

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 10 Term 3, 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 12 Graduation Mass & Ceremony

Last Wednesday, we farewelled the Year 12 Class of 2022.

The whole College came together in the morning for a Graduation Mass in The Light of Christ Centre, led by Fr Brendan. In a fitting tribute, the graduating students proudly departed the College ringing the Bell of Discipleship and were clapped out by Year 7 students who formed a Guard of Honour - the reverse order to when they were welcomed into the school 6 years ago.

The College continued to celebrate and farewell the Year 12 cohort with parents, grandparents, siblings and other significant caregivers at a beautiful Graduation Ceremony that afternoon. As part of the tradition, students were given a St Leo's crucifix. Each graduate was presented their certificates by their Mentor teacher and academic award winners duly recognised.

View a [selection of photos here](#), while Year 12 (2022) students and parents will be notified when the full collection of photos are available for viewing. A more comprehensive article with links to prize winners and speeches will be issued in The Lion Roars at the start of Term 4.

After their upcoming HSC Exams, the students will once again come together for their Year 12 Formal at Curzon Hall, Marsfield.

On behalf of the entire St Leo's community, I would like to wish each young person of the Year 12 Class of 2022 the very best of luck for their forthcoming HSC examinations.



Benedictine Oblates

Last Wednesday, four of our Year 11 (now starting Year 12) students were commissioned as Benedictine Oblates at The Abbey, Jamberoo.

Sr Hildegard Ryan has been the spiritual director of our students over the past few years. St Leo's is the only school that has this opportunity and it is great to see and support small groups of students attending The Abbey each year under the care of **Mr Ralph Kershler**.



Sr Hildegard described the event as a "...very significant and historical event in Australia, given the spiritual and generous qualities of these young people..."

A small group of our girls will also have an opportunity to attend this unique retreat at the start of next term.

Congratulations to **Tony, Nicholas, Charbel** and **Peter**.



Stage 5 Dance Elective- Open Classroom Afternoon

Last Tuesday afternoon, I (as well as parents and family members) had the privilege of witnessing our Years 9 and 10 Dance students proudly performing their various performances.

These had been formulated during a series of workshops that day at an incursion organised and run by **Ms Brittany Skea**.

Congratulations to these students and to Ms Skea on what were simply outstanding and passionate performances. Best of all - they thoroughly enjoyed what they created, designed and performed.

It was great to see students following and developing their passion.

Years 7-10 Term 3 Interim Reports - Now Released

Interim Reports were released via Compass last Friday and are now available to all Year 7-10 students and parents/carers. These reports are a snapshot of how your young person is progressing according to the class teacher. They are a tool to discuss with your young person their progress in five aspects of their formal education:

- *Commitment to achieving their personal best*
- *Conduct and behaviour*
- *Constructive involvement in classwork*
- *Level of organisation*
- *Effort*

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant class teacher at the start of Term IV.

New South Wales Police Warning – Gel Blasters

NSW Police have written to every school across the state, warning of an emerging issue they are concerned about. 'Gel Guns' or 'Gel Blasters' are lifelike 'toy' guns that closely resemble firearms. They fire gel balls and can be very difficult to differentiate from a real firearm. *They are classified as air guns under NSW law and gel balls are classified as ammunition.*

It is a *crime to possess a Gel Gun in NSW* unless you have a firearms licence, even if it was purchased online or legally in another State. It is **also a crime to bring a Gel Gun to school**. There is potential for injury if a person is struck by a gel pellet.

All students and parents/carers should be aware that if anyone is found to have a Gel Gun, it will be confiscated by police and students may face disciplinary action through the College, and could be **arrested and charged with possession of a firearm**. Parents may also be held liable as per Section 82 of the Firearms Act.



Wishing all our young people and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable spring break. We look forward to seeing students for the start of Term 4 on Monday, 10 October in summer uniform.

Take care over the break and God bless those who are travelling during the holidays.

Tony Gleeson
Principal

Term 4 - Summer Uniforms and Grooming

Term 4 means students are back in full summer uniform! At our last assembly for Term 3, students were reminded of the following points regarding wearing their uniforms with pride:

Uniform:

- Check their summer uniform fits!
- Check skirts/dresses are no shorter than knee length
- Make sure school shoes are leather

Grooming:

- Long hair needs to be tied back if touches the collar
- Natural hair colour only allowed
- No 'extreme' haircuts - mullets, bowl cuts etc.

