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Term 2 Week 9



De La Salle College Newsletter

Catholic School for Boys in the Lasallian Tradition.

"De La Salle Creates Great Men of Learning, Community and Character."

From the Principal - Myles Hogarty

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni Sa Bula, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Kumusta Ka, Greetings.

Great Men 7 Years in the Making

Well we made it back to Level 1 and we thank God that since we were gripped by the COVID 19 virus, the College community have all managed to stay safe and well.

It has been of great relief to have the College back to a blend of a somewhat "old and new" normal state. As a College we have learned much about our teaching and learning and we will continue to use the practices that we have found to be of benefit to staff and students.

I thank the families who have supported their son through these uncertain times while maintaining their employment and keeping their families fed, reassured and calm.

I urge any families who may be struggling at this time to make contact with me at the College so that we can provide you with support.

The Catholic Jesuit Order were attributed with a similar quote to that above that said, "Give me a child until he is seven and I will give you the man".

Their philosophy was that a child's development from a young age was very influential on the rest of their life and that lifelong habits and learning were formed from an early age up until seven.

There has been much discussion over the Jesuit's thinking and the debate about Nature vs Nurture still continues with educationalists and child developmentalists.

One thing is very evident with respect to the education and formation of the young men of De La Salle College, starting their College life at Year 7 has many clear benefits for our boys.

- A thorough Induction into the College through the Lasallian Formation programme and start of the school year retreat.
- Induction into the College expectations for Achievement, Engagement, Respect, Behavior at a younger age.
- Opportunities for Specialist teaching in Art, Sciences, Music, Language and Technology.

- Seamless transition from Year 8 into Secondary school.
- Links with older students as Mentors and Leaders who assist younger boys.
- Being part of a large Catholic, Lasallian faith community and access to a wide range of resources.
- Familiarisation with College Student Support Services to assist learning.
- Links with the College Curriculum areas to assist a smooth transition and continuity of learning into the Secondary school.
- Opportunities to engage in a wide range of Academic, Sports, Music, Cultural and Faith opportunities.
- By our very existence, we encourage the building of a sense of pride in being male.

Many reasons why we encourage families to enrol their son's at the College as Year 7 boys.

We believe that the 7 years at the College is the time required to form and create these "Great men", which is the vision of the College.

The College in fact would like to increase the number of boys enrolling at Year 7 and decrease the number of boys entering at Year 9 for the very reasons I have mentioned above.

I encourage all families in our community with boys at Year 6 to enrol your son into Year 7 at De La Salle so that in partnership with you we can use the full seven years available to create these great men.

Unlike the Jesuits, we believe that there is still much to mold and form in a young man's learning and character after the age of 7.

I am also of the firm belief that by starting his College journey at Year 7, a student of De La Salle will receive an outstanding seven years of education transitioning him well from a young boy into a fine young man.

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal

Term Dates

Term 2 28th April-2nd July

Term 3 20th July - 24th Sept

Term 4 12th October -

Senior - 10th November

Junior - 10th December

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr English

The Key

What is the key, what is the secret that will unlock the gates and let academic success come streaming in? There is a long answer and a short answer. The long answer includes a lot of things like reading, study habits, family support, teacher relationships, methodology, pedagogy, a balanced life, motivation etc.

The short answer is writing. For all the changes in society, academic achievement is still measured through an assessment system that has putting ideas into writing at its centre. Other types of assessment, such as speeches or presentations, also depend on effective writing. Technology means that we read more and can write more clearly and edit more easily, but in the end it is still the process of writing which is key. This is also true in technology, sports science, and in some areas of art where ideas still need to be explained.

I say this so as to encourage all boys to complete any writing tasks they are given, to focus on improving their writing by practicing it, whether it is by hand or on a laptop. Boys who write achieve.



SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mr Tutaka

Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malolelei and Kia Ora to you all!

