



Dear members of the La Salle College community

After 12 years of outstanding and visionary principalship, Mr Wayne Bull will conclude his service as principal at the end of this year.

Wayne's dedication and love of La Salle College have been exemplified and lived out in all that he has undertaken as the leader of this school. As a former student and Head Boy (1972) his association with the College has been long held as is his commitment to keeping the Lasallian charism alive and flourishing. He has ensured that this school serves as a shining example that the charism can continue to imbue the essence of this College without the presence of the De La Salle Brothers. In many ways, it is a flagship school that Lasallian educational leaders from other parts of the world are wanting to learn from.

Under Wayne's astute leadership, La Salle College has flourished into one of the most unique educational institutions in the state, if not Australia. Drawing from many diverse backgrounds, the student population is now an exciting microcosm of our multicultural country. The St Joseph Education Support Centre is the largest of its kind in any Catholic school in WA and continues to serve students with special needs in a most pastoral and effective manner. Wayne has ensured that the needs of the students are so adequately met. Our bespoke boarding programme is most unique, having begun in 2009 with a handful of students from the remote community of Balgo, boarding at Swanleigh to a fully-fledged Aboriginal Education Centre, and a thriving celebration of indigenous culture. Wayne's commitment to improving the lives of students and providing educational opportunities for all students is his trademark.

Students of all talents and abilities are provided with so many opportunities at La Salle College. Wayne's particular love of the Arts has seen, under his tenure, an exponential growth in the number of students who can study Drama, Music and Dance and experience success in those fields, especially when in competition with other schools. This is never more evident than the success experienced by our students in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Wayne has ensured that staff and facilities for these students are more than adequately resourced. Those students gifted in sport have been well catered for with the building of the new gymnasium and the former gym transformed into the Senior Learning Centre which allows for innovative and collaborative learning and teaching styles.

A fourth foundation of a pursuit for excellence in all that one does, was introduced by Wayne and underpins all that he has sought to instill in students and staff. Well known and loved for the stories he would tell at assemblies, Wayne is the consummate teacher, able to engage students and get them on side with him. His compassion, understanding, patience, people management skills and incredible general knowledge are just a few of his admirable qualities.

As a Catholic school leader, his life is a clear witness to his faith, walking the talk and truly living his faith. The very untimely and premature death at the start of this year of his greatly beloved wife, Margaret, who also was so very much a part of the fabric of this College and so greatly loved by staff, parents and students alike, has been a huge challenge for Wayne. His faith and the support from the College and wider Lasallian community has perhaps offered him some comfort.

The conclusion of Wayne's contract at La Salle College will, undoubtedly, be met with great sadness and uncertainty and a new chapter in the College's history will begin. Given the outstanding College that La Salle is, it is expected that this employment opportunity will attract a high calibre Catholic education leader to lead the College into the next decade. As part of the discernment process, there will be formal consultation with Staff, Senior Leadership and the College Board beginning at the start of next term.

Arrangements are being made to advertise in early May for a new Principal to be appointed by late Term 2 and to begin in 2019. This will allow for a period of smooth transition.

On behalf of the College Board and the Lasallian Mission Council, I wish to thank Wayne most sincerely for his extraordinary contributions to La Salle College and Catholic Education. He has truly '*touched hearts*' and I wish him every happiness in his new endeavours.

Yours sincerely



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