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WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON

Prospectus



In Hoc Signo Vinces





Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of my companions in the Wah Yan community, I offer my warmest welcome to all who take an interest in Wah Yan College, Kowloon (WYK), a Jesuit boys' school established since 1924.



Illuminating the vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, Jesuit education entails expansive learning experiences that transcend regular teach and preach. It calls for an active appropriation of knowledge and skills elicited from a cycle of experience, reflection, and action, with a view to nurturing intellectual, ethical, and discerning individuals. At WYK, it is our tradition to learn by experience, learn through reflection, and learn with and from companions.

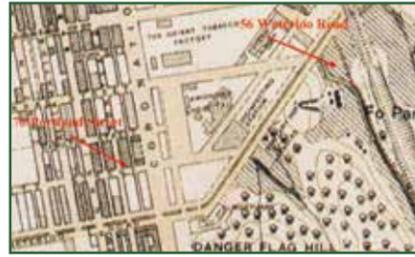
As Ignatian educators, we care deeply for the mind as much as the heart and soul of each student. Not only do we aspire to sharpen the intellect, but also awaken the spirituality of students. We inspire and encourage students to open doors to diverse learning experiences, from which they take the initiative to learn to do better every day, and in every way – and serve the greater good as Men for and with Others. On their journey towards personal growth and self-exploration, we double our roles as their life companions as they travel through peaks and valleys in their lives.

As we transcend the century, I am confident that WYK will remain true to its founding principles and Jesuit values in nurturing more warm hearts and great minds for the betterment of our shared world – for the greater glory of God.

In taking up the baton of Principal of a school blessed with a rich heritage, I am honoured and humbled to invite you to come and discover the Jesuit learning experience that WYK has to offer.

Ms. CHOW Tze Sze Cecilia
Principal

SCHOOL HISTORY



1924



1941



1945



1952



1959

1919

- Wah Yan College founded by Mr. TSUI Yan Sau Peter at 60 Hollywood Road, Hong Kong
- "Wah" refers to "Ng Wah", a district in Guangdong from where Mr. TSUI came from; "Yan" is the middle name of Mr. TSUI

1924

- Kowloon Branch of Wah Yan College was established at 70 Portland Street
- Initial enrolment stood at 24

1926

- Mr. LIM Hoy Lan served as Headmaster

1928

- Relocated to its first self-owned premises at 8 Nelson Street as student enrolment grew
- Mr. CHOW Cheng Lam served as Principal

1933

- Became an independent grant-in-aid school and named Wah Yan College, Kowloon
- Mr. LIM Hoy Lan served as Principal until 1952
- Investiture of 11th Kowloon Boy Scout Troop

1936

- First Sports Meet held at Kowloon Football Club

1941

- Branch for senior students was established at 103 Austin Road
- School was closed after three months of operation due to Japanese invasion

1945

- School reopened at Nelson Street

1946

- Management transferred to Society of Jesus and named College of the Sacred Heart

1950

- Groundbreaking ceremony for the new campus at 56 Waterloo Road

1952

- New campus at 56 Waterloo Road was officially opened by Governor Sir A. GRANTHAM
- Fr. TONER, S.J. served as Principal

1953

- First issue of the Shield, the school annual magazine, published

1955

- Auditorium (now School Hall) opened

1957

- Fr. DARGAN, S.J. served as Principal

1959

- St. Ignatius Chapel consecrated by Bishop L. BIANCHI
- A-Grade Football team made a clean sweep in inter-school football games

1960

- Fr. FARREN, S.J. served as Principal

1962

- Primary 6 ceased operation

1966

- Fr. REID, S.J. served as Principal
- Students' Association established; KWOK Siu Tong Edmund was the President
- First issue of Signum, the school newspaper, published by the Students' Association

1967

- Fr. CUNNINGHAM, S.J. founded the first air scout troop of Hong Kong (11th Kowloon Air Scout Troop)

1968

- New Wing (now East Building) blessed and opened by Bishop F. HSU
- WYK Past Students' Association established; Mr. WONG Kong Sum Bernard as Chairman
- The Shield was edited by students for the first time

1972

- Tennis Team won the first of 10 consecutive championships in Inter-school Tennis Tournament

1976

- Music Association established

1978

- Fr. DEIGNAN, S.J. served as Principal

1981

- Chinese Instrumental Group and Western Instrumental Group established

1982

- Catholic Association established

1988

- Swimming Pool opened

1991

- Opening Ceremony of LAW Ting Pong Building

1992

- Mr. SO Chung Ping Norman (Class of 1965) served as Principal
- Mr. SO was appointed as the first layman Principal under the supervision of the Society of Jesus

1996

- The Shield was the first school magazine to launch CD-ROM edition in Hong Kong

1998

- The Shield was launched online

1999

- Parents' Association established

2002

- Air Cadet Corps 207 Squadron established

2005

- Ricci Building opened

2009

- Dr. John TAN served as Principal

2013

- Mr. CHUNG Wai Leung Warren (Class of 1979) succeeded as Principal

2014

- New artificial turf football pitch blessed and opened
- 90th Anniversary was celebrated alongside the 95th Anniversary of Wah Yan, Hong Kong
- Our first HKDSE top scholar (L5** in seven subjects)

2016

- School Choir crowned Choir of the World in International Choral Kathaumixw, B.C., Canada

2019

- 95th Anniversary was celebrated alongside the Centenary of Wah Yan, Hong Kong under the theme of "Transcending 100: Service, Companionship, Renewal"
- Ice Hockey Team won the Inter-school Championship for 4 consecutive years

2022

- Mr. CHUNG retired, Ms. CHOW Tze Sze Cecilia succeeded as Principal
- 70th Anniversary of the Waterloo Road campus was celebrated under the bilingual theme of "56 Waterloo We CARE We Pledge 鉅禧校園 仁風致遠"



Mr. LIM Hoy Lan
Headmaster (Tenure: 1926-28)



Fr. TONER, S.J.
Principal (Tenure: 1952-1957)



Fr. DARGAN, S.J.
Principal (Tenure: 1957-1960)



Fr. FARREN, S.J.
Principal (Tenure: 1960-1966)



Fr. REID, S.J.
Principal (Tenure: 1966-1978)

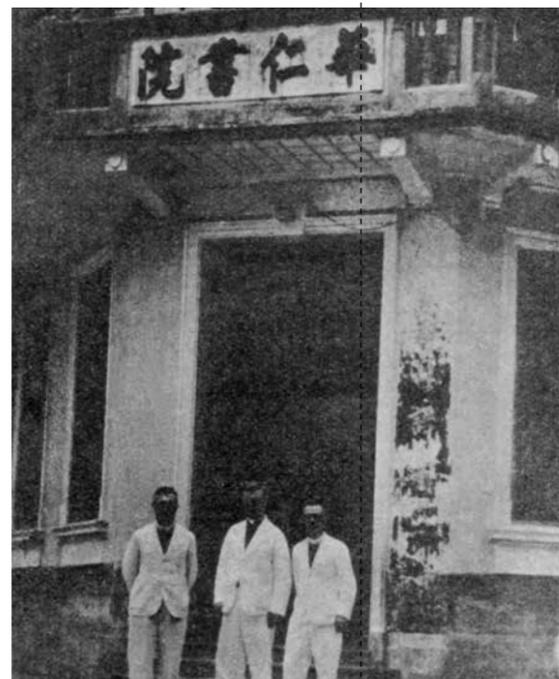


Fr. DEIGNAN, S.J.
Principal (Tenure: 1978-1992)



THE QUINTESSENCE OF WYK

*“O Lord Jesus,
be with me all through today to help me to live
as I ought to live.”*



JESUIT EDUCATION: BACKGROUND & TRADITIONS

Wah Yan College was founded by Mr Peter TSUI Yan Sau at 60 Hollywood Road, Hong Kong in 1919. In 1924, the Kowloon Branch of Wah Yan College was established with an initial enrolment of 24 students and subsequently became one of the first Grant-in-Aid schools managed by Chinese.

In 1946, the management was handed over to the care of the Society of Jesus.

Fledgling from the Portland Street, Nelson Street and Austin Road campuses especially against the headwinds of the Japanese Occupation and post-war era, Wah Yan College, Kowloon never shies away from, but thrives well in challenges.

In 1952, when our new campus was officially opened by the then Governor, Sir Grantham, we have ever since stood tall and strong, and remained firm and poised at 56 Waterloo Road.

Throughout the century, our core values of nurturing men of competence, commitment, compassion, and conscience have not fallen out of step with the times.

Jesuit Education is not about some pedagogical dogma, but allows room for transcendence and transformation across space and time, exalting as timeless wisdom in every sense of the word.

SCHOOL CREST

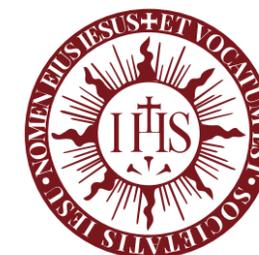
Taking the shape of a shield, the school crest signifies protection. The red cross in the shield symbolises the blood of Jesuit Christ and the crucifix, representing God's love for everyone.

The Latin phrase "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES" means "By this sign, you shall conquer". Wahyanites shall follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and conquer all difficulties with love.



SCHOOL VISION

We offer a holistic, liberating and transforming Catholic education within a learning community for students and staff to become progressively competent, committed, compassionate, spiritual, and ethically discerning persons with a universal heart contributing to the welfare and happiness of all, in particular, the poor and the neglected.





At 56 Waterloo Road sits our vast and green campus that spans about 41,500 square metres, which is one of the largest school campuses in the city.



CAMPUS

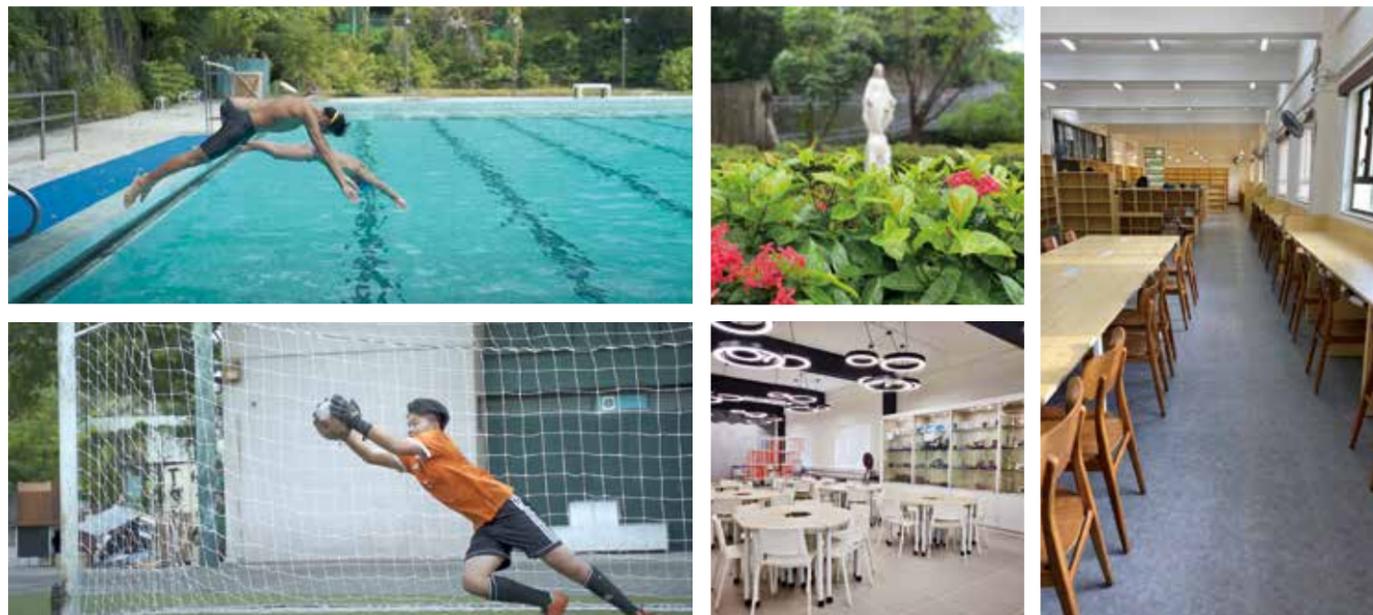
Akin to a botanic garden at the heart of the city centre with hundreds of trees and a variety of colourful and fragrant shrubs, our verdant campus has a natural affinity with our Jesuit fathers from Ireland in the early days, and has all along been an idyllic place for intellectual and spiritual growth, flourishing together with generations of Wahyanites.

In the comforting breeze that wafts the refreshing scent of the lawns in the main building area stands – in serenity – our historic and beloved St. Ignatius Chapel. Rising steep from the ceremonial stairs at the Main Entrance, the Chapel is a modern feat of architectural ingenuity, an integral part of the campus, as well as a spiritual home for all.

Conducive to whole-person development, our campus houses a wide range of facilities way beyond regular standards, allowing space for our diverse talents to grow and shine, and thrive intellectually, culturally and aesthetically as Renaissance Men who stand out from the common run of men.

Facilities include:

- *Two Football Pitches (Astro-turf & Cement)*
- *Two Basketball Courts*
- *Four Tennis Courts*
- *Swimming Pool*
- *Fitness Training Room*
- *Five Science Laboratories (including a state-of-the-art STEM Lab)*
- *Music Centre*
- *Language Library*



EXPANSIVE NETWORK

WAHYANESQUE FRATERNITY

As Men of Human Excellence and Men for and with Others, Wahyanites grow and learn in class, sweat and toil in competitions, create and innovate for the betterment of mankind, serve the greater good and not to count the cost – a strong sense of brotherhood is cultivated at a tender age of 11 or 12.

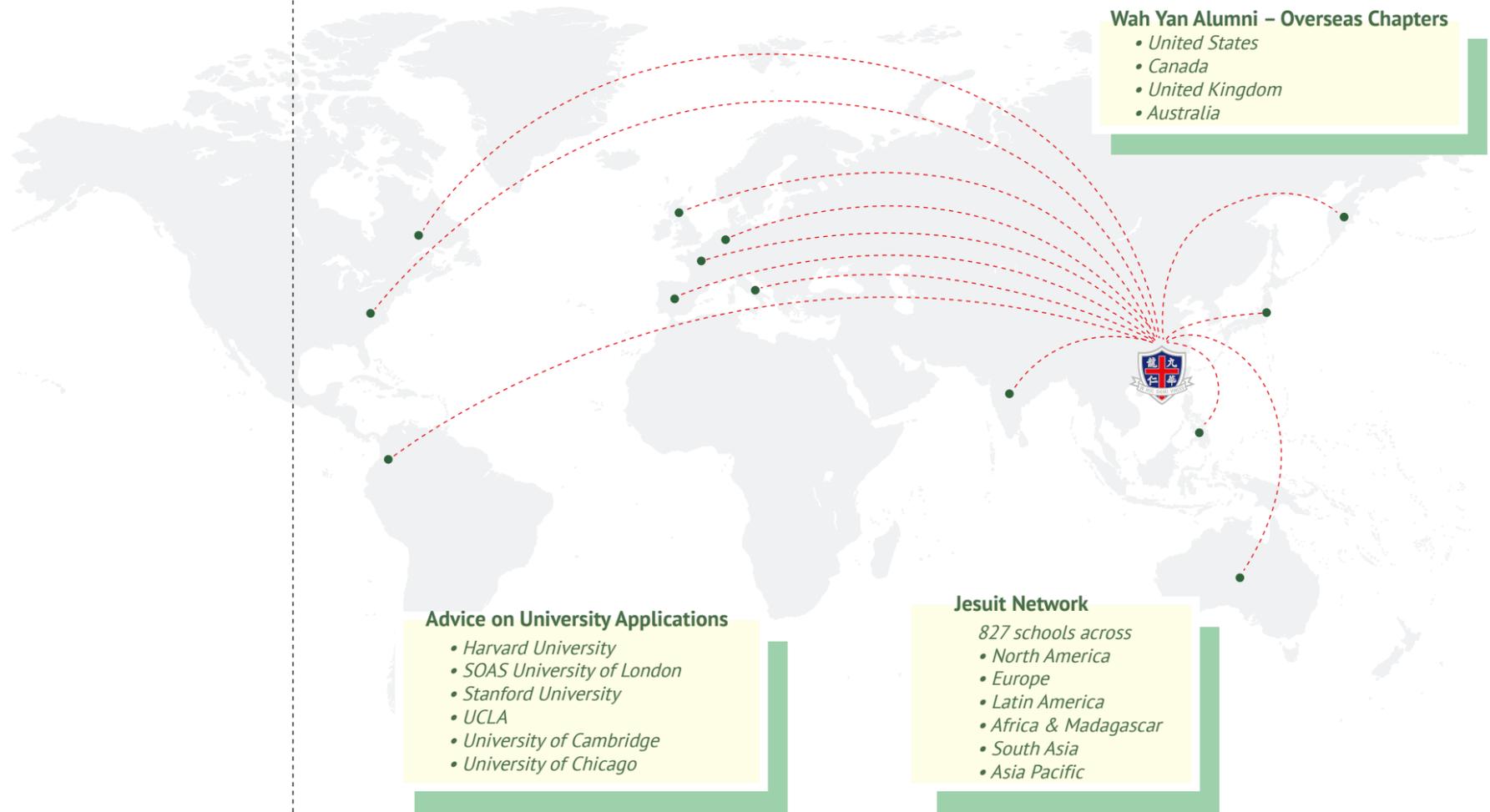
Years and even decades after graduation, they are as closely-knitted as ever in the name of Wah Yan – whether they are excelling as leaders-in-service in their areas of expertise locally, or venturing overseas to serve as conscientious global citizens, the sense of kinship that Wahyanites share always transcend spatial and temporal limits.

From Europe to the United States, Canada to the Asia Pacific, a robust international network is established abroad, in addition to the professional fraternities (medical, legal and finance, etc) that are based mainly at home.

The expansive and prospering networks do not only testify the lifelong brotherhood among the old boys, but also provide invaluable support to current students, as in the forms of lining up mentorship and workplace attachment programmes, supporting overseas experiential learning, or even offering insights into application for renowned universities around the world.

WYKPSA & WYOFF

The Past Students' Association and Wah Yan One Family Foundation have, for decades, remained one of the staunch supporters of the above initiatives.



*The above lists are non-exhaustive

IGNATIAN EDUCATORS

As a Jesuit School, WYK is part of the global network that encompasses 827 Jesuit Schools around the world, all dedicated to learning and living for the greater glory of God.

Our educators are actively connected with their global companions, and regularly undergo formation programmes that keep them abreast of the Ignatian Pedagogy and milestones in contemporary Jesuit education. Progressively trained to be reflective and discerning, our professional and competent team of educators strive to nurture future generations with spiritual vision and intellectual rigor.



ABOUT

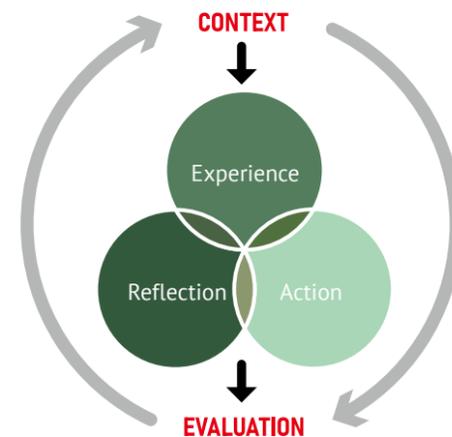
What sets Jesuit Education apart is the quintessential cura personalis that we offer.

LEARNING & TEACHING

At Wah Yan, we do not only nurture men who excel academically – as Ignatian educators, we put equally great emphasis on the development of the whole person, allowing space and time for students to be creative and discerning, dare to dream, and fly high.

IGNATIAN PEDAGOGICAL PARADIGM

Rooted in the spiritual exercises devised by St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 500 years ago, the Ignatian pedagogy transcends regular teach and preach – it calls for an active appropriation of knowledge and skills elicited from a cycle of experience, reflection, and action, with a view to nurturing intellectual, ethical, and discerning individuals.



CURA PERSONALIS

We care for the heart and soul as much as the mind. We value plurality and uniqueness – believing every Wahyanite is a star in the making. On their journeys toward self-exploration and personal development, we double our roles as life companions who keep them company no matter they are hitting peaks or valleys in their lives.



Cura Personalis, care for the whole person, is our calling as Ignatian educators at Wah Yan.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Grounded in the Liberal Arts tradition, Jesuit Education entails expansive learning experiences – inside and outside classrooms. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages cross-curricular learning from S1 through S6 using English as a medium of instruction.

The Intellect

- nurturing self-directed learning capabilities and competencies in critical thinking, communication, creativity, STEM skills, and language arts

The Aesthetics

- through music and visual arts education

Physical Fitness

- boosting stamina, endurance and self-discipline; students are expected to take up at least one sport

Values Education & Spiritual Formation

- through Examen and reflection, understanding self and others, nurturing empathy

Gifted Education for All

- we do not selectively nurture gifted students, but the gift of all students



SCHOOL LIFE

A Whayanesque school life is characterised by its vibrancy, diversity and the close-knit fraternity that promises to be an absolute treasure that Wahyanites hold dear to their hearts for life.

Whether you are a budding artist, athlete, linguist, scholar, leader, or just a candid young gentleman with a warm heart, you always have an opportunity to rise and shine at WYK.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Named after key figures of The Society of Jesus, namely, Faber, Loyola, Ricci, and Xavier, the Houses embody the spirit of our devout and insightful pioneers who humbly committed their lives to charity, discipline, courage and loyalty.

The House Captains take the lead to motivate members to strive for excellence in all competitions and activities, with a view to cultivating brotherhood among members across all forms.



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

WYK is an Aided School fully funded by the Government, students do not have to pay any standard school fees. In addition, scholarships and financial aid are readily available for our fine young gentlemen in pursuit of their dreams and aspirations at different stages of their learning journey – at Wah Yan and beyond.

In particular, as a Jesuit School, we serve the faith that does justice and believe that no students should be deprived of quality education due to financial hardship. We embrace students from all walks of life.

Apart from current students, prospective and graduating students displaying potential and great flair in specific areas, such as academic, music, sports, service, etc will also be merited.

As Ignatian educators who care deeply for the whole-person development of our young gentlemen especially during their formative years, we aim to get them well-covered.





MAGIS

*"Every day and in every way,
we can do better and better. Why not?"
- Fr. Harold NAYLOR S. J.*

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since 1924, Wahyanites have long been respected for its diverse talents, have consistently fared well in their studies, aimed high in pursuing their aspirations, which earn them admission to prestigious universities around the world.

Our first HKDSE Top Scholar (L5** in seven subjects) bloomed in 2014.

Virtually all our graduates further their studies at local or overseas universities of their choice. Locally, the three leading universities, namely The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology remain our common destinations.

Overseas offers in recent years include:

- *University of Oxford*
- *University College London*
- *Imperial College London*
- *King's College London*
- *Cornell University*
- *UC Berkeley*



PRIZES & AWARDS

Wahyanites are offered ample opportunities to develop their talents, polish their skills, and shine with passion in the local scene as well as on the international arena – excelling as Men of Human Excellence and Men for and with Others.

Prizes and awards in recent years include:

Scholarships

- *Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes (2020-2022)*
- *Multi-Faceted Excellence Scholarship 2021*
- *Grantham Scholars of the Year (2019 & 2020)*
- *Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme 2018*

STEM

- *National Olympiad in Informatics (HK representative; Bronze Medal) 2022*
- *CUHK Jockey Club AI for the Future Project Secondary School Think and Create Competition (Winner & Outstanding Social Awareness Award) 2021*
- *Hong Kong Physics Olympiad (1st Honour) 2021*
- *International Junior Science Olympiad (HK Screening; 1st Class Honour) 2020*
- *Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2016 (Champion)*

Language, Music & Arts

- *HK Schools Speech Festival (Chinese & English Speeches) (1st Place in Solo Verse Speaking)*
- *HK Inter-school Choral Competition cum Masterclass 2020 (Gold Award)*
- *Thailand English Debate Open 2019 (High School Champion)*
- *Grantham Visual Arts Award 2019*
- *International Choral Kathaumixw, B.C. Canada 2016 (Choir of the World)*

Sports

- *Hong Kong School Ice Hockey League – Champions (2016-2019)*
- *Bauhinia Bowl Award for Sports - Most Progressive School Award (2015-2017)*

*The above list is non-exhaustive

TRANSCENDENCE
WAH YAN
COLLEGE KOWLOON

Transcendence

MEN FOR & IN
THE 21ST CENTURY

*We take pride in the names of Wah Yan
and Jesuit education, not out of romanticism,
but as an inspiration for the future.*

THE RENAISSANCE MAN

SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

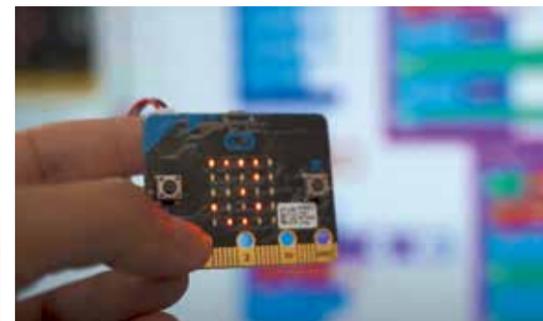
Drawing on the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm, we empower and engage our students in self-directed learning. Students are expected to set SMART learning goals, learn time management, master skills such as note-taking, concept mapping and collaborative learning, and aspire to be lifelong self-directed and reflective learners.

CROSS-CURRICULAR EDUCATION

To facilitate deeper learning that goes beyond the mastery of concepts prescribed in a specific curriculum, we encourage cross-curricular learning and reading – fusing hard knowledge across disciplines with soft skills like critical thinking, design thinking, problem solving and communication etc. Education in the 21st century transcends textbook memorisation; it is more about personalisation of learning experiences that broadens students' development on different levels: the intellectual, physical, aesthetic, moral and social.

STEM & LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

The digital age necessitates STEM skills; yet, it cannot sit apart from language arts as they are integral to each other in terms of communication. In junior forms, all students are to learn coding as well as literature, laying a solid foundation and becoming progressively competent in STEM, design thinking, and communication skills in senior forms.



As Men of Human Excellence, serving the world with competence, commitment, compassion, and conscience

CHARACTER FORMATION & PASTORAL CARE

We stress character formation and introduce the Examen, a form of spiritual exercise, on every school day. Students develop the habit of learning through reflection, and the ability to empathise and discern, becoming compassionate global citizens.

Our psychologists, social workers, as well as our Jesuit fathers and Ignatian educators are all dedicated to building a caring and safe learning environment that brims with love – a home away from home that they can always rely on.



FROM BOYS TO MEN - FOR THE WORLD

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES

Catering for our diverse talent, Wahyanites are encouraged to explore their interests and stretch their potential on an international level. From flight training in Australia, service learning in Cambodia, to music masterclasses in Hungary, we are always there to accompanying them.

*Flying high at home and abroad
Opening up a world of opportunities*

SERVICE LEARNING

We care for and walk with others, especially the poor and the neglected. Students engage in service-learning in both the local and global contexts. Locally, students are expected to dedicate at least 10 hours each year to serving the community. Service-learning programmes include volunteering in rural areas in China, and MAGIS trip to Cambodia.

MUSIC

Our young music makers shine bright locally, and often take the international stages sparkling with vigor. From Tokyo and Beijing to Budapest and Slovenia, Wahyanites were crowned "Choir of the World" in a competition hosted in Canada. We are dedicated to spreading love through music.

SPORTS

Sports facilities are ample on campus, which are conducive to training physical fitness and stamina. We cater to a wide spectrum of interests, varying from tennis and football, to water polo and ice hockey. Wahyanites are active participants of the Inter-School Competitions (Division I) – and our Ice Hockey team was crowned Champion for four consecutive years.

Wah Yan College, Kowloon (WYK) was founded in 1924. We are a Jesuit boys' school offering secondary Catholic education from S1 through S6 (Grades 7 to 12).

The sponsoring body of WYK is the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). It is a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church with around 16,000 members spreading across the world. The Jesuits run more than 800 schools and universities among which are some of the best in the world.

WYK is managed by the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC). Chaired by the School Supervisor, the IMC comprises sponsoring body managers nominated by the Society of Jesus, the Principal, teacher managers, parent managers, an alumni manager, and an independent manager.



*“Give me a child ... and
I will give you the man.”*

(Jesuit maxim attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola)

