

# NCS Update



NEWSTEAD  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL

## From the Management Team:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has come to our attention that in 2018 the Education Act will change in regards to extended school absences.

Under the new Act, Principals must authorise extended absences from school. Family holidays occurring during school time will now be marked as 'unauthorised leave'. Parents will be required to complete an 'Application for Extended Leave' form prior to travel (available from the Office in 2018).

This is then to be discussed with the Principal so that a learning plan can be organised either before, during or after the date of travel to allow the student to catch up on work missed.

The Principal is to consider whether it is in the best interests of the student to be exempt from school for a period of time and if an application is approved and a learning plan agreed upon. Then this will be noted and there will be no penalty from the government. Please feel free to contact the Principal if you require further clarification.

Mr. Jon Targett  
On Behalf of the Management Team

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Psalm 127:4a –

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior.."

## Notes to Parents:

A friendly reminder to let the Office know if your child/ren will be off school due to illness or another reason.

You can do this by using our App - School Stream; emailing or calling the school before **9:30am**. *Thank you!*

When your child/ren are late or you are taking them out of School for an appointment or a personal reason, please remember to come to the Office to sign them In or Out.

*Thank you!*

## Pre-Kinder 2017:

Pre-Kinder (this is for children who will be going into Kindergarten in 2018) will run every Thursday from 9am to 11am. It will be run by Jo Green, Kindergarten TA.

Parents are asked to stay with their child throughout the session and engage with their child in the various activities set up around the room.

There will be a story time and singing, plus children will need to bring some morning tea and a water bottle.

Thankyou



### Principal's Days:

Mrs Eastley currently is available

Monday - Thursday 11.30am - 4.00pm

### Business Manager's Days:

Mon, Tues & Fri 9am - 3:00pm

### School Mobile:

0466 108 298

### Tuesdays:

Uniform Shop is open from 9am to 2:30pm

## Music - Steve Cooper:

Gosh we have fun in Music class ... while learning! It's been great to move from casual relief teaching to teaching Music one day a week. The Kinder - Gr 8 students have been great to work with and I have loved the positive, caring culture at NCS.

Some will be aware that my family and I tour educational performances and workshops as RockSalt Arts ([rocksaltarts.com](http://rocksaltarts.com)) are part of the Poatina community, which has a rich history of youth and community ministry 45 minutes south west of Launceston. This year the community has been reinvigorating its vision with new initiatives that will engage the wider community, and my wife Hannah is involved in the planning team.

As we've considered continuing this important role next year it's clear we'll need to make space in our routine for added busyness. With much prayer and discussion we've now made the very difficult decision for me to finish teaching the Music classes. It was hard to choose something to drop, as we are blessed to be doing only things that are meaningful, strategic and mission-focused. I've appreciated being a more integral part of the team and getting to know the students, and will continue to love relief teaching at NCS when the opportunity arises. God is doing wonderful things here and I pray for that to continue next year.



## What is Happening in the next Fortnight?

### **Wednesday 15 November**

Teen Challenge "Not Even Once" Seminar Gr 7-10 from 11.15am to 12.45pm

### **Thursday 16 November**

Playgroup-Pre Kinder 9am to 11am

Gr 7/8 Science Excursion to Beaconsfield from 9am to 3pm

### **Friday 17 November**

Swimming Gr 9/10 Aquatic Centre from 1pm to 3pm

### **Tuesday 21 November**

**NCS Open Day 9am to 3pm**

### **Thursday 23 November**

Playgroup-Pre Kinder 9am to 11am

NHSSA Athletics Carnival Gr7-10 at St Leonards 9am to 3pm

### **Friday 24 November**

Gr 9/10 Outdoor Ed Surf Day 9am to 3pm at West Head

### **Monday 27 November**

Assembly (Gr 5/6) 9.00am to 9.30am

**Mon 20 to Fri 24 November — Book Fair**