



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 9 Term 3** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

*Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal*

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**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)

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### *From the College Principal:*

*Mr Anthony Gleeson*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9 edition of The Lion Roars.

This week we have started the farewell events for our *Year 12 students*. Tomorrow we recognise our Academic Prize-winners as well as the Induction of our new Student Leaders in our College Assembly. Next week we celebrate our Year 12 Students with a Breakfast, Thanksgiving Mass, Graduation Ceremony and High Tea.

It is vital that all members of our College are very much part of these celebrations. To have these events secluded from the community, simply does not equal a vibrant Christian learning community. It is a very important milestone in the lives of not only the students in Year 12 but also for their families.

I would like to congratulate and thank our students, parents and staff who were part of our inaugural *Student Led Conferences (Years 7 & 8)* last week. From all reports - and the student-centered conferences that I witnessed, it was a very significant stage in our students' learning. The conferences reinforced the students' learning; it assisted the parents with being more aware of their child's learnings and it assists the staff in getting to know their students and at the same time being able to meet that students in their learning journey. An evaluation has been sent to all families - so you can also give your views of these conferences.

We keep in our prayers, our Year 11 students who have commenced their End of Preliminary Exams and of course our Year 12 students in their final days of their secondary education.



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## *From the Acting Assistant Principal:*

*Mr Daniel Petrie*

### **Leadership Induction Ceremony - Tomorrow - Wednesday 18th September:**

A reminder that tomorrow parents and their guests are invited to join the College for the **Y12 End of Course Academic Awards Ceremony and 2020 College Leader Induction Ceremony** commencing at 10am in the Light of Christ Centre. 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.

### **Monday 14th October - Pupil Free Day / Staff Professional Development:**

Monday 14th of October will be a pupil free day as staff will be undertaking professional development during this time.

### **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.

### **New College Uniform:**

**Students are permitted to wear the new College uniform in Term 4 this year.**

A reminder that the new College uniform is available for purchasing through Cowan and Lewis in Turrumurra. Uniforms can be purchased in person or online. Please refer to the new uniform brochure link below for further information:

<https://stleos.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/New-Uniform-Brochure.pdf>

Students who have purchased the uniform can commence wearing it from Term 4 this year. Day 1 of Term 4 begins with summer uniform attire.



### 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
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.
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### 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.

### 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.

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

*Mrs Lindy Sykes*

### Work Experience program at the RBA:

The Reserve Bank has just opened applications for a new program, designed to give students insight into the work of economists.

**Eligibility:** Students in Year 10 who are interested in studying economics in Years 11-12.

When: 11-15 November 2019

Where: 65 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000

Number of places: 12 students (maximum one per school)



**Applications for the November 2019 Work Experience program will be open until 20 September 2019.**

More information about the program and how to apply can be found on our new [Work Experience](#) page:

<https://www.rba.gov.au/education/explore-economics/work-experience/>

### Youth Future Forum:

This forum may be of interest to those of you with children who are creative thinkers of the future and who would like to be involved in developing a Statement from the Next Generation – a call to action that will help guide long term planning for the future of Hornsby Shire.

Please see the following link to the event on Thursday 19 September from 4:30pm :

<https://future.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/youthforum/>

### Social Media App Warning:

The use of the following apps has come to our attention and I would like to encourage parents/ caregivers to check if your child or teen has them on their phone or tablet. You might want to consider deleting them, or monitoring their use.

Sixty per cent of parents say they're concerned their child is exposed to risks online, including contacting strangers, accessing inappropriate content and being the victim of [bullying](#). That's according to a [survey by Australia's eSafety commissioner](#).

**YUBO (formerly Yellow)** is still considered the "Tinder for kids". Yubo is aimed at 13 to 17-year-olds and is meant to allow Snapchat users to meet "friends" in their geographical area, but could easily be used to arrange sexual encounters or for predators to pose as teens and lure children to meet in person.

Like Tinder, the app allows teens and kids to swipe left and right depending on whether they want to connect with strangers or not. This is concerning as it allows teens the ability to easily meet people (strangers) outside their parent's sphere of knowledge or control.

**SNAPCHAT** is one of the most popular apps of 2019. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, recent features including "stories" allow users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location unless you change your privacy settings.

**HOLLA** is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.



**CALCULATOR%** is one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history. This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.

**OMEGLE** is a free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously with strangers.

*For more helpful cyber safety advice and resources for parents, check out the Federal Government's [iParent website](#).*

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## *From the Director of Students:*

*Mr Ashley Johansen*

### **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.

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.*

### **Exam stress - special SchoolTV report:**

Students in their final two years of school are considered a high-risk group for depression and anxiety. Sleep deprivation, diet and social media are some of the biggest issues faced by this group of teens. Therefore it is vitally important that a student's mental health is looked after as well as their physical health. Keeping things in perspective for students and parents alike, can help prevent everyone getting overwhelmed. Although the final years are important, it is not necessarily the most important years of your child's life. There are many strategies that students can implement to help themselves. Parents can provide support, not only emotionally, but also practically by keeping their child well-nourished and encouraging physical activity. In the link below, please find useful tips to support their child during this often stressful time. If you do have any concerns about your child, please make contact with the College for further information and support.



[Exam stress - parent support & coping strategies](#)

**2019/2020 Leadership Induction Ceremony:**

This coming Wednesday we will officially induct our new College Leadership Team following the Year 12 Academic Awards Ceremony. This will be a special occasion for the new leaders as they prepare for the key accountabilities of the different portfolios - their work has already been noticed and I am confident they will drive the College forward through their 'voice' and collective actions.

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