

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 8 Term 4, 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Advent** is a time of preparation and anticipation. Last Sunday we saw the lighting of the first Advent candle, symbolising Hope. Also known as the Prophecy Candle, it represents the anticipation of the coming of Jesus. *How are you preparing during this season of Advent?* 



Each of the four candles of Advent represents one of the blessings of Christmas: **Hope, Faith, Joy** and **Peace**. I witnessed something today (Wednesday) that gave the significance of these four candles life and meaning. It is captured in this photo (*left*).

The students brought the bags from their Mentor groups into the staff room. Not only did they bring in foodstuffs and Christmas items for those less fortunate than ourselves – they brought the gifts of **Hope**, **Faith**, **Joy and Peace** which will flow into others' homes on Christmas Day.

Thank you to all families who have contributed over 100 shopping bags of food, toiletries and Christmas items for those struggling this year. By your simple act of generosity, you are preparing for Christmas this Advent as Jesus asked us to do.

### Congratulations Mattia – Selected for Shape!

Congratulations to **Mattia Candotti** (*right*) of Year 12 (2022) who's Industrial Technology – Timer (ITT) major work has been selected for inclusion in NESA's



**Shape** HSC Technology exhibition. Mattia not only exhibited his work, entitled '*Electric* Cello' at our HSC Showcase in September, but also played it as part of the evening's entertainment! Well done also

to Mr Chris Sammut who led and guided Mattia through his project.



### **Prestigious Blue Award for Wol**

Last Monday evening, we were thrilled to have Year 8 student **Wol A** (*left*) presented as our latest Blue Award winner for his outstanding achievements in the sport of Athletics. Just this year, Wol has placed 1st in three events at the NSWCCC Championships and was also awarded Age Champion. He then competed at the NSW All Schools Championships, claiming 3 silver medals and being selected to represent NSW at the National championships next week.

The Blue Awards are the pinnacle of NSW Catholic School Sport, recognising outstanding athletes across a range of sports. They are only presented to a very small number of students, and this is only the 13th awarded to a St Leo's student since their inception in 1997 (see list of previous winners right).

Usually presented to students in Years 10-12, the fact that Wol is in Year 8 makes his achievement even more remarkable!

Congratulations Wol on this fantastic achievement and joining this exclusive group of St Leo's students past and present.

Wol was joined at the presentation by his parents and **Mr Kember** and I would like to thank all those who have contributed to him

Name	rear	Award	Sport	rear
Wol Albino	Year 8	Blue Award	Athletics	2022
Alyssa Mighell	Year 12	Blue Award	Softball	2020
Jo Stevens	Year 12	Blue Award	Baseball	2019
Tom Peregrina	Year 12	Blue Award	Swimming	2017
Rohan Bright	Year 12	Blue Award	Swimming	2016
Hunor Kicsi	Year 12	Blue Award	Water Polo	2013
Ciaran Toner	Year 12	Blue Award	Touch	2012
Guy Seymour	Year 12	Blue Award	Cricket	2011
Michael Cantrall	Year 12	Blue Award	Australian Football	2009
Jessie O'Brien	Year 12	Bar (2 <sup>nd</sup> Blue)	Cross Country	2009
Jessie O'Brien	Year 11	Blue Award	Cross Country	2008
Amy Pejkovic	Year 12	Blue Award	Athletics	2006
Ben Cantrall	Year 12	Blue award	Australian Football	2002

St Leo's Blue Award Winners 1997- 2022

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finding his greatness - a young lad who has so much more potential!

### **Years 7-10 Assessments and Reports**



Congratulations to Years 7-10 students for completing their Yearly Assessments over the past two weeks.

Years 7-10 parents/carers will also receive access to the Semester 2 Reports (through the Compass portal) in Week 10 which will provide an overall mark for Semester 2 tasks, A-E grades on Course Outcomes, class comments from each teacher as well as the Learner Profile grades.

### Expectations and Behaviour – An End-of-Year Reminder

As we approach the end of Term 4, students may start to get a little restless and tired. Add in the anticipation of holidays and the increase in temperature, and they can forget some of the College expectations and policies which are in place for the safety of all.

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Please support the College in reminding your son or daughter about of the non-negotiables when it comes to appropriate and safe behaviour. There is no place for the following serious breaches of College policy:

- inappropriate use of technology
- involvement with drugs or alcohol
- bullying
- theft
- damage to property
- violent behaviour
- bringing the College's name into disrepute.

