



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 5 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal

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the
Date

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

As I write this Lion Roars Report for Week 5 Term 3, I am sitting here in the Gold Coast Entertainment and Convention Centre, Broadbeach, QLD. After proudly sending our various Aerobics Teams to the Nationals for all the years I have been Principal, I just had to attend this event.

The teams (19 students Years 7-11, 4 coaches and two staff members) flew up Saturday morning and settled into their modest accommodation at Nobby Beach Caravan Park. These activities very much drive our emphasis on the 6Cs at the College. They provide opportunity for growth for all students in a variety of fields. What I have noticed in this Aerobics season -

- The coaches all recently graduated students (Ashleigh, Beth, Georgia, Lucy and Maddie) are fantastic role models for our students!
- To make it to the Nationals - in any field is a huge achievement, not only in the accolades at this level, but the many hundreds of hours of diligence and practise that have got the teams to this level (*emphasis on Character*)
- The bonding that is obvious between not only the members of each team but across the sport is very much evident. This bonding spans all years of adolescence and provides great positive peer group pressure (*emphasis on Collaboration*)



- The emphasis given to students doing their best - the quality of feedback and the exposure to what excellence embodies (*emphasis on Critical Thinking*)
- The community living experience on this tour where people are tolerant of individual differences (*emphasis on Collaboration*)
- This “event” cannot be turned on just for the 2mins 30 secs - but relationships, knowing each other, supporting one another and the constant positive encouragement shown to all members of the teams is clearly evident (*emphasis on Christian Citizenship and Communication*)
- The depth of learning that I witnessed over these two days - was not only detailed, but so deep - that it comes down to positioning of fingers and expressions of your faces - simply everything counts (*emphasis on Critical Thinking*)
- Successfully dealing with the nerves, anxiety and the hype - and transforming these into an even better performance on the stage! (*emphasis on Character*)

I believe there is a very strong correlation between the 6Cs (**Christian citizenship, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Character**) and the pathway that has led to this level of excellence. This is mirrored in many other opportunities (other than academic pursuits) that students take advantage of here at St Leo's. Some of these are the Kiribati Immersion, representative sport teams, the College Musical productions, the various College Bands and Ensembles, Debating, Public Speaking, Duke of Edinburgh program and Leadership of the various social justice programs.

I must make mention of **Jack of Year 7**. Jack is our second boy to reach the Nationals. The pathway has now been well and truly laid - so for our boys - be brave, think outside the box and be yourself and follow your passion. Well done Jack!

At the award ceremony last night our fantastic teams were awarded three 7th places and two National Bronze Medals. I wish our teams to know that their parents, coaches, staff and the College are proud of them and their pathway to reach the National level of representation.

All our students should strive for excellence in all they do - particularly excel in their passion. I am looking forward to reading the reflections on their learnings, that I am sure some of these students will list in their St Leo's Learning Den as evidence of their learning across our **6 Growth Domains - Spiritual, Academic, Cultural, Environmental, Social, Emotional and Physical**. The development of the whole person is core to our education, so that our students can be successful in the world in which they will live.

I must say - after watching the many teams today perform - I might even sign up to a class in my local gym!



Well done to all competitors on your outstanding efforts. Thank you to **Ms Jamie Stimson** and **Ms Jess Watts** (aka Mrs Smith) on organising and supervising not only a very successful national Program entry but for the many hours of rehearsals, and behind the scenes organisation. You as parents should be very satisfied and content with the organisation aspect. I know there will be a short break - before the next round of training and preparation commences once again.



I hope to see many of you at the Higher Education and Careers Expo (Pathways Program) Evening this Thursday. Please see the College website for further details.

Have a great week.
Mr Tony Gleeson
College Principal

From the Acting Assistant Principal:

**Senior School Parental Involvement Evening -
This Thursday 22nd August
4:00 - 6:00 & 7:00 - 9:00pm - Mary MacKillop Centre:**

Final Tickets Released - by high demand



Please watch the advertisement clip via the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgzOmH_gGhM



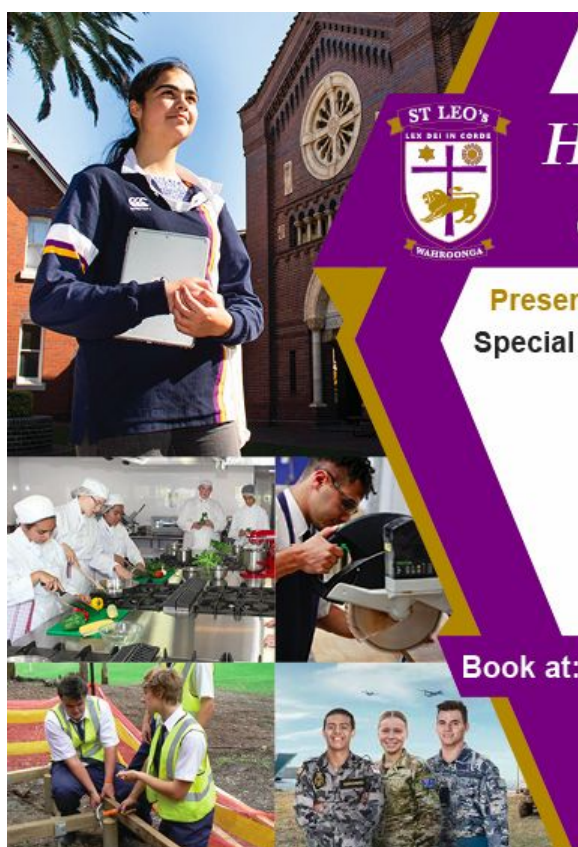
The College is pleased to offer an evening for students of **Year 10, 11, 12 of 2020**, dedicated to exploring the many **early entry methods to university**. The College will be hosting representatives from the universities of ACU National, Notre Dame, Sydney, UNSW,



Western Sydney and UTS as well as Tafe NSW, the Australian Defence Forces and Billy Blue Design College.

Their presentations will reveal the various avenues on offer to gain **early 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 RSVP via the booking link below:

RSVP Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BENHG>



FOR YEAR 9-11 STUDENTS

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS EXPO

Presentations by top universities & organisations
Special focus on early entry pathways & schemes

22 | **THURSDAY
AUGUST 2019**
 4-6PM or 6.30-8.30PM

Mary MacKillop Centre

Book at: [trybooking.com/BENHG](https://www.trybooking.com/BENHG)

Session numbers are limited, so BOOK NOW!

More information:
Mr Nathan Smith, Pathways Leader
nathan.smith@dbb.catholic.edu.au

eSafety Masterclass:

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT are jointly co-hosting a special eSafety Masterclass as an initiative of National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Awareness Month, this September. This is an exciting event with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner presenting exclusively to parents/carers on the subject of how to keep children and young people safe online. The invitation is open to all parents/carers and staff of our schools including the CSO. Please see further details via the flyer on the next page.



Online Safety Masterclass

HOSTED BY

Keynote speaker: Kellie Britnell -
Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Date: 5 September 2019
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Building 2,
423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

FREE MASTERCLASS for parents and carers interested in understanding more about keeping children and young people safe online.

An initiative of Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Month and National Child Protection Week.

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BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

RSVP BY 31 AUG 2019
TRYBOOKING.COM/BEBWX

PARKING ONSITE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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SLC - Student Led Conferences, Years 7-8:

As previously advertised, the College will host the first round of Student Led Conferences for Years 7 - 8 from 8:30am - 5:30pm on Tuesday 10 September. The PTO system for this event will open for bookings on next Monday 26th August via instructions that will be listed in the Parental Lion Roars for that week.

Graduation Dates:

Parents and guardians will receive a 'Graduation Pack' from the College this week containing important documentation pertaining to the Graduation festivities. The graduation documentation will include:

- A letter from the College Principal outlining expectations of students



- A diocesan letter outlining Diocesan expectations
- An invitation to the Graduation Mass and relevant details
- An invitation to the Graduation Ceremony and relevant details
- An invitation to the Formal and relevant details

Below are the dates and schedule for your convenience:

Event and Location	Date	Time	Attendees
Graduation Breakfast Light of Christ Centre (OLOR)	25th September	8:00am - 9:15am	Y12 Students and Staff
Graduation Mass Light of Christ Centre	25th September	10:00am - 12:00pm	Whole College and Year 12 Parents
Graduation Ceremony and High Tea Light of Christ Centre	25th September	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Year 12, their guests and staff
Formal Curzon Hall - Sabrina's View	18th November	6:00pm - 11:00pm	Year 12 and their guests (inclusive of their parents)

