



**NT**  
CHRISTIAN  
COLLEGE

# 2021 Annual School Report

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## Vision Statement

The vision statement of NT Christian Schools is, *'We desire to be a Christian community, learning together to live life as God intended, offering hope for the world'*.

NT Christian College: *Learning Together, Bringing Hope to the World.*

NT Christian College seeks to be a learning community that assists students to *find their path and step into their future.*

As the offering of senior classes grows across the campuses of NT Christian Schools, strategic planning to aid harmonisation across the campus continues. The Leadership Team developed 3 anchors to help guide and shape our planning, decision making, educational ethos and communications.

### Our Anchors

- Cultivating Identity (in Christ)
- Collaborative Learning
- Culturally Engaged



## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report for NT Christian College.

2021 was an exciting year in the development of NT Christian College. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to grow the college, providing high quality Christian senior education across more NT Christian School campuses.

In 2021 we welcomed back Year 10's to our Nhulunbuy Christian College Campus and we welcomed our first Year 11's to the Palmerston Christian College campus. This was part of our strategic intention to see Year 12 offered across all NT Christian School Campuses. We celebrate with these campuses.

In preparation for this growth, we introduced a new strategic leadership team and a new operations team to see this long held vision fulfilled. The new strategic leadership team is led by the NT Christian College Principal and is comprised of all the campus principals that have NT Christian College operating. The new operations team is comprised of the Assistant Principal of NT Christian College, Digital Learning and Development Coordinator and Cross Campus Communicator. This group work with the Principal of NT Christian College to undertake the daily operations of the multi-campus mode.

2021 also saw the submission of the Application to have Registration for Year 11 and 12 on the Araluen, Nhulunbuy, and Sattler campuses. We look forward to the outcome of this application and the leadership team is planning in anticipation of this approval.

We also celebrated some remarkable results from our students in 2021. At the heart of what NT Christian College seeks do is to help all students find the next step on their path so that they can confidently step into their future. We hope that, and work intentionally toward our students meeting our graduate profile as;

Redemptive Change Agents, Life-long Learners ,Community Minded, Grounded in their identity, Purposeful, Resilient, Joyful, Risk Takers, Passionate Christian Believers.

This Year we saw students receiving awards in Art at the annual student 'Exit Art' showcase. All the students of the Research Project class received a High Distinction of Advanced standing at Charles Darwin University. Students were awarded apprenticeships in the industries of their choice and received A+ with merit awards in their NTCET subjects. These are just a few outcomes and evidence of NT Christian College students.

In His Service

Joel van Bentum

**NT Christian College Principal**

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## Staffing Information

All teachers have a minimum of four years training and are registered with the NT Teacher Registration Board.

Name		Role	FTE as %
<b><u>Admin Support</u></b>			
BARRETT	Rebecca	Office Manager	40%
DIAS	Anisha	Admin Assistant	50%
RILEY	Gemma	Cross Campus Communicator	100%
TONKIN	Carolyn	Reception	20%
WHITEHOUSE	Andrea	SS VET Admin	80%
<b><u>Teacher Aides/Assisant</u></b>			
ANNIS-BROWN	Richelle	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	80%
DEEB	Albertha	Library Assistant	30%
FEW	Lauren	Pathways and Education Support	100%
HECKATHORN	Claudia	Secondary Lab Assistant	50%
ILETT	Jayden	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	50%
JOHNSON	Shona	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	76%
LAGI	Manaini	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	50%
NANKERVIS	Alicia	Library Assistant	30%
PLENTY	Geoffrey	Buildings & Maintenance	20%
REES	Lillian	Secondary Lab Assistant	50%
SCHATZ	Julie	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	74%
WOODS	Kate	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	74%
YOUNG	Marisa	Enrolments	30%
<b><u>Teachers</u></b>			
AIRD	Matthew	Secondary - Teacher General	85%
BADENHOP	Amber	People & Culture Co-ordinator	40%
BUCKLAND	Kay	Education Support Co-ordinator	40%
BURGAN	Lisa	Secondary - Teacher General	30%
CRAWFORD	Rebekkah	Secondary - Teacher General	80%
DEMPSTER	Russell	Secondary - Teacher General	65%
DIMMICK	Rebecca	Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning	100%
GARNER	Christopher	Secondary - Teacher General	20%

HARDERS	Kyle	Secondary - Teacher General	45%
HENDERSON	Serina	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
HERMAWAN	Naomi	Secondary - Teacher General	80%
HIGGS	Thomas	Secondary - Teacher General	100%
KADIRGAMAR	Terese	Secondary - Teacher General	100%
KEULDER	Francois	Secondary - Teacher General	40%
KEULDER	Hanneke	Secondary - Teacher General	80%
McKEE	Tirzah	Secondary - Teacher General	45%
McKELVIE	Heidi	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
PARKIN	David	Librarian	25%
PLEITER	Michele	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
ROLAND	Jarryd	Secondary - Teacher General	75%
RUSSO	Carla	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
TONKIN	Robert	Secondary - Teacher General	80%
VALLENTINE	Samuel	Secondary - Teacher General	60%
VAN BENTUM	Joel	Principal	35%
WATSON	Gareth	Head Digital Learning	100%
WATSON	Ruth	Secondary - Teacher General	40%
WILLIAMS	Jillian	Secondary - Teacher General	20%

## Highlights of the school year

Whilst there were continuing challenges in 2021 there were still many highlights for NT Christian College. The following provides just a small snapshot into some of the activities of the College.

### Pastoral Care

All students participate in pastoral care classes as NT Christian College places a high value on the social and emotional needs of all students. Students and staff engage together in a range of Teaching and Learning and wellbeing activities that focus on spiritual, emotional and mental wellbeing. This allows students to engage in their academic domains with confidence.

