

# LASALLE STAR

*De La Salle*



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## WELCOME BACK

I hope the holidays were a relaxing and refreshing break. Students were welcomed back to a refurbished D Block continuing the schedule of improvements to make LaSalle an even better place to learn.

We are now a Newman Selective School having qualified to run the highly effective Gifted Education Program starting in Year 7. This well researched and carefully crafted system will gradually replace our Solomon program.



Newman Selective  
GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

## 2018 HSC RESULTS

Congratulations to the HSC class of 2018, their parents and teachers. **LaSalle ranked 4th in the Archdiocese** in terms of growth this year. In practical terms this meant our top students scored a rank around 10 higher than could have been expected based on their NAPLAN results had they attended another school.

## LASALLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPERATING HOURS

### Before School Supervision: 8.15am – 8.30am

Supervision is provided in the Main Yard and the Benilde Yard from 8.15am.

Students should be in these two areas only, all other areas are out of bounds before school.

Students are not permitted to leave the school premises to go to shops or elsewhere before classes once they have arrived.

The canteen opens at 8.15am for breakfast items.

### After School Supervision: 2.55pm – 4pm

Supervision is provided in the Learning Centre or by arrangement with specific teachers.

## ROAD SAFETY

Both Chapel Road and Meredith Street are busy and congested major roads, please do not drop children off on the sides opposite the school and make them cross except at the lights near the Highway or the crossing near the Benilde gate.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please put names on property especially hats and lunch boxes, we already have quite a collection building up in the office.



Michael Egan

Principal

## 2018

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY 2019

- 13 Commencement Mass  
9.45am PARENTS WELCOME
- 16 LaSalle Swimming Carnival
- 20 High Achievers Assembly  
8.45am  
Year 7 Meet the Teachers  
BBQ 5.30pm—6.30pm
- 25 SCC Swimming —  
Homebush 5-9pm

### MARCH 2019

- 5 Shrove Tuesday
- 6 Ash Wednesday - Mass time  
to be confirmed
- 7 MCC Swimming Homebush
- 13 LaSalle OPEN DAY 3-5.30pm
- 21-22 Year 7 Camp



*St John Baptist de La Salle,*

Pray for us

*Live Jesus in our Hearts,*

Forever



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### TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE DEATH OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (1719-2019)



During 2019, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Lasallian Family will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the death of their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers. The Institute has designated 2019 as the Year of Lasallian Vocations.

Throughout the world, events and celebrations are being planned to honour our common heritage of providing a human and Christian education to the young, and the poor, and to promote the vocation of the educational ministry.

Pope Francis once said, "We are pilgrims from death to the fullness of life." With this understanding, the theme of the **Tercenary, 'One Heart, One Commitment, One Life'** represents the fullness of **De La Salle's life** and the continued vitality of the Lasallian Mission and vocation in 80 countries around the world.

***"You can perform miracles in regard both yourselves and your work by an entire fidelity to grace, not letting any movement of grace go by without corresponding with it; and by touching the hearts of children entrusted to your care."*** (J.B. De La Salle, Meditation 180.3)

#### FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

Dear LaSallian community, welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holiday with family and friends 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 Year 7s who have joined LaSalle Catholic College.

I congratulate the vast majority of students who have started 2019 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 2018 HSC students have laid some impressive foundations for our current students to learn from. The 2018 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 2019 senior and junior students can certainly learn much from our successful ex-students.



To commence the Lasallian school year a Welcome Liturgy and Senior Leader Investiture was held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. It was a lovely occasion to see the proud Year 12 students receive their badges and to witness the equally proud parent or family member pin the badge on their son.

I truly believe the elected leaders will mark the 2019 year with enthusiasm and pride as they lead the College community in their various chosen responsibilities. This year we have established roles to monitor Social Justice, Sport, Music, Stewardship and Liturgy. Congratulations to all 13 Senior Leaders.



I would encourage all students to continue the high standard of attendance that the first two weeks have 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.



If you are dropping off your child outside the College grounds please be aware that it is a drop off zone only and parking is not permitted. If you wish to come in to the College Office please park in the neighbouring streets where parking is permitted.

The College is conscious of maintaining student safety and the College complies with all Duty of Care requirements. Teaching staff members are timetabled on a rotational basis to supervise students catching a bus after school from Chapel Road and Meredith Street. The teacher is expected to remain on duty until the majority of students have caught their bus.

We are so privileged to be a part of this great LaSalle community and I hope 2019 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.



