from the principal

Reflection: As we commence the new school year, we commit our participation and work to a call to discipleship and community at De La Salle College Cronulla.

Creator and Creating God,
we are your Disciples,
may we live for and love one another.
Bless our hands to Your service
our feet to Your path,
our heart to Your purpose,
our spirit to dwell in the depths of Your spirit
For Your glory now and forever.

St John Baptist De La Salle . . .
Live Jesus in your hearts . . .

Welcome to the 2014 College Year... I would like to welcome all students and their families to our 2014 College year. We return in an atmosphere of joy, celebration and hope, and welcome our largest Year 11 student intake for many years. Students and their families can be confident of the high level of teaching and pastoral care our teaching and support staff provide. To ensure best outcomes and a fulfilling experience for all, students and staff will be challenged to give of their best.

Year 12 – 2013 HSC Results... We are very proud of the achievements of our Year 12 students in the HSC last year. Please see the information enclosed. While the outstanding achievements are recognised here, our teachers are extremely pleased with the efforts of many students, who, although not achieving high bands in all subjects, certainly had many “personal bests”.

Parent Forums... I would like to move away from the previous model of a Parent Advisory Board, to a more inclusive parent forum, or “listening assembly”. My idea is that once per semester for each year group, parents are invited to meet in the College Library with members of the College Leadership team. The meeting would likely consist of a brief presentation on an issue of relevance, with more significant time devoted to hearing from you points of interest, inquiry, and/or concerns. For example, at our first Year 12 parent forum, I will repeat the presentation I gave to our Year 12 students on “How the HSC mark is calculated”. Dates and times for the forums will be advertised soon.

Student attendance on “College Celebration Days”... While attendance every school day is obviously desirable, I certainly understand that circumstances beyond our control may impinge on this hope. However, if students deliberately find an excuse to be absent on College celebration days they deny themselves the opportunity to participate as part of a community. This means their overall school experience is then limited, and they miss out on a deeper rewarding experience of school and faith celebration. Parents could play an important part in supporting the College by insisting their son/daughter attends on these days and that they are not used for other activities, or put simply, a day off!

Phil Gane
Principal
Outstanding Student Achievement—HSC 2013

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Larissa Grinsell 1st in State for SOR2 & 2nd in Ancient History

Laura Woods 4th in State in General Mathematics

Adriana Maras 7th in State PDHPE
from the assistant principal

As we commence another year... I would like to welcome our new Year 11 students to the College as well as those returning for Year 12. Further, I would like to congratulate all students on the manner in which they have begun the year and additionally thank parents for their support. Overall the uniform presentation is of a high standard, one that we trust will continue throughout the year.

For our new Year 11 students... and their families a reminder that any initial questions about your sons and daughters can go to their Pastoral teachers who meet every day with your children and whom are ably supported by their Year Coordinators and Assistant Year Coordinators.

For 2014 the Year 11 Coordinator is Mr Peter Geaney and the Assistant Coordinator is Mrs Yvette Kennedy.

Below is a list of the Yr 11 Pastoral team for 2014.

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It was great to see... the Year 12 Parents last Monday evening at the special HSC presentation where we outlined how we can work together in partnership to support the students to achieve their personal best in their studies at the College.

For 2014 Year 12 students... are ably lead by their Year Coordinator Mrs Josie Raftery and the Assistant Year Coordinator Mr Paul Buchanan.

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May I remind students ... driving to and from school of their responsibility to act in a safe manner at all times especially in Cross Road and Gunamatta Street where there is traffic congestion and many pedestrians. Students are asked not to park in Grovesnor Pl as it is too narrow. Could parents please discuss with their son/daughter this issue of being a responsible driver. Please be aware that the Parking Inspectors frequent the streets around the College and a number of parents and students have been booked for illegal parking and picking up or dropping off students in areas that are deemed illegal, especially the bus stop in front of the College and residents driveways.

