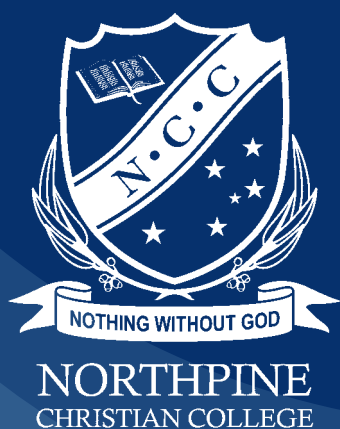
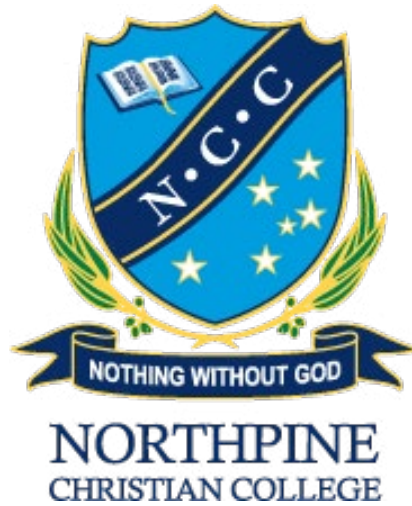


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COLLEGE HANDBOOK



Northpine Christian College is an independent co-educational school providing continuity in excellent holistic education from Early Childhood care right through to Year 12. Our College is founded on Biblically supported principles and values.

Northpine 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.

Northpine Christian College is set in a beautiful bush-land environment just 10 minutes from North Lakes Westfield and 30km north of central Brisbane.

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1. PHILOSOPHY & MISSION

1.1. EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Seventh-day Adventist education is based upon a worldview derived from the Christian faith. This view begins with an eternal, loving and personal God who has always existed, is all powerful and is the source of all life, truth, beauty and Christian values.

God, through Christ the Son, created this world as a part of a perfect universe. Furthermore, God sustains this creation by infinite power and through the natural laws instituted at this time. Although created perfect, this planet has been corrupted by sin, resulting in a world that is out of harmony with the rest of creation, however, God has instituted plans to restore this world to its original perfection.

Humankind was originally created in God's image; a unity of body, mind and spirit; endowed with intellect, emotion, and the power of choice. Sin, however, has not only corrupted our environment, but also humans themselves. God's image has been marred, yet may be restored through a personal response to the initiative of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Humankind's meaning, therefore, is found not in themselves, but in a relationship with their Creator. All truth finds its centre and unity in God. God communicates truth to humankind in a general way through the natural world, providential acts and, more specifically, through Jesus Christ, and the Bible. Humankind comprehends truth through observation and reason, but these avenues to understanding require faith and the direction of the Holy Spirit. Since all truth is God's truth, there is no dichotomy between the sacred and the secular; rather, Christian faith pervades all of life and every activity has spiritual significance.

God has used moral laws to outline standards of ethical behaviour based on a character of love. When adopted by humankind, these laws develop a commitment to selfless service and a personal and loving concern for all.

Humankind's appreciation of beauty and innate creativity, although marred by sin, still reflects God's image. Without the direction of the Holy Spirit these capacities may be used for evil instead of good. Appreciation of beauty and creativity extend to all humankind's cultural activities and involve relationships with God, other people, and the natural world.

1.2. MISSION

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

1.3. VISION

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

1.4. 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**



2. FOUNDATION & ADMINISTRATION

2.1. FOUNDATION

Northpine Christian College is a co-educational day school catering for students from Preparatory to Year 12. The College is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Ltd. It is open to students regardless of their religious affiliation, ethnic background, gender or national origin.

Students are expected to live in harmony with the College's standards and regulations, show respect for the Word of God, attend the regular religious classes and participate in the activities of the College.

2.2. COLLEGE ADVISORY

This is the advisory body of the College, accountable to the governing body of the College and the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Ltd. The College Advisory is comprised of the College Principal, Business Manager and representatives of the Head Office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Queensland and the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the North Brisbane Region. For further information or enquiries, please email office@northpine.qld.edu.au

2.3. PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

This Association, whose organising committee is appointed by the College Advisory, promotes programs which foster a more complete understanding, a deeper appreciation and a greater degree of co-operation between parents and teachers in attaining the aims of Christian Education. The building and fundraising programs aim to develop community at Northpine as well as provide our students and teachers with additional resources. Membership of the Association is open to parents and guardians of students attending the College, members of the College staff and those friends who are interested in the College.



3. FACILITIES & GROUNDS



The school grounds provide an attractive and safe environment where students are surrounded by the history of the College. Peacocks, koalas, possums and local birds are all regularly sighted on campus and enhance the school-day experience.



