In 2016 the new House Program was introduced to Northside Christian College. We moved from a 4 house system to 3 houses. Decisions about the 3 houses were driven by the student leaders under the vision of Mr Doug Holtam. Irie and Liam became the Worthy Warriors leaders, Ryan and Michael became the Courageous Conquerors leaders, and Emma and Claire became the Noble Knights leaders. Primary and Middle School House Leaders were also involved in the planning of the new houses.

The House Program was introduced to Northside to build stronger community within the College and to give the students a greater sense of belonging. The House Program benefits students in many ways:

- It promotes opportunities for students to develop a deeper sense of their self-worth and self-awareness in the context of a loving community.
- It allows students to become active members in a multi-age setting that represents the realities of life outside of their regular classroom.
- It gives students an opportunity to learn the attitudes and skills of caring for and encouraging others and building a deeper understanding of their God given gifts.
- It enables opportunities for students to express these gifts and in doing so learn the value of servant leadership and the benefits of humbly seeking out and working towards the well-being of others.

It is important to note that the House Program is no longer purely sports focused. It now incorporates social activities, academic competition and non-competitive fun events. Some examples of these events have been the House Day (the launch of the program), Mini Games at Whole School Assemblies, Spelling Bees, the Swimming Carnival, the Jewel Classroom Program in the Primary school, the Primary and Secondary Round Robins, the lunchtime sport competitions and many more.

Overall, the House Program has been a great success thus far. Thank you to everyone in the Northside Community who has supported the program. A big thank you to Mr Holtam for his vision for this program. We pray that God will continue to be glorified in our community and that people would know Christ better through the House Program.
NOTICES

Dairy Dates
Thursday 25 August
Year 7-9 English & Year 11 Literature
Shakespeare Excursion
Year 7 Information Evening
Year 10 Canberra Trip Information Evening

Friday 26 August
Book Week Dress Up Day

Wednesday 31 August
Whole School Athletics Carnival

Thursday 1 September
Artist in Residence Parent Workshop

Friday 2-Saturday 3 September
Peter Pan Jr.- School Musical

Monday 5 September
Year 7 Immunisations
Cyberbullying Parent Evening

HOUSE POINTS

Noble Knights

Courageous Conquerors

Worthy Warriors

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BOOK WEEK 2016

August 22nd-26th is Book Week, and Friday of that week is our Dress Up Day. All students and staff are invited to dress up as a book character and bring a copy of the book with them on the day.

When choosing a costume, please be sensitive to the ethos of the College and choose a character that reflects this attitude. Costumes don’t have to be elaborate - this is a fun day.

Students not in costume MUST wear school uniform.

PETER PAN JR.

We are selling tickets for a Prize Draw!

Prizes are three handcrafted toys (one for each winner):
- Peter Pan
- Pirate
- Tinkerbell.

Tickets will be $3 for 3 or $5 for 10. You can pick which prize your tickets go towards by placing them in a specific bucket.

Prizes will be drawn at final show. All funds raised go back into the musical.
Write a Book in a Day

We have 5 teams of students entering the ‘Write a Book in a Day’ competition hosted by the Kids’ Cancer Project. Students have 12 hours to write, illustrate, publish and bind their own picture storybooks and are busy raising funds for children’s cancer research in the lead-up to our book writing day on Monday 22 August.

Donations to our wonderful teams can be made online by visiting www.writeabookinaday.com and clicking on ‘Sponsor a Team’. Our 5 teams need to each raise $240 by 31st August in order to submit their books for judging in the competition. If you would like to help out by donating, please visit the website and support our writers!
Maths Talent Quest

Our budding mathematicians' projects have been sent to LaTrobe university for external judging and moderation, along with hundreds of other projects by students from schools all over Victoria. Results of the competition will be available early next term. The projects we submitted were:

- Chloe’s Awesome Model - Chloe (Yr 3)
- The Big Book of Maths - Jared, Alex & Justin (Yr 3)
- How can we use scale to build a model of our school oval? - Kavindu & Hubert (Yr 3)
- How much money do my parents spend in a month? - Suhanayan (Yr 4)
- How to Decode a Barcode - Emilia & Madison (Yr 4)
- Maths in a Bedroom - Anelyse (Yr 5)
- Can We Accurately Predict Swimming Times? - Isabelle, Itunu & Laura (Yr 8)

All students successfully met competition entry criteria and were awarded criteria medals at assembly last Monday morning. Congratulations, MTQ participants!
On Tuesday 16th August we had 5 Secondary teams represent the College in Basketball and Soccer against other Christian schools in Victoria. Our year 9/10 Soccer team made the Grand Final and played with great intensity and courage against a very good Victory Christian College team who scored three goals to our one.

PREPS INTERVIEW “MR HERO”

The Preps interviewed Mr Le Page to learn about the amazing job he does in making our school a better place. Ms Vaughn has renamed him “Mr Hero” and all the Preps agree!
This week all of our students gathered on the new basketball courts for a dedication service followed by a House team competition. The Courageous Conquerors won the basketball shoot off, and the Noble Knights won some points for their cheering!

Starting today, our students will have access to our new oval and basketball facilities. Primaries will have access to the court with lowered rings to ensure that they don’t miss out.
The 3/4s have participated in their Health and Living Skills Sewing class. They made small colourful bags for Operation Christmas Child boxes. The students had fun learning how to sew buttons and stitching straight lines. The students also included encouraging notes to the recipient of the Operation Christmas Child Boxes.
“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” FOR THE NCC-OCC SHOEBOX COLLECTION

Help us reach our 200 box target by the end of August!

It is that time of year again! Primaries have been collecting items in assemblies, packing days will start at school the last week of July, and a big packing date is organized for the end of the month.

Please consider packing your own shoeboxes during the month of August or September and bring to school as soon as they are ready. Pre-printed shoe boxes and brochures itemizing items to pack are now available in the foyer or at reception.

Pre-packed shoeboxes will be collected up to the October deadline but no all-school boxes will be prepared after July and early August. Drop off all boxes either at reception or the Home Eco Room. Don’t forget to include the $9/box for shipment if you choose to pack at home.

Drop by the Home Economics Room during your spare time on Friday during Goal Setting Day to pack a box or two. This will help get you excited about packing your own boxes and help with ideas of what to include in your own boxes.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed items for this annual project.