Jewellery and Make-up

- One small stud or hoop only is allowed in each ear
- No excessive jewellery - no more than one ring
- No visible bracelets or necklaces
- Natural eyelashes only allowed
- Natural nails only allowed



New and Second-hand Uniforms

A reminder that uniform information and links are available on the [Uniform page of our website](#).

New uniforms, including our **new College Bucket Hats** should be ordered directly through our suppliers, Cowan and Lewis (Turramurra), or used uniforms through The Uniform Exchange (Pymble), or online at sustainableschoolshop.com.au or on Facebook Marketplace.



Important Dates for Term 4 2022 and Start of 2023

Week	Date	Event
-	Daily during school holidays (until 7 Oct) and Weekends to 30 Oct	Operation Art, Newington Armory, open 10am – 4pm, featuring three St Leo's students selected to exhibit work
2	Tue 4 – Thu 6 Oct	HSC Holiday Workshops for Year 12 (2022)
TERM 4		
1	Mon 10 Oct	Classes resume for Term 4
1	Mon 10 Oct	Year 12 (2023) Student Information Session
1	Wed 12 Oct	Year 12 (2023) Parent Information Session
1-4	Wed 12 Oct – Fri 4 Nov	HSC Exams
2	Thu 13 Oct	Careers Presentation – TAFE - Post School Options
2	Tue 18 Oct	Bishop's Art Prize
2	Thu 20 Oct	Careers Presentation – Catholic Care
3	Tue 25 Oct, 6-8pm	Year 7 2023 Parent Information Evening & Social
4-5	Mon 31 Oct – Tue 8 Nov	Year 10 Exam block
5	Mon 7 Nov	Year 7 Vaccinations
5	Wed 9 Nov	Term 4 Parents in Partnership Meeting
6	Sun 13 - Tue 15 Nov	CAPA Camp
6	Tue 15 Nov	Year 12 Formal
6	Fri 18 Nov	College Swimming Carnival – ENTRIES CLOSING SOON – See p.6
7	Wed 23 - Fri 25 Nov	Year 9 Camp
7	Fri 25 Nov	Year 7 2023 Orientation/High School Taster Day
8	Tue 29 Nov	Years 7-8 Studio Concert (private music students)
8	Wed 30 Nov	Years 9-12 Studio Concert (private music students)
8	Thu 1 Dec	Year 10 Semi-Formal
10	Fri 16 Dec	Last day of formal classes for 2022
11	Tue 20 Dec	College Office closes for 2022
TERM 1 2023		
1	Mon 30 Jan	Year 7 2023 & new students Day 1 (Orientation)
1	Tue 31 Jan	All students return for 2023
8	Wed 22 March	College Open Evening (4-7pm)

Council Notice: Parking Near Schools

Council has recently been receiving a higher than usual number of complaints from local residents in relation to school parents or carers parking across or obstructing access to resident's driveways, with some refusing to move their vehicles when asked.

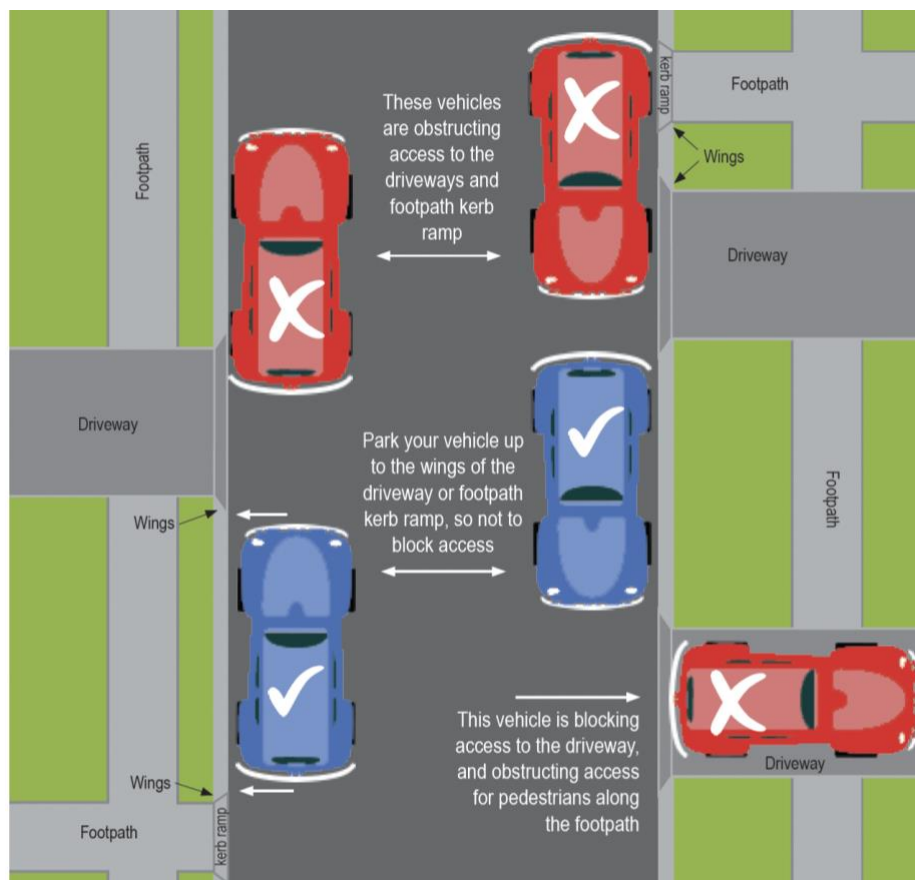
Hornsby Council has asked us to share the below illustration and explanation explaining the rules for parking near driveways, footpaths and pedestrian kerb ramps:

Parking Near Driveways

- When parking legally near a driveway, you must ensure that no part of your vehicle blocks the driveway or access to the property at any time.
- A vehicle can be parked up to the wings of the driveway
- A driver can drop off or pick up a passenger in front of a driveway, however it is an offence to leave a vehicle unattended or to not move their vehicle at the request of the property owner

Parking Near Footpaths and Pedestrian Kerb Ramps

- When parking legally near a footpath or pedestrian kerb ramp, you must ensure that no part of your vehicle blocks access to the footpath or kerb ramp at any time
- A vehicle can be parked up to the wings of the pedestrian kerb ramp
- By parking correctly and considerately, you allow other vehicles and pedestrians to access properties or footpaths easily and safely, creating a safer environment for other road users.



Council's Traffic Ranger's patrol all school zones in the Hornsby local government area on a roster system. Unfortunately, they are unable to attend every school zone, every day, but your assistance with observing these rules is greatly appreciated.

What's been Happening?



Year 7 Living History Incursion

'On Friday 16 September, Year 7 participated in the Living History incursion.'

Many students rose to the occasion and dressed up in medieval costumes ranging from the refined knight to the humble peasant. They engaged in a number of medieval activities throughout the day such as sword fighting, archery and village football.

Interactive presentations were held, exhibiting replicas of different medieval artefacts and discussing different aspects of the Middle Ages, such as the chivalrous

lives of knights.

Students tried on outfits, held swords and explored different objects used in Medieval Europe. Overall, the Incursion was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.'

Shania M, Year 7



Dance Elective Incursion and Open Classroom



On Tuesday, 20 September, our Year 9 and 10 Dance students engaged in a Composition incursion led by Ms Brittany Skea.

The students explored Merce Cunningham's choreographic technique called 'choreography by chance'. Cunningham was a dancer and choreographer who was intrigued by the potential of random phenomena as determinants of structure. This is a technique in which selected isolated movements or sequences are assigned order by such random methods as flipping a coin or rolling a dice.

Throughout the course of the day the students collaborated and developed close to a 4-minute dance 'work' using the technique of rolling a dice or flipping coins to assist with making their decisions. These decisions include which order sequences would be performed, the location and staging of dancers and who the dancers were paired with.

Later in the afternoon parents, carers, friends and teachers were invited to see the progress of the students' work from across the year. The audience was

especially amazed by the quality and professionalism of the dance 'work' that was choreographed during the incursion.

REMINDERS:

Swimming Carnival Entries NOW OPEN

The College swimming is being held on Friday, 18 November at Hornsby Aquatic Centre.

To enter the carnival, students need to hand in an entry form by the end of Week 1, Term 4 - see the Sports Google Classroom page to download and complete the entry form.

