



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 8 Term 2 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal

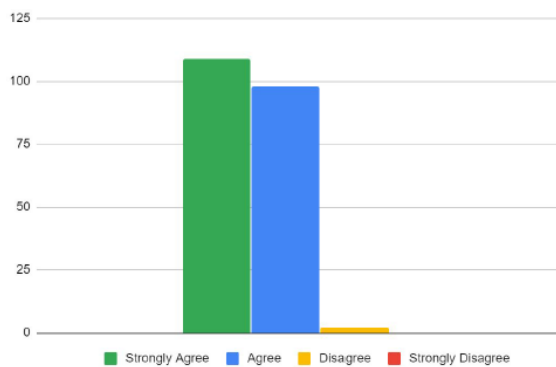
Mr Anthony Gleeson

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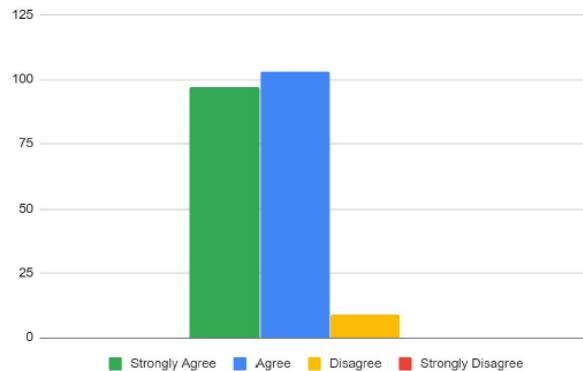
Parent Survey Results

Earlier this week I received the results of the survey the Catholic Schools Office sent out about a month ago to all parents and caregivers. There were 209 respondents and below is a snapshot of the results:

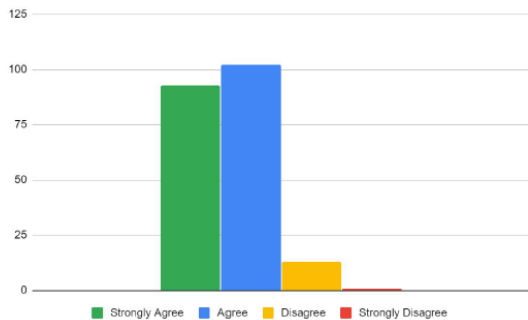
Q1 I have been supported by my school during the COVID 19 CRISIS



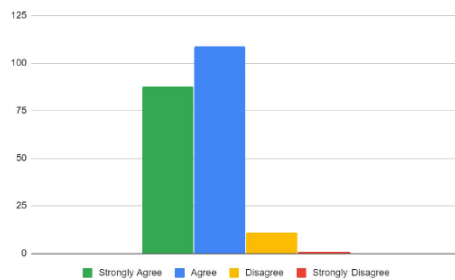
Q2 My School was responsive to my child's home based learning needs



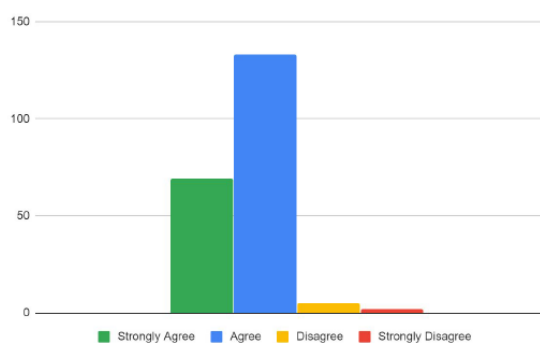
Q3 I am confident with my school's processes for a safe return to face to face learning



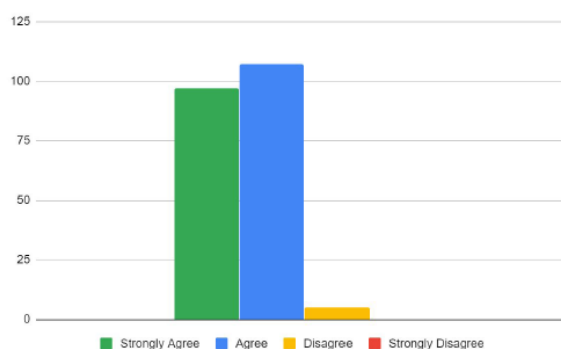
Q4 I believe my school will minimise the impact of the disruption that has occurred to face to face learning



Q5 The Diocese of Broken Bay has a clear vision for Catholic Education



Q6 The facilities at my child's school meet my expectations



Then finally, responses to the question – ‘How likely is that you would recommend your child’s school to a friend or colleague’ (a scale of 0-10)

0-6 – 12 % of respondents

7-8 – 31% of respondents

9-10 – 57% of respondents

Following this question there were a large number of comments detailing why respondents gave the rating they did. The College is currently working through these 141 items and will extract the main themes and incorporate them into our planning where applicable.

Thank you very much to the parents who completed this survey.

2021 Enrolments at St Leo’s – Limited additional places now available for Year 11

I am happy to say that following on from our growing reputation, the completion of our building works, the success of our Open Day and excellent feedback on our Remote Learning program, places at St Leo’s are in very high demand, with most year groups full and several new streams being added for next year’s Intake 2021 (Year 7).

As a result, we have also decided to **open additional enrolments for Year 11 2021** for a short period with the aim of adding an extra senior stream next year. Shortly you will see a Facebook campaign advising of the opening of a limited number of new places and a Senior Information Night for prospective new students on Wednesday, July 1 (via Zoom).

Of course, word of mouth is always the best recommendation, so **if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the St Leo’s community next year for Year 11 (or other years), please advise them of this opportunity** and ask them to watch out for our Facebook campaign or contact the College.

Thank you for your support with spreading the word about St Leo’s.

Congratulations Mr Zeaiter

Congratulations to one of our staff members, Mr Raymond Zeaiter, on his wedding to Bregitte last weekend. Mr Zeaiter will be back to his classes next Monday.

Tony Gleeson
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Q&A Zoom Session Evening with Careers Specialist Kathryn Taylor for Y10 Parents - Tonight

This evening (Wednesday June 17 at 7.00pm)the College will be hosting a Q&A Zoom Session Evening with Kathryn Taylor. Kathryn is the Director of Turning Point Consulting and is a career aptitude specialist. This evening will enable parents to speak directly with Kathryn and to ask questions that relate directly with your daughter or son. Kathryn will be speaking around the following topics:

- My child doesn't want to speak about careers. How do I start the discussion?
- Is University really going to give my child the best career choice in the future?
- What is the best path after school to guarantee employment?



The image shows a screenshot of the Turning Point Consulting website. The logo is in the top left, with the tagline "Seeing Opportunities in Individuals". In the top right, there is a link "Send us an email" and the phone number "Call us now: 0478 570 707". A blue navigation bar contains the following links: HOME, ABOUT, FOR STUDENTS, FOR STAFF, CAREER GUIDANCE, BLOG & FREEBIES, and CONTACT. Below the navigation bar, the text "Kathryn Taylor, Director & Founder" is displayed. A large portrait of Kathryn Taylor, a woman with long brown hair wearing a white sleeveless top, is centered. Below the portrait, her credentials are listed: "CMF HFTGN CAHRI MACE BEd Grad. Cert. Career Dev. Prac. Non-Executive Director, Education Lead & Secretary, Wellbeing Australia".

Mrs Timmerman will be showing parents where they can find the Study & Career Information section on the College website during this presentation (password: leoscommunity).

Parents and guardians are warmly invited to access the Zoom Session Evening via [this link](#).

Focusing on Academic Excellence - PEP (Passion into Excellence Program) Update

In order to support Year 12 achieve their potential during a very difficult start to the year, the College has instituted the Passion into Excellence Program. The PEP is designed to drill down into the specific performance of every student across all courses, and provide strategies and support that accurately target the areas that will provide the highest yield of learning gain from course to course, exam to exam and question to question.

The strategies employed thus far are:

- Result targets have been set for each course and have been informed by data analysis
- Data walls that identify the present performance of each student in each course have been installed. These data cards identify whether each topic and each skill required is a strength or weakness. Strategies for each student are then prepared accordingly to move their placement on the data wall towards a higher band result
- HSC Master class / Holiday Workshop Program has been developed to target the 'application' of their knowledge to HSC questions
- Major Work 'Check In' Interviews with the Leader of Learning, the student, parents and a member of the Catholic Schools Office are being scheduled as a progress and quality check
- Post Trial Program - PTP: The College will be restructuring the post trial period to be a tailored program of daily workshops that expose students to a College specialist in the course, followed by the re-completion of the trial exam. These workshops during the PTP are compulsory. This will enable students to apply the feedback from the teachers in the trial exam and thus refine their skills and application of content
- PEP Talks: Each member of the College Leadership team have been allocated a focus group of Year 12 mentees to academically mentor on a regular basis. This is in addition to the support of their traditional daily Mentor.



