



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm (and hopefully dry) welcome to all our families for 2023. A special welcome to our new families and staff to the College community.

It has been a great start to the year, and we are so glad to have all our young people back together. I have been chatting with many students, and in particular, the new Year 7 students during the day. They are all excited to be at St Leo's and are growing in confidence as they navigate their way around the campus.

One Year 8 student that I met in Coles at Turramurra - the evening before school commenced, greeted me with **"Hello Sir...I'm ready to learn..."** This morning, I was the teacher of both a Year 7 Technology class as well as supervising a Year 12 Study class. The "ready to learn" was certainly evident amongst the students.

Please keep in your prayers the many thousands of people who are affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It may seem like a world away, but here at St Leo's we pray for our global people, particularly those who are afflicted with such tragedy. The student leadership team has decided to support these people with their **'Valentine's Candygrams'** currently on sale for \$3.

On our local community level, please keep in your prayers several parents who are very ill as well as **Tom Doyle** (partner of **Asher Doyle** - our Leader of HSIE) who is also very ill.

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Valentine's 'Candygrams' with card + chocolate heart only \$3.

On sale at lunchtime & recess - cash or card.

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2023 College Theme

Last week Zinta and Tony (College Captains) announced our theme for 2023: **"Do not be afraid to DREAM of GREAT THINGS"**. This was said by Pope Francis on a number of occasions, but more so as he was addressing a group of young people at the Vatican in 2013.

This quote was very much supported by Matthew's Gospel last Sunday: *"... You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden"*.

At our Opening our Assembly last week, I spoke to this quote by Pope Francis which must be coupled by setting your goals and to reach those goals, you need plans to attain these goals.

Zinta and Tony also spoke about what our theme means to them as Captains and students in Year 12. Both students also related this for our new students in Year 7. [I have linked their addresses here.](#)

School Evaluation – Our Strategic Objectives

During Term 4 last year, a school evaluation was conducted by representatives from CSBB and the College Leadership team. From the many forms of data, interviews, observations and discussions with staff, students and parents, we will be moving forward collaboratively with our two strategic opportunities:



1. **Embedding high expectations for enabling success and learning for all, and**
2. **Ensuring growth for all.**

Discussion and work have already started on these two opportunities with our staff this year and I will detail further structure and detail over the next few weeks. The main vehicles for these two opportunities will be:

- College Literacy Program which we commenced in Term IV last year,
- Staff collaborative coaching, and
- Student voice.

Who's Who at St Leos in 2023

College Leadership Team



Principal	Mr Anthony Gleeson
Assistant Principal: Student Achievement	Ms Carolina Murdoch
Assistant Principal: Evangelisation & Catechesis	Mr Patrick Brennan
Director of Learning Improvement	Mr Daniel Lane
Director of Wellbeing for Learning	Ms Megan Tynan
Director of Professional Growth	Mrs Fiona Milkins
Director of Administration	Mr Scott Mulford

(Front L to R: Mr Patrick Brennan, Mr Tony Gleeson, Mrs Carolina Murdoch. Back L to R: Mr Scott Mulford, Mrs Fiona Milkins, Mr Daniel Lane & Ms Megan Tynan)

Leader of KLAs (Key Learning Areas) – Note all key contacts are also available on the [College website](#).

Religious Education	Ms Colleen Kofron
CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts)	Mrs Susie Murphy
English	Ms Hayley Spencer
EALD (English as an Additional/Language Dialect)	Mrs Joanne Burrowes
HSIE (Human Society & Its Environment)	Mr Jacob Issa (Acting)
Languages	Mr Daniel Lane
Learning Diversity	Ms Tamara Bowman & Ms Kerstin Cole
Leader of Learning (Technologies)	Ms Rhyarna Bazih-Hutchison
Mathematics	Ms Liz Tan
PDHPE (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education)	Ms Erica Butler
Science	Mr Chris Gould
TAS (Technical & Applied Studies)	Ms Rhyarna Bazih-Hutchison

VET Co-ordinator	Ms Melissa Duff
Information Resources	Mrs Megan de Kantzow
Pathways & Partnerships	Mr Justin Slowey
Careers Advisor	Ms Melissa Duff
Sport	Mr Michael Kember
CAPA Co-curricular	Miss Ellie Shinas
Youth Ministry	Rev Adrian Gomez
College Counsellor	Mrs Jaya Kudhail

Leader of Year Groups

Leader of Year 12	Mr Christopher Sammut
Leader of Year 11	Mr Vince Tavernese
Leader of Year 10	Mrs Leona Jenkins
Leader of Year 9	Mrs Kate Todd
Leader of Year 8	Mr Luke Licalde
Leader of Year 7	Mr Ashley Johansen

College Newsletter

This newsletter is our major means of communication with families, so please ensure that you take the time to read it. It is produced for you and sent electronically every fortnight. It is also available on the College website. If you are unable to receive the College newsletter electronically, please ring College Reception and a hard copy will be made available to you.

