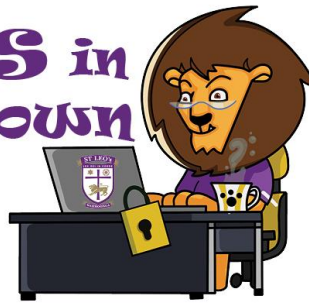




Leo's in Lockdown



Letter No 7 - Covid-19 Update

28 July 2021

Dear St Leo's community,

Good luck and stay warm to those students and families who are participating in the Vinnies Winter Sleepout at home on Friday evening. St Leo's participants have raised over \$13,000 for those less fortunate than themselves. It's great to see students and their families supporting each other during this difficult time. Besides helping others, the Sleepout is a *good distraction* from the current situation. If you are in a position to donate, you can support Team Leo's [HERE](#).

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers recent staff member of the College **Mr Jim Sturgiss**. Jim retired last year due to health reasons and last night we were informed by his wife that he is now gravely ill. We prayed for Jim last year and he is remembered fondly by his science students, particularly in Years 10 and 11.



Parent/Student/Staff Evaluation

Given this morning's announcement by the NSW Premier about the extension of the lockdown period, I have included links to a parent, student and staff survey. It won't take more than 3 mins to complete. The results will be shared with you in my next whole school communication.

- [Parent Survey](#)
- [Student Survey \(for students in Intake 2021 to Year 10\)](#)
- [Student Survey \(for students in Yrs 11 & 12\)](#)



'The Remainder of Term Three (and what it may look like!)

Parent/Carer Information Evening - 7pm TONIGHT (Wed 28 July) via Zoom -

As notified in my last letter, this evening I am hosting our second (*Covid Home Based Learning*) meeting commencing at **7pm** for all parents/carers of the College. Given the sudden instigation of the Home Learning Model across the College, as well as the announcement this morning from the Premier, you as parents and carers may have questions, concerns or comments.

There will be a very short 5 minute presentation from me - then over to you. Depending on how many parents/year groups represented - we may split into two breakout rooms, Intake 2021- Year 10 and Years 11 & 12, as I would imagine there will be different issues relating to the stage levels. There may be some great hints being offered from other parents/carers. I have also invited our College Counsellor, **Ms Anne Marie Newham** to attend as well.

*** [Here is the link to join tonight's meeting.](#)



**'Starting Career Conversations at Home'
Parent/Carer Information Evening - 7pm
TOMORROW (Thurs 29 July) via Zoom**

Not sure how to support your child with the career pathway decisions?
The theme of this session is *'be positive and your child's future is bright'*.

Our Leader of Pathways, Ms Julie Snodgrass will host a live session tomorrow evening for parents/carers on how to support students with responding to challenges. Our guest speaker is Kathryn Taylor from Turning Point Consulting will discuss future-proofing skills for students.

Here is the Zoom link (Passcode: 694282)



Year 12 Update

Last evening the College hosted an evening for our Year 12 students. We discussed their concerns and answered questions about what could possibly lay ahead including:

- HSC Trials - *What happens if.....*
- The HSC Exams
- Graduation and Formal
- Ways of studying during this time.

During this Zoom, media reports were coming through about Covid-19 restrictions from this weekend and beyond.

There were lots of questions, discussion and options discussed.

It is important for our students to remain as focused as best they can. Further light will be shed once some parameters are given in today's announcements by the Premier and subsequent governing bodies.

Now with this morning's announcement, (I am still awaiting advice from NSWCS - they are meeting at 4.30pm) the **Year 12 cohort will be returning to the College on Monday 16 August to sit their Trial Exams. The students have continued preparing for their Trials over the past few weeks and with another two weeks of preparation/consolidation should be confident with these exams, which will mirror the October HSC Exams .**


I will write to all Year 12 students/parents/carers tomorrow morning - once I have further details from CSNSW.




Update: Intake 2021 to Year 11 Assessment Task Schedule


As stated in the past two Leo's In Lockdown letters, the College is currently working on a revised Assessment Task Schedule for the remainder of Terms 3 and 4. Part of the process will involve **consultation with a selection of parents/carers and students.**


The aim was to have this ready by Friday 6 August, however that may be delayed depending upon today's announcements and what detail is provided in the coming days.





Pathways and Partnerships
Leader Julie Snodgrass
presents







Talking Future Career

Pathways with parents.

Date: Thursday 29th July
Time: 7pm-7.30pm
Guest Speaker: Kathryn Taylor,
Director Turning Point Consulting
Zoom: Join from PC, Mac, Linux,
 iOS or Android: link and code
 below

Join us for a webinar to support educational future pathways and career outcomes for future people. Listen to explore the opportunities with tools, career advice, guest speakers and options in each episode of TFCP.





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Note: This will be recorded. You will be muted and no video required. You can ask questions in the chat.

As learning and teaching continues (in a different form), assessment is also continuing (in a different form). For example in my Intake 2021 Mathematics class, a fortnightly test was conducted (and submitted via Google Classroom), as well as continued checking of the regular classwork and homework, via Google Classroom.

For subsequent letters to parents during this lockdown time I will ask each subject (KLA) to give a broad outline of how they are assessing students during this home based learning period.



Update: Liverpool Football Academy Home-based Training Package - Week 2 Program

As mentioned, with the postponement of our Joint Venture Academy with the Liverpool Football Club, we have access to a home-based training package for students and their families to enjoy. Each week, a new program will be uploaded onto the St Leo's Sports Google Classroom Page and students can post videos of the challenges in the program. All students are welcome to join in, regardless of their interest in Football. The St Leo's Sports Google Classroom code is: **ziq743p**. [Here is more information](#).

Last week the focus of the Home-based Training Package (HTP) was on Liverpool superstar and England national player **Jordan Henderson**. This week's focus is on one of the biggest names in the Liverpool organisation - Egyptian player **Mo Salah**, the winger/striker who has scored and assisted some of Liverpool's greatest goals. Along with the player focus, there are a number of training drills, and a nutrition section.

[Here is the Week 2 Schedule](#)



Reminder: School Fee Assistance

In previous letters I outlined assistance available to families who may need help with school fees. We are very mindful that the current Covid-19 lockdown may be impacting your ability to afford school fees.

Details and the application form can be found under the Parent Hub section of our website ([click here](#)) or by contacting the CSBB *Fee Liaison Team* (at schoolfees@dbb.org.au or 9847 0728).

Please contact the *Fee Liaison Team* to discuss your circumstances and other pathways available for fee support. We look forward to being able to assist you if you require fee support during this period.



Reminder: Extra Activities and Resources for Students

St Leo's staff have again been busy organising a growing list of activities for outside of class time to keep our students busy, connected and engaged during lockdown.

- [St Leo's Wellbeing Resource Pack](#) contains a range of resources to support young people (and their parents/carers) during this challenging time. The Remote Learning page of our College website also has additional resources.

- **The CAPA Lockdown Talent Show** - Whether dance, vocal, instrumental, painting, sculpture, photography, videography, monologue, etc. show off your creative or performing arts skills from home. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. [See more information](#) and upload your entry to Google Classroom by 31 July.

- **Vinnies Winter Sleepout (at home)** - With the sleepout this **Friday 30 July**, Team Leo's has already raised well over \$13,000 - a stunning effort! **Max J (Intake 2021)** and **Charbel K (Year 10)** are still the top two individual fundraisers in the state and Leo's second overall school team.



The Leo's in Lockdown beanies are currency being distributed (Covid-safely) to participating students. We will be linking up with other schools on the night for online games, chats and presentations via Zoom **from 7pm**. Further information: [Rev Gomez](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to donate to Vinnies and support our team

- **Meditations:** Take some time out to refresh with one of Ralph Kershler's video meditations: [Meditation 1](#) [Meditation 2](#)
- **Share your Leo's in Lockdown** - If you would like to share your home-based learning or lockdown activities with the St Leo's community, please submit a photo or short video. We would love to see your learning setup or project, student or family activity, or anything keeping you occupied during your Leo's in Lockdown. [SUBMIT HERE](#).

All College communications concerning Covid-19 (i.e. Letters Nos 1-6) are also listed on the [Remote Learning page of the College website for your reference](#).

We are very conscious of the impact this lockdown will have on our staff, students and families. We are in regular contact with Catholic Schools NSW and will keep you updated as further information is available.

Thank you for your support of our school, our prayers are with you and please stay safe!



Tony Gleeson
Principal