Our College offers purpose-built facilities such as our attractive drama space and Performing Arts Centre, well-appointed state-of-the-art kitchen as well as hospitality and textiles rooms, well-equipped science rooms and a modern Library Resource Centre. Courtyards around the school provide zones for meeting, studying or simply having some time out with friends.



Consisting of almost 4 hectares of spacious grounds, our campus provides the students with a variety of outdoor experiences such as cross country and mountain bike tracks, swimming pool, four large ovals, tennis courts, three playgrounds, two large undercover basketball areas, sports centre and a fitness centre.



Every classroom and teaching space is equipped with air-conditioning units, wireless network access and interactive data projectors. Primary students have access to a variety of technology and monitored internet access through class set devices. Secondary students have technology access through our one-to-one laptop program, where they have monitored internet both at school and at home.

4. COLLEGE HOURS

4.1. PREP-YEAR 12

SCHEDULE	PREP	YEAR 1-12
Head to Morning Session	8:40am	8:40am
Morning Session	8:45am—10:40am	8:45am—10:40am
Recess	10:40am—10:55am	10:40am—10:55am
Mid-Morning Session	11:00am—12:40pm	11:00am—12:40pm
Lunch	12:40pm—1:20pm	12:40pm—1:20pm
Afternoon Session	1:25pm—3:00pm	1:25pm—3:05pm

Playground supervision will commence at 8:15am and finish at 3:40pm. Before and after school care is available. For more information regarding our OSHClub facilities, [click here](#).

Parents who wish to speak directly with teachers are asked to make contact through the College Office. Each teacher is contactable by email.



4.2. OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:00am—4:00pm

Friday 8:00am—3:30pm

5. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The fundamental role of Christian Education is to prepare students for a life of service to God and others. Our policies, whether related to attitude towards learning, behaviour management, uniform or the many other aspects of schooling at Northpine Christian College, are directed towards preparing our students for the life beyond school.

Our students will be the leaders of the future and our aim is to instil in them skills including, the ability to develop effective relationships with parents, peers, staff and community, self-discipline and self-respect. Responding positively towards the College's expectations and demonstrating the ability to take responsibility for their actions are outcomes we desire to help our students develop during their time at Northpine.

Where there are no written rules, the basis of behaviour is common sense and courtesy.

- 1.** Students are at the College to learn. They are therefore expected to be attentive and apply themselves in class, move about the College in an orderly fashion, be punctual and have all necessary equipment for each lesson. It is expected that students will support the teacher's work by refraining from unwarranted conversation and the distraction of others.
- 2.** During College hours a student may only leave the College grounds by signing out with permission from parents.
- 3.** Each student is expected to respect the property rights of the College and of every member of the College community. All breakages and damage must be reported to the Principal or Deputy immediately by the person responsible, who will also have to take responsibility for the cost, if the breakage was caused by irresponsible or malicious action.
- 4.** Uniform and behaviour while travelling to and from College, while on excursions, or in any public place must be exemplary. It should be remembered that the public often judges an institution by the dress and behaviour of its students.
- 5.** Standards of honesty, courtesy, moral purity in word and act, good language, respect for authority and reverence to God are to be maintained.
- 6.** Students are expected to participate in sports and to be gracious winners and good losers.
- 7.** Designated out of bounds areas must be strictly observed.
- 8.** Dangerous implements including guns, knives and metal rulers are not permitted at College or while the students are under College jurisdiction or in College uniform.

9. Correct and complete uniform must be worn neatly at College, travelling to and from, and at any other place when the student is in uniform. During activities where uniform is not required, dress must be modest and accessories and footwear must meet College health and safety standards.
10. Alcohol, cigarettes, ecigarettes/vapes, illegal drugs and other harmful substances are strictly forbidden. Students are reminded that they represent the College and its standards and they need to abide by them at all times.
11. The College reserves the right to open and search students' lockers and bags without notice. This would only be done with the student present.

6. STUDENT MANAGEMENT

Minor matters of discipline are dealt with by the classroom teacher or the playground duty teacher. More serious offences may be referred to the appropriate Co-ordinators. The most serious matters of discipline are referred to the Discipline Committee by the College Administration.

In extreme cases, students may be suspended for up to two weeks or dismissed from the College. The welfare of the entire College may be threatened by the misbehaviour of one student. The College Advisory is prepared to exclude a student on a permanent basis if he or she is not willing to abide by the aims and objectives of the College.

A copy of the complete Student Management Policy is available from the College Office.



"The object of discipline is the training of the child for self-government. He should be taught self-reliance and self-control."

- Education p 287.

