

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

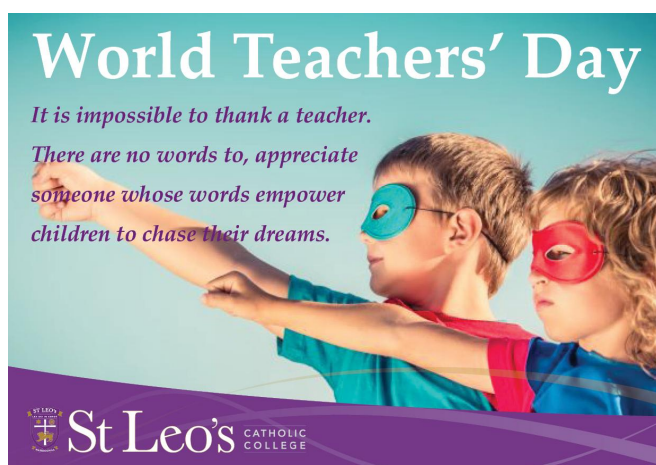
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,

*Joy is a gift from God.
It fills us from within.
Pope Francis*

The sounds of students back on campus, along with happy and excited faces has made the last weeks a truly special time. The joy of our staff and students has been palpable.

It has been so pleasing to see students reconnecting and enjoying each other's company. Over the coming week, we will be reminding students about the need to stay vigilant in regards to our safety protocols. We will continue our focus on restoring spirit, rebuilding relationships and reconnecting with learning.

Today is World Teachers Day. It provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the many things that teachers do to make a difference to students' lives. This year, more than ever, our teachers have been challenged to be agile and innovative. They have all done a tremendous job. I can't express enough thanks to our wonderful teachers who have worked so hard this year.



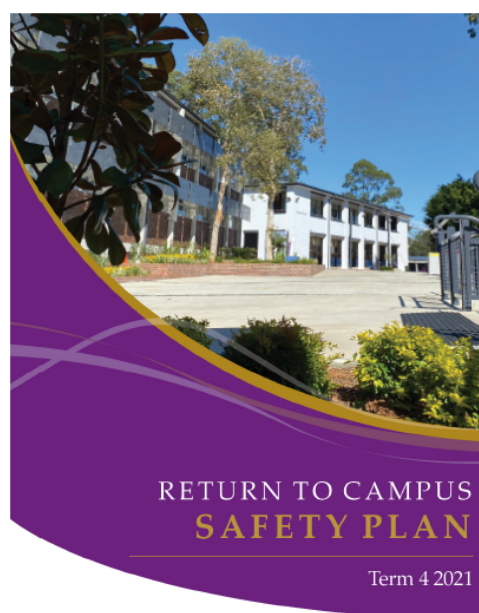
Return to Campus Safety Plan Q&As

Following our [Return to Campus Safety Plan](#) and the Information Session for Parents last week, we received some further questions regarding the processes we have in place for students.

The additional *Parent Forum* Q&A document can be [read here](#).

General Reminders Regarding Return to Campus for Students

- The Aquinas Resource Centre is closed to all students except Year 12. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.



- A reminder that there is **NO CANTEEN** for the remainder of Term 4. Please make sure that students bring enough food and drink each day (especially water).

Sun Safety

- A reminder for students to bring/wear their college hat at recess and lunch. New college hats can be ordered from [Cowan and Lewis](#).
- We suggest packing sunscreen that students can apply during the day. The College also has sunscreen available at Student Services if required.
- **Year 8:** We have set-up additional shade structures/marques on Chanel Way. In addition, Edinburgh Gallery will be open at LUNCH TIME for Year 8 students should they wish to use that space to get out of the sun. Students can choose to stay on Chanel Way if they wish.
- **Year 10:** We have set-up additional shade structures/marques on The Green. Tenison Woods Gallery will be open at LUNCH TIME for Year 10 students should they wish to use that space to get out of the sun. Students can choose to stay on Loyola Green if they wish.
- **If at any stage students are feeling uncomfortable with the heat and wish to sit in the shade (but don't know where to go), they should go to Student Services for assistance.**

Year Group Zones

- A reminder that students are to stay in their Year Group Zones at the beginning of the day, at recess and at lunch so as to reduce the inter-mingling of students from different year groups.

Year 12 (2022) Parent/Student Information Forum

We will be hosting an information forum for Year 12 (2022) students and their parents/carers (via Zoom) on **Tuesday 9 November** to provide important information about the Higher School Certificate, assessments, and strategies for success. The session will begin at 7pm. <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/66228464709>

Intake 2022 (Year 7) Parent Information Evening and Student Orientation

We are all set to welcome our new Intake 2022 families to the College with their first official event, the Parent Information Evening to be held on **Wednesday 10 November** from 7pm. We are excited that next year will be the largest group in many years, with approx. 220 students joining us from 52 different primary schools!

All enrolled Intake 2022 families will soon receive an email with the meeting link and other information.

Parish Masses are back on!

A reminder that with the easing of restrictions, Masses are back on at our OLOR Cathedral and all other parishes. Safety precautions are of course still required, including scanning in and no congregational singing, however all are welcome back or via live streaming.



Introducing our New College Counsellor

Our new College Counsellor, **Mrs Jaya Kudhail**, has commenced with us and is available should students wish to see her. Mrs Kudhail is located in the Counsellors office, which is in the pastoral area of Xavier Court. Welcome Mrs Kudhail!



Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

We will shortly be joining in the annual Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM) Survey along with all CSBB schools. Students will complete the student version of the survey in Mentor classes, while staff and parents are asked to complete their respective versions to gather your valuable feedback on how the College has performed this year. This is particularly valuable information after our extended period of Home Based Learning in order to target specific areas of improvement for the College.

Year 10 Meningococcal Vaccinations and Intake 2021

We have been able to reschedule Year 10 vaccinations for Wednesday, 24 November. Unfortunately we have been unable to reschedule **Intake 2021 vaccinations** for this Term and will be postponed to the start of next year. If parents prefer not to wait until next year, you are free to arrange this vaccination with your regular GP.

School Photo Update

Our photographers, MSP, are back in full swing after being closed during the lockdown in an area of concern. Rest assured they are working on our St Leo's photos and will have them to us as soon as possible before the end of Term.

Vinnies School Conference for Year 11, 2022

Year 10 students have been invited to begin training to become members of the Year 11 Vinnies School Conference for next year.

The Vinnies Conference is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills while reaching out to help those in need in practical ways. This year's Year 11 Conference took the lead on fundraisers such as Project Compassion (raising over \$6,000) and the Vinnies Winter Sleepout (raising over \$20,000).

Current Year 10 students who are interested are invited to meet in the Youth Ministry Room on Mondays (3-4pm Week A; lunchtime Week B). Please contact [Rev Gomez](#) for more information.



Careers News

See this week's [Careers News](#) update for Ms Tynan for more details about:

- the latest Australian job trends in the 2021 edition of Australian Jobs
- current Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities
- Department of Education 'Launch your Career' webinars in early childcare and animation/VFX
- first year Mechanic Apprentice opportunities
- NSW Government Summer Skills Workshops
- UAC University entry presentation.

CAPA Ensembles/Programs Update

All CAPA Ensembles and Programs are currently on hold due to current Covid Restrictions. Students are advised to continue checking their respective Google Classroom pages for updates as restrictions continue to change.

Music Tuition

Music tuition has re-commenced via Zoom at the College. Students are to sign in for their lesson at Student Services and make their way to the Private Tuition Rooms at the College for their lessons.

Expressions of Interest for Dance 2022

Students interested in Dance are encouraged to complete the [Expression of Interest form for our Dance Co-curricular groups for 2022](#). Please contact [Mr Vince Tavernese](#) for any enquiries.
