Purpose changes everything

In a child’s education, purpose is often overlooked. When it is present, it ignites children from within, brings new meaning, and guides them for life. At Norwest Christian College, minds are opened and hearts are enlivened, so our students not only discover the world, but have the strength to achieve their purpose in it.
People of influence all have one thing in common; purpose. Without a shadow of doubt, they believe in themselves and their cause and pursue it with a singular resolve.

At Norwest Christian College, our purpose is to help our students discover theirs — the kind of purpose that ignites their learning and drives them to make a difference in the world. Under our guidance, each child is transformed into a young adult who is empowered by a unique inner strength and has the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to excel at whatever they do.

Here you will find a warm, caring community, grounded in Christian values, faith, and hope, where a purpose-driven education guides students toward a meaningful and truly fulfilling life.

Ian Maynard, Principal
A strong educational beginning will impact the rest of a child’s life. Our early childhood education program not only jumpstarts a lifetime of learning, but also builds a foundation of confidence and independence our students will forever carry.

Taught from a biblical worldview, pre-school and preparatory students learn in a safe, nurturing environment where curiosity and creativity play a vital role.

**Pre-school**
At age 3, children experience a blend of play-based and teacher-directed learning activities that guide their social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development.

**Preparatory**
At age 4, children undertake a carefully planned Kindergarten readiness program in which the focus on pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills increases in preparation for their primary years.

**Part of Something Bigger**
Our youngest students become connected with our community by participating in a variety of college-wide events throughout the year, prepping them for the ‘big school’ environment.

**Accessible and Affordable**
Open from 7am to 5pm and approved for the Child Care Benefit and Rebate, early childhood education at Norwest is accessible and affordable. Learn about government assistance at [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au)

“Hannah loved Prep so much that she constantly counted down the days and wished she was there every day of the week.”

– Sue, Parent
“A sense of purpose is central to human well-being, especially for children.”

– William Damon, Professor, Stanford University
“We have not come into the world to be numbered; we have been *created for purpose*.”

— Mother Teresa
For K–6 students, the primary years are about discovering the world and finding their place in it. Because this is a formative time for growing children, our structured programs are carefully planned to engage students physically, cognitively, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. By forming strong relationships with their students, teachers nurture each child’s unique personality and God-given gifts. Teachers ensure that each child feels secure and supported as they harness the skills and values they’ll use to fulfil their vision for a purposeful life.

**Early Stage 1**: Kindergarten  
**Stage 1**: Year 1 & 2  
**Stage 2**: Year 3 & 4  
**Stage 3**: Year 5 & 6

### Curriculum
Our core curriculum supports students with a broad range of abilities and interests, ensuring they remain challenged and engaged in every class.

- Christian Study
- Creative Arts
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Personal Development and Health
- Physical Education
- Science

### Digital Learning
From desktop computers to tablets to interactive whiteboards, technology plays a significant role in learning. Our digitally rich environment includes online research, collaborative content creation, idea sharing, multimedia presentations, e-books, and more.

### Fostering Creativity
Additional specialist programs broaden children’s minds and nurture their creativity:

- Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture
- Instrumental Music Program:
  - Kindy – Year 2: Vocal Performance, Percussion, and Movement
  - Stage 2: Recorder
  - Stage 3: Concert Band

“The strong, supportive relationships students share with teachers are unique to this school.”

– Erin, Student
Transition Program
Our Year 6 students approach the transition to Year 7 with confidence because we teach them the necessary skills for success and build connections, so that when they arrive they already feel like part of the family.

Sport
Our expansive campus enables our students to maintain a regular routine of physical activity. The Primary Physical Education program develops strength, coordination, fitness, teamwork, and a love of movement.

Out of School Hours Care
Before and after school care is available on campus at our Out of School Hours Care Centre. We also offer vacation care during term breaks.

Outdoor Education
Stage 1
Swim School: For ten days, students develop water safety and swimming skills, grow in water confidence, and gain respect for aquatic environments.

Stage 2
Adventure Camp: Students practice their adventure and team-building skills at a wilderness campsite. Sleeping away from home, students learn life and leadership lessons from a Christian perspective.

Stage 3
Educational Camps: Curriculum is brought to life for Stage 3 students. They spend three days and two nights each year either reliving the Gold Rush at the Bathurst Goldfields or exploring the workings of the federal government in Canberra.

“I cannot thank the NWCC staff enough. You have loved, guided, and helped my daughter grow in ways I never imagined.”
– Jodie, Parent
Secondary students begin to establish their own beliefs and ideals, decide who they will become, and set their direction for life. Under our guiding hand, they start to see their enormous potential flourish. Responsibilities are at an all-time high, at both home and school, so our students are never without abundant support from teachers, mentors, and even their peers. Our positive, stimulating environment continues to develop students into independent, resilient, purpose-driven young adults ready to be the local and global leaders of the future.

Stage 4: Year 7 & 8

Stage 5: Year 9 & 10

Stage 6: Year 11 & 12

**Personal Mentoring**

Each student is assigned a personal mentor who provides interpersonal, organisational, academic, and career planning support.

