



## Letter No 4 - Covid-19 Update

15 July 2021

Dear St Leo's community,

Many thanks for your cooperation, patience (when there are those glitches) but most of all, *getting on with the job* attitude. **This applies to students, parents and staff.**

An example of this - was this morning - in my Intake 2021 Mathematics class - where last night we received new protocols for the operation of Zoom. The new protocols were not quite there yet, and that did not perturb the students. They tried other ways of entering the zoom, *collaborated* (through *Google Classroom*) and I even received a few emails! It was great to see them persist (controlled) and *problem solve* as much as they could (me included).

After 4 or 5 minutes we worked around the new protocols (turned them off) and all was good. It was pleasing to see these young students take it in their stride! Skills very much necessary for the world they are part of.

**The most recent news since Tuesday, that you would all be aware of, is that the lockdown was extended two weeks until Friday 30 July. As a result, Remote Learning would continue until then.**



### Weeks 2 & 3 Learning/Teaching Timetable

In response to that announcement, the College has developed a timetable to continue to deliver the curriculum (in consultation with students, parents and staff) that will be better suited and meet the needs of members of our community over these next two weeks.

There is no perfect model/timetable - but I believe this one will best suit our community. This model will:

- Provide our Year 12 and Year 11 students time for a **full delivery** of the curriculum in preparation for the upcoming Trial HSC Exams (Year 12) and End of Preliminary Course Exams for Year 11.
- **All subjects** are covered for equity
- Provide **flexibility** for students and staff to transition from class to class, with **suitable breaks**, to avoid the constant online time
- A period (2.30pm – 3pm) for those student(s) that need or wish to have **additional assistance** or time with individual teachers (or vice versa). This can be done by contacting the teacher directly – via email or Google Classroom.

**[The timetable is linked here.](#)**



## Year 12

Yesterday I communicated with those students in Music and Drama that the

- **HSC Drama Trial** (originally listed for Fri 23 July), and
- **HSC Music Practical** (originally listed for Fri 30 July) would both be **postponed** (to a date yet TBA).

### \* **Reminder: Students - are you following the correct Timetable?**

The latest timetable for your subjects / classes can be found on your Compass Home page. Please contact your relevant Leader of Year if you can't access it.



### **Social Justice - Vinnies Winter Sleepout - Get involved!**

**Over \$2,000 raised for Vinnies Winter Sleepout - Join us on Friday 30 July!**

The Vinnies Winter Sleepout will go ahead - but differently! Despite the lockdown, over the holidays students have continued fundraising for the Winter Sleepout. **Our St Leo's Team has raised \$2234.90** so far. The Lockdown now means we will have a home-based Sleepout.

Families might like to get involved - and pitch a tent in the backyard for a night out in solidarity with those on the margins in our society. Or students might get their parent's permission to sleep out - on their verandah, in the family car or even on the floor in the living room.

Rough sleeping on the streets is the most visible form of homelessness, but homelessness also includes people who couch surf from place to place, those in shelters and those sleeping in cars.

On the night there will be games, hear a speaker on homelessness and have small group discussions via Zoom, joining with students from *St Peter's Catholic College Tuggerah*, *Mercy Catholic College Chatswood*, and *St Brigit's Catholic College Lake Munmorah* who are also doing home based sleepouts that night. **Well done to the students from the Leo's Social Justice League and our Vinnies School Conference for the effort they have put into the Winter Sleepout already.**

The College will recognise and acknowledge the students involved in a small way (**a limited-edition Leo's in Lockdown Beanie!**) as this can be an event in which students can make a positive difference to the lives of others in our current lockdown time.

If you would like to join us as a family and sleep out you are most welcome to sign up via the website below. Do something different and have a little family adventure during this time of lockdown! If you are able to donate to this very worthy cause that would be most welcome too.

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/st-leo-s-wahroonga>

For more information please contact Rev Gomez: [adrian.gomez@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:adrian.gomez@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**Thank you for your time and patience,**



**Tony Gleeson**  
**Principal**