

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

It is indeed a great honour and a privilege to have been invited to lead De La Salle College over the next six months as it begins to make the important transition from religious to lay leadership, a process that will be fully implemented by Mr Peter Houlihan when he becomes Principal in 2014.

Let me say at the outset that my first impressions of the College have been extremely favourable – from a most welcoming and accommodating Br Paul Rogers fsc to impressively dedicated and friendly teachers and non teaching staff. The boys are engaging and energetic and are obviously proud of their school. Parents, too, add to the hospitable and amiable atmosphere that pervades the school community. As I mentioned to staff at the beginning of term, I am already aware that this is a school of substance.

Br Paul wrote recently: “De La Salle has risen through periods of change, and turmoil at times, to be a strong, relevant and valued educational provider of Christian and human education throughout the 20th Century. The foundations are strong”!

It is up to all of us – the Brothers, School Board, Administrators, Teaching and Non Teaching Staff, Students and Parents – to build on these strong foundations and to make De La Salle the best possible school it can be where all students are encouraged to be the best that they can be both inside and outside the classroom.

Like so many people globally, I was captivated by the stunning emergence of former student Ashton Agar as an overnight star of the Australian Test Team during the First Ashes Test against England over the past week.

While his performances with the bat and ball have won universal acclaim, it was the self effacing and confident manner in which he handled the pressure of the situation and his subsequent appearances before the world media which impressed me enormously. Here was a young man who relished the excitement of the moment and his remarkable success with a maturity well beyond his years.

Even though I have never had the pleasure of meeting Ashton, it was perfectly obvious to me that he is a well balanced, gracious, fun loving, humble and good natured young man who was able to put what he had achieved into perspective. This is why so many people worldwide have been so attracted to him when, at the elite level in sport, athletes too often present in a far less appealing way.

Ashton’s family no doubt is thrilled with his success and the impressive way in which he presented himself both on and off the field. Their influence upon him is marked and they should rightly be proud of their efforts in raising a son who exhibits such commendable qualities which they have instilled in him over the years.

Similarly, the staff of De La Salle College deserve credit, too, for influencing this young man and, in partnership with his family, inculcating in him a set of strong values which are self evident now and which will hold him in good stead throughout his life. That is what this College endeavours to achieve with all the young men entrusted to its care.

I look forward to meeting you at various school activities in the coming weeks.

Brendan Ellis
Acting Principal

Cover: Ashton Agar (2011)

CONGRATULATIONS ASHTON

The rise and rise of Ashton Agar over recent days has seen innumerable reporters attempt to delve into Ashton's past, in search of some kind of explanation as to how he managed to escape media attention until now. But despite assertions from some sections of the media that, until last week, nobody had heard of Ashton Agar, his progress and potential was widely known within the De La Salle community.

Throughout his school cricket career, Ashton embodied all of the characteristics required of an elite team sportsman: selflessness, leadership, humility and an understanding that cricket is one of the best levellers of a person. As the old adage goes, sport doesn't build character, it reveals character, and I'm sure numerous young men gained strength and confidence from Ashton's consistent, mature demeanour in all situations.



I'd like to say that Ashton's unparalleled leadership potential was evident the first time I met him, as he rolled his arm over to a precocious young batsman in the Year 8 yard, and to some extent it was. But, to be totally honest, the young batsman to whom he was bowling possessed such bold confidence (combined with immense talent) that I required some gentle persuasion from the then Director of Sport, Jon Edgar, to install Ashton as the captain of the Year 8 Cricket Team. You see, Ashton is also admirably understated. He lets his actions set the example for his peers and colleagues to follow. For the duration of that season, Ashton, surrounded by passionate, skilful extroverts, diligently went about his business, setting up the team's innings from the top with crafted, yet dominant, innings reminiscent of much older, match hardened batsmen. In the final, Ashton (compulsorily) retired and the team won without losing a wicket. By the end of the season, Ashton had accumulated over 200 runs and lost his wicket just once. In his senior year four years later, Ashton again scored in excess of 200 runs for the season.

With the ball, Ashton was canny, as well as miserly. As a captain, he was meticulous. Between Year 8 and Year 12, he became well known to opposition batsmen, who would learn to target other bowlers. In his inimitable selfless fashion, he would only bowl to the best batsmen from each side. Nevertheless, Ashton still managed to accumulate 16 wickets at less than 7 runs per wicket in his final year. In the last three matches of the season, Ashton took 8/32 (including 3/13 off 6 overs in the final). But, from my perspective at least, glowing endorsements of his natural talent belie the character and work ethic that have taken him from talented junior to national treasure. I've spent the past week telling anyone who will listen that other students have possessed Ashton's level of talent. Few, however, possess an innate determination to learn and willingness to help others develop. As captain of the First XI in 2011, Ashton stepped down from his position at the top of the batting order to allow a younger boy the opportunity to develop his technique against the new ball. When the Leaders' Camp clashed with a Lords' Taverners fixture, Ashton asked to be dropped at the ground at the conclusion of the camp, to help his teammates register a win. In the field, Ashton would only bring himself on to bowl when absolutely needed, never to inflate his own ego by bowling to the 'tail'.

1st Cricket XI ACC Premiers 2011



1st XI 2011 — Mr Marty Rhoden (coach), Robert McCarthy, Miles Fabris, William Nash, Louis Holmes, Justin Hall, Lachlan Hay, Br Gabriel (assistant coach)
Front: Harry Haley, Simon Hearne, Ashton Agar (c.), Charlie Haley, Thomas Keys, Jacob Curtis

Everybody who has ever met Ashton is beaming with pride this week, based upon an understanding of how rare it is for even the most talented young cricketer to be called up to the national side. It is rarer still for a young man, once given the opportunity, to have a seamless transition to performing comfortably at the highest level. Given the maturity, composure and willingness to learn that Ashton has displayed over the course of his 'apprenticeship', it will surprise nobody at the College to see Ashton continue the rich vein of form in which he has begun his Test career.



Marty Rhoden

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – PASTORAL CARE & ORGANISATION

Welcome back to Term 3. This Term there are many great Pastoral and extra-curricula things planned. These include the DLS Cross-Country Championships, Feast of Assumption and Social Justice College Masses, ACC Sports including basketball, hockey, cross-country ACC chess, debating and public speaking competitions, ACC Music workshops and the DLS Annual Music Tour, Year 7, 8 and 9 Football Lightning Premiership days, the Victorian Interschool Snowsports Competition as well as Year 5 and Year 8 Camps. Every student is urged to fully involve themselves in as many aspects of College life as possible. Learning to work with others in pursuit of a common goal can be both personally rewarding and immensely character building and it is an important part of being a member of the De La Salle College community.

SMS STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Each day SMS or email messages are sent to parents notifying them if their child has an unexplained absence. The message is sent to the parent(s) as nominated on the College enrolment data base. Please advise the College immediately if there has been any change in your contact details. If you receive a message please reply to it as soon as possible so we can finalise our daily attendance information as soon as possible. The text message will be sent at approximately 10.15 am daily. Daily rolls for Homeroom are checked before a message is sent. Students who are late to Homeroom and miss the roll mark will be followed up in accordance with our disciplinary procedures.

UNIFORM ISSUES - BLAZERS

A reminder all students must wear their blazers to and from school and to morning Homeroom each day unless they have sport. In this case correct sports uniform is required.

Tom Ryan
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care & Organisation

KEY DATES – YEAR 4, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Tuesday, 30 July, 2013 | – | Information Session for Year 4, 2014 - 9:15am to 10:45am
Held at our Tiverton Campus, 1318 High Street, Malvern
<i>(Bookings essential)</i> |
| Friday, 2 August, 2013 | - | Applications for Year 4, 2014 CLOSE
Confirmation of Application paperwork due |
| Late Term 3, 2013 | - | Offers of places to prospective Year 4 students will be posted to families. |

Please contact Robyn Miller, Registrar on 9508 2104 or email: rmiller@delasalle.vic.edu.au

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – TEACHING & LEARNING

TRANSITION AND SUBJECT SELECTION

Throughout Term 3 students in Years 7-11 will be involved in activities in preparation for 2014 subject selection. The Transition program is tailored to the different needs of students at the different levels of schooling, involving extensive information provided through assemblies at each year level, a Course Advice Day for Year 10 students and a VCE/VCAL Information Evening for Year 10 students and their parents.

In addition, the 2014 College Handbook, which outlines the Years 4-12 curriculum program, will be available via the College website from next week. This is a crucial tool for students in being as well informed and prepared as possible for this important decision-making time. Parents are encouraged to spend time with their son going through all of the options available for the coming year.

Subject Selection/Re-enrolment forms for students will be sent home via students in coming weeks. Please note the dates of distribution and collection:

2013 YEAR LEVEL	FORMS DISTRIBUTED	FORMS COLLECTED
Year 7	Thursday, 17 October	Wednesday, 6 November
Year 8	Tuesday, 13 August	Monday 2 September
Year 9	Thursday, 8 August	Tuesday 3 September
Year 10*	Wednesday, 24 July*	Friday, 23 August
Year 11	Thursday, 1 August	Thursday, 22 August

**Re-enrolment form only*

With encouragement and support, serious reflection and careful decision making, it is possible for all students to choose a pathway in which they will be happy and successful, be it in the subjects they undertake in coming years or choice of tertiary study and careers.

YEAR 10 COURSE ADVICE DAY

As mentioned, all Year 10 students will be taking part in Course Advice as part of their Transition program. This acknowledges the often complex and difficult decisions made as students move from the compulsory years of education into VCE or VCAL. On Course Advice Day, students will not take part in normal classes. They will be allocated a fifteen minute appointment time with a Course Advisor, a staff member who will guide them through completion of the subject selection form. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, however, listed are a number of key points for students regarding Course Advice Day:

- Students will be required to attend their appointment on time, in full school uniform.
- They will be required to bring their completed Planning Exercises booklet, which they will have received and be working on throughout the beginning of the term, their Semester 1 Reports and completed Re-enrolment form.
- Students who come to their appointment unprepared will be sent home without filling in a subject selection form on the day. This may jeopardise their chances of being placed in the subjects they wish to choose.
- Students will receive a record of their subject selections to take home to parents. We ask that the slip at the bottom of the form is returned to Homeroom Teachers on the following Monday to acknowledge parental endorsement of the selected subjects.

Course Advice Day for Year 10 students is **Friday, 23 August**.

AWARDS

The College Community looks forward to acknowledging the achievements of our highest performing students in Semester 1. Campus assemblies will be taking place next Wednesday, 24 July. Parents of students receiving awards have been notified by letter, with an invitation to attend the presentations, followed by morning tea.

Mark Gustincic
Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

WELLBEING NEWS

Having a conversation with your child about alcohol can be difficult and confronting. It is important to do - as it will help them stay safe now and be smarter, healthier and happier in the future.

The City of Stonnington is presenting an evening for parents on the issue of teenage drinking. Panel Members include:-

- Andrew Fuller is a Clinical Psychologist and fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and Education Development at the University of Melbourne.
- Professor John Toumbourou is the Chair in Health Psychology at Deakin University, Honourary Fellow at the Centre for Adolescent Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Royal Children's Hospital.
- Danny Alcock is the Community Services Manager for Taskforce, a leading Drug and Alcohol Agency.
- Paul Kelly and Karolyn Formosa the Local Youth Resource Officer from Prahran Police.

The panel will look at how we can help our children understand the risks of drinking alcohol before the legal age of 18.

When: Tuesday, 23 July 2013

Time: 7:15pm arrival for 7:30pm start, ends 9:00pm

Where: East Malvern Junior Football Club, Dunlop Pavilion, Moira Street, East Malvern

RSVP: Friday, 19th July 2013, www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/events

STUDENT WELLBEING ON MOODLE

A reminder to parents to access the information that is provided for parents via the student wellbeing link on Moodle. You will find on the "for parents" link, a list of assistance agencies, info about online safety, technology and parents and summaries from recent parent evenings ... and more.

Pascal Rohan
Director of Student Wellbeing

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

INSTALMENT 2, 2013

Any family who was not eligible to receive the EMA at the commencement of 2013, but is now eligible, needs to complete an application form **IMMEDIATELY**. Forms are available from the College Office, or contact Elaine Tyrrell at the College on 9508-2100 for further assistance.

Families who received Instalment 1 of the EMA do not need to reapply for Instalment 2.

Elaine Tyrrell
Assistant Business Manager

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

Welcome back to the start of a new term. Our Year 10's will celebrate Eucharist in their homeroom groups over the next two weeks. During Term 2 the boys studied a Unit on Eucharist. This opportunity to come together in small groups will give them the chance to appreciate the importance of gathering as a community of faith where we are nourished by the Word and the Eucharistic meal.

Plans are also underway to build on the Year 8 Social Justice focus with a series of para-liturgies in homeroom groups. At the end of Term 3 we traditionally gather as a whole school community to celebrate Eucharist. The focal point of this celebration is our commitment to social justice. Students across the College will be asked to donate goods for the welfare of those who struggle in our society. The Year 8 boys will decorate our Eucharistic space with the help of Ms Finn and Mr Happ, creating a series of artistic expressions that capture the research they undertook into agencies who reach out to the poor and oppressed in Australia.

Towards the end of Term 2, our Year 9 students spent a day on Retreat with the Lasallian Youth Team. As a follow-up to this day the students will come together for a Reconciliation Liturgy.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 28 July at the 11:00am. Mass at St Anthony's Parish Glen Huntly.

Parents are reminded that Sponsor forms and the permission forms for the Retreat day and visit with the Bishop (if not already returned) are overdue.

Monday, 22 July Mass for all families and presentation of Confirmation Medals and Practice. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

Tuesday, 23 July Confirmation Retreat Day. Students will be leaving the College at 9:00am and return around 3:15pm. Food and drink must be carried with them as there will be no opportunity to buy lunch.

Friday, 26 July Students to meet with the Bishop

I ask that you keep our young people in your prayerful support as they prepare to make their own commitment in faith.

Joan Ferguson
College Chaplain

DRAMA NIGHT

The end of each semester we hold a Drama Night in the Performing Arts Centre so boys who have chosen to study Drama can display their work to an audience. This occurred for Semester 1 on 25 June. Drama is, of course, a practical, performance subject and it is important for the students to experience acting under lights in a real theatre situation. They are often also assessed under these circumstances.

In the lead up to the performance the Year 9's prepared monologues and the Year 10 classes perfected their self-devised theatre piece on Homelessness. It is always interesting to watch the boys cope with nerves and tension leading up to the show then experience a high degree of success followed by relief and a degree of elation. They learn through this to manage a challenging situation and that performance can be very rewarding. The instant and generous reaction of the audience often comes as surprise to the boys and many of them comment afterwards on how much they enjoyed the experience.

The next Drama Night is to be held on the 18 November and will include all boys in Year 9 studying Drama in Semester 2. Watch out for it as it is always an entertaining evening of variety.

Andrew Murrell
Drama Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

At the end of Term 1, Year 10 Semester 1 Geography students and Year 9 Miguel participated in the Australian National Geographic Competition. The ANGC is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills. The Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence. The highest achieving students within Australia have the opportunity to compete at the National Geographic World Competition to be held in St Petersburg, Russia later this month or the International Geography Olympiad in Kyoto, Japan. Although not quite reaching such heights of success, a number of De La Salle students performed exceptionally well within their respective age groups. Being an annual competition, it is hoped that our College results continue to improve into the future.

RESULT

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

SENIOR LEVEL

High Distinction

Daniel Aiello
Louis Collins
Nicholas Cooper
Charles Joseph
Robert Macasadia
Tanis Vanlaake
Kyle Williams

Ryan Chand
Mitchell Wildoer

Distinction

Noah Korkolis
Liam Moore
Karan Vasudevan

Sam Connell
Jordan Costa
Karl Maul

Credit

Joshua Benton
Lachlan Bulman
Cian Hutter
Sricharan Kumar
Lucas Perri
Thomas Ponissi
Rupert Smith
Joshua Stackpole
Thomas Stanfield
Keelan Tambimuttu
Kieran Walsh
William Wright
James Ziemkiewicz
Terry Zisimopolulos

Jake Laneadams
Joshua Leverington
Brodie Muller
Xavier Wigg

WHAT'S HAPPENING (SOME REMINDERS)

JULY

Monday, 22 July	Parent Network Meeting – Tiverton Staffroom, 7:30pm
Wednesday, 24 July	Semester 1 Campus Academic Award Ceremonies, Gymnasium VCE/VCAL Expo Night – Gymnasium, 7:30pm Year 8 Solomon Learning Experience (until 26 July)
Thursday, 25 July	Year 7/8 ACC Sport commences
Friday, 26 July	Year 9 Football Lightning Premiership Year 12 (2012) Revisited Reunion
Sunday, 28 July	Sacramental Program – Sacrament of Confirmation – St Anthony's, Glen Huntly at 11:00am
Tuesday, 30 July	Year 12 VTAC Information Session – Gymnasium, 7:30pm
Wednesday, 31 July	ACC Intermediate Debating, Public Speaking and Drama at Parade College Year 8 Roland Learning Experience (until 2 August)

AUGUST

Thursday, 1 August	Australian Maths Competition
Friday, 2 August	Year 7 Football Lightning Premiership
Sunday, 4 August	Music Tour (until 7 August)
Wednesday, 7 August	De La Salle Cross Country Championships at TH King Reserve
Thursday, 8 August	Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Friday, 9 August	Year 8 Football Lightning Premiership
Saturday, 10 August	Parent Network Social Evening
Tuesday, 13 August	Feast of St. Benilde Year 8 Jerome Learning Experience (until 15 August)
Wednesday, 14 August	Parent Education Evening – St. Miguel Theatre, 7:30pm-9:00pm
Thursday, 15 August	Feast of the Assumption
Friday, 16 August	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO CLASSES Newsprint No. 9 emailed to families
Monday, 19 August	MID TERM BREAK

DE LA SALLE COOLIES PROJECT - 2013



MELBOURNE ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK

12 students have indicated their intention to do Coolies this year. The Indian Brothers have asked us to work in a school in Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu.

The new 2013/2014 Melbourne Entertainment™ Book starts in 1 June. **Only 13 copies left to sell.** Please support us.

Order securely online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/196p265 Click the option “the book was already sent home with my child.” I will send it home next day with your child.

Br Denis Loft

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Parents are invited to place clean unwanted clothing in the St Vincent de Paul charity clothing bin which is situated near the exit gate at Kinnoull anytime during the week.

Blankets are also in much demand and donations will be very much appreciated this winter.



St Vincent de Paul Kinnoull Group

MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION

A big thank you to those who have handed in old mobile phones to raise funds for Coolies, we have about 50 phones. Please have a look at home for any unused mobile phones and send them into school. I hope to send our final collection by the end of this term.

Andrew Wozencroft

DE LA VOLUNTEERS

More volunteers are needed for two occasions early Term 3

MORNING TEAS AFTER ACADEMIC AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Wednesday, 24 July - PAC

8:30am-1:30pm (or a few hours within this time span)

There are to be two assemblies in this time- one for Kinnoull campus then one for Tiverton. After each there will be morning tea for award winners and their parents. So I will be starting the set up at 8.30am, then preparation, serving and cleanup for the first morning tea, followed by the same process for the second. **It will be a busy morning. I have some helpers already but could use a couple more.**

PARENT NETWORK TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 10 August - College Gym

From midday onwards

A big team of helpers is needed in the afternoon for the set up of this event. We have some volunteers but we need many more.

If you can help contact me on 9508 2138 or email twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au

Trish Woodman
Community Coordinator

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PARENTS' NETWORK

Hope the holidays were relaxing.

The countdown is on to the Trivia Night on Saturday, 10 August. Get your thinking caps on. Bookings are available online through Trybooking <http://www.trybooking.com/DABV> or Karen Chant - **0409 862 944** or kaschantschoolemail@gmail.com. You do not need a table of 10 to come. We will place you on an appropriate table.

We are requesting items to make up hampers for the silent auction eg bathroom products, hair products, kitchen or garden items-preferably no food. We also need medium to large baskets for these hampers to be made.

These can be dropped off at the front office, either campus.

We have over \$20,000 worth of items already donated so come with a deep pocket ready to spend up big.

For you avid golfers we have a round of golf for 4 at the famous Kingston Heath Golf Club. This item is being auctioned online via email to me at vfairchild@iinet.net.au Send me your bid and I will keep you updated.

*Virginia Fairchild
President Parents' Network*



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Saturday 10 August

De La Salle College Gymnasium

7pm-7.30pm start

B.Y.O Drinks, Nibbles & Glasses

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