



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 2 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

*Mr Daniel Petrie*, Acting Assistant Principal

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Date

**Week 2:** (Fri 2/8) Mr Peter Hamil Farewell, (Fri 2/8) College Co-curricular photos

**Week 3:** HSC Trials all week

**Week 4:** HSC Trials all week, (Thur 15/8) Feast of the Assumption Mass

**Week 5:** (Mon) HSC Trials, (Thur 22/8) Parent Involvement Evening

**Week 6:** (Thur 29/8) Father's Day Liturgy and breakfast

**Week 7:** (Wed 4/9) HSC Showcase

**Week 8:** (Tues 10/9) Stage 4 SLC

**Week 9:** (Wed 18/9) Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction

**Week 10:** (Wed 25/9) Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony

## *From the College Principal*

### **Welcome back to Term 3**

Welcome back to all members of the College Community to Term 3. I hope all of our students have a productive Term ahead and work hard towards achieving their goals. Year 12 are in the final stretch, and I ask all of our families to say a prayer for their continued focus and energy to get over the line.

### **Father Robert Borg**

Our prayers are with Father Robert Borg who was our Priest in Charge for the past six years and a great supporter of the College. His own father passed away and the funeral is today. Father Borg is now Parish Priest at the Lakes Parish in Narrabeen. I will be attending today's funeral accompanied by Year 11 Student Representatives Sam M and Isabelle R. I thank them for their support.

### **Kiribati Immersion**

Our fifth Immersion to Kiribati was very successful. As we have discovered over the years, our own staff and students take far more in spiritual and social development from the experience than what we provide to the beautiful local community of this Pacific nation.



I would like to sincerely thank the four staff who are the foundation of this program, led by Ms Michelle Teys; Mr Dumas, Mr Spurtacz and Ms Hasman give our students this opportunity by giving up their own holidays and guiding their personal development during this unique journey.



### College Track and Field Carnival

We were blessed with great weather, energetic staff and students who made this an extremely successful Carnival. For all the hands that made light work; thank you, but in particular, Mr Michael Kember, Leader of Sport, who leads from the front on this event.

As the images reflect there was focus, fun, frustration and achievement for participants and supporters. As Javelin is being held tomorrow, Thurs 1 August, I'll hold off on announcing the results ...but I'm hearing some records were broken with the last events having an impact on the Track and Field Trophy.





### Opening of the Aquinas Resource Centre

It was wonderful to witness the Aquinas Resource Centre teaming with students of all ages. The café has been particularly popular as students take up the opportunity to enjoy flexibility in learning while eating and drinking in a contemporary space. **A reminder that the centre is open until 6pm each evening Mon-Fri for students to gather, collaborate and study.** I must thank Mr Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal, and Ms Pace-Fellows, our Acting Business Manager, for their boundless energy and many hours they committed over the holiday period to have the Centre open for Day 1 of Term.



### The Abbey Retreat at Jamberoo

For over 20 years, St Leo's has been taking small groups of students to the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo. Here students are led by the Sisters to discovering themselves, the person of Jesus and the deeper meaning of life; all in the silence and peace of the Jamberoo Mountains. The following Year 11 Students allowed themselves to fully experience this retreat: Andy S, Reilly W, Ryan G, Luke vd T, Laith S, Samuel M, Rhys J, John C, James S, Antony D, Eammon C.

### Years 7 and 8 Spirituality Days

St Vincent de Paul hosted and facilitated these Spirituality Days focussing on homelessness. The students prepared items to be distributed on Vinnies Night Patrol and through this activity, students have an increased understanding of what it feels like to be homeless and how we are called as Christians to care for those most in need.

### Final Preparations for the use of the Mary MacKillop Centre

As August dawns, we look forward to being fully functional in the new Centre this month. I look forward to updating with photographic evidence of the true capacity of this Centre and what it will offer our students.



