

Friday 8th May, 2020
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Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the College, I wish all mothers, step-mothers, aunties, grandmothers, female carers and mother figures, a collective **Happy Mother's Day**.

Mother's Day will be a bit different this year, but I hope you have a lovely day and know that we appreciate the large impact you have, and the role you play in educating and caring for your daughters and sons. At school and "at home" school we see first-hand the significant support and energy you put into the safety, care and love of your young people.

Happy Mother's Day.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J05r6dE4Z2ftw_PKmyW75VD-qAsQSVBz/view?usp=sharing

Student To Do List

With a staggered returned to the College next week, commencing Monday 11 May, I just wanted to reiterated some of the important items for students:

- 1) **Students must bring with them a set of head phones/ear phones**
- 2) Students must bring recess, lunch and water (it would be beneficial for students to bring personal hand sanitiser with them if it is accessible) - as the canteen closed
- 3) From the end of C Block to the Unwin Rd and Yardley Ave Gates are completely out of bounds
- 4) Students may only enter and exit the campus via the McAuley Administration Centre Gates in Woolcott Ave
- 5) Students taking public transport (trains) to arrive at the College, need to travel on foot via the route outlined in the information packages distributed last night
- 6) All hair cuts and facial grooming must adhere to College guidelines by Monday 11th May (faces must be clean shaven, hair free of artificial colouring, nose piercings removed)
- 7) All students are to arrive in full College Winter Uniform (Students from Intake 2020 and Y11 must be in the new College Winter Uniform - Year 10 have the new College Winter Uniform as optional)

- Blazers are compulsory one the way to the College and the way home from the College

- The shipment of Junior College ties (Middle School 7-9) have arrived at Cowan and Lewis today
(Uniform Suppliers)

From the Acting Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back on-campus over the next few weeks. During this time, we will continue to offer a range of evangelisation and other formation activities that students can engage with at the College. In line with health and government protocols, we will ensure that the correct social distancing and hygiene practices are observed in all that we do.

Year 12 Retreat

We are currently formulating a plan so that we can offer our Year 12 students a retreat experience this year before they graduate. It is only early days and still a number of variables to work through, but we are confident that we will be able to provide our Year 12's with this wonderful experience that is very much iconic to St Leo's. Further details on this will be provided soon.

Friday Weekly Liturgy of the Word

We will continue to host prayer during our normal lunchtime Mass timeslot on Friday's in the College Chapel from 1:20pm. If students are on-campus and can make it, they are welcome to join us in person. However, if they are working remotely or would prefer to participate via the live stream, they are to use the following link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/99135973529>

Weekly Rosary – Wednesday at Recess

As you may be aware, the Catholic church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As such, we are introducing a weekly Rosary in the College Chapel on Wednesday's during recess (max. 10 mins). If students are on-campus, they are free to join us at 11:05am. Otherwise, they can connect via the following Zoom link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/95441707338>

Meditation with Mr Kershler

This coming **Monday 11 May**, Mr Kershler will be leading a guided meditation for our community in the College Chapel after school (3:15pm – 4:15pm). If you or your young person would like to join us, please do so. Students can join us in person in the chapel or alternatively, people can connect via the following live stream link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92618005104>

Parent/Carer Home-based Spirituality Delivered by the Diocese of Broken Bay

Please find below the link to the Diocesan Parent Reflection, Online Sessions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OqkfvKmcJ8JiHjIMAZtO6Ey-XfgrpJYPsLiRY7qbS5c/edit>

We (the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay) have redesigned the way we are interacting with parents at this challenging time of social distancing. We want to continue to 'walk with our parents' on their family faith journey by offering online materials that you can interact with at your own time and convenience.

We hope you enjoy the first session; an introduction to the Ignatian 'Daily Awareness Examen', a prayer parents can engage with and teach to their families. We have 5 more sessions to follow which will unpack this 5-step prayer, week by week.

After parents have looked at the material at their own pace, we would love you to join our team in a zoom gathering for coffee and conversation to hear your thoughts, comments and wonderings.

The session will go for 45 minutes, starting with an experience of the Examen prayer. There are 3 sessions available one in each cluster. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Alpha Online

Would you like to come to Youth Alpha?

Youth Alpha is a series of meetings aimed at getting people together, to have fun, share and discuss the big questions in life. Last year it was run at lunchtimes in the Youth Ministry Room. This year we are going bigger and better, joining with other secondary schools from around Broken Bay Diocese using Zoom. In this time of physical distancing it's a great chance to get to know new people, with this online youth group. It will be run on **Thursdays from 4.30-5.30pm** starting on 14 May and go for 10 sessions. It is open for **Year 7s to 12s**. You can join with your friends and will be put into breakout groups with students from your year group in other schools.

To find out more about Youth Alpha have a watch of this video:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/235299306>

To express your interest please register on this Google

Form<https://forms.gle/uH2Z7G9nozpfBgKM6>

For all enquiries, please contact Deacon Adrian on adrian.gomez@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Other Calendar Events

There have been a number of Evangelisation and formation events on the College calendar that have either been cancelled or postponed until the Covid-19 situation changes. Once there is a change to the current restrictions and events can be re-booked and planned, I will provide you with an update accordingly.

Take care and brightest blessings,

Mr Nathan Smith

Acting – Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

I would ask students to respect social distancing with each other and members of staff. If this is not adhered to - parents will be contacted and students will be sent home. I would ask parents to stress this with their young person.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with your young people over the next two weeks.. If you have any questions please do not hesitate contact College Reception or email: stleos@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Best wishes

AF Gleeson
College Principal