Live out the spirit of Magis; Serve the school and the community (2014-15)

Dear teachers, parents and Wahyanites,

Stepping into the 90th anniversary, we not only have a new artificial turf football pitch, but we also have a new School Development Plan for the coming three years. We will focus on three major concerns: 1) Develop diversified teaching strategies and cater for learners’ diversity, with high expectations of students; 2) Help the students to form their character with Jesuit values and fighting spirit; 3) Build a learning community, with focus on staff formation and self-evaluation.

We follow the vision of Jesuit education and strive to nurture our next generation of Wahyanites to be reflective and active learners. Students form their character, living out the spirit of Magis, always willing to do more, do better and make a difference, and becoming leaders-in-service. Both teachers and students love to learn and learn to love.

“Life is not worth living without reflection,” said Fr. Deignan, a legend of Wah Yan. We hope our students can learn to reflect on what they are doing and learning, and take action to improve. Society has changed and education has to cope with the changes. The world is full of crisis and our next generation has to be even stronger than we were. Wahyanites can excel only if they can reflect and grow. We don’t expect Wahyanites to be mediocre, but we hope they can become leaders-in-serve, leaders who can serve the school, the community, the society, the country and change the world to be a better world. If Wahyanites are just ordinary, their voices are unlikely to be heard and they can do very little to help others. We hope Wah Yan can be a learning community in which both teachers and students learn and shine.

To achieve our targets, we continue to implement Small Class Teaching. We split five classes into six classes and for the learning of English, Chinese and Mathematics in the junior forms, we further split six classes into seven groups. Small Class Teaching offers a good platform for us to raise the effectiveness of teaching and learning, but to make better use of it, we expect our students to participate in the lesson more, interact more, think more and reflect more. Every student will have a Reflective Journal and we encourage them to put down their reflection, organize their schedule and learn self-management.
We will also have the House system: Red House (Loyola), White House (Xavier), Blue House (Faber) and Green House (Ricci). We hope the House system can encourage more participation, raise the fighting spirit and promote healthy competition, based on the values of Jesuit education, especially Magis, generosity, excellence and humility. Together with our new artificial turf football pitch, our students can learn sportsmanship, perseverance and fighting spirit. Most importantly, we can cultivate team-work and brotherhood through constructive interaction, collaboration and reflection.

2014-15 is our 90th Anniversary. We will organize a series of anniversary activities and the purpose is twofold: 1) celebrate the birthday of the school; 2) provide learning experiences for our students to develop their leadership and serve the community. We expect that our students can develop their potential, a stronger sense of belonging and awareness of contributing back to the community.

My dear students, let’s live out the spirit of Magis and strive for the best in order to serve the school, the community and others. God bless.

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