2025 IMPACT REPORT

our norwest

OUR MISSION

For everyone in our community to feel a deep sense of connectedness, joy, and belonging.

OUR VISION

Our Norwest, Our Community.

We believe purpose isn't something you find alone, it's something you discover in community.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Why does the "Our" in Our Norwest matter? Because you are Our Norwest. You are an essential part of our community. We are a diverse people, with a deep sense of belonging. We are established, fresh and unique.

At Norwest, we talk a lot about having a sense of purpose and that it is a wonderful gift. Purpose brings meaning and clarity to every aspect of our life.

We want you to know that you have a God-given purpose and are equipped to capably pursue that purpose.

We love partnering with you, to create opportunities that inspire.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Felicity Marlow

In 2025, Our Norwest has continued to flourish as a vibrant, Christ-centred learning community, committed to inspiring and equipping each student to know and love God, pursue their God-given purpose, and serve with confidence in a changing world.

Across the Colleges, together, we have deepened our focus on service, community, and holistic education, with developing a sense of belonging for all those in our community.

This year has also been marked by the faithful dedication of our staff and the strength of our community partnerships, as together we invest in forming young people of character, faith, and capability; prepared not only for success, but for a life of meaningful service locally and globally.

THE **IMPACT** OF...

ENGAGING IN AUTHENTIC **FAITH**

Authentic faith was actively nurtured across the Colleges through a culture of consistent spiritual engagement and intentional discipleship. Students participated in chapel services, daily devotions, and Bible study groups, while also stepping confidently into leadership through worship, prayer gatherings, and ministry teams. Mission experiences, both local and international, further deepened students' understanding of faith in action, helping them recognise their role within God's broader story and equipping them to live out their beliefs with confidence and purpose.

HEART

"The heart and driving disposition of the 2025 leadership team was to cultivate a love for Jesus not only within our leadership team, but also among the teachers and students both within and beyond our school. This led to a common theme of continually inviting other schools to events, such as worship nights, where we came together to magnify the glory of God and share personal testimonies of how God has worked in our lives, as well as Prefect afternoon teas, where fellowship was developed between leaders from a variety of different schools in our area."

Adelle Hogan & Jeremiah Kaleeny
COLLEGE CAPTAIN 2025

CREATING INSPIRING **LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Norwest continued to invest significantly in creating environments that support student growth, wellbeing, and learning. In 2025, this included the development of new classrooms, counselling and learning enrichment spaces, expanded play and outdoor learning areas, and major refurbishments across key facilities. These improvements, alongside the introduction of new year levels and ongoing campus planning, have ensured that students are supported by spaces that are both functional and inspiring, enabling them to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you to our community for their generous donations towards our building (House) fund, which goes towards achieving these spaces for our students.

HOUSE

To support our House Fund, head to Our House.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN NEED

Through the generosity of Our Norwest community, 2025 saw continued support for families and students in need, ensuring that all members of the community could participate fully in College life. Fundraising initiatives and community events were intentionally designed to be inclusive and accessible. This commitment has strengthened belonging, reduced barriers to participation, and reflected the Colleges' heart to care for every family with compassion and dignity.

The Colleges would also like to specifically thank **Bendigo Bank Galson Community branch** for their generous support to the Colleges over the past few years through their Community Grant Program. This support enabled a College family in financial need to afford a student's education until graduation of Year 12, 2025.

The Colleges are deeply grateful for the generosity of our wider community to financially support College families in need.

HOPE

To support our Hope Fund, head to Our Hope.

RELATING TO COMMUNITY THROUGH **SERVICE**

Across the Colleges, a culture of service continues to be embedded in everyday learning and community life, equipping students to actively contribute both locally and globally while growing in compassion, leadership, and purpose.

Students demonstrated a strong commitment to serving others through a wide range of local and global initiatives. Each year group partnered with charitable organisations such as Compassion, Samaritan's Purse, A21, and Mission Aviation Fellowship, creating consistent, purposeful opportunities for students to contribute to meaningful causes. Through practical service activities including preparing meals for Blacktown CareVan, supporting students with additional needs at South Creek School, and serving within Ngarra Christian College, students developed empathy, responsibility, and a heart for others.

