



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 4 Term 4** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

Blessings,

Mr Daniel Petrie, Acting Assistant Principal

From the College Principal:

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Thank you to all parents for their prayers and support of our HSC students during their examinations. Please keep them in your prayers as their exam journey draws nearer to a close. We also keep in our prayers Mrs Julie Macri who is very ill. The College is holding Novenas at lunch in the chapel in support of her and the Macri family.

My gratitude is extended to the staff who have given of their personal time with families to ensure that Year 9 enjoyed a fun filled camp at Morriset and for Year 10 to enjoy a dynamic Urban Challenge Camp in Week 5.

A reminder that the College Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd November is a compulsory event and that a doctor's certificate will be required for students who are away on the day without pre-approved leave. I challenge all students to challenge themselves on the day, to move beyond their comfort zones and to fully support their respective House Spirit.

From the Assistant Principal:

Mr Daniel Petrie

Save the date:

(Wk 5) Mon & Thur - Volunteer Thank you Mocktail Morning Tea

(Wk 5) Thur - Stage 5 and 6 Music evening

(Wk 6) Mon - Year 12 Formal

(Wk 6) Tue - Year 7 (2020) Parent Information Evening

(Wk 6) Fri - College Swimming Carnival

(Wk 9) Fri - Year in Review / Academic Awards Ceremony

Year 10 Adjusted Program Week 5 - Week 8:

As per tradition at the College, Year 10 will participate in an adjusted program in Term 4 that commences at the conclusion of their exam week. This program involves a variety of workshops and experiences that are designed to prepare them for the Preliminary and HSC Courses. Each of these are compulsory days at the College.



Year 10 students and families have been emailed an information pack that contains all permission notes related to the adjusted program, as well as additional details related to the experiences next week.

Further detail can be found in the schedule below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MW6BEapCAs_GTIHWTpGPWp4J46F1xZfVMvnztJf_hR4/edit?usp=sharing

Year 10 End of Term Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Week 4	4 Exams	5 Exams	6 Exams	7 Exams	8 Exams	9
10 Week 5	11 Class	12 Class	13 Urban Challenge	14 Urban Challenge	15 Urban Challenge	16
17 Week 6	18 Class	19 Day of Hope(am) Men of Honour(pm) / Self defence	20 RE Excursion	21 All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test (Xavier Rooms)	22 Swimming Carnival	23
24 Week 7 CAPA Camp	25 Vocations Expo CAPA camp	26 CAPA camp All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test (Xavier Rooms)	27 Activity Day Rotation: Step Up into Yr11 MORG (MMC Classroom) Science Lab Skills HERJ (Science Lab) Turnitin workshop DeKM/PROK (MMC Classroom) Research Skills HASM (ARC)	28 All My Own Work (ARC) HSC Minimum Standards Test Catch up (Xavier rooms)	29 St Leo's Feast Day Mass followed by workshops (No Class)	30
1 Week 8	2 Last Classes	3 Yr 10 Walkathon / BBQ	4 Y10 Spirituality Day (Baden Powell Centre)	5 Semi Formal The Epping Club 6.30pm	6	7



8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 9 ACYF	ACYF	ACYF	ACYF	Advent Liturgy St Leo's Fair ACYF	Year in Review 7-11	

Important Event / Key Dates Schedule for Term 4:

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Wk 2	Mon - HSC Exams Tues - HSC Exams, HSC Information Evening Wed - HSC Exams, Year 9 Camp, Street Retreat Thur - HSC Exams, Year 9 Camp, Mission Mass Fri - HSC Exams, Year 9 Camp, HPV dose 2 Year 7 (Immunisations)
Wk 3	Mon - HSC Exams Tues - HSC Exams Wed - HSC Exams, Sweeter than Honey Conference Thur - HSC Exams, Fri - HSC Exams, Y7 2020 Learning Support Orientation
Wk 4	Mon - HSC Exams, Yr 7 Assessment Free Week, Year 9 and 10 Exam Week, Installation of Bishop Randazzo (LOCC) Tue - HSC Exams, Yr 7 Assessment Free Week, Year 9 and 10 Exam Week, Melbourne Cup Wed - HSC Exams, Yr 7 Assessment Free Week, Year 9 and 10 Exam Week, Year 11 Awards Ceremony Thur - HSC Exams, Yr 7 Assessment Free Week, Year 9 and 10 Exam Week Fri - HSC Exams, Yr 7 Assessment Free Week, Year 9 and 10 Exam Week, Year 7 (2020) Orientation Day
Wk 5	Mon - Final HSC Exams, Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Remembrance Day Ceremony (11am), Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea Tues - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week Wed - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge Thur - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge, Stage 5 and 6 Music evening, Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea Fri - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 8 Exam Week, Year 10 Urban Challenge
Wk 6	Mon - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 12 Formal Tue - Year 7 Exam Week, Year 7 (2020) Parent Information Evening Wed - Year 7 Exam Week, Street Retreat Thur - Year 7 Exam Week Fri - Year 7 Exam Week, College Swimming Carnival
Wk 7	Mon - CAPA Year 7-11 Camp Tue - CAPA Year 7-11 Camp, Wed - Thur - Fri - St Leo's Feast Day
Wk 8	Mon - CAPA: Symphonic Band (Y7-11) Combined schools workshop Tue - Feast Day - St Francis Xavier Wed - Thur - Year 10 Semi Formal Fri -



