

2024 IMPACT REPORT



OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Our Norwest, Our Community.

For the astute observers among us, you may have noticed that Our Mission and Vision has changed this year. Whilst our direction and focus has not changed, we feel this revised wording provides a more accurate sense of who we are and what we're trying to achieve together.

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

We're now 18 months into this journey, and I am so grateful for the deep sense of joy that partnership within our community brings. We have several major initiatives, including a new student wellbeing program which have been initiated via Our Norwest conversations. We've seen students come to faith in Jesus, Business Partners asking questions about faith, families serving together, and through the generosity of our partners, we've seen families supported and new facilities opened.

Seeing the impact that developing faith, virtue, wisdom, and service has both on individuals, and our community, is a significant blessing to us all.

This Impact Report seeks to communicate the impact that we have had across 2024.

No matter whether you attended an Our Norwest event, gave financially, or are a College parent or partner, we are all incredibly thankful for your support across this year. Thank you for making Our Norwest a place to call home.





THE IMPACT OF...

ENGAGING IN AUTHENTIC FAITH

This year we have seen our community engaged in many ways, including support for mission trips, investing time in our Mission Partnerships, Prayer walks, and Prayer newsletters.

After joining the 2023 Fiji Mission trip, our College Captain, Jeremiah Kaleeny started a student-led Bible study group at lunchtimes. Across the last 18 months, that group has now grown to approximately 40 students.



"We have studied a range of topics, from gifts, unity, the book of Matthew, the infallibility of God's Word and others. We also studied the Bible at 5am each morning on Year 11 Snow Camp! We looked through Jeremiah and God's calling for him, as we considered our applications for leadership roles. Overall, the senior Bible study has brought the Year 12's together closer, to learn more about God and who He is, and it has encouraged us all to be more open about our faith."

Jeremiah Kaleeny
COLLEGE CAPTAIN 2025

CREATING INSPIRING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Your generous donations to our building fund allows us to continue to provide innovative learning spaces for our students, that generate creativity, collaboration, and fresh ideas. At the start of 2025, we are eager to open new spaces, as they are completed. This includes our new Science Labs, Clean Tech, Food Tech, Hospitality, Canteen and Café, much to the excitement of our staff and students. One teacher commented that having all their classes in new Science Labs 'must be what heaven feels like,' he was that excited!



To support our House Fund, head to [Our House.](#)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN NEED

Across 2024, thanks to the generosity of our partners, our Scholarships and Bursaries fund has been able to continue supporting a student's education. It's such a blessing to unite as a community and support a family in need, so thank you for being part of this with us.



To support our Hope Fund, head to [Our Hope.](#)

"Our partnership allowed the experiences of young adult Christians from St Paul's to support, mentor, and share the word of God throughout the mission. Mission trips come with many challenges and seeing the students from Norwest and young adults from St Paul's openly share and grow in God's word was a privilege to see."

Grant Pullen
MEMBER OF ST PAUL'S CASTLE HILL

RELATING TO COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE

Growing young people with a heart for service is core to who we are. Service is so ingrained into our fabric, that when presented with the opportunity for a staff service project this year, our staff were inspired and thrilled to be involved. Together, we packed over 120 hampers for The Jeremiah Project (a local homeless ministry), and a number of College families who needed a little love across the Christmas season.

Growing our service offerings to include more of our grandparents, Alumni and College Partners is our desire. If you'd like more information, please get in touch with us.



To read more, head to [Our Stories.](#)



EQUINE THERAPY for our Ngarra students is a new project this year that has been developed as part of Our Norwest's partnership with RDA (Riding for Disabled Association) Tall Timbers. This initiative provides our students with the opportunity to visit RDA weekly, learn about equine care like brushing horses and cleaning hooves, and also riding them. This has now been extended to a small group of Norwest students who join their Ngarra friends and support them where needed.

"Partnering with Ngarra has been a refreshing experience for RDA(NSW) Tall Timbers Centre and we have been able to incorporate programs for eight Ngarra students and four Student Volunteers from Years 9 & 10, to assist with the sessions, as part of their co-curricular programs. This partnership brings us hope for the future to work more closely with the NWCC students and faculty and create opportunities across the Centre for student learning and experiences."

Nicole King
RDA

MISSION FIJI 2024 saw a team of 19 students and staff partner with Fiji's Naimalavau village to clear land for a future ministry hub, teach in a local school, and try their hand at farm work in a women's shelter. This year's trip was also a partnership with a team of young adults from St Paul's Castle Hill, which brought rich conversation and mentorship between the teams.

The books for the new school library that Norwest families donated arrived in Fiji a few weeks after the trip. In November, we were again able to gift the school with some excess funds from mission fundraising, to enable a Year 7 and 8 field trip across the main Fiji island. This continued support for this small rural school is an incredible blessing for them. Thank you for your generosity to our Fiji Mission trip this year.