Year 11 parents... are invited to attend a special Preliminary Information Meeting scheduled for Monday 17th February.

The Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews... will take place in two weeks (Week 5 Tuesday 25th February). A letter was emailed to Parents on Tuesday, 11th February outlining this event.
from the assistant principal cont.

Just a reminder... that the College Calendar can be accessed via the College website for all events throughout the year including assessment schedules.

The College Blazer... is a compulsory part of the winter uniform. Often these need to be ordered in advance from Lowes at Cronulla as they do not keep a large supply in stock. If you have not purchased or ordered a Blazer could parents do so in the next few weeks to ensure your son/daughter is in the correct uniform for the commencement of Term 2.

I look forward to meeting and working in partnership with families to support and challenge our students to be proactive members of our local Catholic community as they work towards achieving a HSC and the transition from school to university, TAFE or the many employment opportunities the world beyond has to offer.

Mrs. Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal

from the re coordinator

Our annual Combined Staff Commencement Mass... marked the start of our academic year for staff from St Aloysius, St Francis De Sales, OLMC and De La Salle Cronulla on Tuesday 28 January. This is an important occasion where we gather as a combined group of parish schools, led by Father Tom, Father Sam and Father Huy to pray for our students this year.

Our Commencement Mass... on Thursday marks the official blessing by our clergy as we start our year as a Lasallian community. It is also significant as we celebrate the HSC achievements with the Year 12 Student from 2013 and their families. Thank you to all the students who volunteered to take an active role in the mass and the hospitality students for their efforts with the morning tea at the college.

As part of our college assembly the students were introduced to Ruby Crowe, our Lasallian Youth Minister. Ruby, an ex-student is studying at Wollongong University, works at the College two days a week promoting and facilitating Lasallian Youth Leadership opportunities for our students. There is an opportunity for 40 Year 11 students to be trained as Lasallian Youth Leaders at the College on Friday 28th February. They will be then invited to facilitate the Year 6 Spirituality in the following weeks. This is an excellent opportunity for students to be trained in leadership. Many students have volunteered; however, we have a small number of places for a small number of students.

Maree Cullen
Coordinator

from the year 11 coordinator

Dear Parents... Welcome to you and your families to our College community at De La Salle Cronulla. We hope the journey over the next two years will be fruitful for all, but especially for your sons and daughters.

The Interaction Day... held on Friday, 7th February was a wonderful success. It was a beautiful summer day where each of the ten Pastoral classes competed for the Interaction Day trophy.

There was volleyball, beach touch-fooity, sack races, water ping-pong, sand castle building and of course, the popular pancake eating competition, won by Elouise Bailey and Max Freeman. They devoured the stack of pancakes smothered in cream and maple syrup in record time. The overall winner on the day was Pastoral group O'Connor, led by the enthusiastic Peter Schofield, Sarah Ryan and Mrs Henington. She looked like she was having more fun than the students.

We have a Year 11 Parent Information Night... on Monday, February 17th in the College Hall starting at 6.30pm. I hope to see you all there and youâ€™ll have a chance to meet Mrs Kennedy, the assistant Year Coordinator and all the Pastoral teachers who have daily contact with your children.

Mr Peter Geaney
Year 11 Coordinator
from the year 12 coordinator

Year 12... has made a great start to the 2014 school year. I am very impressed with their attitude toward wearing the uniform with pride. As is always the case there are just a few students who are still getting themselves organised with respect to the correct footwear, belts, and skirt length. I ask that this be finalised over the next few days.

We have introduced garbage bag dispensers in the playground and these are proving to be successful in minimising the rubbish problem in the playground.

Over the past few days I have noticed the camaraderie evident in the relationships between the boys and the girls. It is very heartening to see such great peer support within our year group.

Catholic Studies Class... I would like to thank my Catholic Studies classes who have volunteered to organise and run Staff/Student Prayer on Wednesday mornings. Students have been working diligently on their Prayer Services and we look forward to a meaningful presentation each week.

