Dear Parents/Carers

I want to wish a warm welcome to all members of the Lasallian community in 2016. This year of Mercy, is a special one for our church and will be a source of enrichment for our prayer and liturgies this year. 2015 of course finished on a high note with some excellent HSC results. These are detailed later in this bulletin.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new coeducation class in Year 7 to the College.

Numbers of students have increased and accordingly, additional staff have been engaged. I wish to welcome Ms Leonie Dowd to her new role as Assistant Principal, with particular responsibility to coeducation. Ms Jizelle Akkaar, a foundation staff member at LaSalle returns as Pastoral Care Coordinator. Mr Andrew Christoforidis, is our new REC. Mrs Vivian James will be our Mathematics Coordinator for 2016. Ms Elizabeth Abrahams and Mr Philip Stonefield join the Science faculty and Mr Kevin Knox and Mr Robert Stojanovski join the VET faculty.

Students and staff have been impressed with the quality and finish of the newly refurbished classrooms that are coming online as a result of the move to coeducation. These new airconditioned facilities are equipped with ‘state of the art’ technology that supports high quality contemporary learning.

We look forward to formally commencing the school year with a Commencement Mass to be held at St Mary’s Cathedral, on Wednesday, 24th February at 10.00am. I would formally like to invite any parents/caregivers that are able to join us, to come and celebrate this special occasion.

Any parents requiring transport to and from the College are asked to contact Mrs Anne Saliba on 9793 5600 to book a seat on the bus.

St John Baptist De La Salle,
Pray for us
Live Jesus in our Hearts,
Forever

Michael Egan
Principal

2016
DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2016
2 Year 11/12 IBL Induction Excursion P1-P4
4 Year 7 Swimming Program begins
8 Year 7 Photo ID’s taken and new students
9 Shrove Tuesday
10 Ash Wednesday
12 SCS Census Day
Year 7 Vaccination Day 1
19 Year 10 PDHPE Excursion
22 Lasallian Youth Leaders Training Day
24 Commencement Mass @ St Mary’s Cathedral
25 Year 11 Visual Arts Excursion
29 Year 7 Reflection Day

MARCH 2016
1 Years 11/12 Mass @ 9.00am
2 Year 11 ITM Excursion
3 Year 12 Modern History Excursion
4 College Swimming Carnival
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FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Dear Lasallian community, welcome to the 2016 school year. I trust you had a wonderful summer holiday and are feeling revived and ready to start focused towards working to your personal best. I welcome all new students to the College; in particular, I would like to welcome the young ladies who have joined LaSalle Catholic College as it moves towards the co-educational environment.

I congratulate the vast majority of students who have started 2016 with a clear focus on their learning and have showed an obvious pride towards their College in the manner that they have worn the uniform and taken care with their grooming.

Our 2015 HSC students have laid some impressive foundations for our current students to learn from. The 2015 HSC successes have come from students and staff working together to achieve great results and I thank the dedicated staff members who guided the students to this degree. Our 2016 senior and junior students can certainly learn much from our successful ex-students.

I would encourage all students to continue the high standard of punctuality and attendance that Week 1 has shown. Students arriving on time and attending school regularly demonstrate commitment, develop confidence and significantly increase their potential for success.

This year I would like to extend the organizational skills of all students by encouraging them to use the diaries on a period by period basis and to record all homework, assessment due dates, excursion dates, extra-curricula commitments, letters to be signed reminders etc. To this end I invite the parents/caregivers to become involved in this exercise by regularly reading the weekly entries and hold a learning conversation with your child. Notes from teachers should be co-signed by parents. I am sure that we all have the best interests of each child in our hearts and by working in partnership we will assist them to work towards their personal potential.

We are so privileged to be a part of this great LaSalle community and I hope 2016 enables each of us to further realise our potential. Saint John Baptist De La Salle is the Patron Saint of all those who work in the field of education, so inspired by his example, we embark on a rewarding journey of teaching and learning together.

Ms Leonie Dowd

SPORT NEWS:

Our Year 7 students will commence their Swimming Program on Thursday, 4th February to Thursday 31st March 2016.

Students are asked to bring with them swimmers, towel, water bottle, goggles, sunscreen and rash vest.

For our girls, we ask that they wear a one piece. If your daughter does not own a one piece, we ask that she wears board shorts with a rash shirt over her swimmers. We will depart from the College at 12.10pm and returning to the College by 2.30pm. For more details, please refer to your Swimming Note that was given at the Information Evening.

Any queries contact Mr Michael Daher on 9793 5600.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The 2015 school year concluded once again with news of a number of outstanding HSC results. The College is extremely proud of the levels of academic achievement that our students have attained in recent years and the class of 2015 was no exception.

2015 also saw an increase in the number of Distinguished Achievers (students who received a mark above 90 in a particular subject) and an increase in the percentage of Distinguished Achievers per examination sat by our students.

Congratulations to the following Distinguished Achievers:

**Mateo Lopez**  
English (Advanced)  
English Extension 1  
Legal Studies  
Modern History  

**Stefan Starkovski**  
English (Advanced)  
Geography  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics General 2  

**Joseph Hooper**  
English (Advanced)  
Legal Studies  
Modern History  
PDHPE  

**Michael Croan**  
Mathematics Ext I  

**James El-Hayek**  
Legal Studies  

**Jordan Doorbinnia**  
English (Advanced)  
Economics  

**Kristian Jovanoski**  
Legal Studies  

**Jake Lobarbio**  
Visual Arts  

**Vincent Nguyen**  
Business Studies