Such initiatives are the product of the ongoing strategic priority by the College to maximise the learning gain of every student and thus increase HSC result yields. This focus will have College-wide impacts that will be discussed in due course for Year 7-11.

Semester One Reports

A reminder that the College will be releasing Semester One Reports to parents **via Compass** on the following dates. We are pleased to be offering the addition of a Year 11 Report at the Conclusion of Semester One, as the College aims to increase its feedback on the learning journey of each student.

Year 12: Released via Compass: **June 25**

Year 11: Released via Compass: **July 3**

Year 10: Released via Compass: **July 1**

Year 9: Released via Compass: **July 1**

Year 8: Released via Compass: **July 1**

Intake 2020 (Year 7): Released via Compass: **July 1**

Uniform

Cowan and Lewis have informed the College that all orders of stock previously placed have been received in store. Parents should have received an SMS regarding this. Please contact Cowan and Lewis directly if you have any questions.

A reminder that all students are expected to wear their blazers to and from the College without exception. If a student is awaiting a blazer delivery, parents and guardians are requested to provide their daughter/son a note.

Compass

Over the last six months, the College has transitioned to Compass as the platform for communicating and reporting. It is vital that all parents **have access to their login** details. If you are not aware of your login details, please contact the College as soon as possible. If you have forgotten your password, simply click the 'forgot my password' link and you will be redirected to a reset password email.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of your child's learning journey.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

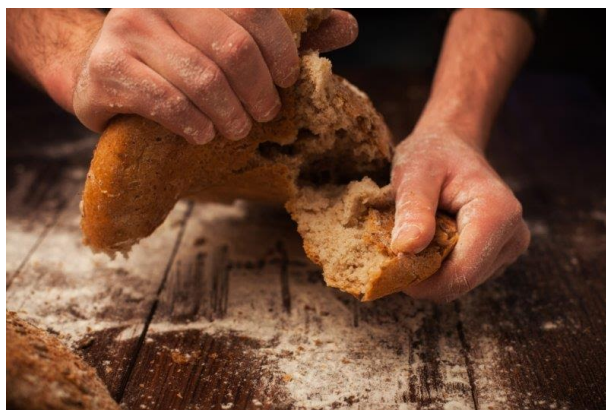
From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation:

Mr Nathan Smith

Feast of Corpus Christi - Bread of Life

Last Sunday we celebrated the *Feast of Corpus Christi - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. It is one moment in our liturgical year when we spend particular time and energy venerating the Body and Blood of Jesus.

As Bishop Anthony Randazzo tells us; "the Eucharist is an experience of personal, spiritual fellowship with Christ... and that He is food for our journey and forgiveness for our sins". In addition, Pope Francis recently spoke of Jesus as the living bread that can satisfy our deepest yearnings. "Besides physical hunger, people have another hunger, one that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food. It is the hunger for life, hunger for love (and) hunger for eternity," he said.



Therefore, we invite you to share 'communion' at home with your family so as to nourish your hunger for life, hunger for love, and hunger for eternity in Christ.

A suggested activity that the family can participate in is:

Pray

Around the meal table, say together a prayer of thanksgiving ('grace') as a sign of your unity as a family, and as the body of Christ. Pray for those who hunger for food, for love, for family.

Celebrate

Invite family and guests to share memories of their First Communion Day (or other spiritually-significant event). (Adapt the question so that all can join in.)

Remember

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life' (Jn 6:35)

Further resources can be found [here](#).

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion @ St Leo's

St Leo's Catholic College would like to offer any students who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation the possibility of being prepared through the College. Some parents may have left the decision of

baptism to their children, and high school would be a good age to have the conversation with them whether they would like to become part of the Catholic community. Other students may have for various reasons missed out on the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist when their peers received them in primary school. High school students may feel awkward attending sacramental preparation classes with primary school students. St Leo's will prepare the students for the sacraments at school in partnership with the local parishes. Please contact Rev Gomez if you are interested in finding out more or would like to involve your child in this program. We already have 6 students who have expressed interest before the COVID lockdown put things on hold. We are hoping to get their preparation started in Term 3. What they will need to complete depends on their individual circumstances.

