



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 8 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal

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Date

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 Care-givers,

Last Thursday evening we hosted the *2019 Showcase*. It was great to see so many parents, relatives and friends of our students.

I must say there is nothing better than seeing the many fantastic learning outcomes of our students in Years 7 to 12 in a vast array of practical forms.

The knowledge, quality, depth, detail and precision of their works in Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Hospitality, Industrial Technology (Wood), Dance, Aerobics, English Extension, and Design and Technology, were second to none. What was most pleasing was the pride in the many student faces they took in their learning not only as they were preparing for the Showcase but talking about their particular works on the evening to our many guests.

The 6Cs (Christian citizenship, Character, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking) is very much part of our agenda - and many examples of this were on display at Showcase. These are the skills (behind the knowledge) that we are instilling in our students as they prepare for the world in which they will enter.

I would like to thank all our staff and students for the many hours of quality learning and teaching that is behind each of these works. I hope you enjoyed the evening in the purposeful learning spaces designed within our superb building - the Mary MacKillop centre.

Following our Showcase last week, tomorrow evening (Tuesday) we are conducting our *inaugural Student-Led Conferences* for students and their parents in Years 7 and 8.



Student-Led conferencing is simply having students conduct formal conferences with parents and their Mentor teacher to display their schoolwork as well as discuss their learning, their educational goals and strategies for meeting these goals.

This strategy places the students at the heart of the process, so they have the opportunity to tell the story of their own achievement and are held accountable for doing so.

I am very much looking forward to seeing our younger students not only articulating their learning but also seeing parents being in true partnership with the College, in maximising the outcomes for their children in these conferences.

From the Acting Assistant Principal:

Mr Daniel Petrie

Semester 1 Academic Awards Ceremony Years 7-10 - Wednesday 11th September:

On Wednesday this week we look forward to celebrating the success and sustained effort of our students from Semester One. The Academic Awards Ceremony will be hosted in the Light of Christ Centre at 10:00am. Parents of award recipients have received electronic communication of their son or daughter's efforts. Parents and guests are invited to enjoy some St Leo's hospitality at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Leadership Induction Ceremony - 18th September:

On Wednesday 18th September, parents and their guests are invited to join the College for the Y12 Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction. This important ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the graduating class of 2019 at the conclusion of their courses. Coupled within this event will be the induction of our incumbent College leaders as they are handed the mantle of leadership from their 2019 counterparts. The ceremony will begin at 10:00am. Parents and guests are invited to enjoy some St Leo's hospitality at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Graduation and important Year 12 dates:

A graduation package has been distributed to parents electronically and in hard copy form. 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
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.



Year 12 Graduation Mass and Year 11 Compulsory Attendance:

The Class of 2019 will be graduating on Wednesday 25th 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 25th - Thursday 26th. Friday 27th 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 25th 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 24th September and continue intermittently until 5.30pm on Wednesday 25th September.

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

Tuesday 24th September:

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

Wednesday 25th 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 25th 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 25th 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.

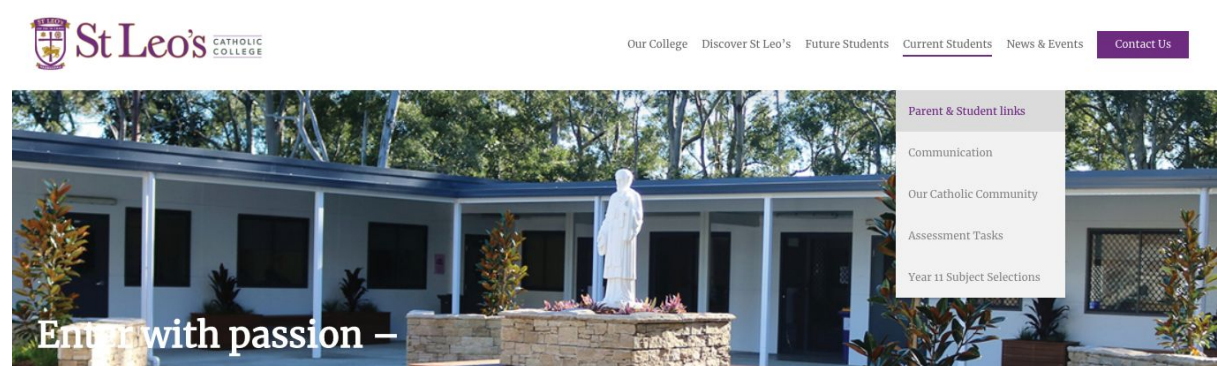
Important reminder regarding SLC - Student Led Conference bookings for Years 7-8:

If you are yet to book a Student Led Conference with your child's mentor, please use the instructions below. This is a most important step in the holistic development of your son or daughter, as they increasingly take ownership of their learning.

Bookings will take place from 1:00pm - 8:30pm tomorrow in the Mary MacKillop Centre. There are no classes during P5-6 for Year 7-8 tomorrow. The College will provide supervision for students that require it.

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.



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 are welcome to attend. Please refer to the relevant details within the flyer to the left.



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:



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From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Mr Andrew Dumas

Lectio Divina on 23rd Sunday's Gospel with Bishop David Walker
Luke 14:25-33 "Strive to enter through the narrow door":

Please watch this 12-minute video reflection for the 23rd Sunday's Gospel -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emavjZ-5CNo>

Prayer Vigil for the Prayer of Creation
– Friday Lunch 6th September:

A beautiful Taize liturgy and prayer was held in the Chapel on Friday Lunch September 6th. Thank you to Miss Ramsay and Deacon Adrian for leading us through a different way of praying. No priests were available so it was a great way to lead prayer.



Celebrating Mother Theresa:

Thank you to Miss Kerri-Anne Ramsay for leading us on Thursday September 4th through a wonderful inclass liturgy on Saint Mother Theresa. One of our House Saints.

