CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 12 GRADUANTS

Special awards were presented at our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony held at Bankstown Sports Club, Tuesday, 20th September 2016.

Vincent Gabut
- Spirit of LaSalle Award
- Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence
- ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award

Benjamin Pham
- Brother Michael Johnson Award for Academic Excellence
- Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment & Consistent Effort

Jawad Hanna
Caltex Award for the Best All Rounder

Edwin Singh
K.E. Moroney Award for College Leadership

Samuel Cohen
LaSalle Vocational Education Award for 2015

Gregory Nassar
Award for Extraordinary Service to Community

Connor Phouisangiem
Sports Person of the Year

Ettore Pacilli
Sports Leadership

Giuseppe Andreotti
Brother Ambrose Award for Outstanding Achievement

Kyle Fittler
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Award

Ryan Turner
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Award

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break and we will welcome our students back on Monday 10th October 2016.

Michael Egan
Principal
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2016

Andrew Aiello  Industrial Technology
Anthony Berbari  Food Technology
Dean Bradford  Catholic Studies
Michael Briskovski  Economics, PDHPE, Studies of Religion I
Samuel Cohen  English Studies
Leandro Dos Santos Alves  Excellence in VET - Automotive
Sarkis Douiehi  Excellence in VET - Construction
Daniel Fakhoury  Excellence in VET - Business Services
Joshua Kaplun  Mathematics General 1
Darin Nguyen  Information, Processes & Technology
Henry Nguyen  Excellence in VET - Hospitality
Ettore Pacilli  Business Studies, Studies of Religion II
Benjamin Pham  English (Std) Mathematics, Mathematics Ext I, Mathematics Ext II, Physics
Joshua Philp  Ancient History
Edwin Singh  Biology, Chemistry, English (Adv), English (Ext)
Shevon Siyambalapitiya  Geography, Excellence in VET - Information & Digital Technology
Jack Stacey  Mathematics Gen 2, Modern History

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2016 (cont’d)

Fayad Sharif  Biology, Maths (Ext II), Physics
Jawad Hanna  English (Standard), Mathematics
Joshua Kaplun  Catholic Studies
Joel Mensah  Food Technology
Le (Max) Nguyen  Ancient History, Maths General 2
Benjamin Pham  Chemistry
Joshua Philp  Geography, Industrial Tech Timber, Modern History
Edwin Singh  Mathematics Ext 1, Studies of Religion I
Shevon Siyambalapitiya  Business Studies, Catholic Studies, Ind. Tech Multimedia
Andy Taleb  Economics
Liam Vuong  English (Standard)
Emmanuel Wahaj  English (Standard)
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FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

INDIGENOUS IMMERSION @ LASALLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

LaSalle is now the proud owner of a modern contemporary Aboriginal painting that captures the true essence of the College and its community. The painting is a collaborative result of a two-day curriculum based immersion programme facilitated by WANDANA Aboriginal Education & Events.

Students, teachers and support staff worked with WANDANA’s Managing Director, Brian Cook (an ex-student from LaSalle), Eve and Trevor to create the painting inspired by the College’s history and values as well as the rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander symbols and culture.

In the centre of the painting is the School building, which pays homage to the original spirit of St John Baptist de la Salle’s first school in Reims, France. This same motif also represents the Church with its faith & Gospel values and teachings.

The small and large U shapes are the students & teachers of the College, and the green circular bands around this are the traditional Aboriginal wind breaks denoting a sheltered area where people would gather to share food, water & stories.

The light blue Georges River can be seen flowing through the centre of the painting. The Georges River was a popular area for Aboriginal people to live and fish. The many circular coloured bands radiating out from the centre of the painting are all the students, teachers and wider community members from different walks of life, coming together to share common values of Church, School & Family.

With Aboriginal Studies being a part of the curriculum in secondary education, the two days is an excellent opportunity to open the Aboriginal customs and beliefs in a more practical hands-on experience for the students.

As well as the collegial artwork, students experienced a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country led by Eve, were taught traditional Aboriginal songs and dance, learnt about various symbols used in Aboriginal art and dreamtime stories and were given the opportunity to paint their own ‘Journey Stone’.

The completed artwork will hang in a prominent position in the College buildings.

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BOOK WEEK VISIT TO ST BRENDAN’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 16th September, Year 9 Solomon English class, accompanied by Mrs Oparcik (LaSalle Learning Centre) and Mrs Connor (Year 9 Solomon English Teacher) travelled to St Brendan’s Catholic Primary School to celebrate Book Week with the Kindergarten and Year 4 students by assisting with their literacy and craft skills.

The morning involved the Solomon students reading to the Year 4 students and then creating beautiful rainbow art works based on the picture book story. Next they were reading to the little kindergarten students a picture book based on indigenous stories. The boys then helped the students create 3-D boomerangs decorated with indigenous symbols discovered in the story.

Many of the students also had the opportunity to catch-up with their old primary school teachers and to share their high school experiences at LaSalle and they were so proud to do so.

