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Dear members,

On behalf of the Maryknoll Convent School Alumni BC Association, I would like to invite you to participate our 2007/2008 Annual General Meeting. We are currently accepting nomination for committee members. You are welcome to nominate yourself or a fellow Maryknoller.

Our AGM is going to be held on December 8, 2007 (Saturday) at Victoria Seafood Restaurant, 1088 Melville Street, Vancouver at 6 pm.

If you are interested to join us, please email me at ww_fong@yahoo.com or contact me at 604-916-5901

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM.





MCS CALENDAR

October 13th (Saturday)
La Salle College Old Boys Association (Vancouver Chapter) celebrating 75th Anniversary of La Salle College.

October 17th (Wednesday)
Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m., Helen's place.



November 17 (Saturday)
Wah Yan College Alumni (Vancouver) Association Annual Ball.

December 8 (Saturday)
Annual General Meeting Dinner at Victoria Seafood Restaurant, Vancouver



Growing up as Maryknollers

Maryknoll Convent School Mentorship Programme (2006-2007): Feedback Summary

All 79 mentees responded to the survey. Here's what they had to say.

From the mentees' feedback, we know that 99% will maintain contact with the mentors, and 86% enjoyed the relationship, sharing aspirations, joy and challenges.

We are most happy to report that their feedback is both positive and encouraging. Please see the summary below, and enjoy what they are saying about our time with them (verbatim comments in italics).

What has this programme achieved?

Strengthened their Maryknoll spirit.

- This main goal has certainly been achieved. Most, if not all mentors, have shared their school life in MCS, funny things in school, and sharing of MCS in the past, present, and possible future.
- 71% agreed that mentors helped them identify with the MCS tradition & culture; 61% said it strengthened their sense of belonging to MCS.

Supported their personal growth.

- We have given them useful advice, listened to their family problems and exam pressures, and invited them to visit our families.
- 43% agreed that their self-confidence grew; 61% improved in interpersonal skills, and 72% felt the program helped their overall personal development.

Enhanced their understanding of career opportunities

- We have discussed future career, choices of universities, and worries regarding interviews. One even invited the mentee to her clinic, learning how a real doctor works.
- We have broadened 75% mentees' horizons, and enhanced 56%'s views on career development.

What have we learned from this year's experience?

- As far as numbers of contacts are concerned, 1/5 made contact 2 times or less, over 1/2 between 3-7 times and 1/4 over 7 times. Many mentees initiated contact, and for those who did not often they were concerned that they might be interrupting our busy schedule.
- Most common types of contact are via email and gatherings such as lunch and tea. Phones and text messages are also used.
- Outings such as BBQ or outdoor activities are less common, but very much welcomed by the mentees.
- The mentees enjoyed the formal events. Almost 70% claimed to have enjoyed especially the Launching Ceremony. As a matter of fact, mentees prefer to have more organized gatherings, especially those hosted by the Facilitator group.

