celebrating Harmony Day for twenty years now to commemorate how far we have come in being an inclusive nation. Having this event at the College allows us to acknowledge our various ethnicities and understand that, although we are different, our differences do not separate us but rather they enable us to move forward together.



END OF SEMESTER I EXAMINATIONS

Students in Years 9 - 12 will be sitting midyear examinations during Week 2 of Term 3 between the 20th- 24th July.

Year 9 students will be completing examinations for English and Mathematics.

The 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.

Year 12 students will be completing Unit 3 examinations for some subjects.

Please note that some Year 10 and 11 students are also accelerating in some VCE subjects, which means they will also complete these examinations.

The purpose of the Year 9 - 11 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. An examination timetable will be published shortly.



INSPIRE

Amy Horneman, INSPiRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

DaVinci Decathlon 2020

Northside is entering the DaVinci Decathlon for the first time ever in 2020. As the name suggests, this is an academic competition in the style of the Olympic Games "designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and legacy." We have begun preparation sessions and it is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our students to stretch and challenge themselves in their intellectual and collaborative pursuits. We hope to be able to compete in May this year.



DaVinci Decathlon 2020



Bookworms via Zoom

Remote learning has not dampened the enthusiasm of our keen Primary readers! We have been running weekly Zoom Bookworms book clubs for Juniors (Prep-Year 2) and Seniors (Years 3-6). We assign books through the online book site Epic!, and then come together for chats where we analyse the characters, contexts and themes of the books we are reading. It has been great to learn about resilience, creativity, antagonists and protagonists, segregation in the Deep South of the USA and other such fascinating things. We have also been using an online brainstorming tool, Padlet, to share our ideas, ask questions about what we are reading and learn new vocabulary. We look forward to being able to continue discussing books and reading once we are all back to school face to face!



IDENTIFY
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2020

NORTH-WEST RURAL – ONLINE/LIVE FEED
MILDURA, SWAN HILL, BENDIGO AREAS: JUNE 10&11

NORTH-WEST METRO – ONLINE/LIVE FEED
GREENSBOROUGH, COBURG AREAS: JUNE 22&25

SOUTH-EAST METRO – ONLINE/LIVE FEED
DANDENONG, FRANKSTON, CHELTENHAM: JULY 20&23

SOUTH-WEST METRO – ONLINE/LIVE FEED
KEILOR, FOOTSCRAY AREAS: AUGUST 3&6

NORTH-EAST RURAL – ONLINE/LIVEFEED
SHEPPARTON, WODONGA, BENALLA, SEYMOUR: AUGUST 17&20

NORTH-EAST METRO – FACE TO FACE/LIVE FEED
HEARN HAVELBY, CITY AREAS: SEPTEMBER 3

SOUTH-EAST RURAL – FACE TO FACE/LIVE FEED
LEONGATHA, SALE, MOE, WARRAGUL AREAS: SEPTEMBER 17

SOUTH-WEST RURAL – FACE TO FACE/LIVE FEED
HORSHAM, BALLARAT, WARNAMBOOL, GEELONG AREAS: OCTOBER 8

Online Seminar Program – Over 2 Nights (Seminars 1 to 5 above)

Night 1 – Video/Live Feed 1 – 20 Minutes
(7.00 – 8.30pm) Zoom Discussion – 70 Minutes
Night 2 – Video/Live Feed 2 – 20 Minutes
(7.00 – 8.30pm) Zoom Discussion – 70 Minutes

Face to Face Seminar Program – Over 1 Night (Seminars 6 to 8 above)

(7.00 – 9.30pm) Video/Live Feed 1 – 20 Minutes
Zoom Discussion – 55 Minutes
Video/Live Feed 2 (Supper) – 20 Minutes
Zoom Discussion – 55 Minutes

Supper is provided at face to face seminars

FOR PARENTS OF GIFTED STUDENTS

For more information and to register, visit www.VAGTC.org.au/seminars
The Regional Seminar Series is an initiative by the VAGTC and funded by the Department of Education and Training, Victoria



Founder Times Issue 1

The very first issue of Founder Times has been released!

Founder Times is a publication for students, run by students. It gives students who are interested in visual art, writing, editing and publishing a chance to develop their skills in a practical environment, while showcasing our students' artistic and writing abilities.

All families should've received a digital copy of Issue 1 through SEQTA Engage. If you did not receive yours, please request a copy from foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au.



Founder Times needs a regular student committee to write, illustrate, design, edit and publish the next edition. Those interested can request an application form from foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au.

Founder Times is also seeking student submissions: this could be in the form of a short story, poem, work of art, photo, article, reflection, film/ book review ... anything, really! This year's publication has the theme **KNOWN**. If you'd like to submit, please request a submission form from foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au.





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