



Dear Parents,

We have all been shocked by the tragedy last Friday in Christchurch and the College held a whole school Liturgy on Monday morning to gather and pray for the victims and their families.

Our Liturgy was also an opportunity for the young leaders of the College to assist in the organisation and running of this service allowing them to take ownership of it.

Our College Chapel has been available during the week for our young men to have a silent reflective place of prayer, this has been well used by our young men.

Today as a College we will stop our classes and all activities for 5 minutes at 1.32pm to pray in silent reflection with the rest of our country.

De La Salle College has young men from a wide range of religious beliefs and as a College we stand in unity with all of our students and are inclusive and accepting of their beliefs.

I am sure that our local neighbouring Catholic Parishes will also be focusing on the tragedy as part of their services this week.

The College will be reviewing its procedures for Lock Downs and we are waiting on some recommendations from the Ministry of Education that have arisen as a result of the tragedy in Christchurch.

The College will be putting these recommendations into practice and will hold Lock Down Drills in the coming weeks.

As always, our priority is to keep our young men in a safe environment on a daily basis and our review will be to ensure that we are doing all we can to achieve this.

Sadly this tragedy has shaken the often held belief that this type of event would not happen in our beloved, safe country. We as a community must continue to speak with our young men about this and educate them to be young men with love in their hearts for their neighbour.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hogarty', written in a cursive style.

M. Hogarty
Principal