An invitation to the
St Leo's Catholic College

Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast

Thursday, 29 August, 7.30am
Fr Tenison Woods Gallery,
in the new Mary MacKillop Building

[CLICK HERE
TO RSVP](#)

 *Celebrating our Fathers*



Please click the image above to RSVP

God Bless,
Mr Daniel Petrie
Acting Assistant Principal

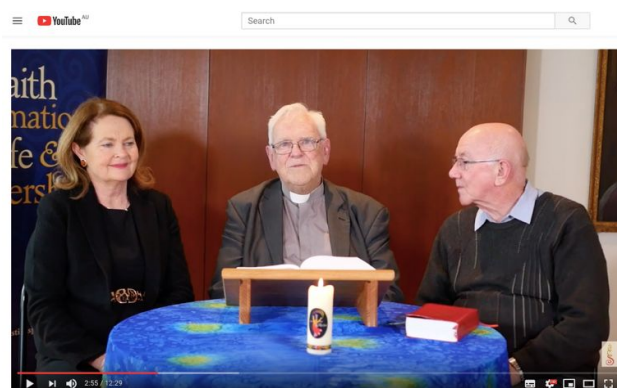


From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Reflection on
Sunday's Gospel
With Bishop David Walker

Luke 12:49-53 "Jesus and facing Challenges"

Please watch this 12-minute video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Nb-fFxVSic>



Fathers-Day Invitation:

St Leo's College warmly invites all fathers and their children to a **Father's Day Celebration** with breakfast and a liturgy on Thursday August 29th at 7.30 am. The Father's Day Breakfast will be held in the new Mary MacKillop Centre in the Fr Tenison Woods Gallery on the Lower Ground Floor.

Please complete this RSVP form by Monday August 26th via the link below:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3zvKzYMMP9qZMTO4ITzkAccu2X1oMBaauBxyi7toeul85A/viewform>

Plenary Report 2020:

The final report for the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council was released on Sunday 28th July. 'Listen to what the Spirit is Saying' is available to download on the Plenary Council website:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

As we now enter the crucial phase of Listening & Discernment may we be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit who will lead us to the fullness of Truth (John 16:13).



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7



Article – Australia Favours Self-Interest and Coal over Pacific Nations' Survival:

From the Edmund Rice Centre – August 16

Despite strong recent statements from a number of Pacific Island leaders about the importance of curbing Australia's coal mining activities, the final Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) 2019 Communique, including the Kainaki II Declaration, is a significantly weakened version than had been hoped for by many. To read more go to:



https://www.erc.org.au/media_release_australia_favours_self_interest_and_coal_over_pacific_nations_survival

Formation Opportunities:

Palms Orientation Course - September 21

At **Palms' Orientation Course** in July, seven outstanding individuals were prepared for mission. They are now heading for assignments in Kiribati, Timor Leste, PNG and South Africa.

With one group on their way, Palms is recruiting again to fill the many more [requests](#) from overseas communities to improve opportunities, and attract more mission applicants –**especially teachers**- to their next course in January.

With Palms, Australian teachers can share their expertise and experience **teaching students and mentoring local teachers** who have little formal training at schools in **Samoa, Thailand or Kiribati**. This **mission** provides **quality education outcomes** for teachers and students in these communities and **instils our own teachers with vocational fulfilment**.

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With over 50 year's experience, Palms Australia is the leader in matching experienced, skilled Australians with community development projects in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. We provide training and support, a basic living allowance, return airfares, and a comprehensive insurance policy.

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SEPTEMBER 21
2PM - 3PM

JOHN STREET CAFE
DOOLEYS CATHOLIC CLUB
11-17 CHURCH STREET, LIDCOMBE

OR APPLY FOR A POSTING TODAY: [PALMS.ORG.AU](https://palms.org.au)

Palms Australia palms.org.au | 02 9560 5333
464 Parramatta Road, Petersham, NSW

Local science teacher **Andrew Tham** invites the teachers and staff of St Leo's to **discover the possibilities** of working abroad and sharing capacity to develop communities. He will share insights of his time in in **Rubya, Tanzania**, where Andrew mentored both local education staff and students alike.



Palms Meet & Greet:

Saturday September 21st @ 2pm

John Street Café Dooley's Catholic Club

11-17 Church St, LIDCOMBE

Would you like to become Catholic?

