

Live Life with Passion and Positive Energy; Learn with Initiative and Perseverance  
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A big hello to my chivalrous students! The campus lights up again with their presence and in buoyant mood, we embark on the journey of a new academic year. It is an opportune time to reunite, learn and share with our companions, creating indelible memories while shaping a rosy future by indulging our passion for learning. It is gratifying to note that the performance of Wahyanites has been making great strides. The Joint University Programmes Admissions rate is 81%, raised by 88% when compared with the rate of 2013, thanks to the concerted efforts of our students and educators. Nonetheless, we have yet to accomplish our mission and as a Jesuit school, we shall usher in a new chapter of excellence, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, for the greater glory of God.

At Wah Yan, our mission is to nurture Men of Human Excellence and form Men for and with Others. We achieve our mission through cultivating lifelong and self-directed learning capabilities and fostering whole-person development, equipping our students with attributes of competence, commitment, compassion and conscience so as to develop them to be Men for and with Others, gentlemen who care for and work with others.

Students are expected to take the initiative in understanding their learning needs, setting learning objectives, searching for learning resources for learning, choosing and implementing appropriate learning strategies and evaluating learning outcomes for betterment. By and large, they are always curious and ready to learn, engage in the learning process and evaluate learning through reflection for improvement. Life is full of vicissitudes, but Wahyanites face them with grit, perseverance and passion for long-term goals<sup>1</sup>. They possess a growth mindset, believing that they can get smarter, learning is their goal, effort makes them stronger and they would spend more time and work harder<sup>2</sup>.

We provide *cura personalis*, caring for the heart, mind and soul of our students. It is expected that students aptly form their character and learn to love and respect. They are humble and polite, and practise strong moral values and good manners. They feel good and do good, strengthening their relationships, building positive emotions, enhancing personal resilience, developing mindfulness and living a healthy lifestyle<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Angela Lee Duckworth, *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, 2016

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Carol Dweck, *Mindset: Changing the way you think to fulfil your potential*, 2017

<sup>3</sup> Geelong Grammar School: Positive Education.

Our expectations are as follows:

- 1) We set learning objectives, engage in learning and do evaluation through reflection for betterment.
- 2) We live life with grit and possess a growth mindset, living out the spirit of Magis.
- 3) We develop mindfulness and build positive emotions, reconciling relationships with others.

Wahyanites, let's carry our heritage, strive to learn and live life with passion. *Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time, we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)*

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