



**Mid North  
Christian  
College**

Hope in  
the Living  
God

## CHAPEL

### Week 5

**Primary Chapel**

**Friday 28 February, 8:55am**

Year 1/2

### No Secondary Chapel

Whole School Clean Up  
Australia Day activities

### Week 6

**Primary Chapel**

**Friday 7 March, 8:55am**

Foundation

### Secondary Chapel

**Friday 7 March, 2:20pm**

Year 8

## CALENDAR

### Week 5

**800m - U/12 & U/14**

Thursday 27 February

### Surf Camp

Wed 26 to Fri 28 February

### VETA Retreat

Fri 28 Feb to Sun 2 March

### Week 6

**800m - Open & U/16**

Tuesday 4 March

### High Jump - U/12 & U/14

Tuesday 4 March

### Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 4 March

### Year 7 Camp

Wed 5 to Fri 7 March

### Triple Jump - Open & U/16

Thursday 6 March

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Office Hours Mon to Fri 8:15am to 4pm

# News Term1 Week4



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## 21 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year we are reflecting on God's goodness as we celebrate 20 years for Mid North Christian College. God's goodness is not something new; He has always been good, and this goodness goes together with His love. As the song from Psalm 136 says, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever". That means that His love and goodness will be the same today and tomorrow as it has always been. The reason His love endures is that it is in very essence Who He is; God is love (1 John 4:8).

There is so much that has changed over the past 20 years in the history of our College, never mind what has changed across the entire planet. However, there is one thing that has not changed – God. He remains the same, and this is the reason that we look forward to what is still to come, because He will be the same tomorrow. As we look back, we give thanks; and looking forward, we do so with great hope and anticipation because He does not change! Let me encourage you to read and reflect on the Psalm during the coming week.

Rachel Richardson  
**Principal**

### Psalm 136

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.*

*His love endures forever.*

*Give thanks to the God of gods.*

*His love endures forever.*

*Give thanks to the Lord of lords:*

*His love endures forever.*

*To him who alone does great wonders,*

*His love endures forever.*

*Who by his understanding made the heavens,*

*His love endures forever.*

*Who spread out the earth upon the waters,*

*His love endures forever.*

*Who made the great lights—*

*His love endures forever.*

*The sun to govern the day,*

*His love endures forever.*

*The moon and stars to govern the night;*

*His love endures forever.*

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be occurring in Week 7 of this term for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students. These tests will be conducted from Wednesday 13 March until Friday 22 March.

Students in these year levels will be having a practice test this coming week in preparation. For those with children in these year levels, you will receive further information in coming weeks, but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Reception to speak to Miss Van Leeuwen.

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who have completed the Volunteer Induction for this year. If you are yet to do so, please make an appointment by contacting Gretel at [gretel.dagostino@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au](mailto:gretel.dagostino@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au), or ring Reception.

We have several tasks ready for volunteers, so if you have time to read with one of our younger students once a week or can assist with book covering in the library, cutting, and laminating, please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the 20 Year Celebration Weekend and Athletics Day.

## FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

It has been wonderful seeing so many new Foundation students start this year, and we are excited to have filled all our mid-year spaces too.

Our mid-year intake Ready for School Program will begin in Week 10 of Term 1 on Wednesday 2 April. It will be a 12-week program run by Mrs Lisa Church this year.

We do have spaces for beginning of the year Foundation for 2026, so if you know of anyone who might be considering MNCC, please have them contact Reception. We have already started taking enrolments as the Ready for School Program for those students will start early Term 3.

Rachel Richardson  
Principal

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NATIONAL

Our College is part of a wonderful network of Christian schools across Australia. We had the privilege this week of welcoming the Principals, Business Managers and Board Chairs to our first SA gathering for the year here at MNCC. We are also happy to introduce Coby Beames our new State Executive Officer who has taken up the mantle from Nigel Bennett.

Our staff will be attending the CEN State Conference at the beginning of Term 2, where there will be the opportunity for networking with our fellow CEN schools and be provided with some excellent professional development around how to respond from a Biblical perspective to our changing world, especially in relation to digital technologies.

Rachel Richardson  
Principal

## INTRODUCTION TO MR TIMOTHY SMITH

G'day, I'm Timothy, and this is my family: Leah, Theodore, and Tobias.

I grew up on a farm near the small town of Jabuk, while my wife Leah was raised just outside of Laura. After studying and living in the city for the past... way too long... we've finally moved back to a place where we could see the stars. I have a passion for all kinds of sports and activities, spending quality time with my family, and enjoying the great outdoors.

I'm thrilled to be a part of Mid North Christian College and to contribute to its future.

Timothy Smith  
Year 4 Teacher

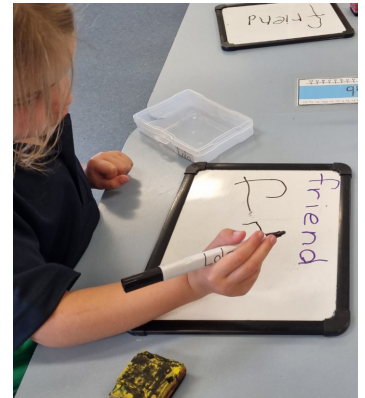
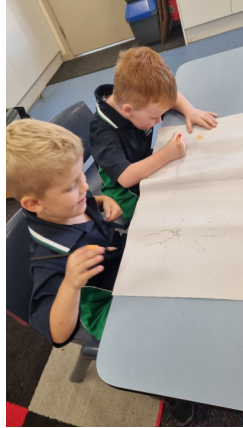




## FOUNDATION LEARNING

The Foundation students have been learning how to work together to complete tasks. Students have been learning how to write words during Literacy. They have also been very busy learning how to count, make amounts of numbers, and place numbers in order.

Corrina Ingle  
Foundation Teacher

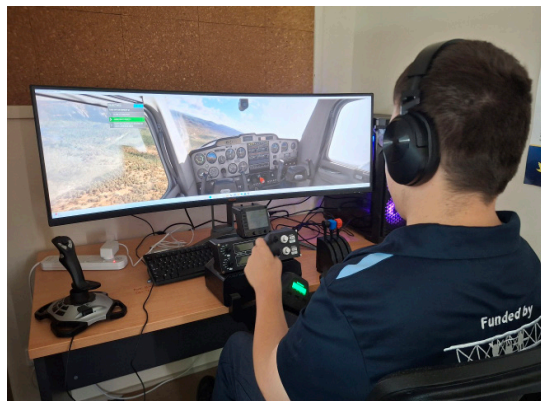


## AVIATION WEEK

In Week 3, MNCC welcomed the next class of Aviation students who are all very eager to make the most out of the MNCC Aviation Course.

This cohort have excelled through the first engineering task and the balsa model glider. While completing their practical flight training out of Port Pirie Airport, they had the added challenge of negotiating their way through the CFS grounds and air traffic which was a special experience we couldn't have planned. The class was also able to speak with some RAAF representatives. This was the first taste of our diverse network of pathway partners that students will have the opportunity to interact with as they progress through the course.

Cherie Benstead  
Aviation Coordinator





## ZOOPER DOOPER FUNDRAISER

Last week the student leaders organised an ice-block fundraiser to support Miss Reynolds in her overseas work. After a hot few days the students were very happy to show their support! The College raised \$250.10.



## MNCC 20 ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We are looking forward to an exciting celebration weekend on April 4 and 5. The Open Day will be a wonderful time for the whole community to come together, but we are also hosting a special anniversary dinner, where those who have been involved in our College over those 20 years can come together to share memories and stories with one another. This will be held at the Memorial Oval Function Centre, at 50 Mary Elie Street from 6pm-9pm.

Current families and staff are warmly invited, but please be aware that there are limited spaces.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please go to our Facebook page, scan the QR code, or we can send you an email with the link. If you have any difficulty, please let Reception know and we can assist you with this.