Watch this 1 minute video to get a sense of the liturgy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOa1oRULKgU>



Year 12 – Studies of Religion – Sep 12:

There will be a practise HSC exam for year 12 1 Unit and 2 Unit SOR students between 1.15 pm and 4.15 pm on Thursday September 12.

Year 9 Spirituality Day – Sep 13:

Year 9 Spirituality Day will be this Friday in the Light of Christ Centre on September 13th. Students are permitted to wear Full College Sports Uniform. The day will begin at 9.30 am. Students are asked to attend their regular Period 1 class and at 9.20 am move promptly to The Light of Christ Centre. This will be an exciting day as the day is hosted by the St Peter's Youth Ministry Team from Tuggerah.



2020 Kiribati Immersion Launch:

Are you ready to be challenged, changed, laugh, cry, sing and make a difference? Year 9 parents and their children are invited to come to the launch of “2020 Kiribati Immersion Launch”. This is the most formative experience you will undertake in all of high school. We invite you to come to the Aquinas Resource Centre on Monday September 17 at 7 pm.

If you are interested, then PRINT the following “Expression of Interest Form” and come along on September 17.



[Click here to PRINT the expression of interest form.](#)

Circle of prayer:

We are looking for 125 individuals or families in our St Leo's community to be assigned and pray at home for ONE of our year 12 students during the stressful HSC period. “The Prayer Circle” will occur between Thursday October 17 to November 11. The hope is that one student has one family or individual praying for them each day. Please sign up today to be notified who to pray for...



[Click here to join our prayer circle](#)

Individuals and Families will be notified shortly
After year 12 graduation on Wednesday September 25.

Your invitation to join RCIA





Bishop Robert Barron – *“We have just been passing through clearly the darkest period of American (and Australian) Catholic Church History. The sex abuse scandal was the perfect storm. It undermined the work of the church in almost every way. We are at a pivotal moment. What do we do? We could go into a defensive crouch. Or we could do what the great saints have done over the centuries when the church has found itself in crisis. They have come forward to claim the great power and truth of the church. To announce it confidently. I think that is the call of our time”.*

Watch “Introduction to Catholicism trailer” –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_ScnCHiN1w&t=96s

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 12 – Year 12 Studies of Religion – HSC Practise

September 13 – Year 9 Spirituality Day – in the Light of Christ Centre

September 17 – 2020 Kiribati Launch

September 25 – Year 12 Graduation Mass – 10.00 am– in the Light of Christ Centre

Formation PD Opportunities:

Broken Bay Catholic Life and Formation have three events happening in the coming months, all are welcome to attend. See links below for more information. Please SIGN up...

14 September

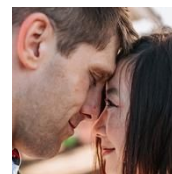
[Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish](#) - Sherry Weddell



20-21 September

[Smart Loving Weekend Retreat](#)

Have a weekend off from your kids??



28 September

[Celebrating Social Justice Sunday](#) - Dr Anthony Maher



11-12 October

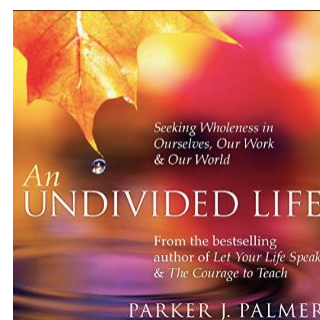
[Broken Bay Bible Conference](#)



Recommended Book

An Undivided Life - By Parker Palmer

We all yearn for a life that is whole - where "soul and role" are aligned, and our innermost wisdom guides us in our actions. Perhaps no one has explored this topic more deeply than best-selling author and distinguished educator Parker J. Palmer. Parker gives an inspiring and transformative teaching in "An Undivided Life". Infused with compassionate intelligence, this landmark program will encourage and deepen your reflections about what it means to live "a life divided no more".



Audible - www.tinyurl.com/an-undivided-life

From the Director of Students:

Mr Ashley Johansen

Student Leadership 2019/2020:

Our new 2019/2020 College leaders met with the current Year 12 leaders last Friday morning to discuss the transition to their new roles from Term Four. This was an important student-led meeting as it allowed the outgoing leaders to share their experiences and offer some practical advice/tips for the incoming leadership team. The new team will shortly begin preparation for the upcoming St Leo's Day in Term Four through fortnightly meetings and planning workshops. The students are looking forward to the challenge and will build upon both the leadership frameworks and character strengths discussed at their recent Induction program. The leaders have also been given the challenge of developing an inaugural Diocesan **Student Voice** Forum at the end of Term One next year for other 7-12 leaders in Broken Bay.

College Uniform:

***Sports uniform** is only to be worn to the College if a student has timetabled PDHPE/Sport or is representing the College in a relevant sport/activity otherwise full uniform should be worn.

***College tracksuits** are only to be worn if a student has timetabled PDHPE/Sport or is representing the College in a relevant sport/activity otherwise full Winter uniform should be worn.

***Representative garments** with Broken Bay/CCC logos are only to be worn if a student is representing the College offsite in a relevant sport/activity otherwise full uniform should be worn.



*Students are permitted to wear their own **spray jacket** if it is raining during the day; however, they must be removed in class. If it is not raining, the spray jacket should be kept in their locker/bag. We are presently awaiting the arrival of a branded St Leo's College spray jacket which will be transitioned across the College very shortly. The spray jacket will shortly be available from our uniform supplier (Cowan & Lewis – Turramurra) and students/parents will be informed of this arrangement when the order arrives.

As stated in the Student Diary, the *wearing of the uniform correctly shows pride in one's appearance and enhances the reputation of the College in the wider community.*

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