



NORTHPINE
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Centred in Christ | Dynamic in Direction | Strong in Service

Annual Report 2014

OUR SCHOOL

School Sector: Independent

School's Address: 29 Hughes Road East
Dakabin Qld 4503

School Principal: Mr Graham Baird

Characteristics of the Student Body

Total Enrolments: 807 Students

Year Levels offered: Prep – Year 12

Co-educational or Single Sex: Co-educational



Northpine Christian College is an independent co-educational school, providing an excellent holistic education from Early Childhood Care through to Year 12, founded on Biblically supported principles and values. The College is respected for fostering self-confident, responsible and successful students, and for developing each individual to their fullest potential by providing a tradition of education balanced in academic, sporting, artistic and spiritual nurture.

Established in 1940 and moved to the present site in 1980, Northpine Christian College is set in a beautiful bush-land environment just 10 minutes from North Lakes Westfield, and 30km north of central Brisbane. The College runs a school bus system to convenience parents and students.

Students at Northpine Christian College are encouraged to develop a spirit of teamwork, achieve personal goals, and develop a strong positive character through participation in a broad range of co-curricular experiences both inside and outside the traditional classroom. Opportunities are offered through the school's extensive sporting, outdoor education, Middle School Challenge, Challenge the Next Step programs, Duke of Edinburgh, music and performing arts programs, along with annual Year 6-12 camps.

The emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing of students is a priority at Northpine Christian College. An extensive Chaplaincy program supports the needs of the Northpine community, working with teachers, year level coordinators and professional counsellors to provide the nurture and care each student requires. The development of student leaders is facilitated through the Chaplaincy program, with opportunities for community service, presenting church programs, and involvement in the active Student Representative Council.

Students are taught to apply Biblical principles to everyday life through the development of Christian values and morals. Religious Education is an integral part of the curriculum and students are encouraged to challenge and discuss spiritual and moral issues. Chaplains co-ordinate weekly worship services and are responsible for pastoral care, Bible studies, baptism preparation courses, and personal or family nurture.

Northpine Christian College is committed to ensuring that each individual student is challenged and supported in achieving to their fullest potential, growing in independence and self esteem so they can confidently pursue their chosen career path, becoming active participants in society.



OUR PURPOSE STATEMENTS

Our Vision

Centred in Christ.
Dynamic in Direction.
Strong in Service.

Our Mission

"To provide a God-centred, supportive educational environment in which students can reach their full potential and find value in a life of service to God and the community."

Our Values

At Northpine Christian College we value:



Whatever is true

Whatever is noble

Whatever is right

Whatever is pure

Whatever is lovely

Whatever is admirable

Whatever is excellent

Whatever is praiseworthy

Philippians 4:8



OUR STRUCTURE



Childcare and Early Learning Centre

Our well equipped and fully accredited Early Learning Centre lays strong Christian foundations for capable, confident and self disciplined children. The centre also offers parents the convenience of having their children cared for in the one location. The specially trained staff motivate each child, and the age-appropriate learning experiences prepare them for formal schooling. *Outside of School Hours and Vacation Care are also available.*

Junior School (Prep – Year 6)

Our Junior School focuses on nurturing children through the early years of formal schooling with a caring community of staff, students and parents. A well-rounded curriculum balanced with pastoral care and student support provides a solid base for personal achievement. The school's values program is introduced in the Junior School, developing positive character and social traits as the children grow. Interactive whiteboards in the Prep – Year 2 classrooms as well as laptop trolleys and a computer lab available for all junior classes, is an important part of Northpine's ICT focus that supports and enhances teaching for learning.

Middle School (Years 7 – 9)

Our Middle School Students are encouraged to discover their personal interests and develop their full potential through a balanced and flexible curriculum, which covers the core learning areas along with providing opportunities to experience a broad range of electives. Northpine Christian College recognises that students in the Middle School have unique needs. At this crucial age students need to be engaged in meaningful and relevant learning with teachers who are genuinely interested and care about their students' well being. Students are encouraged to recognize that success requires a commitment to life long learning.

Senior School (Years 10 – 12)

Students in Year 10 have a variety of subject options available, which form a strong base for selecting either OP or vocational pathways in Years 11 and 12. Work experience, career guidance, and academic support in an ICT- rich environment are key components in preparing students for success in their senior years of schooling.

OUR CURRICULUM

Northpine Christian College has implemented the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) from Prep to Year 10, catering for students with a variety of abilities and interests supported by a strong co-curricular program.

Junior School

Our Infants teachers work with our Prep to Year 2 students, to build a strong foundation by teaching the basics of literacy and numeracy as well as the many other skills that they will need to become successful students.

In Years 3 – 6, the focus is the development of independent thinking and working skills that build on the strong foundation that has been laid in the Infant School.

Our Prep to Year 6 students have specialist Music and Physical Education teachers to teach those subjects, and Year 5 - 6 students are taught Japanese as part of their curriculum leading into Middle School. We also have a Learning Centre staffed with teachers and teacher aides who support students in class, as well as providing the opportunity for students who need it to receive group help.

Secondary School

In addition to the core subjects of Bible, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Physical Education, Health and Christian Studies, our Year 7 to 9 Middle School students study a wide range of other subjects including Art, Drama, Music, Graphics, Technology Studies, Business/Civics, Home Economics, Media studies, Outdoor Education and Japanese.

In addition to the core subjects, our Year 10, 11 and 12 Senior School students also select elective subjects from a wide-ranging list which includes both Authority and Authority Registered subjects as well as vocational options.



OUR CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Whole School

- Age appropriate Chapel/Assembly programs
- Specialist Computer Labs
- Music Program
- Academic competitions
- Bible study/Prayer groups
- District events, Years 4-12
- Inter-school system sports, Years 4 – 12
- Sports Program

Junior School

- Junior Reading Program – catering for individual needs
- Integrated Studies Programs
- Interactive White Boards, Prep – Year 2
- Laptop trolleys, Years 3-5
- 1 – 1 Laptop Program – Year 6
- Investigators – provides opportunities for gifted students to enhance their abilities
- Athletics, Years 3-5
- Spell-o-drome, Year 6
- Swimming (Terms 1 and 4)
- Rotational Sport (Terms 2 and 3)

Middle School:

- Middle school program includes: Creative Expression, Digital Media, Music, Textiles, Visual Arts, Food Technology, Design & Technology, Business/Civics
- Opportunities for public speaking/singing/performing during Chapel
- Outdoor Education
- Mountain bike program
- District sports
- After school sports
- Inter-school system sports
- Challenge Program
- 1-1 Laptop Program
- Middle School Challenge, Years 7 - 8
- Challenge – The Next Step, Year 9
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Year 9

Senior School:

- 1-1 Laptop Program
- Careers Guidance
- OP & non OP offerings, including supporting students in traineeships
- Each Year 10 student participates in a work experience program
- Year 12 students undertake a QCS practice program to prepare them for the Queensland Core Skills exams
- District Team Sports
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver & Gold

The Learning Centre:

- This unit is staffed with two teachers and four teacher aides on a permanent part-time basis.
- Provides opportunities for students to receive extra attention if they require individualised or small group learning opportunities.
- Provides opportunities for gifted students to enhance their abilities.

OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

- Church visitation program
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Choirs
- Music tuition (Violin, Piano, Voice, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Guitar)
- Middle/Senior Chapel Band
- Creative Expression/ Drama
- Outdoor Education Program
- Educational Year Level Camps, Years 6 – 12
- Acrobatics Team
- Lifesaving
- Storm Co



OUR STUDENT CARE PROGRAMS

Northpine seeks to promote a warm, friendly and nurturing atmosphere within the College.

- An active Student Representative Council (SRC) frequently holds lunch time activities. Some of these social occasions involve fundraising for either the College or a chosen charity.
- The chaplains are always interested in student welfare. They take a daily interest in students' successes and difficulties.
- A chapel program runs each week. This promotes the strong spiritual tone of the College. Senior administrators show their approval for this program by their weekly attendance.
- Leadership is strongly advocated at Northpine. Special weekends are organized to help student leaders further enhance their skills of leadership.
- Counselling support is available.
- Bullying is addressed in the following ways:
 - The college has a comprehensive student management policy in dealing with the management of bullies. It is addressed in classrooms, chapels and assemblies as needed. Bullies are counselled and supported and if no improvement is made, they can be asked to leave the college. Staff are in serviced and supported regularly in relation to bullying issues.



OUR PARENTS

Parents are invited to contribute to the mission and operation of the College by being involved in:

- Parents can be and have been elected to the College Council.
- Our Parents & Friends leaders as well as the committee members, are elected from the parent body of the College. Parents are encouraged to attend and contribute at the monthly meetings.
- Our Parents & Friends (P&F) Association operates our Tuckshop. Parents are employed and volunteer in this important endeavour. The Parents & Friends President is an ex-officio member of the College Council and from time to time parents can be asked to be involved in sub-committees of the College Council and the P & F.
- Our parents are also encouraged to support, as and when appropriate, with reading programs, excursions, sports carnivals, college events, as well as supporting the College when classes take church services and other programs in the community.
- Our parents are surveyed biannually for their perspective on the operation of the College.
- Our P & F undertake fundraising activities to assist with development around the College.

OUR STAFF

Qualification	Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school		
Doctorate or higher	0%		
Masters	18%		
Bachelor Degree	73.8%		
Diploma	8.2%		
Certificate	0%		

Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	58	29	0
Full-time equivalents	52	20	0

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development:

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2014 were \$104,757.45.

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

- Each teacher was encouraged to attend in-service days specific to their needs.
- Each teacher on the induction program was released to visit a teacher in a different school for observation/curriculum support.

The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2014 was 100%.

Average staff attendance for teachers at the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days:

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders, the staff attendance rate was 97.21% in 2014.

Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous year:

- From the end of 2013, 83.6% of staff were retained for the entire 2014 school year.



OUR KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2014 was 92.63%.

Attendance Rates – Yrs Prep - 12

Prep	96.13%	Yr 7	91.46%
Yr 1	94.73%	Yr 8	93.38%
Yr 2	94.69%	Yr 9	90.85%
Yr 3	93.12%	Yr 10	91.58%
Yr 4	94.31%	Yr 11	89.81%
Yr 5	95.22%	Yr 12	86.37%
Yr 6	92.57%		

Management of non-attendance

Class rolls are marked at the beginning and end of day. Notes are made in the roll as to why children are absent – i.e. sick, leave or unexplained. Parents/carers are requested to phone the college in the event that a student will not be in attendance for that day. When the child returns to school, a note is to be given to the class teacher or in the case of middle/high school, the note will be handed into the secondary office. When a child is absent for a period of days, the form co-ordinator (middle/high school) or class teacher (Prep – Year 6), will call the parent to enquire as to the reason for the absence.

Reading, writing and numeracy benchmark results for Years 3, 5, 7, 9 as follows:

BENCHMARK DATA

READING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	% at or above National minimum standard
Year 3 (2014)	447	418	100
Year 5 (2014)	507	501	99
Year 7 (2014)	558	546	100
Year 9 (2014)	565	580	93

WRITING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	% at or above National minimum standard
Year 3 (2014)	415	402	99
Year 5 (2014)	464	468	91
Year 7 (2014)	497	512	87
Year 9 (2014)	504	550	62

SPELLING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	% at or above National minimum standard
Year 3 (2014)	432	412	99
Year 5 (2014)	505	498	99
Year 7 (2014)	555	545	96
Year 9 (2014)	581	582	94

GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	% at or above National minimum standard
Year 3 (2014)	460	426	100
Year 5 (2014)	509	504	100
Year 7 (2014)	547	543	96
Year 9 (2014)	558	574	87

NUMERACY

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	% at or above National minimum standard
Year 3 (2014)	421	402	100
Year 5 (2014)	493	488	100
Year 7 (2014)	550	546	100
Year 9 (2014)	583	588	99

Apparent retention rates Year 10 to Year 12:

Year	Year 10 Base	Year 12	Retention rate %
2014	69 (2011)	55	79.7%

Year 12 Outcomes:**Outcomes for our Year 12 Cohort 2014**

Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	47
Total number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement	0
Number of students who received an Overall Position (OP)	37
Total number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Number of students who are completing or completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	5
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	9
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	46
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an OP 1-15 or an IBD	83.81%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following QCE, IBD, VET qualification	98%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	83%

Value Added:

Northpine Christian College offers a supportive, nurturing, educational environment and employs two full time chaplains, one part-time chaplain, one part-time counsellor as well as Infant, Junior, Middle and Senior School Co-ordinators to ensure that students are appropriately supported and that this support extends to the families where needed.

Northpine offers continuity of Christian education and care from Childcare through to Year 12.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction:

Northpine Christian College has experienced ongoing growth over the past 5-7 years. Much of this enrolment growth can be attributed to the expansion of the triple stream through the College. The overwhelming majority of parents interviewed comment that their interest in having their children attend Northpine was based on recommendations from current or past parents or students. Satisfaction surveys for students, staff and parents are conducted annually.

How computers are used to assist learning

ICT is a priority at Northpine Christian College. We have an ongoing program of upgrading our technology services. All our classrooms have data projectors as well as wireless infrastructure that support the teaching and learning process.

Our Prep – Year 2 students have Interactive Whiteboard technology available. Our Junior students also have netbook computers as well as a computer lab available for their use. Technology needs for Years 7 – 12 are catered for through our 1:1 laptop program.

Middle school complex opened for 2014

This state of the art complex houses Home Economics / Science Labs and Year 7 homerooms.

