



Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for **Week 5 Term 4, 2021**.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the College,

Next Tuesday 9 November, the HSC commences with English Paper 1. We pray for all our HSC students.

Dear Lord
Help our young people to relish what is true and right.
Help them to persevere in their
preparation and continue to apply themselves to their studies.
Give them the strength
to face the challenges of this examination period
and achieve their personal best.
In all of life
may they know their worth
and peacefully follow Christ,
who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, forever and ever.
Amen.
Pope St Leo the Great, Pray for them

The Graduating Class of 2021 completed their last day at school on Wednesday. I have been so impressed to see the way this group of young men and women have completed their time at the College. Their last few weeks on campus can best be described as *calm, joyous* and *connected*. They are a truly inspiring group.

On Wednesday evening we were able to welcome 216 families to the College at the Year 7 (2022) Parent Information Evening. We are looking forward to seeing our newest students at orientation days later this term.

Our newly elected 2022 College leaders enthusiastically participated in their Leadership Induction Program here at the College during the week. They are a highly motivated group of students who I am sure will play an important leadership role in the College over the coming year.



The main aims of the leadership induction program were to develop a sense of team, discuss the connection between spirituality and leadership, and to develop a strategic plan for student action. Participating in a series of interactive workshops on effective leadership, making a difference as a leader, linking leadership to the St Leo's Mission, using character strengths to enhance leadership and goal setting, the leaders were very impressive and highly engaged throughout the program.

Special thanks to Mr Johansen, Ms Tynan and Reverend Gomez for facilitating the program.

Over the coming weeks we will be refurbishing C-Block at the College. This will allow the College to have additional learning spaces as well as updated canteen facilities. C-Block is one of the original buildings in the school. It will be great to have this important piece of College history restored. It is expected that there will be minimal disruption to students and staff, with the project due for completion for the start of school next year.

Anthony Mahoney,
Acting Principal

Parent TTFM Survey - We Want Your Feedback!

The annual Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM) Survey is **NOW OPEN!** We would love to hear the feedback of all parents and carers after such a challenging year to identify what St Leo's did well and areas for improvement. Please [COMPLETE THE PARENT SURVEY HERE!](#)

Students will complete the student version of the survey in Mentor classes, while there is also a staff survey. All this valuable feedback is collated to help us target specific areas of improvement for the College.



Student Return to Campus Update

Overall, students have been following the Return to Campus protocols very well...

Uniform and Grooming

Now that the students have successfully returned from Home Based Learning, we would like to remind you that all students are expected to be dressed in full Summer uniform and appropriately groomed for the remainder of the Term.

Uniform and grooming expectations can be found in your son/daughter's Student Personal Planner (diary) and also on the [College website](#). It is an expectation that any student not in correct uniform reports to their Year Leader before 8.30am with a valid note/diary entry, so that a Uniform Pass can be issued.

Other Reminders

- A reminder that students are expected to bring their own face coverings to the College each day. Face coverings are to be worn by students, at all times, when indoors, and they are also recommended when outdoors. Spare masks are available at Reception only if necessary.
- 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.
- The Aquinas Resource Centre is closed to all students, except Year 12 (2022). We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.
- **NO CANTEEN** for the remainder of Term 4. Please make sure that students bring enough food and drink each day (especially water).

Please refer to the [Return to Campus Safety Plan](#) for full details. A [Q&A document](#) was also produced following the Parent Forum.

Key End of Year Dates

Year 12 (2022) Parent Info Evening	Tuesday 9 November, 7pm (via Zoom)
HSC Exams	Tuesday 9 November – Fri 3 Dec
Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys	NOW OPEN until 19 November
Year 10 Meningococcal Vaccinations	Wednesday 24 November
Year 7 Vaccinations	Postponed until 2022
Year 12 (2022) Leaders Afternoon with Bishop Anthony	Thursday 25 November, 12.45-3pm (via Zoom)
Year 10 Advent Liturgy/Year in Review presentation and Semi-formal (last day of formal classes for Year 10)	Thursday 2 December
Year 12 Graduation	DATE TBC
Year 12 Formal	Thursday 9 December
Advent Liturgies/Year in Review presentations (Last day of formal classes for students: Yr.7 - 9 & 11)	Friday 10 December
Last day of academic year/College Office closes	Thursday 16 December
Year 7 2022 & new Year 8-12 students start	Monday 31 January 2022
Year 8-12 students return	Tuesday 1 February 2022
College Open Day 2022	Tuesday 15 March 2022

Year 12 (2021) Formal Invitations

Invitations for the Year 12 Formal on December 9 have been sent to Year 12 2021 students and posted to their Google Classrooms. Note that payments must be made by **Monday 22 November**.

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 at 7pm** to provide important information about the Higher School Certificate, assessments, and strategies for success. The session will begin at 7pm. [MEETING ZOOM LINK](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Report

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to all the students who during lockdown, were able to continue with activities or found an alternative activity to complete. Several of our Bronze Award Participants completed their Bronze Awards including most recently **Armani** and **Jacob** from Year 9. I am looking forward to handing out all the badges once we receive them.



Bush Regeneration - All Welcome

Bush Regeneration started up again this week with Years 9 and 10 participating and working on two separate areas. Anyone in Year 9 or 10 is welcome to join us (even non-Duke of Edinburgh students) on Wednesdays from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. Please meet in Muru Mittigar and bring afternoon tea, plenty of water, dress appropriately and wear sunscreen and a hat.

Zoom Meeting for Current Participants

There will be a Zoom meeting for all current participants and their parents/carers on **Thursday, 11 November at 7pm**. Please use this [MEETING ZOOM LINK](#) and passcode 091417.

Zoom Meeting for Interested New Year 8 Students

On **Thursday, 25 November at 7pm** there will be an information session via Zoom for interested students and their parents/carers who are currently in Year 8 and are interested in participating in the Bronze Award next year. A link will be sent out closer to the time of the meeting.

Mrs Kelly Li, Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Christmas Appeal 2021 Launch

This week our new College Leaders and members of the Vinnies School Conference spoke to all Year Groups at their assemblies about our 2021 Christmas Appeal. Here is part of their presentation:

Christmas is a time of giving and as a school we are called to offer help to those in our community who need it. The Christmas appeal is an opportunity for us to do just that, as half of the proceeds go to Vinnies, and the other half go to the JRS. In the words of Vinnies: 'A Christmas without a home is no Christmas at all. But it doesn't need to be that way. Your generosity can help bring joy and comfort to people this Christmas. Because your donations will mean the chance of a better future.'

Vinnies is a well-known organisation to all of us and is responsible for a huge number of initiatives within our community. During lockdown we ran a Vinnies Winter Sleepout and our community raised over \$20,000 for a new Vinnies Van in Woy Woy. This will allow disadvantaged people on the Central Coast to access free meals and hot drinks every night. The **Jesuit Refugee Service, or JRS**, accompanies, serves, and advocates for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. Their work is extremely valuable and relevant to our world today. During lockdown, JRS was feeding a thousand people each week from their foodbank which has been sorely depleted.



Jesuit Refugee Service

*This year, St Leo's is organising **shopping bag hampers for the Christmas appeal**. Anything and everything you can give is greatly appreciated by both the school and those who will receive your donations. Sometimes, little things like knowing there is food in the cupboard on Christmas morning can make a big difference to a person's wellbeing. So we encourage you to take this opportunity to make someone else's Christmas more comfortable and full of the joy that we should all get to experience on such a happy holiday. Thanks for your time and future donations, which we're sure you'll be incredibly generous with.*

*Rivan & Rhianna - College Captains
Sofia & Savya - Vice Captains*

Please see the **range of goods that Vinnies and JRS are asking us to donate**. Mentor teachers may have already suggested items among their classes for students to bring. Please send in all donations **by 3 December (end of Week 9)** so that they can be packed and sent to families in time for Christmas.



Co-Curricular Dance

ACE Online Dance Eisteddfod

During home based learning, Co-Curricular Dance students were offered the opportunity to submit a solo performance via video for the ACE Online Dance Eisteddfod. Thank you to all students who participated, and a special congratulations to the following students who were awarded the following places:



Bianca I
3rd Place in Senior Jazz



Jade W
3rd Place in Senior Lyrical



Emily R
3rd Place in Senior Hip Hop

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.

Reminders:

School Photos

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.

Year 10 and Intake 2021 Vaccinations

We have been able to reschedule **Year 10 meningococcal 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.

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.