The Covid19 postponed so many planned Special Character events such as the Kairos Retreat now planned for the end of September, Founder's Day Mass, in mid-August and Pompallier Shield to next year. The lockdown also brought about creative and brilliant ideas for our Special Character for De La Salle College: the students, the staff, the local and wider communities. We encouraged our students to join the Online Masses during the holidays offered by the Diocese and the New Zealand Conference of Bishops. We celebrated for the first time our Easter Masses without receiving Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist. All communications during the lockdown were sent to all students and parents through the emailing system and later through the School App alert system.

When school resumed under lockdown, our Campus Minister together with other teachers and staff prepared the Thursday Morning Masses online. Students were asked to do parts of the Mass which the community really got on board with. Moreover, with the launch of the school's Facebook page, these Masses were posted there as well. Matthew also posted videos sent in by students, reflecting on the Month of May as the month of Mary. Fr Martin Wu, our College Chaplain also organised a Soap Ministry in which some of our students assisted with McAuley High School and St Joseph Primary School volunteers – these took place during Level 2 with strict safety guidelines. I would personally like to thank Fr Martin and Matthew Apuda for a job well-done.

When the College resumed after the country returned to Level 3 and strict restrictions of numbers in a confined space, our Thursday Online Mass continued. Thursday Mass in the Chapel only resumed after the government lifted the number of gathered people to 100. As of today, Mass is back to normal.

Keep yourselves informed on what you need to do in our community. Feel free to come along at our Thursday Morning Masses, keep yourselves up-to-date with the College notices and connect with the College social media account if you haven't already so that you know when the Special Character events are on. We pray that you are all well.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!



CURRICULUM– Mr Doyle



Thanks to Paper Pens Pencils for the donation

Before lockdown we were visited by Founder and CEO of not-for-profit organisation Paper Pens Pencils **Emily Hackett Pain**.

Emily is currently a University student here in Auckland. However, she started **Paper Pens Pencils** when she was at high school after she realised that many people acquire surplus amounts of stationery especially pens, pencils, refill, notebooks and spare exercise books. As people grow older and have no use for these items they get discarded or sit at the back of their drawer where they won't be used. This is also very common for kids at school who get new and updated stationery packs every year and end up with too much.

Emily dropped off boxes [and boxes and boxes] of Textbooks, Write-On Workbooks, stationery and supplies that have been distributed to faculties.

We thank Emily for all her support. Emily is shown with Year 12 students **AJ Lauofo** and our Principal Mr Hogarty.

What an amazing example of service. I wonder what service ideas and opportunities our students have that we could help develop too.

Getting Ready for Digital Exams in 2020

De La Salle College is looking to expand our offering of digital exams this year. Teachers will be talking with students regarding which subjects will be available and how any online learning experience this year could help build their confidence in digital exams.

NZQA is continuing to increase the number of digital exams, with 21 subjects across three levels available this year. NZQA will be supporting us with practical advice and information about infrastructure, devices and guidance for teachers to support students.

Resources to help students get ready include practice activities, digitised versions of 2019 exams and video resources showing how to use features and functions of the exams. More information can be found on the [Student Exam Hub](#).

Miss M Fouhy

MID YEAR Assessment Week

We wish all students the best as they prepare for Mid-Year Exams and Assessments in Week 10. The timetable is attached.

- **Plan ahead.** All students should have asked their teachers what will be in their assessments or exams and what they need to know to achieve the next level of achievement.
- **Get the little things right.** Ask what equipment you will need. For example, if you are in Year 11 you will require a calculator for Maths and Science. Don't be that student that tries to find one on the day of the exam.
- **Get organised.**
- **Regular study is the key.** If you are not sure where to start take advantage of a lunchtime and afterschool tuition class.



EXAM TIMETABLE

De La Salle College Mid-Year Assessment Timetable June 15 – 19, 2020

		Exams in the Library	
	Period 4	Monday 15 June Library set up	
Tuesday 16 June	Period 4	BIO301 CHE201 ESS201	HIS301 MAT201 VAI
	Period 5	GEO101	
Wednesday 17 June	Period 4	BST101 JER MAT201 FRA MAT301 VAI	PHY202 SCI101 SCI102 VER
	Period 5	MAT302	TON101
Thursday 18 June	Period 1	BST101 RUN DRA101	TON201 & TON301 PHY301
	Period 2	ECO201	SCI102 SHA/DLE
	Period 4	BST101 RUN DRA101	SCI102 SHA TON201
	Period 5	ECO201	
Friday 19 June	Period 1	BIO201 CHE301	HIS201 MAT301 FRA
	Period 2	DRA201 GEO301	PHY201
	Period 4	DRA301 ECO301	GEO201 HIS101
	Period 5	ESS301	MAT201 DOY
	Period 6	Library clean up	

De La Salle College Exam Procedures

ENTERING AN EXAM

- Students line up outside the Library in option classes.
- Cell phones are to be turned off and placed in students bags.
- Students to place bags at the front of the library.
- Written work to be done in black or blue pen (not green or red). Pencil is acceptable. However, work may not be marked.
- Student and teacher names need to be written clearly on each part of the exam.

EXAM CONDITIONS

- Students are responsible for all equipment including pens, rulers and calculators - No sharing of equipment
- No talking or communicating to any other student at any time during the exam.
- Copying or looking at another's work is cheating.
- Students must raise their hand if assistance is required.
- Water bottles are permitted – no other food or drinks are allowed
- Students need to use the bathroom before coming to the exam
- Students who refuse to settle will be removed from an exam. SMT or Senior Dean will contact families for you to be collected from school.

LEAVING THE EXAM

- Students are required to remain for the whole exam
- No assessment leave – you will be at school all day.

AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles

Guidance Counselors at De La Salle College

The College are lucky to have two counsellors here, myself Ms Maude Sewell and Ms Nicole Knight.

As Guidance Counsellors our job here is to look after the young men's mental and emotional wellbeing. We are registered members of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors. We offer a professional and confidential service under our code of ethics.

Everybody needs to talk to someone at certain times, no topic is too big or small of a deal to talk about.

Counselling isn't about advice giving, and we certainly won't be telling you what you should and shouldn't do. It is about providing the young men a safe and confidential place in which they can talk freely and explore the things that are concerning to them.

As Guidance Counsellors we use our skills to help the young men focus on issues that are very important to the individual and help them to understand and perhaps express how they are feeling, explore positive outcomes and achieve what they want to do.

We will also advocate for the young men within the school.

Students can come alone or with a friend.

To make an appointment

You can email me Ms Sewell sewellm@delasalle.school.nz or Ms Knight knightn@delasalle.school.nz

Young men ask your teacher, your Dean, or come over to C15 to fill out a student request form to see the school counsellor or knock on our door in C15.



ICT - Mr Singh

Online Courses for Term 2 Holidays

Students interested in studying online Computer courses during the Term 2 Holidays are to contact Mr J Singh for course and enrolment details.

Courses available are: Cloud Technologies, Programming, Servers and Games.

All these courses are NZQA approved and funded by the School.



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

This is a busy time for our senior students and it is important that they keep up with the changes that will affect them as they start making plans for next year.

The NCEA and UE changes have been well advertised, and are displayed in the Careers Room where there is the opportunity for our students to have these explained. Universities are currently publicising changes to their entry requirements for 2021 which will affect students going on to university in a positive way. We will be keeping our students up with these changes and they also need to also be proactive.

Tertiary Application Workshops:

Now is the perfect time to begin applications for university study for 2021, and there is a tertiary workshop each lunchtime in the careers room with plenty of help available. Please encourage your sons to take part in these. Taking this step, and knowing what entry requirements are needed, provides an important focus.

Trades Training for 2021:

Going straight into employment next year, without a training component (such as apprenticeship or cadetship) may be risky, with the economic outlook so unstable. We are encouraging our students to consider applying for Trades training, so that they get the education and qualifications that will give them a more solid grounding, make their jobs more secure and better paid, and trades training will be free.

Driver Licenses:

Training for Learners License takes place in the careers room at morning tea each day and all students are welcome to attend. This is an important step in preparing for employment and we encourage our students to have a Restricted License before they leave school. This is a minimum requirement for those applying for Apprenticeships, Defense Forces and Police training.

Employment Opportunity:

Within our DLS Collegians network, an employment opportunity has been made available:

Sales job at 'Barter Rewards New Zealand' on a commissioned based salary (work from home, so it can be anywhere located in the country). There is the possibility of both full-time and part-time work. This role is suited to adults in our community and/or students who may have started University, or started a career in Sales and want to learn on the job. Training will be given for the role. A CV needs to be provided – email Ms Fannon for the job contact.

ATTENDANCE DUES COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic Schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09 360 3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or use the link below to complete the application, then print and sign the form.

RETURN THE DOCUMENTS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ACFL-Covid-19-Hardship-Form-2020-1.pdf>

The Principal of the school your child attends or

The Revenue Manager
Auckland Common Fund Ltd
Private Bag 47-904
Ponsonby
Auckland 1144
Email: acf@cda.org.nz

LITERACY CENTRE

Thank you, Smilecare Mobiles – Dental Service

The last two weeks has seen the Smilecare Mobile Dental Service at De La Salle College. This service was previously known as “Mighty Mouth”. These highly professional and friendly dentists and staff members are very approachable.

We would like to thank the team, Dr Scott Waghorn, Dr Caryn Goh, Cianelle Estacio and the other dentists and staff for their passion and care in promoting dental health.



Outstanding Effort in the Term One Lexile Competition.

The following students have shown an outstanding effort in the Lexile Reading programme in Term One.

YEAR 7



Crenshaw Williams (no photo), Kelesi Filimoehala, Gideon Aialeo, Evander Su'a, Patrick Ipinu, Lucas Vaaga

YEAR 8



Samuela Alatini, Elisah Soafa, Manaia Iakimo, Bruno Ta'ale, Dayton Wong

Congratulations, to all these boys, they have read the most words in Term One for their year level. Term Two competition is still on and will run until the last day of Term 2 holidays.

DE LA SALLE STUDENTS HAVE READ OVER 30 MILLION WORDS IN THE LEXILE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR!

The Lexile Programme is a **compulsory** part of the Year 7 and 8 Curriculum. Each class has timetabled Lexile lessons. Each student is also expected to read for 20 minutes after school each day using this programme. The programme is designed to improve student reading, broaden knowledge, and foster a love of independent reading. An individual Lexile Reading Report will be sent out for each Year 7 and 8 student later this term.



GREEN CHAIR INTERVIEW



Interviewers Manaia Iakimo and Aisea Niuafe



Today's interview, 11 June 2020, is with our Principal, **Mr Myles Hogarty**

Green Chair Interviews will also be posted on the De La Salle Facebook page. Filmed by Sione Nisa, all students from 8ABR. Interview in the Literacy Centre.

What are your hobbies outside of school?

When I was younger, I used to do a lot of running, including marathons. Nowadays, my knees don't work so well. I enjoy golf, walks, tramps and mountain biking.

Who is your favourite author or what is your favourite book?

The book I loved ever since I was young is the Bible. And my favourite authors would have to be those from the New Testament, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. Also, Paul and Timothy who of course wrote our school motto. The Bible is a source of inspiration and comfort.

Do you have a hidden talent and if yes what is it?

It must be very well hidden because I don't think I've discovered it yet. I guess though, I enjoy being a grandfather, rediscovering things I haven't done since a child, like building with Lego.

If you were the prime minister what would you do for New Zealand?

I think I would make a law to be kind to one another. It would be compulsory to be kind to our neighbours, to show compassion and to be inclusive.

What makes you proud of De La Salle College?