Please contact: Deacon Adrian Gomez
Email: adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au
Phone: 0425 451 307

Annual Global Rosary Relay - June 19 at 10.30am

Every year the Broken Bay Diocese participates in the **Annual Global Rosary Relay** for the sanctification of priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is its eleventh year, with more prayer locations than ever, taking part in what is now recognised as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognise and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over.

The Rosary Prayer Relay will be live streamed from the Vocations Broken Bay Facebook Page from 10.30am on June 19 via [this link](#).

Vinnies Winter Appeal

As the colder weather rolls in, it is a timely reminder for us to stop and reflect about those who are less fortunate than us. This includes our fellow citizens who are living rough on the streets or who do not have a regular place to call home.

One way that we can contribute to the Vinnies appeal is by donating **quality clothes and blankets** or **non-perishable food items** (cans of vegetables, soups, etc).

Students can now bring donations into the College and drop them off in the **Youth Ministry Room**. This collection will run until the end of Term 2.

Visit the St Vincent de Paul website for further details about the appeal and to [donate](#).



Home-based Spirituality (HBS) Sessions Online

Each week the CSO have put together clips, articles and videos for you to view at your own time and pace before coming together for a Zoom coffee and chat with the Evangelisation and Catholic Formation team.

Here is the link to the next coffee and chat: [HBS Re-examining the Examen](#)

Parents are welcome to share their thoughts and ideas or just come along to listen, we look forward to seeing you there next Thursday or Friday at 11am.

Previous sessions can also be found at [Walking the Way Calendar](#)

Upcoming Activities and Events

Now with Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions easing, we are in a position to start re-planning Evangelisation and other formation events for students. As such, the following events are back on the radar (however specific activities and dates are still to be confirmed):

- Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola - **Friday July 31**

- St Leo's Tree Day Planting and Liturgy - **Friday July 31 - TBC**
- Feast of the Assumption Mass - **Friday August 14 - TBC**
- Year 12 Retreat - **September 21-23 - TBC**

This is very exciting but of course, all appropriate health and hygiene practices will be observed and the relevant procedures will be implemented if any of these activities go ahead. Further details will be provided once the event has been confirmed.

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

Student Leadership 2020/2021

The student leadership process has now begun for our new 2020/2021 leaders. Interested Year 11 candidates have submitted their applications and both student and staff voting will be held this week. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed next week once applications are viewed by the selection panel and voting tallies are collated. A total of **34** student leadership positions are available and include College Captain (x2), College Vice-Captain (x2), Student Representative Council (x2), Growth Domain ambassadors - Spiritual, Physical, Academic, Cultural, Environmental & Social Emotional (x12) and House Ambassadors (x16).

Signing in/out via the Compass Student Kiosk - Now Compulsory

Please discuss with your son/daughter (as required):

- Unfortunately a significant number of **Senior students are failing to correctly sign-out from the College via the Compass Student Kiosk** when they have a Period 5 study (Senior Study) or have TAFE or no scheduled Period 5 on their timetables (flexible timetable). Consequently, students will be marked as UNEXPLAINED, which significantly impacts on their overall College attendance record. The College has an important Duty of Care requirement and **ALL 7-12 students are now expected to use the kiosk when signing out**. Students who continually disregard this compulsory expectation may face additional consequences.
- All **late arrivals** to the College will be recorded as UNEXPLAINED except when a signed hard-copy note is provided by the student and/or respective parent/caregivers. Use the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the Compass Parent Portal to enter a reason(s). Again, failure to provide a legitimate reason(s) via a note and/or parent Compass entry, for ongoing late arrivals, will significantly impact on a student's overall attendance record and may require a parent/caregiver interview.
- All students are expected to attend all scheduled Period 1-5 classes - failure to attend a scheduled class is **truanting** except if a valid reason is provided. Students who truant lessons (including Period 5) will be required to make-up this time on Wednesday afternoon (3.15-4.45pm) via a Reflective Growth Intervention or RGI.

