

CALL OUT for *1st & 2nd years* to join us for **Term II** (January- June 2024) of

After School Study which is *fully supervised Monday -Friday, here in De La Salle College.*

The following article may help you decide... as it sums up Joe's top **10 GOOD reasons** for your child to sign up for regular After School Study.

Joe is a big advocate of after school study and recognises many schools now run it after class time finishes. 'Parents, I would highly recommend you enrol your child for these sessions (assuming it is affordable for you). I believe that (from second year upwards) this daily routine will help them settle into positive habits of completing their homework and getting some revision done each day'.

1. **Quiet Place**

In this noisy world, it can be difficult to find quiet times in the home; meals to be cooked, chores to be done and siblings running around. At school study, students are assured of quiet time to concentrate and put goals and preparation in place for what's upcoming that week.

2. **Learning Environment**

Being in school, students are in the place they are used to learning in. In the study hall, they will be assigned a proper table and chair with good heating and lighting for sessions. Their study environment at home may not be as good. Study in school could turn out to be more productive than efforts to concentrate at home. Their friends studying with them in the hall may provide extra motivation also, fostering a 'we are all in this together' group attitude.

3. **Proper Supervision**

After school study will usually be supervised by one of the subject teachers (who students will know), and this ensures they will be required to get on with their work and revision during the session. It may also be handy to have someone knowledgeable present that they can ask questions of if they are unsure about homework or notes.

4. **Homework Opportunities**

After school study should be looked at as an opportunity to get all **homework** of the day done to a high standard. Exam students should always complete every piece of homework like an exam question. I view homework as the best form of study.

5. **Revision Blocks**

Sometimes if a day contains free class periods, much of the day's homework may already be finished. In this case, students should set out two or three study blocks of thirty minutes in after school study to maximize their revision time. Getting some extra revision done during the week will give a great sense of satisfaction for that day and will take pressure off their workload for other days that week (including your weekend). After school study is the ideal place for this preparation.

6. **Home Unsuitability**

Sometimes good quality study and revision at home may not be feasible; there may be just too much going on. Parents knowing that their children have these extra hours in school will be reassured of genuine work being done and can of course check in on this with teachers.

7. **Catch-up Time**

Just before after school study is a great time to get notes from your buddies for any classes you may have missed over the previous few days. Prior to study, you will have a chance to discuss with them what homework needs to be done and clarify any issues for the next day's school also.

8. **Leisure Time**

Putting a big effort into after school study should leave you with more free time when you get home. Even during the week, every student needs a little bit of down time, whether that be, going to the cinema, visiting friends, playing sport, or just hanging out. This free time should be viewed by parents as a reward for their child's efforts during the day.

9. **Minimal Distractions**

After school study is now even more important given the emergence of the smart phone. As you well know, social media and phone access is a big distraction now, especially when trying to revise at home. **Not having devices in after school study** will make it much easier for your child to concentrate on tasks at hand without being disturbed by notifications.

10. **Early Finish**

Going into after school study soon after classes finish will ensure all homework will be completed earlier in the evening. This should improve productivity with their mind being fresher at this time. It should also give more opportunities for family meals and getting into good sleeping habits during the week.



'Do not ignore the subjects you are good at. Nurture them too.'

Thank you Joe for a great article EO'C

These are our *Procedures...* which all our students agree to, on enrollment...

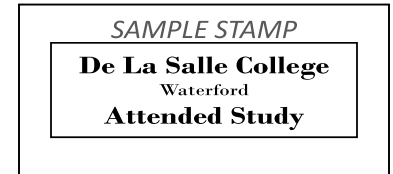
These have been decided on by regular consultation with all stakeholders.

De La Salle College After School Study

‘Our **AIM** for Study is to provide an environment that is focused, orderly and ultimately conducive to effective study’

Study is a very important part of a students’ education. It fosters self-reliance, self-esteem, discipline and fulfillment. It is very important for students to develop a habit of study if they are to reach their full potential. After School Study will provide students with an opportunity to develop a structured approach to their studies in preparation for their state and school examinations.

❖ We are delighted to offer After School Study to our students and continue to work hard to maintain structure in all aspects of their school life.



Listed are a few pointers to help us start...

❖ Students are not permitted to enter the centre before the supervisor as cleaning will be taking place.
❖ Students can enter at **4:05pm Monday & Tuesday** and **3:30pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday** this must be adhered to in the interest of keeping us all safe.

❖ Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones.

❖ It is compulsory to bring your **JOURNAL** to After School study.

❖ Attendance Rolls are **called** in order to record attendance and a seating plan is in place.

❖ Student Journals are stamped by The After School Study Supervisor(s) to show and monitor attendance.

❖ At all times the total number of students present must **match** the number of students **marked in**.

❖ Only student names printed on the roll **CAN** ATTEND Study, as they are enrolled for it.

❖ On completion of enrolment students will be issued the **Google Classroom code** to receive messages & reminders.

❖ All school rules extend into After School Study.

1. Students are expected to attend on time. A toilet break should be taken before the commencement of After School Study. As school rules are in operation during Study;

2. **No food** should be consumed in the study centre(s). Students should **Study in silence** and refrain from disrupting others.

3. Students are expected to bring all books/texts/materials to study.

4. Borrowing or moving around to get books from other students is not permitted.

5. A student should only leave the study centre in an exceptional circumstance and must ask permission of the supervisor to do so. Silence is imperative for the study environment disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated.

6. Students who wish to leave study early, must present a note, with written parental permission, to the supervisor.

Please note Texts received by a student prior to/during a Study session will NOT be accepted.

7. Permission to leave is given by The Supervisor, a record is then written into the **Yellow Leaving Early Sheet**. This is **‘initialled off’** by The Supervisor the letter/request is made to; Notes will be stamped and kept.

8. Incidents that occur during study are to be recorded in **The After school Study Incident Report Book** by The Supervisor(s) on duty.

9. Students must remain as per year group row assigned to them and fill up the Study Centre from the top of The Study Hall. Students must leave the centre in a clean and tidy condition.

Study Centres will be checked by Supervisors before and after each session to prevent damage to the Centres;

10. Wilful damage to school property will have to be paid for and a removal from Study may be exercised.

11. In the unlikely event of extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances, every effort will be made to give notice if supervised study has to be cancelled.

Announcements will be uploaded to our social media platforms; Google Classroom/ Twitter/Instagram/Facebook

To avoid disruption...students are permitted to leave at **half hourly** intervals.

Mon/Tues 4:30, 5:00 & 5:30.

Wed/Thurs/Fri 4:00, 4:30 & 5:00.

Our **CODE FOR PROMOTION OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR (CPPD)** extends into After School/Night Study.

Contact may be made with home to verify any absences.