

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 1 Term 2, 2021**.

From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,

Term 2 Opportunities – A Summary

Welcome back for a 10 week Term 2. During this Term, alongside the (approx) **250 lessons** your young person will be experiencing, the **subject selection process** will commence for **Years 8 and 10** for 2022; **Year 12** will undertake their final full term of lessons before their **Trial HSC** commences in Week 3 (w/c 26 July) of Term III; **Year 11** will cover a great deal of content as they approach the halfway point in their Preliminary Studies in each of their subjects; and **Intake 2021** and **Year 9** will be conducting **NAPLAN** as well as their normal classes.

These academic pursuits are on top of the many other opportunities offered by the College in Term 2. We are straight into action, with **Year 12** departing for their three-day Retreat to Stanwell Tops today (Tuesday), while **Year 11 Visual Arts students** leave for their Artist in Residence Camp tomorrow (Wednesday) to the Arthur Boyd Estate at Bundanon.

Another major event for the Term will be the 2021 College Musical - **Camp Rock**. Performances will be held on Thursday 10, Friday 11, and Saturday 12 June (Queen's Birthday long weekend), so watch out for ticketing information over the coming weeks.

The only activity that sadly won't be available this Term is our **Kiribati Immersion**; held successfully for six years before Covid. However, we are hoping to recommence this most important social justice opportunity in 2022, of course subject to Government travel advice at the time.

After consultation with parents and carers last Term, we will now formalise the work that has been done in regard to our **Parents in Partnership** Model and have our first meeting on **Wednesday, 26 May at 7pm**. This will enable you as our 'No.1 Educators' to engage better with your young person's education, regardless of the subjects or levels they are studying.

This Term will also present a formal opportunity for our **parents/carers to speak with your young person's class teachers**. As supported by the parents/carers last year - this will be via Zoom. The dates are:

- **Years 8 & Intake 2021 - Thursday 6 May (Week 3)**
- **Years 12 and 11 - Thursday 13 May (Week 4)**
- **Years 10 & 9 - Wednesday 19 May (Week 5)**



All sessions will commence from 4pm and will conclude by 8.30pm in 5-minute blocks. See Further details on page 5.

As part of our School Improvement Plan for 2021 - we focus on **student attendance**, through the **Every Day Counts** program. Could I ask you to ensure that your young person attends each day - except when he/she is ill. I will be speaking about this and presenting some data at our *Parents In Partnership* Evening later this Term.



Staff News

Please keep in your prayers **Mrs Kimberley Prosser** (HSIE teacher) who lost her mother unexpectedly during the holidays.

I would like to warmly welcome **Ms Colleen Kofron** to our staff. Ms Kofron is a highly experienced, qualified, and passionate Religious Studies teacher.

Over the recent holidays various staff members conducted workshops for their Year 12 classes so content and the momentum could be sustained. I would like to thank those staff who gave of their valuable holiday time and their expertise. **Mrs Bourke, Mr Lane, Mr Neylan, Mr Smith, Ms Todd, Ms Ellison, Ms Tynan, Mr Carr, Ms Caiger and Ms Donaghy.**

I would also like to thank the staff who have been rehearsing our *Camp Rock* musical production over the holidays: **Ms Milkins, Ms Murphy, Ms Skea** and our music man, **Mr Tavernese.**

Generous Gifts to the College

At the end of last Term, the College gratefully received two donations from two very generous families.



One was a virtually brand new A1 drumkit. This was donated by the **Waugh family** and their grandmother **Jennifer Timewell** in honour of their late grandfather, **Mr Greg Timewell** who had always wanted to be a drummer. He purchased the kit and began lessons at age 73, proving you are never too old to try something new and follow your dreams.



The drumkit will be used to assist our Year 12 students in their HSC performances as well as the College Musical - *Camp Rock*.

The other donation was from the **Melissari family** who kindly donated a set of special edition netballs to the College. Their grandmother is an Indigenous Australian artist related to the founders of KARI, who currently sponsor several NRL teams. KARI provide Indigenous community support services throughout Australia, in particular through sport. The five netballs are printed with a beautiful Indigenous Australian design.

Many thanks to both the Waugh and Melissari families for your generosity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.



From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

Key Dates for Term 2

Welcome back to another exciting time at the College. We wish all parents and carers warm Easter blessings and pray you enjoyed quality time with your family.

Below are some key dates for Term 2:

Week	Date	Event
1	Tuesday 20 - Thursday 22 April	Year 12 Retreat, Stanwell Tops
1	Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 April	Year 11 Visual Arts Camp, Bundanon
2	Monday 26 April	Anzac Day Ceremony during Monday Assembly
2	Monday 26 April	Parents In Partnership (PiP) - Survey published
2	Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 April	Year 8 Camp, Colo River
2	Wednesday 28 April	Feast of St Peter Chanel
3	Monday 3 May - Friday 28 May	Intake 2021 - Year 10 Examination Window
3	Thursday 6 May	Stage 4 (Intake 2021 & Year 8) Parent Teacher Evening 4pm-8.30pm via Zoom
3	Friday 7 May	Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast, 7.30-8.15am
4	Monday 10 May	Parents in Partnership (PIP) - Agenda published
4	Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 May	NAPLAN Testing, Intake 2021 and Year 9
4	Tuesday 11 May	Year 12 Reports available on Compass
4	Thursday 13 May	Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12) Parent Teacher Evening 4pm-8.30pm via Zoom
5	Wednesday 19 May	Pride Panel during Extended Mentor
5	Wednesday 19 May	Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10) Parent Teacher Interview Evening 4pm-8.30pm via Zoom
5	Thursday 20 May	College Athletics Carnival
6	Monday 24 May	200th Anniversary of Catholic Education Mass
6	Tuesday 25 May	Careers/Pathways/Tertiary Expo Evening, 5.00-8.00pm
6	Wednesday 26 May	Parents in Partnership PIP Evening, 7pm via Zoom
7	Wednesday 2 June	Evacuation Drill during Extended Mentor
8	Thursday 10 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock', Opening Night

8	Friday 11 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock', Evening Performance
8	Saturday 12 June	College Musical 'Camp Rock', Matinee and Evening Performances
9	Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9	Monday 14 June	Parents in Partnership PiP - Feedback to parents/caregivers
9	Tuesday 15 June	College Photos (Individual, Sibling and Mentor Portraits)
9	Friday 18 June	College Catch Up Photos
10	Tuesday 22 June	Intake 2021 and Year 8 Studio Concert Evening 6.30-8.30pm
10	Wednesday 23 June	Intake 2021, Years 8-10 Reports available on Compass
10	Wednesday 23 June	Years 9-12 Studio Concert Evening, 6.30-8.30pm
10	Thursday 24 June	Last Day of Term for Students
10	Friday 25t June	Staff Professional Development Day

Anzac Day Ceremony

On Monday, 26 April we will be marking Anzac Day with a College ceremony on Murru Mittigar commencing at 8.35am. Thank you to our staff and students for preparing this important event to commemorate the sacrifice given by our forebears.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast

All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, caregivers and maternal role models are warmly invited to celebrate Mother's Day with us on Friday, 7 May. The morning will commence with a Mother's Day liturgy in the Flora MacKillop Theatre (Mary MacKillop Centre), followed by breakfast in the Fr Tenison Woods Gallery. The timing of our celebrations will be from 7.30 - 8.15am.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

200th Anniversary of Catholic Education Mass

On Monday, 24 May we will be celebrating Mass at the same time as Dioceses' across the country to mark the 200th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Australia.

A representative group of students and staff from St Leo's and Our Lady of the Rosary will join guests in the Cathedral to celebrate Mass with the Bishop.



The remainder of the College and interested parents will have the opportunity to join the Mass via Zoom. Once this link is available, we will distribute to you.

Winter Uniforms

Reminder regarding the College Winter Uniform.

- Blazers are compulsory and must be worn to and from the College
- All male students must wear a tie
- All senior (Years 10-12) female students must wear the female version of the tie

- Female students in the new uniform are required to wear stockings (excluding those that have opted for the College pants)
- Junior students may wear either shorts or tracksuit pants on nominated sports days.

New Blazers

The manufacturing of some of the garments have been delayed due to a shortage of the fabric required for the new College blazers.

- Female blazers have been available since the second week of the holidays
- Male blazers will be available **from Week 3** of this Term. If you have NOT already placed an order for a blazer, you need to visit Cowan and Lewis to be fitted as soon as possible and will be contacted when the blazer arrives.
- In the interim (Term 2), impacted students should wear their normal Winter uniform with the College jumper.

Have a wonderful week.

From the Acting Dean of Curriculum

Mr Daniel Lane

Parent/Teacher/Student Evenings

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place this Term via Zoom on to the dates below. **They will open to parents for bookings via Compass this Thursday from 3pm.**



Sessions will **commence at 4pm and will conclude by 8.30pm in 5-minute blocks for each interview.**

The meetings will take place over Zoom, as per last year, and all parents/carers will receive an email with the Zoom links to their sessions.

DATES:

- Week 3: **Thursday 6 May - Stage 4** (Intake 2021 & Year 8) 4.00-8.30pm via Zoom
- Week 4: **Thursday 13 May - Stage 6** (Years 11 & 12) 4.00-8.30pm via Zoom
- Week 5: **Wednesday 19 May - Stage 5** (Years 9 & 10) 4.00-8.30pm via Zoom

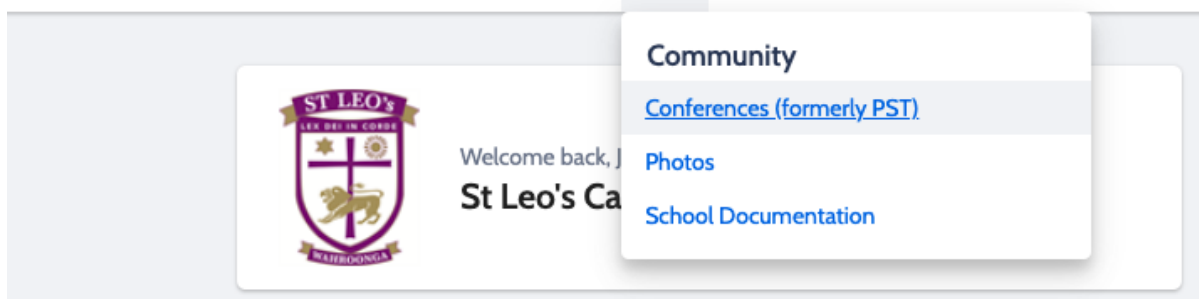
BOOKINGS OPEN: this Thursday (22 April) from 3pm via Compass

INSTRUCTIONS TO BOOK:

The booking system for these evenings will be via Compass and **will be open to Parents on Thursday from 3pm.**

1. Log into Compass
2. Once logged into Compass after bookings open, a notification will appear under 'My News' informing you that the Parent Teacher Interviews are now open to make appointments.
3. Select 'Click here for bookings' with this notification, which will take you to the bookings where your son or daughter's teachers' names will appear.
4. Select a teacher's name and an available time slot (in white) to book a time. Repeat for each teacher.
5. There is also a 'Show me how to book' button which will give you further instructions if needed.

Alternatively, you can access the sessions by going to Community section of the Compass banner and selecting Conferences from the drop-down menu.



ZOOM LINKS FOR EACH INTERVIEW:

- Parents will receive an email from Compass this week that provides access to a PDF containing the Zoom link for each teacher.
- Please click on the link to log into the meeting **2-3 minutes before your designated time** (unless on another meeting immediately beforehand). You will be sent to a waiting room. Once the teacher is finished with the previous meeting, they will allow you into the Zoom meeting for your booked Parent Teacher Interview.
- Please note: due to the nature of these meetings, keeping to time is essential to ensure a knock-on effect of delays is avoided. If you require further time for discussion, please let the relevant teacher know and they will make the necessary arrangement for a second Zoom meeting at a later date.

We look forward to this important step in the learning journey of your daughter or son.

Semester 1 Examination Block

This Term, Intake 2021 through to Year 10 will be sitting exams in some subjects during Weeks 3-6.

A formalised timetable will be issued to both parents and students **early next week (Week 2)**. As always, we will be endeavouring to ensure that the spread of assessments is fair with no student having two assessments on the same day.

Now would be a good time to discuss study routines and patterns with your child and encourage them to start developing these habits so that they become normal for the later years of school. Please bear in mind that there is no right or wrong way to study - it essentially comes down to what works best for the individual. For those interested [here](#) is a short article from last year on study methods.

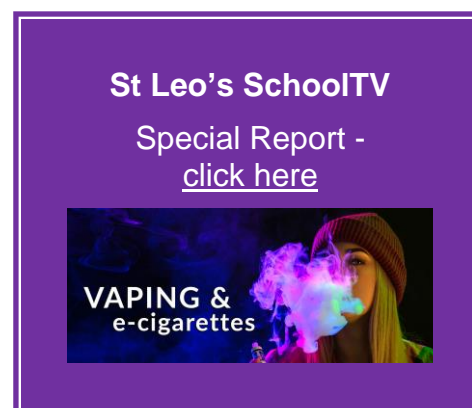
From the Director of Administration

Ms Therri Ellison

Intake 2021 Vaccinations

Intake 2021 HPV & dTpa vaccinations were held today, along with Year 8 HPV dose 2 catch up for those who missed out last year. The follow up Vaccination will be held on 1 November.

Additional information can be found [HERE](#).



From the Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Ms Kelly Li

Our Bronze Award students have been working through their hours for the three activities they are completing. The students who are working on Bush Regeneration at the College are doing an amazing job and are currently covering the area with mulch.



Three students have started their Silver Award and are heading out for their Practice Adventurous Journey Hike and Paddle in Week 2. It will be great to see the photos and stories they bring back from their journey.



Congratulations to Xander Y, David R and Matthew A who had their Bronze Award verified during the holidays. All students have decided to continue with either the Silver or Gold Award.

Below is a reflection on their experience of the Bronze Award:

'Participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award has taught me some skills I probably wouldn't have learned if I hadn't completed it.

For instance, I took the opportunity to learn some more advanced trumpet music in the 26-hour section

required for the Award. I have taken pleasure in seeing the difference that my friends and I have accomplished in the bush recovery program on campus.' *David R.*
