



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 7 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

*Mr Daniel Petrie*, Acting Assistant Principal

Save  
the  
Date

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

**Week 8:** (Tues 10/9) Stage 4 SLC, Year 8 Subject Selection Talks (Wed 11/9) Y7-10 Academic Awards Ceremony

**Week 9:** (Wed 18/9) Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction, (Mon-Fri Y11 Exams)

**Week 10:** (Wed 25/9) Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony, (Mon-Fri Y11 Exams)

## ***From the College Principal:***

*Mr Anthony Gleeson*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St Leo's has a proud tradition of excellence in the Creative, Performing and Industrial Arts. It was a pleasure to have Sam Harman who has recently completed his studies at NIDA return last week as an alumni of the College to visit the new Flora MacKillop Theatre. As one of three students who received NIDA offers within his cohort, the College continues to enjoy the fruits of such a creative strength amongst students and staff. Tomorrow evening we will be opening the doors to the 2019 Showcase that will feature not only HSC Major works from across the disciplines but also work from Years 7-11.

It will be an opportunity for you to also experience our new Mary MacKillop Centre. Please join us for a fantastic demonstration our talented students and staff.

**A COMMUNITY EVENT - ALL WELCOME**

**St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga**

presents



**Wednesday, 4 September, 7-9pm**

**Mary MacKillop Centre**

Dance . Drama . Music . Visual Arts . Timber . Design . Industrial Technology  
Software Technology . STEM . Photography . Creative Writing and more...

**Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 concessions or \$10 family** - includes refreshments.

Book now at [trybooking.com/BEZXU](https://trybooking.com/BEZXU) to go into the lucky door prize draw - or tickets at the door.

Refer a friend or neighbour for extra lucky door tickets & prizes!



### Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards Nominations and applications for the 2020:

Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards are now open:

Offered through a partnership between national charity Schools Plus and the Commonwealth Bank, the Awards recognise and celebrate great teachers and school leaders who go above and beyond to make a difference and shape a brighter future for their students and schools, particularly in disadvantaged communities. The selected 12 outstanding teachers and school leaders will each receive a \$45,000 Teaching Fellowship, which includes \$10,000 to support their professional development, \$25,000 for a major school project to improve outcomes for their students, and an overseas visit to a high-performing education system. Fellows will also receive unique opportunities to develop skills and networks, learn from leading education experts and become part of an alumni group helping to shape Australia's education future. Now in their fourth year, the Awards are open to teachers and school leaders from all Australian schools, from Government, Catholic and Independent sectors. Applications close at midnight (AEST) on Friday 27 September 2019. To learn more, apply or **nominate someone**, visit [teachingawards.com.au](http://teachingawards.com.au).

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### *From the Acting Assistant Principal:*

*Mr Daniel Petrie*

#### Graduation and important Year 12 dates:

Parents and guardians will have received an email containing a package from the College Principal outlining expectations of students before, during and post graduation.

A link to these documents is below:

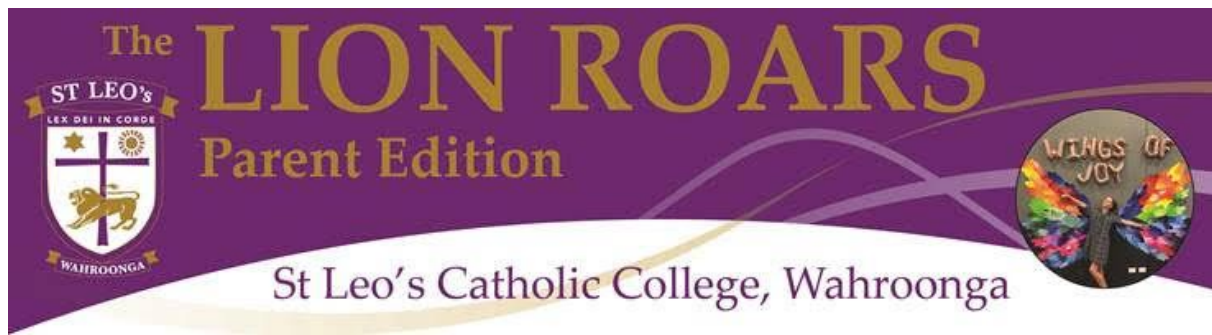
[Graduation Pack Link](#)

