

**NEW CO-EDUCATIONAL
SCHOOL**

**IN MANNAR/NANATTAN,
SRI LANKA**

**RUN BY
DE LA SALLE BROTHERS AND LAY
TEACHERS**

**Science Laboratory
Funded by SCOT**

The pictures in this document were taken by SCOT General Council Member, Dr Ranjit Thambyrajah during a recent visit with Mrs. Thambyrajah to a new co-educational school at Mannar run by De La Salle Brothers and lay teachers. SCOT provided £1,000 towards purchase of equipment for the school's new science laboratory. We are grateful to Brother Director/Principal Br S E Reginald FSC for his permission to publish these photographs on the SCOT web site.

This school did not have a science curriculum for Advanced Level and, as a consequence, it was classified as a 'C grade' school. Nanattan students had to travel 19km to Mannar to study for Advanced Level science at two separate colleges, one for boys and other for girls.

Brother S E Reginald FSC, the Principal, decided to secure some volunteer teachers to teach the science subjects and started the classes as a co-educational experiment. As the result students at the school passed science subjects at Advanced Level and subsequently, on the recommendations of the Inspectors from the Education Department upgraded the school to a 'B grade' school and provided funding for teachers to teach science subjects at Advanced Level.

The Education Department's funding did not cover associated costs and further financial assistance for the school's science laboratory was funded by the General Council of SCOT based on the case put forward by Dr Ranjith Thambyrajah and granted the school £1,000 towards the purchase of equipment for their new science laboratory. The pictures were taken in Oct 2015.

The photographs show the co-educational school in all its glory with Br Reginald, his teaching staff and students warmly welcoming Dr Thambyrajah and Mrs Thamburajah.

Bro. Reginald moved to St Xavier's College in the week beginning 29 Feb 2016 and Bro. Vijaythasan is now the new Principal: he has confirmed the receipt of Rs 200,000 towards the new science laboratory.

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