## *From the Acting Assistant Principal*

### Visiting Students from Japan

This week, the College hosts 30 Stage 4 students visiting from Japan. This face to face cultural sharing program bolsters the quality and rigour of the College's languages offering, while also giving expression to our commitment to the Cultural Growth Domain.



### Senior School Parental Involvement Evening - Thursday 22nd August 6:30 - 8:30pm Mary MacKillop Centre

The College is pleased to offer an evening for students of **Year 10, 11, 12 of 2020**, dedicated to exploring the many **early entry methods to university**. The College will be hosting representatives from four major universities as well as Tafe NSW and the Defence Force. Their presentations will reveal the various avenues on offer to gain entry into these institutions before sitting the HSC. Following the presentations, parents will be invited to visit each of their booths within the expo to discover how these tertiary institutions can meet the needs of your child. Please save the date as only 140 tickets are available to this highly sought after event. Tickets will become available on Monday 5 August via a booking link in the Parental Lion Roars in coming weeks.

### SLC - Student Led Conferences, Years 7-8

On Tuesday 10 September, the College will be hosting the first round of Student Led Conferences for Years 7 - 8 from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Each student will lead one conference for approximately 20mins with their Mentor and Parent/Caregivers to discuss and showcase their learning journey thus far. Student Led Conferences place students in the driver's seat of their learning, while providing them with increased agency and accountability in relation to their learning.

Students will lead a discussion of their learning using the following as vehicles for the discussion:

- ePortfolio
- PLP - Personalised Learning Plan
- Academic and Passion Goals
- Reflections on their evidence regarding their development in each of the Growth Domains and the 6 Deep Learning Skills



Students will be required to critically reflect on their learning, their goals, where they have grown or regressed and why this has taken place.

The PTO system for this event will open for bookings on Monday 26 August via instructions that will be listed in the Parental Lion Roars for that week.

### Year 12 Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony

Today the College celebrated the academic achievements of Year 12 in the Light of Christ Centre with an awards ceremony. Our Award winners were presented with their certificates and medals in front of many proud parents, followed by morning tea on the verandah. Congratulations to all our awards recipients and well done for all your hard work.



### HSC Trial Exam Timetable

All Year 12 students will be completing Trial Examinations between Monday 5 August and Monday 18 August. The College Community wishes Year 12 students all the best for their upcoming examinations. Please find below a reminder regarding the HSC Trial Examinations timetable..



**St Leo's Catholic College**  
**Year 12 Trial HSC**  
**Examination Timetable 2019**  
**Monday 5th August – Monday 19th August**

Monday 05-08-2019	<b>English Advanced Paper 1 exam (56)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins) <b>English Standard Paper 1 exam (60)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins) <b>English Studies exam (7)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (2h 30mins)	<b>Music exam (9)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins) <b>VET Retail (1)</b> 12:55 - 14:55 (2h 0mins)
Tuesday 06-08-2019	<b>English Advanced Paper 1 exam (56)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (2h 0mins) <b>English Standard Paper 1 exam (60)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (2h 0mins)	<b>Design &amp; Technology exam (14)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins)
Wednesday 07-08-2019	<b>Legal Studies exam (10)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>Visual Arts exam (19)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins)	<b>Industrial Technology Timber exam (8)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins)
Thursday 08-08-2019	<b>Mathematics Extension 2 exam (2)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>Mathematics Advanced exam (29)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>Mathematics Standard 1 exam (8)</b> 08:35 - 11:05 (2h 30mins) <b>Mathematics Standard 2 exam (62)</b> 08:35 - 11:05 (2h 30mins)	<b>Hospitality VET exam (14)</b> 12:55 - 14:55 (2h 0mins) <b>Modern History exam (10)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins)
Friday 09-08-2019	<b>Chemistry exam (13)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>English Extension 2 exam (6)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins)	<b>Ancient History exam (10)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins) <b>Software Design &amp; Development (1)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins)

	Morning session	Afternoon session
Monday 12-08-2019	<b>Studies of Religion 1 exam (47)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins) <b>Studies of Religion 2 exam (31)</b>	<b>Community &amp; Family Studies exam (25)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins)

- Classes resume on Tuesday 20 August 2019, (Day 2).



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**Year 12 Trial HSC**  
**Examination Timetable 2019**  
**Monday 5th August – Monday 19th August**

	08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins)	
Tuesday 13-08-2019	<b>Physics exam (15)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>Society and Culture exam (4)</b> 08:35 - 10:35 (2h 0mins)	<b>Business Studies exam (62)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins)
Wednesday 14-08-2019	<b>PDHPE exam (37)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins)	<b>Engineering Studies exam (5)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins) <b>Food Technology exam (13)</b> 12:55 - 15:55 (3h 0mins)
Thursday 15-08-2019	<b>Biology exam (30)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins)	<b>English Extension 1 exam (8)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins)
Friday 16-08-2019	<b>No exam</b>	<b>Drama exam (7)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins) <b>Mathematics Extension 1 exam (11)</b> 12:55 - 14:25 (1h 30mins)

	Morning session	Afternoon session
Monday 19-08-2019	<b>Economics exam (12)</b> 08:35 - 11:35 (3h 0mins) <b>Japanese Continuers exam (6)</b> 08:35 - 10:05 (1h 30mins)	<b>No exam</b>

God Bless,  
 Daniel Petrie  
 Acting Assistant Principal

## *From the Director of Teaching and Learning*

### **Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 11 2020 Subject Selection Interviews with their current Year 10 students on Thursday and Friday last week. If you were unable to attend these interviews and would like to discuss any aspect of Year 11 Subject Selection for your son or daughter for 2020, please contact Josephine Cali (Director of Teaching and Learning) at the College.



### Blackboard Configuration

You may have noticed that your son or daughter has learning intentions in their workbooks or course materials. This is part of the St Leo's Catholic College Blackboard Configuration to improve teaching and learning. Staff share the learning intentions or learning goals with students for each lesson or a series of lessons so that students are able to articulate what they are learning. Students and teachers also co-construct the success criteria. We encourage all parents/carers to ask your sons and daughters what they are learning about.



For more information on learning intentions and success criteria please [click here](#).

**Mrs Josephine Cali**  
**Director of Teaching and Learning**

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## *From the Director of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing*

### Attendance Concerns - Parent Workshop

**The Learning Every Day Counts initiative** focuses on the importance of student attendance at school and the need for schools, students and families to work together.

**A Parent Workshop (K-12) will take place on Tuesday 27 August at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Pymble at 9.30am-11am or 6.30pm-8pm.**

Further information on 'Learning Every Day Counts' and strategies for parents to get their child to school can be accessed at :

<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance>

### UAC & ATAR Presentation

A Representative from UAC (Universities Admission Centre) has been engaged to present to our Year 11 and 12 students on the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) and applying to University through UAC. This will take place after the Year 12 Trial exams on Wednesday 28 August from 10-11am. Interested parents are also welcome to attend. Venue to be confirmed.

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## *From the Director of Students*

### Week 1

It was wonderful to see our 7-12 students again after the Term 2 holidays. They appeared rejuvenated and ready for another term of opportunity at St Leo's. I spoke to a number of students last week both in and out of the classroom, and it was pleasing that many want to



make a *positive difference* this term both academically and with their chosen co-curricular pursuits.

### Uniform

Students are expected to be attired in full Winter uniform (including blazer) this term. All students are expected to wear the blazer to and from the College every day this term. Year 12 may continue wearing their College jersey. Please see the Student Diary if any uniform/grooming expectations need clarification.

### Student leave reminder

All student leave requests, in the first instance, should be communicated in writing to the Principal (Mr Gleeson) - an email to the College is acceptable. 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. **The College Skoolbag app should not be used for any student leave requests.**

### Attendance reminder

**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. Following an absence from the College, you must ensure that you provide the College a verbal or written explanation for the absence within 7 days. **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.

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