



Wed 7 July, 2021

Dear St Leo's Catholic College community,

As was announced this morning, the present lockdown in the Greater Sydney region will continue into next week, the first week of Term III 2021.

The College Leadership has met this morning (via Zoom) and has continued our planning for this predicted situation.

We are still working on the details given advice today from NSW Government, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB).

I appreciate that our Intake 2021 students and our new students in other Year Groups and their families may not be familiar with what our Remote Learning model looks like - as you were at other schools in 2020. [I have linked an excerpt from the policy here.](#)

Also to assist if you have any queries/concerns - there will be **Q&A session for students** conducted by Mr Petrie and myself on Sunday (11th July) evening, via Zoom commencing at 7pm (till 7.30pm) <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/66788629552>

Following that - there will be a **Q&A session for parents/carers** again conducted by Mr Petrie and myself on Sunday evening (11th July), via Zoom commencing at 7.30pm (till - it finishes - 8pm or so). <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62819257507>

So broadly the plan for Week One Term III is:

For those students attending the College -

- The College will be **open to supervise students** who need to attend, supervision will be available from **7.45am - 4.30pm** commencing next Tuesday (Tuesday 13th July)
- Those students that attend the College site will need to be in **College uniform**, and will be following the **regular timetable** - the content will be via *Remote Learning*.
- Students who attend the College will be **supervised by College staff** and must bring their *devices, earphones and chargers* (if required).
- Students will meet on Chanel Way by 8.30am. The normal timetable will then be followed, including recess and lunchtime.
- As Tuesday is a scheduled permitted late start - students would meet by 9.30am that day
- The **typical** lesson would be, the teacher will provide the zoom link and the work for the lesson on their respective Google Classroom page. Teachers will provide direct teacher input for 20/25 mins followed by 35/40 mins for the students to complete the work. The teacher will continue to



be available for assistance during that particular period. Feedback would occur in the last 5/10 mins of the lesson. This will vary depending on the subject/lesson taught.

- Students are asked to **bring their own food/drinks** - as the College canteen will NOT be open. In line with the Government direction - no food delivery service (eg *Uber Eats*) will be available, nor are students permitted to leave the site to purchase food.
- **Masks will also need to be worn when interacting with others - whether teachers or students. Social distancing and rolls** will be taken. I would ask parents/carers to inform the College Reception if the students are attending outside of the regular start /finish times. That is - your young person is being picked up earlier - please do this via College Reception (phone call). As you would appreciate, once the students are here on the property - we have a duty of care - so we do need to know who is present and who is not.

For those students remaining at home -

- Each day - classes will commence at the **normal time** (see College Diary - if you can't remember).
- Students are to wear either their **College uniform** or **College Sports uniform** while on zoom with their teacher.
- A **roll** will be taken during each of the periods.
- Tuesday - as it is the listed *Permitted Late Start*, students would need to be on their devices by 9.30am.
- Students are expected to **attend Mentor** each day where their mentor will mark the roll and provide a well being check in with their mentees.
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- Zoom Protocols for Students: Students are to ensure that they are in a space free of distraction. No students from other schools are permitted to be in view of the camera and all interactions should be in line with College expectations during class on campus. If a student is using a virtual background, they are to ensure that the imagery is appropriate and respectful.

Year 12 Workshops - Monday 12th July:

On Monday 12th July, next week (9am-3pm), our staff will be preparing for the delivery of these lessons. However some selected staff will be able to run the following practical workshops for our Year 12 students:

- Yr 12 Dance
- Yr 12 Design and Technology
- Yr 12 Drama
- Yr 12 Ext 2 English
- Yr 12 Industrial Technology (Timber)
- Yr 12 Music 1
- Yr 12 Music 2
- Yr 12 Society and Culture
- Yr 12 Visual Arts



General Points For All:

The usual semester changes for Visual Art and Music will take place for students in **Intake 2021 and Year 8**. Which means they will have a *new timetable, this is available on Compass this weekend*. Additionally students in **9_S** will have a new timetable due to Science teacher change.

Students that are supported via **Learning Support** staff - will be contacted (via their parents) directly on Monday, by one of the Learning Support staff members.

Scheduled events (such as the *Co-curricular Photo Day* listed for Friday 16th July) will be postponed to a later date. The *Abbey Retreat* at Jamberoo listed for Week One has unfortunately been cancelled. The *Community Tutoring Program* and the *Liverpool Football International Academy* will have delayed starts, hopefully later this term.

With Year 12 students approaching their **HSC Trial Exams in Week Three** - these are still on as listed. Staff will continue to prepare these students via the *Remote Learning* classes in Week 1.

The mental health and well being of our students is our priority. We will continue with the strategy we developed last year - that is a *Check In* survey. It is also important for students and families to know there are a range of support services available to help.

- Contact a teacher, your *Mentor teacher*, your *Year Leader*, the *Director of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing* (nathan.smith@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or the *College Counsellor* (anne-marie.newham@dbb.catholic.edu.au) for help or to just talk
- 24hr telephone support and online chat services are also available from:
Kids Helpline (ages 5-25) – 1800 551 800
Lifeline – 13 11 14
Beyond Blue – 1300 224 636

For the **health and wellbeing of all** - the *infamous (as some would say) Mr Ralph Kershler* will provide a much needed guided meditation for us all to use over this coming week.

For the double period of Sport this coming week (Years 8, 9 and 10 - Intake 2021 will miss this - as their Sport Day is a Monday!) - the Leader of Sports, **Mr Kember will provide a series of workshops** which will give students the opportunity to do some physical activity appropriate in many cases to what they are working on in their PDHPE program. It will not be a strenuous 2 hour session - but we would hope your young person(s) would take the opportunity to get in some programmed physical activity in this time, rather than opting for additional screen time on some other well known platforms!

Instead of the Friday lunchtime Mass this Friday - **Rev Gomez** will provide a reflection that will be available for parents, staff and students.

On another note - whilst I have your attention, this morning we were informed that **all six of our College Aerobics Teams** have qualified from the recent *State Championships* to the *National Championships (hopefully at the end of August on the Gold Coast)*. This is the first time (since 2004) that **ALL** teams have qualified. Great news for the students, their families and the coaches!

Further details and final instructions for next week will be sent out via a Compass Notification Monday afternoon.



If you have any questions, please contact Mr Petrie or myself on daniel.petrie@dbb.catholic.edu.au, anthony.gleeson@dbb.catholic.edu.au Or, alternatively join the **student or parents Zoom meeting** on Sunday evening via the links listed on page one of this letter.

Lastly, [here is a link to a survey](#) - so I have some idea of the number of students we would be expecting onsite next week. St Leo's is a school - but we are also a workplace for just over 100 staff. I need to ensure I have enough staff on site to cater for supervision - as well as the various associated school activities (eg office staff, cleaners etc) on site - pertaining to the number of students.

This is a 30 second survey - simply indicating your current intention (it is by no means binding) of where your young person will be receiving the *Remote Learning* curriculum next week. I will close this off - Sunday evening at 8pm (at the conclusion of our *Parent Q&A Zoom forum*).

Once again thank you for reading this lengthy letter and for your support in this important matter,

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

Tony Gleeson
Principal