

## Equip the Mind and Soul; Learn to Love and Respect

At Wah Yan, we are committed to forming Men for and with Others, young gentlemen who have an altruistic heart and attributes of excellence to serve the poor and the neglected. To serve others well, we first have to equip ourselves with competence, commitment, compassion and conscience so that we can make a difference and indefatigably bring about human dignity and social justice, making this world an Elysium for everyone. As learners, our mission is to learn, to learn actively through reflection. Learning is not confined to the classroom and indeed, every school experience that we engage in is a learning experience, if we can reflect on it to enrich our mind.

Wah Yan, like other Jesuit institutions, has embarked on a process of renewal, in response to the needs of society. We blend the past with the future and vision with traditions, creating an enticing learning community that can grow from unity and go beyond excellence. Freedom is among the fundamental values honoured by our alma mater and we shall enjoy freedom with responsibility, purpose and passion, letting the breath of freedom nurture us to be better Men for and with Others and future leaders in service.

In the process of renewal, Wahyanites have been performing tremendously well and I am proud of them. They have been living out the spirit of Magis, spreading their wings and touching the sky. The result of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2016 is the best over the past five years and the Joint University Programmes Admissions Offer Rate (offers by local institutions) has reached 74%, a record high. The result of the performance of Wahyanites in sports is the best over the past thirty years; our choir has been named “Choir of the World”, being the Grand Prix Winner of Kathaumixw Choral Festival, Canada.

While we are celebrating, we should always stay humble, stay hungry and ponder on how we can do better, for the greater glory of God. We shall grow robust from our unity and our sense of belonging is rooted in the school experience that we share together at Wah Yan, where we belong and take pride in. We nurture unity through gratitude and respect. We hope all Wahyanites can learn to be grateful and they appreciate what they possess. Only if we are grateful can we lead a positive and happy life. Wahyanites respect themselves and others, always being humble and polite, and practising strong moral values, good manners and savoir faire. They treat all members of the school community and all visitors with courtesy and respect, and they respect

the ideas and opinions of others, though they may be different from their own.

We support our students whole-heartedly, provide them with ample learning experiences and let them grow holistically. The learning activities of Wahyanites are supported with funding from Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Limited (The Fund) and each year the sponsorship amounts to HK\$1,600,000. The extra funding is essential for the development of our students and the betterment of Wah Yan as we are not a Direct Subsidy School, which enjoys a lot more resources from school fees collected every month. This year, we will have a Fund-raising Campaign for the Fund, which solely supports Wah Yan College, Kowloon, and two major activities will be organized, namely Homecoming Concert on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and Fun Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The theme of the Campaign is “Growth from Unity; Rooted in Experience” and I sincerely invite every member of the community to join the events.

Let’s look forward to a year of wonders, which could herald a new era of faith, hope and love.

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