



NORTHPINE
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Annual Report 2017

Centred in Christ | Dynamic in Direction | Strong in Service

OUR SCHOOL

School Sector:	Independent
School's Address:	29 Hughes Road East Dakabin Qld 4503
School Principal:	Mr Graham Baird
Total Enrolments:	862 Students,
Year Levels offered:	Prep – Year 12
Co-educational or Single Sex:	Co-educational



Student Body Characteristics: 55% boys and 45% girls, predominantly Australian but also comprised of children from a number of other nationalities

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 Westfield North Lakes, 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 co-ordinators 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

Vision Statement:

Centred in Christ, Dynamic in Direction, Strong in Service

Mission Statement:

“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.”

Values Statement:

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 School Hours and Vacation Care are also available.

Primary School (Prep - Year 6)

Our Primary 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 Primary School, developing positive character and social traits as the children grow.

Digital Technology is an important focus at Northpine because it supports and enhances teaching for learning. Our class rooms are equipped with interactive data projectors and our primary classes have tablets/ computers as well as a computer lab available for their use.

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, Non 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.

Primary School

Our Infants teachers (Prep to Year 2) work with our 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 our Junior School (Years 3 – 6), the focus is on 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 Digital Technologies, 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 assist students in class, as well as providing the opportunity for students who need it, to receive small group support.

Secondary School

In addition to the core subjects of Bible, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Physical Education and Health, our Year 7 to 9 Middle School students study a wide range of other subjects including Visual Art, Drama, Music, Design & Technology, Business, Civics, Media Arts, Digital Media and Technologies, 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 (OP) and Authority Registered (Non OP) subjects as well as vocational options, including certificate courses such as Hospitality, Fitness, Engineering/Construction along with supporting other courses from external providers.

OUR CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Entire School

- Age appropriate Chapel/Assembly programs
- Specialist Computer Labs
- Music Program
- Academic competitions
- Bible study/Prayer groups
- District Sporting Events (Years 4-12)
- Inter-school system sports (Years 4-12)
- Sports Program
- Provides opportunities for gifted students to enhance their abilities



Primary School

- Primary Reading Program – catering for individual needs
- Integrated Studies Programs (Prep-2)
- Interactive Data Projectors
- Tablet Computers (Prep-2)
- Laptop Trolleys (Years 3-5)
- 1 – 1 Laptop Program In School (Year 6)

- Soundwaves (Years 1-6)
- Swimming (Terms 1 and 4)
- Rotational Sport (Terms 2 and 3)

Middle School

- Mathematics, English, Humanities, Creative & Performing Arts, Sport, Health & Physical Education, Biblical Studies, Applied Art and Science
- Opportunities for public speaking/singing/performing during Chapel
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Mountain Bike Program
- District Sports
- After School Sports
- Inter-School System Sports
- 1-1 Laptop Program
- Middle School Challenge (Years 7 - 8)
- Challenge – The Next Step (Year 9)
- High Achieving Program
- Peer Mentoring Program
- GLAD Program (Growing Learning and Academic Development)
- Basketball Training and Competition
- Year Level Camps



Secondary School

- 1-1 Laptop Program
- Careers Guidance including compulsory work experience program
- OP & Non-OP offerings, including supporting students in obtaining school based traineeships/apprenticeships and enrolling in a wide variety of certificate programs.
- Year 12 students undertake a QCS practice program to prepare them for the Queensland Core Skills exams
- District Team Sports
- Duke of Edinburgh Program, Silver & Gold
- Year Level Camps

The Learning Centre

- This unit is staffed with three teachers and five teacher aides on a permanent part-time basis.
- It provides opportunities for students to receive extra attention if they require individualised or small group learning opportunities.

OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

- Church Visitation Program
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Storm Co Mission Trips (Year 10-12)
- Middle/Senior Chapel Band
- Creative Expression/Drama
- Outdoor Education Program
- Educational Year Level Camps (Years 6-12)
- Mountain Bike Program & Competitions
- BOSBL Basketball Program
- Lifesaving
- Interschool Business and other academic subject competitions
- Choirs (Participate in the Australian National Eisteddfod)
- Music (Violin, Piano, Voice, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Guitar)



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.
- Four chapel programs run each week. The worships are specifically planned for Infant, Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. 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 confronted by 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 through a Restorative Practice Program 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. In 2012 the College started the Bullying Free NCC Campaign as a way to counteract bullying.

OUR PARENTS

Parents are invited to contribute to the mission and operation of the College and are involved in many ways.

