

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Two and may every Easter blessing be with you all. Our communication platforms have recently been reviewed using the St Leo's P.R.I.D.E. Framework. This framework is part of a College wide review that seeks to ensure that all areas of the College are **P**ersonalised, **R**igorous, **I**nnovative, **D**ynamic and **E**vangelising. As a result of this review, it is with great pleasure that the College launches an enhanced offering of parent communication commencing this term.

This document titled 'The Lion Roars' will be sent weekly and will detail logistical notices regarding important dates, reminders and updates for parents. The second document titled the 'Pride' will be sent electronically every five weeks as a showcase of the learning experiences that have taken place in each of the six Growth Domains, as part of the College's commitment to the development of the whole person. Finally, the new College website will be re-launched shortly that will boast increased user navigation, accessibility and live streaming from College social media accounts.

We hope you enjoy reading and viewing the articles below that are the result of a passion driven learning journey aimed at assisting our students reach their greatness.

Yours in Christ,
Anthony Gleeson
College Principal

Acting Assistant Principal: Week 1 Term 2

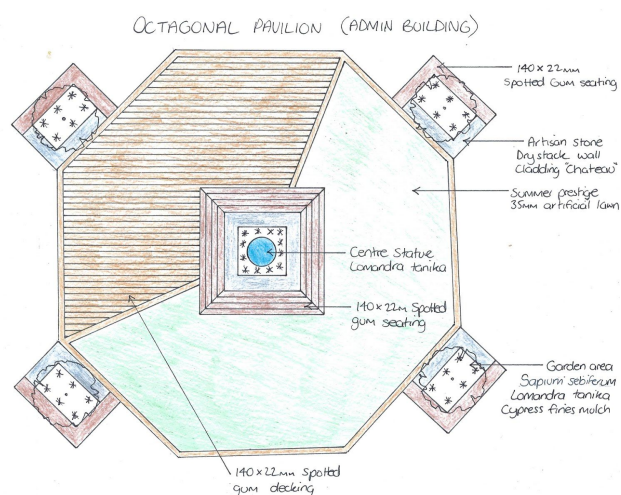
Dear Parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Two of the 2019 learning journey. While our students were resting over the break, significant works have been undertaken across many areas of the College. As shared above, College communications and infrastructure have been enhanced as well as significant building works. At the direction of the Catholic Schools Office, St Leo's aims to have current facility focused building work completed by the end of this term. This will leave landscaping works for Term 3. In accordance with the College Master plan in the area of teaching and learning, new talent acquisition has been undertaken to support this vision over the break. This has been further detailed in the latest Pride Publication. Our digital learning platform known as the Learning Den received an upgrade as well as the new College website has been finalised. We look forward to a dynamic term ahead as we surge forward in the pursuit of greatness within each of our students.



Xavier Court Landscaping works:

As part of the ongoing work commissioned last year to create tangible spaces on campus to link with our Christ centred charism, work commenced in the holidays to redevelop Xavier Court in order to provide additional seating as well as to hold the new statue of St Francis Xavier.



Octagon or 'Bagua' in Taoist philosophy is a sacred symbol and shape across Asia particularly in China. In reference to the region that he evangelised, this has been used as the shape of the centre court.



As St Francis took the four Gospels to Asia and planted the seeds of Christianity there, the exterior corners of the Octagon shaped court has been marked by four 'Gospel book' shaped garden beds. Each of these have a tree planted representing the Gospels taking root in the lives of those who first received the Good News in Asia as well as those of us at the College who enjoy the fruit of a life nourished by the Gospels.



NAPLAN

Parents and caregivers of Year 7 and Year 9 are requested to make note of the following dates and information regarding NAPLAN testing. Please access an important letter regarding instructions and preparation for the demonstration/official tests and additional information regarding the role of NAPLAN via the link below: [2019 NAPLAN Parent and Caregiver Letter](#)



NAPLAN TERM 2:

WK	M	T	W	TH	F
2			8/5/19 Y7 P2 (Online Demonstration Test) (1 Test) Y9 P3 (Online Demonstration Test) (1 Test)		
3		14/5/19 Y7 P1-2 (Writing) (1 Test) Y9 P3-4 (Writing) (1 Test)	15/5/19 Y7 P1-Mentor (Reading & Language Conventions) (2 Tests) Y9 P3-5 (Reading & Language Conventions) (2 Tests)	16/5/19 Y7 P1-2 (Numeracy) (1 Test) Y9 P3-4 (Numeracy) (1 Test)	

If any parents do not wish their child not to sit NAPLAN, please contact the College via email.

CAPA Fees amendment:

The College is pleased to announce that all fees related to ensembles, choirs and the musical will be covered by the College. Any parent who has paid these fees will receive a reimbursement. The only remaining payable fees are for private tuition and instrument hire.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Petrie

Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation: Week 1 Term 2

Happy Easter to all Parents

Easter is a wonderful event which continues for 50 days.

Please watch this wonderful 3-minute videos Easter Message from Bishop Peter our former Bishop. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNrt32sS-Co>



Did you know it is not just about Jesus' wounds, sorrows and death?

It is about us....

It is about our wounds.

Share them with God in prayer so that they can be changed....

May the Spirit dwell in us. All of us.

Year 12 Retreat Begins

Thank you to all those parents who completed the letters for your children. Much work and preparation has gone into making the retreat an amazing experience for your daughters and sons.

Year 11 – Retreat Notes

Year 11 retreat notes will be distributed this week. Year 11 Senior Retreat will be held in week 5 of this term from Wednesday to Friday.

All ParentsPlease Join Us

In July a group of staff and students will travel to the country of Kiribati.

Kiribati is located in the Pacific Ocean halfway between Australia and the USA.

By attending this event, you will help to pay for schooling for some Kiribati students we are visiting, who would not otherwise be able to pay for school fees, school uniforms and other school costs.

We have booked a private screening of the inspiring new movie 'Breakthrough' at Event Cinemas, Hornsby on Wednesday, 22 May.

We want to **fill the cinema**.

So please tell ALL your friends and family.

Quote your friends this LINK below to book now: www.trybooking.com/BCBUW

Please watch the video trailer...[Breakthrough trailer](#)

It is great to build community-spirit at St Leo's by attending this event and to make a difference for the poor in our world.

God Bless,

Andrew Dumas





Director of Students: Week 1 Term 2

'Listen to the desires of your children. Encourage them and then give them the autonomy to make their own decision' - Denis Waitley

Welcome back & Term 2 opportunities

I trust all St Leo's families enjoyed both a restful and relaxing holiday with their son/daughter after a busy Term 1. There are many classroom and co-curricular opportunities available again this term and I encourage every student to be consistent with their efforts across ALL areas so as to maximise their learning opportunities at the College. If required, teaching staff are only too happy to assist with your child's development and St Leo's journey both in and out of the classroom.

Day-to-day expectations

All students of St Leo's Catholic College are expected to behave in a positive and appropriate manner at all times. This includes being polite, respectful and courteous to all members of our College community whether in class, on the playground or when travelling to and from school.

Uniform & grooming

Students are expected to wear their School uniform in accordance with the rules in the College diary (this includes personal grooming and hair requirements). If students have an appropriate reason for not being in correct school uniform, they must obtain a **Uniform Pass** from their Year Leader before 8:30am. Wearing the uniform correctly shows pride in one's appearance and enhances the reputation of the College in the wider community.

Students should commence Term 2 in full Winter uniform (including blazer); however, adjustments will be communicated if there is hot weather over the next few weeks. All students are expected to wear the blazer to and from the College every day during Terms 2 and 3. Year 12 may continue wearing their College jersey.

Student locker expectations

Please note that ALL 7-11 students are expected to utilise their assigned lockers during each day to securely store their personal belongings. Whilst Year 12 have classes/study periods in the Light of Christ Centre, they are permitted to take their bags to this venue. Mr Tiglao (Year 12 Leader) will coordinate a secure space for their belongings. Students are encouraged to provide a spare key (if needed) to the Year Leader.



Student Leave

All student leave requests, in the first instance, should be communicated in writing to the Principal (Mr Gleeson). Students requesting leave should then see Mr Johansen (Director of Students) near the Student Services office to obtain the appropriate paperwork. There are two forms – *Exemption from Attendance* (under 10 days) and *Application for Extended Leave* (over 10 days). All completed leave forms should be returned to the Director of Students office as soon as possible for processing. It is important to note that leave beyond 10 days must be considered by the Catholic School Office (through the College) before final approval. **The College Skoolbag app should not be used for any student leave requests.**

Attendance

For whole day absences please use the College Skoolbag app but for partial absences (early departure) a note from the parent/caregiver is required to be presented to your child's Year Leader before school. At the time of departure, the signed note should always be presented by your child at Student Services so that our records are accurately maintained. Following an absence from the College you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the College a verbal or written explanation for the absence. **If students arrive late** to the College parent/caregivers must notify the College as soon as possible via the Skoolbag app, telephone call or signed parent/caregiver entry in their child's diary outlining the reason for the lateness. All late students must still sign-in at Student Services upon arrival at the College. Follow-up will occur for those students that frequently arrive late without a valid reason.

We wish all St Leo's students a very successful term ahead

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact the College if there are any queries or concerns.

Regards,

Ashley Johansen