



**NT**  
CHRISTIAN  
COLLEGE

# 2023 Annual School Report

**Locations:** Palmerston Christian School, Marrara Christian College, Nhulunbuy Christian College and Sattler Christian College

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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 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 2023 Annual Report for NT Christian College.

2023 was another year of exciting growth for NT Christian College. The most wonderful element for 2023, among many, was the opportunity to begin our first cohort of Year 11 on both Nhulunbuy and Sattler campuses. This was a delightful opportunity for celebration and the culmination of a long-held dream of these communities. Students have been able to access learning on Campus and through online learning opportunities. We are deeply thankful to the pioneering students and families who have partnered with us.

We were also able to restart the Year 10 trip. This epic bus journey travelling around Australia for 3 weeks was a time of growth, development and amazing learning for all involved in the trip. We were reminded again of the key learning opportunities, such as resilience, collaboration and citizenship that are wonderful outcomes of the trip. We are thankful that we have been able to include this in our Year 10 program again.

There has been a continued focus on the key elements of teaching and learning. Teachers engaged in Professional Learning Communities where they pursued goals to improve their practice and to improve student outcomes across the college. The online learning platform, CANVAS, continued to be reviewed and structures were put in place to build usability for staff and students. Work has also continued in the area of fidelity of courses and supporting staff in the development of high-quality teaching and learning through CANVAS. This is becoming ever more important as we have students engaging across multiple campuses. There has been an increasing awareness of building student agency and staff have begun to explore what education looks like in the face of AI, access to knowledge, and how to prepare students for work and study beyond school.

2023 continued to see great results for NT Christian College students. Students received full scholarships to university and achieved employment and traineeship opportunities in both government and non-government fields. One graduate is the first Aboriginal female to gain access to the QANTAS Academy as a future pilot. NTCC had two students chosen as finalists in the Exit Art Competition and students also gained medals in the annual Titration competition, highlighting the quality learning occurring across our schools in science. Students gained advanced standing for university courses through their engagement in learning in the Research Project. These achievements are testament to the work of staff in partnership with families and the work of our pathways team.

We thank God for his provision to the college in 2023 and we continue to look forward to what is to come as the college continues to develop and grow over the next couple of years.

In His Service

Rebecca Dimmick

**NT Christian College Assistant 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>			
DIAS	Anisha	Admin Assistant	40%
GRIEVES	Scott	Cross Campus Communicator	100%
ELSEGOOD	Kate	Reception	20%
FEW	Lauren	Pathways Corodinator	100%
Culhane	Rebecca	Enrolments	30%
KASTENI	Friday	Office Manager	30%
<b><u>Teacher Aides/Assisant</u></b>			
ANNIS-BROWN	Richelle	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	80%
DEEB	Albertha	Library Assistant	20%
JOHNSON	Shona	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	60%
PLENTY	Geoffrey	Buildings & Maintenance	20%
REES	Lillian	Secondary Lab Assistant	40%
SCHATZ	Julie	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	20%
YOUNG	Marisa	Secondary - Teacher Aide/Assistant	60%
<b><u>Teachers</u></b>			
AIRD	Matthew	Secondary - Teacher General	85%
DEMPSTER	Russell	Secondary - Teacher General	65%
DIMMICK	Rebecca	Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning	100%
GALLAGHER	Hayley	Teacher	30%
HARDERS	Kyle	Secondary - Teacher General	45%
HENDERSON	Serina	Secondary - Teacher General	50%
ESTERHUIZEN	Corline	Inclusion Support Coordinator	20%
HIGGS	Thomas	Secondary - Teacher General	100%
KADIRGAMAR	Terese	Secondary - Teacher General	80%
KEULDER	Francois	Secondary - Teacher General	40%
MAIDMENT	Aaron	Assistant Principal	20%
PARKIN	David	Librarian	25%
PLEITER	Michele	Secondary - Teacher General	20%
ROLAND	Jarryd	Secondary - Teacher General	50%
JOHNSTON	Natalie	Secondary - Teacher General	50%
SEIFFERT	Andrew	Secondary - Teacher General	40%



VALLENTINE	Samuel	Secondary - Teacher General	60%
VAN BENTUM	Joel	Principal	35%
WATSON	Gareth	Head Digital Learning	100%
WATSON	Ruth	Secondary - Teacher General	40%
KNEE	Andy	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
SAVAGE	Nicole	Secondary - Teacher General	30%
CARTER	Richard	Secondary - Teacher General	20%
KAPI	Jeff	Secondary - Teacher General	30%
FORSYTH	Jessica	Secondary - Teacher General	30%
MANI	Biju	Secondary - Teacher General	50%
BADENHOP	Amber	Secondary - Teacher General	25%
FAHEY	Bronwyn	Secondary - Teacher General	20%
TWINE	Mark	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
SCHATZ	Madia	Secondary - Teacher General	30%
TOOLER	Michael	Secondary - Teacher General	10%
ORMOND	Linda	Secondary - Teacher General	30%



## Highlights of the school year

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.

### Pathways



NT Christian College seeks to assist students to find their path and step into their future. 2023 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.

### Sporting Achievements

Students were involved in a range of interschool activities. NTCC became the Volleyball and Beach Volley Champion for Darwin High Schools. We were also the champions of the 3x3 Basketball Interschool Competition. We represented at the NT trials for Swimming and a student



represented the NT in Athletics. 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

We were finally able to bring about our traditional around Australia Year 10 Trip this year, with students from Marrara, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy and Sattler attending the Trip. Students explored South Australia, NSW, ACT and

Queensland. They learnt valuable lessons about us as a nation and about travelling as young adults.

We held retreats for Year 11 and 12 that emphasised 'running the race well'. It was a time to build collegiality within the cohort and encourage positive study habits and academic rigour.

Students from NTCC utilised 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 classroom, 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. This has included Bell Shakespeare performing and educating students about literature and performance. We have also been able to allow students to participate in government education initiatives such as Street Smart High and the R.D.H Party activity.

## Titration Competition –

NT Christian College competed in the annual Australian National Titration Competition. NTCC Chemistry students competed against 1500 students nationally and were awarded multiple gold awards for NT students.

### Academic

2023 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:

- Over 9% of all results were in the A grade band
- 1 Student achieved an ATAR over 90
- 44% included VET as a part of their completion pathway.
- Many of our Indigenous Boarders successfully completed their NTCET.
- 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.

One NTCC student obtained the Top NT Student Award for HaSS and Geography.



Many of our students had already 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 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. We actively seek to engage



community events that facilitate and cultivate a sense of belonging and community. Each Campus' Annual Report will provide more information on these and on parent and community surveys.

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



parents as they 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. NT Christian College staff are strongly encouraged to be in regular contact with families.

Each campus also undertakes a range of family and

## 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.

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 campus's Annual Report. Including information about SIRF areas undertaken in the relevant school year.