Exhibiting Artists

We have three students exhibiting at **Operation Art at the Newington Armory** during September and October. The exhibition runs until 30 October and open from 10am – 4pm weekends and every day during the school holidays. Admission is free. [More information...](#)

University Early Entry Programs Closing Dates

Early entry allows students to receive either a conditional or unconditional offer before or shortly after their HSC examinations are complete. It can allow students to consider multiple offers and have a 'back-up plan'. Applications are free and do not require much additional effort. The last of these close soon:

University	Closing Dates	Weblink to apply:
UTS, ACU & UNE	CLOSED	-
Notre Dame University	Fri 30 Sep 2022	Early Entry Program
Southern Cross University	Fri 30 Sept 2022	STAR Early Entry

CAPA Reminders:

Please check out our [Co-Curricular CAPA website](#) for all details regarding our program.

Co-Curricular Dance Ensembles

All ensemble lists for Dance have been published on the noticeboard outside the Theatre for our 2023 Dance Ensembles. Additionally, students have been sent an email via Google Classroom regarding the group they have been invited to be part of. Rehearsals will commence Week 1, Term 4, please see the timetable below.

CAPA Key Dates

- CAPA Camp - 13th - 15th November
- Semester 2 Studio Concerts for our Private Music Students
 - Year 7-8 Studio Concert - Tuesday 29th November 6pm
 - Year 9-12 Studio Concert - Wednesday 30th November 6pm

Term 4 Program

Co-Curricular CAPA Ensembles / Programs

Term 4

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before School	8:05-8:30am String Ensemble (MML04)	7:30-8:30am Lions Singers (MML04)	7:00-7:45am Lions Jazz (MML01) 7:45-8:30am Lions Hip Hop (MML01) 7:45am-8:30am Cubs Singers (MML03)	7:00-7:45am Pride Jazz (MML01) 7:45-8:30am Pride Hip Hop (MML01) 7:30-8:30am Cubs Concert Band (MML04)	7:00-7:45am Lions Jazz (TWG) 7:45-8:30am Lions Lyr/Cont (TWG)	7:30-8:30am Lions Concert Band (MML04)
Recess					8:11:30am Guitar Ensemble (MML04)	
Lunch		1:15-2:00pm Accordion Group (MML04)		1:15-2:00pm Rock Band (MML04)	1:15-2:00pm Girls Rock Band (MML04) 1:15-2:00pm Cubs Art Club (MAG02)	
After School	3:00-3:45pm Cubs Drama Ensemble (C002)		3:00-4:00pm Male Vocal Group (MML04)			

Art

Cubs - Year 7 & 8
Ceramics - Year 7-12 (Term 1 & 3)

Dance

Lions - Year 7-12
Pride - Year 7-12 (invitation)

Drama

Cubs - Year 7 & 8

Music

Cubs - Year 7
Lions - Year 8-12

Community Notices

HSC Examination Supervisors Needed

The College is looking for interested members of our community to assist in supervising the upcoming HSC examinations. This would require attending the College from 12 October through to the 5 November to assist with the set up and supervision of the examinations.

HSC examination supervisors are paid a remuneration through NESAs for their time. The role would suit people currently studying at university, retirees or people working part time.

If you are interested, you would need:

- to be double vaccinated for Covid-19
- have or be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check (Employee).

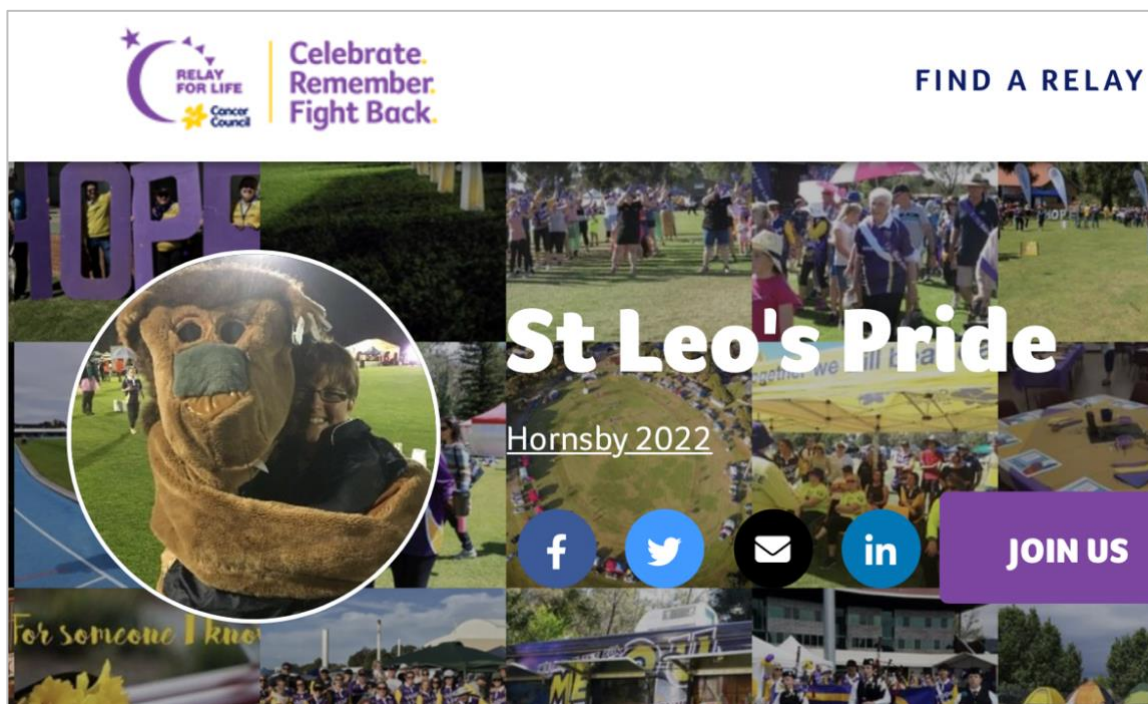
If you know anyone interested, please [email Mrs Joanna Gower](#) as soon as possible who will pass on your details. Thank you in advance for any assistance.

St Leo's Relay for Life Team

I am delighted to be able to confirm that **Hornsby Relay for Life** will take place at **Rofe Park** on **Saturday/Sunday 5- 6 November 2022**.

This event raises money for **Cancer Council NSW** and the College has registered a team since 2017. Relay for Life involves teams walking a track for 24 hours, raising funds and awareness.

I have taken the liberty of registering a **St Leo's Pride** team again this year and look forward to speaking to our new student leaders about ways to support this event as a community. Ensembles from our fabulous CAPA team will form part of the entertainment for the day.



How you can help:

- **Collect cans & bottles:** The organising team are hoping to set up a 'Return and Earn' at the relay event but I wonder if our community would be happy to save their cans and bottles so the proceeds can be donated to our team? I am happy to collect donations from school.
- **Donate to the [St Leo's Pride fundraising page](#).**

Cancer has had a big impact on Leo's staff and families in the last few years and I would really like Leo's to have a presence at this growing community event. Please [email Mrs Joanna Gower](#) if you would like more information.

Thanks for your support!

Joanna Gower (Acting Registrar)

SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*
SEPTEMBER 2022

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for more activity ideas

bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational entries will be showcased on our Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.

SCAN TO ENTER

Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.
*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share
bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Activities for young people in school years 6 and above

SPRING 2022



Fusion Community Centre
5 Jersey Street Hornsby
ph. 9477 1110

Sept
26

Holey Moley & Laser Tag

We're going to Holey Moley in Chatswood to play Mini Golf and Laser Tag. Bring Opal card 1 - 5pm

Cost - \$40 per person.

Sept
27

Games, Pizza & Movie

We will be playing board games, making pizza and watching a movie (TBA).

10 am - 3 pm

Cost - \$5 per person.

Sept
28

Baking & Decorating

Come & join the cooking fun as we bake cookies and cupcakes and then get creative decorating them. 1 - 4pm

Cost - \$5 per person.

Sept
29

Jerusalem Bay Bushwalk

Lets get out & enjoy the beautiful Bushland Shire. We will catch the train to Cowan and walk down to the beautiful Jerusalem Bay for a spot of lunch before heading back to Cowan and back to Fusion. BYO lunch. 10am - 3pm

Cost - FREE.

For registrations & information:
<https://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/youth-work>



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A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.

This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.



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A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.

This will involve two participants and a coach.

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NEXT COURSES: School Holiday, Thursday 29th September & 6th October

Time: 9am, Location: PCYC 1 Park Lane, Waitara, 2077, Tel 8998 5400

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