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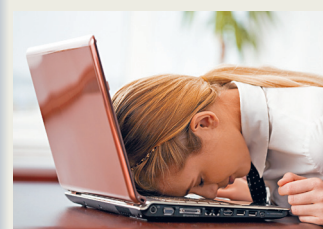
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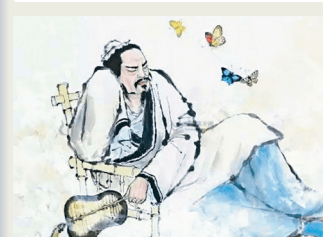
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# A school for all

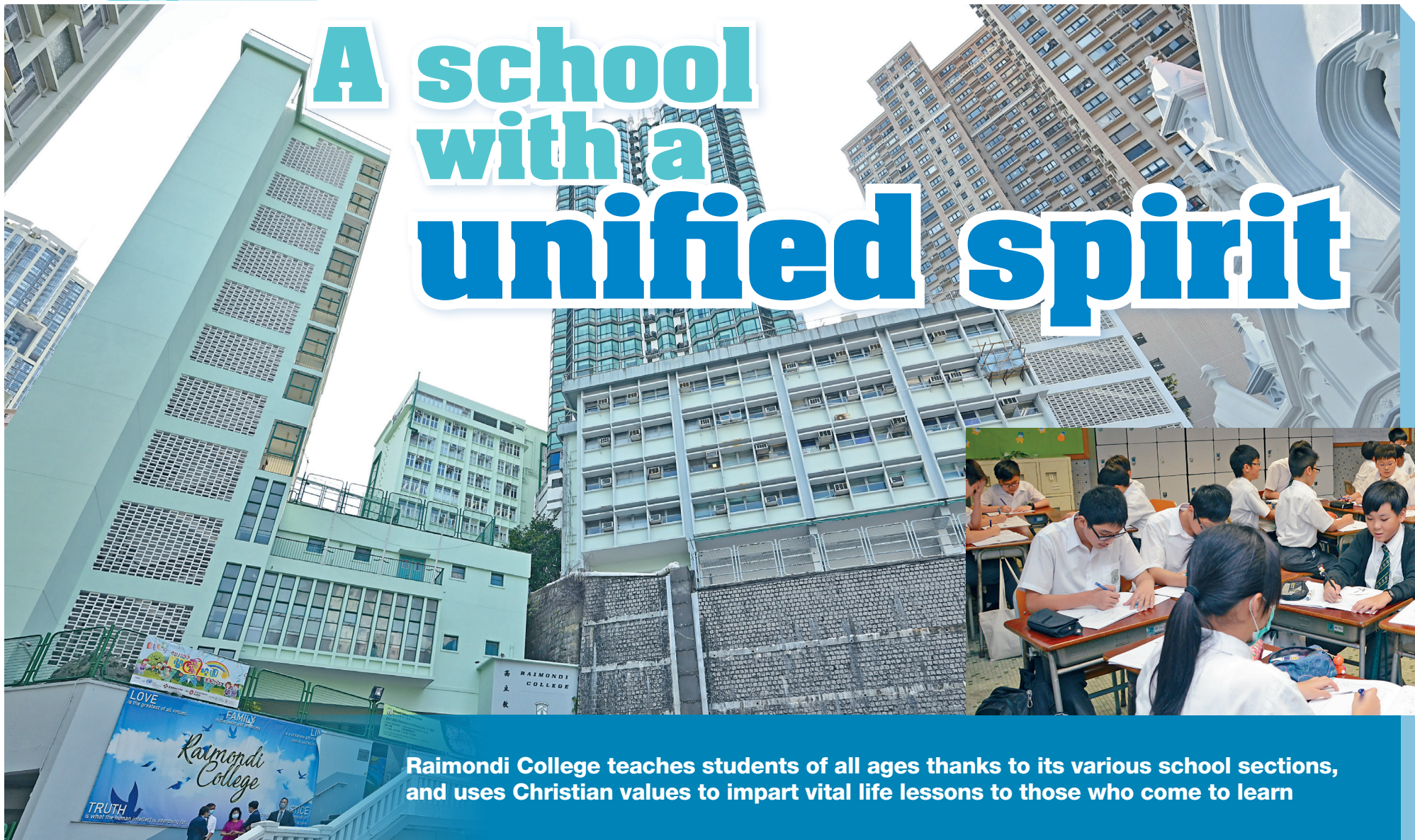
There are many famous schools on Hong Kong Island, but a good deal of them are 'all boys' or 'all girls' and not co-educational. Rarer still are co-educational schools that comprise all three levels of education – kindergarten, primary and secondary. But Raimondi College is one of them



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## A school with a unified spirit



Raimondi College teaches students of all ages thanks to its various school sections, and uses Christian values to impart vital life lessons to those who come to learn

ESTABLISHED in 1958 as a Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan secondary school, Raimondi College has been standing tall on Robinson Road in the Mid-Levels for the past six decades, producing generations of distinguished alumni.

In 2008, the school transformed from an all-boys facility to being co-educational. The same year, its primary section relocated to Wan Chai. The reopening of the kindergarten section in North Point in 2012 reestablished the connection between the school's three sections, offering an appealing option for parents.

Despite their different locations, the principals, teaching staff and students of the three schools maintain close relations, embracing the same core values – love, unity and perseverance – while Principal Larry Yeung Sai-tak (楊世德) continues to lead the nurturing of students under the school motto *In Constantia Fortitudo*, while guided by the five core values of Catholic education – truth, justice, love, life and family.