Likewise we were so proud to witness the manner in which our students engaged and cared for the young students of the wider community, showcasing the true Lasallian spirit.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the two schools to engage socially, academically and pastorally and we hope to continue this partnership in future years.

Wishing our students a wonderful holiday break!

God bless,
Leonie Dowd
**STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK: SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS**

Dear students and parents,

The September school holidays give a great chance to revise for the examinations in Term 4.

Use the Online Study Skills Handbook to organise your study time.

Username: LaSalle Catholic College  
Password: 544achieve

Mrs Nowakowski

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**IDT VET WORKPLACEMENTS**

Over the past few weeks this term some Year 11 students have attended one or two weeks work placement as part of their Information and Digital Media Technology VET (Vocational Education and Training) subject.

Most students commented on how much they have enjoyed this opportunity of being able to work and learn about computer hardware, software, networks and websites directly within the IT industry.

Students have attended various workplaces across Sydney, including Cable Net Technologies at Moorebank, Combits P/L at Lidcombe, STARStv at Marsfield, Longmen Computers at Surry Hills, and Sydney ITeC Repair Centre at Mascot.

This really is a valuable opportunity for students to engage with real life experiences and begin to recognise their potential pathways post HSC.

*Mrs Vanessa Thapaliya* (IDT Teacher)

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**JASON CLARE MP’s VISIT**

On Friday, 16th September, our Year 10 Commerce students were very privileged to have the Hon Jason Clare MP, Member for Blaxland as a guest speaker.

Mr Clare spoke about a number of topical issues. He clarified some government policies and procedures regarding the handling of asylum seekers, the issues surrounding the legalisation of same sex marriage and the importance of political knowledge and involvement.

As a school community we extend our gratitude to Mr J Clare for taking the time to visit our school and provide valuable political information to our Year 10 Commerce students.

*Theresa Pinto*
PATHWAYS UPDATE

Saint Yon- helping students forge Work Pathways.

As our Year 12’s ready themselves for the world of work we have done some checking to see how Saint Yon’s courses have helped our Seniors.

CASE STUDY: ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

- Of the 16 students in the Year 12 Electrotechnology class 77% have strongly indicated that they will follow employment into the Electrotechnology field.
- 41% of the same class have already secured full time Electrical apprenticeships. The Business community has been keen to secure our experienced and qualified Saint Yon Graduates.

YOUTH VOCATIONAL ROTARY AWARD

LaSalle Bankstown Year 12 student, Sarkis Douiehi, is currently completing his final weeks as an IBL- School Based Apprenticeship at Saint Yon Trade Training Centre.

The well respected Apprentice Carpenter received the Youth Vocational Rotary Award at the 20th Rotary Club Awards Ceremony at Bass High on Tuesday 13th September.

The gala night was very well attended and Sarkis was a deserving recipient. His continued strength in the area of employability skills saw him nominated for this prestigious award. Sarkis has impressed both his teachers and employer this Year.

Congratulations Sarkis!  

Mr Keith Porter

LASALLE LEAVES A BIG IMPRESSION

With so many industries engaged in our recent three week block of work placements, two trades deserve special focus.

The construction industry covers both residential and commercial sites, Henry Tunai in Year 11 was organized enough to work in both specialisations during his work placement. Getting up early to meet the company’s requirements, Henry worked in Petersham and then later in the week, Sutherland.  Henry impressed both his boss, Dean Brown and his leading hand Tom, with both commenting on Henry’s positive attitude, his happy presence on site and his cohesion with other workers.

Another trade that employs plenty of skilled workers is the auto trade area. Jake Dimovski showed a great appetite for work and skill in the car maintenance and servicing area. Although enrolled in the Electro SBat programme, Jake showed his versatility at Padstow Auto Centre.

Congratulations to both students and each of the LaSalle and Saint Yon students who performed so well during the work placement block. Already offers are being presented for the next round of work placement due next term.

Any parents and friends of LaSalle wanting to be involved as host employers please contact the Saint Yon Trade Training Centre on 0437376972.
SPORTS NEWS:

On Thursday, 8th September, the Under 15s and Opens Volleyball teams represented the College at the 2016 MCC Volleyball Competition held at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls.

The U15s team had some close games but didn’t get enough wins to make it into the semi-finals, falling just short of the top 4.

A big congratulations to the Opens Volleyball Team, standout winners of the 2016 MCC Volleyball Competition.

Consisting of all Year 12 students, it was a very important goal that the team had: to train well (a staggering 28 hours), to play expertly and to win the competition in their final year of school. Their hard work and determination paid off, and in the end they certainly achieved their goal and won the final against Randwick in 3 straight sets.

The Opens Volleyball team for 2016 include:

Connor Phouisangiem, Peter Vuong, Simon Kava, Jordan Tuinuku
Samuel Leituala, Joel Mensah, Dean Bradford, Matthew Azzi & Elio Melki

All students should be commended on their exceptional effort and strength throughout the day and their sportsmanship and humility in winning the grand final. Mr Joshua Rheinberger (U15’s Coach) Mrs Dana Patterson (Opens Coach)