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

TWO YEARS OF IMPACT

1 STUDENTS' EDUCATION SUPPORTED through our Hope fund.

1162 + **206**
STUDENTS STAFF SERVICE served in projects across the year.

15 + **880**
STORIES

* average reads per story posted online. (Up from 270 reads in 2023)

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

1162 STUDENTS

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

430 PARTNERS

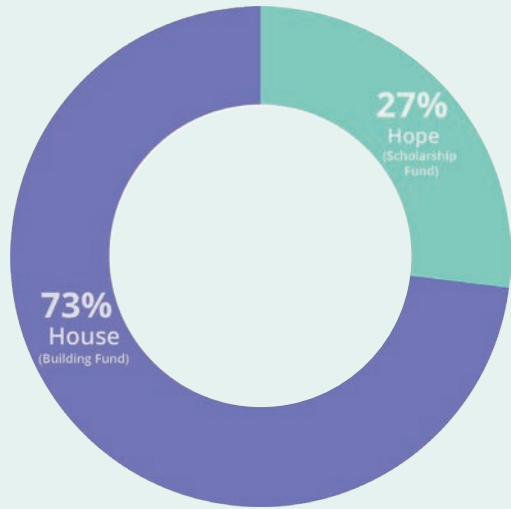
Online community members. (Up from 381 in 2023)

NEW FACILITIES

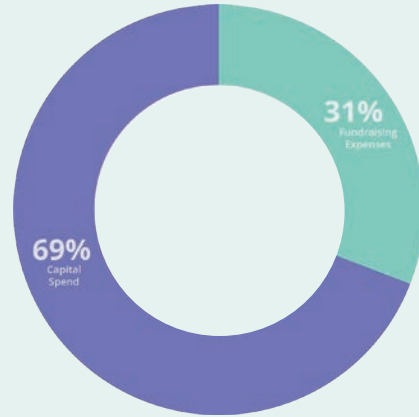
Stage 1 of our Phase 3B building project was opened! Stages 2 and 3 are coming in early 2025.

OUR FINANCES

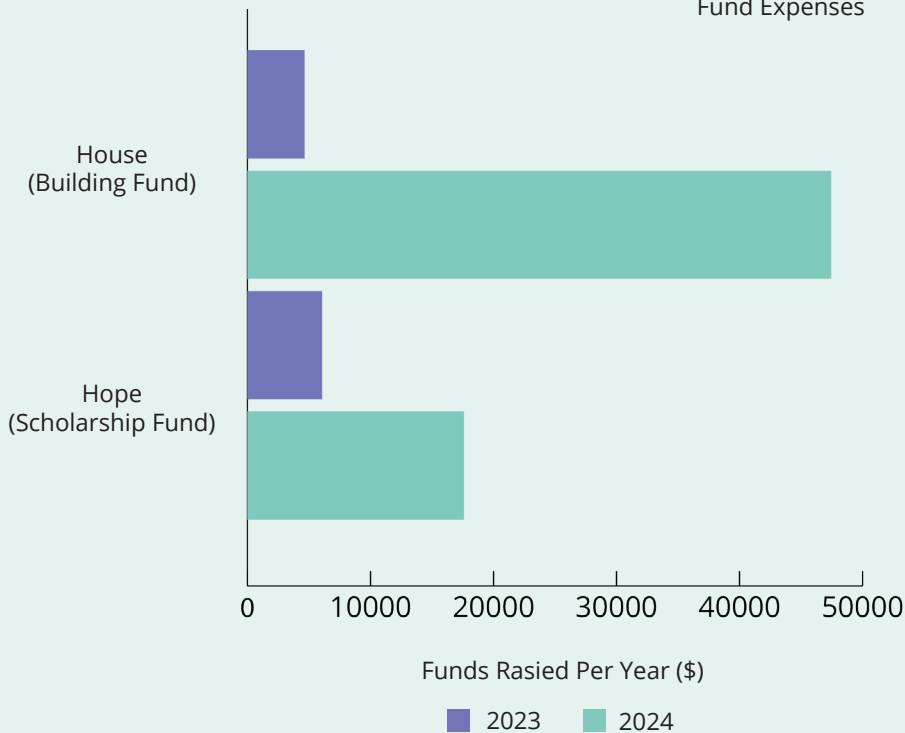
We are hoping to continue to grow and further our impact for our students and community. Please consider joining us.



Donations Received



Fund Expenses



OUR COMMUNITY

Every year, Mrs Felicity Marlow meets with small groups of our outgoing Year 12 students. This year, she asked our students to write down three words that summarised their time at Norwest. Here are the top words they used. How amazing is this!



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OUR PARTNERS

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

HOW CAN YOU PARTNER WITH US?

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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

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Gratitude

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