

# *Class of 2018.*

## *The first graduates!!*



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# Rejoicing

in celebration of their achievements

## A note from...

**Fr Roberto (Bert) Boholst SJ**  
**Principal of Loyola College.**

Every day our students commit to their future through study, discipline and the generous service of God. It has been a year of enormous transformations.

Because at Loyola College, known locally as Colégio de Santo Inácio de Loiola, we work hard, we excel, we look for the magis - not for ourselves, but for the greater glory of God. Here we are forming young people who are competent, compassionate and committed. We nurture their gifts and help them grow into men and women for others.

I am so proud of our Loyola graduates. Their intelligence, their excitement for learning, their willingness to be accompanied, is truly heartening. It is a joy to teach them each day. My hope is they will go on to achieve scholarships for tertiary education, and master their fields. Not just for financial reward but to be full

participants in the development of their country. Since the day they entered this school, they have strived to do better. Now they are our future.

We are here thanks to the generosity of you, our Australian companions. We're so grateful for this support. It is you who made it possible to construct this school and provide this quality education to the Timorese. We try to be faithful to this dream, opening doors for every child; just like Marcela (below right), one of our graduates, who almost missed the opportunity to study at Loyola. Her family could not afford the fees in Year 7, but with our encouragement and your support she entered the school in Year 8. She sings exquisitely. She tops the class. She will now be able to do anything.

As we say goodbye to our first graduates, there are so many more young people – who seek a life filled with possibility. Please will you join them on their journey?

With thanks for your faith and generosity,

*Fr Bert*



Fr Bert with Loyola College students



Marcela, Year 12 student

**“The school has changed me. It has taught me to be a good person, and to be brave.”**



Alex's confidence has soared during her time at Loyola

## Alex, Year 12

I started studying at Loyola College in 2013. They announced an opening for new students, and my mother and father supported me to apply. I have eight brothers and sisters, and my home is in the mountains. I was studying at the nearby public school. Now I live with my grandparents during the school week, because it's a long drive to my parents' farm, especially when it rains.

At first, I didn't enjoy it here because I had a lot of homework and there is discipline. It was a big challenge learning how to study properly. But since Year 8 I started to feel so much better. The school has changed me. It has taught me to be a good person, and to be brave. Before coming to Loyola, I was shy. Today, I can speak before other people.

At Loyola, we are treated well, with respect by the teachers and staff. We are taken care of properly, we are provided with many opportunities to learn new things, and to know ourselves better. I feel this school is good because it teaches us to be responsible and compassionate, to work together as a team and to work for others.

My favourite subject is Portuguese, but I also study Social Sciences, Literature, Economics, Geography, History, English, Civics, Indonesian and Tetum. My family is happy and proud, because I am the number two student in our Social Sciences class.

Every day, I wake up at 5.30am and prepare my work for class. After school, I wash my uniform or play a game and watch TV. Then I study. I study from 5.15pm to 8.30pm every day. Then I have dinner and go to sleep.

I feel very excited and happy because I have almost finished study in a Jesuit school. It's important to me to practice what I have learnt, in my life after school. I used to dream of becoming a pilot in order to become rich. At Loyola, I learnt that more than becoming rich in the future, I also have to serve and care for other people, especially the poor. In Timor-Leste, the rich are favoured, the poor are easily punished. Now I want to become a Judge because there is a lot of injustice happening in my country. I want to serve justice to all, fairly and justly.



Jesuit Mission CEO with students Alex and Aprilia



# Then & now

## Ivo, Year 12

When I was in primary school, all the students were my friends from my village in the Liquica District. At Loyola, the children come from different places and districts; it's much more colourful. The primary school was public, and sometimes the teachers didn't come to school, and often they just asked us to write the text on paper, so we were just memorising.

I think Loyola College is one of the best schools. I love the opportunities it gives us. Studying here tests my skills, it teaches me to understand – what I am trying to say is critical thinking, not just memorising. We're taught how to learn and how to develop our capacity to help other people. I'm a more responsible and honest person now.

I live in Dili close to the market. We catch a school truck. I wake at 5.30 am, and get to school ready to start by 8am. I study 13 subjects, and I really enjoy the natural sciences – Mathematics, Physics, Geology, Biology and Chemistry. But at Loyola, it is not just about the subjects; we're learning more about life.

We're taught to reflect on what we are doing. This reflection, it has made me a better person. I have also learnt a lot about leadership, through being Chair of the Student Council. *Story continued next page*



**“My time at Loyola has made me feel closer to the world.”**

I love reading books, especially about leadership. I also like choir music, religious instrumental music and the Nuremberg Orchestra.

My time at Loyola has made me feel closer to the world. I want to study about international relationships and international business at university. I am applying for a scholarship at Sophia University, the Jesuit University in Tokyo, Japan. They teach in English.

Where I end up depends on God's plan. I think I need to see the world first and then come back and help develop my country through experiences I have got from the other countries. I hope I could develop my country, especially about the education part. I wish I could be a member of the government so I could help to develop my country.



*Ivo now, Year 12*

## Growing, learning, rejoicing!



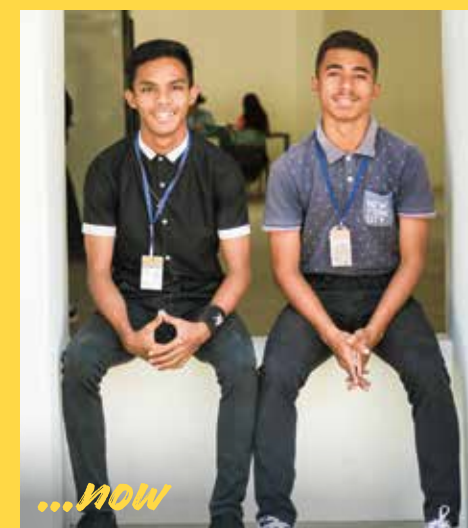
*Eduardo and Zenildo, then...*



*Merlinda, then...*



*Noe, then...*



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*Ivo then, Year 7*



# Education

*is giving young people confident voices and new futures.*



Excited new students, ready to learn at Loyola.

**“At school, I always try, not to be the best, but to reach my full potential.”**

## *Salvador, Year 12*

I am from Manotutu, about 60km from Dili. Most of my cousins didn't attend school. Now I live with my Uncle in Dili.

The best experience I've had at Loyola, is joining the Student Council in Year 10. I have learnt a lot about leadership. Before this, I didn't know how to convince my friends to do something. I just want to learn how I could personally change, my friends and those close to me. I had to take a risk to do this, because it may have disrupted my study. But now I work hard every day for the Student Council.

My favourite subjects are maths and physics. I went to the Maths Olympiad in Portugal. It was my first time to travel abroad and it was incredible. When I graduate I would like to study technology because Timor-Leste needs technology involvement and I'd like to be able to defend my country from cyber-attacks.



Salvador, who will become Valedictorian.

**“People have heard that Loyola College is one of the best schools in Timor-Leste so I want to prove to them that what they heard is right.”**

## *Aprilia, Year 11*

My hope is that what I have learnt at school about leadership, formation, manners, and attitude; this can help me, can help my friends, and can help this nation itself.

At school, I have learnt what leadership is, how to be like St Ignatius, how to follow him and be a man and woman for others. Also, I have learnt to help people around me in need. I have to help people in need, I have to give them money but I don't have money so I give my intelligence.

One of my hopes for this country is for better education. There are schools, but there are no good teachers for them. So in the future I want to be a professor in the university. I want to teach those teachers, so that one day they can teach our children, and create better futures.

I also want to focus on peace. I'm not interested in politics but I want our country to have peace. I've recently participated in the Initiative for Peace conference in Singapore, organised by United World Colleges. It's focused on peace-building, and how we as the youth of Timor-Leste are instruments of peace for our country. I hope to share many new experiences like this.

I've learnt a lot about friendship at Loyola. When I came here I found many friends. I am glad to be here because the teachers, the fathers, the brothers, the sisters, they consider us not just students, they consider us their children too. They really care for us, they really want us to learn. When we finish here, they want us to be a man and woman for others, not just students. They want us to be great.



*Year 9*



*Year 10*



Aprilia studying in the Loyola library. She's preparing for Year 12 in 2019.

*Year 11*



# Graduate voices...

*Our Year 12 class of are truly grateful to our Jesuit Mission family, for the bright futures that now lie ahead.*

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear friends in Australia,

Thank you for all your helps for many years in our School. For the equipment, finance and all things that you have been giving to us. Although we will not be able to give back, we will use them well and care for them. We are very appreciative for the things that you offer to us.

As your friends, we have nothing to give you but we are very thankful for your help and we believe and hope that we will be able to contribute to our country and school in the future.

Thanks for your presence, I hope and pray that you can continue to help us in our school. We are very thankful for your coming into our lives.

  
Alexandrina

Dear Benefactors and Donors,

We are very happy and glad to have your support and helping hands since past. We are all proud to be part of this school. From all the supports that you have given us, I hope to continue on studying hard and to chase my dreams for the future. We have a chance to experience to experience the best quality of education and formation here that we believe, with all we have learnt here will help us to develop this country for the brighter future. It all can happen because of your helps. Thank you!

Aphilia Grade 11 - Colégio de Santo Inácio de Loidla

October 5 2018

Our dear Australian Friends,

I wish you are doing great.

I am Ivo Ribeiro from Grade 12, the pioneer batch, of Colégio de Santo Inácio de Loidla, Timor-Leste. I am writing this letter to express my deepest gratitude for all the kindness that you have been giving to us, the community of Colégio de Loidla.

As the first and newest Jesuit school in Timor, our school is still young. There are a lot of things that need to be fixed, done and reviewed. I personally admire all of your hard-works and compassion in helping our school, such as the various donations like pencils, books, jackets, laptops; interviewing some of our friends in order to help promote our school; and most importantly visiting us. Your helps are very important to us. May the Lord bless you, our beloved friends.

Additionally, in December, our school will hold the first graduation. As one of the students in the pioneer batch to graduate, I am wishing you all to be able to come and celebrate our feast together.

Lastly, on behalf of all of my friends in Colégio de Santo Inácio de Loidla, I would like to thank you, my dear Australian friends, for all your helps to us. May God bless you.

Respectfully,

Ivo

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