7. ADMISSION

Parents seeking admission at our College for their child are to:



Complete an Application for Enrolment Form, Fee Payment Agreement Form and submit the forms with a non-refundable application fee of **\$50 per child**.



Submit with the application the following documentation: birth certificate, passport, copies of residency, citizenship or visa status (if applicant or parents are not Australian citizens), immunisation certificates, two years of previous school reports and NAPLAN results (if applicable), medical or specialist reports (if applicable), legal documents relating to special family circumstances (eg. DVO)



On receipt of this information, the College will contact the parents for interview when a position becomes available.



On successful completion of the formal interview a non-refundable Enrolment Deposit of **\$300 per child** is to be paid on the day of the interview to confirm the enrolment position. Once the student/s has/have commenced at our College, this non-refundable deposit will be credited to the family fee account. A letter will be sent confirming the enrolment position.

7.1. SCHOOL ENTRY AGE

Students accepted for Preparatory should turn **five** by 30 June in the year of entry.

8. ATTENDANCE

It is important that students are regular in their attendance so as to gain maximum educational benefit from their time at Northpine Christian College. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their children receive an appropriate education. This means that unless they have a reasonable explanation, parents of a child of compulsory school age must enrol their child at school and ensure they attend school on every school day.

From time to time a student may be absent from their educational program. Parents comply with their compulsory schooling or compulsory obligation by providing a satisfactory reason for absences. Parents should provide a reason for a child's absence either before or on the day of the absence, or as soon as is practicable.

The College will notify parents via SMS where their child is absent unexplained by 10.00am on the day of the student's absence, allowing time for parents to respond prior to the end of the school day.

Unexplained absences will be followed up once a week with an email reminder asking parents/guardians to provide a reasonable explanation for a child's absence.

If a reasonable explanation is not provided and a teacher becomes concerned about a child's absence from school, the Deputy Principal will be informed. The Deputy Principal will contact the parent/guardian.

Students should not arrive at the College before 8:15 am or be in the College grounds after 3:40 pm, as teacher supervision is not available outside these hours.

It is not acceptable for students to miss school to complete assignments. It is requested that appointments for doctors, dentists, etc. be made after school hours, where at all possible.

9. CURRICULUM

9.1. PRIMARY SCHOOL (PREP - YEAR 6)

Click the following links to find Primary School Subjects for [Infant School](#) and [Junior School](#).

9.2. SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 7 - YEAR 12)

Click the following links to find Secondary School Subjects for [Middle School](#) and [Senior School](#).

NOTE: Subject choices change to reflect student demand each year. Generally, six or more students are required per subject at the beginning of Year 11 for that subject to be offered. Senior students (Years 10-12) may replace one elective subject with a School-Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship after negotiations with the College Careers Co-ordinator and Academic Coordinator.

Some subjects not offered by the College may be studied through Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE) where the student meets the qualifying standards required by BSDE and the College. Only elective subjects may be replaced in this way.

Biblical studies and the sharing of God's Word is a core subject in our academic program and mandatory for every student to undertake Biblical Studies for the required minimum allocation every year, including all students in Years 11 and 12.



9.4. PRIMARY SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS & STATIONERY

A fee is charged per child per term to cover the cost of supplied textbooks and stationery. Parents are requested to purchase some additional items as listed on the stationery requirements handout.

9.5. TEXTBOOKS

The College operates a Textbook Hire Scheme that supplies all textbooks and charges a fee in addition to the Textbook allowance paid for each student from Year 7 to 12 each year by the Queensland Government. Books that are returned with more than normal wear and tear or not returned, are subject to replacement charges with allowances made for depreciation.

9.6. HOMEWORK

Homework is necessary if a student is to perform satisfactorily. Homework in the Primary school will take the form of revision of spelling, number facts and reading. In addition, Year 6 students will have 4 to 5 research assignments during the year. Middle and Senior students need to organise their time to complete regular homework set in each subject, research work and application of principles taught during the day. Recommended time to be allowed for homework (includes time spent on assignments) per night:

YEAR LEVEL	ALLOWED TIME FOR STUDY
Prep	10 Minutes
Years 1 & 2	15 - 20 Minutes
Years 3 - 5	20 - 30 Minutes
Years 6 & 7	30 - 60 Minutes
Years 8 & 9	60 - 120 Minutes
Year 10	90 - 120 Minutes
Year 11 & 12	2 - 3 Hours (minimum)

NOTE: Year 6 – 12 students will be issued with a student diary. It is a requirement that all student diaries be taken to each class every day for the purpose of recording homework details.

9.7. SWIMMING

Primary students go to the Watson Park Convention Centre pool for professional coaching in Terms 1 and 4.

Other students will have the opportunity of working on their advanced swimming and lifesaving awards at the Watson Park Convention Centre pool, as well as selecting swimming as a sport option.



