

# LASALLE STAR

*De La Salle*



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## COLLEGE LEADERS 2018

*Congratulations!*



**Nathan Galvin-Valencia**  
College Captain



**Jonathan Cakovski**  
Vice Captain



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Lasallian Captain



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**Kiefe Ha**  
Liesse House Leader



**Christopher Castillo**  
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Turon House Leader



**Issa Albaba**  
Prefect, Year 7



**Fadi Chadayda**  
Prefect, Year 8



**Tejaswin Gupta**  
Prefect, Year 9



**Gian-Mario Serratore**  
Prefect, Year 10



**Martin Nguyen**  
Prefect, Year 11

## 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER

- 5 Year 10 Activity Week
- 7-9 Years 10 & 11 ACYF
- 11 Years 10 & 11 Christmas Liturgy & Awards Ceremony  
Last Day for Year 10 & 11
- 12 Years 7 - 9 Picnic Day
- 13 Years 7 - 9 Christmas Liturgy & Awards Ceremony  
Last Day for Years 7 - 9
- 14 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 8.30am to 12.00noon
- 15 ATAR Morning Tea 10.00am

### JANUARY 2018

- 24 College Office open 9.00am to 12.00noon
- 25 College Office open 9.00am to 12.00noon .
- 30 Years 7, 11 & 12 students will commence
- 31 Years 8, 9 & 10 students will commence



**Michael Egan**  
Principal



FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

**YEAR 7, 2018 TRANSITION DAY 2:**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November was a most exciting day for our Lasallian community with 142 students enthusiastically entering the gates for the second time as future Year 7 students for 2018. Day 2 is all about getting to know the life of a Lasallian school day. The day included a rotation of class lessons including a taste of food technology, a dabble in the art department, experiments in the Science labs, delving into the world of English, ACV, the Learning Centre and PDHPE.

This was followed by a lovely barbeque cooked by some teaching staff and Senior Leaders. After this, the students and Year 8 leaders enjoyed an afternoon of team sports on the College ovals. I thank Ms Saad and the teaching staff for all work in preparation for this day. I also thank the Year 8 students who volunteered their time to welcome these students.



**LASALLE TWILIGHT CAROLS**

Our LaSalle Twilight Carols was a real treat. Many of our community, students and their families, ex-students, together with staff and their families, enjoyed the night listening, singing and dancing to the traditional Christmas Carols as performed by students and staff.



I thank Mr Jacobs for the amazing preparation for the event, along with Mr Clarke and Mr Valore for assisting with the choir and music. I must make mention to ex Year 12 student, Anthony Chadrawy whose energy and enthusiasm helped the evening to be such a success.





FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

**END OF TERM 4:** Monday morning December 11 commences at the normal time of 8.25am.

For **Year 10 and 11**, this will be their last day for 2017. The order of the day will be:

8.30am Normal Homeroom

Period 1 & 2 ACYF Debrief, Christmas Liturgy and Awards Ceremony, Homerooms for report distribution.

Year 10 & 11 students will be allowed home after these proceedings have been completed at approximately 11.00am.

**Year 7-9** Students Picnic Day will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 7-9** Students last day will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The order of the day will be:

8.30am Normal Homeroom

Period 1 & 2 Christmas Liturgy and Awards Ceremony, Homerooms for report distribution.

Year 7 - 9 students will be allowed home after these proceedings have been completed at approximately 11.00am.

There will be no canteen services on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring something to eat/drink for Recess. Our End-of-Year Mass will be at 9.00am in the Gym.

Congratulations to the many students who will be receiving an award at our **Annual Awards Ceremony** on Monday and Wednesday mornings. There will be opportunity for families to participate in our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am-12.00pm.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is a Staff Development Day.

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## COMMENCEMENT OF 2018

The College Office will be open on Wednesday, 24th January from 9.00am to 12.00noon and Thursday, 25th January from 9.00am to 12.00noon.

Week 1 for students in **Years 7, 11 & 12 will commence on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2018** - students are to wear regular summer uniform.