### Announcing the 2023 College Musical - The Addams Family!

During the week the College announced the musical for 2023 - The Addams Family (School Edition). This is another great opportunity for many of our students to be involved, to mix with older and younger students, as well as to develop skills across so many areas - not only CAPA, back backstage, technical and Front of House.



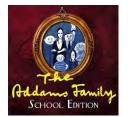
Auditions: Students can find more details for auditions etc. on their Year group Google Classroom pages today!

Here are some quotes from students (and parents) from our previous musicals:

From students - "... It was fantastic, and I wouldn't have given it up for the whole world...."

"I always loved performing in Leo's musicals as the feeling is so rewarding and incredible and you make so many friendships and memories."

"That it's a once in a lifetime opportunity and the friendships you create are amazing!..."



From parents - "...Keep up the good work from all involved, parents, teachers, school, etc!! It was a wonderful production, a credit to the school and all involved. Bring on next year!!"

"Go for it! It's a great way for students to connect to other kids they may never have crossed paths with and is super rewarding. ..."

**Synopsis** – *The Addams Family*, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

The Addams Family School Edition has been adapted from the original Off-Broadway Production. The School Edition has been carefully edited, with additional director's notes throughout, to make the show more producible for high school groups.

### Year 9 Camp - Thank you

Last week, our Year 9 students were given the opportunity to participate in their Annual Outdoor Education experience, this year conducted at Tea Gardens on the North Coast. These opportunities would not be possible if staff did not give of their personal time freely. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following staff who gave of their time to provide this opportunity to our students: **Ms Jenkins, Ms Cole, Ms Robinson, Ms Champ, Ms Cura, Mr Abou-Nasr, Ms Frykberg and Mr Topp** (who stepped in for a sick colleague at the last minute). See p.7-8 for more about the camp.



### Year 7 2023 Orientation

Last Friday we welcomed our new cohort of 210 Year 7 2023 students from 37 different primary schools for their Orientation Day. From all reports it was a very welcoming and fruitful day. I would like to acknowledge our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders (trained by **Mr Kember**). These students were able to calm any anxious students with their knowledge, skills and caring personalities. It was great to see our present Year 10 students step up to the mark of looking after others in a considerate and thoughtful way.

The Year 10 Peer Support Leaders were: Holly B, Ella B, Bridgette C, Michael D, Maddi D, Milla D, Joelle E, Belle H, Ruby K, Siobhan M, Joshua M, Audrey P, Gemma P, Luella R, Emily R, Natasha T, Kaylan V, William W and Emma W.

Thanks to **Ms Watts** (who took time out from her parental leave to plan and run the day), along with **Ms Tynan and Mr Kember.** 

#### **Studio Concerts - Semester Two**

Last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings I was fortunate enough to witness our students from Years 7 to 11 perform in the *Semester Two Studio Concerts*. It was a fantastic opportunity for our private music

students to perform in front of an audience demonstrating what they have learnt throughout the year.

It was great to hear the student growth and see them gain confidence performing in front of an audience.

Thank you to **Ms Ellie Shinas**, our Leader of the CAPA Co-Curricular program for not only taking the ball and running with it but kicking goals so early in her new position! *Read more on p.8.* 

### Year 10 Semi Formal





Last night, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 10 Semi Formal at The Epping Club. It was great to see our Year 10 students given the opportunity to excel with their social skills, succeed in a formal setting with different expectations of mixing with each other and staff - whilst at the same time honing their formal dining etiquette and skills.

I would like to congratulate our young people on their excellent behaviour and attitude. Staff at The Epping Club commented on their very positive behaviour and that they were a pleasure to serve and work around.



Thank you to our leader of Year 10, Mr Vince Tavernese and

his team of Mentor teachers for the support and planning for this evening.

We wish Mr Tavernese all the best for his wedding this Saturday as well!

Have a great weekend and stay safe,

Regards,

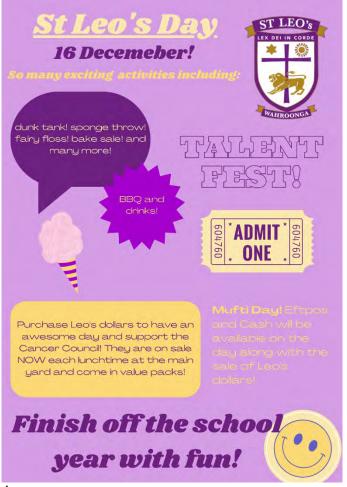
**Tony Gleeson** Principal

### St Leo's Festival Day

St Leo's Festival Day will be held on the last day of school - Friday, 16 December (Week 10) – an event planned to cap off a successful school year.