Contact Mr Ralph Kershler Ralph.Kershler@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

The RCIA program will begin soon at St Leo's for those interested in becoming a Catholic. This invitation is open to Students, Parents or Teachers.

Events:

August 23 – Praisefest – St Peter's Tuggerah

Join young people from across the Diocese for our next CYBB PRAISEFEST! Get a chance to catch up with friends while enjoying our pre event Festival, encounter God through vibrant & honest worship, and receive spiritual nourishment through an inspiring and relevant message. A light dinner will be provided from 6:00pm before our night begins.



August 25 - Invitation to St Leo's Youth and Family Mass @ Waitara

Each Month there will be a **special St Leo's Youth and Family Mass** on the 4th Sunday of each month at OLOR Cathedral Parish.

Join us to celebrate the Eucharist and connect with friends....

On Sunday @ Waitara - OLOR Church - 6pm

Bring a friend....

For more information talk to Deacon Adrian

August 29 – St Leo's Father's Day Breakfast

September 7 - National Threatened Species Day 7 September 2019

National Threatened Species Day (NTSD) is when we turn the spotlight on native plants, animals, and ecosystems that are under threat and reflect on how we can protect them into the future. If you would like to find out about threatened species in your area and how you



can make a difference visit:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-andplants/threatened-species/help-save-our-threatened-species>

Mr Andrew Dumas
Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

From the Director of Teaching and Learning:

HSC Trial Examinations:

Congratulations to all of our wonderful St Leo's Year 12 Students for completing the Trial Examinations with enthusiasm and a genuine commitment to do their best. Many evenings before, as well as during the Trials, the Aquinas Resource Centre (fondly known as the ARC) was teeming with students who were preparing exemplary answers to past HSC and Trial questions in collaboration with their peers. It seemed that they left no question unturned when it would undoubtedly have been easier for them to retire. Their visible display of commitment to succeed not only serves to develop the character and fortitude of our Year 12 students; they also unknowingly acted as positive role models for our younger students who were concurrently utilising the newly updated learning spaces in the ARC.

The completion of the Trial Examinations marks the end of HSC School-based assessment tasks, but there is still plenty of time and merit for studying for the final HSC Examinations to collectively improve assessment as well as HSC Examination marks. While it is true that "The HSC mark is a 50:50 combination of a student's examination mark and school-based assessment mark for each course (NESA, 2019)" students should still be actively studying and preparing for the final HSC Examinations with their peers. While the rank and the relative difference between each student's assessment marks are determined after the completion of the assessment tasks, as per the published assessment schedules, students should be working together which should improve their own marks as well those of their peers. As NESA moderates school-based assessment marks according to the performance of students in the HSC Examinations, all students must do their best in all of their units to give all





students a 'larger share' of the moderated final HSC Marks. For further information go to <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/about-HSC/moderation>

Some useful resources:

A guide produced by **The Sydney Morning Herald** containing examination tips, essential advice and information on post-school options <https://hsc-study-guide-2019.smh.com.au/>

Key HSC Dates:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables>

Study Tools for the HSC:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-student-guide>

Approved calculator list (UPDATED June 2019):

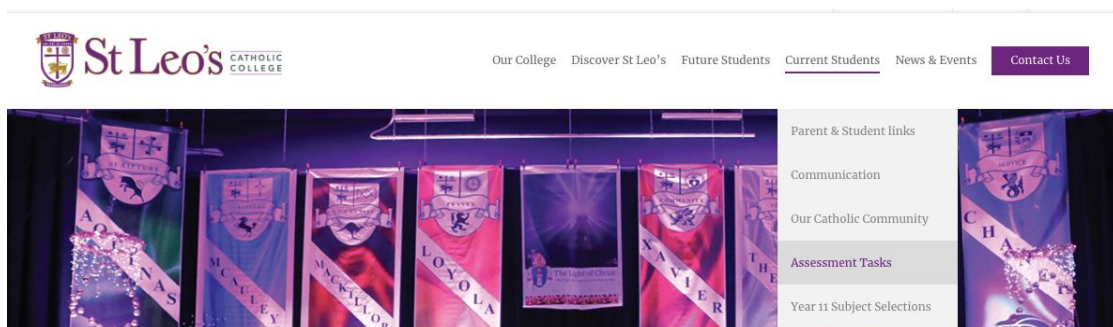
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/approved-calculators>