### Embodying the through-train spirit

WHILE the three schools are connected, they are not, strictly-speaking, a **through-train**. The primary section is private. But the subsidised secondary section is able to retain up to 85 percent of its places for students from the primary section besides discretionary places. Parents **whole-heartedly** choose Raimondi under such a set-up.

Primary Section Principal Lam Ngan-yin (林銀燕) said, "All three principals are hoping that during their 15 years of studying at Raimondi, the students will receive a 'through-train' nurturing of values as they are **inculcated** with the core values of Catholic education, the most important of which is love, so they would learn to be considerate."

Yeung said, "I believe we are the only school on Hong Kong Island that has such a kindergarten-primary-secondary link. The schools follow a unified approach in curriculum design and education ideals. That is our uniqueness."

Kindergarten Section Principal Shirley Fu Wai-ling (傅慧玲) said they are most proud about the close relation of the three schools. "We have a strong feeling of family. As the school has a history of 60 years, we have produced three generations of students, with grandparents to grandchildren all Raimondians."

### One big loving family

THE close relation between the three schools makes Raimondi feels like a big family. Citing the example of the high-end Lunar New Year fair stall run by secondary students every year, Yeung said, "That is a major annual event staged by the secondary section. The primary and kindergarten students are excited when they see the event being promoted around Chinese New Year time. Everyone in our school supports it, and the **revenue** from 'domestic sales' alone is enough to cover costs."

Fu said, "Seeing how successful their seniors are making the event, the younger students and parents are full of admiration, and view these 'elder brothers and sisters' as role models."

Lam added, "Activities with close interaction foster a strong sense of belonging in the students. The younger ones would say they want to go to 'our secondary school', and not just 'the Raimondi College'."

Raimondi's kindergarten is not part of the Kindergarten Education Scheme. Instead, it bases its education on Catholic core values, and lets the students learn through experience under an activity-teaching framework.

By beginning to teach the children about the spirit of love from kindergarten, it is hoped that they would spread love, Lam said.

"We know that each student has his or her own strength and special talent. The role of the school is to create the platform and opportunities for them to express their talent and shine," she said.





## Change and stability

YEUNG, who took up the role of secondary section principal this academic year, has been with the school for 33 years. While handling the epidemic, he is endeavouring to make changes while keeping the school on a steady course as he and the teaching team leads the students to face the challenge with confidence.

He believes that the school is not only responsible for making sure the students measure up to standards academically, but also for equipping them in multiple aspects so that they may thrive in the new era of rapid changes. He hopes to enhance the students' problem-solving and critical thinking abilities, as well as creativity.

"Creativity is what the new generation needs the most. You can't just copy old ideas. Critical thinking is also vital, and problem-solving skills would help express creativity practically," he explained.



## Parents and alumni as support

THE relationship between parents, alumni and the school is tight. "The parent-teacher association acts as a bridge for communication between parents and the school, and we need to play this role well," said Parent-Teacher Association Chairman Vivien Chan Ka-man (陳嘉敏).

The importance of this role has been highlighted in the epidemic, during which the school has provided much support to the parents; but it is up to the association to ensure that parents receive the messages in a timely manner.

Alumni Association Vice President Raymond Yeung described Raimondi as a big family. "It is where we grew up, and many of the teachers are our schoolmates from different generations. I don't think any other school has achieved such closeness."

The association's theme this year is 'connect, engage and create'. "We are not only connecting alumni, but the entire Raimondi family", Yeung said.



### Practising the spirit of love

THE schools teach students values, and giving opportunities for students to practise what they are taught reinforces their learning.

Principal Lam Ngan-yin said, "On an intellectual level, we teach students to love others as they would love themselves. We also have activities to deepen their understanding, such as blindfolded lunches and donations to food banks, in the hope they learn to be grateful, sharing, and to spread love."

Teachers also set an example for students with their own deeds. Principal Larry Yeung Sai-tak explained, "Many parents are impressed by how much we care for the children. We don't compare students. We don't say some are better and others are not as good. In our eyes, every student is precious, each with their own strength."



### Elite Centre

WITH the support of the Alumni Foundation, Parent-Teacher Association and Alumni Association, an E-Learning and Innovative Teaching Exchange Centre – **Elite Centre** in short – has been opened this year to cater to the needs of teaching in the modern world.

With three computer rooms, the centre provides the equipment for teachers to make educational videos and conduct real-time online classes. It is also a place for them to share experiences and do live broadcasts.

### Flipped classroom

RAIMONDI has been running small-class education for many years, with class sizes dropping from 33 students to 26 or 27. However, Vice Principal Tam Kwok-hin (談國軒) noted that reducing the number of students in a class does not necessarily enhance learning.

"We believe in the value of increasing teacher-student interaction, and in encouraging students to take charge of learning to really elevate the overall quality of teaching," he said. So the school introduced the 'flipped classroom' concept.

"Flipped Classroom **inverts** traditional instruction and encourages students to conduct individual and personalised learning via video and other digital means at home.

"Coming to class with preliminary exposure to the learning content, students engage in knowledge assimilation through strategies such as debate and discussion," Tam explained.

"We now have thousands of teaching videos available for students to watch and learn from," he said.

### Alumni to teachers

RAIMONDI College has as many as 11 teachers who are alumni, one of whom is Vice Principal Danny Chung Man-ngai (鍾文毅). Chung has been with Raimondi from kindergarten and primary school through to secondary and **matriculation** levels. He started teaching at his **alma mater** after completing his own education.

"Some may feel that this is only a job. To me, it's like coming home," he said. "I am grateful that parents are entrusting their children's education to us 'big brothers', and let us keep the flame of love burning," he said.