

**Friday 22nd May, 2020**  
**Update No 9 T2 PU**

**Dear Parents/Care-givers,**

The school bell tolls for ALL students next Monday 25 May, the start of Week 5 at 8.30am, wearing full Winter uniform. As I've been greeting students this week at the gate I'm sure not everyone is looking forward to the alarm clock, regular College uniform, and being punctual 5 days per week, but the benefits of being back in a routine, seeing friends, having the opportunity for face-to-face learning with their teachers will outweigh the change of pace I'm sure.

I do wish to address some practical return to school issues:

### **1) Entrance Gates**

All gates will be open including access to the College from Yardley Ave, Unwin Rd and the usual Woolcott/Windarra Cres loop. As you will have observed in the media the issue of the use of public transport and possible congestion due to social distancing requirements is an unknown quantity and we will have to monitor how this impacts student arrivals and departures from the College during Week 5. The management of NSW Transport trains and buses is outside of our control but predictions are that roadways MAY be extremely congested.

Our College residential neighbours have been very patient this last week whilst Windarra Cres/Woolcott Ave has been the sole entry point, but now with other access gates open I strongly stress that if you are driving your children to school; drop them away from this circuit as it is particularly busy.

### **2) Co-curricular Activity in Week 5**

St Leo's will NOT be undertaking any co-curricular activity in Week 5. I want the students and staff focussed on the re-introduction of the "pre-covid" timetable; students having time to liaise with teaching staff face-to-face; reviewing how transport impacts on the College; and ensuring the implementation of procedures students have been trialling during their return these last two weeks continues smoothly. Late next week I will update you on our plans to re-introduce some co-curricular activities in line with regulations.

### **3) Survey**

I have written about how I wish to survey parents/caregivers about where we go in light of our learnings/experiences of the Remote Learning Model that you have all been part of over the past two months. I wish to review some internal material first and will release the survey at the end of Week 5.

### **4) What will school look like next week.**

This was detailed earlier in the week in the Principal's Update on Tuesday 17 May. [Here is a link to this listing:](#)

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Whilst cold and wet today, may the weekend provide you with opportunities to spread your wings slightly further than has been the case of late. Take the time to reconnect with your broader family and friends and your spiritual community.

Kind regards

Tony Gleeson  
**Principal**