It is a celebration of our achievements and a chance for students to let their hair down and have some fun with their friends. There will be carnival-type activities including an **inflatable obstacle course**, **dunk tank**, **sponge throw**, **fairy floss**, **BBQ**, **bake sale**, **ping pong** and **video games** as well as our **St Leo's Talent Fest!** 

With all profits raised going to the **NSW Cancer Council**, the day is being planned and run mainly by our student leadership team. They have begun preselling **Leo's Dollars** at lunchtime. Bring cash and/or EFTPOS card and save on pre-paid currency/food/drink packs which have been advertised via students' Google Classroom pages.



### From the Aguinas Resource Centre (ARC)

Mrs Megan De Kantzow

### Year 7 and 8 Reading

Did you know that researchers have found that fifteen minutes of reading every day, is a 'threshold number' to help improve reading fluency skills? This term, Year 7 and 8 have been continuing to visit the library as part of their English course, to develop and practice sustained reading skills. It's been wonderful to see students settle down to read, absorbed in the worlds of their books.

**Year 7** started the term with the marvellous graphic novel 'The Park Bench', by French illustrator, **Chabouté**, and have also been investigating how illustrators use a variety of mediums to explore different perspectives and concerns close to their heart.



**Year 8** have been reading, listening and responding to a variety of stories - listening to extracts of **Bram Stoker's** original 1987 'Dracula' was very popular around Halloween! They have also worked with the library's collection of books on Shakespeare to develop their research skills and encountered the poetry of **Wilfred Owen** around Remembrance Day.

### **Senior Study Afternoon Teas**

In a different vein, **Senior Study Afternoon Tea** sessions after school have continued to be popular and productive as Year 12 students work on their first set of HSC assessments.

### Reminder: Please Return Library Books

As the end of year rapidly approaches, students are being reminded to return books to the library. It's always great to have books come back so they can be read by others!

### Holiday Resources – eBooks and Audiobooks

Finally, don't forget students have access to our online ebooks and audiobooks library all Christmas holidays at stleos.wheelers.co

### **CAPA News**

### End of Year 'Come and Try' Invitation - Dance @ Leo's

Students are invited to come along and try our Dance ensembles for the remaining weeks of this school year – with no experience or commitment required! Come to our Lion Ensemble groups at the following days and times:

### Wednesday:

Lions Jazz I - 7:00-7:45 am Lions Hip Hop - 7:45-8:30 am

### Thursday:

Lions Jazz II - 7:00-7:45 am Lions Contemporary/Lyrical - 7:45-8:30 am

### More Dance Ensembles Coming in 2023!



We are excited to announce that for 2023, the CAPA team will be offering several new dance styles and groups in addition to our existing ones:

#### All Boys Hip Hop:

No auditions necessary. Opportunities to perform and compete. This is open to all year groups and all levels wishing to learn or perfect skills in breakdancing, tutting, popping, locking etc. in a fun, relaxed environment.





#### **Pride Pom:**

By audition only in 2023 and open to all years, opportunity to perform in Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation (AASCF) competitions.

Pom is a very competitive dance style that incorporates styles such as hip-hop, jazz and lyrical, technical work (tumbling, leaps, turns, kicks, splits, jumps) whilst holding both pom-poms for 80% of the routine. Pom is also very similar to aerobics and cheerleading, but with the use of pom-

poms. Pom emphasises precise, synchronised motions along with technical dance skills. A key feature of the routine is the ability to change formations very smoothly and seamlessly with great energy, dynamics and explosive power. Students will be able to borrow poms and the college pom uniform.

### **Pride Lyrical/Contemporary:**

Existing members may remain, and auditions commence in 2023 for new members as we are looking to expand. This elite ensemble will compete in both the AASCF format and Eisteddfod formats.

There will also be opportunities for any students wanting to compete in AASCF duos for Pom, Jazz or Hip Hop to register their interest and audition.

All information regarding our CAPA Co-Curricular Dance Programs is available via our <u>St Leo's Co-Curricular</u> <u>CAPA Website - DANCE</u>, we encourage you to bookmark this page.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to **email Miss Shinas** for further information.

### Pathways & Partnerships Update

Mr Justin Slowey, Pathways & Partnerships Leader

We are always keen for our students to hear first-hand about the range of post-school training, study and employment pathways available to them. We continue to invite industry to come and provide lunchtime careers presentations to all year groups.

