



An Invitation to Remember

A Personal Message from the Principal

The College has grieved over the loss of members of its extended family during the First and Second waves of the Covid-19 pandemic. Each life lost was precious. To help each of us deal with closure, an inter-faith Service of Remembrance shall be conducted to pray for the souls of the departed and to provide strength for the bereaved. This shall be held on Monday, 1 November, 2021 at East Terrace at 6.00 p.m.

Religious leaders of FOUR prominent faiths – Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Christianity – shall lead the congregation in prayers for the repose of the souls of the departed, following the traditions and practices associated with these faiths.

Members of families who have faced loss are specially invited to the Prayer Service. The Staff of La Martiniere College and boys shall attend. The Prayer Service shall also help our boys who have faced loss to be comforted in knowing that La Martiniere College continues to remain their home and haven.

To make this Service of Remembrance more inclusive and personal, families that have faced loss of an immediate loved one, are requested to share biographical details to be included in a list of persons associated with the College whom we have lost. Information technology is being used to collect information. This may seem impersonal to some, which is understandable. I would, nonetheless, with great respect for the departed, request you to share the details with us by completing the survey, at the earliest, by clicking on the link given below:

<https://surveyheart.com/form/614ec3efb50d0e385fad9cce#welcome>

Contribution of information to this census is voluntary. There will, nevertheless, still be some whom we have lost who are only known to God. A list of the losses we record shall be prepared and retained in the College.

To memorialise the loss of loved ones in the only pandemic in living memory, a Memorial Plaque shall be unveiled in the College Chapel. This shall bear the words:

**IN MEMORY OF
The victims of the Covid-19 Pandemic
(2020 – 2021)**

Former Principal, Former Staff, Serving Staff, Pupils, Alumni, Parents, Family & Friends

**Each one specially honoured, even as memory begins to fade.
“Not lost, just gone before ...”**

Your loved one shall be remembered through this memorial.

Carlyle McFarland