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)



Date	Event / Activities
Wednesday 4/9	HSC Showcase (Creative, Performing and Industrial Arts)
Monday 9/9	Music Submitted Works as set by NESA
Monday 9/9	Music Performance Examinations as set by NESA
Wednesday 18/9	Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction
Friday 20/9	Last day of official classes
Monday 23/9	Year 12 Teachers available for student assistance during Day 6 timetabled periods
Tuesday 24/9	Compulsory Practice for Graduation Mass and Ceremony
Wednesday 25/9	Graduation Breakfast, Mass, High Tea and Ceremony
Mon 30/9	University Preferences to be submitted
Thu 17 Oct - Tues 12 Nov	HSC Examinations - Please ensure that your son/daughter is well prepared for each exam. Timetables have already been distributed to each student. Teachers are available to assist students up until their final HSC exam. Please email teachers directly.
Tues 17 Dec	HSC Results and ATARs released: Students are invited to share in confidence their ATARs and HSC results. These will not be published, but rather contribute to our collection and analysis of data. We are always grateful to those graduates willing to share this information with us. There will be a form made available to those students wishing to participate.
Thu 19 Dec	The deadline for finalising December Round 2 offer round preferences is midnight on Thursday 19 December 2019. This is the first major offer round for Year 12 students.





**COMMUNITY FORUM**

**PROMOTING SAFETY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY**

**HOW BELONGING IN A COMMUNITY & BEING CONNECTED TO OTHERS PROMOTES SAFETY**



**Wednesday 25 September 2019**  
1.30pm – 3.30pm



**St Joseph's Hall**  
76a Fiddens Wharf Road,  
Killara



**Free forum**  
Afternoon tea provided.

A presentation by Miranda Bruyniks, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner followed by a panel Q&A session with staff and clients.

As Complaints Commissioner for the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, Miranda is responsible for oversight of the national model for complaints and reportable incidents. Previously Miranda was Deputy Disability Services Commissioner in Victoria, where she oversaw critical incidents reported by disability service providers, the resolution of complaints, investigations, and education and information to support people with disability.

This forum is for people living with disability and their families, and for workers in the sector.

A JOINT INITIATIVE OF:



**RSVP:**

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**LITURGY OF**

*inclusion and care*

You are invited to gather to pray for a safe community in which all experience a sense of belonging

**Tuesday 3 September 2019**  
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral  
Yardley Ave, Waitara, 7pm

## National Child Protection Week and Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Month:

These events are being hosted by the Office for Safeguarding to celebrate National Child Protection Week and Diocesan Safeguarding Month. All members of the St Leo's community is welcome to attend. Please refer to the relevant details within each flyer.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

**Safeguarding Awareness Month!**

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

A SAFE COMMUNITY IS ONE IN WHICH ALL EXPERIENCE A SENSE OF **BELONGING**

AN INITIATIVE OF THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

**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.

STAY TUNED FOR LIVE STREAMING. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU](http://BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU)

RSVP BY 31 AUG 2019  
[TRYBOOKING.COM/BBBWX](http://TRYBOOKING.COM/BBBWX)

PARKING ONSITE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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

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### Student Injury:

If your son or daughter incurs an injury during sport outside the College, please send correspondence through to Student Services that details the injury, the advice for treatment and the healing process. This will ensure that appropriate measures are taken when physical activities on campus have been scheduled for your child.

### Year 12 Graduation Mass and Year 11 Compulsory Attendance:

The Class of 2019 will be graduating on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. As is tradition at the College, all Year 11 students are expected to attend the Graduation Mass and will need to arrive prepared for class in periods one and two. **Students will need to attend in full College Winter uniform.**

Following the Mass, the majority of Year 11 will be dismissed at approximately 12:00pm. However, as already communicated to the newly elected Prefects and other nominated Year 11 volunteers, these students will be required for official photos as well as assisting with the set-up/delivery of the Year 12 High Tea and Graduation Ceremony in The Light of Christ Centre later in the day. **Lunch will be provided** for these Year 11 students. Those assisting in this capacity will be dismissed at approximately 5:30pm.

No examinations have been scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> will be an examinations catch up day.

If there is any reason why your son/daughter is unable to attend the Graduation Mass next Wednesday morning then I would request that contact is made with Mr Trotz as soon as possible.

### Year 12 High Tea/Graduation Ceremony & Year 10 Assistance:

The Class of 2019 will be graduating on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. As is tradition at the College we are asking a number of Year 10 students to assist behind the scenes in making the Graduation ceremonies a special and memorable occasion for the Class of 2019. Preparation and set up for the various Graduation ceremonies are scheduled to commence from 1.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September and continue intermittently until 5.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Your child has been requested to assist with the following activities:

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 1:30pm-3:30pm: Set up for Graduation breakfast

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

- 12:00-3:15pm: Pack-down of Graduation Mass and re-set for Graduation ceremony

Lunch will be provided for Year 10 student volunteers on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.





Student volunteers are permitted to wear casual clothes for both of these activities; however, students are required to wear full College Winter uniform whilst in regular classes and at the Graduation Mass (10:00am-12.00pm) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

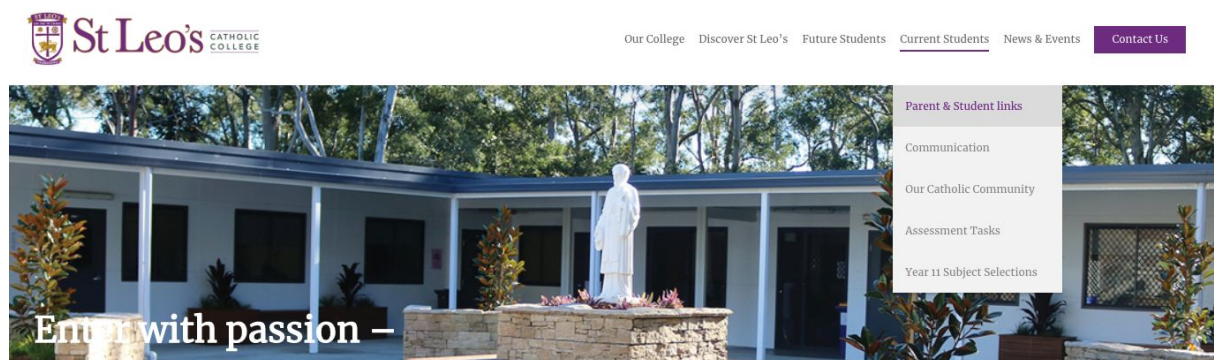
If there is an exceptional reason why your son/daughter is unable to assist with this important event then I would request that you or your son/daughter discuss with me as soon as possible.

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

Please follow the instructions on the following page to book a Student Led Conference for your son or daughter in Year 7 or Year 8 for the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Due to parental availability requests, the time of SLC bookings have been changed to 1:00pm - 8:30pm. Students will be supervised during Period 5-6 until their parent arrives. They are then permitted to leave at the conclusion of the SLC. The venue will be the Aquinas Resource Centre.

#### Step 1:

Select the 'Current Students' tab and then select 'Parent and Student Links':



#### Step 2:


Now select the PTO - Interview Bookings tab:



#### Step 3:

Log into PTO and select Year 7 and 8 Student Led Conferences:





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**Log in to PTO**

Surname/Login:

PIN/Password:

You can also make bookings on your phone or tablet:

Or just search your app store for Parent Teacher Online  
When using the app, you will need to  
add your school using code **80724**  
Full user guide [here](#).

**Need help?**

- ▶ Obtain PIN/Password
- ▶ **Login**

Enter your surname (or alternative login/username that may have been provided to you). This can be entered in UPPER or lower case or Mixed.

Then enter your PIN or password and click Login.

You can obtain your PIN/password (or have it re-sent) by clicking 'Obtain PIN/Password' above.

Year 7 and 8 Student Led Conferences

### Enrolments - currently accepting applications to 2030:

The College is enjoying significant growth in enrolments and is currently accepting applications up until 2030. Parents and members of our College community are encouraged to submit an application as places are limited. Presently, waiting lists apply in a number of year groups.

## From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

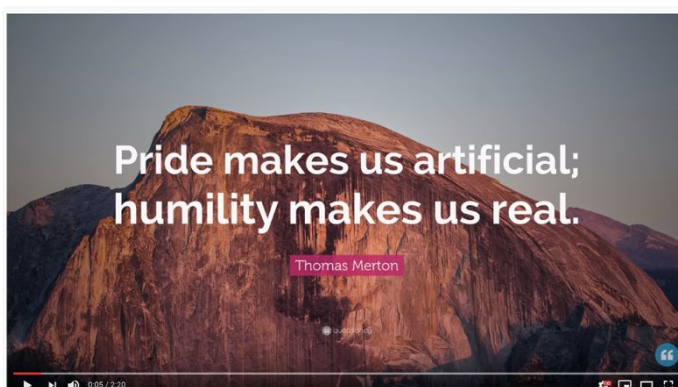
*Mr Andrew Dumas*

### Extract from the Gospel for the 22 Sunday Luke 14:1, 7-14:

**Please read** - "Imagine that you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you has also been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place...."

Please **watch** this 2 minute reflection on Humility by Thomas Merton, and **pause** the video to read...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei0qhDrHjrs>







### Father's Day Celebrations:

Thank you to the 140 students, dads, mums and staff who attended our Father's Day Celebrations in the Fr Tenison Woods Gallery of the Mary MacKillop Centre on Thursday August 29. It was a wonderful celebration led by Deacon Adrian and assisted by Miss Kerri-Anne Ramsay. Deacon Adrian led prayerfully, showed some inspirational videos on fatherhood, and posed a question to both dads and their children – "What are you proud of in the other"? We encourage you to continue this conversation with your children and your fathers and grandfathers throughout this week.



Thank you to the Year 11 leaders who assisted our guests so diligently making them feel very welcome.

Thank you for Deacon Adrian and Miss Ramsay for putting together a beautiful liturgy. Also thank you to Ms Persico, Mrs Pace-Fellows and Jason's team for setup and a delightful breakfast.

### Father David Ranson's visit:

Thank you to the students and staff who participated in the celebration of the Eucharist on Friday with Father David. It was a wonderful and joyful celebration.

Father David spoke about the nature of the lion and the gift of waiting. Lions often have to wait; Of being patient. When we wait, we enter into life more fully and awaken to what is going on beyond our expectations.



### Our Chapel:

Our Beautiful Chapel has now reopened. Parents are encouraged to come and have a look. Please come down and see.

A new Marian Prayer Chapel has been added at the rear of the chapel. This is a quiet space to be still. Come and spend 5 or 10 minutes in silence. It is a great gift to be still in our busy world.

### Would you like to become Catholic?

Contact Mr Ralph Kershler [Ralph.Kershler@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Ralph.Kershler@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and let him know.





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.

### Prayer Vigil for the Prayer of Creation

#### – Friday Lunch 6th September:

All students are invited to join in a Taize prayer service to commemorate the Season of Creation this Friday lunch in the Chapel. The Season of Creation commenced on the 1st of September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and will conclude on the 4th of October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Our prayer service will include Scriptural readings and easy to follow Taize chants which will be displayed on the Chapel screen. All are welcome.



A rehearsal will be held for musicians on Thursday lunch in the Chapel. Any students who wish to contribute to the readings, music ministry or preparation of the chapel please contact Ms Kerri-Anne Ramsay.

### ACYF Formation Begins:

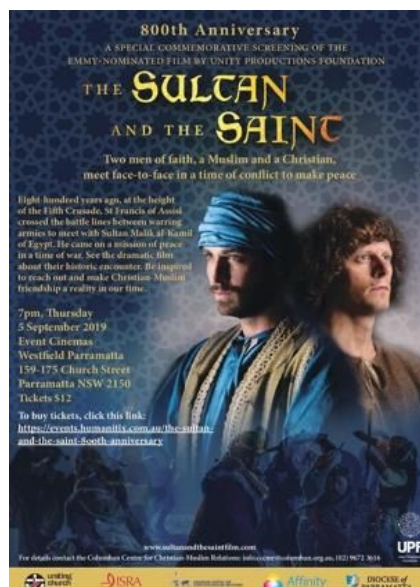
ACYF Formation begins each Thursday between 10.22 and 10.50 am with Deacon Adrian and other Pilgrim Group Leaders. Students are reminded to come straight to the Youth Ministry room after Period 2.



### Events:

September 5 - Special film screening for 800th anniversary of Francis of Assisi-Sultan of Egypt meeting

[Click link here](#)





### Leos Learning Den Updates:

Parents are encouraged to ask their children to show them the 'Leo's Learning Den'.  
Get them to show you their mentoring goals and evidence.  
Click on "Eportfolio" and click the "Print a Summary" button.



Select the semester, mentoring strengths, goals, deep learning and growth domains and click "Show"

### Eportfolio Print Summary

Please select what you would like to print:

Semester	Semester 1 2019 ▾
Mentoring - Strengths	YES ▾
Mentoring - Goals	YES ▾
Mentoring - Reflection	▾
Mentoring - Parent	▾
Mentoring - Evidence	▾
Deep Learning	YES ▾
Growth Domains	YES ▾
Show Name	YES ▾

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Discuss together the evidence by reading the reflection and clicking on the google link.

Please have a look together.

### *From the Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being:*

*Mrs Lindy Sykes*

Some Careers information is attached this week that may be of interest:

**Defence Force Recruiting Sydney** will be conducting Information Sessions in 2019.  
Anyone who is interested in a career in the Australian Defence Force is encouraged to attend to:





- Find out more information about the recruiting process
- Ask any questions about different careers available and the different pathways
- Speak to current serving members

The next information sessions and registration details can be found at:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events?page=1&perPage=21&query=&eventsDate=upcoming>

### Locksmith Apprenticeship Chatswood:

8:30 – 5:30 Monday to Friday Year 12 or 11 preferred anytime from now to February.

To become a Locksmith Tradesperson you complete a four-year apprenticeship. Most training is provided on the job with a mixture of work in our workshop and at customers' sites. You also complete a Certificate III in Locksmithing at TAFE in the city. This involves one day per week for 3 years.

We need someone who is keen to embrace the craft of locksmithing and who will gain a real sense of satisfaction and achievement from a job well done.

Locksmithing is a trade that combines all the good elements of other trades but is not dirty or dangerous!! Call us on 9411 2600 and have a chat or email your resume to.


[accounts@archerlocksmiths.com.au](mailto:accounts@archerlocksmiths.com.au)

## *From the Director of Teacher and Learning:*

*Mrs Josephine Cali:*

### Year 12 Trial Examinations:

Students completed their Trial HSC Examinations last week. Students have since received feedback on their performance and marks from their teachers. Students are encouraged to use past HSC Questions as well as the Sample HSC Questions provided by NESA for courses with new syllabuses. These can be accessed from [NESA Course List](#). Then select the required course. Scroll down to Assessment and Examination Materials where you will find sample HSC questions for each



**NSW  
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EXAMINATION**

This document shows the layout of the examination and provides some sample questions for each of the sections.

**Sample  
Questions**

**English Advanced**

**Paper 1 — Texts and Human Experiences**



course with a new syllabus. As an example, English Advanced course has a new syllabus in 2019. NESA has provided Sample Questions on their website.

### **IMPORTANT: Year 11 End of Course Examinations:**

Please click the link below for the Year 11 End of Course Examinations Timetable.

#### [Timetable](#)

Students in Years 11 will be completing their Preliminary Exams during Weeks 9 and 10. We wish all students well for upcoming exams. All students are required to do their best for the exams and ensure that they thoroughly revise course content and skills. Students will be permitted to study at home when they are not doing exams at school. Please continue to encourage students to use their time between exams for study purposes. It is sometimes tempting for students to accept extra work shifts during examination periods when their time should be utilised for study purposes. To support and encourage student learning, the College Aquinas Resource Centre is available for student study throughout the examination period.

### **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 Aquinas Resource Centre) during Week 7 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. While these tests are not compulsory, students who complete these tests will be eligible to have these credentialed for when they leave school. Parents are asked to encourage their sons/daughters to complete these tests before the Year 11 Exams in Weeks 9 and 10, if possible. Any student who is concerned about these doing tests can do Trial Tests before completing the actual tests.

### **Year 8 Subject Selection Talks and Year 7 and 8 Student Led Conferences:**

These will take place on Tuesday 10 September at the College.

Year 8 Students will not have Sport on this day. Please wear full winter school uniform.

### **Australian Government eSafety Resources:**

The Australian Government provides eSafety and Tips for Parents to ensure online Safety. While our students are tech-savvy, they still can benefit from basic rules and guidelines set by parents to support their use of technology. For tips and advice, please refer to

<https://esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/online-safety-basics>

and

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

If you require any assistance with these resources or in this area please contact me at the College.





### **NAPLAN 2019:**

NAPLAN Results are due to the College between now and mid-September. These reports will be sent home to parents of students in Years 7 and 9 as soon as they arrive. Further information is available from <https://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports>

### **Active Kids - Don't forget to use your vouchers!:**

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second \$100 Active Kids voucher.

Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. Go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids> for more information.

### **Broken Bay Learning Principles:**

For more information on the Learning Principles used in teaching and learning at St Leo's Catholic College, please go to

[https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/Learning\\_Principles/index.html?page=20](https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/Learning_Principles/index.html?page=20)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of **Teaching and Learning**, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College by telephone or by email ([josephine.cali@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:josephine.cali@dbb.catholic.edu.au)) and I will endeavour to reply within 48 hours.

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## ***From the Director of Students:***

***Mr Ashley Johansen***

### **Public transport & behavioural expectations:**

A reminder that serious consequences will apply to any student who breaches the College code of conduct while travelling on public transport. It is also expected that students will vacate their seat, if required, to full-paying adults. We would like to acknowledge the many students who are consistently demonstrating positive behaviour when they travel on public transport to/from the College. The College would also appreciate if these expectations can be discussed and reiterated at home.

### **Positive Parenting:**

Despite the best efforts of parents around the world, the reality is, there is no such thing as the 'perfect parent'. However, resourcing yourself with the right information is a good start!



Research shows that one of the most important protective factors in the lives of young people, is a close relationship with a supportive adult. With the **mental health** of today's young people being at an all-time low, it is simply not enough to parent effectively. Parents now need to familiarise themselves with practical skills, knowledge, and strategies when it comes to raising children.

Parenting is a very difficult task and can easily slide into a model that is overprotective, resulting in children being less independent, unable to problem-solve or self-regulate. Parents may not set clear boundaries, which unfortunately may make children feel less secure. There is a great deal of pressure on children in the 21st century.

In the SchoolTV link below which is available on the College website, parents can learn **what is the best approach** for primary and secondary school aged children. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered via SchoolTV, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the College for further information or seek medical/professional help.

See link [SchoolTV - Positive Parenting](#) for more information and online resources.

### **Useful PDFs**

[Young teens \(12-14 years\)](#)

[Teenagers \(15-17 years\)](#)

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