On a daily functional level, the Darwin based campuses of NT Christian Schools merged their data management systems into one. This uniting of Compass portals was part of the strategic planning for NT Christian College to provide more streamlined management of data and empower stronger communication and support of students as they pursue classes across multiple campuses. This also improved usability for staff.

### Pathways

NT Christian College seeks to assist students to find their path and step into their future. 2021 saw NT Christian College continue to provide strong support to students across all campuses through the Pathways Team. This team seeks to support students as they plan for the future and to give them confidence as they move through their senior years learning with the end in mind.

Interactive University visits and excursions happened throughout the year as students explored various career pathways and educational options.

Year 10 Work Experience was once again an amazing experience for all of the students on all campuses. Students were able to explore work opportunities across the NT and interstate, representing both the College and themselves well.



### VET Awards

A number of NTCC students obtained Vocational Education and Training awards for their outstanding work within the Vocational Learning environment.

### Sporting Achievements

Less opportunities were available for interschool sports representation due to covid restrictions, however when possible students were provided the opportunity to compete. The College hosted multi-campus swimming and athletics carnivals with a number of students going on to compete at zone levels.

We regularly have the privilege of celebrating our students successfully pursuing their sporting talents outside of school sports, but with our College community showing great support to them.

### Excursions

NT Christian College believes strongly that good education occurs both in the classroom and beyond. We value extending learning through a range of camps, excursions, online experiences and maximizing other local opportunities.

Student Leaders came together from multiple campuses for 2 days of team building, leadership skill development and planning for the year ahead.

We were unable to bring about our traditional around Australia Year 10 Trip this year, however were



able to provide the opportunity for Year 10 students from Marrara, Palmerston and Sattler to embark on a Central Australia Trip. They spent close to 2 weeks exploring parts of the Larrapinta Trails in the McDonald ranges, visiting cultural sites in Alice Springs, building community, practicing life skills, reflecting on personal values, faith and personal development.

Students from NTCC utilized local sporting facilities, laboratories at CDU, visited local businesses and represented the College at a number of civic events

### **Community Collaboration**

As well as extending learning opportunities outside of the class room, many guest speakers and organisations are invited into our classrooms allowing students to connect, network with and draw on the knowledge of many experts and professionals. This brings capacity for student engagement with both local and global issues.

Performances at the local theatres and on campuses, use the performing arts as another avenue for exploring curriculum content. We have also been able to allow students to participate in government education initiatives such as Street Smart High.

It was exciting to see 2 of our students gifted with laptops and other stationery supplies in support their ongoing education through senior school with a strong encouragement to continue formal learning beyond school; one by their home community and another from the Miriam Rose Foundation.



### Exit Art Award

A year 11 Student undertaking Stage 2 Visual Arts was awarded the Art Educators of the Northern Territory Award for her NTCET major artwork titled 'Two Sides of the Same Coin'. Her artwork will be on display as part of an Exit Art exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

One of our Art teachers was also recognized in a territory art award.



### Titration Competition –

NT Christian College competed in the annual Australian National Titration Competition. NTCC Chemistry students competed against 1500 students nationally and were awarded 7 of the 18 gold awards for NT students including 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>; and 6 Silver Awards.



### Academic

2021 saw a continued development of the College's academic results. Students were successful in a range of subjects, and many included the completion of Vocational Training in the completion of the NTCET.

Highlights included;

1 student achieved an A+ Merit for Society and Culture

1 Student achieved an A+ in the Arts subject

Over 8% of all results were in the A grade band

1 Student achieved an ATAR over 90

68.8% included VET as a part of their completion pathway.

Many of our Indigenous Boarders successfully completed their NTCET. All of them completed some form of Vocational Training as a part of their studies. This is an amazing effort given the continued impact of Covid on their attendance.

Excellent results in Research Project with a number of students being recognised by CDU for their studies and credited with 10 credit points for the Academic Literacies Through Exploring Sustainability unit at CDU



Many of our students had already had taken steps into their future with a number attaining apprenticeships and employment for the year ahead. Others have received offers to attend universities and are stepping into these opportunities with excitement. The College community is very proud of all of our student's achievements and we look forward to seeing the impact they will have on their communities into the future.

## Parents and community

NT Christian College seeks to cultivate deep connections with parents and families. Senior secondary is often a time when parents disengage from their student's education with the idea that they no longer have an important role. We actively seek to challenge this thought and believe that parents are integral in a student's successful journey through the senior secondary years.

NT Christian College undertakes a round of parent/teacher/student conferences each semester to have a formal appointment time. NT Christian College staff are strongly encouraged to be in regular contact with families.

Each campus also undertakes a range of family and community events that facilitate and cultivate a sense of belonging and



community. Each Campus' Annual Report will be able to provide more information on these as well as information on parent and community surveys.

Through out the year and in a variety of contexts students have organized and conducted a range of fundraising events supporting a myriad of local and international causes.

## Facilities

NT Christian College operates across 4 NT Christian School Campuses. All campuses have the buildings, facilities and resources to facilitate senior secondary education to the level that they are engaged in.

Strategic plans for all campuses continue to be reviewed to ensure we can provide appropriate facilities to accommodate our students and the necessary resources for delivering quality education.



It was particularly exciting to see some developments completed for our students including a senior garden and lunch area for students on the Palmerston campus along with some refurbished specialist learning areas.

See each Campus Annual Report to see greater detail on the recent capital expenditure and maintenance.

## Critical Incidents

There have been no critical incidents at any of the NT Christian College Campuses.

## School self-assessment

Each campus has been engaged in their ongoing School Improvement and Review Framework processes. These often include information on the senior secondary components of their campuses. Information on these can be found in each campuses Annual Report. Including information about SIRF areas undertaken in the relevant school year.