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# New Beginnings: A Message of Change and Growth

**W**elcome back, dear friends!

We hope you are feeling refreshed and ready to embark on a new semester filled with exciting opportunities. As we begin this academic year, we have some exciting news to share with you. Our College has undergone a few changes that we believe will enhance your educational experience.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to introduce our new Principal, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our institution. With their guidance and leadership, we are confident that our College will continue to thrive and provide you with a nurturing and stimulating learning environment.

Additionally, we have welcomed two new priests who will serve as Vice Principal and Administrator. Their dedication to education and their commitment to our College community will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and development of our students.

But that's not all! We have also expanded and enhanced our facilities to create a more conducive learning space for you. These new additions are designed to support your holistic development and provide you with the resources you need to excel academically and personally.

As we embark on this new semester, it is essential to reflect on the purpose of education. While it is true that colleges offer numerous platforms for career success, there is so much more to the college experience. Our College strives to teach you critical thinking skills, empowering you to tackle challenges and solve problems independently.

In the real world, you won't always have someone readily available to provide you with the answers. That's where our College steps in, guiding you to become a self-reliant and analytical thinker. The ability to think critically is crucial not only for your academic journey but also for your future endeavors in life.

Remember, success is not solely measured by landing a job or pursuing a specific career. True success lies in your ability to think for yourself and find innovative solutions to the problems you encounter. Our College is here to nurture and cultivate that skill within you. Once again, we extend a warm welcome to all our students. May this semester be filled with growth, discovery, and the fulfillment of your aspirations! We wish you the very best, and May God bless you abundantly.



Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB  
**Rector & Secretary**

# Igniting the Flame: Embracing Education for a Bright Future

## Greetings and a hearty welcome to the new academic year 2023-2024!

It fills me with immense pride and pleasure to have you here with us. The start of a new year signifies fresh opportunities and brings cheer to all of us. As the great philosopher Socrates once said, "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." This year, let us ignite that flame by truly understanding the essence of education.

Education should not be confined within the four corners of classrooms; it should permeate every aspect of our lives. It is an incredible opportunity for each student to explore their hidden potentials and pave the way towards becoming the ideal individuals they aspire to be.

In the realm of education, let us remember the following:

- **Learning to Know:** This emphasizes how we learn. It is crucial to master the art of acquiring knowledge in a smart and efficient manner. Let us recognize that learning is a lifelong process. As individuals, our primary goal is to realize our full potential and utilize it to become better members of our community.
- **Learning to Do:** Mastering our unique ways of learning will prepare us to apply what we learn. Our knowledge becomes truly meaningful when we can put it into practice in our daily lives. Let us continuously seek knowledge to develop our potentials further. One way to achieve this is by offering our services to society. Opportunities abound where there is demand.
- **Learning to Live Together:** As responsible members of society, it is our primary concern to maintain peace and contribute to building a better community. Understanding ourselves before understanding others is a crucial step. Let us embrace the fact that there are diversities among us and recognize how these diversities can work together to create a better world. We should strive to help others, be open to change and different perspectives, and respect every culture that is different from our own.
- **Learning to Be:** This focuses on the holistic development of the human person. Let us aspire to achieve our highest potential by nurturing our moral, social, spiritual, physical, and intellectual dimensions.

By embracing these principles, we will create a new era of growth and progress. I have great hope that the DBCC e-voice will play a major role in fulfilling this mission. I extend my heartfelt best wishes to all of you for the upcoming year.



Dr. Xavier Raja Rathinam S.  
**Principal**

## Embracing Values, Encouraging Growth, and Fostering Success



Greetings and welcome to the new academic year 2023-24!

I hope you all are ready to start this year with enthusiasm and curiosity.

This year promises to be an exciting and rewarding one, with many opportunities for learning, growth, and success. We have a diverse and talented community of learners, educators, and support staff who are committed to excellence and collaboration. We also have a rich and varied curriculum that will challenge and inspire you to reach your full potential.

As we begin this new journey together, I would like to remind you of some important values that we uphold as a college: compassion, commitment, responsibility, self-regulation, and collaboration. These values guide our actions and decisions and help us create a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone.

I would also like to encourage you to be proactive, creative, and resilient in your academic pursuits. Don't be afraid to ask questions, seek help, explore new ideas, and learn from your mistakes. Remember that learning is a lifelong process that requires effort, perseverance, and passion.

I am confident that this year will be a memorable and meaningful one for all of us. I look forward to seeing you all on campus and working with you to make this year a great success.

Rev. Fr. Ernest Rosario, SDB  
**Director of Communication**

## Youth: An Avatar of New Earth

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on 5th June since 1973. It is a celebration of our Planet Earth. World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world. It is time to create awareness about environmental issues to make significant changes in global environmental policies. With our depleting natural resources, highly politicized environmental approaches, and slow impactful plans, our world is on the verge of ecological collapse. We need to preserve our mother earth if we want to live a healthy, happy, and sustainable life. Youth are the catalyst in our society.