When I'm on stage, acknowledging those who have achieved highly. I'm especially proud of those students who are the quiet achievers, humble but proud of what they have achieved.

During lockdown did you personally learn any skills or acquire any new hobbies?

At Christmas I got a new bike. I haven't had a bike since I was 15. During lockdown, I cycled a lot, it was great with less cars in the road.

What do you think was the major problem for online learning during lockdown?

I think the major problem was expecting young men to spend long periods of time in front of a computer. It's important to get the balance right, of time in front of the computer and other important activities, spending time with friends, exercising etc.

Why did you choose Education as a career?

I enjoy working with people and spending my working day surrounded by 1000 students and 100 staff is great. I also enjoy seeing students grow and mature.

What are the biggest challenges you face as a principal of De La Salle College?

That's pretty similar to the previous answer. I'd like to see boys take real ownership of the school, the way they work in it, represent it and lift it's reputation in the community.

Who is your favourite sports team?

I don't have one favourite team. I guess I always support the underdog. Of course, any team who wears the "maroon", our school colours gets my support.

Three words to describe yourself.

Respectful-Hardworking-Inclusive.

"Boys Who Read Achieve"

Report by Amanda Chapman, Kristina Ah Ta and Angela Barry
Literacy Centre

DE LA SALLE YEAR 12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION ROPES COURSE



Edited by Sanele Kalepo
Peleti Faalati
Fituafe Ailepata

The 2020 Year 12 Physical Education course will be taking part in a 3 day ropes course from Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June

The course cost is \$50

Students to pay \$50 into the school account by **Monday 15 June** to confirm course attendance. Payment can be made in smaller amounts leading up to the course

Students will be awarded 9 unit standards for the course

Permission slips and medical forms will be sent home and must be completed before attendance on the ropes course

Knit blankets for babies of families in need in our community

Help others, gain a skill, and gain service hours

KNITTING FOR NEWBORNS

MON, TUES and WEDS
lunch times in G6



BLAZER SALE

Due to our College Jackets being delayed from overseas,
The Principal is offering to sell our College Blazers at the same price as the Jacket, **\$98**

We have only the smaller sizes which are 82-92

Please consider buying the College Blazer for your son.



UNIFORM SHOP REMINDER

The Uniform Shop is only open before school and only in the morning tea and lunch breaks. To avoid disappointment please come only during these times. Please remind your son to meet you at the uniform shop during the breaks or call ahead to the school office so a note can be sent to your son(s) class, we are unable to call him over the speaker.

Before School

8am - 9am

Morning Tea

11:25am - 11:55am

Lunch

1:40pm - 2:15pm



Lasallian Volunteer 2021

Opportunity of a Lifetime!



Are you looking for the opportunity of a lifetime?

Do you want to make an impact and help support those in need?

Volunteering in our Lasallian programs will offer a world of opportunities for knowledge and personal growth.

Make your gap year a meaningful one!



Are you a High School graduate thinking about taking a gap year after school? Do you know a young adult who is considering taking a gap year or who might be interested in sharing their passion and gifts with others? We offer long-term (11 month) opportunities within Lasallian communities across Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Each volunteer has an experienced Mentor who accompanies them throughout their time in the placement and is also supported by the young Lasallian Team. There is an in-depth orientation program before the placement begins in January as well as a transition-home program in December.

Our Placements offer unique opportunities to:

- Participate in exciting Ministries in one of three countries
- Explore further personal values, spirituality and direction in life.
- Experience faith-based community living and a unique opportunity to live out the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community.

