



5 December 2016

Dear Parents

Please find attached an Information sheet with the website link you will need for 2017. If you have any problems accessing this link, please contact the College Office for assistance. Year 7 – 12 students will be involved in **Registration Day on Monday, 23 January, 2017** and are required to visit the College on that day to:-

- Pay Fees – Term 1 fees for NEW families need to be paid in full by this day or make an appointment for a Payment Plan;
- Pay the Text Book Refundable Deposit (\$60.00 per student for all Year 7 and **NEW** Year 8 – 12 students only);
- Pay for any lost or damaged 2016 textbooks (returning students only);
- Be issued with lockers
- Confirm subject selections; and
- Pay for extras as listed on the Year Level Stationery Lists.
- Update Medical Records
- ICT Laptop Information
- Sporting Option

The hours for Registration Day are 9:00 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Parents with Year 7 – 12 students may register anytime within these hours. Students are not required to wear uniform on Registration Day.

Year End Office Dates and Hours

The College office will close at 4:00 pm Wednesday, 14 December 2016 and re-open at 8:00am Wednesday, 4 January 2017.

Payment of Fees

If prompt payment discount is desired, Term 1 Fees must be paid on or before Tuesday, 31 January, 2017. Term 1 fees for **all new families must be paid by Monday, 23 January, 2017**. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS/Credit card, Direct Debit, EFT and Internet.

Class Commencement

All students commence classes at 8:45am on Tuesday, 24 January, 2017. Prep - Year 6 students are invited to a "Meet and Greet" day on Monday, 23 January, 2017. This is a time where you can come and see your child's classroom and collect books to name and cover. Teachers will send out a personal invitation to students in the week before school commences highlighting the time of the visits.

Year 7 - 12 Stationery

A link to stationery requirements is on the attached 2017 information sheet. All students will need to purchase the bulk of their stationery from private sources, except for those items that are only available from the College. These are clearly indicated on the stationery requirements list. Please come prepared to pay for these items.

Year 7 - 12 Refundable Textbook Fee

To ensure the necessary care and proper use of hired textbooks a **\$60.00** Refundable Textbook Fee is charged. This must be paid before any textbooks can be issued. This applies to all students entering Year 7 and new Year 8 – 12 students only. Parents will be responsible to pay for the cost of any lost or damaged textbooks. The College holds this Textbook Fee in trust for all returning students.

Blue Card

In 2005 the State Government brought down new legislation regarding working with children. "From 17 January 2005 all volunteers (unless exempt) must have a 'Working with Children Check' and hold a Blue Card before they start volunteering in any area of regulated employment, regardless of how often they come into contact with children and young people." Application forms are available from the College office or accessed on the website www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

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Those of you who have a Blue Card as a result of your volunteer work, either from your local church or another activity, can use that card at Northpine. However, as we are required to hold a register of all employees/volunteers who assist at the College, please advise the administrative assistant in the office of your registration number. **Parents of students attending Northpine Christian College are exempt, under legislation, from holding a Blue Card, however, grandparents, relatives etc. must obtain a Blue Card before volunteering at this College.**

Rail Passes

If you desire a rail pass please contact Petrie or Caboolture Railway Station to process the necessary paperwork several weeks before school commences.

Conveyancing Forms

These forms are available at the office for any parents wishing to claim the Government Allowance for transporting their children to and from school or to and from the school bus stop.

Bus

Families requiring use of the bus service or alterations to existing bus arrangements can contact Marlene Brett on 0410 554 324 after **Thursday, 5 January, 2017** or email Marlene on buses@northpine.qld.edu.au

Students living in the region north of the College, Narangba/Dakabin to Caboolture, will be serviced by Kangaroo Bus Lines. Please contact them directly on 1300 287 525. Kangaroo Bus Lines would like to advise that students who currently have a bus pass with Kangaroo Bus Lines will need to collect their 2017 pass to be able to continue to travel on our school service next year. Government rebates may be available for some students utilizing this service whose families hold a valid concession card. For further information see www.kangaroobuslines.com.au Students who are eligible for a full pass or part pass from Kangaroo Bus lines will need to visit their office at 2 Motorway Drive, corner of Pitt Road, Burpengary from **Monday, 9 January, 2017** to collect their pass. Bus passes WILL NOT be available for collection from the bus drivers of our school services. Details of all school runs will be available on the Kangaroo Bus Lines website after **9 January, 2017**. New Applications, Change of School or Change of Address Applications will be accepted for the remainder of the year with cards to be collected after **9 January, 2017**.

College Bus Stops & Times

Provisional copies will be posted out the week before school commences. This will include the route, stops and times for the first two weeks of school. If you have any queries or requests regarding changes to this provisional copy please contact the Bus Committee in writing by the end of the first two weeks of school. These letters may be given to the College Receptionist.

Uniform

The link to the Uniform Shop website is on the 2017 Information sheet. **Uniforms can be purchased from the College Uniform Shop.** Please note the holiday hours for the Uniform Shop.

Student Banking For New Students

Northpine Christian College, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank, provides weekly banking to give children an opportunity to develop good saving habits. Our College receives a commission from the bank for each deposit made and \$5 for each new account opened. If you are interested in helping your child develop good saving habits, please fill in the enclosed application form for a Youthsaver Account and return it to your child's class teacher when school commences in 2017. Further application forms are available from the College office.

The teachers look forward with pleasure to teaching your child/children next year and trust the experience gained by your students at this College will enhance their Christian growth, educational achievement and social development. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

Christian regards



Graham E Baird
Principal