Wk 9	Mon - (leaving Saturday prior) ACYF Perth Tues - ACYF Perth, Winning House Trip to Wet and Wild Wed - ACYF Perth, Street Retreat, Thur - ACYF Perth, Advent Liturgy, St Leo's Fair Fri - Year in Review - last day for students
Wk 10	Staff Professional Development Week

Morrisby Career Profiling:

Please see below a message from Mr Smith regarding this new program:

As part of the ongoing development of the College Pathways Program, we continually look for the best tools and services that we can provide our students with, based on their requirements and global best practice. As such, we are pleased to introduce a new element to the Careers Education Program here at St Leo's. Students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to complete the **Morrisby Career Profiling assessment tool**.

Morrisby Career Profiling is a world-renowned educational planning tool that has been developed by the Morrisby Group in the United Kingdom. Modified for the Australian market, Morrisby Career Profiling provides students and their parents/carers with a planning tool that helps the individual to develop the most appropriate pathway for themselves during Stage 6 and into a life post-secondary school.

Students complete a number of aptitude tests that range from verbal, numerical, abstract, spatial, and mechanical. Following this, they then complete two additional questionnaires that focus on career interests and personality types. The whole 'assessment' takes approximately 2 hours and following its completion, students (and parents/carers) have access to a highly detailed report that provides information on things such as: an individual's strengths, their learning styles, area of career interests, working styles, personality type, and suggested subjects to selected for Stage 6. This report can be accessed via an online platform or as a downloadable PDF document.

The level of detail that is included in the report is phenomenal and will certainly be a benefit to students as they continue their journey through secondary school and into a life beyond high school. Whilst we can appreciate that this type of report would have been beneficial prior to completing subject selections, we are confident that students and parents/carers will still be able to use the information for decision-making purposes into the future.

There are a number of reasons why we are adding this tool to the overall Pathways Program at St Leo's. The research that we have previously carried out amongst our parents/carers community (as well as the domestic and international research that we have reviewed) has stated that parents/carers would like access to further information that relates to the higher



education and careers landscape. More specifically, they want access to reliable labour market data and individual profiling results so that they can have more fruitful and insightful conversations with their young person at home. Ultimately, parents/carers want to provide their young person with the best guidance possible and we believe that Morrisby Career Profiling will provide you with information that will assist you when having these important discussions. Year 10 students will be completing the Morrisby Career Profiling on Thursday 28 November as part of a whole Careers and Pathways Workshop Day. The cost of the Morrisby Career Profiling is \$50.00 per student. The College will be covering this cost for 2019.

To further reap the benefits of completing the Morrisby Career Profiling, students will have a thorough 'debrief' with their Mentor (as part of their ongoing Student Growth Conversations) in early Term 1 next year. The aim is to unpack the results of the Morrisby profiling with the student and provide advice around their individual results. On top of this, our existing Support Services of Mrs Lindy Sykes (Careers Advisor), Mr Angelo Solomonides (Leader of Senior School), and myself are available to meet with students and/or parents/carers for further guidance and support, if required.

We are encouraging every student in Year 10 to complete this profiling as it will be extremely beneficial to them. However, should you not wish for your child to participate in the profiling, you can opt-out. Simply email this request to the College on stleos@dbb.catholic.edu.au and we will ensure that they are not involved in the session on 28 November.

The College is planning on making this an annual activity that Year 10 students complete from 2020 onwards. As such, we will be communicating this to the rest of our parent group next year. Due to significant parent interest in the program, parents will receive an invitation to a Parent Involvement Evening shortly to showcase the potential of this program.

We trust that you are supportive of this initiative as we look to see how we can further assist our students during their time here at St Leo's. We are confident that this fantastic resource, which is a component of the broader St Leo's PRIDE Learning Framework, will assist students with their future planning as they continue their holistic development here at St Leo's Catholic College.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9487-3555.
Mr Nathan Smith



From the Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation:

Mr Andrew Dumas

All Souls Day Reflection:

Please watch this 3 minute video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fG4NiligdqU>

Year 9 – Parents & Students:

All year 9 parents and students are asked to consider joining the Youth Ministry Class in 2020. Parents are encouraged to talk about this with their children regarding whether they would like to join the Youth Ministry Class. This year we had 28 students elected to be part of the Youth Ministry Class. Instead of the regular “Religious Education” class, the Youth Ministry Class develop skills in Youth Ministry. Such as leading a Small Group with Year 7 Students, Designing a Spiritual Day, being part of the “2020 The Road to Bethlehem Production” and developing skills in leadership.

Please download this information form and permission note. All notes are to be returned to Student Services (Mrs Raso) by Friday of Week 4.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OTGZBbKb3OLwtNesa1LMKOljEBrk4xZa/view?usp=sharing>

Christmas Hamper Appeal – Year 7-9 & 11:

Each Christmas it is important that we think and care for each other. To give to those most in need in our wider community

Each tutor room will shortly be invited to put together a Christmas Hamper for one particular family. Please stay tuned.

Year 10 - Aboriginal Picnic and Christmas Appeal:

This year Year-10 Students have been invited by the Baabayn Aboriginal Woman’s cooperation to help spread Christmas Joy for Aboriginal Children from low social economic families in Western Sydney. Baabayn run a Christmas picnic with fun games, a BBQ and Santa Clause arrives in a police car to distribute greatly needed presents.

Over 200 Aboriginal children will attend.

Each Year-10 mentor is asked to a gift for these Aboriginal children.

On Saturday December 7 some year 10 students, and some social justice group students, have also been invited to go to Doonside in Western Sydney to help give these gifts and also support the Baabayn Aboriginal elders with some fun activities on the day.



From the Director of Pastoral Care and Well Being:

Mrs Lindy Sykes

Years 9 & 10 Pastoral Day:

This term our Year 9 and 10 students will participate in a Pastoral / Reflection Day on Tuesday 19th November 2019, within the context of their Pastoral Care program.

The focus for this day will be how students can build a hope filled future. Glen Gerryen from the Hopeful Institute presents a powerful seminar encouraging critical thinking and a growth mindset, and provokes students to counteract negativity and make informed, healthy choices.

The second half of the day will involve students being separated into gender groups for the presentations. The focus for the boys will be 'Men of Honour'. This highlights the power of an individual's choice in the areas of exercise, nutrition, money and sexual relationships.

The focus for the girls is education around self-worth, violence prevention and empowerment. Further details will be forthcoming in a note home next week.

Cyber Safety Workshop & Supper - Hornsby Council Chambers:

A free workshop and supper will be held at Hornsby Council Chambers, Thursday 14th November 5.30-8.00pm, 296 Peats Ferry Rd. The office of the eSafety Commissioner will present on the following topics:

- ***Social Media and what's happening with our children online?***
- ***Cyberbullying – what can be done to protect our children?***
- ***How can parents get help and resources?***

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=545740&>

STEM FastTrack Family Careers and Information evening now open for registration:

If your child is interested in pursuing a career in STEM, this is a fantastic opportunity to hear from and speak to professionals and the companies who work in the industry.

- 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm Wednesday 27th November 2019.
- AWS Head office, 2 Park St Sydney NSW 2000
- Representatives from Amazon, BAE Systems, NBN & SYPAQ

The event is for x1 student and an accompanying parent/guardian.



During the Industry & Family Networking event attendees will:

- Learn about current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Industries
- Meet people who love what they do and want to share information with you, information about their industry
- Find out firsthand what future jobs there will be
- Understand how to get the jobs (i.e. the pathways)
- Understand the skills and experience the students will need

Limited to 25 places please avoid disappointment and register early by clicking the link below (registration closes 14th November).

***** [TO REGISTER THE ATTEND THE PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) *****

Please note, as this is an event that is taking place outside of school hours. Students and their parents/guardians are expected to organise own transport to and from the venue. Students without an accompanying parent/guardian will not be admitted.

From the Director of Students:

Mr Ashley Johansen

Hornsby Relay for Life & Year 12 leaders:

Last Saturday thirty Year 12 leaders participated in the Hornsby *Relay for Life* - Youth Cup. It was a wonderful event in providing vital support for Cancer Council NSW research, programs, prevention and support services. The spirit, camaraderie and teamwork of the leaders were outstanding and they were a credit to themselves and the College. Despite the hot conditions many leaders completed between 50-100 laps with continual smiles on their faces. The St Leo's Pride team were also announced junior winners of the inaugural Youth Cup on Saturday evening and Laith Suyyagh was the overall junior winner - what a great result from a very committed St Leo's team. Special thanks to Mrs Jo Gower for her passionate organisation and dedicated assistance on the day as well as coordinating the leaders leading up to the event. Thank you also to Ms Tracie Axton for helping with supervision on the day.





Attendance

Please watch the short video [Learning Every Day Counts](#) - this Diocesan initiative is extremely important for all parents/caregivers to note as it relates to classroom attendance. Any noticeable patterns of non-attendance will be raised by the College so that we can support your son/daughter's journey at St Leo's.

Absences add up!

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.



Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

