

# The Vine

2020 Term 2, Issue 2



**Northside Christian College**

Transforming Lives Through Christ and  
the Wonder of Learning



## Welcome!

### Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

All of our students are now back onsite at the College and the Remote Learning Phase is officially over. It has been a challenging time for everyone, as students, parents and teachers have navigated their way through this very different mode of education at home. At the same time, it has been an interesting period in terms of what we have learned from the experience. Students have learned to be more self-motivated and have had opportunities to choose how they approach particular learning tasks. However, the restriction of being at home, separated from their classroom friends, has made it difficult and often a lonely learning experience. It is at times like these that we can be thankful for the technology that has allowed us to remain connected. As the College Principal, I am thankful for the staff of Northside and the incredible work they have done throughout these last 2 months. To completely change how they plan, prepare, teach, assess and support our students, in a way that has never been done before, and to go above and beyond what can be reasonably expected, has been outstanding. The genuine love and support of parents has been equally fantastic. The understanding that you have all shown as we have worked together with you for the benefit of your children once again reinforces my view that the Northside Community is very special indeed. It is a genuine reflection of how followers of Jesus Christ pull together and model how it worked with the early community of believers as outlined in the book of Acts:

*“Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer. A deep sense of holy awe swept over everyone, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. All the believers were in fellowship as one body, and they shared with one another whatever they had.” Acts 2:42-44*

In today’s world, this description of Christians is often lost, but anyone visiting or joining the Northside Community, would, I am sure, nod in agreement as they read these words from two thousand years ago.

Grace & Peace

## 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

Wednesday 17th June

Year 10 Allwell Testing

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

Monday 20th - Friday 24th July

Year 9-12 Midyear Examinations

Thursday 23rd July

Year 10 - 12 Parent Student Teacher  
Interview Night

Wednesday 9th September

VCE Unit 3/4 GAT Examination

### Please Note: Year 10 Information Evening CANCELLED

There will no longer be a Year 10 (2021) information evening at the College on 18th June 2020. The College will be posting various videos and resources on Schoology about Careers and Pathways, subject selection and other topics in the next few days. Please take the time to read the material as it will assist students in their decision making.



## Parents & Friends *Upcoming Events*

### Prayer

If anyone would like to join us in praying for the College, we will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons.  
Contact Jenny on 0425 769 829.

### Annual General Meeting

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) with the P&F President via [lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lcaldwell@ncc.vic.edu.au). Please RSVP by Thursday 18th June 2020.

## 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.



### LEAVING NORTHSIDE?

Families are reminded that one term's notice must be given if their child/ren are leaving Northside Christian College. If your child/ren are not returning to Northside in 2021, families must complete and submit the Withdrawal Notice form by **Friday 18th September 2020**. The Withdrawal Notice is available at the College Reception, or by sending an email to [enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au). Families that do not give the required notice will be required to pay one term's fees.

### PREP 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 are open. All current families that have children that will turn 5 by 30th April 2022 are eligible to apply. Please do not leave submitting your enrolment applications too late as the College may not be able to accommodate late enrolments for siblings. This year, the College received over 80 applications for Prep 2021.

### 2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the 2021 Academic Scholarships are now open, and will close on **Friday 18th September**. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Applications and further information are available from the College website or by sending an email to [enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au).

2020 Year 6 and Year 9 students are eligible to apply for scholarships of three-year tenure. 2020 Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students are eligible to apply for scholarships of one-year tenure.



## 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, please contact the Accounts Office.

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



# ART!

Mrs Antoniettea Veljanovski, Visual Arts Primary Teacher

## Mini Bukjeh Art Workshop

Students in Years 3 and 4 worked with Bukjeh artists to create decorative mini sacks in response to their reflections on home, journeys and displacement.

Bukjeh is a multi-artform cultural performance where refugees' stories are told through poetry, dance, music, song and art.

Students artworks will be collected and used for a public art installation this year.

Presented by: Aseel Tayah, supported by the City of Whittlesea and Creative Victoria.

Visit [bukjeh.com.au](http://bukjeh.com.au) for more information.



## Collaborative Art Project to Celebrate Harmony Day

In Art, the Preps and Year I classes created a Belonging Harmony Day Puzzle to help gain a better understanding of the many different people who call Australia home. Children decorated a puzzle piece with symbols and colours to show how God has made us all unique materpieces!



# Chappy Chat

## Mr Jared Stocks, Chaplain

I grew up in the Salvation Army until I was 13. I have amazing memories of giving my heart to Jesus at the mercy seat at the ripe old age of seven. I remember junior soldier classes and wearing the uniform (see picture).

As a child during that time, I was rather unfamiliar with the Salvo's founder but, in recent years, I have looked more at the life of General William Booth. I have read some amazing stories of his work in social justice, in helping the poor, women, children and the homeless, even when heavily opposed. Booth pioneered a new way of doing ministry. The alcohol industry opposed the Salvo's zero-alcohol stance, and the church of the day criticised them for their stance on women in leadership and their support of the poor and marginalised (which was not generally supported).

A lot is happening right now in the United States of America, a nation that my wife's family calls home. It can be easy to judge a nation for their shortcomings, but maybe we can use this time to pause and reflect on the way WE treat others?

Australia has just had our 27th Reconciliation Week, an event that began with Christian believers praying for reconciliation between Indigenous Australians and non-indigenous Australians. The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

We are each called to ambassadorship. We are all called to be reconciled to God and to each other, to forgive and not keep an account of each other's sins. General William Booth was Christ's ambassador and, though at first he was ridiculed and opposed for doing what he believed in, he eventually received favour from Kings, Emperors and Presidents - many of whom became fervent admirers.

Let's not look on in judgement but lets pray; pray for a world where all men are not just created equal, but treated as such, and may "the LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." Amen.



Young Jared in uniform



General William Booth



## 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](mailto: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.*



# YEAR 9 RESILIENCY DAY

## Mrs Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing

On Monday 23rd March, just before the College (and the State) was thrust into remote learning, our Year 9 class participated in a Resiliency Day. Students had the following to say about what they learned on this special day:

*"Year 9 Resiliency day was a really meaningful experience and an eventful day. The instructor, Pete, presented logical ways of thinking. He spoke about the importance of finding one's "reason for being", and a few tips on how to do so."*

*"Pete was really helpful to me in thinking about how to prioritise the importance of my relationships with my family, and prompted me to think about the way I interact at the moment."*

*"The mirror never lies."*

*"Make the most of the life I have been given, no regrets, don't overthink!"*

*"Sometimes short term pain leads to long term gain."*



*"Stop blaming others where I need to take up my own responsibility!"*

*"There is always more than one way of looking at things."*

*"I loved getting to learn more about my classmates"*

*"I learnt that I dislike and judge myself too much. Why can't I take a compliment?"*

*"I can love others more if I first learn to love myself."*

*"I can turn my rain into sunshine."*

*"Opportunities will come and go but they won't wait for me to be ready!"*

*"Find your passion. I spend too much time on social media. It's a like but made me think it's a passion."*

## LIBRARY NEWS

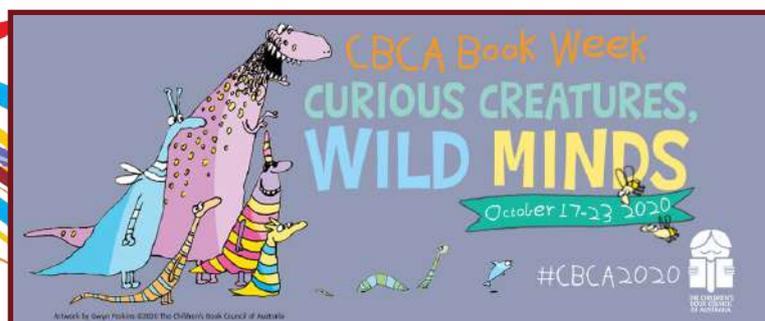
### Book Week - Change of Date

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

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.



# YEAR 9 - 12 MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

20TH - 24TH JULY 2020

## Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal / Head of Secondary

Students in Years 9 - 12 will be sitting midyear examinations from 20th - 24th July. The purpose of these examinations is to start preparing students for the Unit 3/4 end of year examination experience. Examinations are compulsory; a medical certificate must be provided in the case of absence.

Students are reminded that they need to sign out at Reception when they leave the College grounds.

Examination results for Years 10 - 12 will be reported on Schoology. An examination timetable is available on the College website at: [https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Semester-1-Year-9-to-12-Student-Examination-Timetable-\(2020\).pdf](https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Semester-1-Year-9-to-12-Student-Examination-Timetable-(2020).pdf)



### YEAR 9

Completing exams for:

- ~ English,
- ~ Mathematics.

Normal classes will run throughout the week with the exception of when exams are scheduled.

### YEAR 10

Completing exams for:

- ~ English,
- ~ Mathematics,
- ~ History,
- ~ Geography,
- ~ Science.

Accelerating in some VCE subjects, which means they will also complete these examinations

Normal classes will run throughout the week with the exception of when exams are scheduled

### YEAR 11

Completing exams in most subjects.

Accelerating in some VCE subjects, which means they will also complete these examinations.

Not required at the College for those sessions in which they do not have a scheduled examination.

Unit 3 classes will continue during this week.

### YEAR 12

Completing exams for some subjects.

Normal classes will run throughout the week with the exception of when exams are scheduled.



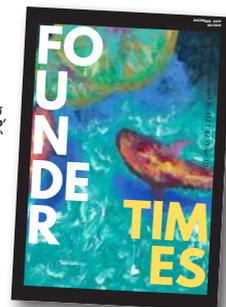
The idea of examinations can be anxiety-provoking for many students. While a little anxiety can be helpful, too much can be detrimental. One way of minimising anxiety is to be well prepared and well informed. In terms of being prepared, students are encouraged to spend some time over the next fortnight checking that their classwork is up to date and is organised in a logical manner. Students are also encouraged to use a range of revision tools and techniques when studying.

During the next few weeks, students will be provided with more specific information about the structure and requirements of each examinations by their teachers.

## Founder Times - First Edition

*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 Edition I through SEQTA Engage. If you did not receive yours, please request a copy from [foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:foundertimes@student.ncc.vic.edu.au).

# INSPIRE

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

## NCC ISO Kahoot! Night

We had a great time on Tuesday night 9th June at our first NCC family Kahoot! night - online via Zoom! We had about 18 families join in, in a variety of configurations: some teams were a combination of kids and parents, some were parents competing against their kids, some were just kids, and in some families, there were no kids in sight - some very competitive parents!



We had a variety of Kahoot! categories to entertain us, covering topics such as everyday objects, baby animals, general knowledge, idioms and homonyms. Many thanks to Mr Allen Dickson (of CSEN Masteminds fame!) for sharing his Kahoot!s with us. We had lots of laughs and fun, and congratulations to Sharon, David, Sarah and Tim Halden for taking out the gold, by a margin of 2,500 points! We look forward to presenting them with their winners' medals once we are all back at school. The Halden, Kluchkovsky, Green and Franck families were very competitive and it was great to see people enjoying being 'together' online in an unusual way!

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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](http://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:

A reminder that all students are required to wear Winter Uniform during Terms 2 and 3. Academy Uniforms in Thomastown is adhering to social distancing and disinfecting all surfaces between sales and open with normal trading hours. Of course, on-line is available at all times. If you have any further questions, you are welcome to call the College on 03 9467 2499.

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Primary Trousers have double knee and elastic back for ease.</p> <p><b>School Bag:</b> Black Backpack with white College logo only.</p> <p><b>School Shoes:</b> Must be Black leather lace up shoes. Shoes must be polished and cleaned regularly.</p> <p><b>Sports uniforms:</b> to be worn on specified day as instructed by the College in place of school uniform. <b>Red Wet Weather Jacket:</b> can be worn all year round. The Summer Uniform and Sports Uniform cannot be interchanged or worn together.</p>	<p><b>Northside Christian College - Years 7-12 Girls Winter Uniform - Terms 2 &amp; 3</b></p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> 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. 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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.

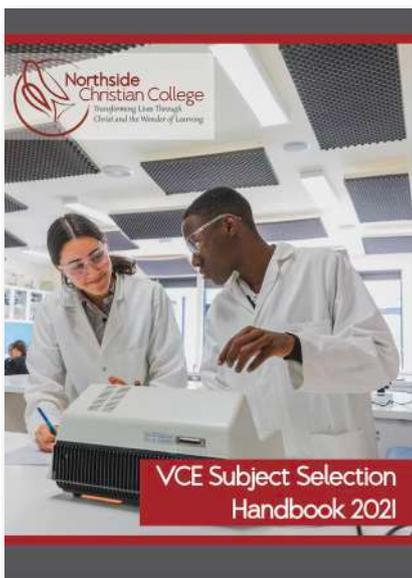


# Senior School Pathway Planning

## Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal / Head of Secondary

A number of resources have been published in preparation for the 2021 academic school year. The 2021 Subject Selection Handbook, 2021 VCE Student Policy Handbook and the VCAL Policy Handbook have been developed for students to assist with subject selection and pathway planning in preparation for next year.

Students are reminded that subject selection forms are due back at the VCE Administration Office by Friday 19th June 2020.



## Subject Selection Handbook

The purpose of the Subject Selection Handbook is to provide a resource for students and parents / guardians to assist them with the selection of subjects for Years 11 and 12 and likewise to assist Year 10 students and parents / guardians with subject selection around acceleration into the VCE. At Northside Christian College, we believe that the process of subject selection needs to incorporate careful planning, evaluation and reflection, as well as accommodating individual interests and abilities.

Students are encouraged to choose subjects with a clear understanding of the requirements and recommendations for potential future study and work. It is advisable that students select subjects that suit their interests, develop their talents and skills, build on their strengths and enable them to pursue their goals and aspirations.

A copy of this resource is available online at:

<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2021-Subject-Selection-Handbook.pdf>

## VCE Student Policy Handbook

The VCE Student Policy Handbook provides helpful advice for Northside Christian College Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and parents. It provides our College Community with invaluable information as students proceed through the VCE. This handbook provides policies related to the VCE at Northside Christian College. These policies outline the requirements that students must adhere to in order for the VCE to be awarded. Further clarification and explanation is available on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website or by appointment with the Head of Secondary School, Mr Michael Bond or the Director of Senior School Learning, Mrs Lenna Waters.

A copy of this resource is available online at:

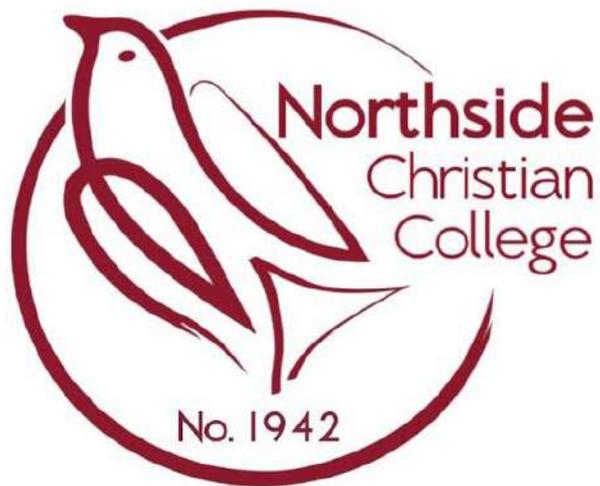
<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2021-VCE-Student-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

## VCAL Policy Handbook

The VCAL Policy Handbook provides information for VCAL students and their parents. It covers Senior School policies and important information about VCAL studies at Northside Christian College. VCAL students are encouraged to read this document in conjunction with the VCE Policy Handbook and the Subject Selection Handbook. VCAL is administered by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Further clarification and explanation is available on the VCAA website or by appointment with the VCAL Coordinator, Mr James Eynaud.

A copy of this resource is available online at:

<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-59-VCAL-Policy-2020-online.pdf>



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