Throughout 2025, the Colleges in partnership with Emmanuel Baptist Church, collected donations of old-style uniform that was sent to Changing Times Ministry (CTM) schools in Kibera, Kenya. These donations were a huge blessing to this community. Staff participated again in a service project in partnership with The Jeremiah Project, organising food hampers for those less fortunate their Christmas Hope Appeal.

MISSION FIJI 2025 trip was a life-changing and transformative experience for ten of our students and four staff members. From delivering care packs to new mothers at Suva Hospital, to clearing land at Homes of Hope for future gardens and a sheep pasture, and painting a dormitory, the team worked hard. They also had the unique opportunity to experience village life and connect deeply with local families. Throughout the trip, students were invited to step out in faith by sharing personal testimonies and leading devotions. Students reflected on how God calls us to love and serve the marginalised, and many shared how their understanding of justice and mercy was reshaped through these encounters.

LOCAL MISSION EXPERIENCES

Service learning was further enriched through a transformative local mission experience, with students and staff travelling to Outback NSW. Students shared at the Josiah Healing Centre's youth group about their faith and listening to God in prayer. The group enjoyed afternoons by the Bogan River at Brewarrina Christian School, kayaking and relaxing in impromptu mud spas. They also toured the Brewarrina Aboriginal Cultural Museum, where they learned about local Indigenous history, culture, and land stewardship, and experienced a powerful didgeridoo performance by Norm Shillingsworth.

Mission opportunities allow students to engage directly with communities, broaden their global perspective, and deepen their understanding of service as an expression of faith in action. Thank you to all those who helped make both mission trips possible.

To read more, head to Our Stories.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Individuals

Parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, members of the community.

Mission Partners

Representatives from local churches and mission organizations.

Business Partners

Local professionals or business owners who have a heart to invest in our students.

OUR STATS

THREE YEARS OF IMPACT

1224 STUDENTS

Across Norwest and Ngarra Christian Colleges
* as of Aug census date.

countless **PRAYERS**

covered
Our Norwest, our community and all our students across the year.

1 STUDENTS' EDUCATION SUPPORTED

through our Hope fund.

1224 + 218

STUDENTS STAFF

SERVICE

served in projects across the year.

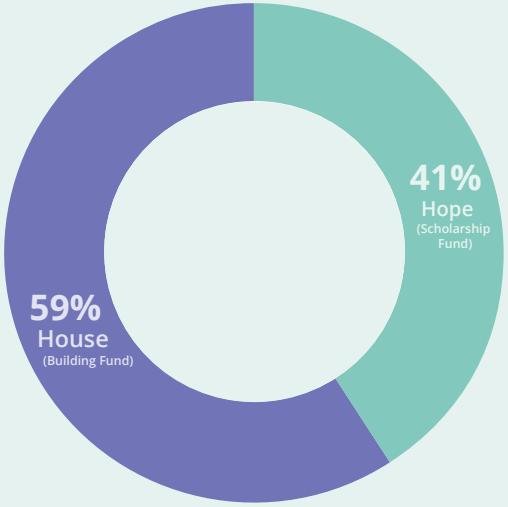
NEW FACILITIES

Stage 2 and 3 of the Secondary Build was completed, along with the ELC Playground Expansion, a Ngarra Cubby House, Primary Years shade sail, Primary Years Playground and two new Preschool classrooms. A new Café is also opening in 2026, along with further building expansions.

447 PARTNERS

Online community members.

OUR DONATIONS



Donations Received

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED.

$28,134

We are hoping to continue to grow and further our impact for our students and community.
Please consider joining us.

OUR COMMUNITY

" Year of Gratitude"

As the 2021–2025 Strategic Plan drew to a close and we prepared to transition into a new strategic chapter, the "Year of Gratitude" initiative provided a timely opportunity to reflect on our journey and look ahead with clarity and purpose. It invited us to consider where we have been, where we are now, and where we are heading—grounded in who God is and who we are as a faith-filled community. At its heart, this initiative affirmed the value and worth of every individual while setting the direction for the next five years. Key highlights were the community "Glimmer Walls" - a place for staff and students to leave notes of gratitude, our socials hashtag #NorwestIsGrateful encouraging members of our community to share kind and appreciative sentiments about each other, and "Flashback Fridays" – reminders of God's goodness, celebrating so much that we have been thankful for in our community.

Gratitude

#NorwestIsGrateful

WINTER FEST

"Our Norwest WinterFest" emerged from our 2025 Year of Gratitude initiative, with the purpose to foster a culture of appreciation, connection, and wellbeing across the Our Norwest community.

WinterFest was designed to strengthen relationships within our College community while enhancing engagement with alumni, prospective families, and our valued business and mission partners. It sought to celebrate our past, honour our present, and confidently embrace the future together.

Across three vibrant days, WinterFest brought together thousands of attendees through seven key initiatives:

STUDENT HOUSE CHALLENGE

Designed and led by our Student Leadership Team, this new mini-Olympics-style event united students from ELC to Year 12. Students and teachers that attended felt a sense of excitement, had great weather and thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their God-given talents while participating in the fun sporting rotations. The Year 12 students vs teachers OzTag game at lunchtime was a highlight! All students were engaged throughout the afternoon and the feedback received was very positive.

PARTNERS BREAKFAST

A dedicated event to thank our Business and Mission Partners and strengthen relationships with and between them. Guests heard powerful stories from students and staff, and the impact Business and Mission Partners have had on Our Norwest community. The time together brought rich conversations, support, and encouragement for all that we are collectively doing to grow young people of purpose. 50 people attended making it our largest one yet!

ONLINE AUCTION

The auction featured generously donated items from local businesses, enabling parents to participate and support the College community. The Auction raised nearly $2,000 ($500 above target) for the Student Bursary Fund, supporting enrolled families experiencing financial hardship.

DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

Organised by Our Norwerst Parent Representatives, this joyful event raised $2,200 to put towards easing financial barriers for families attending future community events. All tables booked out, with 235 people attending across our students, staff and parents.

OPEN DAY

Prospective families were invited to experience both the Colleges and the WinterFest carnival, offering a genuine immersion into the Norwest community. The event booked out within 10 minutes! 180+ guests attended making it our largest one yet!

ALUMNI CONNECTION NIGHT

A meaningful evening where Year 12 students and alumni connected, reflected, and encouraged one another. The night commenced with the Senior Chapel band leading students and staff in a special time of worship, followed by a powerful message encouraging students that they will always be a part of Our Norwest community. At the end of the night, Alumni enjoyed tours of the new areas of campus and further connected with each other and staff over a delicious supper. All alumni donned their Year 12 jersey to encourage talking points and connection. 40 people attended, also our largest one yet!

WINTERFEST CARNIVAL

A culminating celebration featuring rides, student performances, food trucks, games, and more. Over 1000+ people attended, with the sole focus to bring a time of joy, connection and belonging to our community. The Carnival was referenced as the highlight of 2025 for many students, staff and parents in our annual end of year College feedback surveys.

"WinterFest was amazing! It brought us all together with so much energy, community, and passion."

"WinterFest was a really great time for our community; to see staff, parents, and students all having fun together and connection between us strengthened."

"I loved seeing the students perform at the Carnival."

"It was great to re-build the fun into our community post-COVID."

"WinterFest significantly achieved the main desire of our community to feel a sense of joy, connection and belonging. WinterFest captured what makes our community so special and was more than just a series of events; it was a reflection of Our Norwest – a community where every individual contributes to a shared story of purpose, care, and belonging."

Felicity Marlow,
COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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OUR PARTNERS

*Thank you to all those who have partnered with us this year. **Our Norwest does not exist without you** and your support, encouragement, and prayer. We truly value all that you do!*

HOW CAN YOU PARTNER WITH US?

- Sponsorship opportunities
- Supporting student scholarships
- Business partnerships
- Mentoring students
- Offering work experience
- Speaking at College events
- Connecting with our Careers team.

Please scan the QR code.

START A CONVERSATION

Why not contact our Community Engagement Team and start a conversation about what your unique partnership opportunity could look like?

Contact us at ournorwest@nwcc.nsw.edu.au

Together, we can invest in young people and help them flourish.

Gratitude

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