God bless,  
Leonie Dowd

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

### SPORTS DAY DETENTION

If your child comes wearing incorrect sports uniform on a Thursday (Sports day) without a note from parent or guardian in their diary they will be expected to sit a Thursday afternoon sports detention on that day from 2.30 - 3.00pm.

If students behave inappropriately at sport, they may be given a Thursday afternoon sport detention. Students finish school at 2.30pm on a Thursday afternoon, which is a privilege and if students cannot follow the Colleges procedures then they will be expected to sit a detention that day.

### FRIDAY DETENTION PROCEDURES

If your child is given a Friday detention and does not attend with no prior reason given to their Year Coordinator, they will then be expected to sit a Monday and Friday afternoon detention from 3.00 - 4.00pm of the following week. Year Coordinators will make contact with parents of students who have not followed Friday afternoon detention procedures on the following Monday and those students will complete the makeup detentions in that week.

If you have any questions over these matters, please contact your child's Year Coordinator.



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### FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: MR PETER STRUDWICK

Welcome to the 2019 school year, I firstly would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents who have very warmly welcomed me to the College so far.

I have come across to LaSalle College from another great Lasallian school, De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah, where I was the Religious Education Coordinator for 4 years. I feel blessed to be given the opportunity to work with this community, and I truly look forward to meeting all members of this great College and wider community throughout the year. From the moment I stepped into this role and onto the grounds of this great College I felt a real sense of belonging and connection.

All members of this community have made me feel very comfortable and very much part of this community. I look forward in excitement for what the year has to offer us all in 2019. I am reminded of a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."* I hope in 2019 all members of this community can realise the beauty of their dreams.

Last week our year started with a bang, when we gathered for the first time in 2019 for a whole school celebration that recognised our 2019 senior student leaders.

These fine young men, with the support of their friends and family, were commissioned and recognised as young men of faith, service and community.





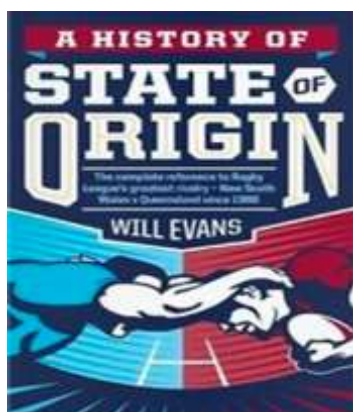
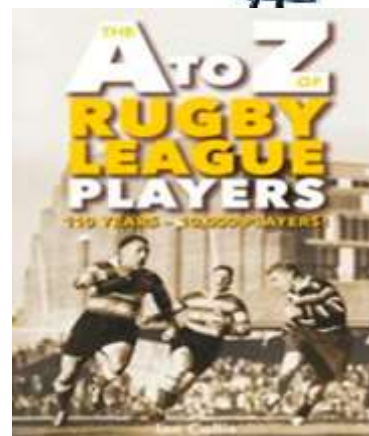
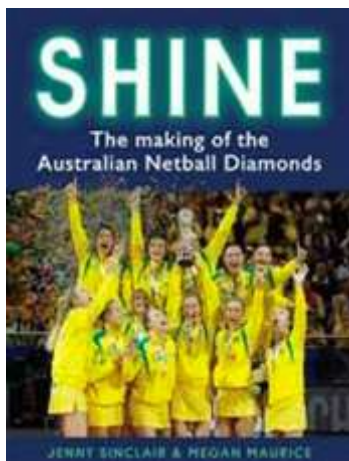
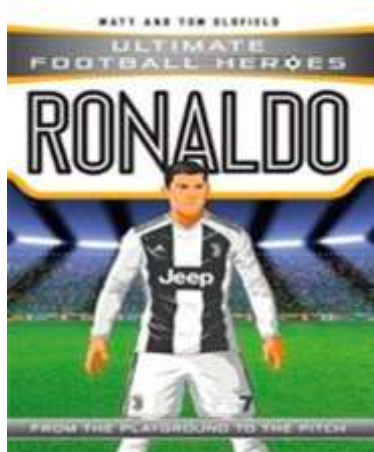
### CONGRATULATIONS ABOUD KABLO

Aboud Kablo, is a new arrival student in Year 10, who was recently awarded a scholarship to join the 'Sydney Youth Orchestra'.

He is an exceptional violinist. Despite adverse conditions and disrupted education in Syria, Aboud continued to practise his musical skills. He will attend music rehearsals on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. This is a strong commitment in addition to adjusting to a new life in Australia. We wish him well in his endeavours.

### FROM OUR LIBRARY:

This Valenting's Day which book will you love???



With the football, rugby league and netball season fast approaching why not come into the Learning Centre and read about your favourite sports players.

