



Community Letter No 2

Monday 12th July 2021

Dear members of the St Leo's community,

As per the letter I sent out last Wednesday ([link here](#)) I said that there would be a second letter to outline the arrangements for the return to *Home Based Learning* at the start of Term III 2021.

Schedule for this week:

Day	Time	Activity	Zoom link accessed on:
Tuesday	9.35-9.50 9.50-3.00	Attend Mentor Zoom Attend Timetabled Zoom Classes	Year Group Google Classroom Page Class Google Classroom Pages
Wednesday	8.35-9.20 8.35-8.45 8.45-9.20	Extended Mentor: - First attend Zoomed Mentor - Zoomed Year Assembly	Year Group Google Classroom Page Year Group Google Classroom Page
Thursday	8.35-8.50 8.50-3.00	Attend Mentor Zoom Attend Timetabled Zoom Classes	Year Group Google Classroom Page Class Google Classroom Page
Friday	8.35-8.50 8.50-3.00	Attend Mentor Zoom Attend Timetabled Zoom Classes	Year Group Google Classroom Page Class Google Classroom Page

For Students completing Home Based Learning at Home:

The College will be following the **normal Week A timetable**. The timing of the zoomed Mentor and class periods are therefore the same as you find them on your timetable, in your diary and on Compass.

- Students are required to wear their College Sports Uniform. If a senior student no longer possesses a sport uniform, they are to wear their jersey
- Students are requested to make themselves visible to the teacher during the zoom. If the video function is inaccessible, students will need to verbally register that they are present. Students are expected to verbally contribute as they would normally in class.
- The lessons will be structured as follows:
 - The roll will be marked
 - 20 mins of teacher input



- 35 mins for students to complete the work (teachers are still available for assistance)
- 5 mins for questions and feedback

Students completing Home Based Learning **on Campus:**

- The College will provide supervision for any student that requires it. The College will be open for supervision from **7.45am-4.30pm**
- All students attending the College on campus are required to **wear a face mask, sign in** at reception the paper register
- Students are to muster on **Chanel Way 5 minutes prior to the commencement of mentor** and observe social distancing. Staff will mark the roll and students will be supervised. All students will be seated according to social distancing requirements
- Students attending campus need to be dressed in their full **College Winter Uniform**
- Please be advised that there will be no canteen and thus students are required to **bring their own recess and lunch**
- The **Woolcott Avenue** gates will function as the main entry to the College due to its proximity to Reception for signing in. The **Yardley Gates**, however, will also be open for any students arriving via train from Waitara Station. These students need to ensure that they make reception their first port of call for signing in
- If students are **unwell or displaying any of the symptoms**, they are to remain at home and follow the Government procedures for testing

General Items of Note:

- Sport Periods: Students from Intake 2021 - Year 10 will be provided with **training sessions via video** and these will be posted on their Year Group Google Classroom Page. Students **do not need to attend a zoom for sport** but are required to engage with the personal training sessions listed on their Google Classroom Page
- Students will also receive periodic resources to boost their **general engagement and wellbeing** during lockdown. Please find below three recorded activities to be enjoyed by anyone in the family of St Leo's community:
 - [DIY Face Mask Instructional Video](#)
 - [Mindfulness Meditation 1](#)
 - [Mindfulness Meditation 2](#)
- A **Liturgy of the Word** will be streamed live on Friday during lunchtime from the College Chapel
- **Private music tuition** will continue to be held over zoom. Mr Tavernese will be in contact via email with the students involved
- **Year 12 students wishing to continue to work on their major works** are encouraged to continue to do so in their specialist spaces. Please contact your teacher via email to organise the time you wish to do so
- A page has been created on the **College Website** dedicated to providing a summary of communications and a range of resources that will be updated regularly. Please find the link here:



[Remote Learning Page](#)

- Senior Study periods **do not require** students to attend a zoom
- **Year 10 have a year group specific Zoom event tomorrow from 11.50-1.15pm. This is the only adjustment to their normal timetable.** CSBB Secondary Schools across our high schools in the Diocese have been invited to participate in a Pathways event that explores the careers behind the Olympics. This is a compulsory event for Year 10. The panel consists of:
 - **Mr Peter Bambridge**, (*International Olympic Sponsorship and Hospitality Manager with 30 years' experience.*)
 - **Mr John Giancarlo**, (*Associate Director of Games Technology and Energy IOC*)
 - **Ms Zali Steggall**, (*Australian Politician, local member for Warringah, lawyer, and former Olympic athlete*)
- Staff will be posting the zoom links and the work to be completed that day on the respective Google Classroom pages by 8.30am each day. If you experience internet issues at home, the work can be downloaded collectively at the start of the day to avoid falling behind in the event of a home based outage
- Students will be required to complete a **Wellbeing survey each day during Mentor** to assist the College in monitoring their needs. The link to this survey each day will be posted on the Year Group Google Classroom Page

Year 12 HSC Trial Exams:

I have written to the Year 12 students and their parents/carers last Thursday to inform them of NSW Catholic Schools' decision to push the dates for the Trials back two weeks. These will now be conducted from Monday 9th August till Monday 23rd August (Weeks 5 & 6 of Term III). Last Friday I had the opportunity to zoom with about 28 Year 12 students. I was impressed by their resilience and adaptability to not only accept the decision but also to make the best of this opportunity. We continue to keep these students in our prayers and thoughts due to these ongoing disruptions.

Zoom Meetings with Students and Parents Over the Past Few Days:

It was great to connect with the students and a separate Zoom meeting with parents/carers last evening. Many questions were based around the format of the next four days. All questions and issues were addressed and we look forward to Tuesday morning in welcoming our students either back on campus or a virtual welcome at home!

Last Friday I zoomed with Yr 12 Students and discussed issues around the movement of the Trial HSC Exams and their major works.

Q & A

[Linked is a Q&A sheet for your use.](#) There are also links for email addresses of our middle leaders.

Week Two and Beyond

In case there is an extension to the present lockdown, the College is preparing a more sustainable Home Learning Model, which will be an improvement on our past models taking into account the evaluations from the surveys we conducted during 2020. Again I will be inviting parents and students for their opinion and input, over the next couple of days.



We are mindful of the impact that this extended lockdown may have on some families and its impact on their ability to pay school fees. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty and need assistance with your child's school fees please contact myself or the Fees Liaison Unit (9847 0728 or schoolfees@dbb.org.au).

I will keep you updated as much as possible. In this day and age - things are moving at a fast rate and regular communication will occur.

Once again if you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact my office on 9487 3555 or anthony.gleeson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Gleeson'.

Tony Gleeson
Principal