- 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.
- 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 Staff
Doctorate or higher	0%
Masters	16%
Bachelor Degree	76%
Diploma	8%
Certificate	0%



The percentage of our staff who have a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment is 12.9%.

Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	65	34	0
Full-time equivalents	54	12	0

Average Staff Attendance for the School, Based on Unplanned Absences of Sick and Emergency Leave Periods of up to 5 days

For permanent and temporary classroom teachers and school leaders the average staff attendance rate was 96.47% in 2017.

Proportion of Teaching Staff Retained from the Previous Year

Permanent teaching staff at end of 2016	Number of these staff retained in 2017	Retention Rate
64	52	81.25%

From the end of 2016, 81.25% of staff were retained for the entire 2017 school year.

Teacher Participation in Professional Development

Date	Description of PD activity	Number participating
16/01/2017	WH&S Compliance Training - Code of Conduct, Employer Policies and Procedures	74
19/01/2017	Connect - Student Development & Care	54
20/01/2017	Staff Training with Dynamiq - Teacher/staff Emergency Response + Disruptive and Aggressive Intrusion Training	54
27/03/2017	Impact of Programming on the Brain - Behaviour Management	55
08/05/2017	Anaphylaxis Training	50
12/06/2017	Formative Assessment - Teaching & Learning Strategies	23
10/07/2017	Connect - Curriculum, Content Knowledge & Mentor/Support Training	54
28/08/2017	Presentation - Motivating Students to Engage in Writing, Understanding ASD	19
28/08/2017	Critical Incident Management Team Training	3
04/09/2017	SEQTA Training	53
14/09/2017	Apply First Aid and CPR	26
14/09/2017	CPR Refresher Course	46
05/12/2017	Using PAT Information to Inform Future Teaching Interventions	26

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2017 was 100%.

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.

Expenditure on Professional Development

Total Number of Teachers	Total expenditure on teacher PD	Average expenditure on PD per teacher
65	\$131,454.53	\$2,022.38



OUR KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2017 was 93.26%.

Year	Attendance Rate
Prep	88.36%
Year 1	95.19%
Year 2	93.19%
Year 3	92.75%
Year 4	93.78%
Year 5	94.14%
Year 6	94.05%
Year 7	94.21%
Year 8	94.73%
Year 9	92.40%
Year 10	94.51%
Year 11	92.52%
Year 12	92.50%



Management of Non-attendance

Primary class rolls are marked at the beginning and end of day. Secondary class roles are marked each period. Parents are notified by the Administration Office by 10:30am each day if their children are not at school. 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 (Years 7 - 12) or class teacher (Prep – Year 6), will call the parent to enquire as to the reason for the absence.

NAPLAN Benchmark Results for 2017

Reading			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	Percentage at or above National Minimum Standard
Year 3	437.4	431.3	98.6%
Year 5	513.8	502.7	98.8%
Year 7	546.8	544.7	96.7%
Year 9	595.8	580.9	96.1%

Writing			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	Percentage at or above National Minimum Standard
Year 3	425.9	413.6	100%
Year 5	477.5	472.5	95.1%
Year 7	497	513	90.2%
Year 9	543.2	551	86.5%

Spelling			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	Percentage at or above National Minimum Standard
Year 3	431.1	416.2	100%
Year 5	522.1	500.9	100%
Year 7	548.1	549.6	91.8%
Year 9	585.5	581.5	98.1%

Grammar and Punctuation			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	Percentage at or above National Minimum Standard
Year 3	453.9	437	98.6%
Year 5	502.6	496	97.6%
Year 7	543.1	541.6	93.4%
Year 9	591.3	574.1	100%

Numeracy			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)	Percentage at or above National Minimum Standard
Year 3	416.4	409.4	100%
Year 5	521.7	490.4	100%
Year 7	552.3	553.8	100%
Year 9	598.7	592	100%

Apparent Retention Rate Year 10 to 12

Year 10 Base (2015)	Year 12 (2017)	Retention Rate Percentage
62	47	75.8%

Year 12 Student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 cohort is 75.8%.

Year 12 Outcomes

Outcomes for our Year 12 Cohort 2017	
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)	35
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)	2
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	25
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	47
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%
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	100%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	96%

OTHER INFORMATION

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. We also have a Primary Co-ordinator who cares for Primary student welfare, and a Secondary Student Welfare Co-ordinator.

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 nine 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 biennially.

School Income Broken Down by Funding Source

For information, visit the My School Website:

<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

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 interactive data projectors as well as wireless infrastructure that support the teaching and learning process.

Our Infant classes have tablets. Our Junior students 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.



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