Rachel Richardson  
Principal

## Mid North Christian College

20 Year  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATING  
GOD'S GOODNESS  
2005 - 2025

CELEBRATION  
DINNER

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025  
6-9PM

MEMORIAL OVAL  
FUNCTION CENTRE  
50 MARY ELIE STREET,  
PORT PIRIE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Tickets available  
via link





## ADELAIDE CROWS VISIT

We were very grateful to have a visit from Adelaide Crows players Josh Rachele, Luke Nankervis and Karl Gallagher last week. The boys had a Q&A with both our primary and secondary students, an opportunity to sign things, and even spent some time with our students at recess time. Thanks again to the Crows for taking the time to come to the College. The staff and students had an amazing time!

Chris Veitch  
F-12 Sports Coordinator





## SPREADING SOFTFALL

A big thank you to Mr John Skewes, Mr Paul Nieass, Mr Josh Peckover, and Mr Henry Lane, who recently assisted in laying the soft fall chips around the urban warrior course. Many wheelbarrows made light work!

I am truly thankful for their time, effort, encouragement, skills, and friendship to get this job completed. Thank you also to the accommodating workforce at Heidrich's Landscaping and Supplies for working well with us. No "I" in team.

God bless them all. Please thank them if you see them around the College

Gordon Kroschel  
Project Manager



## COLLEGE NOTICES

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available for all students on Wednesdays from 8:05am to 8:40am, in the Home Ec room.

### NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to request a hard copy of the newsletter, or if you have content to add, please email:

[lisa.church@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au](mailto:lisa.church@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au)

### PRAYER GROUPS

Prayer for our College is so appreciated and we know that God hears and answers prayer. If you would like to join with others to pray for specific things, we have a couple of people who meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00am to pray in the meeting room. If you would like to join, please come along when you can at this time.

### LETTERS SENT HOME

- AHSS Player Nomination letter
- Ski Trip Deposit letter

## UNIFORM POLICY

Attached is the updated Uniform Policy for your information. Not a great deal has changed since last year, however, please read through to ensure that you are aware of the expectations.

We are introducing something a little different this year. On Fridays, students may choose to wear their Community or Sport shirt. We acknowledge that Community shirts have not always been utilised enough considering their cost. The Community Leaders are working hard to create more opportunities for cooperation and encouragement to be developed in the College culture throughout the year, not just during Athletics Day or specific Community events. We regularly have the Community activities on Fridays, so it was decided that this would be a good day for these shirts to make more of an appearance. It is still not compulsory for these shirts to be worn, but it is strongly encouraged that students wear these shirts especially for specific Community events and can choose to wear them on any other Friday. If students are representing the College at specific sporting events however, they will need to wear the College Sport uniform.

Rachel Richardson  
Principal



## Uniform Requirements – General Information

The wearing of school uniform is aimed at providing a standardised level of dress that promotes neatness and pride in one's appearance. One of the main functions of the uniform is to eliminate competition between students based on fashion trends, the expense of clothing and accessories.

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory. Parents are expected to ensure that their children always attend school in the correct uniform even though there are a couple of options.

The Sports Uniform can be worn at any time of the year, although Foundation students will only wear the Sports Uniform. The Formal Summer Uniform may be worn in Terms 1 & 4 and the Formal Winter Uniform may be worn in Terms 2 & 3. The Formal Summer Uniform may be worn in the first three weeks of Term 2 and the last three weeks of Term 3. Students are not permitted to mix and match the Formal Summer and Winter Uniforms. Students must wear either uniform within this transition period in its entirety.

All infringements are recorded on SEQTA as a 'Uniform Infringement' and will result in a text message to Parents or Caregivers. Four infringements result in the calling of a Uniform Focus Meeting with the parents/caregivers.

### Foundation Students Uniform – To be worn every day of the week

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Navy Polo Top	College Navy Shorts or Track Pants
Socks (Summer College socks)	College Sports Jacket
Sports shoes: runners, cross trainers or court shoes. Students may wear footwear with their uniform that is suitable for sports. N.B. Suitable footwear does not include boots, skate shoes, volleys or canvas (cloth) shoes.	