We urge you to ensure that we have your current preferred email addresses to receive the newsletter and other important College communication. Please **advise College Reception immediately of any change of residential or email addresses or phone numbers.**

This edition of The Lion Roars is jam packed with information. Please read it at your leisure so we can be partners in the development and education of our young people.

Some highlights are in this edition include:

- Meet our new Assistant Principal
- Student Wellbeing
- Pedestrian Upgrades - Pacific Hwy
- CAPA News and Opportunities
- Resource Centre (library) Update
- Important Dates for Term 1
- Community News: Parish Alpha program & positions vacant.
- Year Group Parent/Carer Meetings
- Maths Club
- Language Survey
- Sporting Opportunities
- New Canteen Menu
- Robotics & Coding Club
- NAPLAN Information
- Covid-19 Update

I hope to see many of you at next Thursday's (16 Feb) Zoom meetings for **all parents across Year Groups 7 through to Year 11.** Further details are on page 5.

Enjoy the weekend and thank you for your time,

Regards,

Tony Gleeson
Principal



Our Thriving Faith Community

*Mr Patrick Brennan, Assistant Principal,
Evangelisation & Catechesis*

Has it only been two weeks? I say this with delight and admiration for all that has taken place in our start to the 2023 year at St Leo's. The reward of seeing the College fill with the chatter of students and staff – reconnecting and embracing new beginnings, makes the work of dreaming and planning so very worthwhile.

I add my welcome to new and returning students, families and staff. I hope that you all find our community one where you feel of value and where you continue to grow in the partnership of educating young people in knowledge and faith.

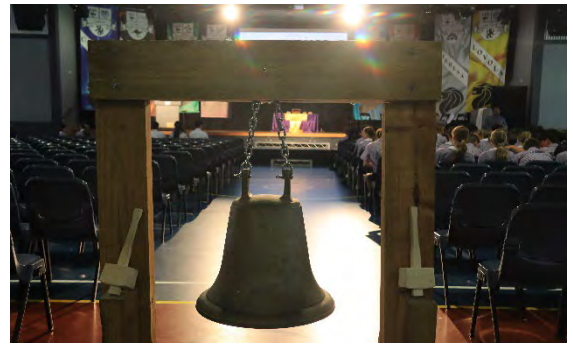
At our Opening Liturgy, I listened to prayers of gratitude for those people and circumstances who have enabled them the opportunity and support as they start their journey at St Leo's. These are moments to savour for students, parents and carers as well as educators, and highlight that community is at the heart of our interactions together.

At St Leo's, we wish to nurture what we know is valued and working well whilst also strengthening the supports we provide our students. 2023 sees the consolidation of our vision for pastoral and academic care where improvement for all is our priority. It's been wonderful working across the curriculum, wellbeing and faith-formation teams to ensure this occurs in 2023.

All Year 7-10 students received a College Planner upon their return to school (Years 11-12 were given the option for one). Daily use of organisation tools such as the College Planner are prerequisites for success at St Leo's. Greater emphasis on this important resource will be occurring in 2023 and beyond.

Finally, thanks to all in the community who have made me feel so welcome over the past few weeks. St Leo's is a thriving Catholic community that I am committed to serving.

My very best wishes to you and your families for 2023.



Year 7 'Belong - The Amazing Race of Faith' Event – March 2

In just under a month, Year 7 will join other students from across the Broken Bay Diocese in a day of faith-formation, reflection and fun. In addition to their religious education teachers, Year 7 will be joined by members of the College Leadership Team as well as special guest, **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**, Bishop of Broken Bay.

Students are to meet at 9am at the Light of Christ Centre. The day will conclude at 1.30pm where students will be dismissed. Supervision will be provided until the end of the school day.

Students should be in their sports uniforms and are encouraged to wear sunscreen and the College cap or hat. Full details will be sent to Year 7 via Compass closer to the date.

Academic Information

Mr Daniel Lane, Director of Learning Improvement

Parent Information Sessions - Thursday 16 February

Next Thursday, 16 February, key staff from the College will be presenting to parents and carers in each Year Group (7-11) on what to expect for 2023.