Students in **Years 8, 9 & 10 will commence on Wednesday January 31st, 2018.**

## SECOND HAND CLOTHES

As your sons/daughters outgrow their uniforms and new uniforms are purchased for 2018, I would ask that families consider donating items of sports uniform or regular uniforms that are in reasonable condition to the office. It is always a great help for the office to have spare items for students in need.

## UNIFORM UPDATE FOR 2018

**Lowes uniform availability:** New College uniforms and sports uniforms are now available from Lowes. The current caps and sports shirts are still appropriate for 2018 if they are in good condition.

In terms of sports shoes for PDHPE and Thursdays, students will be permitted to wear predominantly black or white sports shoes in 2018. As previously understood, students are not to wear casual canvas sports shoes or sports shoes without laces as both of these styles are less suitable to participating in PE lessons or sport afternoons.

*Best wishes to all of our families for a safe, holy and Merry Christmas.*

*I look forward to our continued partnership in 2018.*



God bless,  
Leonie Dowd





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FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: MISS KATHRYN WHITE

*Congratulations!*

### 2017 SCS RELIGION TEST RESULT

At the beginning of Term 4, all students from year 8 and 10 sat the Sydney Catholic Schools annual RE Test. LaSalle's results were very strong, comprising of 2 High Distinctions, 32 Distinctions and 96 Credits achieved in the test.

Congratulations to all students on their results. Certificates were given to students during their Year Meeting.

**Year 10 High Distinctions:** Kirolos Messiha , Nikola Mitreski

**Year 10 Distinctions:** Carl Wehbe, Phi Vu, Jaden Vu, Nirajan Tamang, Anthony Nguyen, Anthony Jaajaa, Paul Hoang, Bill Hanna, Ethan Bishwokarma, Chhade Alasbar

**Year 8 Distinctions:** Martin Tran, Giorgio Serratore, Vivian Phan, Harriet Owusu, Harry Nguyen, Stanley Ma, Natalie Lawani, Jamie Jaajaa, Bisandi Hapuwida, Daniel Chahine, Daniella Carini, Youngor McGill, Sam Jabbour, Nicholas Hayek, Justin Hanna, Jack Galvin-Valencia, Peter Duong, Jack Diep, Max Panos, Alexander Nguyen, Jack Le, Aaron Gooding.

**ADVENT:** During Christmas time, our society frequently focuses on the materialism of Christmas. However during this season of Advent, we as a Catholic community have the opportunity to reflect on the love God has for us and the true present of Jesus's presence in the world. calendar. Each day provides a daily reflection, gospel reading and video. I encourage you all to access the website as a way of reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas! <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>



**A huge thank you** to all the students and families who generously donated for our St Vincent's Food Drive this year. These food items will make a huge difference in the lives of many.

### LASALLIAN ENCOUNTER DAY

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 13 members of the LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown leadership team attended the Lasallian Encounter Day held at Oakhill College in Castle Hill. More than 90 students from other Lasallian schools across Sydney joined us. The day was enjoyable; it featured presentations and fun group activities led by Lasallian Youth Ministers and members of the Lasallian Mission Services team.

An emphasis was placed on reflection of ourselves and our own faith and spirituality. Workshops and games were created around the central element of faith development, student encounter and leadership.

Overall, we had a great day meeting other student leaders, forming relationships and gaining leadership qualities. We gained knowledge and skill that will be embedded in our life for school and into the future. The LaSalle Leadership Team would like to thank Miss Nemer and the Youth Minister Stefanie Breda for organising and accompanying us throughout the day.



*Fadi Chadayda Year 12*



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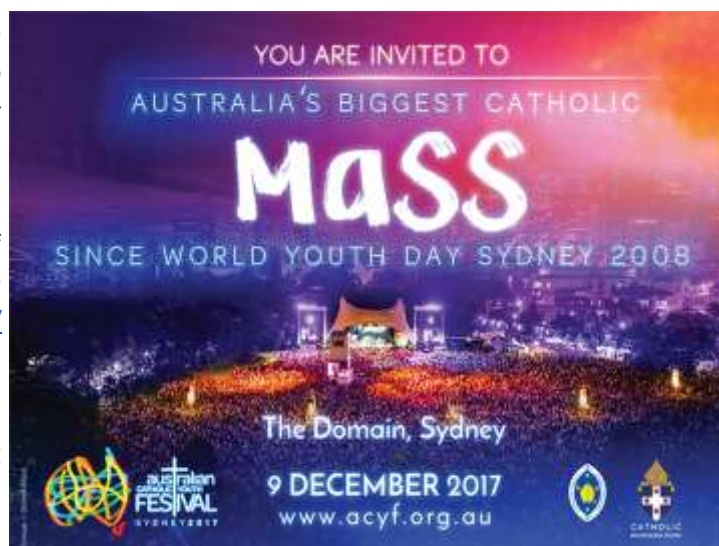
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### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Year 10 and 11 cohorts from LaSalle will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with the Catholic faith and many other young people within the Church today.

The festival is designed to reach students at varying levels of practice in their own spirituality, and will be attended by 19,000 young people. Students can access the ACYF website at; <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

A free APP can be downloaded from the Apple App Store titled 'Acyf 2017', that will have updates and information regarding presenters at the festival. A note was sent home in Term 3 with relevant information for parents and students. Please contact Miss White at the College for any questions regarding this experience.



### CHESS COMPETITION

On November 28th, Lasalle Catholic College participated in an invitational Chess Competition at Holy Cross College, Ryde.

The teams consisted of:

- Intermediate 1: Kirolos Messiha, Damian Livrinik, Nikola Mitreski
- Intermediate 2: Bryan Nguyen, Jayden Lloyd, Jonathon Och
- Intermediate 3: Ian Nguyen, Peter Do, William Li
- Intermediate 4: Chhade Alasbar, Collin Phan, Matthew Grove
- Junior 1: Ethan Chen, Antonio Ristevski, Jordan Hawach
- Junior 2: Johny Khouri, Samuel Gunawan, Dylan (Duc) Phan



The boys performed very well as the Intermediate 1 team came 3rd in their division and the Junior 1 team achieved 3rd in their division. The competition consisted of five rounds and the teams with the most wins achieved the most points. The boys enjoyed the day and learnt new strategies for their next competition.





## THANK YOU LUNCHEON FOR STAFF FROM YEAR 11 STUDENTS

In the spirit of Lasalle, our Year 11 students provided a luncheon for all staff and Year 11 students to celebrate the journey travelled so far and to thank all teachers for their genuine care and guidance.

The following students helped coordinate the act of kindness by encouraging students within their Homerooms to contribute: Fady Chadayda, Kris Melville, Issa Albaba, Kelvin Baffoe, Anthony El Arif and Peter Youssef. They were ably assisted by the other students in ensuring that the Food Fest was a wonderful gesture to promote a sense of community.

A big thank you to Homeroom teachers for their support but particularly to Ms Newton for her added assistance with the heating and "plating" of the food offered. Also a big thank you to the Executive and parents for their support of the initiative.



## FROM OUR LEADER OF PASTORAL CARE: MR ADAM WESTWOOD

### MENTORING PROGRAM 2017

This year LaSalle has been involved with a program looking at Peer mentoring with some students in year 8/9 involved. Part of the program was designing a project that would help others in some way each week. Students would meet with their mentors and discuss how they were going at school and work out their project.

Some of the projects included staff vs students soccer games which raised money for the Salvation Army getting clothes for the homeless. NRL development session and health talk and designing thank you cards for staff. It all finished with a showcase and presentation of certificates. Well done to all involved.

*Tommy Chalitta—Year 9*



## NSW TAE KWON DO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Over the weekend of the 18/19 November, one of our Year 7 students, Lily Elaro, participated in the NSW Tae Kwon Do State Championships competition.

She did very well and brought home the silver medal for her age and weight division.

Well done Lily, great effort.



### TOWRA POINT & KURNELL SAND DUNES EXCURSION—YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we study the way the world functions and interacts, through the 'four spheres' - the atmosphere (sky), lithosphere (land), hydrosphere (water) and biosphere (living organisms). On Monday 27th of November, 2017, the Year 12 Geography classes lead by Mr Rheinberger and Mr Williams went on an excursion to Towra Bay National Park (near Kurnell) and Wanda Beach at Cronulla. The purpose of this excursion was for students to gain a deeper knowledge of two ecosystems that function in these areas: An intertidal Wetland ecosystem and a Coastal Dune ecosystem.

Through this excursion, students were able to see how humans interact with two ecosystems, and the effects and modifications that humans cause, both positive and negative. During the fieldwork, students undertook a drawing of a vegetation transect, observed the tidal flow of a marsh in a wetland, walked through deep tidal mud, assessed human modifications to the coastline and Towra Lagoon, and bush-walked through dense scrubland.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their experience, because excursions are always a great way for students to fully appreciate the content that they learn in the classroom. After the study of Towra Bay National Park, we went down to Wanda beach, where we studied the dune ecosystem, the human developments taking place close to shore (businesses, housing) and even how waves form and how winds and ocean currents work simultaneously. Overall, this was a fantastic excursion and students should be commended for their enthusiastic participation and their impeccable behaviour.



Mr Joshua Rheinberger

### FROM THE LASALLE MOTEAM



***Men are facing a health crisis that isn't being talked about.***

***They are dying too young, before their time.***

***We're taking action and we need your help.***

A group of teachers decided to get behind the Movember drive for funds to assist in addressing men's mental and physical health issues this year.

They were sponsored to grow moustaches during November and have so far raised over \$3,402.00 for this worthy cause.

They are currently ranking eighth in the schools challenge in Australia. If you would like to sponsor them too, please follow the link <https://moteam.co/lasalle-bankstown>



Anthony Clarke



A SPECIAL MILESTONE:  
**21 YEARS OF THE  
YARRAMUNDI LECTURE**

**THREE SPEAKERS ADDRESS THE THEME**



**MS GAIL MABO**

Mer Artistic Director, choreographer,  
visual artist, writer, actor  
and daughter of Eddie Koiki Mabo



**MR NOEL PEARSON**

Member of the Guugu Yimidjir community  
of Hopevale on South Eastern Cape York  
Peninsula; land rights activist; Founder and  
Director of Cape York Partnership; history and  
law graduate of Sydney University



**MR DARRYL WRIGHT**

Dunghutti man and Elder on Campus;  
CEO, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation

Professor Barney Glover,  
Vice-Chancellor and President  
of Western Sydney University,  
invites you to celebrate the  
2017 Yarramundi Lecture,  
**'Did You Get the Message?'**

Aunty Sandra Lee,  
Darug Elder, will deliver  
the Welcome to Country.



**WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 2017**

**TIME**

6.30pm registration for a cocktail reception,  
and 7pm to 9pm for the Yarramundi Lecture.

**VENUE**

Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium (Building EE)  
Parramatta South campus,  
Western Sydney University, Corner of James  
Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere.

**RSVP**

Please visit  
[westernsydney.edu.au/yarramundi2017](http://westernsydney.edu.au/yarramundi2017)  
to register your attendance by  
Friday, 1 December 2017.

Parking will be provided.

If you have any queries, please contact

**02 9678 7577** or

[PVCEngagement@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:PVCEngagement@westernsydney.edu.au)

**DID YOU GET THE MESSAGE?** When Australia's First Peoples speak, are we listening? Join us as three renowned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders share their perspectives and stories which illuminate the role of languages in the making of Australia's modern history.

**ST FELIX de VALOIS BANKSTOWN NEWS:**

One choir and many loud voices fill the church with joy at masses and it elevates the congregation's souls to sing too, therefore leading up to the Carols Night, the Youth would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone within the community of LaSalle who wishes to participate in the choir on the day.

Rehearsals will commence **Sunday 3rd December** and **Tuesday 5th December** at **7.30pm**, **St Felix Church**, for what will be a prayer filled Carols evening.