Youth are dynamic and ready to venture into saving our mother planet. Youth will create a Pygmalion effect in the mindset of global citizens to save our planet earth. They are the new avatar to create a new earth free from all the pollution. UN Secretary, General António Guterres said in his World Environment Day message, "We must work as one – governments, companies, and consumers alike – to break our addiction to plastics, champion zero waste, and build a truly circular economy." As we start a new academic year, let us make our Youth – an avatar of our new earth.

Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB  
**Vice Principal**



# Embracing Change and Honoring Commitment: A Farewell and Welcome at DBCC



A momentous occasion unfolded at the esteemed Don Bosco Bi-Centenary Hall as the College community gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter SDB, the former Principal, and extend a warm welcome to Dr. Xavier Rajarathnam, the New Principal, along with Rev. Fr. Sagaya Kasi SDB, Vice Principal, and Rev. Fr. Joe Anand SDB, Administrator. The event was even more special with the presence of Fr. Rajkumar, the secretary who gracefully facilitated the proceedings, offering his words of welcome and gratitude.

In a heartfelt tribute, Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB took a special moment to acknowledge and appreciate the remarkable service and commitment of Rev. Fr. Praveen Peter, who dedicated one year of his life to the growth and well-being of the College community. The audience was deeply moved as they witnessed the recognition of his invaluable contributions.

We continued to unfold with a delightful cultural program, showcasing the immense talent of the college's esteemed professors. Through their captivating performances, they depicted the rich tapestry of culture and creativity that thrived within the Don Bosco College, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

To honor the departing Principal, a special gift was presented to Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter. The College and staff members came together, expressing their gratitude and respect through separate tokens of appreciation. It was a touching gesture that spoke volumes about the deep admiration and fondness for their beloved leader. The Event Program continued with an inspiring keynote address by Rev. Fr. Ernest Rosario SDB, who applauded the incredible work of our college and shared his vision for the future. His words resonated deeply with all in attendance, igniting a renewed sense of purpose and determination.

The event culminated with a convivial lunch, where all teaching and non-teaching staff members gathered to share a meal and strengthen the bonds of camaraderie. In this joyous atmosphere, the college community celebrated the past, embraced the present, and looked forward to the promising future under the guidance of the new leadership.

In reflection of this memorable occasion, we quote, "Amidst the ebb and flow of transitions, we hold dear the commitment and dedication that shape our college. As we bid farewell to a leader who has left an indelible mark, we welcome with open arms the new stewards of our shared vision. Together, let us embark on a journey filled with possibilities, united in our pursuit of excellence. "With this heartfelt sentiment, we embark on a new chapter in the remarkable story of Don Bosco College, led by a dynamic team driven by passion and purpose.

# Inspire Professors: Rev. Fr. Paul Raj Ignites Personal Excellence

We organized a captivating one-day capacity-building workshop, exclusively designed for its esteemed professors. The session, titled "The Alchemist Educator: Personal Excellence for Professors," was skillfully animated by the renowned Rev. Fr. Paul Raj SDB. Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB, introduced the speaker of the day.

With enthusiasm and expertise, He guided the professors on a transformative journey toward personal excellence in their teaching profession. The workshop emphasized the alchemical power within educators to inspire and nurture the minds of their students.

Throughout the day, engaging discussions and practical exercises empowered the professors to explore innovative teaching methodologies and cultivate a student-centric approach. His insights and strategies were invaluable in fostering effective communication and building meaningful connections with students.

The workshop facilitated a collaborative learning environment where professors shared their experiences and exchanged success stories. By embracing new technologies and adopting a holistic approach, the professors were encouraged to unleash their full potential as alchemist educators.

He animated sessions left the professors inspired and equipped with practical tools to enhance their teaching practices. The workshop nurtured their personal growth, empowering them to create a profound impact on the lives of their students.

Don Bosco College remains dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence and continuous professional development among its professors. By investing in capacity-building initiatives like this, the college ensures a transformative learning experience for its students.

As He beautifully expressed, "The alchemist educator unleashes the transformative power within, shaping young minds into gold. With personal excellence as our guiding light, we ignite the flames of curiosity and inspiration in the hearts of our students."

Don Bosco College celebrates the dedication and commitment of its professors, appreciating their unwavering pursuit of personal excellence. The workshop served as a catalyst for their professional growth and will undoubtedly pave the way for a brighter future in education.



# Workshop on Salesian Pedagogy

A half-day workshop on Salesian Pedagogy, the esteemed education system of Don Bosco, was conducted for the dedicated staff members at the DB Bi-centenary Hall. The session, led by Rev. Fr. John Christy SDB, provided valuable insights into the unique pedagogical approach that forms the foundation of education at Don Bosco College.

With precision and expertise, Fr. John Christy guided the staff members through the core principles of Salesian Pedagogy, emphasizing the importance of fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. The workshop highlighted the key elements of student-centered education, holistic development, and the cultivation of strong mentor-student relationships.

Through interactive discussions and practical examples, the staff members gained a deeper understanding of the Salesian approach and its profound impact on the educational experience. They explored strategies to effectively engage and inspire students, instilling in them a love for learning and personal growth.

This workshop served as a platform for the staff members to reflect on their roles as educators and further align themselves with the vision and values of Don Bosco College. It reinforced their commitment to providing an education that not only imparts knowledge but also nurtures character and values.

Don Bosco College continues to uphold the spirit of its founder, St. Don Bosco, by embracing Salesian Pedagogy. This unique approach places emphasis on the individual needs and potential of each student, fostering an atmosphere of care, respect, and academic excellence.

As the workshop concluded, the staff members left with renewed enthusiasm, armed with practical strategies to enhance their teaching practices and positively impact the lives of their students. They are now better equipped to contribute to the holistic development of the students within the Don Bosco College community.

Don Bosco College celebrates its dedicated staff members and their commitment to embracing Salesian Pedagogy. By investing in their professional growth, the college ensures an enriching and transformative educational journey for every student who walks through its doors.





# Annual Planning meeting for the Academic Year 2023-2024: Inspiring Proactive Response and Education Excellence

In a significant event for the academic year 2023-2024, Don Bosco College convened a common staff meeting, graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, Rector & Secretary, Dr. Xavier Raja Rathinam – the Principal, Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB – the Vice Principal, and Rev. Fr. Joe Anand SDB – the Admin. The gathering aimed to foster unity, share insights, and inspire proactive response among the college's staff members.

The meeting began with Prayer song and Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn animated and guided the staff members on the topic "Proactive Response among the Young People" and "The Heart of Good Shepherd." His powerful words encouraged the staff to actively engage with and support the youth in their educational journey.

Dr. Xavier Raja Rathinam took the stage, providing a brief overview of the "Four Pillars of Education Program," outlining the college's holistic approach to education. His presentation emphasized the importance of nurturing the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects of students' development.

Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB enlightened the staff on the evolving education system, focusing on the transition from 1.0 to 4.0. His insightful discourse shed light on the advancements in education and the college's commitment to staying at the forefront of innovative teaching methodologies.

Rev. Fr. Joe Anand emphasized the significance of personal formation, highlighting that it begins within oneself. His words resonated with the staff, reminding them of their role as mentors and guides in the holistic development of the students entrusted to their care.

This common staff meeting served as an opportunity for the staff members to come together, align their goals, and strengthen their commitment to providing quality education rooted in the values of Don Bosco. The insights shared and discussions held will undoubtedly contribute to the college's continued growth and success. The Program was coordinated by Mr. Arun Kumar.

Don Bosco College recognizes the crucial role its staff plays in shaping the lives of young individuals. By fostering a proactive response among the staff and focusing on the heart of a good shepherd, the college reaffirms its commitment to providing a nurturing and supportive environment for its students.





# International Day of Yoga

Don Bosco College marked the World Day of Yoga with enthusiasm and mindfulness. In the morning, department assemblies were held, focusing on the practice of yoga. Faculty and staff members gathered for invigorating yoga sessions led by experienced instructors. The assemblies provided a serene environment for participants to engage in yoga postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques.

The college aimed to promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being through the celebration of the World Day of Yoga. The sessions encouraged relaxation, stress reduction, and enhanced concentration. By emphasizing the importance of self-care and mindfulness, Don Bosco College demonstrated its commitment to holistic development. The celebration served as a reminder of the benefits of yoga in fostering personal and professional growth.

Participants experienced a renewed sense of vitality and clarity as they embraced the practice of yoga.



Don Bosco College recognizes the power of yoga in nurturing a healthy and thriving community. The World Day of Yoga celebrations at Don Bosco College reinforced the college's dedication to promoting well-being and mindfulness among its faculty and staff members. The Physical instructor Ms. Padma Priya has animated the event with college students.

# International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

The National Service Scheme (NSS) took a proactive stance against drug abuse and illicit trafficking by organizing an event on the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The event held at the entrance of Don Bosco Arts and Science College and Taylors Road signal road, with the coordination of Dr. Asaikkannu.

The students of the NSS unit gathered at these locations to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and the importance of curbing illicit trafficking. Through informative posters, interactive discussions, and engaging conversations, the participants aimed to educate and inspire individuals to make informed choices and contribute to a drug-free society.



# Career Guidance Program for the final year students

Don Bosco College recently organized a dynamic training program alongside the grand inauguration of the Don Bosco Vazhikaati initiative. The program aimed to equip 3rd-year students with essential skills for their future careers.

The training program consisted of modules focused on profile creation, personal branding, creative and grooming skills, group discussion (GD) skills, mock interviews, and core professional skills. Students learned to effectively showcase their abilities, exude confidence, and make a lasting impression in the job market.

Simultaneously, the college introduced the Don Bosco Vazhikaati initiative, a comprehensive career development platform. The initiative offers resources, mentorship, internships, industrial visits, and networking opportunities to guide students throughout their academic journey.

Rev. Fr. James SDB, Director, Vazhikatti expressed enthusiasm for the training program and initiative, highlighting their importance in nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared for success. The college remains committed to holistic education, empowering students to contribute meaningfully to society.

Don Bosco College continues to shape the future of its students, keeping Don Bosco's belief that education is a matter of the heart at its core.





*Thank You !*



Rev. Dr. Praveen Peter SDB  
**Former Principal**

*Welcome*

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