

De La Salle College Newsletter

Catholic School for Boys in the Lasallian Tradition.

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



From the Principal - Myles Hogarty

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

End of Term 2

We have come to the end of a long term imposed on us by the COVID 19 Lockdown.

In our College Assembly this week I thanked the young men and staff for their perseverance and resilience in sticking to the key tasks of teaching and learning. There were many reasons that they could have used to excuse themselves from meeting our high standards but as a community we have not done this, rather we have knuckled down and kept our efforts and focus clearly on the education of our young men.

I thank our parents for their support of the College and their son's education, I often say that we "Enrol the Family", this has never been so true during Lockdown and the events of the last few weeks.

From our College Fono held on Monday 15th June we have summarised the main ideas that were presented by our parents and staff and I have included these below for your information.

The College has already put several of these ideas into practice and we will use the others in our plans for the safety and engagement with our community.

• Fono

The Fono was a time for discussion in groups, and then feedback. Not every group got to speak on the night, but all the written feedback has been collated.

There was a lot of honest helpful feedback on the night and some of it only makes sense in the context of the meeting as so is not included here. Anyone who wants the full detail can email me for a copy.

Going forward we have summarised the ideas that were most commonly mentioned below:

• Well Being

- ◇ Further input from outside agencies with Students and parents on Mental health, Internet safety, Social Media and digital competency
- ◇ Boys currently receive professional programmes from: *Attitude presentations, Stand Up programme, Jade Speaks Programme, Retreats, Kairos Retreat at Yr 12, MADD group programme, Real Talk, Revolution Tour.*
- ◇ Development of mentoring programme with Vaka Tautua for about 40 boys
- ◇ Further developing internal mentoring of younger boys by older students

Increased input from Old Boys for programmes, such as Retreats, Mentoring and sports teams, as well as level and full school assemblies

◇ Group sessions with counsellors for affected Students and individual counselling to follow up

• Closer connection with community through

◇ More events involving our parents

◇ Communication on a wider range of platforms, Website, School App, Facebook page, Collegians Facebook page, Student Leaders Instagram

◇ Parent groups and Partnership meetings at each level

◇ Continued visitations to Parishes and Feeder schools by College Leaders

• Security

◇ More communication to parents through Facebook, School App and College website about where boys should be for Sports practices, tuition classes, sports fixtures and other events.

◇ Student Wifi turned off at breaks during the school day

◇ Connecting at student leader level with more schools (Police proposal)

◇ Strengthening present relationship with Police

◇ Regular Lockdown practices

◇ Meeting at appropriate time with the other main school involved

◇ Increased security patrols at the College gates before and after school.

◇ Students taught about the dangers of hanging around shops and train/ bus stations without any reason in the afternoon.

• Enrolments:

◇ We are currently holding our College Enrolments for 2021. If you have a son, nephew, grandson or family friend who has a son in Year 6 or 8 please contact our Enrolments Officer Mrs Leau to complete the Enrolment documents. We have a limited number of places at Year 9.

◇ The College 1st XV plays King's College this Saturday 2.30pm at De La Salle, support is always appreciated.

◇ We finish classes at 3.10pm on Friday and we remind our young men that they are to go directly home from school

◇ I wish our entire community a well deserved, restful and safe break over the next two weeks.

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal