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# Love: His Heart Our Purpose

Dear College Families,

Welcome back! I hope that the holiday period allowed you some time to rest, reflect and enjoy some quality time with your family and friends. An extra special welcome to our new families joining us this year. We are praying for every student and family as they settle into the year ahead, and for our College community as we continue to serve one another and grow young people who flourish and confidently experience their God given purpose.

Each year we centre our learning around a theme, and in 2026 our focus is love: His heart, our purpose. Staff and students will explore this theme together, deepening their understanding of the greatest source of love the world has known - God's gracious gift of Jesus.

In the parable of the tenants in Mark 12, a man plants a vineyard, equips it with everything needed for success in his vineyard and leases it to tenants before going on a journey. He places tenants in the vineyard, then at harvest time, he sends a series of servants to collect what is rightfully his share of the fruit. Instead of acknowledging the owners rightful claim over the vineyard and making the payment, the tenants beat and kill the servants. In a final act of costly love, the owner sends his son, only for him to be rejected as well.

The heart of the parable is the escalating urgency of the owner, to re-establish his relationship with the tenants. Like the vineyard owner, God sent his son to re-establish relationship with humanity. Sending His son reveals God's allness - His very essence and presence offered to humanity. This theme culminates in the image of a widow who gives out of her poverty, offering her whole self in complete trust. She gives everything, out of nothing.

God does not offer us something partial; He gives Himself fully. When we know we are held by His love, we can rest in it and live from it. There is nothing to grasp, control or manipulate, because God has already given us all that we need.

As we step further into 2026, I look forward to partnering with you and your family as we continue to grow young people who are learning to rely on His love and plan for their lives.

1 John 4:16 *"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in them."*

*Felicity Marlow*

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PRINCIPAL





## NGARRA Christian College

As Ngarra commences its fourth year, we are thanking God for those who continue to grow with us, and for the new faces who are joining us in 2026. Our Ngarra students are continuing to thrive in their unique learning environment, and this year Ngarra will expand to include a dedicated Kindy class and its first Year 8 cohort. Our vision of two schools, one learning community is now well established and thriving.

## ENROLMENTS

In 2026, enrolments have again grown in the Secondary and Ngarra sections of the Colleges, with Primary remaining at capacity. The ELC will also experience growth over the coming months with the addition of two new preschool rooms this year. We will start the year with 1,405 students, 54 larger than we started 2025. This represents continued steady growth in our Colleges that enables us to expand opportunities for students, whilst maintaining the culture we treasure dearly and continuing to provide for the care and education of each student.

The College's Early Learning Centre currently has 123 students enrolled. Primary has remained steady at 549 students across 23 classes. Secondary has grown to 691 students. Ngarra Christian College will commence 2026 with 42 students enrolled across 6 classes in Kindergarten to Year 8.

## STAFF UPDATE

As a result of growth across both Norwest and Ngarra Christian Colleges, our highly professional staff team continues to grow. We have great confidence in each

of our new staff members and have been thanking God for the provision of new skills, talents, and passions to work alongside an already committed and faithful staff team.

## OUR LEARNING

### STUDENTS

Congratulations again to our Year 12 cohort of 2025, along with their parents and teachers, on an outstanding suite of results. Their HSC results tell a wonderful story of students who persevere and have grown in wisdom and knowledge. Here is a snapshot of our results:

### Class of 2025 HSC RESULTS SNAPSHOT



Please join us in congratulating all of our student's achievements.

## VOLUNTEERS AND PARENT Participation

All College families are encouraged to participate in the life of the College in a wide variety of ways. This extends to the provision of four voluntary hours of Parent Participation, per family, per term. Whilst many parents are keen to involve themselves in classrooms, with Our Norwest, or by assisting with excursions, camps, or a variety of other events, we also welcome parents offering their specific expertise to benefit the College. To participate in this way parents and grandparents must become approved volunteers. In order to do so, please complete the online training found on our website.



## MASTER PLANNING UPDATE

Norwest Christian College maintains a wide variety of facilities that are essential in the operational and educational experiences that students encounter every day. During 2025, God's provision has allowed us to steward our resources across the College as we pursue the academic and emotional wellbeing of the students and staff who have been entrusted to us under God's care.