Many students now consider a gap year as a real alternative to pursuing work or Tertiary Education after leaving school. **Brady** 

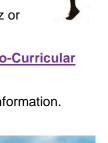
**Winrob**, an outbound coordinator from **The American Institute for Foreign Study**, accepted our invitation to talk to students about the wonderful opportunities as Au Pairs in the USA and New Zealand, and as Camp Counselors at **Camp America**, where they can experience life working

overseas and also the opportunity to extend their stay and travel within the USA. Further information can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

The Pathways Team recently ran a second **Teacher Professional Development** morning for this year to upskill our teachers across all subjects on the transformative value of effective industry-partnerships on teaching and learning. We invited **St Aloysius Primary, Cronulla** to Zoom in and share their fascinating multi-year partnership with **Sydney Water** and **Cronulla Council** based on solving problems



relating to the degradation of coastal grasslands from high salinity with students in Years 4-6. They were recent winners of the National 2022 STEM MAD Competition, awarded the 'Best Primary in STEM Education' across Australia as well as the 'Best Application of Maths in Context in a Primary'. Their achievements are inspirational and strongly linked to forging an effective education-industry partnership. We are excited about what we can do at Leo's in this space and it's certainly an exciting journey to be on.



As always, we are very grateful to our community partners for linking the real world to the teaching and learning that happens in the classroom. We are always kept busy planning many more exciting partnerships between our school and the wider community.

If you think you can provide any support in this area in whatever industry you are in, we would love to hear from you! Please express your interest here and I will reach out to have an initial chat.

### **Careers News**

Ms Melissa Duff, Acting Careers Advisor

See this week's Careers Page for:

- Career Spotlight STEAM
- UAC launches free ATAR estimator
- Macquarie University Seeking Gifted and Talented Students Year 10 and Beyond
- NIDA Summer Opportunities for Years 7-10
- Apprenticeship Opportunities Housing Industry Australia (HIA)

### What's been Happening?

### **CSBB Year 12 Leaders' Day**

'On Friday, 25 November, **Zinta H** (College Captain), **Rebecca B** (Spiritual Growth Domain Ambassador) and I had the opportunity to attend a Diocesan Leadership Day at the Catholic Schools Office in Pennant Hills. The day began with Mass and a morning tea.



We then heard from **Mr Danny Casey** (Director of Schools) who gave us an insight into his own story and his experiences with servant leadership (including meeting the Pope three times). The day was centred around the idea of mercy and poverty, and by hearing from a number of different speakers, and then getting into small groups to develop our ideas and insights, we were able to look at these 'familiar' notions in a very different light.

The leadership day was also a great opportunity to get to know some of the other Year 12 leaders from around Broken Bay, and even to catch up with some past St Leo's teachers. Special thanks to all the staff from Catholic Schools Broken Bay that provided us with the opportunity to attend, and to Mr Johansen for accompanying us on the day - we are looking forward to further opportunities in the future.'

Tony B, College Captain

### **Year 9's Great Aussie Bush Camp**

We had a great camp this year! No-one got sick, went home or fell off anything high (or if they did, they were attached to a harness, so it didn't matter). To very briefly summarise the events of the three days:



Day 1: After arriving, we were all allocated our tents and settled in, followed by lunch, a welcome briefing, then straight into activities. The giant swing was especially popular- it was extremely high and everyone was very brave. After dinner, the whole year group played an enthusiastic game of

'Commando' in the bush, followed by a long, silly story around the campfire and then off to bed.

Day 2: Everyone was up early with the sunshine - and there was a lot of it. The water activities of kayaking and raft building were popular in the heat, and there was a great deal of splashing about. Those often newly purchased mess kits were used for much-appreciated ice slushies to help cool off between activities. Hats and sunscreen were a must. The evening saw a trivia quiz, bringing out the competitive streak of some students up close (you know who you are). Some more fun and games, and again off to bed. Exhaustion sent everyone off to sleep rather earlier this time round.

**Day 3:** Up super-early to pack up today, a big breakfast and then the last two activities before the bus home.

In short, we had a fabulous time with what is really, really awesome year group! Well done to all Year 9, the instructors and the teachers who came along and got

stuck in (as Mr Gleeson had already listed on p. 3). Many thanks for a wonderful experience all round. I am already looking forward to next year!

