



Wednesday 1 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Update Day 8 of Covid19

Intake 2020 Students

This morning at 8.30am, I joined 92 Intake 2020 students, their Tutor teachers and Ms Watts in a Year Meeting via Zoom. The students were very pleased to be interacting with staff and their peers. So important! It is in my opinion (as a father and a teacher) one of the biggest downsides of this Remote Learning. However, with the support that is being offered by staff and of course yourselves, they seem to be in good spirits.

Feedback

Today the College has organised a courier collection of marked English essays (done pre Covid19) for students in Years 10 and 12. They will be scanned and delivered to the students electronically by early next week. Feedback; quality feedback, is so important in all Teaching and Learning. I am pleased that the electronic systems we are using can do this so students can take advantage of this feedback in their future work.

Mathematics: Intake 2020 and 8 Parents keep your eyes on the email

Parents /Caregivers of students from Intake 2020 and Year 8 will receive a letter from Ms Donaghy (Leader of Maths) this week asking for your assistance in supervising a mathematics program both online and in written form. Detailed information will be provided in her letter. PS – Look out for those notes written on the back of those hands! (ha ha)

Planning for the future

Tomorrow I am hosting a Zoom Conference for the College's Senior and Middle Leaders. We will be reviewing the past two weeks and having a look at the other end of Covid19 and what it may look like here at the College.

Survey

On Friday, I will send a link to all students, parents and staff to evaluate our *Remote Learning* at St Leo's. We know we haven't got it 100% right, but nor do I think we are wide of the mark. The purpose is to look and assess the big picture issues (rather than the individual small scale items) and address these ASAP. If the current situation does continue – we need to "tailor" our delivery to better suit our students and their families. The survey will only take 3-4 minutes and there are separate sections for each of the three groups; parents, students and staff, to account for the different perspectives you have experienced.

Reading for Pleasure:

Our Teacher/Librarian Ms Hashim will provide a pick up book service for our students. If students wish to borrow a book (via Destiny). Ms Hashim will ensure the book is left at College Reception, so your parents could swing by and pick it up. The E-Book service is already up and running. But for those who need a real book in their hands Ms Hashim will send out an order form to all students this week.

Our Year 10 Street Retreat Program:

In the Independent Education magazine – our Street Retreat program has been featured. These now legendary street retreats are run by Mr Ralph Kershler. Please have a read when you get a chance.



The cover of the magazine headlines Ralph chatting with one of the many interesting people our young people meet when on these retreats. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Home based Health & Wellbeing:

I would hope all students (and maybe even some parents) have viewed and participated in the St Leo's Home Gym training. Next week's edition will have some well known Rugby League names leading the charge. Stay tuned.

[Gym Session One](#)

[Gym Session Two](#)

One stop shopping:

To assist parents and students to have easy access to our different remote learning resources in one central place, we have a new page on the College website:

<https://stleos.nsw.edu.au/current-students-remote-learning/>
(password protected – password 'leoscommunity')

This will be updated as new materials are developed. Take a look.

Easter

In a spirit of light-heartedness - there is one event that won't be cancelled; The Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. In the support of our Catholic faith community, the College will be producing our own version of the Stations of the Cross liturgy for tomorrow week – **Holy Thursday (last day of Term One – 9th April)**.

Once again, many thanks for your support. It definitely is a three-way process; it does take a village!

Tony Gleeson
Principal