



*You have BRAINS in your HEAD,  
You have FEET in your SHOES,  
You can STEER YOURSELF in any direction  
YOU choose!*

*~ Dr Seuss*

## **Curriculum Overview**

Adolescence is a time of great change and with it, comes unique issues and opportunities. Young adolescents in the middle years' experience a range of significant physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and moral changes. Apart from the first five years of life, at no other time does the capacity and functioning of the brain undergo such an overhaul. This affects the learning ability of young adolescents and their success in managing the emotional, social and moral challenges of this stage. Disengagement, alienation and boredom in school often peak in the middle years.

Thus our commitment at Northpine Christian College focus on the productive engagement of young people in schooling and other contexts. At our College, middle schooling is an intentional approach to teaching and learning that is responsive and appropriate to the full range of needs, interests and achievements of middle years students in formal and informal schooling contexts.

## Course focus

### Middle School Challenge

This program provides students an opportunity to explore topics, subjects and areas of interest to the student. The school runs several modules that the students choose from and engage with throughout the course of the year.

All of the modules that are offered fit into 1 of 4 categories: Share (skill), Dare (physical activity), Care (community service) and Adventures (discover new environments and building resilience through adventure). Students complete a minimum of 40 hours across the year to receive the Bronze Award, 67 hours for the Silver Award and 94 hours for the Gold Award. Modules offered include: Robotics, Animation, DaVinci Code, OAK – Organised Acts of Kindness, Eden Project, Painting with a Purpose, Fab Fabrics, Basketball Excellence and a Canoe and Mountain bike program on our very own series of tracks on our school's property.

*“The only way that we can live, is if we grow. The only way that we can grow is if we change. The only way that we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way that we can become exposed is if we throw ourselves out into the open. Do it. Throw yourself.”*

— C. JoyBell C.

### Challenge: The Next Step

The Philosophy of “Challenge- The Next Step” is to assist in the development of respect, resilience and responsibility. It is intentionally aimed at Year 9 students in their development through a changing and challenging time of their lives. We believe that we cannot grow without challenges and through them we learn. The program is year-long, gender specific and Bible-based that aims to walk students through a year of developmental awareness to equip them with the characteristics that are needed to not only survive in this world but to make a positive contribution. It encourages the role of mentors as extra guidance in the life of each student.

Through challenges, discussion and reflection growth occurs. As teachers and parents it is important to be intentional about developing young people into the adults of the future.



### Career Opportunities

Middle School provides experiences for students that prompt their thinking about what they want to do with their lives. This leads to more appropriate subject selections for the senior years of schooling.

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