



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 10 Term 4 2020**.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the College,

The first photo below is of the Nativity display outside our Pope St Leo The Great Chapel. The next two show just a few of the many gifts/foodstuffs that have been donated by our St Leo's families and staff for those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas. This is one of the many examples we have witnessed this difficult year of **putting our faith into action**. Thank you for your generosity.



Another example is an email I received from one of our staff members who has recently resigned due to a severe illness:

"...The biggest and happiest surprise was the communication from a student in Year 9. This student is such a lovely boy, always thoughtful of others, comfortable in his own skin, and genuinely interested in others. Teachers always want to know they have made a difference. So well-wishes from my Year 9s has been very special.

Then... this student sends me the video of well-wishes from students and staff and of course your kind words of encouragement. I was bowled over.

I have always been struck by the wonderful sense of community found among the staff and students and St Leo's. I looked forward to everyday that I worked at Leo's. In fact, unfettered by adminstrivia (I had been Head Teacher in a couple of schools) I felt I had the freedom to do the best teaching I have ever done at Leo's. I cherish the St Leo's crucifix presented to me... I show it to all who visit.

Thanks for the opportunity to teach at Leo's... And thank you for your thoughts and prayers...."

An End of Year Prayer

At the end of this most unique and demanding school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place at St Leo's, both in and out of the classroom
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed
For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown
For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days
And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord –
Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RIP Gemma Crawley



Please keep in your prayers the family of **Gemma Crawley** (HSC Class of 2011). Gemma passed away last Tuesday after five years of battling Ewings Sarcoma Cancer. A Celebration of Gemma's Life will be held at The Light of Christ Centre this coming Tuesday, 22 December at 10.30am. Gemma (and her twin sister, Amanda) were both great students who contributed so much to the College community over their six years here. Gemma is now reunited with her mother and she may now Rest in Peace.



HSC - Design and Technology

Year 12 student, **Sabrina Della Franca** has been nominated for possible inclusion in **Shape 2020**. This is an annual exhibition of a selection of exemplary Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students.

A number of projects will be selected for Shape 2020, the combined exhibition of HSC Technology projects at the Powerhouse Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Sydney, from 26 February to 9 May 2021.

The final selection will be held in February, congratulations Sabrina and her teacher - **Ms Angela Bourke**.

2020 – That's a Wrap!

At the commencement of this year, we announced our theme for 2020 - *Launch out into the Deep* – in the shadow of devastating bushfires. Then came the rain - a great deal of it. By mid-March, COVID-19 of course had become the main game for everyone around the world. Concerns around health and safety turned quickly to development and adaptation of a Home Learning Program and ongoing adjustments to this model in response to your feedback. Modification to teaching, learning, looking after our student and staff wellbeing,



and supporting families. Teachers teaching online, students learning at home, and whole families in lockdown, all tested the resilience of our community and stretched our capacity to support everyone. It certainly was a challenge.

From the assessments I have seen (surveys, emails and phone calls), our College has done exactly that; not perfectly, but successfully on multiple fronts. Many of these opportunities arose out of challenges faced by our community. For example, keeping the College open – each day – even during the listed holidays to assist Emergency workers, the introduction of a student wellbeing monitoring application – a simple emoji symbol enabling staff to gauge student wellbeing in lockdown; the *Year 12 Passion into Excellence Program Growth Domain Projects*; and the *Parent Career Pathways Video Series* are just a few.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all.

I have spoken often of the importance of the partnership between school and family and I have felt that very strongly this year and it is undoubtedly a key to the success of the College. It has been a great privilege to serve this wonderful Catholic learning community.



As I drive out along Woolcott Ave on Friday afternoon, there is so much that I am grateful for - our students, our parents, our staff, colleagues at Catholic Schools Broken Bay, our Clergy, our Primary Feeder Schools, our local community - 2020 - it has been a real team effort. **Thank you.**

Enjoy quality time with your families and friends over Christmas and New Year. Relax and recharge the batteries in order to give to family, friends, your workplaces and to those in need. Everyone needs to recharge their own batteries for what will be a very busy and eventful 2021.

