



DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Bridging Classes - 2019

The implementation of a Bridging class to service the needs of specific learners was offered first to Grade 1 and 2 in 2014, and then to Grade 3 and 4 in 2017, with the objective of providing temporary intervention that will guide successful long term outcomes for a child.

Information gathered has shown that a Bridging Class model enjoys optimum efficiency when used over a limited period of time (e.g. one to two years), forming the supportive 'bridge' for children to cross from one phase of their schooling to another. During this period, the children receive individual support to help them meet the emotional, social and academic expectations in the mainstream classroom environment. Occasionally it is found that additional remedial intervention is required, or that a specialised remedial environment would be more conducive to meeting the needs of the child.

However, we have found that extending the Bridging Class over a four-year period can, in some instances, delay the progression of the child. With this in mind, the decision has been made to continue the Bridging Class only in Grade 1 and 2. In Grade 3, specific children identified will work in smaller groups under the guidance of a staff member in a separate venue for English and Mathematics. This will provide the academic support in these two subjects during their transition back into the mainstream environment. They will join their Grade 3 class for all other subjects during the course of the day.

When reviewing a system of policy, the children's best interests will remain central to the decision making process. De La Salle Holy Cross College remains an inclusive school committed to catering for a variety of children's needs.

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