Angus Lambie... A big “Congratulations” to Angus Lambie who has recently received a Blue Award for Water Polo. The award is presented by the Combined Catholic Colleges and recognises Angus’ achievements both inside and outside school. Angus is part of the New South Wales All Schools Water Polo Team and has received a silver medal for his efforts. BRAVO ANGUS!

Josie Raftery  
Year 12 Coordinator

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Year 12 mid year parent teacher evening is on Tuesday, February 25, 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Parents/Students can book in for their appointments via the on-line booking system. The system will be open from Monday 17th February until Midday on the 24th February. There will be two sessions 3:00 to 5:30 and 6:15 to 8:00pm. Teachers meal break is at 5:30 to 6:15pm.

You can access the site via the school website www.dlscronulla.catholic.edu.au or the url link is http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home and the event code is DM5S5.

from the curriculum coordinator

May I take the opportunity... to extend a very warm welcome to all our Year 11 parents and students to the College community.

Subject changes... Year 11 students have now settled into their specific courses and the routine, rules and expectations of senior schooling. A number of students have requested changes to their pattern of study for various reasons and this has been accommodated, where possible. Any further changes must be made by the end of Week 4 (Friday 21st February). Changes are unlikely after this date due to the amount of work that students will have already missed by this time. It is the responsibility of students entering new subjects/courses to catch up on all work in order to meet course outcomes as determined by the Board of Studies, Educational and Teaching Standards

HSC: All My Own Work... As you are aware, Year 11 students completed the HSC: All My Own Work program as part of the Orientation Day program in October last year. This mandatory BOS program is designed to help students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

Higher School Certificate assessment tasks such as independent research projects and major works are likely to be the most challenging learning that students will undertake during their time at school. HSC - All My Own Work is a short guide to help students complete assessment tasks honestly and with confidence. (adapted from: the BOS website: http://amow.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

The 2014 College Assessment Handbook for Preliminary Students... The College Assessment Handbook, which includes rules and procedures for the Preliminary Year as well as the assessment schedules (including assessment dates, the nature of tasks, weightings, components and outcomes assessed) is now available on the College website. http://www.dlscronulla.catholic.edu.au/

May I also... warmly welcome back our Year 12 Parents and students. In particular I would like to thank parents for their attendance at the HSC Information night on Monday 3rd February. I trust that the evening provided useful and insightful information and an opportunity for parents to connect with the College staff in both a formal and less formal way. A copy of the presentation is available on the College website. (see link above).

May I thank students for their attendance, participation and commitment to their studies so far this year, and in particular, for the positive and mature way in which they approached the Study Skills Day on Friday 7th February. The positive energy and goodwill displayed by the students augurs very well indeed for the months ahead.

Finally... a reminder that the Year 12 semester 1 exams will take place during weeks 9 and 10 of term one, as per college calender.

Mr Tony Ginestra  
Curriculum Coordinator
from the pdhpe department

SPORT DATES 2014

Please note that any of these dates are subject to change at any time. Students/Parents need to check on both the Southern Sydney CCC Sports website www.ssccc.com.au & NSW CCC website www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Students wishing to attend trials will need to visit www.csss.nsw.edu.au and parents will need to register their son/daughter and receive a student ID number. If having trouble registering go to the help tab on the website.

An email will be sent to the College’s Sports Coordinator for confirmation of entry. These students will then receive a school permission note from Mrs Fox.

2014 Triathlon... Students wishing to participate in the 2014 NSW All Schools Triathlon individual entries are Open on the NSWCCC website www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Students must register on the website if they have not already and enter this way.

Teams Triathlon... Students wishing to enter in the teams Triathlon must visit the website and register their name on the website and get a ID Code. Students will then need to the Sports Coordinator with their team and the coordinator needs to enter the team

NSW CCC Entry into individual Sports and Team Sports

TEAM SPORT ENTRIES... Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges is the pathway for our students to progress to the NSWCCC Championships and NSWCCC selection.