9.8. COMPUTING

School provided devices are used as a tool to provide an education that remains grounded in Christian values while preparing students for the future of critical thinking and digital citizenship. Students are required to sign *ICT Policies and Forms* that can be found [here](#). Please refer to [Section 13](#) for our Technology Policies.

YEAR LEVEL	ALLOCATED LAPTOPS
Prep - Year 2	Small groups of iPads & laptops for each room
Years 3 - 5	Laptops for each class in a 1 laptop per 2 students ratio
Year 6	Laptops for each individual student. <i>(Laptops stay on campus)</i>
Years 7 - 12	1:1 laptop program for each student in all year levels. <i>(Laptops can be taken home)</i>

Digital Technology Classes for Primary age students occur in our Primary Computer Lab to further advance their computer literacy.

10. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

10. 1. SENIOR CERTIFICATE AND TERTIARY ENTRANCE

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is the internationally recognised senior schooling qualification awarded to students. The QCE is flexible and allows students to design the pathway that's right for them — whether that's heading to university, skilled work, TAFE or other training. This approach supports engagement in learning and helps students to develop skills for success in the future.

To achieve a QCE students must complete the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in the set pattern, and meet literacy and numeracy requirements. The Australian Tertiary and Admissions Rank (ATAR) is the primary tool used to select school leavers for tertiary entrance from 2020. Queensland ATARs are based on a student's:

- *best five General subject result, or*
- *best results in four General subject, plus one plus one Applied subject, or*
- *best results in four General subjects, plus one VET qualification at Certificate III or above*

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will calculate and issue students' ATARs.

10.2. SUBJECT CHANGES

If an elective subject change becomes necessary, this will need to be effected **within two weeks of commencing the subject** and only after consultation with the Careers Coordinator, the teachers involved, parents and administration staff. After this two week period has expired, students may only change subjects at the end of a semester or unit.

Only under special circumstances will changes outside of this time be allowed. For a subject change to be considered, students must complete a Subject Change Form signed by parents/caregivers and teachers of the subjects impacted. Subject change forms are located within the student document section on **SEQTA**.

10.3. ASSESSMENT

Student assessment is outlined in detail in the **School Assessment Policy** that is available on **SEQTA**. This policy reflects the importance placed on the assessment process as a mechanism for evaluating student performance, and the responsibility placed on the individual child to meet the expectations of the assessment policy. Emphasis is placed on the importance of students being present for all tests and exams, submitting assignments on time and in the format as outlined by the teacher.

10.4. CHEATING

A student who is found to be dishonest on tests, quizzes, assignments, homework, etc. will not be given a grade for the work and will be referred to the College administration. The student's parents will be notified and if a second offence occurs (not necessarily in the same class), disciplinary action will be taken.

11. RESOURCE CENTER

11.1. CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact our librarian, please email: librarian@northpine.qld.edu.au

The Resource Centre is an integral part of our school program. It supports the educational program of the College and is designed to meet the needs of both students and teachers by providing a balanced collection of materials and services. Students are encouraged to use the Resource Centre to read for enjoyment and satisfaction, study and research.

11.2. LENDING RULES

YEAR LEVEL	NO. BOOKS ALLOWED TO LOAN
Prep & Year 1	1
Year 2	2
Year 3-12	3

Primary Students may loan books for **one week** and then either return or renew them. **Secondary Students** may loan books for up to **three weeks** and then either return or renew them.

11.3. PROCEDURES

No books are to be taken from the Resource Centre without being checked out in the proper manner

Reference books are not to be removed from the Resource Centre

Return books to the "Returns" chute located near the entrance of the library

If a student forgets to return a book, they will be issued with an overdue notice. They will not be allowed to borrow until the book is returned

If a book is lost or damaged, please inform the librarian as soon as possible. Please pay the replacement cost at the office and bring the receipt with you to the library. Replacement cost is full price if a book is less than two years old. It is **75% of the original purchase price in its 3rd year** and **50% if it is over 4 years old.**

Parents are welcome to visit before and after school

Donations of books and resources are welcomed

11.4. STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Resources borrowed under a students' name are the responsibility of that student. Do not give borrowed books to another student

Return books on time and in good condition

Report any lost or damaged resources

11.5. PHOTOCOPYING, PRINTING AND SCANNING

Students have access to a colour photocopier in the Resource Centre. The costs of photocopying are outlined below:

TYPE	SINGLE-SIDED A4	SINGLE-SIDED A3	DOUBLE-SIDED A4	DOUBLE-SIDED A3
Black & White	5 cents	10 cents	6 cents	14 cents
Colour	15 cents	30 cents	20 cents	40 cents

Students are expected to treat the resources, equipment, furnishings and other Resource Centre users with respect. Everyone's cooperation is required to keep the Resource Centre a quiet study or reading area.