Please also familiarise yourselves with the [College Guidelines/expectations for the both the Compass Student ID card and Student Kiosk](#).

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

From the Director of Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

Mrs Lindy Sykes

Year 10 Focus on Subject Selection and Careers

Year 10 students were provided with a JobJump activity during extended Mentor period which will support them with their subject selections. You may like to go through this with your child and explore all that the

JobJump site has to offer for future Careers and University courses. Worksheet link: [Subject Selection for Year 10.pdf](#) There is also a [two minute video](#) to help with registering. The password is **slw**

Kids Drug Alert Magazine

[Kids Drug Alert Magazine](#) is a modern, electronic magazine designed to inform our children about the dangers they face daily in today's fast-paced society. The aim of this publication is to have it widely communicated to schools throughout Australia so that it can be shared with pupils and parents so that a light can be shone on the advice of dealing with these problems. This is complimentary to all schools.

The most common problems teens face today are bullying, depression, self-esteem, body image and fitting in with their peers. When they can't cope with life many turn to drugs and alcohol to dull the pain.

The editorial has been garnered from experts around the world and is designed to help our kids understand that they are not alone. Many other kids are feeling the same way and that they can turn to experts in the field for help in dealing with their issues. They can also take action to help their friends if they think they are heading into trouble. We also have information to help parents talk to their children about drugs so hopefully this advice will be used by the entire family.

We do hope you can see the value in this free electronic publication and that it can be shared to achieve the goals outlined in it.

From the Leader of Intake 2020

Ms Jessica Watts

Intake 2020 Social Media Presentation

Last Wednesday, June 10, Senior Sergeant Lynda Hart, Police Youth Liaison Officer from Hornsby Police Unit spoke to all of Intake 2020 about the risks around using social media. Below is a summary of what was spoken about. The message was made very clear that social media can be a scary world and it needs to be used with caution.

- Anything is that is uploaded onto social media is there forever, regardless if it is deleted or not
- There is no such thing as being anonymous online. Every account can be traced if required
- It is illegal to pose as someone online that you are not.
- Bullying and harassment online is a criminal offence
- Senior Sergeant recommended that all students deleted any apps that had people acting 'anonymously' on them as they are public forums and open to many different potential areas of concern.
- A good rule to remember 'if you would not say it to or show it to your grandparents, do not post it'.

Please have a conversation with your son/daughter about what was presented at the talk as it is really important that parents are aware of their young person's involvement with social media and that the dialogue around the safety of using these platforms is open.

If you are ever concerned about content that your son/daughter has received on social media platforms, please do not hesitate to contact the police. Behaviour on social media is something that authorities take very seriously, and everyone needs to be aware of the potential repercussions of particular behaviours on these platforms.

From the Pathways Program

Ms Mel Timmerman

Study & Career Pathways Information on the Website

Parents of our St Leo's Community now have access to a [Study & Career Pathways Information page](#) under the Current Students tab of the St Leo's website. You will need the standard St Leo's password to access this part of the site: [leoscommunity](#)

Here you will find the Course Guides from several universities, TAFENSW and other Tertiary Education Providers. Plus there is information available around Apprenticeships & Traineeships, GAP Years, How to get that Job, School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships and TVET Courses.

Students have also access to this information on their Study & Career Pathways Classrooms.

Career Conversation Talk for Parents – Wednesday June 17 at 7pm

Also a quick reminder for the upcoming Career Conversations talk this Wednesday at 7pm. Kathryn Taylor, Career Expert from Turning Point Consulting, will speak about how to open up a career conversation with your son/ daughter, which pathways are available to students, and is going to university indeed a better option in the current economic climate. You can [join the Zoom Conversation here](#).

From the Director of Administration

Ms Therri Ellison

Year 10 Subject Selection for Year 11 2021

All Year 10 students have now made their selections online, however some signed forms are now overdue. **Please submit these as soon as possible.**

Interviews with a member of the College Leadership Team or a KLA Leader will take place in Week 10. There will be an opportunity for parents to phone or Zoom in if required.

- Interviews will be conducted in the Rome Gallery, Mary MacKillop Centre for 15 minutes each. This will allow the College to sign off of on the preferences submitted by the students.
- If students have not already booked an interview, they should do so [HERE](#).
