

COLLEGE NEWS

CURRENT VALUE - COMPASSION

Be kind and understanding of one another at all times.



Noosa Christian College welcomes in 2023 the following new staff: Mr Zac Hobson teaching Year 1B; Mrs Shari Botha teaching Year 5/6; Miss Jenaya Lewis teaching Secondary

Humanities; Miss Margaret Graham teaching Year 5; and Mr Gary Mann teaching in Secondary. We welcome back Mr Darrell Geisel as a bus driver; Mrs Anita Mitchell-Kerr teaching in Secondary and we are soon to welcome Mr Jacob Hayes in Grounds and Maintenance. Allison Blandin de Chalain who was our Receptionist in 2022 is now in Year 1 as a Teacher Aide and Candace Derrick is our Receptionist. Welcome everyone!

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Zac Hobson



Shari Botha



Jenaya Lewis



Margaret Graham



Gary Mann



Darrell Geisel



Candace Derrick

Building Pathways to Success

Dear Parents,

We welcome all students and their families to a new year at Noosa Christian College. This year is an exciting year as it is our 20th anniversary of the college. We started off in 2003 with thirty-seven students from Prep to Year 6 and we now have close to four hundred students. Back then we started with four teachers and we now have thirty teachers across the college.

Our founding principal, Mr Ross Reid, the P & F Committee, and NCC staff will help to organise activities for this special milestone that the college has reached.

You may have noticed that the carpark has changed due to getting ready to extend our carpark by two rows of car parking bays. We ask that you be extra careful in keeping your children under close supervision when leaving or approaching your parked vehicle and that when driving out to be aware of all others around. We are introducing the STOP/SLOW lollipop sign to our crossing so that students can cross in groups and cars can flow more smoothly. This will take place as soon as students have

been trained in what to do if using the crossing and understanding the use of the lollipop sign. So, when you see the sign being used out there, please obey the sign being held up so that all can safely navigate coming to and leaving the school grounds. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we look forward to the new carparking facilities coming some time in Term 2.

Our Library Resource Centre is being extended and refurbished and this also is due to be ready during Term 2 all going well. Administration, Chaplains, Learning Enhancement, Library resources and learning spaces, OSHC, IT and the Makerspace will all be part of the newly enhanced Library Resource Centre.

We are also beginning the process of moving forward with applying for new buildings on our Master Plan which can take up to a few years to complete. We thank all our families for their patience as we grow and develop our campus to cater for our enrolments both now and in the future.

We look forward to partnering with you all this year as our students venture into the exciting opportunities and experiences planned for 2023.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

God bless, Mrs Jeanette Martin, Principal.





Fee statements were released this week – term, annual and payment plan.

For those families who are on payment plans, your paperwork will be emailed to you in the coming days.

For term and annual paying families, fees are due and payable by Tuesday 21st February, 2023. To receive the prompt payment discount, please pay by Tuesday 14th February, 2023.

If you did not receive your statement, please email Stephanie Markert at: stephanie.markert@noosacc.gld.edu.au.

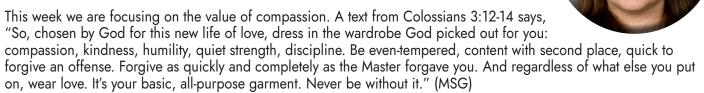






Compassion

Hello Noosa Christian College family!



Despite our inability to generate emotions on demand, we can change our thoughts, which influence our emotions. Compassion, like all the other qualities listed in today's text, is only plausible when we put others first. Self-centeredness prevents us from recognising and acting on the needs and hurts of those around us. What we require is a mental reset.

Compassion emerges not from self-effort, but from living a God-centred life. He transforms our perspective, thoughts, and feelings as we draw near to Him through His Word and His Son. It's a comfort to realize that God has supplied everything we need to follow in Jesus' footsteps of compassion. He always provides us with the means to carry out these tasks with love and care.

Here at Noosa Christian College, we encourage the kids to look at everything with a lens of compassion just like Jesus did! Psalm 103:8 says, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (NIV).

I hope you all have a great week!

Blessings, Pr Esther Meale.



Year 5G News

Year 5 students had lots of fun sharing their creative ideas in Design Technologies. They were tasked with the job of creating a structurally sound "shape" made of popsicle sticks. Some students used glue to stick together their sticks, others – sticky tape, tissue paper and pins, even hand sanitiser!