Have a safe, Blessed and joyful Christmas, filled with the spirit of the newborn Jesus Christ,

Tony Gleeson
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Year in Review

Yesterday the College gathered on sacred ground as a community of grace, to celebrate the adventure that has been 2020. At the commencement of Term 1, we invited our students to ‘Launch out into the Deep’, just as Christ called Peter to step out of his comfort zone and to take a leap of faith. Little did we know how far we would launch and how deep the journey would be with Covid-19, Remote Learning from home, job losses, food shortages and sanitizer being the most sought-after item of 2021. Our global and local communities were certainly challenged.

However, through all the uncertainty and problems, our students have forged ahead. They have demonstrated resilience, creativity and collaboration in how they have dealt with the changes to their schooling, home life, social interactions and daily routine. I would like to congratulate them individually and as a whole College family. They have made the College proud. I would also like to thank you as their parents and guardians for the way you have guided them through such uncertain waters. Your support and flexibility during this have been deeply appreciated by all of us at St Leo’s.



It was in this spirit of celebration and affirmation that we gathered to highlight the extraordinary contributions made by the students in each of the six Growth Domains. Well done to one and all.

Year in Review Award Recipients

MAJOR AWARDS

Best All Rounders

Presented to a student from each of Years 7- 11 to recognise their participation and excellent achievement in a wide range of activities in areas across the six Growth Domains.

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| Intake 2020: | Romina Zepeda |
| Year 8: | Michael Dalton |
| Year 9: | Tony Baynie |
| Year 10: | Mattia Candotti |
| Year 11: | Matteo Persechino, Will Taurins |

Dux - Intake 2020-Year 11

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| Intake 2020: | Alex Fitzgerald |
| Year 8: | Belle Harvey |
| Year 9: | Zinta Hartmann |
| Year 10: | Sylvie Pringle |
| Year 11: | Matteo Persechino |

[* CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL LIST OF AWARD WINNERS](#)



Intake 2020 Award Winners



Year 8 Award Winners



Year 9 Award Winners



Year 10 Award Winners



Year 12 (2021) Award Winners

Pastoral Care Team for 2021

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Pastoral Care Team for 2021. Pastoral Care and Wellbeing is central to student success and progress. As such, in addition to the Pastoral Team announcement, the College has created new Pastoral Zones on Campus to increase student accessibility to their Leader of Pastoral Care. Student lockers, Mentor classrooms and Year Leader offices have centralised for each year group. This means that students can walk straight off the playground into their Year Leader if they need assistance. This also applies during mentor time.

| Pastoral Team 2021 | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Acting Director of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing | Mr Nathan Smith |
| Director of Students | Mr Ashley Johansen |
| Leader of Pastoral Care Year 12 | Mrs Kate Todd |
| Leader of Pastoral Care Year 11 | Mrs Megan Tynan |
| Leader of Pastoral Care Year 10 | Mr Chris Sammut |
| Leader of Pastoral Care Year 9 | Mrs Susie Murphy |
| Leader of Pastoral Care Year 8 | Mrs Leona Jenkins |
| Leaders of Pastoral Care Year 7 | Mrs Carolyn Scott and Ms Cilu Nebu |

Staffing Update for 2021

As we conclude 2021, we warmly thank the following staff for their contribution to College and wish them well with their new ventures, or as they move into retirement:

Michaela Hashim, Andrew Introna, Elizabeth Nain, Lynda Nelson, Ashlea Norton, Rachel Palgan, and Kerri-Anne Ramsay.

Thank you for your dedication to St Leo's.

Melanie Maisey will be taking maternity leave, and **Lindy Sykes** will be on leave for Terms 1 and 2, and **Nathan Smith** will be the Acting Director of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing during her absence. We welcome back from maternity leave **Ms Kimberly Prosser**.

We will be welcoming the following new faces to the St Leo's team from Term 1 2021:

Mr Michael Neylan, Director of Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

Ms Leeta Caiger – Science

Mr Adam Carr – HSIE

Ms Michelle Grugger - Religious Education

Ms Shams Hussain – Learning Support

Ms Cilu Nebu – TAS and Intake 2021 Co-Leader

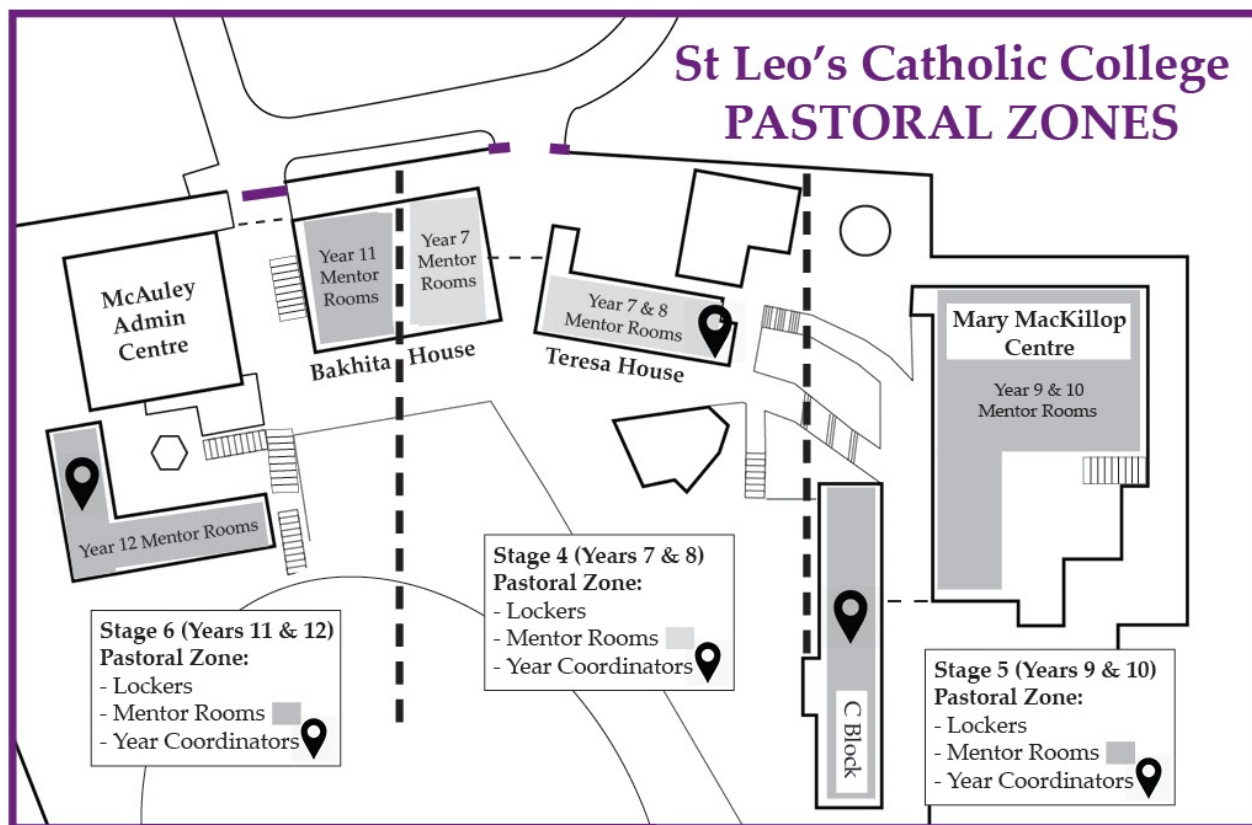
Ms Emma Pariser – Science

Mr Michael Power – Science

Mr David Ritchie – Mathematics

Ms Hayley Spencer – English

Pastoral Zones on Campus



Stage 6 Silent Study Space

Thank you to all parents for responding to the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. Your feedback is highly valued. As such, we have commenced actioning a number of items requested through such results. One of which is the request for a silent senior study area.

As of Term 1 2021, students in Years 11 and 12 will have a **silent** study room within Xavier Court. This area will be for silent, individual work during study periods, recess, lunch and after school. It will be fitted out to create a university-like professional learning atmosphere. Senior students will also have access to their own photocopier and printer in this room. The office for the Pastoral Leaders of Year 11 and 12 is also accessible through this room, creating an important support hub for our students. Students who wish to collaborate and make use of the self-serve cafe have the option of working in the Aquinas Resource Centre.

Student Return Details

Please find below a table of pertinent dates for 2021. Students are to return in full College Summer Uniform.

| TERM 1 | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 28 January | Intake 2021 Students Commence and new students 8-12 |
| Friday 29 January | Year 8-12 Classes resume |
| College Open Day | Tuesday, 16 March, 4-7pm |
| Thursday 1 April | Last Day of Term - Holy Thursday |
| TERM 2 | |
| Monday 19 April | Classes resume |

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| Thursday 24 June | Last Day of Term for Students |
| Friday 25 June | Staff Professional Development Day |
| TERM 3 | |
| Monday 12 July | Staff Professional Development Day |
| Tuesday 13 July | First day of Term 3 for Students |
| Friday 17 September | Last Day of Term |
| TERM 4 | |
| Tuesday 5 October | First Day of Term 4 |
| Friday 10 December | Road to Bethlehem Advent Liturgy |
| Tuesday 14 December | St Leo's Day and College Fair |
| Wednesday 15 December | Last Day of Term / Year in Review Celebrations |
| Thursday 16 December | Staff Professional Development Day |
| Friday 17 December | Staff Professional Development Day |

I would like to personally wish every family a happy and holy Christmas. I pray that the light of Bethlehem brings a deep freshness to your lives. I pray that the Holy Family and their bond of love and faith amidst the messiness of the nativity story, affirms your family in strength and support after the 'messiness' of 2020. May our hearts be a cradle for God made flesh.

Every blessing and happiness.

From the Acting Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation

Mr Nathan Smith





Advent Liturgies

On Tuesday 15 December, we celebrated the Advent Season and acknowledged the end of the school year with Year Group liturgies in the Flora MacKillop Theatre.

This was a wonderful way to round out 2020 as the theme for the liturgies was HOPE.

Students prayed and reflected on the joy and warmth of better times ahead as they prepare for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter to the Diocese

Bishop Anthony has prepared a Pastoral Letter for the people of Broken Bay. This has been distributed out via schools and parishes and an online version can be found [HERE](#).



December Broken Bay News

The latest edition of Broken Bay News can be found [HERE](#).

Parish Christmas Masses

There are a number of Christmas Masses being celebrated in our local parishes this Advent Season.

Click [HERE](#) to access Mass times for your local parish.

Blessings to you all during this festive season and may the joy of new birth bring hope and comfort to you and your families over the Christmas period.

From the Director of Teaching and Learning

Mrs Josephine Cali

Technology Requirements Update for 2021 (Intake 2021 – Year 12)

Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) iPad Program

St Leo's Catholic College supports a Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) Program. Technology-enabled teaching allows for more active engagement in learning. Activities and styles of engagement previously impossible or difficult to achieve are now readily attainable. It is a requirement that all students in all years have their own Apple device that meets the following minimum specifications.

The device is a learning tool, and as such, it is to be utilised for learning purposes. Families are encouraged to review the Apps on student learning devices and are asked to remove those that are unnecessary for learning before the new year. This will also optimise the function of the iPad if the storage is near to its storage capacity.

MacBook / MacBook Air / MacBook Pro

Minimum requirements:

- MacOS Operating System High Sierra or higher (i.e. High Sierra, Mojave or Catalina)
- 13" screen size minimum for laptops
- 8 hr + advertised battery life minimum
- Intel iSeries processor i5 or higher, or equivalent AMD processor
- Memory - 8GB RAM (minimum)
- Storage - 128GB (minimum) (Solid State Drive (SSD) recommended)
- Wireless support for 802.11 AC minimum
- Sturdy case (e.g. EVA) to protect the device
- Three-year pick-up and return warranty from Apple

iPad

Minimum requirements:

- 7th Generation
- 10.2-inch screen
- 32GB Apple iPad. (We strongly recommend 128GB or above)
- Three-year pick-up and return warranty from Apple

Apple pencils and keyboards are optional.





NOTE: iPad Minis are NOT SUPPORTED. Wi-Fi only is advised for iPads as students have access to College Wi-Fi.

App Store Downloads - Required Apps for iPad

Students in Years 7-8 are required to download all of the following Apps.




Students in Years 9-12 are required to download all Apps listed with 'College'. For other Apps, students are required to download the Apps that are relevant to the courses studied.

2021 App List

| App | Icon | Link to App Store | Faculty |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Keynote |  | Keynote on the App Store | College |
| Pages |  | Apple Books on the App Store | College |
| Numbers |  | Numbers on the Mac App Store | College |
| Google Drive |  | Google Drive on the App Store | College |

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| Google Docs |  | Google Docs: Sync, Edit, Share on the App Store | College |
| Google Sheets |  | Google Sheets on the App Store | College |
| Google Slides |  | Google Slides on the App Store | College |
| Clips |  | Clips on the App Store | College |
| Google Classroom |  | Google Classroom on the App Store | College |
| Notes |  | Notes on the App Store | College |
| iMovie |  | iMovie on the App Store | College |
| Quizlet Flashcards & Learning |  | Quizlet Flashcards & Learning on the App Store | College |
| Bible App by Olive Tree |  | Bible Study on the Mac App Store | Religious Education |
| Gmail |  | Gmail - Email by Google on the App Store | College |
| Apple Books |  | Apple Books on the App Store | College |
| Dictionary.com |  | Dictionary.com for iPad on the App Store | College |
| Adobe Spark Page |  | Adobe Spark Page on the App Store | TAS |
| Garage Band |  | GarageBand on the App Store | CAPA |

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| Google Calendar |  | Google Calendar: Get Organised on the App Store | College |
| Education Perfect |  | Education Perfect on the App Store | Science, Languages, HSIE, English |
| Popplet Lite |  | Popplet Lite on the App Store | College |
| micro:bit |  | micro:bit on the App Store | TAS |
| GeoGebra Graphing Calculator |  | GeoGebra Graphing Calculator on the App Store | Mathematics |
| GeoGebra Calculator Suite |  | GeoGebra Calculator Suite on the App Store | Mathematics |
| Staff Wars (\$2.99) |  | StaffWars Live on the App Store | CAPA |
| Orchestra (\$4.49) |  | Meet the Orchestra - learn classical music instruments on the App Store | CAPA |
| Desmos Scientific Calculator |  | Desmos Scientific Calculator on the App Store | Mathematics |
| Find My |  | Part of the Apple Id. Please ensure this is activated and functional. | College |
| Kahoot |  | Kahoot! Play & Create Quizzes on the App Store | College |
| Sphero Edu |  | Classroom on the App Store | Science |
| Compass School Manager |  | Compass School Manager on the App Store | College |

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| Classroom |  | Classroom on the App Store | College |
| ScratchJr |  | ScratchJr on the App Store | TAS |
| TinkerCad |  | Tinkercad on the App Store | TAS, Science |

From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

Christmas Mufti Day and Edmund Rice Camps

Last Friday students (and staff) participated in a Christmas-themed Mufti Day. The students certainly enjoyed the informal atmosphere including the lunch-time music performances in Xavier Court led by our Year 12 Leaders.

In supporting **Edmund Rice Camps**, the College raised **\$560** through our gold coin/note donations. Please see the message of thanks below from the Edmund Rice NSW Executive Officer:

'This donation will make a huge contribution to our January programs – in fact, it will cover the cost of an entire Day camp for up to 15 kids and as many volunteers for a day of fun, support, enrichment and mutual empowerment for kids who have missed out on so much in 2020.'

Can you please pass on our most heartfelt thanks to the college community - all students and staff – for such tremendous support particularly at the pointy end of the year.'

Great work team Leo's!



COMPASS Student Management System - Thank You

Over the last year, we have operated with a new student management system that has refined our communication processes, attendance procedures, wellbeing recording, and reporting structures to name a few. As we have adapted to Compass and implemented the various features across both our Intake 2020 - Year 12 student body and parent community, it has generally improved our management and communication channels at the College. However, we will continue to make adjustments as required in building this platform to be a reliable and consistent tool in 2021 - thank you for your constructive feedback in delivering this new Compass platform to our community.

Pastoral Team - Thank You

Thank you sincerely to all parents/caregivers who have supported the Pastoral team during this challenging COVID-19 year, in particular, the Year Leaders. Our students often have a variety of needs and, sometimes, personalised support needs to occur to ensure their individual journey aligns with both the mission of the College and their chosen goals. With the support of a committed parent/caregiver community, the outcomes are often positive for the student(s) and their families.

We look forward to your continued support in 2021 and please always remember to contact the College if there are any queries or concerns.



From the Leader of Community Partnerships and Pathways

Ms Mel Timmerman

What a year it has been! Despite the ongoing COVID-19 situation we have been able to do some great Pathways Workshops during the year. From online Career Talks, to inspirational employer talks at the College, to hands-on design thinking workshop and site visits like the one recently to an Engineering Company.



Over **138 Pathways activities** have taken place in 2020 and many more are already lined up for 2021!

Summer Skills for School Leavers Program

Have you heard about the Summer Skills for School Leavers Program?

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!](#)



Young Change Agents – Think Tank Summer Holiday Workshops for Girls

We are running three virtual holiday programs open to any young women aged 10-18 during these school holidays! These are youth think tanks, empowering young people to explore social problems and develop solutions. This is the perfect opportunity for girls that want to learn more about business, want to change the world, or just want to develop their skills.

We've got three great themes that are running, and girls can come to one, two or all three:

[Register for Environmental Impact Think Tank \(Friday 15th January\)](#)

[Register for Diversity and Inclusion Think Tank \(Monday 18th January\)](#)

[Register for Future of Fashion Think Tank \(Tuesday 19th January\)](#)

Coronavirus and the Class of 2020

A huge 70% of 2020 Year 12s say their post-school plans have changed due to the coronavirus pandemic. As well, just under two thirds of this year's graduating class say their post-school plans have been negatively impacted, according to a new Year 13 and YouthSense report.

The report [Coronavirus & The Class of 2020](#) tells through a mix of data and first-hand accounts from Year 12s what it's been like to finish high school during COVID-19 and how this has impacted their futures.

The 'Get Job Ready' Pack

This all-in-one pack is designed to answer all the basic questions that most young people (and plenty of older people) ask when starting work, including topics such as:

- What is a TFN (Tax File Number)?
- Where do I get a TFN?
- Why does my boss ask for a TFN?
- How does tax work?
- Why do young people often get tax refunds?
- What is the 'tax free threshold'? When do I claim it?
- What forms will my boss ask me to complete on my first day?
- Am I eligible for Super?
- How much is Super?
- Where does my Super go?
- How do I check my pay slip?
- How do I write a resume when I don't have much experience?
- How do I get a Christmas casual job?



You can download the pack [HERE](#).

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy & blessed 2021!

From the Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

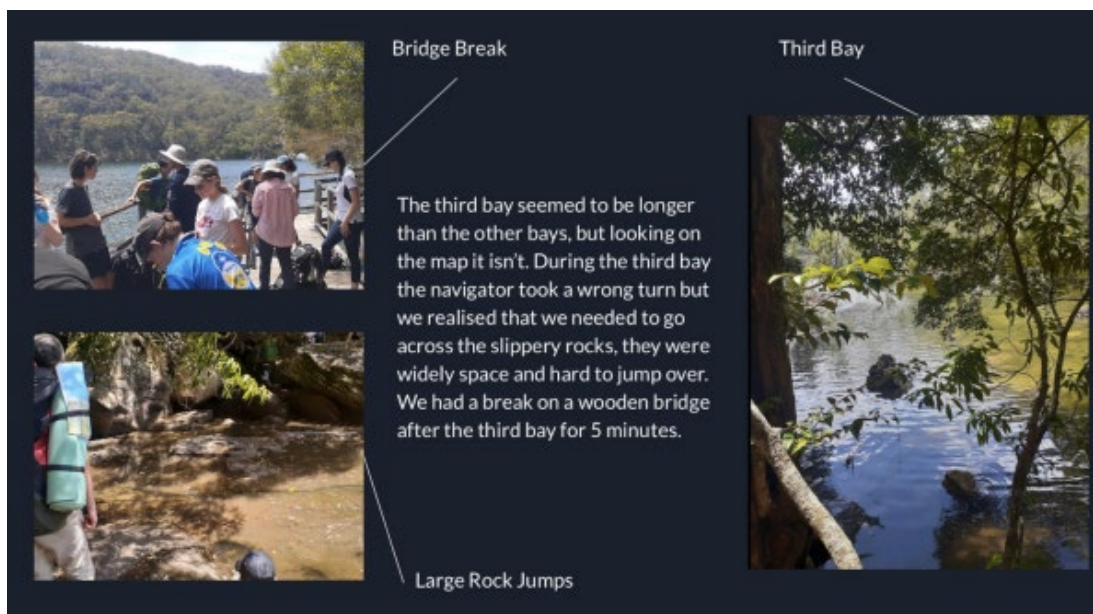
Ms Kelly Li

Duke of Edinburgh Update

Students are currently writing their Adventurous Journey Reports for their Bronze Awards. A gentle reminder to any participants to submit their reports before the end of Term.

Speaking with many of the students who participated, they had not only gained confidence and a sense of achievement in completing the hike, but also new friends and cooking skills.

Here is an excerpt from one of the participant's report:



All current participants should work on completing their goals and organising assessors, so that when they return next year, they will be able to hand in their participant award plans.

If students are having trouble deciding on an activity or finding an assessor, please contact Mrs Li via email.

Any student who would like to start the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please also email Mrs Li for further information at kelly.li@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Sports Round-Up

St Leo's W Cup - Girls Rugby League Challenge

The U/14 Girls Rugby League teams played in a highly competitive and spirited match last Thursday at lunchtime. In front of the rest of the College and a great atmosphere, the girls they ran onto Donnelly Oval in what seemed like a State of Origin battle - St Leo's Purple against St Leo's Gold.

The girls train as one side but once they entered the field of play, competitiveness and fierceness emerged and they all wanted to win. The girls produced a high-quality game in front of special guests, **Steve Clarke** (former NRL referee), **Michelle Kelly** (Director of Women's Pathways at Asquith Leagues Club), and **Nita Manyard** (current Sydney Roosters NRLW and New Zealand International Rugby League player).

On the day under the expert guidance of **Mr Tavernese**, **Mr Issa**, and **Ruby Gowthorp**, the St Leo's Purple team captained by player of the match, **Emma W**, came away with a close 5 tries to 4 win.

St Leo's Purple: 5 (Tries: **Emma W** x 2, **Bridgette C**, **Holly B**, **Ruby K**)

St Leo's Gold: 4 (Tries: **Mikaela B**, **Madeleine K** x 2, **Chloe R**)

You can view the new [W Cup Highlights video here](#).

St Leo's Running Group

'We don't run to add days to our lives, we run to add life to our days.' *Ronald Rook*

The St Leo's running group had their final training morning for the year last week. This committed and dynamic group of students have trained regularly all year. Training will restart in Term 1 next year, and all students are welcome.



From the CAPA Team

Dance

The Co-Curricular Dance program continued to grow during 2020 and provided an opportunity for students to remain active and connected with their friends via Zoom and face-to-face rehearsals throughout the year.

All students have been extremely dedicated to all rehearsals and filming of classwork such as the launch of the CAPA Cubs promotional video this Term, demonstrating great professionalism.

The students this year have worked on a Justin Bieber jazz dance remix and more recently are working on their 2021 performance work 'Hollywood Boulevard' as we hope for the students to compete at live eisteddfods next year. A sneak peak of their 2021 performance work has been shared to the Co-Curricular Dance Google Classroom for students and parents to access.

As we work towards making 2021 bigger and better for our Dance students, our program will be divided into three ensembles, as listed below:



The *Cubs* Dancers

An exclusive Intake 2021 ensemble for all ability dancers, beginners to advanced.



The *Lions* Dancers

An open Dance ensemble for students in Years 8 - 12 which explores a range of styles.



The *Pride* Dancers

An invitation based Dance ensemble for students to further develop skills with a commitment to performance opportunities.

Intake 2020 and Year 8 students next year will be known as The *Lion Dancers*. Students who are interested in the *Pride Dance* ensemble are encouraged to contact Miss Skea. Additionally, students who are interested to further explore the artform of Dance have the opportunity to study Dance as an elective from Year 9 -12 at the College.



I am extremely proud of their achievements and would like to congratulate all members of the program for their continued commitment and dedication to Dance. I would like to especially thank our Year 12 Dance students, Bianca and Jade who have worked hard on the choreography throughout the year, as well as Ms Concato, Mr Tavenese and our CAPA department with their ongoing support for Dance.



Ms Brittany Skea, Dance Teacher

Music

Congratulations to the St Leo's Stage Band for their Week 9 Wednesday morning mini concert performed in front of the College. The Stage Band presented a mixture of pieces including crowd favourites of *Sesame Street* and *Fly Me to The Moon*. It was great to see a mixture of staff and students from all years enjoying the music presented by our St Leo's students. Congratulations to our students and **Mr Mark Strykowski** (St Leo's Stage Band Conductor).



2021 Major Musical Production

Congratulations to all the students who auditioned this week for the 2021 School Production, *Camp Rock*.

All the CAPA Staff were extremely impressed with all the students who showed professionalism and enthusiasm with their auditions.

More information will be released early 2021. We are excited for next year!



Ensembles/Programs

As we all know, 2020 has been an interesting year, with challenges that our CAPA Programs have had to undertake. A big thank you to our ensemble/program leaders for 2020 and their ability to adapt to provide our students here at St Leo's the opportunities allowed during restrictions.

As we look forward to 2021, we are excited to hopefully be able to make up for missed opportunities and continue to strive forward with our ensembles and programs.

In Term 1 2021, CAPA will be launching exciting new programs and ensembles providing our students a vast range of experiences to explore their skills within Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts.

Stay tuned for announcements for next year and from everyone at CAPA we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Second-hand Uniforms and Textbooks

With new students looking for uniforms, if you have any that you have outgrown, why not post them on sustainableschoolshop.com.au?

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.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP 

Community Notices

A notice from our uniform suppliers, Cowan and Lewis regarding appointments:

Cowan & Lewis Pty Ltd

A.C.N 000412779

1315 Pacific Highway
Turrumurra NSW 2074
Phone 9449 9777
Web: www.cowanlewis.com.au

PO Box 119
Turrumurra NSW 2074
Fax 94408931
mail:sales@cowanlewis.com.au

December 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to COVID restrictions not being relaxed as hoped we will still be operating at 1315 Pacific Highway Turrumurra by appointment in January, ensuring we are adherent to the mandatory social distancing restrictions of 1 person per 4 square meters.

The Store will be accessible by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** from the 4th January through to the 30th January Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm. Saturday 9am – 12pm

Alternatively online orders can be made and delivered to school twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays during the school term. Exchanges can be arranged back through the school office by contacting Cowan & Lewis or leaving an exchange form in the bag to be collected, the exchange form can be located on the Cowan & Lewis website on your school's page.

A Click and Collect service for online orders and Exchanges in January will also be available from the warehouse with no appointment required. Further information will be provided on the school's page.

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays where possible and ensuring the safety of our Staff, Parents and students.

We would strongly encourage uniform to be purchased prior to the end of the year to ensure you are catered for before the commencement of the new school year.

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website www.cowanlewis.com.au. Select shop online, locate your schools crest, and click on the booking link and select the appropriate date and time.

- Each appointment will have a 30 minute duration.
- **1 Adult and 1 Child per booking**
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment we will unfortunately ask that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this challenging time and look forward to welcoming you to our store. **Please feel free to contact our staff via email stleos@cowanlewis.com.au or phone 9449 9777 should you require any further information.**

Kind Regards
Staff and Management
Cowan & Lewis Pty Ltd