### ELC PLAYGROUND TRANSFORMATION AND NEW CLASSROOMS

2025 saw the progression of several significant updates to the College, including the upgrade of the ELC playground. The playground was upgraded to address practical issues by improving drainage in the area, as well as increasing the natural play spaces, including the planting of trees, addition of a new footpath for parents, and a sprawling sandpit that has become the centrepiece of play. After the sandpit had been built, we witnessed children making 'sand angels' as they delighted in their new space and while we send our sincerest apologies to the parents that had to clean out their clothes, we saw their joy as a reflection of God's goodness to the smallest members of our College. Continuing with the development in our ELC space, we also saw the addition of two new ELC preschool classrooms for students to join Norwest Christian College in 2026 and beyond. The addition of these classrooms is the beginning of the larger-scale refurbishment to our ELC space which will continue into 2026.



### NGARRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE EXPANSION

Ngarra Christian College has also seen their facilities increase and we adapt to the growing needs of our Ngarra Secondary students. The Ngarra expansion introduced several new facilities, including two new therapy rooms and an additional storage space, to better serve students and teachers. We have also implemented changes to the Ngarra playground to enhance the experience for students, including the expansion of the playground and the addition of an adaptable role play space for the building of social skills and imaginative play. To support our growing Ngarra Secondary cohorts a new deck has been added to the Ngarra footprint. This will provide a calm and relaxed space for students while helping them to maintain connections with their Norwest Christian College peers.

### PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

Our Primary students are set to receive a long-awaited addition to their playground space in 2026. The playground has been designed in close consultation with our Primary teachers to ensure that the space effectively met the needs of our Primary students, creating a playground that is designed to help our most energetic young people burn off their energy. The construction of the playground is set to commence in March 2026, and we know there will be many eager playground pioneers to test it out for us. As we look toward 2026, the evidence of God's faithfulness continues to abound as we grow Norwest Christian College to be a place where students are able to build purposeful lives, discovering their gifts and talents through the experiences that Norwest has to offer.





## ELC MEET N GREET

ELC parents, please note that there is an ELC Meet n Greet event scheduled for Tuesday, 17 February. It would be a joy to see you all there. Further information will be distributed closer to the day.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Last year marked the final year of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan - The Next Chapter. As a College community, we are so grateful for the way God has worked across both Norwest and Ngarra Christian Colleges. Our 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, Generations of Purpose, will be coming soon.

## CONCERNS

As a College, we are committed to establishing and maintaining strong partnerships with parents. In light of this, if you are concerned by any matter raised in this edition of Equip, please contact Mrs Rosie Harriott (ELC & OSHC), Mrs Dee Fulcher (Primary), Mr Daryl Hinton (Secondary), or Mrs Michelle Wilson (Ngarra).

If, however, you become concerned throughout the year about any other matter, please follow the College's Complaints and Appeals Policy, available on our website. Available [at this link](#) is also a number of publicly available College policies should you require access them, including our Child Protection Policy, Anti-Harassment Guidelines, and Student Behaviour Management Policy.

We have been praying for you all across the holiday season and are looking forward to welcoming you back to Norwest for the new academic year.

## KNOW YOUR NORWEST

At the start of the year we focus on grades experiencing significant change by hosting information sessions on campus while for other grades we provide a video of information that builds on previous years. We trust that this communication supports families. We always want to enhance relationships between staff and parents, so if questions remain feel free to directly approach the relevant staff member. This event provides a chance to connect and gain insight into the year ahead as we commence the new school year.

Know Your Norwest will be offered in the following formats:

- **Onsite** (Tuesday, 10 February 2026): Kindergarten and Year 7.
- **Online** (Tuesday, 10 February 2026): ELC, Years 1-6, Years 8-10 and Year 12.
- **Year 11 families** (Tuesday, 17 February): This year, we are doing things a little differently by combining Know Your Norwest and Senior Saliré into one special evening. There will be an invitation coming soon with an opportunity to RSVP for catering purposes and there will be no charge. We invite Year 11 families to join us from 6pm for light refreshments.