**Academic Extension Program**

Offered for core subjects, advanced students can deepen their learning and engage in higher-order thinking in preparation for specialty and extension courses in their senior years.

**Digital Learning**

Through a variety of devices and software, learning is enhanced and students become responsible and ethical users of technology.

**Academic Mentoring**

As seniors prepare for the HSC, their mentor guides them to ensure maximum academic performance.

**Student Leadership**

Secondary students are encouraged to put learned leadership values to work by taking on a leadership portfolio in areas such as sports, the Arts, student care, and Christian ministry.

“Norwest is helping me explore my purpose in life. I know I have a plan and a purpose in God, and that my future lies in Him.”

– Samuel, Student
“Your passion will lead you right into your purpose.”

- Bishop T.D. Jakes
Sport
Secondary students participate in a range of sports simply for enjoyment. They can also experience the thrill of inter-school competition in sports such as athletics, cross-country, swimming, football (soccer), softball, netball, basketball, volleyball, and touch football. Talented sportspersons may be selected to compete at higher representative levels.

Outdoor Education
Stage 4
Advanced Adventure Camp: From hiking to dragon boating, abseiling to rock climbing, students spend three days each year discovering how to manage extreme situations.

Stage 5
Urban Challenge: Year 9 students develop leadership, problem-solving, and independence skills when completing group challenges over three days in our harbour city.

Ski and Snowboarding Trip: For five days, Year 10 students hit the alpine slopes, step outside their comfort zones, and realise the value of perseverance.

Stage 6
City Mission: Set in Sydney for three days, Year 11 students serve the disadvantaged, widen perspectives, and make a difference.

Study Camp: In preparation for the HSC, Year 12 students take time away to study and are mentored on study practices as well as physical and mental well-being.

“My favorite part of Norwest Christian College is how everyone, including parents, teachers, and students, will go out of their way to help you with all of your endeavours.”

– Lachlan, Student
Curriculum

Our stage-based curriculum supports students with a broad range of abilities and interests, ensuring they remain challenged and engaged in every class.

Stage 4

- English
- Mandarin Language
- Mathematics
- Music
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Science
- Technology
  - Food and Textiles
  - Information and Media
  - Timber
- Visual Arts
- World Geography
- World History

Stage 5

Core
- English
- Geography
- Global History
- Mathematics
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Science

Electives
- Commerce
- Drama
- Food Technology
- Graphics
- History
- Information Software Technology
- Industrial Technology (Timber)
- Music
- Photography and Digital Media
- Physical Activity and Sports Studies
- Visual Arts

Stage 6

Two Unit Subjects
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Drama
- Economics
- English: Standard & Advanced
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology (Timber)
- Information Processes and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics: General
- Modern History
- Music I & II
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Photography, Video, and Digital Imaging
- Physics
- Studies of Religion II
- Visual Arts

One Unit Subjects
- Extension I & II: English
- Extension: History
- Extension I & II: Mathematics

Note: Additional subjects are offered through external providers, including TAFE.

“At Norwest I feel safe, happy, and supported in anything I do. The teachers are experts in their fields, and I always seem to feel enlightened when I’m with them.”

– Ellesha, Student
At Norwest Christian College, our community nurtures people of faith, character, and purpose. With abundant sport opportunities, creative outlets, and social activities both in and out of the classroom, Norwest students grow into well-rounded, resourceful, and respectful individuals.

**Christian Culture**
Centred on biblical truth, our college is grounded in the Christian values of kindness, respect, and responsibility. We believe God has created each child uniquely and with purpose, born for a relationship with Him. We celebrate diversity and aim to grow young people of integrity, nurturing in every child the inner strength to pursue their purpose.

**Service and Missions**
Students are trained to be aware of others’ needs and actively help when they can. Many opportunities are given to serve locally, regionally, and even internationally. Students benefit by gaining greater perspective, empathy, humility, and appreciation.

**The Arts**
The Arts play an important role in college life and the development of students as well-rounded individuals. Every student has a God-given creative talent, and we seek to draw it out in the areas of:
- Drama
- Music
- Musical Production
- Photography
- Videography
- Visual Arts

“Norwest instilled in me the importance of social justice and being a person who wholeheartedly and unconditionally loves others. These are the values that guide every decision that I make and will continue to inform the way I see myself and the people around me.”

– Lawrence, Graduate
“The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
Community

Campus Events

From musicals to carnivals, concerts to camps, community events happen year-round. Here are a few highlights.

Term 1

- Celebration Morning Tea
- Family Welcome Dinner
- Swimming Carnival
- Camps
- Student Leadership Conference
- Grandparents’ Day
- Cross Country Carnival
- Live @ Norwest
  Open mic for music and drama students.

Term 2

- Secondary Musical
- Mothers’ Day Concert and Morning Tea
- Science Week
- Athletics Carnival
- Crazy Hair Day
- Live @ Norwest

“The spirit of the college is very joyous and positive. Our children are thriving in all areas.”