### Sports Uniform – Must be worn on PE days and is optional for all other days

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Navy Polo Top	College Navy Shorts or Track Pants
Socks (Summer College socks)	College Sports Jacket
Sports shoes: runners, cross trainers or court shoes. Students may wear footwear with their sports uniform that is suitable for sports. N.B. Suitable footwear does not include boots, skate shoes, volleys or canvas (cloth) shoes.	

### Formal Summer Uniform - Girls

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Tartan Skirt no shorter than the top of the knee OR College Pinafore for Years 1 & 2	College Light blue Short Sleeve Shirt
College White Ankle Socks with 2 Navy stripes	Black lace-up shoes (Velcro allowed for Years 1 & 2)

### Formal Winter Uniform – Girls

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Tartan Skirt no shorter than the top of the knee OR College Pinafore for Years 1 & 2	College Light Blue Long Sleeve shirt
College Navy tights or Navy knee high socks	Black lace-up shoes (Velcro allowed for Years 1 & 2)
College Navy Knit Jumper	

## Formal Summer Uniform - Boys

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Navy shorts	College Light blue Short Sleeve Shirt
College White Ankle Socks with 2 Navy stripes	Black lace-up shoes (Velcro allowed for Years 1 & 2)

## Formal Winter Uniform - Boys

<b>Uniform Policy</b>	
College Navy trousers	College Light Blue Long Sleeve shirt
College Calf length Navy socks	Black lace-up shoes (Velcro allowed for Years 1 & 2)
College Navy Knit Jumper	

## Other Information

Light foundation from Year 7, and light makeup from Year 10.	Clear or natural nail polish. No artificial nails.
Hair should be natural in appearance, tone, and colouring.	Hair should be tied back and out of the face and eyesight.
Hair bands, clips or hair ties should be in the College colours (navy, light blue, green or white), or matching natural tones.	Boys should present as either clean shaven; or with facial hair neatly trimmed.
Small earrings, sleepers/hoops in the ears and studs in the nose are permitted. No other jewellery or body modifications are permitted.	Items needed for health and safety purposes such as Medic Alert bracelets or tags may be worn.
Watches that show date and time only are allowed, but Smart Watches with mobile phone or other capabilities must be handed in and returned during Homegroup time in line with our Mobile Phone and Smart Watch policy.	

When uniform matters are either contentious or out of character with the general aims of the College, the Principal will resolve specific matters with a conservative outlook that maintains the status quo. The MNCC Uniform is not designed to reflect constantly changing fashion trends. This specifically refers to personal grooming trends.

- If students are unable to comply for medical or other wellbeing reasons, a meeting with the Principal is to be arranged for parents/caregivers.
- Students who commence enrolment at the College with existing appearance outside these guidelines will need to make arrangements for the visible appearance to be of minimal effect. Specifically, hair is required to be cut, re-coloured or styled, and any additional piercings/body modifications should be removed or should be replaced with clear piercing retainers.

## Notes:

- Uniform inspections will be carried out on a regular basis.
- All uniform should be correctly fitted.
- Underclothing including undershorts, T shirts and singlets must not be visible. Exception: long sleeved white/navy/black T shirt under Sports Uniform in winter.
- Year 12 students may substitute the College jumper or jacket during summer and winter with their Year 12 jumper.
- Year 6 students may substitute the College Sports Top with their Year 6 Polo Top.
- MNCC hats must be always worn when playing outdoors and for sport lessons except in the winter months when the UV rating is below 3.
- Name labels are necessary for identifying lost/misplaced items.
- Navy College issue backpacks are *compulsory* & need to be marked clearly with student's name.



## ALLERGY AWARE INFORMATION

One way we look after one another in our College is through being an allergy aware school. We have staff, parents and students who suffer from a range of allergies and to different extents.

Below is information about how you can partner with us in being an allergy aware school. All our staff recently completed the anaphylaxis refresher course and have been informed of strategies to minimise the risk of allergic reactions. If you would like further information about our allergies and anaphylaxis policy and procedures, these can be found on our website.



### How can families support allergy aware children's education and care (CEC) services?



#### If your child has an allergy:



- Tell the CEC service about your child's allergies when you enrol them.



