INVESTITURE OF OUR 2017 COLLEGE LEADERS

Investiture of our 2017 College Leaders was held on Tuesday, 14th February during our Commencement Mass celebrated by Father Dominic and Deacon Richard Ddumba. This was a very special occasion celebrated by all students and staff. After the ceremony parents and friends were invited to share morning tea with their sons and teachers.

L-R: Mr Michael Egan (Principal), Binh Tran, Steven Hoang (Vice Captain), Joshua Mollica, Anthony Kazanis, Anthony Chadrawy, Benjie Asomaning, Ethan Hua, Charbel Naoum (College Captain), Jayden Gulasi, Thomas Hinwood, Nathan Nguyen, Faiauga Tai & Anthony Eltarraf.

Michael Egan
Principal
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY – KEYS TO SUCCESS

Our students have now had several opportunities to learn more about their personal organisation and the impact this can have on their studies and their future career paths. Be it in Homeroom, Year Group meetings, as well as during lessons, our students have had significant expectations and suggestions explained to them by their teachers - all with a view to our students striving to make the most of the opportunities our College provides.

To assist your child in their learning I would ask parents to consider the following and to work in partnership with us in the education of your child.

It is a proven fact that attendance to school every day, is the key to continual learning improvement.

I remind parents of your legal obligation to ensure your son or daughters are at school each day and are happy to work in partnership with you to ensure this happens. Some tips to ensure you and your daughter/son keep on top of attendance.

Punctuality and attendance are crucial to your child’s education. If your child is absent, please notify the College Office as soon as possible on that day.

I would encourage all students to use their diaries for all homework, assessment tasks and dates to remember. Please check your child’s diary and encourage them to use this important organizational resource. Students who develop such good organizational skills demonstrate commitment, develop confidence and significantly increase their potential for success.

God bless,
Leonie Dowd

FROM OUR LEADER OF LEARNING: DAVID CLORAN

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT LASALLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

With the year now well and truly underway, it is quite timely that we take the opportunity to congratulate our students on the way in which they have applied themselves towards their studies throughout the first three weeks of Term 1.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the newest members of our school community, our Year 7 cohort. Beginning high school can be a daunting experience for many students, however the teaching staff at the College have been most impressed with how these young men and women have dealt with the transition into high school and all the challenges that are associated with such a significant change.

I would also like to acknowledge our students in Years 9 and 11 who have moved so efficiently into their new patterns of study, commencing in a wide array of elective subjects that the College offers. The senior years in high school provide students with the opportunity to narrow the focus of their studies to specific areas of interest or their intended destination beyond Year 12. The past few weeks have seen these students commence their subjects with a great deal of success and enthusiasm which is testament to the serious consideration and discernment that went into the subject selection process last year.

Finally, I ask the College community to remember our Year 12 students in the weeks and months ahead. Earlier this term, I challenged the students to commit their time and energy towards their studies this year in the knowledge that the efforts they apply throughout 2017, will continue to bear fruit later in the year as they sit their half yearly, trial HSC and HSC examinations. I would also hope that the current Year 12 cohort will take great inspiration and motivation from the outstanding results that were achieved by the HSC class of 2016.

David Cloran, Leader of Learning
FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: KATHRYN WHITE

This week the College Community celebrated the Commencement Mass for 2017. As a part of the Commencement Mass, the Year 12 College Leaders were formally invested into their roles as student leaders of our community. Normally this investiture would occur at the end of the year, however the student leaders felt very strongly about wanting the new Year 7 cohort to be present for this event.

Parents and family members were invited to pin the leaders’ badge on their son/family member as part of this ceremony. It was a wonderful celebration of both our Catholic faith and Lasallian charism that involved all members of our growing school.

Also this week, the Lasallian Youth Leaders received their formal training by Youth Ministers from the Lasallian Foundation. Stefanie Breda, the Lasallian Youth Minister at the College ran this morning training session, in order to guide these young men in their new leadership role. On Tuesday the Lasallian Youth Leaders will assist in the Year 7 Reflection day. Congratulations to those students selected to be role models of the Lasallian ethos.

On Wednesday 1st March, the College will be receiving ashes during an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. All parents and family are welcome to attend this Liturgy to mark the beginning of Lent, in the lead up to Holy Week. The liturgy will occur at 9:45am in the College Gymnasium.
SAINT YON TRADE TRAINING CENTRE NEWS:

Our Trade Training Centre is off to a flying start in 2017, with around 150 students joining us from over 10 different Catholic schools. By far the most popular two courses are Electrotechnology and Construction, which are over capacity with students keen to make the most of the hands on employment driven learning that is Vocational Education.

At the end of 2016 we surveyed our exiting group of Year 12 Electricians and found that around 75% of them had secured full time work as Apprentice Electricians or were in the final round of interviews. We are now fielding direct phone calls weekly from employers looking for future tradesmen and women, interested in finding out what opportunities are out there, or keen to take on a school based apprentice, please contact me at the College.

A few reminders for those students from LaSalle that are working in our Trade Training Centre this year.

1. Our Trade uniform must be worn each lesson, this is comprised of a hi-vis orange shirt, blue pants and steel capped boots.
2. Students should have collected and returned a permission note to take advantage of a late start on their applicable “Trade Day”

Please drop by the Saint Yon office if you need to discuss any of these items, we look forward to another great year.

Justin Graham, Head of Saint Yon
STUCK WITH SCIENCE - AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

This year at LaSalle Catholic College, the Science department will be holding after school classes for students of all ages. If a student requires help with an assignment, homework or just wants to learn some essential science skills, Mr Valore will be holding classes on Tuesday afternoons until 4pm in the Learning centre. The classes will run for the duration of the term and will commence at the end of the school day, allowing students to easily transition from the classroom to the after school class.

After school classes will also be provided for year 12 classes. The timetable for these classes are as follows:

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<td>Mr Stonefield</td>
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<td>Mrs Abrahams</td>
<td>Friday / 7:30 - 8:30am</td>
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<td>Mr Broady</td>
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The rationales of the after school for the HSC classes are:

- To complement the work of the teachers in class time
- To further develop problem-solving skills among the students
- To further develop examination technique among the students
- To provide further feedback on students responses
- To address complicated aspects of curriculum for each respective course

Should any queries come about, or any further details be required please do not commit to hesitate to contact Mr Gino Valore at the school on (02) 9793 5600.

LEARNING CENTRE NEWS:

The beginning of the new school year saw LaSalle a hive of activity in the Learning Centre. Our expanded Year 7s were given Induction Lessons and all were quite appreciative of our multi-faceted Learning Centre.

We have a display of some Asian inspired books to help celebrate the new Lunar Year of the Rooster.

Our theme for February is ‘If you liked the movie you’ll love the book’. We have a range of excellent books that were either made into movies or on some rarer occasions movies that were made into books. Great reading!

- **The Perks of being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky
- **12 Years a Slave** by Solomon Northup
- **Harry Potter Series** by J. K. Rowling
- **The Happiest Refugee** by Anh Do

We hope 2017 will continue to be a year of discovery with our focus in the Learning Centre of:

**A.S.K. – ALWAYS SEEK KNOWLEDGE**

Our Year 7s are designing a poster to inspire others to seek knowledge in the day to day lives.

Mrs Sophie Oparcik
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us’.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, ‘find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated’.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD RA LIB BTheol DPhil
Archbishop of Sydney

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ETHICALLY CHALLENGED?

Would you like to live more ethically but don’t know where to start? ABC TV’s Compass program would like to help you.

We are looking for families living in Sydney to take part in an ethical living challenge. No expertise required.

We’ll work with you to look at ways that you could reduce your footprint, shop and eat differently, use your car less, or ...

If you are up for the challenge and prepared to live differently for a week or so, we would love to hear from you.

Please email compass@abc.net.au to find out more.

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Youth Bible Studies and Adoration
Join in for Bible Study in the presbytery every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm followed by Adoration at 8.00pm. All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - facebook.com/StFelix100

Day of the Unborn Child
Sunday, 26 March. Annual Pro-Life march through Sydney CBD in support of the unborn. 10.30am Mass, St Mary’s Cathedral, 12 Noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 1.30pm Benediction inside the Cathedral. More information: www.fl.org.au