

62 Graduate from Don Bosco

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Parents, teachers, guardians and students of Don Bosco Technical Institute witnessed 62 students graduate from the school. They graduated from the secondary and training centre in automotive, carpentry, electrical and home economics.

The Graduation commenced with a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Archbishop Adrian Smith sm, Archbishop of Honiara, together with five other concelebrants. His message to the congregation was powerful and direct. He stressed the right use of resources and talents and that the students should say

‘NO’ to kwaso, home brew and marijuana. He also spoke at length on the need to respect the gift of sexuality and to celebrate love only with one’s spouse.

Home Economics students Melissa Chotu, said they achieved one of their goals in life. “At Don Bosco we have developed skills that have now become our future,” she said.

Hon Matthew Wale, Minister of Education appreciated the role of the churches in leading the way for long term academic and vocational education. “This graduation marks a significant milestone in the life of Don Bosco. Don Bosco boasts of the best facilities of all TVET institutions in the country. I am certain that with its experienced, dedicated and caring staff, Don Bosco Technical Institute will continue to assist the Ministry in achieving the aspirations of our youth”, he said. He stressed a good work ethic with commitment and dedication. “Get to work before time and leave after knock-off time. Always demonstrate you are eager to walk the extra mile and you will learn that you gain the trust of your work colleagues and superiors”, was his concluding advise to the students.

Rector of Don Bosco Technical Institute, Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, highlighted issues of the year past, and said that it was a year of transformation for all. “Our teachers and instructors have worked hard throughout the year. Besides their regular classes they have also shared their skills and talents through a variety of extracurricular activities like games, cultural dances, art, drama, media and a girls club that has brought out the creativity of the students”, he said.

He added that the students have been fortunate to benefit from short courses conducted during the year. He thanked the Ministry and various donor agencies for their contribution and support and congratulated the students on their achievements and said, “You have made yourselves, your parents, your teachers and your school proud”.

In his thank you speech, Richard Rave, an automotive student thanked the school for the opportunities received and encouraged his fellow students to begin a new chapter in heir lives, despite the struggles and temptations that they face.

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