- Before your child starts at the CEC service, give them a copy of your child's ASCIA Action Plan.
- The ASCIA Action Plan should be completed by your child's doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Let the CEC service know if your child's allergies change and give the CEC service a copy of the updated ASCIA Action Plan.



- Meet with the CEC service to talk about what the CEC service can do to manage your child's allergies.



- If your child has a food allergy, meet with food service staff to discuss how they will provide the right food for your child.
- This might include menu planning or providing alternative foods or formula, labelled with your child's name.



- Give the CEC service one of your child's adrenaline injectors (in date), along with any other medication (such as antihistamine and asthma reliever medication).



- Work with the CEC service to plan for activities that involve food (such as cooking or special occasions) and talk to the educator who is organising the activity.



- Teach your child about their allergy.
- This will depend on your child's age, allergies and abilities.



- Children with food allergy need to:
  - Learn about the food they are allergic to.
  - Learn how to talk with others about their allergies.
  - Wash their hands before and after eating.
  - Not share food.
  - Only drink from their own water bottle.
  - Only eat food provided by a trusted adult who knows about their food allergies.
  - Tell an educator if they feel unwell.



- Children with insect allergy need to:
  - Learn about the insect they are allergic to.
  - Learn how to talk with others about their allergy.
  - Keep their shoes on when playing outside.
  - Drink from a container with a lid.

#### If your child does not have an allergy your family can support allergy aware CEC services in the following ways:



- Help the CEC service look after children with allergies by supporting the ways the CEC service reduces the risk of a child having an allergic reaction.



- Teach your child about how to care for their friends and other children with allergies.



- Talk to your child about how everyone has different health needs and teach them to be respectful of the needs of other children.



- Caring for children with allergies includes:
  - Washing hands before and after eating.
  - Not sharing food.
  - Only drinking from their own water bottle.
  - Telling an educator if their friend is sick.

April 18th - 21st 2025



# Melrose Easter Camp

Divine.

a ministry of  
**SU**Australia

## About Us

Melrose Easter Camp is run by a body of believers from the Mid North Region under the guidance of Scripture Union Australia. Our vision is to bring the Truth of the Gospel to the next generation and encourage them in relationship with Jesus.

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Willochra Campsite  
Diocean Road  
Melrose, SA



Sarah 0490 241 665  
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April 18th - 21st



Pricing and  
Registration Below!



Grades 7 - 12





# CODING Club

Now with Sphero Mini Robots!

## Pirie Library

Learn to code using Scratch!  
Ages 8 - 14

Bookings Essential. Via Eventbrite or Ph: (08) 8632 1649	Every Wednesday during School Term: 3.30 - 4.30
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PORT PIRIE REGIONAL LIBRARY

# Lego Club

Ages 5-12  
Every Thursday of Term, 2025  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Bookings Essential  
Ph: 8632 1649

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- Week 1, 28th January  
Tuesday Hangouts
- Week 2, 4th February  
Draw your own mini comic book \$2
- Week 3, 11th February  
Tuesday Hangouts
- Week 4, 18th February  
Design your own treasure map \$2
- Week 5, 25th February  
Tuesday Hangouts

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Term 1, 2025

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

- Week 6, 4th March  
DIY mobile phone holder \$2
- Week 7, 11th March  
Tuesday Hangouts
- Week 8, 18th March  
Trivia Quiz Challenge \$2
- Week 9, 25th March  
Tuesday Hangouts
- Week 10, 1st April  
Dungeons & Dragons \$2

\$2 fee contributes to the cost of materials used in the activities

**Port Pirie Library**  
**Ages 11-17**  
**To Book: PH 8632 1649**

# ATTENTION WRITERS AND POETS!



Laura Literary  
Awards is now  
accepting  
entries

Entries Close  
Friday, 9th May, 2025

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LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB 2025

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Rego Link



Junior Rego Day  
Friday 14th March 2025 4.30-5.30pm

Lions Football Club, Mary Elie St

Junior Contact  
Plugger 0438 868 239

Senior Contact  
Bill 0439 882 041



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## Mid North Christian College

# 20 Year

ANNIVERSARY  
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# OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025  
4:00-7:30PM

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PORT PIRIE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA