

The Peppercorn Memorial - Kinnoull Campus

De La Salle College and the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers acknowledge the harm and suffering of those students who endured physical, emotional or sexual abuse during their education whilst at our school, when instead they should have been afforded a safe place for their education.

To those who have endured physical, emotional or sexual abuse, De La Salle College offers an unreserved apology for the failure to listen, believe, intervene and protect, when it was our duty to do so.

The College acknowledges the devastating and lifelong impact of abuse and remembers those who were impacted so profoundly. We encourage our community of today to act when another's safety and wellbeing is at risk. We commit ourselves to creating a safer environment and culture in the future.

Let this never happen again.

The De La Salle College Board and
The Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers

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DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

Dedication and Memorial Commemoration

21 March 2021

In Good Faith
FOUNDATION
INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE RECOVERY

IGFF is committed to achieving justice for Survivors of institutional abuse. We acknowledge the strength, courage and sacrifices of all on the journey to recovery.



DE LA SALLE COLLEGE DEDICATION PROGRAM

1. **Introduction & Acknowledgement to Country**
(Rana Brogan, Deputy Principal— Faith and Mission)
2. **Words of Welcome** (Peter Houlihan, College Principal)
3. **Opening Reflection Song: *Til it Happens to You*** (De La Salle Band and Choir)
4. **A moment in history and Address** (Andrew McGaw, 2020 College Captain)
5. **Readings of the themes of the plaques and Address**
(Thomas Seddon, 2021 College Captain)
6. **Reflection Song: *You'll Never Walk Alone*** (De La Salle Band and Choir)
7. **Apology/ Address Br David Hawke** (Br Visitor [Provincial])
8. **Commitment from De La Salle College** (Peter Houlihan, College Principal)
9. **Affirmations:**
 - a) Representative of IGFF (In Good Faith Foundation)
 - b) 2021 College Captains present box frame with ribbons to College Principal, Peter Houlihan and five survivors
10. **Closing remarks** College Principal, Peter Houlihan

At the conclusion of the Commemoration:

Take a seed box
Invitation for people to view the Mahogany memorial at leisure.
Invite to remain for light luncheon

11. **Finishing Song: *I will survive*** (De La Salle Band and Choir)
12. **View the Mahogany memorial**

The Mahogany Memorial - Tiverton Campus

Solitary Confinement of the Mind

There is no more serious crime, amongst other serious crimes, than for a priest, religious or a lay person with a duty of care to sexually abuse innocent children or adolescents.

Quite apart from the trauma of the abuse and breach of trust, there is the silencing, the blame, the shame, the punishment and the guilt that condemns the child or the adolescent to a solitary confinement of the mind.

It cuts them off from social interactions and denies them the rights of an adolescent to develop self-esteem, self-control, self-confidence, self-identity.

Is it any wonder then that many abused young people drift through life feeling hopeless, seeking solace in substance abuse, with too many of them no longer with us, leaving their families broken hearted.

“Revelation” ABC TV

17 March 2020