

12 Questions to Ask When Considering a Christian School

What is the school known for?

Northside Christian College is well-known and respected for its commitment to Christian education. This approach encompasses great academic results, Christ-like character development, sporting spirit, and passionate community service.

How is faith incorporated in the daily life of students?

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ” is the mission of the College. Discipleship is one of the pillars of Northside Christian College — a process of older believers inspiring the younger. Teachers invest personal time into the lives of students, whether it’s coaching the debating team, keeping the art rooms open after hours, attending a Junior School student’s soccer match, or tutoring a struggling pupil.

Northside Christian College’s vibrant chapels bring worship to the school week. As the students advance through the school, they take on increasing amounts of ownership for the running of the chapels. While younger children enjoy age-appropriate songs and lessons, older students contribute as singers, musicians, speakers, and technicians to deliver meaningful and expressive worship services through prayerful collaboration.

We offer opportunities to develop servant hearts from Prep through to Year 12 by understanding mission through service, both locally and overseas.

How does the school define “A Christian”?

At Northside Christian College, we believe that a Christian is a person who has accepted Jesus Christ as both Saviour and Lord of his/her life. That is, a Christian is a person who:

- believes that Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, died and rose again
- has recognised his/her sinful condition
- has received forgiveness of his/her sins through faith in Jesus Christ
- declares Jesus is Lord and
- seeks to live his/her life in obedience to God’s Word.

Christianity is, in essence, an ongoing relationship with God – not just a Sunday morning event, but a way of life.

What are the Enrolment Requirements?

- A completed application
- Birth Certificate
- Pastor’s/Minister’s reference
- Current School Reports - if available
- NAPLAN Reports - if available
- Medical information

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Is a Pastor's Reference Required?

Yes, a Pastor's Reference is part of Northside Christian College's Enrolments Requirements.

Northside Christian College was established by Nexus Church in 1985 as a ministry of the church. Through this document, we are seeking to understand whether our future families are committed to their faith in Jesus Christ and dedicated to a Christian life. By partnering with families who have the same values and beliefs we teach at school and which the child regularly receives at church, we believe we raise students who are confident in their abilities, their purpose, and their identity in Christ.

What is the school's academic record?

Northside Christian College has a history of strong academic rankings from Junior School testing through to graduating OP results. This academic record includes placing within the top 3% of best performing Primary Schools in North Brisbane and Moreton Bay (Naplan 2017), the top 2% of best performing Secondary Schools in Queensland (Naplan 2017), and the top 7% of Queensland schools in The Australian's annual school rating (2016).

Alongside these results, Northside Christian College has been acknowledged by authoritative educational bodies such as ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) for "identifying substantially above average gain", and also by The Educator – who named Northside as one of Australia's forty most innovative schools in 2017.

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Does the school offer scholarships?

Northside Christian College offers the opportunity for partial three-year scholarships to both current and prospective students with outstanding academic record entering years 7 and 10.

How does the school prepare students for their future?

The Senior school years are a time when students have identified areas of interest and passion. In the academic sense this means that these years will be spent on refining those passions and strengths through skill development. It is also a time where they will be challenged to use those strengths not just for their own benefit but to enable them to contribute to society in a positive way.

How does the school create a community/culture?

What are the services offered by the school?

Next Steps Kindy is a ministry of Nexus Church and Northside Christian College, providing quality early years education. The Kindy staff care for and educate children in a safe, secure and engaging environment from a Christian worldview.

Northside Christian College also offers **Outside School Hours Care** for Before and After School Care as well as Vacation Care. Our **Bus Services** offer 5 routes in the morning and 6 in the afternoon that service a wide-range of northern suburbs. Northside's **College Café** is a self-service cafeteria style facility, providing a comprehensive range of healthy food items. Parents can purchase uniforms at the **Uniform Shop** on campus or alternatively can order items online.

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How is technology used to support teaching and learning at this school?

Northside Christian College equips students with the best technology skills for future employment in an increasingly competitive globalised economy. The program offered at Northside aligns with our Christian values and partners with families, supporting parents in managing appropriate use of technology both at school and at home. Junior School students gain important skills in the computer lab and their classrooms. Interactive whiteboards form part of I.T. lessons and daily tasks. Students in Middle and Senior School receive a college-owned Chromebook laptop, which promotes digital skills and real-world collaboration.

What extra-curricular opportunities (sports, clubs, community service, competitions) are available for students?

At Northside, students explore, discover and develop their talents and interests through our diverse offering of co-curricular activities. Starting from Junior School, students are encouraged to participate in instrumental, sports, science and mentoring programs. As they reach Middle and Senior School, these programs develop into an extensive array of co-curricular activities - the performing and visual arts, sports excellence, technology and innovation, student leadership opportunities, faith-in-action missions trips, challenging camping programs, creative pursuits, overseas student-exchanges, and more.

What's next?



Ready to apply?

Enrolment applications are online, via Northside's website: www.northside.qld.edu.au

Supporting Documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Pastor's Reference
- Medical Information
- School Reports - if available
- NAPLAN Reports - if available
- Court Orders - if applicable

Need more information?

Contact our Enrolments Officer at enrolments@northside.qld.edu.au or call (07) 3353 1266

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