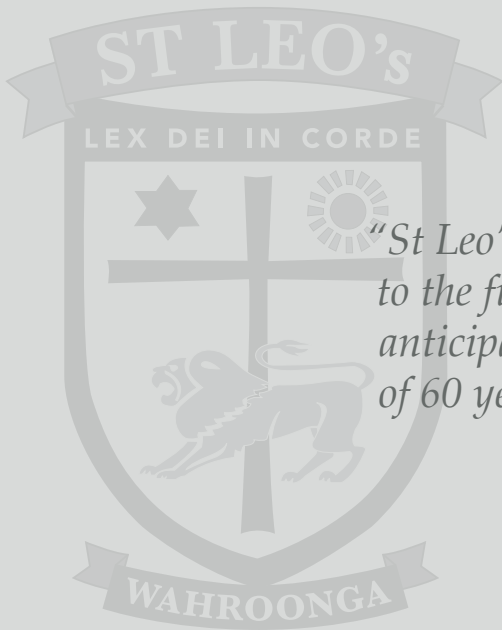




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CO-EDUCATION IN THE HEART OF WAHROONGA

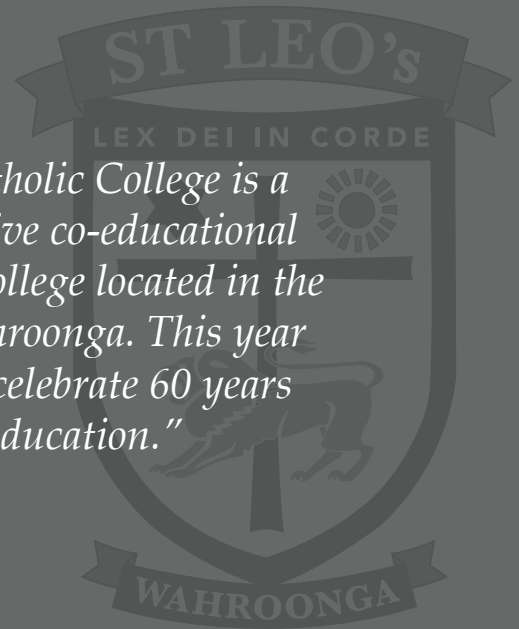


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2016 – 2018

STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN

INTEGRITY : RESPECT : JUSTICE : HOPE : DIGNITY



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From the Principal

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In 1956, the Christian Brothers founded St Leo’s College as a school for boys. At that time there were 118 students in Years 3 to 6. Sixty years later, the College is a thriving co-educational learning environment with over 900 students and over 100 staff. The St Leo’s community today is indebted to the Christian Brothers for the strong Catholic foundation that was established for the College. In 1983, the Christian Brothers passed control of the College to the Archdiocese of Sydney, and the College became co-educational, with the first girls enrolling in Year 7 and Year 11 in 1984.

Today we are committed to continuing the foundations laid by the Christian Brothers in all aspects of school life. Our mission is to develop confident, competent Catholic young men and women of conscience. Our aim is to help students discover and develop their talents so they can shape and perhaps change the world into a better place. In order to achieve this goal, the College provides broad learning experiences in a natural co-educational environment that promotes Integrity, Respect, Justice, Hope and Dignity.

I am very enthusiastic about the year ahead as we reflect on the many achievements over the last 60 years and look ahead to a positive future as we launch our new

Strategic Improvement Plan. The *Strategic Improvement Plan 2016–2018* is the result of an extensive College review involving wide consultation with staff, students, parents, ex-students and clergy. This is an exciting time in the ongoing story of education, not only at St Leo’s but globally as well.

How do we prepare our young people for the world they will encounter and lead?

A summation of our principal objectives is given in the following key statements, which focus on mission, teaching and learning, and pastoral care and well-being:

- To empower all members of the College community to put their faith into action to make a positive difference
- To develop students who are critical, creative and confident problem solvers
- To foster student personal growth in a nurturing environment.

In 2016, our annual School Improvement agenda is drawn from these principal objectives.

The College looks to the future with great hope and anticipation of continuing its tradition of 60 years of Catholic education. The College motto, *Lex Dei in Corde* (God’s Law in the Heart), lights a path for us to follow God’s law, witnessed by Christ, to ‘act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God’.

Anthony Gleeson
Principal

KEY DOMAINS



Mission

To empower all members of the College community to put their faith into action to make a positive difference

By the end of 2016, we will have:

- Provided clearly articulated opportunities for all members of the College community to engage in social justice and faith formation activities
- Completed a *Faith-in-Action* survey to measure the effectiveness of each social justice and faith formation activity
- Embedded a clear understanding of the connection between our Catholic faith and social justice initiatives at the College
- Developed resources and opportunities for members of the College community to regularly engage in prayer and reflection.

Teaching and Learning

To develop students who are critical, creative and confident problem solvers

By the end of 2016, we will have:

- Continued our collaborative professional learning program with a focus on student thinking and problem solving
- Developed a clear, coherent and well-researched *eLearning Plan*
- Continued the implementation of our whole-of-College literacy approach focused on student writing skills
- Utilised student learning data to inform teachers' pedagogy
- Reviewed our assessment and reporting systems to improve feedback about student progress
- Reviewed class structure to maximise outcomes for all students.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

To foster student personal growth in a nurturing environment

By the end of 2016, we will have:

- Enhanced the use of qualitative and quantitative data in *Knowing Our Students* to inform future directions for pastoral care
- Provided staff with professional learning in student mental health and wellbeing using the *MindMatters* framework
- Enhanced parental engagement with their child's learning and wellbeing
- Continued to improve College facilities through the building works program
- Enhanced students' opportunities to have a greater voice within the College
- Initiated a new *Peer Mentoring* program to enhance student personal growth
- Strengthened opportunities for student involvement in representative sport and co-curricular programs.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR 2016

Term 1

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Year 7 Parent & Student Welcome BBQ

For all Year 7 students and families

TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Academic Awards Ceremony

With special guests including
2015 HSC Student High Achievers

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

60th Anniversary Opening School Mass

11.30am in The Light of Christ Centre,
with Bishop Peter Comensoli
For all current and past members
of the St Leo's community
Followed by Special Guests' Luncheon

Term 2

THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Blessed Edmund Rice Mass

9:30am in The Light of Christ Centre
For current and past members of the
St Leo's community
Followed by Special Guests' Luncheon

19TH TO 21ST MAY

College Musical:

'Disney's' High School Musical

A showcase featuring the many talented
St Leo's Performing Arts students

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

**60th Anniversary College Dinner Dance
and Launch of Past Students' Association**

3.30pm *Optional College Tour for guests*
6.45pm for a 7.15pm start at Hornsby RSL

Term 3

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST

**Creative Arts, Performing Arts
and TAS Showcase**

*Including the unveiling of 60th
Anniversary Artwork*
6.00pm in The Light of Christ Centre
A celebration of the gifts and talents
of St Leo's students

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

**60th Anniversary World Record
Beep Test Attempt at St Leo's**

Term 4

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

**Launch of College 60th Historical
Commemoration Pictorial Display Book**

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Community Movie Night

Bring a picnic along and be part of the
wonderful annual community family event
– watch a movie under the stars on the
Lower College Oval

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

St Leo's Day Mass and Fair

A day of reflection, celebration and
fundraising – a day enjoyed by and
for the whole College community.

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

St Leo's Year in Review

A celebration of the achievements and
efforts of students in our 60th year
For current students and families

Please refer to the College website for further information and specific details
about the 60th Anniversary events. www.stleos.nsw.edu.au

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