12. FINANCE

12.1. FEE PAYMENT

The tuition fee charges represent only a part of the cost of operating the College. Finance comes from two sources: fees, and recurrent grants provided by both State and Commonwealth governments.

All new families are required to pay their first term's fees prior to commencing at the College.

All fees are to be paid in accordance with the Fee Payment Agreement. A 4.5% prompt payment discount is allowed on the tuition component of the fees if full annual payment has been received by prompt payment due date. Similarly, a 4% prompt payment discount is allowed on the tuition only component of the fees if full term payment has been received by the prompt payment due date.

Non-payment of fees may preclude enrolment for the following term. Students should not be sent to school until fees are paid. Special cases must be presented to the Principal and/or Business Manager for consideration.

Should a student leave the College during the first half of a given term, refunds will only be issued to a maximum of 50% of tuition fees. No refunds will be issued if more than half a term is completed. Students excluded from the College due to disciplinary action will not be eligible for any refunds on fees.

12.2. BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

All families in the College are invited to make a contribution to the Building Fund on an annual basis. These funds are to assist in the ongoing development of the College facilities. A minimum contribution of **\$400 per year (\$100 per term)** is suggested. All contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible.

13. TECHNOLOGY

13.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

School provided devices are a learning tool. When on campus, the devices will be used under teacher supervision for teaching and learning purposes.

School provided devices are equipped with Internet monitoring and protection software provided by CyberHound. While CyberHound is very good at detecting and blocking inappropriate content, not everything on the Internet is classified honestly by its original creator. Occasionally, inappropriate material will be classified as innocent content, but may contain themes of an unsuitable nature. Therefore, the College encourages parents to be engaged and proactive with their child's use of the school provided device.

Secondary students are permitted to take their school provided device home with them for the exclusive use of homework and assessment work. Parents and carers are encouraged to monitor students' use of the school provided device when off campus. Good practice is to have students use the device in a shared, quiet, easily visible area.

For further detail on responsibilities of the College, parents and students, please refer to the [ICT Handbook](#).

13.2. SOCIAL MEDIA

Students must demonstrate respect for others and the College

Students must not make any comment on social networking sites or any other digital media including email that targets any Northpine Christian College student or staff with perceived negative intent, or undermines the name and/or good work of the College

Students must not upload to the web, photos or videos taken on the College campus, or which identify the College in any way without the permission of College Leadership.

13.3. INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

There are many esafety resources available to parents, students and teachers on www.esafety.gov.au. Here are some safety tips from the esafety government website:



HANDS-ON

- Help with online tasks
- Listen to your child's online problems



MONITOR

- Watch what your child does online
- Check browsing history



LIMITATIONS

- Ask your child to reduce use of technology
- Temporarily remove devices
- Disable data access



RULES

- Length of time online
- Websites accessible
- Suitability of apps



TALK

- Talk about the rules, limitations and actions with your child
- Discuss being responsible and respectful

14. COLLEGE UNIFORM

Northpine Christian College has a smart uniform that students can be proud to wear. We believe that when our students wear the uniform correctly, they not only represent their College positively in the community, but they will also develop a personal sense of pride and self-respect that they can take with them into life beyond school. The full College Uniform Policy and requirements are available on our website [here](#).

15. TRANSPORT

15.1. CONTRACT BUS SERVICES

The College is serviced by Kangaroo Bus Lines who provide school services for students living in the Narangba, Burpengary, Morayfield and Caboolture areas. Parents requiring transport to and from the College for students living in these areas should contact Kangaroo Bus Lines directly on 1300 287 525. Their full bus schedule to and from Northpine can be found [here](#).

Families utilising this service may be eligible for a rebate on the cost of bus fares through the Non-Government Schools Bus Fare Assistance scheme. Claims are to be made via: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/> Additional transport assistance can be applied for [here](#).

The same standards of behaviour are expected on Kangaroo Buses as on College vehicles.

15.2. COLLEGE BUSES

The College owns and operates private buses to assist with the operating of school activities such as excursions, camps and sporting activities.

15.3. GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Allowance from the State Government may be available if you transport (by private vehicle) your children, (a) to school (b) to the train station (c) the school bus pick-up point. A **Conveyance Allowance Application Form** is available from the College office.

16. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

16.1. DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This is a voluntary program, run world-wide, designed to challenge young people outside the classroom. Northpine Christian College is a registered provider of this Award in Queensland and is proud to be able to offer this program to our students. The program encourages them to develop more of their potential in the areas of physical fitness, skills, community service and adventurous journeys. The Award Scheme is designed to operate at three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. The commencing age is 14 years. It is designed as a program where the candidates set their own pace and complete the program in their own time.

The Award Program develops group responsibility, leadership skills and the ability for young people to look after themselves in a variety of wilderness situations. The Adventurous Journey (AJ) that Northpine operates is Bushwalking. However, candidates can choose to do other AJs such as Kayaking but this must be done with an Award approved operator. Bushwalking is a relatively inexpensive activity and hire equipment is available to minimise the cost of the program so that no one is excluded for financial reasons. All AJs are run by experienced and qualified staff members and volunteers.

The International Duke of Edinburgh Award provides a challenging and fun environment where students learn to become more independent and learn new skills. For more information go to <http://dukes.northpine.qld.edu.au> or contact Mr Darryl Hobson or Mr Colin Wilson.

17. CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

17.1. VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our vocal and instrumental music program provides opportunities for your child to learn a range of musical instruments or to study voice. If you are interested in finding out more about music lessons, the [Information Booklet](#) on the College website outlines how the program works, and also contains both the sign-up form and the instrument hire form.

17.2. ENSEMBLES

Northpine has an exciting and growing Music Program. There are a range of musical opportunities for your child to be involved in, which include ensembles, bands and choirs.



STRING ENSEMBLE

There are three String Ensembles across both the Primary and Secondary campuses for our strings students to be involved in. Piccolo Strings (P-6 for beginner string students); Pizzicato Strings (Yrs 2-6); Mozart Strings (Yrs 7-12).



CONCERT BANDS

Across the Primary and Secondary campuses there are four Concert Bands for our brass, woodwind and percussion students. Poco Winds (beginner band students in Yrs 4-6); Concert Band (Yrs 5-6); Concert Winds (Yrs 7-12); Jazz Ensemble (Yrs 7-12).



CHOIR

There are four choirs across the Primary and Secondary campuses for students who love to sing. Melodious Voices Choir (Yrs 2-3); Viva Voce Choir (Yrs 4-6); Secondary Choir (Yrs 7-12); Boy's Choir (Yrs 7-12).



NORTHPINE CHAPEL BAND

There are two Chapel Bands for our more contemporary musicians and singers from Yrs 7-12. The Chapel Bands play in both the Middle School and Senior School Chapels.

18. CO-CURRICULAR SPORT

18.1. WEEKLY SPORT

Our weekly sporting program provides students with the opportunity to represent the school in a variety of team sports each week within our sporting district. Northpine Christian College is affiliated with the Sunshine Coast South Zone and we play other schools on a weekly basis across Terms 1-3 in 2 seasons, Summer and Winter. Students compete in a range of sports, as determined by the district, and play in Finals at the end of each season. This occurs for students in Years 7-9 and also 10-12. More information about our Sporting Program can be found in the Northpine Sport Handbook online.

18.2. INTER-HOUSE SPORT PROGRAM

Northpine has 3 sport houses; **Fraser Falcons**, **Moreton Magpies** and **Stradbroke Sea Hawks**. Our school is the Northpine Eagles. We run 4 major carnivals across the year for students to participate in: A Swimming Carnival, a Cross Country, an Athletics Carnival and our Adventure Race. The first 3 events lead on to representation of the school at the Pine Rivers District competitions. Students are also involved in various lunch-time competitions in various sports to represent their houses and earn points for the overall Champion House of the year.

18.3. ADVENTIST SCHOOLS SPORT ASSOCIATION (ASSA)

Northpine is also affiliated with other Adventist schools in the South Queensland Region. These sister schools meet 4 times a year to compete in a range of sports, including: Futsal, Basketball, Touch Football and Volleyball/Netball/Ultimate Frisbee. These days are excellent sporting and social events to connect students across schools. A champion school is determined across each event, with an All-Star 5 being voted on by the officials of each event.

18.4. DISTRICT & REGIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Northpine is affiliated with the Pine Rivers District for all representative sport, which is connected to the Metropolitan-North region of Brisbane. Students have access to many sports through the trial processes of the district. These representative teams allow students to participate in progressive representation for both State and National sports.

18.5. SPORT ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Each of the sporting events that students participate in build up points for students in the annual sporting athlete of the year award. This award is split into 4 areas: Middle School Female and Male athletes (7-9) and Senior School Female and Male athletes (10-12). Students earn a range of points based on the level of participation for each sport. Local events are worth the least, to State and National representation worth the most.

18.6. BASKETBALL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM



WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

Students in Years 4-10 have the opportunity to be involved in a social competition where students compete in 2 age brackets in teams determined by a mix of gender and capability. This competition is designed around development and improving skills for our further representative pathways.



BRISBANE OUTER SCHOOLS LEAGUE (BOSL)

Northpine participates in the BOSL competition, specifically in Basketball. Students trial to make the representative teams in this competition, in the categories of Years 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. This competition takes place in Term 2. Opportunities exist in other sports; volleyball, netball, soccer, futsal and touch football.



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each year, where possible, Northpine sends our representative teams to the Australian Schools Basketball Championships in late November and early December. These championships take place in a variety of locations around Australia as determined by Basketball Australia.

19. PROCEDURES

19.1. REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews are held throughout the year to give parents a current report on the strengths and weaknesses of their child/ren and how parents may help. Parents are able to access their child/ren's report through the SEQTA Parent Portal. Though some interviews are optional, we ask that all parents attend the mid-year interview time

19.2. PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Early in each school year information nights are held for parents and students to discuss class procedures, subjects, homework and assignment procedures and co-operative responsibility for learning. We would like these meetings to be a priority for all students and their parents. Guidelines will be distributed and explained at these meetings.

19.3. TELEPHONE

The College telephones are not for student use. Students will not be permitted to receive phone calls. In an emergency, a message from a parent or guardian will be passed on to the child. Mobile phones are not permitted during school time (policy available on request).

19.4. NEWSLETTERS

To keep you in touch with happenings at the College, [the Newsletter](#) is published fortnightly.

19.5. MONEY AND VALUABLES

Money designated for the College should be enclosed in an envelope and clearly marked with the student's name, class and amount. Students with personal valuables or money are advised to leave them at the Junior or Middle/Senior office.

19.6. EATING

We would encourage parents to provide a healthy lunch for their children. The College offers a tuckshop service from Monday to Friday. The [Menu](#) is available on the College website and all orders are to be placed through the online ordering system [Munch Monitor](#).

Each student is to eat all of his/her own lunch unless special permission is granted by the teacher on duty. This is rarely done. Each child will be expected to remain seated in the lunch-eating area until his/her lunch is eaten. Prep-Year 6 students are given 15 minutes to eat before permission is given to leave for play. Junior School students are to show their lunch boxes to the teacher on duty before placing their wrappers in the bins and going to play.

The chewing of gum (bubble or chewing) is not permitted on the College grounds or buses or on school sponsored excursions.

19.7. AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Prep students are dismissed at 3:00pm and are collected from their classroom at this time.

Year 1-6 students move directly to bus or car pick-up areas upon dismissal at 3.05PM.

Year 7-12 students move directly to buses or cars upon dismissal at 3.05PM.

Please inform the office if there is a change to your child's usual pick-up routine.

19.8. LOST PROPERTY

Parents are urged to label all items brought to school to assist in returning items to their owners. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of after a reasonable time. If your child has lost an article of clothing, ask him/her to check with Admin staff/their duty teacher or to check in the lost property box (located in the Primary and Secondary Offices).

19.9. CAR PARKING

Parents dropping off or picking up students are not permitted to use the bus turning circle. Parents are asked to use the parking areas provided around the College grounds. Primary students can be dropped off and picked up adjacent to the swimming pool and Secondary students can be dropped off and picked up near the Secondary basketball courts. All pedestrian traffic is to stay within the railed walkway to avoid the bus transit area.

19.10. LOCKERS

Lockers with locks and bag racks are provided for Year 8 – 12 students. Students are to provide their own locks.

20. MEDICAL

20.1. SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT

The College policy is to contact parents in the event of a serious accident. If they cannot be contacted an ambulance will be called. Parents will be notified as soon as possible. All medical expenses are the responsibility of the parent. If students become too sick to remain in class or travel home by bus, parents will be contacted and requested to collect their child. All students attending the College are covered under a student insurance scheme. For a copy of the **Student Accident Claim Form** please contact the College office.

20.2. DENTIST

The Health Department's Dental van visits the College every second year to check on the students' teeth and carry out necessary treatment. You will be contacted by them if any work needs to be done on your child's teeth. In the event of a dental emergency you may contact the School Dental Van on **1300 300 850**.

20.3. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

If a student has an inhaler the parent may request in writing that the student be responsible for the inhaler and its administration to him/her self. This request is to be directed to the College administration office. Written requests will be kept on file at school. The student **MUST NOT** share the inhaler with any other child.

If a student requires office staff to administer medication at school, the medication requires a pharmaceutical label with the child's name and time and dose of medicine. A **Request to Administer Medication Form** available from the College Office must be completed.

Exceptions: Cough or throat lozenges may be kept and administered by students at the parent's direction and teacher's approval. A note indicating the parent's request is to be sent to the class teacher.