Mrs Leona Jenkins, Year 9 Leader

#### **Visual Arts**

Year 10 Visual Arts students have just completed their ceramic sculpture unit with some fantastic results! The sculpture was fashioned into a vessel which was inspired by an ancient God or Goddess. Students used



traditional hand building techniques like coiling before the sculptures were fired in the kiln and glazed. We aim to have the sculptures on

display in the library in the near future.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 elective Visual Arts class are producing some great selfportrait oil paintings. The

paintings are true to life and students are being challenged to manipulate the medium to create 3-dimensional form on a flat surface.





WOW! What an incredible turn out of support for our talented bunch of students.

Thank you so much to all parents, carers, family, friends and supporting staff who attended the showcase – The Tenison Woods Gallery was filled to capacity, with only standing room available!



Congratulations to all our wonderful CAPA Camp students on your brilliant performances showcasing your hard work from the camp. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to **Mrs Milkins, Mrs Murphy, Miss Nicola, Miss Shinas, Mr Tavernese** and **Mr Downey** on the success of the camp and evening. Bring on CAPA Camp 2023!

#### **Pridelands Studio Concerts**

Congratulations to all our Pridelands private music tuition students who performed across two evenings at their studio performance this week. A special mention of the turnout of Year 7 Students, the junior evening had to be split into two parts to accommodate for the emerging talent!

Well done to the hard-working musicians and thank you tutors for your dedication throughout Semester 2. Thank you, parents, carers, family and staff, for your ongoing support and attendance!

It's never too late to try something new, if you are interested in receiving private lessons next year 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.

### **Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)**



Year 10 students participated in various water activities as part of their Recreational and Leisure Activities unit. This included the day at Cables Water Park in Penrith. Students had a go at kneeboarding, wakeboarding and the inflatable water park. Most students mastered kneeboarding, while some talented students were successful at wakeboarding too.



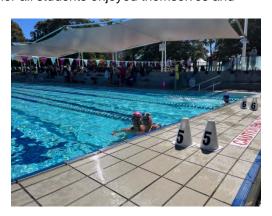
The later session was spent in the inflatable obstacle course where students played tips on the water course. Despite the windy weather all students enjoyed themselves and

took up new challenges with ease.

### **Sports Report**

### **Swimming Carnival**

On Friday, 18 November the College Swimming Carnival was held in perfect conditions at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. We saw some fantastic performances and I would like to congratulate all students who competed at the event. The carnival is a pathway event for students to be selected to represent the College at the 2023 Broken Bay Swimming carnival.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Champions at the event:

U/13 Girls - Kalani L (Year 6)

U/13 Boys - Tim M

U/14 Girls - Suzie T

U/14 Boys - Oliver M-A

U/15 Girls - Faye H

U/15 Boys - Tristen W

U/16 Girls - Morgan S

U/16 Boys - Alex M

U/17 Girls - Siyeon C

U/17 Boys - Billy W

U/18 Girls - Lily P

U/18 Boys – Matthew A



The overall House Cup came down to a few events and was the closest point-score we have had in recent years:

- 4th on 570 points Aquinas & McAuley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> on 575 points Xavier & MacKillop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> on 600 points **Loyola** & **Bakhita**
- 1st and Champions on 650 points Chanel & Theresa.

#### **Tennis**

Our two Year 7 Tennis teams had a great day at the Queenswood Tennis Centre earlier this week, battling it out at the BBSSSA Tennis Championship.

The teams were made up of Year 7s with both Division 1 (Jake F, Daniel D, Nico W, and Nicholas L) and Division 2 teams (Marcus G, Arturo B, Matthew R, and Bailey V).

Both teams made it to the semi-finals, where they put on a valiant display of both sportsmanship and skill.

Well done boys. You represented the College proudly!

### **Beach Volleyball**

As well as the Tennis Championships on Tuesday, we also had our Open Boys and Girls Beach Volleyball teams competing at Manly Beach.



This year we had two young teams that showed that in future years, we will be a strong force at the events as the students competed against others who were much older. Both teams won numerous sets throughout the day, and their skill level and teamwork developed throughout. Congratulations to all students.

### **Surf Life Saving**

The Broken Bay Surf Life Saving carnival was held at sunny Terrigal beach on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This year we took a slightly smaller team that competed in the beach events (Sprint, Relay and Flags) and

they achieved fantastic results against schools who regularly compete in Surf Life Saving events. The highlight of the day was the All Age Girls Beach Relay, which saw our team finish in second place.

### Girls Rugby League Development Day

Last week our St Leo's Rugby League Girls undertook the NRL Tackle Safe Skills Day. The day was run by NRL Development Officers and current NRLW players Tara McGrath-West (St George Illawarra Dragons) and Holly Furness (Cronulla Sharks).



The students participated in a range of skill-based drills focusing on passing, ball control and tackle techniques. After lunch, they finished the day with a modified game of tackle, which all the NRL development team were extremely impressed with.

Our Rugby League Girls train weekly on our school grounds, striving to further develop their skills ready for 2023.

Thank you to the NRL, and well done girls!

Mr Vince Tavernese, RL Coach

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Tavernese for all the time and effort that he has put into training the girls this year for various games and competitions. Training started in Term 1 and has continued on Mondays and Thursdays right throughout the year.

### Reminders:

### Year 12 (2022) HSC/ATAR Afternoon Tea

Year 12 (2022) are warmly invited to attend an afternoon tea with their teachers on the Thursday, 15 December to celebrate the release of their HSC/ATAR results. This will be served in the Aquinas Resource Centre from 2.30pm. Please RSVP here for catering.

Year 12 students are also reminded that their school photos are now available for pickup at College Reception.



### **Important Dates 2022-23**

Week	Date	Event	
TERM 4 2022			
9	Mon 5 Dec	Year 10 final day – Awards 10am & Pizza Lunch Year 7 Swim School	
10	Wed 14 Dec	College Advent Liturgy	
10	Thu 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony, 11.15am Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports released Year 12 (2022) HSC/ATAR Results Afternoon Tea	
10	Fri 16 Dec	St Leo's Fair Day/last day of formal classes for students Mufti Day – gold coin donation for Cancer Council	
11	Tue 20 Dec	College Office closes for 2022	
TERM 1 2023			
0	Fri 27 Jan	College Office reopens for 2023	
1	Mon 30 Jan	Year 7 2023, Year 12 & new Year 8-11 students Day 1 (Orientation)	
1	Tue 31 Jan	Years 8-11 students return for 2023	
8	Wed 22 March	College Open Evening (4-7pm) – All welcome	

# **Community Notices**

### **Volunteering with Vinnies**

Vinnies NSW are currently looking for volunteers 18+ years for our Vinnies Support Centres.

Vinnies Support Centres are client-centred support and referral services operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society. They offer face to face support to those in the community who require financial, food or material assistance. The support teams work with our clients to offer the best possible assistance for their needs and connect them to the Society's Conference home visitation teams or Vinnies' Services.

As a Vinnies Support Centre volunteer, you will assist staff with providing advocacy, referrals and support to clients navigating the appropriate services. Vinnies have a number of volunteer roles available including

administration & reception support, assisting with client interview rosters, data entry and helping out with ad hoc duties as requested.

Vinnies Support Centres offer a friendly and supportive team environment, flexible volunteer hours (school hours available) and the opportunity to learn a variety of skills. Significantly, your volunteer contribution will make a tangible difference to the lives of those in your community.

If you are interested in hearing more about volunteering in a Vinnies Support Centre, or helping out in a volunteer capacity elsewhere, please contact the Volunteer Experience Team at volunteers@vinnies.org.au

#### Want to Assist Vinnies but Time Poor?

Vinnies NSW are currently looking at what we can offer in terms of increased flexibility around volunteering. Covid-19 has encouraged many of us to reassess our priorities including where we spend our valuable time. The historical volunteer model of committing to a regular weekly time slot no longer suits our busy lifestyles.

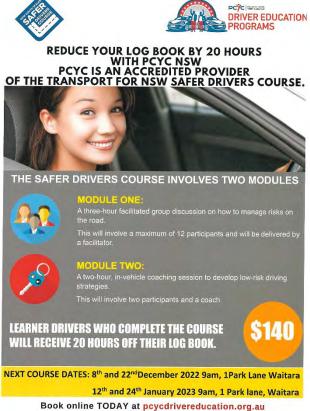
The Volunteer Experience Team at Vinnies are looking to create a mailing list of volunteers who would be happy to volunteer on an ad hoc basis. Volunteer tasks may range from assisting packing Christmas hampers at a Vinnies centre for a few hours to committing to sharing a Vinnies Campaign via social media once a month. Once placed on our 'Vinnies Support Volunteer Crew' mailing list, you will be contacted once a month via email to inform you of upcoming ad hoc opportunities. To be placed on our mailing list and become a part of our valued Vinnies Support Volunteer Crew please email <a href="mailto:volunteers@vinnies.org.au">volunteers@vinnies.org.au</a>.

We thank you wholeheartedly for your contribution.









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