Surviving Year 12 available via St Leo's School TV:

<https://stleos.nsw.schooltv.me/newsletter/surviving-year-12>

Illness Misadventure Reminder:

Students are reminded to familiarise themselves with the College's Assessment Policy for each year group. Students in Years 10,11, and 12 require a medical certificate for any absence on the day of an assessment task or exam as well as the day before an assessment task is due or an exam is held. Further details are available in the relevant Assessment Information Handbook for each year group. To access these handbooks, go to the Current Students Tab on the St Leo's Webpage. This page is password protected. The password is **leoscommunity**. Click on Assessment Tasks then select the relevant year group.





Required Learning Equipment:

Students are asked to ensure that they charge their iPad (Years 7-10) or Laptop (Years 9-12) each night so that they are fully charged and operational for the next learning day.

School TV:

The College has subscribed to School TV to connect, empower and inform everyone in our school community about a variety of matters related to young people. This month's topic is Positive Parenting. To access the School TV resources, go to the Current Links Tab on the St Leo's Webpage, then select Parent & Student Links.

Year 11 Minimum Standards Tests:

Students in Year 11 who have not yet met the minimum standards are invited to see Mrs Cali (in the ARC on Tuesday 21 August) to complete these tests. Students who are involved in this have already received a personalised notification with further details via the Year 11 Google Classroom page.

Mrs Josephine Cali
Director of Teaching and Learning

From the Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being:

Parenting Tips from Glen Gerryen - The Hopeful Institute:

As a father of four, Glen understands first-hand how parenting can indeed be one of the toughest jobs in the world. He also knows how rewarding it is to see one's children growing up feeling loved, assured and closely bonded with their parents. We have utilised Glen over a number of years for both student and parent seminars. The following ideas may be of interest in assisting to build positive relationships with your children.

<http://thehopefullinstitute.com/5-positive-parenting-ideas>

Reminder: Parent Workshop (K-12) will take place on Tuesday 27th August
Pymble – Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School 9.30am-11am & 6.30pm-8pm:

This workshop forms part of the *Learning Every Day Counts* initiative and focuses on the importance of student attendance at school. It's never too late to improve attendance! If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak with your child's class teacher (Primary) or the relevant Year Leader (Secondary) about ways to address it. Further information and helpful resources can be found at

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



Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Open Day:

Open Day at ADFA is an ideal opportunity for you to see this unique, world class training and educational facility. This is a great opportunity if you have a child who might be interested in combining a challenging and exciting career in the Australian Defence Force and wishes to complete a degree.

Date: Saturday 24 August 2019
Time: Welcome 09.00
Location: ADFA - Northcott Drive, Canberra
Cost: Free Event

Mrs Lindy Sykes
Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being

From the Director of Students

Leadership Induction Program

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, the newly elected 2019/20 College leaders participated in a Leadership Induction Program at Peter Canisius House (Pymble). The main emphasis of the program was to develop a sense of team, discuss the connection of spirituality to leadership and to plan strategic student action for the College. During the program there were a number of interactive workshops on effective leadership, making a difference as a leader, linking leadership to the Mission of the College, using Character Strengths to enhance leadership as well as portfolio goal setting. On Day 1, the concept of servant leadership and the link to spirituality was expertly presented to the leaders by Mr Andrew Dumas (Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation) and covered our connection to the Patron Saints at the College, listening, collaboration, citizenship, humility, trust, cooperation, and encouragement. Mr Luke Trotz (Year 11 Leader) also passionately addressed the leaders on Day 2 about the upcoming St Leo's Day in Term 4 and provided some excellent planning resources for this significant event.

At the conclusion of the program, a celebratory afternoon tea for the parents and leaders was held outside on the front lawn. The Captains along with Mr Tony Gleeson (Principal) warmly welcomed the parents and it was certainly a nice occasion to conclude the program. The leaders enthusiastically engaged in the program on both days and had many opportunities, basking in the sun, to develop their leadership bonds. Last Thursday, the leaders' energy was certainly evident at the Feast of the Assumption Mass as they collaboratively assisted with the logistics of the morning. Special thanks must be extended to



both Mr Dumas and Mr Trotz for their wonderful presentations during the program - it was very much appreciated by the leaders.



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

Mr Ashley Johansen
Director of Students