



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 4 Term 2, 2021**.

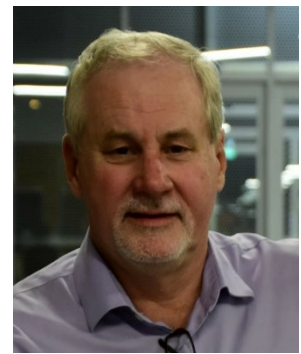
## From the Principal

Mr Anthony Gleeson

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,

### Bereavements

It is with great sadness that I convey the news that one of our past students, **Kate Glendenning**, Phil Glendenning's daughter, passed away late last week. Her family was with her at the time (**Rachel Glendenning** and **Maddie Huxley**, Year 12, cousins).



As we advised here recently, Kate was facing a serious health crisis two months ago and was hospitalised with complications in her second pregnancy. She was found to have liver cancer. Kate was induced six weeks prematurely and gave birth to a baby boy. She and her husband James have another son who has just turned three. The new baby, Ted, is well.



We hold Phil (College Captain 1975, pictured above) and his entire family in our thoughts and prayers as they support each other through this incredibly difficult time.

The Glendenning family have a long association with the College, the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice Australia. Phil's father Laurie - Kate, Rachel and Maddie's grandfather (pictured left), was the architect of our earlier buildings and was one of the main players responsible for building the current Pope St Leo the Great College Chapel. Laurie was a guest of ours at the recent

Rededication and Blessing last term. He and his wife are residents of McQuoin Park. Phil is the Director of Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education, Homebush.

The College (and many other communities across NSW) were asked to be part of a Novena to Blessed Edmund Rice for Kate. Many of our students, particularly those in Year 12 joined us in prayer over nine lunchtimes. It was God's will that Kate passed away last Friday. This is difficult to understand - one of the challenges of our faith.

We also remember **Mr Gabriel Christian Michel** (father of Sam, Year 8; Xavier, Year 12 2019; cousin of staff member, Ms Claire Stephenson) who passed away from cancer last Monday week evening. The funeral will be this Friday, 1pm at St Agatha's, Pennant Hills.

Thank you to those staff and students who contributed to our fund raising of the Mothers' Day muffins last Friday. That money will be sent to *Cancer Australia*, in the memory of Mr Michel.

**May both Christian and Kate rest in peace.**

## Farewell Ms Jayne Persico

Seven years ago, **Ms Jayne Persico** commenced work at St Leo's as College Registrar and Principal's Assistant. Many of you have spoken to and met with Jayne through the enrolment process as part of her Registrar role, and in many other ways as one of our key liaison and coordination points between the College, students and parents.



Over her years here, Jayne has been in the background coordinating the details of a constant stream of College activities and events, ranging from College Tours and Open Days to assemblies and graduations. Her role was unique – a true '*Jayne of all trades*'. No matter what had to be done or who it involved, whether the Bishop or a timid new Year 7 student, Jayne would know exactly what needed to be done and how to make it happen. No detail was overlooked or too small for her. Above all, it was always done in her caring and respectful way and she always managed to calm the anxiety of others to make them feel important and part of the St Leo's community.

Jayne has always gone above and beyond in her role here at St Leo's, and for that we are all so incredibly grateful. Her 'can do' attitude simply made things happen for students, staff, parents and visitors at St Leo's every day. Personally, I am incredibly indebted to Jayne, not only for her professionalism as my Assistant, keeping me on track day to day, but also for the always caring and generous way she went about everything.

To her credit, Jayne has been successful in her application to the position of **Leader of Pathways** to both St Paul's Manly and Mater Maria College, Warriewood. So even though Jayne will remain with us here in CSBB - we will miss her ever generous personality, sense of humour, caring nature and her attitude of getting the job done in a very timely and professional manner.

Jayne, you will be sadly missed by myself and the whole community of St Leo's. We wish you all the best in your new role and I am sure we will not only see you from time to time - but hear you as well! :)

As Jayne departs on Friday, I have rearranged the College staffing and we have advertised for two new positions - such was the scope of her role. In the meantime, **Ms Jo Gower**, who many of you will know, will cover part of the role until these two new staff members are recruited.

## Parents in Partnership

In cyclic Parents in Partnership model, the agenda is due to be published this week.

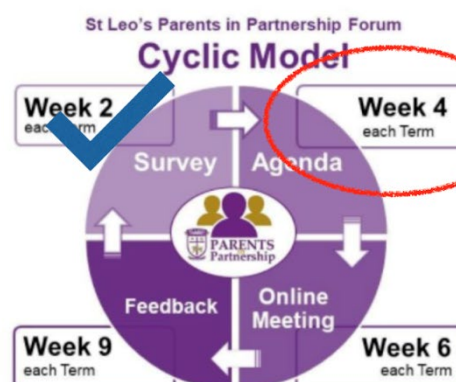
I have received only two responses this Term, which I have included, so below is the link to the agenda for our first PIP Evening using this new model on Wednesday 26 May at 7pm (via Zoom).

[Agenda Link](#)

### Proposed Flexible Cyclic Model

One Meeting Per Term

- Week 2:** Survey is published about suggested Agenda Points; standard form, plus a theme plus return Agenda items
- Week 4:** Agenda published
- Week 6:** Parents in Partnership Evening conducted at 7pm
- Week 9:** Feedback to parents/caregivers where necessary



## NAPLAN - Intake 2021 and Year 9

Good luck to our Intake 2021 and Year 9 students who are undertaking the National Assessment Plan-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this Wednesday and Thursday (and if needed, a makeup assessment on Friday).

All assessment will be online across all schools by 2022. This is our third year of an online environment. Parents/Carers can view a short clip of [NAPLAN Online here](#). I would like to thank our Director of Learning & Teaching, **Ms Josephine Cali** who has been working behind the scenes in preparing and ensuring our online environment is on track, but more importantly has coordinated the preparation, briefing and practice tests for our students in both cohorts.



## Student Reports

The Year 12 Mid-Year Reports were made available to all parents/carers last Friday. I addressed our Year 12 cohort yesterday morning (Monday) and asked them to reflect on these reports for their own improvement and growth. I have written to all Year 12 parents/carers about my presentation to students, including important HSC and ATAR information. Please check your Compass emails.

Thank you to all staff who have compiled this detailed information, particularly to our Acting Dean of Curriculum and Professional Development, **Mr Daniel Lane**, who has coordinated the reformatting and design of a new style of report. The reports now have the following categories:

- The pattern of study for each student (subjects studied)
- Attendance (whole days and partial days)
- Mentor Participation Comments (Areas of Responsibility; activities)
- Mentor Group Engagement
- Events and Extra-Curricular activities
- Course Outline (for each subject)
- Learner Profile (for each subject)
- Learner Profile *for effort* in each subject
- Teacher Comment (personalised)
- List of Learning Tasks (with rank and mark attained)
- Semester One Cumulative Assessment Total (percentage, rank and average)
- Graphical representation of Overall Achievement, showing Student's result, Average result and Range of results.

This report has been redesigned as a result of feedback from parents/carers and the College's aim to report on the growth of whole individual (see our St Leo's Growth Domains), rather than just the Academic Domain.

**St Leo's Growth Domains**  
*Areas for developing the whole person*

- Spiritual Growth Domain**
  - Understand and respond in the Gospel call to convert faith with action through community service initiatives, liturgical involvement and social justice initiatives
  - Effective communication, appreciation of Human Dignity and the Common Good, conflict resolution and moral decision making through a Catholic Worldview
- Academic Growth Domain**
  - Investigate, create and communicate using ICT hardware, systems and data
  - Ask, inquire, question, analyse information and ideas, predict possibilities and use logic and reason to reach a conclusion
  - Understand and respond to all types of texts, explore ideas through discussion, and present ideas creatively and persuasively
- Cultural Growth Domain**
  - Knowledge and appreciation of the importance of culture and human expression through the arts
  - The development and extension of skills in elements of culture such as the Creative and Performing arts, Culinary arts, Industrial arts and more
- Environmental Growth Domain**
  - Recognise and explore individual and communal impacts on Creation and engage in strategies that promote ecological health and sustainability
  - Identify and research the systems that perpetuate environmental destruction and apply lateral thinking to create solutions to such issues
- Social Emotional Growth Domain**
  - Demonstrating effective strategies to push through adversity when facing personal trials (either academically, physically, socially or spiritually)
- Physical Growth Domain**
  - Knowledge of the importance of Physical Health, the value of fitness and the implementation of strategies to develop skills through sports that sustain long term health

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## Family Social Movie Evening - Expression of Interest Responses

Last week we called for expressions of interest in a possible outdoor Movie Night here on our No 1 Oval. Unfortunately, we only received 22 responses, so the suggested Movie Night on Friday 21 May is not viable at this stage.

We will keep working on these types of events - maybe in a less restrictive Covid free environment, hopefully later in the year.

## Final Reminder – Please Complete the Culture Survey

If you haven't already done so, I would ask all parents/carers to please spend 10 minutes or so completing **the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Culture Survey** emailed to you on Friday, 30 April and give your feedback **by Friday, 14 May**.

## Cross Country Success

Congratulations to all our St Leo's Cross Country team and coaches on a spectacular performance at our Diocesan Carnival at St Ives Showground yesterday, including our Boys team coming first overall. Read the full report on pages 10-11. Well done to all!

*Thank you for your time in partnership with the College and taking the time to read The Lion Roars.*

## From the Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Petrie

## Reminder: Key Dates for Term 2

Week	Date	Event
4	Tuesday 11 May	Year 12 Reports available on Compass
4	Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 May	NAPLAN Testing, Intake 2021 and Year 9
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 <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
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 25 June	Staff Professional Development Day

## Year 9-12 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Years 11-12

A reminder that the Year 11-12 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place **this Thursday from 4.00-8.30pm** via zoom. Below is the link to the document containing the zoom link for each teacher:

### Stage 6 Zoom Links

Please click on the link to log into the meeting 2-3 minutes before your designated time. 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 that students should be in their school uniform during the interviews.

Please note: Due to the nature of Zoom interviews, keeping to time will be most important to ensure delays are avoided where possible. 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.

## NAPLAN Reminders - Intake 2021 and Year 9

Please note the following regarding NAPLAN Tests which will take place on **tomorrow 12 May** and **Thursday 13 May**. These reminders have been sent regularly within the Student Daily Notices to students:

Students are to:

- Ensure that their device is connected to the College Wi-Fi, logged into CEnet, and has the NAPLAN Lockdown Browser installed
- Ensure that they bring earphones
- Work through the St Leo's [NAPLAN 2021 Reminders and use of the online tools](#) Google Presentation. The dates and times for each NAPLAN test are in the Google Presentation, which everyone can view
- On both days of the tests, they are to bring their device, a pen/pencil and a water bottle. They should leave their school bag in their locker
- NAPLAN is one assessment tool to measure their learning progress. We ask that they do their best work for the NAPLAN Tests. There is no need to be anxious about the tests. However, if they wish to look at the test format again, please have them go to the NAPLAN [Public demonstration site](#).
- If they are ill or unable to attend the NAPLAN tests, please inform the College and follow the usual procedures for attendance on COMPASS. They will complete 'Catch Up' NAPLAN tests on their return to school.

### **Wednesday:**

P1-2: Intake 2021 - Writing Test (42 min) & Reading Test (65 min)

P3-4: Year 9 - Writing Test (42 min) & Reading Test (65 min)

## Thursday:

P1-2: Intake 2021 - Language Conventions (45 min) & Numeracy (65 min)

P3-4: Year 9 - Language Conventions (45 min) & Numeracy (65 min)

## Friday: Catch Up Exams

## Intake 2021 - Year 10 Examination Window

This week we continue with the Intake 2021 - Year 10 examination window. Please find below the link to the Examination Schedule for your convenience:

### [Half Yearly Examination Timetable](#)

Important reminders for students:

- It is the responsibility of the student to read the timetable very carefully to ensure they know the dates, times and rooms of each examination
- Students are required to bring all necessary equipment with them to the examination
- Extra writing paper will be provided if required, however, no other equipment will be loaned to the students
- Students with exams in the Rome Gallery are to meet on Loyola Green to have rolls marked and be moved into the examination room
- If a student is absent on the day of an examination they must see the Leader of the respective KLA on the day they return to the school. A suitable time will be arranged for the student to sit for the missed examination
- No mobile phones or other electronic devices are allowed into the examination. If a student has a mobile phone or other electronic device during the examination they may receive a mark of zero for that paper
- Any student who is caught cheating or deemed to have gained an unfair advantage to their peers may be awarded a mark of zero for the examination

## Year 12 Formative Examination Block

Please find below a reminder regarding the **Year 12 Formative Examination Block** - The schedule for this block can be found here: [Year 12 Formative Examination Block](#)

From Monday 10 May - Friday 21 May, students in Year 12 will be engaging in a Formative Examination Block. This is a **practice examination block** that will involve a two-hour examination for 2 Unit Courses and a one-hour examination for 1 Unit Courses. These will take place during their normal class time. Two-hour examinations will take place during their double period.

This examination block is **vital preparation** for their trial HSC Examinations that will take place from Monday 26 July through to Monday 9 August. The papers will be marked by staff at the College and external markers depending on the course. Students will receive professional feedback. **This feedback is crucial for students to know how to improve while also providing a clear indication of their academic progress.** The exams will be tailored to where the students are presently up to in the course. The format of the exams will mirror in style HSC layout (with the exception that 2 Unit Courses are three-hour examinations etc).

Please encourage your daughter/son to adequately prepare for this important part of their learning journey.

## Year 10 and Selection of Year 11 Preliminary Courses Term 2

The subject selection process for Year 11 2022 (current Year 10s) will commence soon.

A set of videos will be accessible on the College website for students to explore with their parents outlining:

- structure of the course
- course content / course requirements

- assessments
- key aspects of interest during their study
- key skill sets needed for the course
- benefits of the course for future pathways/careers/study.

On Friday 28 May, students will be taken through the videos on campus with staff available to answer questions regarding their preferences. Parents and carers are requested to discuss preferences with their daughter or son after viewing the videos. A video explaining the components and requirements of the HSC and the ATAR will be included. All videos will be made available to parents and students on the College Website by Thursday 27 May.

To access the videos, please click on the 'Current Students' tab and then select the 'Year 11 2022 Subject Selection' link in the drop-down menu. Students and parents will also be able to access the 2022 Course Handbook from this page on Thursday 27 May.

Also on 28 May, parents and students will receive an email from Edval Choice outlining the instructions on how to make their subject preferences online. This email will include the web access code that is personalized. Students must complete these preferences online, print the summary form (inclusive of parent and student signatures) and return to **College Reception by Friday 4 June**.

The fortnight following the video launch will involve Leaders of Learning for each of the courses, reviewing student preferences and making recommendations in preparation for the Subject Selection Interviews that will take place as the final step in the process.

## 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.



## Higher Education & Careers Expo

We invite students and parents/carers to our Higher Education and Careers Expo on Tuesday 25 May in the Mary MacKillop Centre. The event is open to all Year groups **FROM ALL SCHOOLS**, but particularly aimed at Year 9 upwards.

It will feature exhibits by a range of tertiary education providers, apprenticeship and traineeship providers and industry professionals, with staff available for you to learn more about the diverse study and career pathways available beyond school.

There will also be presentations by TAFE NSW, Macquarie University, Academy of Entrepreneurs and Training Services NSW regarding apprenticeships and traineeships.

[CLICK HERE](#) or on the image (right) to register to attend.

*Have a wonderful week.*

# From the Director of Students

Mr Ashley Johansen

## Reflective Growth Interventions (RGI) Update

Please note that a number of students have recently received a Wednesday Reflective Growth Intervention or RGI (formerly known as Detention) when they have not accrued three demerits for the Term. Parents/carers have also been electronically notified.

The demerit count starts at zero at the beginning of each Term and does not carry over from the previous Term. This is currently being addressed by our Compass support team and, hopefully, will be rectified shortly. In the interim, RGIs will be cancelled for students who have been impacted by this and respective parents/carers contacted about the adjustment. This amendment, if required, will be reflected Compass.

## Compass Student ID cards

This College ID card should be carried by students at all times and used for late arrivals and early departures to/from the College as required using the Student Kiosk now located outside the Student Services Office.

All late arrivals and early departures for students will be recorded as Partially Unexplained except when a hard-copy note is provided by the student and/or parent/carer **using the Add Attendance Note feature on the Compass Parent Portal**. The College will also communicate partial absences daily to parents/carers.

## Keeping Teens Safe Online

From the **eSafety Commissioner**. See <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> for further information:

*There are a lot of great ways that our children can use connected technological devices to learn and play, but there are also risks that you can help them avoid. eSafety has a wide range of advice for parents and carers covering common online safety issues like managing screen time, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, sending nudes and contact from strangers. We also have basic online safety advice for parents in languages other than English. Here is **one step** to help protect young people.*

**Start the chat:** *It's not possible to be at your child's side every second of the day, so it's important to talk with them about online safety issues to help develop their critical thinking and ability to make good choices. It's also good to let them know they can come to you for help if they have any concerns. You may feel they know more about the latest technology than you do, but you have more life experience to guide them.*

- *Take the opportunity to set some boundaries around when and where they can use devices like tablets, smart TVs and gaming consoles, to help limit potential tech tantrums*
- *While you are all at home more, it's a great time to co-view and co-play with your kids, so you can understand what they are doing and experiencing online.*
- **Learn about the games, apps, social media and platforms they are using** at The eSafety Guide, including how to protect their information and report inappropriate content or conduct. See <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>
- *Encourage them to explore eSafety's targeted advice for kids (primary school) and young people (secondary school)*
- *Check eSafety's tips for talking with your child about tricky personal subjects like online pornography.*

## Absences

Parents/carers are requested to enter any relevant attendance information (sickness, early departure etc.) using the **Add Attendance Note** feature on the Compass Parent Portal as soon as possible 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.*

## Da Vinci Decathlon

Ms Helen Wessels

Last Wednesday, two teams of St Leo's students participated in the academically challenging Da Vinci Decathlon.

A Year 9 team and Senior team competed against other schools in this national tournament designed to stimulate student minds across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and legacy.



Our teams had a good balance of skills needed and spirits were high as they powered through the tasks, enjoying this rewarding experience.

Congratulations to the following students who were involved as they await the results later this Term:

Year 9: **Kaylan V, Amelia E, Augustine L, Michael D, Alex P, Belle H, Joshua M, Adrian J, Tayla S.**

Senior: **Bridget W, Xander Y, Matteo D, Mattia C, Rivan R, Silvie P, Sofia A L, Samuel (Alix) J.**



## From the Leader of Debating

Ms Laraine Boguradzki

### Debating Round 2



On Friday night, we travelled to Mercy College Chatswood and I am pleased to announce that we won three out of our six debates. Congratulations to Years 9, 10 and 12 who won their debates.

The topics this week for Intake 2021 to Year 10 were 'That our personal devices are more help than hindrance', while Years 11 and 12 debated on the topic 'That we have a moral obligation to challenge the status quo'.



The teams were:

Intake 2021: **Ranveer S, Mia R, Sebastian D**

Year 8: **Max T, Maya M, Max J** (an Intake 2021 student who stepped up to help Year 8!)

Year 9: **Danielle P, Amelia E, Sofia Lauren C**

Year 10: **Zinta H, Taleisha F, Sarah C**

Year 11: **Tate W-A, Mattia C, Matteo D**

Year 12: **Matteo P, Jessica J, Clara H**

Three students also came along and assisted by chairing the debates, **Jeremy McQ**, Intake 2021, Xander Y, Year 11 and Will T, Year 12.

Thank you to **Ms Colleen Kofron** and **Mr Luke Antoun** who came along on the train and helped with adjudication.

Next week we are debating at home against Holy Cross College.



## From the Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Ms Kelly Li

### Bush Regeneration

Due to Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, 19 May, there will be no bush regeneration volunteer service. However, it will continue the following week.

## From the Leader of Sport

Mr Michael Kember

### Peninsula Cup

This term, the Peninsula Cup competition has kicked off for our Senior (U/18) and Intermediate (U/16) Netball and Soccer teams.

The competition is held on the Northern Beaches after school with all teams performing extremely well so far. The U/16 Boys Soccer have played one match against Oxford Falls coming away with a 3-1 win (Goal scorers: **Adamo K** x 2, **Lennox L**), the U/18 Boys drew with Northern Beaches Christian School 2-2 (Goal scorers: **Adamo Ki, Nicholas J**).

Our Netball teams had mixed results with the Inter girls winning against Stella Maris, and the Seniors being narrowly defeated by Mater Maria. The competitions continue this coming week.

### Broken Bay Cross Country



Yesterday (Monday), St Leo's took a 70-strong team of runners to the Broken Bay Carnival at St Ives Showgrounds. There were many spectacular efforts from both our boys and girls with many qualifying for the next level.



Our boys teams were both strong and consistent, taking 2nd in both the U/12 boys and U/14 boys, and 1st in both U/17 boys and U/18 boys.

The highlight of the Carnival was St Leo's College Boys coming 1st in the Carnival overall. An extremely well-deserved win!

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## A Farewell Message

From Ms Jayne Persico

Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to wish you all farewell as I wrap up at St Leo's this Friday, 14 May as the Registrar and Assistant to the Principal.

You have all kindly allowed me the very privileged position of sharing your young person's journey through the College, and it has brought me such joy to see how 11-year-old girls and boys traverse adolescence to walk out of these gates as capable young men and women.

**Mrs Jo Gower**, a very experienced member of our Support team, will be in the chair over the next month as new staff are appointed.

I look forward to continuing to work within the Diocese on the Pathways Program.

My fondest regards to all the Leo's community, including the staff, but in particular Tony Gleeson, who has been not only my boss, but my mentor and friend.

## Community Notices

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**BUSHWALK  
BREAKOUT**

\*FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEAR 6 AND ABOVE\*

**When:** Saturday May 29th  
**Time:** 10am - 2pm  
**Where:** Our walk will start and finish at  
the Fusion Community Centre  
5 Jersey Street Hornsby  
**Cost:** \$5 per person - BYO Lunch

**Bookings:** 0414782002

<http://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/youth-work>

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