



The LION ROARS

Parent Edition



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 4 Term 1, 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome Fr Brendan

This morning we welcomed **Fr Brendan Lee** to our College community. Fr Brendan has recently been appointed as Moderator of Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

He comes to us from the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, and previous to that he grew up in Western Sydney. Fr Brendan addressed our Student Leaders and was taken on a tour of the campus - as this was his first time visiting here at St Leo's.

He spoke to our students about his aspirations when he was their age - and his thoughts about playing for the Rabbitohs! (There were a few comments about that thought amongst the students).

Fr Brendan will be leading us in our Opening College Liturgy - next Tuesday 22 February at the Light of Christ Centre.

We welcome Fr Brendan and his team at Hornsby Cathedral Parish to accompany us on our faith journey for 2022 and beyond.

Pathways and Partnerships Update

Yesterday the Assistant Principals and I met with **Mr Justin Slowey**, our Leader of Pathways and Partnerships.

The Pathways Team's mission is:



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

What's on!

You're invited!

- Speak to our staff and students
- Hear from the Principal - hourly addresses
- Tour our \$30m campus upgrade
- Information stands and displays
- Sports activities and CAPA performances
- Covid-safe plan in place

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, focus on student wellbeing, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn.

Come see for yourself!

Enter via Woolcott Ave, Wahroonga, or main event parking via Yardley Ave, Waitara.



Come and see our community in action

Open Day & EXPO

Tues 15 March, 4-7pm



Enter with passion - graduate with greatness

Register at: stleos.nsw.edu.au

For every student in our diocese to walk out of the front door on their last day of school knowing exactly what their passion, skills and capabilities are, how these fit into their industries of interest and what study and career pathways will lead into their preferred job.

It is fantastic to hear the plans and hopes for each of the students in this unique program. The program is not a separate stand alone concept - it must be integrated into our curriculum (what we teach and learn) and be responsive to the individual needs of our students. The program involves **parents, students, staff and outside industries/agencies** in breaking down the silos of secondary education and post-school industry/study. Ideally it should be a seamless transition.

The purpose of the program is to **connect** our students with the future world of work to present opportunities for them to develop the skill sets necessary to **flourish in and beyond** the post-school environment. We want our students' learning to become more **relevant** to them as well as provide more **intrinsic motivation** in their learning. Both will obviously increase student engagement.

We aim for our students to not only be successful in the HSC - but beyond their studies.

I am looking forward to our students and parents being part of this action plan throughout 2022.

Sport – Touch Football

It was great to see the first of our Representative Sports get under way after an extended time due to Covid. Twenty of our students represented the College in the U15s and Opens Boys Touch Football at Doyalson Touch Fields.

Congratulations to **Jaykob McK** (Year 9) who was chosen for the U15 Broken Bay Representative Touch Team.

Good luck also next week to our **U15 and Open Girls Touch Football Teams** at the Broken Bay Championships at Nolans Reserve, Manly.

Thank you for your time.

Tony Gleeson
Principal



Aquinas Resource Centre Update

Mrs Megan de Kantzow, Leader of Information Resources, Aquinas Resource Centre

Free Student Audio and Ebook Access

St Leo's has a subscription to audiobooks and ebooks which students can access for free! Students can go to <https://stleos.wheelers.co> and log in using their St Leo's single sign-on. The selection includes some of the books being studied in English and a wonderful wide variety of fiction.

As we know, reading books is not only relaxing and enjoyable, but enhances language skills, promotes empathy with others and an understanding of the wider world.

ARC Opening Hours

The ARC is open from **8am to 4.30pm** Monday to Thursday to students in all year groups.



Student Management Information

Mr Ashley Johansen, Director of Students

Attendance

Please watch the short video [Learning Every Day Counts](#). This Diocesan initiative is extremely important for all parents/carers to note as it relates to consistent attendance.

Any noticeable patterns of non-attendance will be promptly raised by both the relevant Year Leader and KLA leader so that the appropriate follow-up can be actioned with the student(s) and parents/caregivers.

Online Safety for Parents from the eSafety Commissioner

As parents and caregivers you know your child better than anyone and have the best opportunity to support and guide them to have safer online experiences. The resource [Online safety - a guide for parents](#) covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services and support they offer at www.eSafety.gov.au/parents

COMPASS – Sick Notes

Please note that sick and/or injured note entries should ***not*** be entered in the Compass by parents/carers if their child becomes unwell **during the school day** (8:30am - 3:00pm).

In the first instance, ALL students need to report to Student Services if they become unwell/injured during the school day so that a first-aid assessment can be made and then parents/caregivers/medical services will be contacted as required. The College will then record the appropriate documentation in Compass.

*Parents are requested that when making a late note entry in Compass for their son/daughter, the timings 8:00am - 3:00pm should be entered. To ensure accuracy, when the student arrives at the College (via Student Services) their exact time of arrival will be recorded in Compass.

***All students are expected to sign-out, via Student Services, when departing the College.**

CAPA Update

Ms Brittany Skea, CAPA Co-Curricular Coordinator

CAPA Ensembles

Our CAPA Ensembles and Programs commenced this week, with an outstanding number of students involved. In order to finalise numbers for our Ensembles and Programs, we ask that parents please put forward your child's interest using the below Google Form.

There has been a high level of interest in a few of our programs which have currently reached capacity. These include **Ceramics (Thursday & Friday)**, **Cubs Art Club** and **Cubs Drama Ensemble**. Waiting lists have been created where possible.

There might be some adjustments to the timetable throughout this Term as our Ensemble Leaders finalise their groups. Any changes will be published within the Parental Lion Roars.

And no, it's not too late to join! Week two of our trial period continues next week, so why not sign up to try a CAPA Ensemble today.





****Prior to students attending any of the above CAPA ensembles/programs, a consent form MUST be completed regarding the risk of Covid-19.**

The College is implementing a [Covid-19 Smart Plan](#) to ensure the minimising of risk for all students and staff.

[CAPA Co-Curricular Sign-Up & Covid-19 Consent Form](#)

You can also check out our [CAPA Co-Curricular Website](#).

[Q Station Excursion](#)

Last Friday, Year 10 Visual Arts and Photography students were privileged to visit the Quarantine Station in Manly as part of their study on the site.

Students were taken on a tour through the old accommodation facilities and hospital that once served as a vital passage for new migrants to Australia. Ships suspected of harbouring people infected with contagious diseases such as Spanish Influenza, Smallpox or Bubonic Plague were quarantined at the site so that these deadly diseases would not reach the general population in Sydney. Students were able to empathise with the situation given our current Covid situation.

Using the site as inspiration, our students photographed different areas of interest that will be developed into artworks, videos and images back in the classroom. We are hopeful that these finished artworks and images can be displayed at the Quarantine site later in the year.



[Drama OnStage Excursion](#)



[SchoolTV - Online Wellbeing Resource](#)

St Leo's Schools TV has a range of [special reports](#) that may be of interest to our College parents/caregivers in raising young teenagers.

REMINDERS:

Applying for Student Leave

A reminder that all student leave requests should first be communicated **in writing to the Principal**, Mr Gleeson. An email to the College is acceptable.

Students requesting leave should **then see Mr Johansen** (Director of Students) to obtain the appropriate paperwork. There are two forms – either *Exemption from Attendance* (under 10 days) and *Application for Extended Leave* (over 10 days).

All completed leave forms should be returned to the Director of Students' office as soon as possible for processing. It is important to note that **leave beyond 10 days must be first considered by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) via the College.**

The Compass Parent Portal should not be used for any student leave requests.

***Please note that the College does not support families taking extended holidays during term time and/or during College examination periods as it impacts on student learning.*

New Canteen Now Open

Our canteen reopened this week with *Yummy Bears Kiosk* as our new supplier. They have a new, limited menu for breakfast and lunch for Term 1 and cater for special dietary requirements.

Payment is via EFTPOS, cash or online ordering (except for breakfast) through the **Flexischools app**. Note the daily **cut-off time for lunch orders is 8.30am**.

[Flexischools App Setup Instructions](#)

Private Music Tuition

St Leo's offers our Pride Lands Private Music Tuition Program.

If you are interested in receiving private lessons to learn an instrument and/or vocals, please complete the following [Expression of Interest form](#). Students are welcome to join the program at any time throughout the year, including mid-term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to [email Ms Skea](#) for further information.

The Yummy Bears Kiosk logo features a cartoon bear holding a watermelon slice. The text 'YummyBearsKiosk' is in a green, rounded font, with 'EXPERTS IN SCHOOL CANTEENS & HEALTHY EATING' in a smaller font below it.

New Canteen NOW OPEN
from 8am daily

Breakfast, Lunch, Drinks & Snacks

Accepting EFTPOS, cash and online orders via the Flexischools app

[CLICK FOR MENUS](#)

A close-up photograph of a large sandwich on a long roll. The sandwich is filled with fresh lettuce, sliced tomatoes, red onions, and what appears to be a meat filling, possibly chicken or pork. It is garnished with fresh green herbs.

Community Notices



JOIN US ANYTIME!

TERM 1 TIMETABLE

24 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2022

THE MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
11.00am – 12.30pm FOOD FOR THOUGHT	1.30pm – 2.30pm LET'S GET MOVING	10.30am – 11.30am BRAIN GAMES Central Coast	10.30am – 12.30pm ARTS SMARTS
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		2.00pm – 4.00pm ARTS SMARTS	

ARTS SMARTS

No prior art making experience required just a willingness to have a go. Our facilitator will provide individual attention while promoting camaraderie and fun. A variety of art making materials are used to unleash your inner artist.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our cooking group aims to empower seniors to prepare meals and snacks that may help support their cognitive health. Our recipes are designed to be simple and cater to different dietary needs. We also offer one-to-one dietary assessments to those requiring more in-depth dietary advice and food plans.

HOME SAFETY

We offer home safety assessments conducted by our highly experienced Occupational Therapist, providing equipment and home modification recommendations as well as referrals for major and minor works.

LET'S GET MOVING

A group exercise class catering to all fitness and mobility levels. The exercises are designed to improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength and balance in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. We will run an advanced group for those with higher baseline fitness and some experience with strength training, including some more challenging balance training.

BRAIN GAMES

Practical activities and games designed to stimulate the brain and encourage participants to engage in new and fun learning experiences. The sessions will involve problem solving, quizzes, games, riddles and app based learning.


MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE
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The Memory Innovations Centre in Waitara was set-up by CatholicCare to assist people who may be noticing changes in their memory, have been diagnosed with Dementia or just want to be proactive with their brain health. It is a not-for profit organisation and government funded to offer the programs at a subsidised rate with a referral code. It is a wonderful service for Seniors in the community that runs art, exercise and cooking classes and Brain Games. (See timetable above).

[Watch a Memory Innovations Centre video.](#)