The students have also been learning about Australia's Gold Rush for the past few weeks. We were very lucky to have a special visit from Mr Derrick who shared with us about his passion for fossicking. Then, we had the chance to go mining for "gold" ourselves i.e. corn kernels that had been covered in gold spray paint. It was so much fun!

Miss Margaret Graham, Year 5G Teacher.

























The Year 3 students have been learning about Australia, particularly the states and capital cities. Students were asked to share if they knew any states, capital or major cities in Australia. Many students knew several cities and the names of the states, however, they were unsure of where these states were, and which one was which.

I challenged them to work together to 'build' Australia, which was quite challenging at first (1st picture). We investigated each state, looked at maps and discussed the location of each state, as well as the name. I challenged them again to 'build' Australia and as shown (2nd picture) the students had developed a deeper understanding of the states' locations and the shape of Australia.

Mrs Jacqueline Taylor, Year 3 Teacher.





Auslan has been so well received by the Prep to Year 3 students. I have been so impressed with the students' enthusiasm and hope they are sharing the same excitement with you at home as they are with me at school.

In Year 2 and 3 we have been learning how to finger spell, how to greet each other, and how to respond. We have also been learning a lot of singular words relevant to the school setting, such as toilet, please and thank you.

In Prep and Year 1 we have been learning how to greet each other and respond, and we are learning our colours and how to count. It really is so much fun!

Mrs Heidi Cronin, Auslan Teacher.

SECONDARY

Nosa's - The Amazing Pace

On Tuesday 31st January,
Noosa Christian College's
Year 9 class participated in
The Amazing Race around
Noosa as part of the G.R.I.T.
Wellbeing Program. They started
at Hastings Street in Noosa Woods
and ended up at the Noosa River.

Students used an online app to navigate to different locations where photo challenges or puzzles were completed to earn points. The activity helped students build teamwork, resilience, and independence; all of which are important skills for young people as they mature.



Despite the warm weather, the students covered more than 10km in 3 hours. Their lunch and afternoon swim were well deserved. Congratulations to the winning team: Lorena, Nayha, Marlie and Shiloh!

Mrs Kelly Paul, Secondary Teacher.

Secondary Swimming Carnival

Last Friday the secondary students had their swimming carnival at the Eumundi Aquatic Centre. The tension was building as the sports houses met twice privately before the carnival to work on their chants. It has been an emphasis of the school staff to try to build a stronger rivalry between houses Newcombe-Freeman and Bradman-Fraser. The students showed out in force, wearing all their colours and outfits to cheer on their teammates and have a go.

It was great to see so many students participate and some of our elite swimmers really shine in the pool. Stay tuned to find out the age champions, runner ups and of course the winning house.

Thanks to all parents who showed up to support as well as Mrs Vincitorio for running the event!

Mr Sam Krieg, Secondary Teacher.







Jear 7 Survivor Program On Tuesday 31st January, the Year 7 students participated in a Survivor Challenge hosted by Corporate Challenge Events

The team based activities had students working together to win immunity idols for their team. One activity was a balancing act that forced students to problem solve for a solution to get their entire team across the line. Other activities included blind-folded tent construction and pack up, where a leader for each team had to direct their team mates to construct a tent only with verbal instructions. Catapult tennis and knockout general knowledge were other activities. Congratulations to the medal winning team!





Secondary Student Pepresentative Council

Congratulations to the following students who were voted on the Secondary Student Representative Council. Year 12 - Lydia Owers; Year 11 - Andie Voigt, Matthew Truscott, Brayden Young; Year 10 - Liam Virgo; Year 9 - Celeste Kinchington, Christina Clark; Year 8 - David Drinnan, Tyler Blandin de Chalain; Year 7 - Lilly Patryarcha, Tommy Green.

(Note: Photos taken 2022)























Thank You Bendigo Bank Coordy

A big thank you to Bendigo Bank in Cooroy for donating \$1,000 for new laboratory coats for our Secondary students. Also thank you to our P & F Association Treasurer, Mrs Louise McNeich for arranging this with Bendigo Bank. We very much appreciate this wonderful gift.

Thank you to Sienna Young and Bridey Molloy for modelling the coats.





Dear Families,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3). Please note also, that some of the products contained in the catalogues are not in harmony with the ideals promoted by Noosa Christian College and we would encourage you to choose carefully with your child.

■ SCHOLASTIC ***Book Club**

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at www.scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.



FLASHBACK



















