



Please find below the **Week 6, Term 4, 2020** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

Year 12 Graduation

Last Friday, (13 November) the College said farewell to our Year 12 students in the Graduation Ceremony. This date was selected after consultation with the students and their parents/caregivers. Many schools kept the normal date (end of Term 3) and celebrated the occasion with just the senior students and no parents present. Last Friday we were able to invite two members from each family as well as Year 12, and Intake 2020 were able to clap them out - just as they had been welcomed earlier this year. It was a very memorable and special occasion for all involved. And of course the event was Zoomed for those not able to be present.

Special thanks to our special guests, *Very Rev Peter DeSouza, Mr Danny Casey (Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay), The Hon Matt Kean, Mr Alistair Henskens MP, Mrs Jacinta Crowe (Principal OLOR), Dr Andrew Fraser (Student Achievement Workstream Leader CSBB), and Mrs Jo Quinlan (Parent Representative).*



I had two regrets on this day:

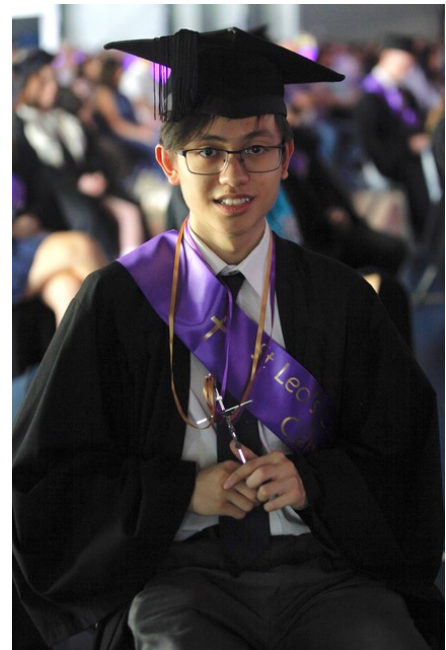
1. Not all staff could be part of this recognition and celebration and,
2. Our students could not witness this wonderful event.

However this is one of the many issues we have dealt with due to Covid-19. It has taught and allowed us to think outside the box. The College has taken these opportunities and created something very worthwhile for members of our community - students, staff and parents!

I would like to thank **Mr Daniel Petrie** who over saw the event. He was ably assisted by **Fiona Morsink-Ryan, Joanna Gower, Jayne Persico, Jason (Maintenance), Ashley Johansen, the Yr 12 Mentor Team, Fiona Milkins; Vince Tavernese and Adrian Gomez.** Mrs Jo Quinlan, (parent representative) stated in her

Reminder:

The 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey is still open. If you haven't already, **PLEASE COMPLETE IT NOW!**



speech “...it takes a village...” and so it did! Thank you to all those involved not just for the Graduation but in the previous 6 years as well.

The behaviour, attitude and decorum of our Year 12 students was second to none. I congratulate these young men and women not only on their Graduation but also the way their attendance (in school uniform) and positive participation in the rehearsal for the Graduation (the day after the conclusion of their HSC Exams last Thursday!)



Below are the Major Award Winners for 2020:

Award		Winner 2020
The St Leo's Medal		John Cosgrove
St Teresa of Calcutta Award for Contribution to the Religious Life of the College		Laith Suyyagh
The St Francis Xavier All Rounder Award		Skye Hoschke Sienna Odd
ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award		Jordan Jones
ADF Future Innovators Award		Anthony Domtchenko
St Ignatius of Loyola Award for Leadership		Cameron Hose Jordan Jones
The Venerable Catherine McAuley Award for Leadership		Annabelle Ferguson Laith Suyyagh
St Josephine Bakhita Award for International and Intercultural Understanding		Michaela Crocker
St Thomas Aquinas Award for Mathematics		Jing Kai Ng
The St Mary MacKillop Award For Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts		Harriet Bennett
The St Cecilia Music Award		Emily Mostyn
Basilica Art Prize		Sienna Odd
Award for Year 12 Sportswoman of the Year		Alyssa Mighell
Award for Year 12 Sportsman of the Year		Nathan Hassan Mitchell MacDonald
Fair Play Award		Marina Grout
St Peter Chanel Award for Outstanding Effort in Studies	Rebecca Khamis, Jordan Jones, Skye Hoschke, Luke Van den Tillaart, Xavier Smith, Marina Salvador, James Bellamy, Sarah Croft, Annabelle Ferguson, Hannah Dakin, Rhys Jaeger, Antony Jakovcevic, Hayley Manktelow, Lachlan Kelly, Aniya Sahdeva, Cassidy Martin, Emily Irving, Annabelle Hanlon	
Echofest Award		Emily Mostyn Mia Makhoul
CSDA Debating Award		James Bellamy Annabelle Ferguson Cameron Hose

Good Luck - Duke of Edinburgh Overnight Adventurous Journey

This Thursday and Friday 30 students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Walk. Thank you to the three teachers attending - Mrs Kelly Li, Ms Skea and Mr Sammut. We wish them all the best for this part of their D of E program and a wonderful and safe experience.



Parent/Caregiver Consultation – ‘Teacher /Librarian’ Position from 2021

Our current Teacher/Librarian, Ms Michaela Hashim has notified me of her resignation as she has been successful in her application at another school from the start of 2021. Michaela has been building literacy information into the school over the past three years.

The role of Teacher/Librarian and the “Library” space has changed dramatically over the past few years.

I see this position interacting widely with students, staff and parents. I would like to gather your opinion/thoughts on this position here at the College. I want to be able to advertise for a position that will meet the needs of our community here at St Leo’s. I have asked staff and students for their views as well.



I have listed a few questions on this survey to gather your thoughts, it is up to you how many of these questions you answer - you may like to give one or two details.

Feel free to complete the [LINKED SURVEY](#) by close of business Monday 30th November.

College Swimming Carnival

This event is listed for Friday week - 27 November. We are currently working with Hornsby Council to come up with a viable Covid-19 Safety Plan. Catering for our size school is difficult. As with most events this year, there may have to be serious modifications to this event to ensure the safety and health of all concerned.

We will provide a separate update.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the week.

Tony Gleeson
Principal



From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

TTFM Survey

The College is participating in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey* once again this year. The TTFM data can be readily used for College and Diocesan planning and evaluation, while providing an incredible insight into what key stakeholders have to say about Engagement, Faith Formation, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching.



This survey enables all parents of our community to have their voice heard. Such information is vital for creating a shared vision for the College.

Every family from Intake 2020 - Year 11 are requested to complete the survey.

The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please [ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE](#). **Please complete it ASAP.**

Year 10 (Year 11 2021) Subject Selections and 'Step Up into Year 11'

Last week all students in Year 10 received their course selections for their Preliminary Studies in 2021. Every effort has been made to ensure students have been connected with their desired courses.

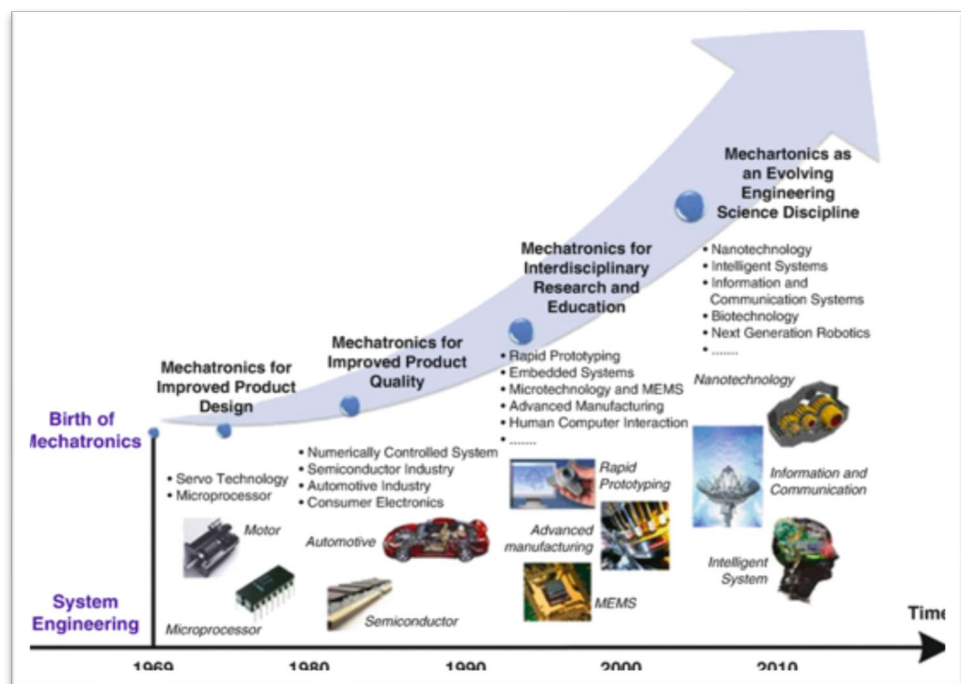
In addition, the College has prepared a new program to assist Year 10 to prepare for the transition into their Preliminary Courses in Year 11. After the completion of their ROSA grade requirements, students will commence the 'Step Up into Year 11' program. Please note that this program has been altered to commence in Week 9. Year 10 will receive a new timetable where they will be engaging in classes that are tailored to preliminary work and skills required for a confident start next year. This will provide them with a detailed taste of what to expect while also building capacity in senior course skills in their chosen subjects.

The final day for Year 10 2020 will be Wednesday, 16 December.

Opportunities for Innovation within New Industry Frontiers

Presently the College has many opportunities on offer in the area of 'Mechatronics', which is also called mecha engineering. This is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering that focuses on electronic engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering, mechanical systems, and also includes a combination of robotics, electronics, computer, telecommunications, systems, control, and product engineering.

Such an interdisciplinary approach to new industries requires creativity and problem solving skills to be at the forefront of a student's capacity.



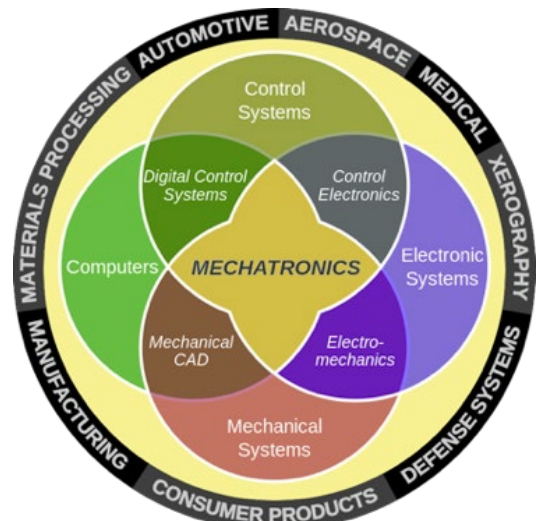
Mrs Timmerman

(College Pathways Leader) continues to link to a plethora of opportunities that develop specific student skills within the world of 'mechatronics'.

Students who are interested to see Mrs Timmerman in the Aquinas Resource Centre.

Presently the College has students within Intake 2021 developing software for augmented reality and virtuality applications within the new high tech automotive frontier. Students in Year 9 are developing and coding robotic projects. Within the last fortnight the College was accepted, as one of only 6 schools nationally, to take part in the 'Wattleseed Space Program' that will see students prepare for wattle seeds to be sent into orbit, return to earth and then study any measurable changes to the DNA of the plant due to exposure to space.

A very exciting time as the St Leo's leads the way with preparing students for new and fascinating industries.



Save the Dates: Important Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Intake 2021 Orientation Day	Wednesday, 18 November
Year 12 Formal	Thursday 19 November
Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey	Thursday and Friday, 19 - 20 December
Intake 2021 Parent Information Evening	Wednesday, 25 November
College Swimming Carnival	Friday, 27 November - TBC
Year 10 Reports Released	Wednesday, 2 December
Xavier House: St Francis Xavier Feast Day	Thursday, 3 December
Intake 2020 Reports Released	Thursday, 3 December
Year 9 Reports Released	Thursday, 3 December
Year 8 Reports Released	Friday, 4 December
Year 10 Semi Formal	Friday, 4 December
Intake 2020 HPV Vaccinations	Tuesday, 8 December
St Leo's Day Celebrations	Tuesday, 15 December
Year in Review Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, 16 December
Last day for Students in 2020	Wednesday, 16 December

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

Secondary Leaders' Zoom meeting - report

Last Thursday, our new Student Leaders participated in a Zoom session with other secondary leaders across the Diocese. This is an account of the day by **Emily T** (MacKillop House Ambassador):



'On November 12, leaders from schools across Broken Bay gathered together via Zoom to discuss what it means to be a leader and how the students can lead their schools to greatness in 2021. The meeting started off with an opening from Ms Brown (Educational Officer - Evangelisation & Formation) and then a prayer by Mr Scroope (Educational Officer - Evangelisation & Formation). The leaders across Broken Bay were then addressed by Isobel O from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School where she communicated what it means to be a leader. Isobel inspired the leaders through her anecdotes of leaders who inspired her and how their small acts of kindness towards her, led to Isobel taking part in her own leadership roles. She also made evident to always take opportunities thrown your way as they can lead to great things. One last thing she highlighted was that students' understanding of leadership is constantly evolving and developing as they

continue to surround themselves with different positive leadership influences, so they must always be ready to learn and improve themselves. By being divided up into breakout rooms the leaders were able to discuss the ideas placed forward by Isobel and develop ways on how they can apply these in their own lives to better their leadership capabilities.

Bishop Anthony was then introduced by Mr Casey (Director of Schools) and he gave a detailed description of the qualities of a leader and how the students can better themselves as leaders. Bishop Anthony talked about his role model Pope Benedict XVI and recounted what the Pope taught him as Cardinal Ratzinger. The Pope taught him to always recognise the potential of others and always treat them as an equal as well as having the ability to see the good in people, and, this is something that the students should always accomplish as leaders. One last role model of leadership that the Bishop described was Jesus Christ. Jesus demonstrates excellent leadership through always putting others first, this is an example of servant leadership. Bishop Anthony's key message surrounding Jesus was that being a leader means listening to others, befriending them and serving them. The leaders were divided back into different breakout rooms and discussed what they found inspirational and what initiatives their schools are going to take part in. The Zoom meeting then concluded with the inspiring words from Ms Brown, 'believe in yourself and anything you learn as a leader take it out into the world'.

Compulsory School Attendance – Important Information for Parents

During 2020, we introduced the COMPASS parent portal, and the College would like to thank you sincerely for integrating this system into your family/carer communication.

Attendance records are a vital and legal requirement of Education in NSW. Following an absence from school you must ensure that **within 7 days** you provide the College with an electronic (via the Compass Parent Portal) or written detailed explanation for the absence(s), otherwise, it will be noted as unjustified.

When using the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the Compass Parent Portal please ensure that the correct reason is entered for any absence(s) and that specific information is also noted in the Details/Comment field so that the College has accurate records for your son/daughter.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Catholic Schools Broken Bay work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. *The Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the New South Wales Educational Standards Authority (NESAA) for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

What if my child has to be away from school? On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease;
- having an unavoidable medical appointment;
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday; or
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

If there are further queries please contact the Director of Students (7-12), **Mr Ashley Johansen**

Early Departure Arrangements: Revised System

Effective now, ALL students who have an early departure arrangement must also have a signed parent/caregiver note or signed Student Diary entry. This note or diary entry must also be presented and signed by your Year Leader before 8:35am. Before departing the College, the signed note must first be

presented to Mrs Raso (Student Services) before using the Compass student kiosk. Students will **not** be allowed to leave the College unless a hard-copy note has also been received by the College. Students who are late to the College each morning should also provide Mrs Raso a signed hard copy signed note or signed diary entry first before using the Compass student kiosk.

Year 12 students who have a Period 5 Study arrangement should continue to use the Compass student kiosk, if required, to sign-out from the College.

SchoolTV – Free Online Wellbeing Resources

A reminder that SchoolTV has a range of [special reports](#) that may be of interest to you.

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 Pathways Coordinator

Mrs Mel Timmerman

Summer Skills for School Leavers - Program

Have you heard about Summer Skills for school leavers? Summer Skills is an initiative of NSW JobTrainer. It offers 2020 Year 12 school leavers the opportunity to upskill, prepare and get ahead through fee-free training courses in construction, coding, business, horticulture, social media, mental health and more. Find out more [here!](#)



What's Coming up this Week and Next

- 1. Tradiebot – Augmented & Virtual Reality Workshop (for all students) – November 20**
 - The Tradieforce VR Consoles will be introduced to the school next Friday the 20 November. These consoles are owned by Tradiebot and used to Virtual Reality Training of their teams. All St Leo's students can now try these consoles and experience how Virtual Reality Training works and learn more about how these are used in the different industries all around us. From learning how to spray-paint a car, to teaching in classrooms, in building and architecture and even in space.
 - Come along to this fun and hands-on workshop, where you can spray-paint your own virtual car and learn more about the exciting new emerging technologies that will be so normal to use once you all start your career.
 - All students who come along next Friday and like to learn more about a career in the automotive industry, will have the opportunity to visit the 3M Innovation Center, a once in a lifetime opportunity, with some great job opportunities available after you leave St Leo's.
 - You can register for this workshop [here!](#)
- 2. Amazon WebServices – Girls in Tech Day – November 24**
 - Amazon Web Services is hosting their Girls' Tech Day in November, and you are invited! Join Amazon on an adventurous journey to explore Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Coding, Virtual Reality, Robotics and much more! The aim of the vent is to inspire you to research the broad range of career opportunities in technology.
 - Girls' Tech Day includes:
 - Speaker Sessions – Learn about the experiences of students and women in technology.
 - Interactive Coding Sessions – Compose a melody, code virtual models to walk a runway, program an online robot, or build avatars using artificial intelligence.
 - Fun with STEAM – Create magic with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics), download the Girls' Tech Day playlist, and much more.
 - SWAG Station— Additional STEAM content/activities and give-a-ways provided by Australian organisations

- Places are limited, you can [register here](#).
- 3. Girls in Engineering Excursion – December 1**
- Systems Connect is delivering metro rail track, power, communications, signalling systems and infrastructure to turn the excavated tunnels into a working railway between Chatswood and Sydenham. Systems Connect have developed the FEED (Female Engineers Early Development) initiative to provide students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding and exposure to careers in engineering and provide insight on HSC subject selection for entry to STEM degrees.
 - In addition to learning sessions on the wide range of components to an engineering project, such as drafting, construction, safety and environment, students will visit a nominated Construction & Engineering site and get up and personal with some Systems Connect leading female engineers
 - There are 3 places left, make sure you [register a.s.a.p!](#)

Automotive Apprenticeship – Mercedes Artarmon and Mosman

There are still very limited Apprenticeships available (both SBAT as a regular Apprenticeship) with both dealer sites. This is an industry that has seen a major shift in work practices and technologies, offering a broad range of exciting career opportunities for students interested in electrical engineering and mechanics. Please come and see me in my office in the ARC if you are keen on kick starting your career in the Automotive Industry.





Have a great week and don't hesitate to touch base if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the information above. mel.timmerman@dbb.catholic.edu.au





From the CAPA Team

Dance

Recently our Year 11 Dance students competed in DanceLife Unite, and have received some outstanding results. Dance provides students with the opportunity to perform, compose and appreciate the art of dance, and through such results it is evident that Bianca and Jade have been able to share their love of dance with the adjudicators and our College community.



<p>16 Years and Under Contemporary</p> <p><i>Before You Go</i> performed and choreographed by Bianca I - 3rd place</p>		
<p>16 Years and Under Contemporary</p> <p><i>Brotsjor</i> performed and choreographed by Jade W - highly commended</p>		

<p>16 Years and Under Lyrical</p> <p><i>To Die For</i> performed by Jade Wright and choreographed by Bianca I - 2nd place</p>		
<p>16 Years and Under Jazz</p> <p><i>Dance Again</i> performed and choreographed by Bianca I - 3rd place</p>		

We wish Bianca and Jade all the best in the year ahead for HSC Dance.

Ms Brittany Skea
Dance Teacher

Music Tuition Program

Here at St Leo's Catholic College we offer onsite Private Music Lessons for students of all year groups and ability. We offer a vast range of different instrument/vocal lessons including; Female/Male Vocals, Guitar (classical/electric), Bass Guitar, Violin, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Saxophone and Drum Kit/Percussion.

If you would like more information please refer to the Expression of Interest form [Click Here](#) or feel free to email me. Term 4 is the perfect time to start your child's musical journey here at St Leo's.

Mr Vince Tavernese, CAPA Co-curricular Coordinator

 Ensemble Schedule TERM 4				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Before School	Before School	Before School	Before School
	7:30am Max 12 - MML03	7:15am Stage Band - MML04	7:30am JNR Dance - MML01	
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
	Drum line MML04	Guitar Ensemble 11am - MML09 Rock Band - MML06 Accordion Group - MML03	JNR Art Club MML02	Girls Rock Band MML04
After School	After School	After School	After School	After School
		Year 7 Theatre Sports	String Ensemble MML04	

Second-hand Uniforms and Textbooks

A reminder that our new Intake 2021 students have begun looking for uniforms, so if you have any that you have outgrown, why not post them on sustainableschoolshop.com.au.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP 

Sustainable Schools is an online trading platform to buy and sell both old and new style second-hand uniforms and well as textbooks now available for our parents/carers.

Relay for Life's 'Relay Your Way' 1-30 November

Hornsby Relay for Life (fundraising for Cancer Council NSW) launched virtually on 31 October and will run 'Relay Your Way' throughout November.

The St Leo's Pride Relay for Life team, led by a dedicated group of Year 12 students and captained by Mrs Gower (Administration), are challenging our Houses to fundraise for our team and are planning some fun activities.

Some of our amazing St Leo's, current and former students have had performances displayed on the virtual platform on Facebook - these can still be accessed [HERE](#).

We would ask the students to please recycle their cans and bottles in the relevant house containers and ask our College Community to support us in our fundraising efforts - either by donating the proceeds of recycling own cans and bottles at home, by joining our team or donating [THIS LINK](#) or by purchasing a \$2 [raffle ticket HERE](#).

St Leo's Pride

Relay For Life is our opportunity to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones we've lost and fight back against cancer. We raise money in the lead up to the overnight event, and take turns walking around the track to signify that cancer never rests, so neither do we. All funds raised go

www.cancerCouncil.org.au

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Joanna Gower
St Leo's Pride Team Captain

