



Dear Parents/Guardians

You are invited to attend our 2018 Visual Arts & Music Showcase being held on:

Date: Friday, 3rd August  
 Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm  
 Venue: Bankstown Arts Centre,  
 5 Olympic Parade, Bankstown.



## 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST

- 3 Visual Arts + Music Showcase
- 6 Trial HSC begins
- 7 Mary MacKillop Mufti Day
- 9 Year 10/11 Vaccinations  
MCC Year 10 Soccer Gala Day
- 15-17 Year 9 Camp
- 15 Feast of the Assumption  
Holy Day of Obligation
- 16 Year 10 Tech Savvy Day
- 17 Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course
- 21 Robocop Exhibition
- 30 MCC Athletics Carnival
- 31 SCC Athletics Carnival



### SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Saint Mary MacKillop Feast day falls on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Mary MacKillop had a strong faith that never wavered even when she faced great difficulties in her life. As an Australian community we are most proud that Pope Benedict XVI declared Mary a Saint on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Born in 1842 in Melbourne and passing on 8th August 1909 she left a great legacy for fellow Australians to aspire towards.

We often pray to Saint Mary to intercede for us in times of difficulties or to ask for healing for sick members of our families or community. Mary MacKillop listens to our prayers and intercedes for us. I pray that Saint Mary of the Cross will continue to bless our community at LaSalle.

#### Loving God

*We thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life's challenge with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs. May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord.*



Michael Egan  
Principal



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



### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all enjoyed the two-week break from school and have returned rested and ready to begin your studies with determination and a will to again do your best.

Term 3 is a very busy term for our staff, students and their families. Week 1 saw an intense time for teachers, students and their families with the Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews across Tuesday evening to Thursday afternoon. Following a busy Semester 1 and the conclusion of the half-yearly exam periods last term, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all students on their progress throughout Semester One. I would also like to commend and thank the teachers who have dedicated their time to ensuring that the students do achieve to the best of their potential. I am most grateful to the many parents who made themselves available for these interviews and am confident that the discussions that took place were most constructive and will no doubt support the progress of each student throughout Semester Two.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, the College also conducted the Year 11, 2019 Subject Selection Information Evening, which began with a Subject Market where students and their families were welcomed to walk amongst the KLA stalls and ask in-depth questions regarding the courses on offer. This was followed by individual student/parent interviews to ensure the transition to senior study is well chosen and best suits the needs of the young man.

Term 3 also begins with HSC Trial Exams commencing on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We look forward to the Year 9 Camp being held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August and then the Year 12 Graduation Ceremonies later in the Term.

Enrolments are being accepted for Year 7 2019 and 2020. Any parents still wishing to enrol their son/daughter are asked to do so immediately, to ensure a placement for 2019/20.

If you would like any assistance in the completion of the application forms, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Anne Saliba, Principal's Assistant on 9793 5600.



God bless,  
Leonie Dowd

### YEAR 8 INCURSION: Philip Wilcox – Performance Poet

The Learning Centre invited Philip Wilcox to present his views on poetry and life to Year 8 students on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Talking the students through his early rejection of poetry at high school, through hoping to impress a girlfriend at university by claiming to like poetry and concluding with an understanding that not all poetry is about traditional rhyming schemes, Philip was able to engage the students with action and words.

A highlight was the chance for all students to create an imaginative observation from the stimulus, "Everybody knows...". Four student judges then chose a series of these responses to create a poetry scroll. Philip concluded his performance by reading this student composition and praised the efforts of all contributors.

Student comments:

- Interesting and funny stories. Some of the things he said made me think.
- I enjoyed making the sounds to match the story he was telling.
- You didn't know where his stories were going – it was unexpected.
- His style of poetry is thought-provoking.
- It was fun having my poem as part of the poetry scroll.
- No specific topic meant that I didn't know what to write.
- Like they say in the Aldi commercial – good, different!



Mrs Anne Nowakowski (College Librarian)



### YEAR 11 & 12 BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION

On Friday 27th July, students from Year 11 and 12 Business Studies travelled to Luna Park Sydney for an educational and fun filled experience.

Students had been spending time in class learning about the key business functions and the need for them to be interdependent to run a successful business. Luna Park Sydney Pty Ltd is a great business that successfully relies on the interdependence of key business functions to keep its doors (or mouth) open.

Students spent the morning learning about the undertakings of the amusement park and were encouraged to use this information as their case study for their future tasks.

Students were then invited to enjoy the rides, food and great weather!

Ms Leilia Nehmee

### WORLD SKILLS AUSTRALIA 2018/2019 SKILLS SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Ex LaSalle student, **Anthony Ters**, will represent TAFE NSW at WorldSkills in Kazan, Russia in August 2019.

The WorldSkills Australia 2018/19 Skills Squad who have been selected from Medallists at the 2018 WorldSkills Australia National Championships has been announced, the following students and training manager from Western Sydney are part of the squad:

- Automobile Technology—Anthony Ters (ex LaSalle Student 2017)
- Car Painting—Maxine Colligan
- Carpentry—Hayden Dillon
- Carpentry—Allen Hill (Training Manager)



The Skills Squad team members, who range in age from 17 to 23, will spend the next 10 months working with a dedicated training manager for the chance of being selected to become a Skillaroo and represent Australia at the world's biggest skills excellence competition, where the best young apprentices and trainees from more than 70 nations will compete for the title of World Champion in Kazan, Russia in August 2019.

### St Raphael's Church, South Hurstville - 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



St Raphael's Church, Parish of South Hurstville will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> year of the dedication/blessing of the Church.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 there will be a Celebration Mass at 10:00am. The Archbishop of Sydney, The Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP will be the Chief Celebrant.

At the conclusion of Mass, a BBQ and light refreshments will be served in the Parish grounds.

We would like to extend an invitation to all current as well as former parishioners to the weekend of festivities surrounding this special event.

To find out more, please contact Minh Nguyen 0417 431 786 or Parish Office on 9546 2605 or email: [admin@materdeistraphael.org.au](mailto:admin@materdeistraphael.org.au)



FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE: Mrs Anne Nowakowski

### Creating a work – life balance

Some students are naturally able to find a good balance between all the facets of their life: schoolwork, sports, activities, friends, family, technology and all of the other aspects of life that keep us busy from when we wake to when we sleep.

Other students struggle to fit their schoolwork in during the evenings and weekend. Some students come home after school and just sort of ‘wait’ until they feel like working. And what happens is that they never feel like it so they just don’t get started!

Some students start work not long after they get home, but they drag their work out over the whole night doing work in front of the TV, or the computer or their phone. It takes them the whole night, but they hardly get any work done and they don’t feel like they have had a break at all.

**A much more effective way to approach home study each evening is to keep your school work and your personal life separate.** Don’t do your work in front of the TV, don’t do it while on social network sites or while using messenger apps, instead work in 20-30 minute blocks of time and during this time make the conscious choice to actually remove or turn off things that are going to distract you. As it is only for a short block of time, it is bearable. Train yourself to have breaks from your distractions for the blocks of time when you do schoolwork.

By doing this you will learn to really focus and concentrate on what you are doing for a block of time. You will be amazed at how much work you get done and how productive you are during this time. Then at the end of that half hour period you have a proper break and really enjoy your free time.

You can find special software for blocking distractions on computers and phones in the Dealing with Distractions unit on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

Our school’s subscription details to this online study skills website for high school students are –

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

School username: **lasalle**

School password: **544achieve**



We are selling Chocolates and Raffle Tickets, to help us on our journey to World Youth Day Panama 2019!!

Prices:  
\$1 for Chocolates  
\$2 for a Raffle ticket



Thank you for helping us on our journey to World Youth Day, Matthew, Jayden, Jake, Lazareth and James.