SSCCC run trials for the following teams:

- Baseball
- U/15 and Open Rugby League
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- U/15 and Open Touch
- Athletics

If students wish to trial for the SSCCC teams there is a school trial first, before they progress. When students are successful in making the school team they will be asked to register on the NSWCCC website to progress to the SSCCC selection.

Individual Entries... NSWCCC selection trials are run for the following sports which are either individual sports or sports which do not have a selection championship.

- AFL
- Cricket
- Diving
- Golf
- Hockey
- Netball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Waterpolo

These Sport trials are for those students who perform at an elite level rather than just having a go. Therefore students are only progressed to the trials if they demonstrate the necessary skills in that sport for the NSWCCC standard. Sport experience is offered during Friday afternoon sport, weekday afternoon and weekend sport. As you can imagine with over 150 Catholic High schools if every school sent a bunch of kids to have a go, the trial would soon blow out to a gala day and the NSWCCC selection trial would not serve it purpose of progressing the correct students to NSW All Schools and National level.

If you are interested in finding out more information on NSWCCC trials and events please look at the website, or email me on sarah.fox01@syd.catholic.edu.au

REGISTRATION PROCESS ON WEBSITE

1. Go to www.csss.nsw.edu.au website
2. On top right hand side of page, click LOGIN. If you don’t have a login or you have forgotten your login, go to the HELP button (located on the top right hand side written in Blue)
3. Once you are logged in, go to the NSWCCC Home Page.
4. Click on (Individual Sport you wish to trial for)
5. Click on Register. Please complete the registration process.
6. Click on Register for this Sport at the bottom of the page.
7. An email will be sent to your Sport Coordinator for approval and consent.
8. You will also be required to pay online for individual sports which must be done before the event. Please allow 7-10 days for administration to process. (this is not done automatically)
9. You can login to your account at any time to view sport coordinator approval

Sarah Fox
PDHPE Coordinator
from the careers advisor

Welcome to all new Year 11 students... just to let you know our Careers Room is located in the Library. There are two noticeboards and also a variety information e.g., course guides, for you to look at whilst in the Library from a variety of sources such as University, TAFE and Private Colleges, UAC information, apprenticeships and even possible part-time job opportunities advertised when they come to us, and more. I am available to discuss possible study/career pathways with both students and parents most days.

Year 12 students... our careers interviews, begun term 4 last year will continue this term. You can drop in and arrange a time that suits you (e.g. in a Study period) or I will continue with my list and catch up with each of you as soon as I can. The intention is that I speak at some length, with each of you individually, at least once (more if you need to) regarding your own future study/work pathway. Having a clearer goal or focus will give a purpose to your HSC studies and have each of you well prepared for applications etc., later (not a lot later!) this year. Lots of options! Let’s get started!

Cheryl Brown
Careers Advisor

from the canteen

Thank you...all the Year 12 2013 mothers who have helped out in the College canteen for the past years. For many it sees an end of their involvement in their children’s schooling days. I wish all the Year 12 2013 Students every success in their future endeavours.

Help is now needed in the College canteen this year. I still have quite a number of days where your assistance is needed for either recess, lunch or both.

If you can help out in anyway, please contact the College canteen on 8522 1554.

Ann Rourke
Canteen

from student services

The College newsletter is emailed every week 3, 6 and 9 of each term, alternatively you can also access our newsletters via our College website www.dlscronulla.catholic.edu.au.

If your child is sick or will be late, please call the office before 10:30am, otherwise and SMS will be sent home and your child will be marked as an unexplained absence.

Parents are also reminded that if for any reason family details change including email addresses and phone numbers that the front office is informed so that any communication from the College to the home can be guaranteed. If a family is concerned that they are not receiving emails etc. Please contact the office on 8522 1500.