For online year groups, a video link will be provided so you can view the information at a time that best suits your family. Further details will be shared by teachers via email.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, 2 February - First Day Year 12
- Tuesday, 3 February - First Day Year 7
- Wednesday, 4 February - First Day Year 1 - 6 & Year 8 - 11
- Thursday, 5 February - First Day Kindergarten
- Tuesday, 10 February - Know Your Norwest (Kindergarten & Year 7)
- Tuesday, 17 February - Know Your Norwest (Year 11)
- Tuesday, 17 February - ELC Meet and Greet
- Wednesday, 4 March - Parent Forum
- Wednesday, 4 March - Friday, 6 March - Year 5 Camp
- Wednesday, 18 March - Friday, 20 March - Year 4 and Year 6 Camp



As you plan your child's co-curricular activities for 2026, we invite you to consider Norwest Seed Academy, the College's centre for co-curricular music, dance, soccer and art tuition.

In Term 1, Seed Academy will offer the following programs:

- Individual music tuition in piano, violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar and vocals.
- Dance classes for Kinder, Infants, Junior, Primary and Intermediate students.
- Small group instrumental lessons (groups of three students) in violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.
- A brand new soccer program, offering structured coaching and skill development for students of varying ages and abilities.

- A new after-school Seed Academy Choir, providing students in years 3-6 with the opportunity to develop vocal skills, musicianship and ensemble singing in a supportive group setting.
- Art enrichment lessons for students in Year 4 and above (maximum of seven students per class). To express your interest, please [click here](#) to complete the Expression of Interest form.

For further information, please contact the Seed Academy Administrator at [seed@nwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:seed@nwcc.nsw.edu.au).



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THE DATE

[Christina Crook](#) is a Canadian author, speaker, and digital well-being educator who partners with Christian schools across North America and internationally to help communities form joyful, healthy digital cultures. She leads [JOMO \(campus\) - a digital well-being program for Christian schools](#) focused not on reaction or restriction, but on formation and helping schools move from managing screens to cultivating wisdom, belonging, and life-giving habits.

JOMO

## OUR NORWEST parent FORUM

Partnering with you to equip and grow confident, capable and compassionate young people

**MORE JOY. FEWER SCREENS. BIGGER LIFE.**  
Wednesday, 4 March 2026 from 6:30pm  
College Auditorium

**Christina Crook** is a leading advocate for digital wellness and the pioneer behind the JOMO (Joy of Missing Out) movement, helping individuals and organisations cultivate mindful technology habits.

**JOMO promotes presence over constant connectivity.**

Christina Crook's work emphasises that missing out on certain digital interactions can lead to more joy, focus, and fulfillment, shifting the cultural narrative from FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) to JOMO.

We look forward to welcoming Christina to the College as we further our conversations around [The Balance Effect](#), as parents and carers, to help support our young people in this digital age.

More information to come.



## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of schooling where students learn values of respect, personal responsibility, and a shared sense of belonging. At the beginning of a new year, we would like to remind families of key uniform expectations as outlined in the [College Uniform Policy](#).

### JEWELLERY

Students may wear a single earring in one or both earlobes. Earrings are to be plain studs (no larger than 5mm in diameter) or sleepers (no larger than 1 cm in diameter). Coloured, pearl or diamante studs are not permitted. Sleepers must be circular, other shapes are not permitted. One simple ring may be worn.

The College does not allow students to wear any necklaces, bracelets (or similar) of a cultural, religious, sentimental or fashionable nature. The only exception is Medical ID items where the Head of Years is aware of the student's need. More information [here](#).

### HAIR

Hair styles must be neat, clean and not styled or coloured in a way that draws specific attention to the student. Hair must be worn off the collar and tied back in a neat and tidy manner, which is to also ensure safety for practical subjects, and so a College hat can be worn. More information is available [here](#).

### MAKE-UP

Make up is not to be worn in the Primary Years. In the Secondary Years make-up must be discreet and not draw undue attention to the student. Students will be asked to remove make-up that is deemed to be inappropriate or against the Policy.

To provide greater clarity for families the College has developed Guidelines which are available on the [Uniform webpage](#), and a [Look Book](#).

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in upholding our uniform expectations.

*...welcome to 2026*

