



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 7 Term 3 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

Father's Day

God our Father,

we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children
are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of
compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for those who are not fathers but still mentor and
guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

What's New...

*Stories relating to individual Year
Groups now link to separate Year
pages to keep the Lion Roars shorter!*



We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Unfortunately we can't celebrate Fathers' Day in our usual way due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but let's recognise and acknowledge all our father figures in our community this Sunday.

Please Remember in your Prayers and Thoughts

I would ask all members of the St Leo's community to keep in their prayers and thoughts **Mr Jim Sturgiss**, who has only recently been diagnosed with a very serious illness. Jim has been a very regular casual teacher here at St Leo's - particularly in Science.

We acknowledged Jim's retirement just a couple of weeks ago and then he received this news about his health. We are holding a Novena to St Mary MacKillop for Jim and his family which started in the *Pope St Leo the Great Chapel* yesterday at lunchtime. A Novena goes for nine days. All students and staff are welcome.

Update - Fee Relief - Covid-19

Mr Danny Casey, Director of the Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, has confirmed the Diocesan School Fee Relief program will continue into 2021. I will update you via our College website to reflect these latest statements when finalised.

If you are unsure if your family can get fee help please contact our COVID-19 FEE HELP HOTLINE on Tel: 9847 0728 (8am - 4pm Monday to Friday).

Do you know anyone who can help? **Paid Supervisors needed for HSC Exams**

Requirements:

- have a valid *Working With Children Check* clearance for employment
- work as part of a team
- have attention to detail
- be able to carry out duties confidentially and discreetly
- be able to stand for long periods of time.

Supervisors must not have a friend or close relative sitting the HSC at the same school or be an employee of the school.

Examination dates: Tuesday 20 October to Wednesday 11 November. Morning preparation and sessions start by 8.30am and afternoon sessions can finish as late as 5.30pm.

If interested, please contact Susan White, Presiding Officer, via email: susan.white1505@gmail.com by Friday, 11 September.

Planning Ahead: Dates for 2021 (and start of 2022)

For those families planning for the year ahead (*yes, that is an interesting statement*) Please find the College dates below for 2021 and the start of 2022:

TERM ONE 2021

- *College Office Opens: Wednesday 20 January*
- *Leadership Team Meeting: Thursday 21 January*
- *New Staff Day: Friday 22 January*
- *(Australia Day Public Holiday: Tuesday 26 January)*
- *Staff Day: Wednesday 27 January*
- **Intake 2021 (Year 7) and new students (Years 8-11): Thursday 28 January**
- **All Students Commence: Friday 29 January**
- **End of Term One: Thursday 1 April**



TERM TWO 2021

- *Staff Day: Monday 19 April*
- **All Students Commence: Tuesday 20 April**
- *(Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 14 June)*
- **End of Term Two: Friday 25 June**

TERM THREE 2021

- *Staff Day: Monday 12 July*
- **All Students Commence: Tuesday 13 July**
- **End of Term Three: Friday 17 September**

TERM FOUR 2021

- **All Students & Staff Commence: Tuesday 5 October**
- **End of Year Assembly (Intake 2021 – Yr 11): Friday 10 December**
- **Office closes: Friday 17 December**

2022 – TERM ONE

- College Office Opens: Wednesday 19 January 2022
- Leadership Team Meeting: Friday 21 January 2022
- New Staff Day: Tuesday 25 January 2022
- (Australia Day Public Holiday: Wednesday 26 January 2022
- Staff Day: Friday 28 January 2022
- Intake 2022 (Year 7) and new students (Years 8-11): Monday 31 January 2022
- **All Students Commence: Tuesday 1 February 2022**



As a faith-filled Catholic community I pray you and your family are managing to adapt to the 'new normal' and if the College can assist you in any way, please contact [College Reception](#).

Tony Gleeson
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Term 4 Uniform

A reminder that all students will be returning to the College in Summer Uniform for Term 4. Year 11 2020 are reminded that their blazers are required for Winter 2021 and for their graduation at the conclusion of Term 3 next year. *(Please see the notice at the end of this newsletter re. secondhand uniforms)*

Growth Domain Projects – Intake 2020-Year 10

Students have been working well on their Growth Domain Projects titled 'Genesis'. This environmental project is due for submission Friday 4th September. Students are required to submit them digitally via Google Classroom. Students are permitted to upload as many pieces of digital evidence as they require. If the project in its final form was sculptural, students will need to photograph or film it and then submit the footage/images. The project will be marked by their Mentor teacher. Two projects will be selected from each class to be presented as a digital exhibition for the wider community. We look forward with anticipation to receiving outstanding projects imbued with innovation and creativity.

[Year 12: HSC Support Program – PTP](#) ([view Year 12 specific page](#))

[Year 12: College Expectations - Final Weeks of Year 12](#) ([view Year 12 specific page](#))

Blessings and stay safe.

From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation

Mr Nathan Smith

All families are invited to join the Prayer Circle for the Class of 2020

We would like to invite the whole College community to pray for our Year 12 students as they embark on the final stages of their formal secondary education.

With the Trial HSC exams now completed and main HSC exams looming, it is common for Year 12 students to have elevated levels of stress and anxiety – and even more so this year as they navigate through these challenging times. As a faith community, we often turn to prayer in times of struggle and adversity. So, as our

Year 12 students face the demands of these exams, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers, asking Jesus to guide and protect them during this time.

We invite **all St Leo's families** to nominate up to three Year 12 Students to pray for during this period. These students can be people you know, or they can be someone you have never met. It doesn't matter who you nominate - rather, the important thing is that you keep them in your prayers.

You can find a list of all Year 12 students and [nominate who you would like to pray for HERE](#).

The prayer that we will say for the students as a collective community is:

*Father, by the light of Your Holy Spirit, You taught the hearts of the Disciples.
In the same spirit, help our young people, especially (**student's name/s**),
to relish what is true and right.*

*Help them to persevere in their preparation and continue to apply themselves for
the duration of their examinations.*

May nervousness or carelessness not deprive them of results and rewards that they deserve.

*In all of life may they, especially, and all of us, know our worth in Your sight
and peacefully follow Christ, who is the Truth and the Life, forever and ever.*

Amen.

Pope St Leo the Great, Pray for them...



[Year 12: Spirituality Day – Monday, 21 September](#) ([view Year 12 specific page](#))

[Intake 2020 \(Year 7\): Reflection Incursion](#) ([view Intake 2020 specific page](#))

Upcoming Evangelisation and Faith Formation Events/Reminders

- **Friday, 4 September:**
 - Celebration of St Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day during Friday lunchtime Mass
 - *Year 12 Spirituality Day permission notes due*
- **Monday, 14 September:**
 - *Year 12 Parent/Carer Affirmation Letters due*
- **Friday, 18 September:**
 - Year 7 Reflection Incursion (periods 3 and 4)
- **Monday, 21 September:**
 - Year 12 Spirituality Day.

Brightest blessings.

***Ember Days** mark the beginning of each of the four seasons.
In Australia, the Church observes the first Friday of Spring as a special day of prayer,
focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.*

From the Dean of Curriculum and Professional Development

Mr George Morad

[Year 11: End-of-Course Examinations](#) ([view Year 11 specific page](#))

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

[Year 12: Final Stage & Expectations](#) ([view Year 12 specific page](#))

[Year 11: 2020-2021 Leadership Induction Program & Leadership Handover Ceremony Update](#) ([view Year 11 specific page](#))

How to Help Teenagers Stay Safe Online - Part III

In Part III of our series, we look at what can be done about cyberbullying. An important extract from the **eSafety Commissioner**:



Cyberbullying

What can I do?

Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Together you can work out strategies to address any potential issues and reassure them you will be there to support them.

If your child is experiencing cyberbullying:

- **Listen, think, stay calm** — talk to them about what happened, try to remain open and non-judgemental, ask them how they feel and ensure they feel heard.
- **Collect evidence** — it is a good idea to collect evidence, such as screenshots, of the bullying behaviour, in case you need to report it later on.
- **Block and manage contact with others** — advise your child not to respond to bullying messages and help your child block or unfriend the person sending the messages.
- **Report to site or service** — many social media services, games, apps and websites allow you to report abusive content and request that it is removed.

