



STUDENT VOICE IN 2017

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Student Leadership gives a voice to the student body. It allows us to suggest ideas, voice concerns and affirm school initiatives, all of which make our community and our school a better place. It empowers students to take action to benefit all, ensuring continuous improvement throughout our journey at the College.

Celebrating Salesian College Chadstone's 60th year, as student leaders we had a lot to reflect on. The Hall of Fame Dinner we celebrated in March allowed us to revisit our school's history, with the memories of past pupils inspiring us to continue the legacy they have left behind, while crafting a legacy of our own for the future of the College.

After learning of Salesian College Chadstone's progress throughout the years and the rich culture of our past, we as leaders were motivated to ensure that the notions of brotherhood and Salesian pride were strengthened and given longevity. We were inspired to ensure that all boys were welcomed into the rich culture that we have been lucky enough to experience.

Community Week was given a name change this year to reflect the vision of Don Bosco. Don Bosco's Oratory Week celebrates the idea of Don Bosco's Oratory, a place that we can come together as a community to celebrate and look out for one another. With activities and events put in place to cater to a wide range of student interests, Don Bosco's Oratory Week ensured that students felt a true sense of belonging

to our diverse, multicultural community. Our week began with our Annual Walkathon, where we as a College Community raised over \$31,000! This money was donated directly to improving the education of our Salesian brothers and sisters in Samoa. Furthermore, our International Food Orders saw a range of food from different cultures available to order each day of the week. Throughout the week the school yard was full of activities which brought our community together in friendship and faith. Presentations from community services were arranged by our Student Wellbeing team, raising awareness of many social problems in our community, such as homelessness and family violence. The week concluded with Salesian Festival Day, where we celebrated with a Whole School Mass. We shared Eucharist together as we reflected on the great diversity of our community, our flag procession showcasing the 71 different cultural backgrounds Salesian College Chadstone represents.

Throughout the year, we have been actively involved in events that ensured that our culture thrived in every aspect of College life. From the more traditional activities, such as the House Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival, to all the events that encompassed our 60 Year Celebrations (including the Hall of Fame Dinner and the unveiling of our Don Bosco Statue), we are proud to have been involved in these efforts to ensure that every student experiences Don Bosco's vision of a school that is as much a place of learning as it is a home.