Our Placements:

Australia

Balgo
Perth
St Mary's
Scarborough

New Zealand

Mangere East

Papua New Guinea

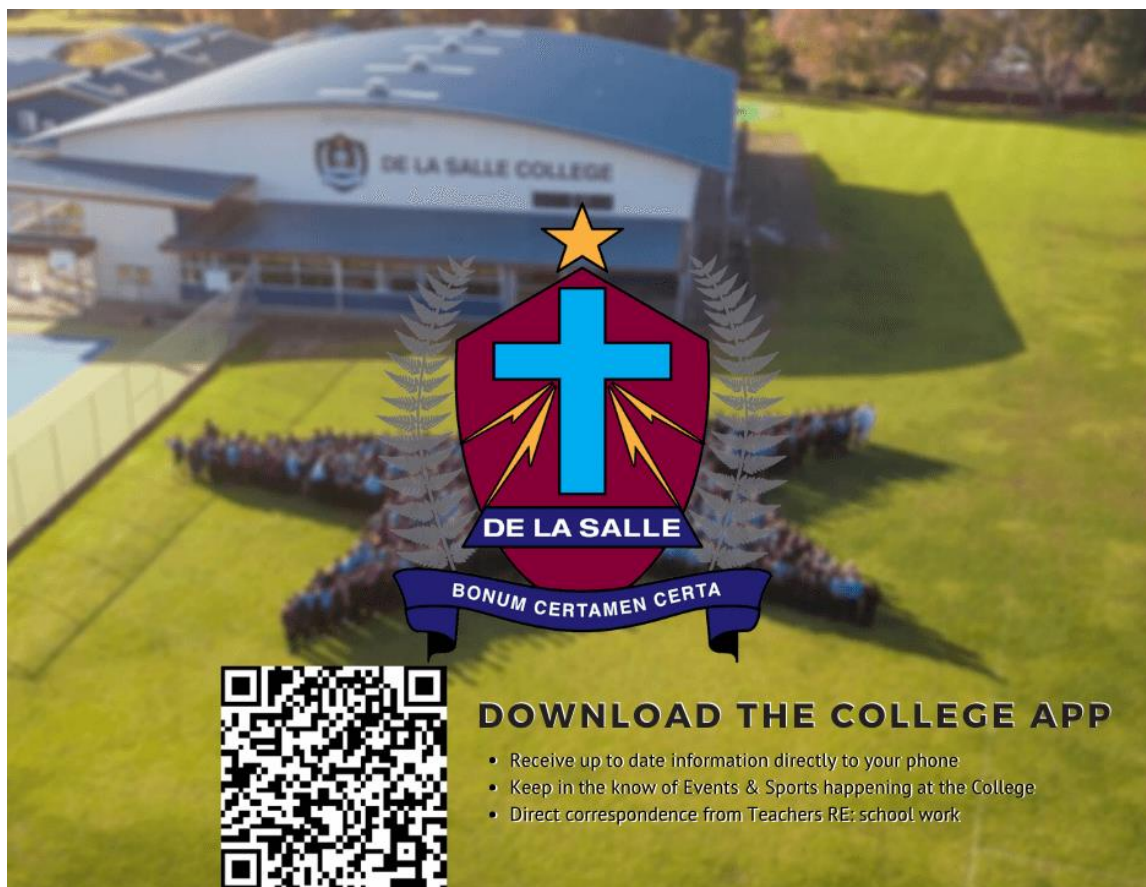
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Hohala

Here's why you should recommend the program to students:

- Being a Lasallian Volunteer can help support students grow as young adults, gain practical skills for life, future employment and discern further study.
- Lasallian Volunteers are great ambassadors for your school, both during and after their year in service, showcasing your school's character and values.

Please submit your applications by the **27th of July 2020**.

For more information contact **Joanne Nehme, Lasallian Coordinator** joanneme@delasalle.org.au or visit our website www.delasalle.org.au



Spaces are filling fast!

We have already started interviewing for 2021



DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

*A Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13
In the Lasallian Tradition*

De La Salle creates Great Men of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence

- Strong Catholic Character and Lasallian Traditions
- Dynamic Teaching Staff
- Strong Academic Achievements
- High Expectations of Every Student
- Caring and Supportive Pastoral Care Team
- Extensive Co-Curricular Activities



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For Enrolment Enquiries phone Bianca on (09) 276-4319 ext 816

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