20.4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

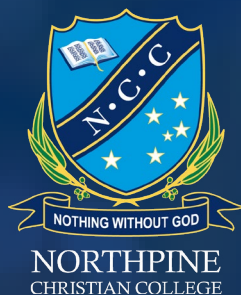
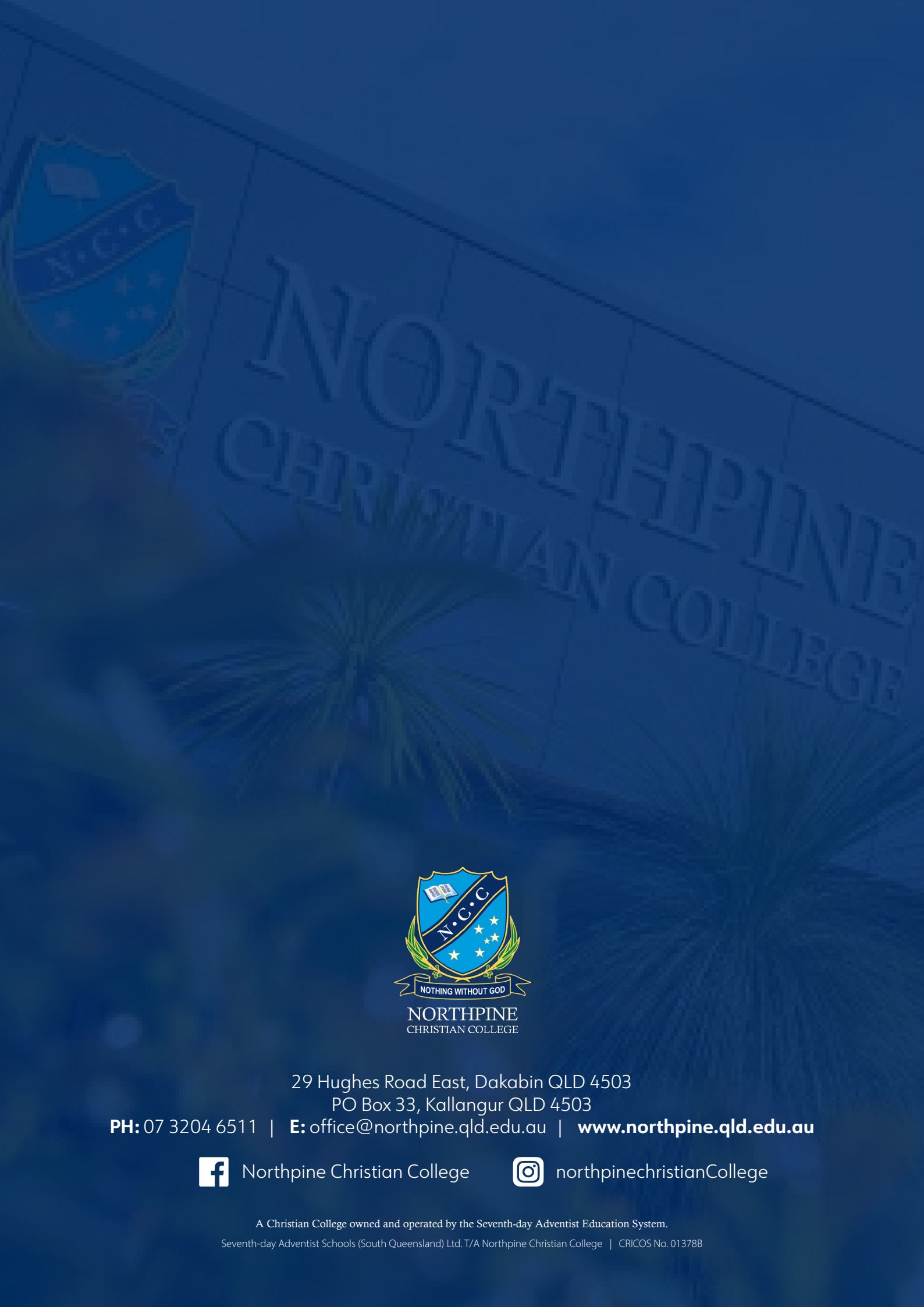
Students contracting an infectious disease are to be excluded from school immediately, and should remain at home for the period of time as outlined by Queensland Health. A full list of infectious diseases and exclusion times are available [here](#).

20.5. HEAD LICE

Students found to have head lice are to be excluded from school until the child has been fully treated.

20.6. GRIEVANCE POLICY

The College takes seriously complaints and concerns that may be raised by parents, and they will be dealt with promptly. If a parent has a grievance concerning a student or the child's teacher, please discuss the issue in the first instance, with the teacher. If the problem is not resolved then please contact the relevant Deputy Principal; failing that, contact the Principal. For a copy of the Grievance policy please contact the College office.



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