- **Report to eSafety** — if serious cyberbullying is affecting your child and you need help to get the material removed from a social media service or other platform you can make a cyberbullying report to us.
- **Get help and support** — check in with your child regularly about how they are feeling. If you notice any changes that concern you, get help through a counselling or online support service.



For assistance with supporting your child if cyberbullying is a problem, please contact these services:

Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline provides free and confidential online and phone counselling to young people aged 5 to 25. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

kidshelpline.com.au or 1800 55 1800.

eHeadspace

eheadspace provides free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 - 25 and their families and friends. It is available 9am to 1am (Melbourne time), 7 days a week.

eheadspace.org.au or 1800 650 890

Absences

Parents/careers are requested to enter any relevant attendance information (sickness, early departure etc) using the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the Compass Parent Portal so that the College's database is up-to-date with student movements.

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

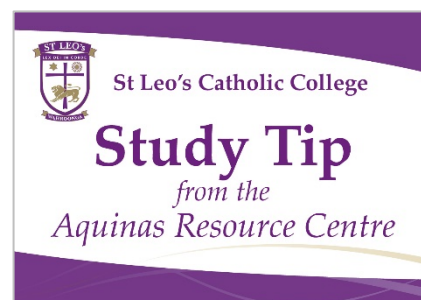
From the Aquinas Resource Centre

Ms Michaela Hashim

Quoting and Paraphrasing

Students from Years 9 and 10 have visited the Aquinas Resource Centre in the last week for assistance with their upcoming Religion assessment. Among the things they were being taught was the difference between quoting and paraphrasing, and how to use in-text referencing when doing this.

Learn about the difference between quoting and paraphrasing on the [Aquinas Resource Centre](#) web portal.



New Secondhand Uniform Trading Platform – SustainableSchoolShop.com.au

With The Uniform Exchange no longer selling secondhand St Leo's uniforms, we have now set up details with the **'Sustainable School Shop' online trading platform for parents to buy and sell secondhand uniforms, both old and new.** The site is sustainableschoolshop.com.au.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. The site also sells second hand textbooks, musical instruments, calculators, etc.

HOW IT WORKS:

Buying: there is **no cost** for you to search for or buy items (other than the cost of the item itself). You must set up a free account to view a seller's contact details,

then you contact them directly to ask questions, arrange collection and payment. You can search by school, set up a regular email alert for a St Leo's ['stocktake report'](#) of current items for sale, or place a 'wanted ad'.

Selling: There is a fee of **\$1.50 per item** for anyone to sell, or **\$21.95 annually** for unlimited listings.

Interested buyers contact you directly to ask questions, arrange collection and payment. Please ensure you select either 'old style' or 'new style' uniforms when listing, mark items as sold as soon as possible if pending pickup, and remove the item once the transaction is complete.

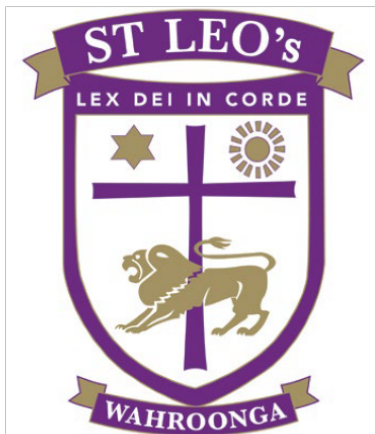
Note: the College has no involvement with the site nor transactions between buyers and sellers.

Here is the link to the [current St Leo's uniform stocktake report](#). It may take a few days for sellers to upload items, so please check back regularly.

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Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks** Second-hand **Uniforms**



Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
0438 743 444

Cost

- Browse and search the for sale ads for free
- Single items can be advertised for \$1.50
- Annual subscriptions \$21.95 (includes Ad Matching)

Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

ABN 55 114 136 211

Helpful tips

- Be patient items transact all year round
- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities