

REPORT

Rising to Lead – Don Bosco Nerul Invests New Student Council

NERUL, JULY 2026: Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Nerul, celebrated a momentous milestone in student leadership with its annual Investiture Ceremony. The solemn event was spread across two days, taking place on July 2nd for the Preparatory and Secondary Stages, and July 3rd for the Middle School. Held in the 4th Floor Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), the ceremony beautifully coincided with the Feast of St. Dominic Savio—the Salesian child saint revered globally for his piety, cheerful service, and youth leadership.

The solemn event strictly followed the institutional flow of events, commencing with a warm welcome, traditional lamp lighting, and a prayer service. The newly elected School Council members, comprising the Assistant Head Boy, Assistant Head Girl, House Captains, and Deputies, stood poised as they prepared to officially take on their roles. In a heart-warming Salesian tradition, proud parents stepped onto the stage to pin badges and adjust the sashes of their wards. Concurrently, the school management presented formal letters of appointment and handed over the vibrant house flags before leading the council through their solemn Oath of Office, where they pledged to lead with dedication, humility, and unwavering integrity.

The occasion was highly distinguished by the presence of the esteemed Chief Guests: Ms. Aanjanii Saraf, Founder of the Manikesha Educational Foundation, and Mrs. Anjna Sahi, Principal of Podar International School (Cambridge). Their profound backgrounds in education and leadership brought an inspiring sense of honour to the subsequent addresses delivered by the student leaders and the dignitaries.

The management and guests graced the occasion with words of deep encouragement. The Rector, Fr. Dr. Barnabe D'Souza, shared an inspiring story to illustrate how life's unexpected challenges keep us active, focused, and motivated, emphasizing the vital need for resilience and adaptability. Fr. Allwyn Misquitta, the Administrator, infused the hall with

a spirit of hope and reflection through his uplifting positive affirmations, while the Principal, Mrs. Kalyani Chaudhuri, spoke eloquently about the essential hallmarks of Salesian leadership, motivating the student council to always lead from the heart.

The event radiated joy throughout the entire Don Bosco family. Teachers watched proudly as their students stepped confidently into governance roles, while parents beamed with gratitude. Capturing the collective sentiment, one parent shared, “This role has truly transformed our child—instilling confidence, purpose, and responsibility.”

The grand success of the ceremony was a testament to seamless teamwork. The Scouts and Guides, Art Team, Media Team, and the Investiture Committee worked in perfect harmony. The entire process, which began with democratic student elections, was brilliantly executed by the Teacher-in-Charge, Tr. Neeru Nigam, with stellar support from Tr. Vinaya Valsan (Preparatory), Tr. Kanchan Kakade (Middle School), and Tr. Neha Upadhayay (Secondary). It marks a promising and evergreen new beginning for the young leaders of Nerul.