– Sarah, Parent
Term 3

• Primary Musical
• Senior Soirée
  Stage 6 students showcase of HSC creative and performance art.
• Book Week
• Fathers’ Day Breakfast
• Family Fun Fair
  The entire community comes together for rides, fireworks, crafts, and more.
• Live @ Norwest

Term 4

• Movimento
  Performance night for our primary students enrolled in private tuition instrumental lessons.
• GLOW
  Carols by glowstick.
• Summer Picnic Day
• Live @ Norwest

“The supportive environment allows me to achieve my best.”
– Kaitlyn, Student
Our team of hand-picked, highly-qualified, and talented staff not only challenge students to think critically and independently, but also help them discover their purpose and succeed in fulfilling it.

Through collaboration and mentorship, and with a common belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, our staff have formed a strong community amongst themselves. They speak from the heart and teach from experience, because they, themselves, are living their purpose.

**Expert Educators**

Our staff are passionately committed to creating an effective, enriching learning environment for our students. Each brings educational expertise and genuine care to the classroom, working closely with every student to challenge and engage them at every level.

**Student-Teacher Mentorship**

Each student is paired with an adult mentor to coach them in all areas of life. For primary students, this mentor is their class teacher; for secondary students, this is their Home Group mentor. Every morning, students and mentors meet to strengthen their relationships, faith, study techniques, interpersonal skills, and much more.

**Parent-Teacher Partnership**

We are committed to clear, open communication with parents throughout the school year, so adjustments can be made proactively. Parents maintain a close relationship with their child’s mentor and have online access to a wealth of information, including class schedules, events, academic progress, attendance, and reports.

**Inter-Stage Transitions**

From pre-school through graduation, each child’s journey is carefully managed year to year. With regular student assessments and family interviews, teachers work together to ensure the learning, well-being, social, and behavioural needs of each student are being met.

“*My teachers were always very open, honest, and supportive. I feel that having such positive role models really instilled a great work and study ethic in me.*”

– Rebecca, Graduate
“Make your work to be in keeping with your purpose.”

- Leonardo da Vinci
Norwest Christian College is more than just a school. It’s a place where children grow into young people of faith, independence, confidence, and motivation. With a purpose-driven education, strength is embedded in the core of each Norwest graduate. They are mentally, physically, and spiritually resilient because they have purpose; and with purpose, possibilities are endless.

**Application Process**

**Application:** Download an application form from www.norwest.nsw.edu.au or call our Registrar on (02) 8889 4600. Send the completed form via mail or email.

**Assessment:** Applications are reviewed and assessed by our Enrolment Committee.

**Interview:** Eligible applicants will be offered an interview with the Principal and a tour of the campus.

**Offer:** Successful applicants will receive a letter of offer via mail with an Acceptance of Enrolment form.

**Acceptance:** Applicants return the completed Acceptance of Enrolment form with the application fee within 40 days.

**Commencement:** Enrolled students will receive further information as required.

**Tours**

Personal and group tours are available and can be arranged by contacting our Registrar on (02) 8889 4600.

**Come & Try Days**

Students spend a day in class and experience Norwest Christian College before accepting our offer.

“We have watched our twins thrive in a nurturing environment looked after by the most caring and dedicated staff members. It is the best decision we made.”

– Melinda and Matt, Parents
Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a waiting list?
For certain school years, there is a waiting list. It is best to enquire as early as possible to ensure a place is available for your child.

When does enrolment close?
We accept applications throughout the school year. It is best to enquire as early as possible, so we can start the application process.

Are there discounts if I enrol two or more children?
Yes, siblings receive a generous discount on tuition fees. Families pay the Curriculum Resource Fee for each of their children.

How do I apply for a scholarship?
Detailed information on academic and music scholarships are available at www.norwest.nsw.edu.au

Do you enrol International Students?
We welcome overseas students and value the enrichment they bring to our community. Our registrar is committed to answering all enquiries and we have a range of staff focused on facilitating each student's transition to their new country.
Location & Transport

Norwest Christian College is set on 15 acres in a tranquil, semi-rural environment in the heart of Sydney's fastest growing region. The college's expansive, leafy landscape gives teachers and students scope to appreciate, discover, and explore the natural environment.

Our campus is conveniently located near local bus and train routes and is a short car trip from surrounding suburbs:

- Glendenning (15 min)
- Glenwood (15 min)
- Kellyville (11 min)
- Marsden Park (7 min)
- Pitt Town (16 min)
- Quakers Hills (10 min)
- Richmond (20 min)
- Rouse Hill (10 min)
- The Ponds (9 min)
- Windsor (13 min)

Dedicated college buses service the following neighbourhoods:

- Acacia Gardens
- Beaumont Hills
- Bella Vista
- Castle Hill
- Glenwood
- Kings Langley
- Kings Park
- Lalor Park
- The Ponds
- Rouse Hill
- Stanhope Gardens
“Purpose... separates those who are simply living from those who are truly alive.”

– Alex Rogers, Author