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A Jesuit Secondary School

Engage in School Life with Self-awareness and Commitment;

Take a Global View with Discernment and Reconciliation (2019-2020)

Welcome back to Wah Yan, your home away from home! Wah Yan, a bastion of brotherhood, belongs to you and offers a sanctuary for you to learn, grow and unlock your potential, with peace and love. Wah Yan is the cocoon of a caring family, which is the most treasurable as we are still coming to grips with the current social turmoil. As your principal, my mission is to accompany you in the creation of a hope-filled future. Close your eyes for a moment and envisage a future that is filled with hope. How could you create a hope-filled future despite the morass? As Jesuit students, you have learnt that whenever you are perplexed, do reflection and seek wisdom from the Bible. With reference to the Gospel of St. Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Wahyanites, there is a brighter future in the wings, and at this moment, the best you can do is to equip yourselves well so that you will have the capabilities to make a difference to the future and let it shine!

To captain your destiny, you shall accomplish your mission of cultivating lifelong and self-directed learning capabilities and fostering whole-person development, grooming yourselves to be Men for and with Others. This time last year we emphasized setting learning objectives and engaging in learning; this year, to be equipped with self-directed learning capabilities, you are expected to master learning skills such as concept mapping, note-taking, collaborative learning and eLearning, which are conducive to in-depth learning and have high effect size, producing better learning outcomes¹. You are also expected to learn from feedback on assessment performance for betterment. You possess the Can-do Spirit, are curious, ready to learn through reflection and know exactly what you want to achieve in the future.

At Wah Yan, we provide *cura personalis*, caring for the heart, mind and soul. It is expected that you form your character and learn to care. You care about yourselves, your family, your neighbours, what is happening around you and in the world. You view news on social media platforms with discernment

¹ John Hattie and Gregory Yates, Visible Learning and the Science of How We Learn, 2014

and walk with others with reconciliation, developing to be global citizens.

Our expectations for this school year are as follows:

- 1) We master self-directed learning skills such as concept mapping, note-taking, collaborative learning and eLearning in order to have in-depth learning;
- 2) We learn from feedback on assessment performance in order to get to a higher level;
- 3) We care about what is happening in the world and view issues with discernment and reconciliation, living life with fire, passion and vision.

Wahyanites, let's accompany each other, pursuing our dreams and making assiduous efforts to write an indelible new page for the future!

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Principal



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