Sessions will be held via Zoom and times will be:

- Year 11 – 5.00pm
- Year 10 – 5.30pm
- Year 9 – 6.00pm
- Year 8 – 6.30pm
- Year 7 – 7.00pm

Zoom links will be sent out via Compass before next Thursday. We look forward to seeing you online soon!

NAPLAN 2023

Changed Dates

A [letter was sent to all Year 7 and 9 parents/carers](#) last week with information regarding NAPLAN, which is moving to Term 1 and will take place during the window **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March** this year. The letter explains the reason for the change and other information you should know about testing and preparation, as well as resources to help familiarise students and parents with the process. Please take the time to read it carefully.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling. We are aware that some students can find NAPLAN stressful and we will work with them to reinforce the message that NAPLAN is about gathering information that will help them improve.

- [More information for students](#)
- [More information for parents/carers](#)

Disability Adjustments

Disability adjustments are available for NAPLAN to enable students with disability to participate on the same basis as other students. Please read information link below. If you would like to apply for adjustments to assist your child, please complete the form and return a hard copy to College Reception.

- [NAPLAN Disability Adjustment Information](#)
- [NAPLAN Parent Consent for Disability Adjustments](#)

Maths Assistance & New Awards

Our Maths staff are restarting Maths Club in Week 3 of this Term. All Maths students in any Year Group who would like some extra help are welcome to drop by at lunchtimes on Tuesdays or before school on Thursdays!

The team are also introducing **a number of new awards for every Maths class** from this Term. They hope that by acknowledging students who exemplify outstanding commitment to their mathematical learning, they can inspire others to strive for improvement too.



Year 12 Study Periods - P5 Only

Please note that Year 12 students may sign out through Student Services when they have a study period scheduled for Period 5. Students with Study Periods 1 – 4 must attend their timetabled study lesson to access resources provided by the College. Students have been informed they may engage in major works or other activities once organised with their classroom teacher during these study periods to utilise their time wisely.

Please encourage your son or daughter to engage meaningfully in these Study Periods to optimise their learning and progress with the curriculum. Students should not be engaging in part time or casual work during this time.



Student Wellbeing

Ms Megan Tynan, Director of Wellbeing for Learning

Welcome to *Wellbeing at St Leos* in 2023.

It has been a successful transition into the new school year for our existing students and an exciting time for the newest members of our community. As we approach the end of the second week of Term, we are all forming routines and connections to support us through the remainder of 2023. I have included some information about some of the changes to our 2023 pastoral program and about some existing processes to refresh your knowledge.



The Role of the Mentor Teacher

The mentor teacher is a teacher allocated to a Mentor Group. This teacher is the first person to see your son or daughter each morning to mark the roll and engage in general administrative tasks - uniform, grooming, pastoral check-ins. The mentor teacher, more importantly, adopts the role of an advocate for your son or daughter and offers support and guidance in the area of general wellbeing and achieving educational outcomes. In the event that you feel that you need to raise concerns regarding your son or daughter's wellbeing, please contact the Mentor Teacher allocated to your son/daughter's Mentor Group.

Mentor Teachers will be contacting all parents via phone or Zoom by the end of Week 4. The Year Leaders work very closely with the mentor teachers, however your **first point of contact is the Mentor Teacher**. If a concern requires elevation, the Mentor Teacher will refer the matter to the relevant Year Leader.

Pastoral Care Program 2023

This year at St Leo's, we have made some changes to our Pastoral Care program. We have dedicated two school days per year-group to roll out a Pastoral Care and Spirituality Program. This will allow Mentor Teachers and Year Leaders the opportunity to work closely with their Year Groups to build relationships and strengthen bonds among the group while focusing on programs specific to the needs of the cohort. The aim of the Pastoral Program is to support students' academic achievement by ensuring they feel happy, supported and safe here at the College.

The dedicated dates are set out in below, however Year Leaders will provide further details about the activities students will participate in. In some cases, Year Groups may be taken off site to participate in external programs and some may run programs here at the college onsite. Please look out for correspondence from Year Leaders via Compass as the time gets closer.

2023 Camps/Retreats and Pastoral/Spirituality Days			
Year	Camp/Retreat Location	Camp/Retreat Dates	Pastoral/Spirituality Day
7	The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops	29/5/23 - 31/5/23 Term 2, Week 6	Term 1, Week 9 - 31/3 Term 4, Week 2 - 16/10
8	Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens	31/7/23 - 2/8/23 Term 3, Week 3	Term 2, Week 4 - 15/5 Term 4, Week 8 - 27/11
9	Somerset, Colo River	2/5/23 - 5/5/23 Term 2, Week 2	Term 1, Week 6 - 7/3 Term 3, Week 9 - 11/11
10	Great Aussie Bush Camp, Lake Macquarie	15/11/23 - 17/11/23 Term 4, Week 6	Term 2, Week 8 - 13/6 Term 3, Week 5 - 18/8
11	Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre	25/10/23 - 27/10/23 Term 4, Week 3	Term 1, Week 7 - 16/3 Term 3, Week 1 - 17/7
12	The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops	26/4/23 - 28/4/23 Term 2, Week 1	Term 1, Week 10 - 4/4 Term 3, Week 6 - 21/8

Wellbeing in Action

To support our new Year 7 cohort and our other new students, a support 'pop-up tent' has been set up in Chanel Way – a central place for all our students to access assistance and guidance. Our Year 12 Student Leaders have generously donated their lunchtimes to give back to our Leo's community.

Do you Speak Another Language at Home? Please Complete our Short Survey...

At Leo's we are proud of the diverse nature of our community and value the linguistic richness that this diversity brings to our school.

In order to further support students with a Language Background other than English (LBOTE), we are asking families to complete a short survey so we can ensure that we are providing students with appropriate support if they are learning English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).



If you speak English as an additional language, please take a few minutes to [COMPLETE THE SURVEY NOW](#).

If you have any further questions about this survey or EALD at St Leo's, please contact [Ms Carolina Murdoch](#).

Extended Leave Procedures (3+ Days)

In the event that your son or daughter will be absent from school for a planned absence of **more than three days**, please forward an Extended Leave Request to [Ms Victoria Pirola](#). **Victoria** is located in the Wellbeing/Pastoral Office in Xavier Court and also has copies of the leave forms that she can hand to students. Students will be required to have their classroom teachers sign these forms to identify the classwork to be completed in that time, if necessary.

If your son or daughter is in Year 11 or 12, **Mr Daniel Lane** will also be required to sign this document to ensure that assessment tasks and NESA requirements are met.

The **Year Leader** will then sign off at the conclusion of this process. Once completed, these forms can be returned to Victoria for **Principal approval**.

Health & Safety

Changes to School Vaccination Program – Years 7 & 10

Single HPV Dose

From February 2023, children in Year 7 (aged 12-13) will be offered a **single dose course of HPV vaccine** at school vaccination clinics. (The Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster is also still offered). Previously, students were offered two doses of the HPV vaccine in the NSW school vaccination program. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has reviewed recent international evidence and has advised that a single dose of the HPV vaccine gives the same protection as two dose course.

Students in Year 8 who have already received one dose of HPV vaccine

but who have missed their second dose will now be considered fully vaccinated and **do not require any further doses**. An SMS message will be sent to their parent/guardian advising of this.

For more information, please visit:

- [Information on NSW School Vaccination Program](#)
- [Translated School Vaccination Program information](#).



Online Vaccination Consent

Parents can now provide **consent online** for their child's routine school vaccinations. The following vaccines are **offered free** to students at school:

- in Year 7 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV)
- in Year 10 - meningococcal ACWY vaccine.



Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

To provide consent for vaccination online, parents/carers will need:

- their [ServiceNSW](#) log-in details, or to create an account with [ServiceNSW](#) if they don't already have one
- Medicare details for parents/carers and their child.

Benefits of online consent for parents/carers:

- SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- easy updating of their child's details online
- faster upload of their child's vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

New Schedule of 2023 Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations at St Leo's		
First clinic	Year 7: HPV only Year 8: Catch up for dTpa and HPV dose 1 only	Monday, 1 May
Second clinic	Year 10: Meningococcal ACWY Year 7 HPV (catch up)	Wednesday, 2 August
Third clinic	Year 7: dTpa (& HPV catch up) Year 10: (catch up)	Monday, 7 November

COVID Update - Term 1

Following the Government announcement in late 2022, people who test positive for COVID-19 do not need to isolate. We ask parents and carers to be mindful that some people can remain infectious for up to 10 days. Although some students may not have symptoms and if they were to come to school while infected with COVID-19, they could infect other students or staff who are at high risk of severe illness.

St Leo's is following the advice of NSW Health to support schools to adapt to this change while prioritising student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

- Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.
- Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom-free.
- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.
- RAT tests are available from the College. Students should ask their Year Leader if they need a free test.

COVID-Smart Measures at St Leo's

While COVID-19 remains an unpredictable virus, St Leo's will continue implementing baseline COVID-smart measures to help reduce the risk of transmission for students and staff members. These key COVID-smart measures include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom-free
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff.

- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible) and maintaining double dose vaccination requirements for staff who work in an SSP
- good hygiene practices, including regular hand washing with soap and warm water and/or use of hand sanitiser
- maintaining natural ventilation, with consideration of local environmental circumstances
- wearing a mask for all staff and visitors when working with or visiting Schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs), support units or schools with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, particularly indoors and when physical distancing is not possible
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events.

Pedestrian Upgrades - Yardley Ave and Pacific Highway

In recent months we have been actively working with nearby schools OLOR Primary School and Barker College and Hornsby Council, to address concerns raised about the safety of students walking to Waitara Station following an incident there last year.



Along with our own increased staff supervision of the crossing before and after school, we are please to inform you that Transport for NSW have completed the following safety improvements at the intersection:

- Short term solutions by Network and Safety Services and Network Operations branch (now complete)
- Upgrading the primary signal lanterns (the most forward facing to traffic) to a larger, 300mm lantern size, on both approaches to the signalised crossing which is the largest size lantern that can be used
- Repainting the medians, and other associated line markings, to enhance the visibility of the crossing for oncoming traffic
- Installing advance warning signage to remind motorists that 'children are crossing here'.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding additional traffic safety improvements to around the College.

Dates & Times

Important Term 1 Dates

Week	Date	Event
3	Thu 16 Feb	Parent/Carer Information Sessions (via Zoom) – see p.5
4	Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass
5	Thu 2 March	Year 7 'Belong – The Amazing Race of Faith' – see p.4
6	Tue 7 March	Year 9 Pastoral Day
6	Wed 8 March, 6pm	Year 7 Bible Presentation Liturgy
7-9	15-27 March	NAPLAN window (Years 7 & 9)
7	Thu 16 March	Year 11 Pastoral Day
7	Thu 16 March, 6.30pm	Parents in Partnership Meeting

8	Wed 22 March	College Open Evening (4-7pm) – All welcome
9	Fri 31 March	Year 7 Pastoral Day
10	Tue 4 April	Year 12 Pastoral Day
10	Wed 5 April	Easter Liturgy
10	Thu 6 April	Holy Thursday, Last day of Term 1

Bell Times

Below are the bell times for 2023. Please note the change to *Wednesday Week B* times compared to those previously posted to Facebook and printed in the College Planner. Students have been given stickers with the revised bell times to place in their planners (they should see their Mentor Teachers if not).

WEEK A	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENTOR	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50	LATE START: Mentor 9:35-9:55	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50
Period 1	8:50-9:50	8:50-9:50		8:50-9:50	8:50-9:50
Period 2	9:50-10:50	9:50-10:50	9:55-10:55	9:50-10:50	9:50-10:50
RECESS	10:50-11:10	10:50-11:10	10:55-11:15	10:50-11:10	10:50-11:10
Period 3	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15
Period 4	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15
LUNCH	1:15-1:55	1:15-1:55	1:15-2:00	1:15-1:55	1:15-1:55
Period 5	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00
WEEK B	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENTOR	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50	8.35-8:50
Period 1	8:50-9:50	8:50-9:50	8:50-9:40	8:50-9:50	8:50-9:50
Period 2	9:50-10:50	9:50-10:50	9:40-10:30	9:50-10:50	9:50-10:50
RECESS	10:50-11:10	10:50-11:10	10:30-10:50	10:50-11:10	10:50-11:10
Period 3	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	10:50-11:40	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15
Period 4	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15	11:40-12:30	12:15-1:15	12:15-1:15
			St Leo's Time: 12:30-1:30		
LUNCH	1:15-1:55	1:15-1:55	1:30-2:10	1:15-1:55	1:15-1:55
Period 5	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00	2:10-3:00	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00

Library Update

Mrs Jane Moran (Mondays) and Mrs Megan de Kantzow (Tuesdays - Fridays)

After our big move to the Mary Mackillop Centre over the summer break, we have the equally large job of unpacking and shelving all the books! Lending of fiction, non-fiction and study guides will resume soon. In the meantime, students can access our online library, including audio books, through [Wheeler's](#) using their Leo's single sign on.

In the next few weeks, our other library activities will also get underway, including **wide reading lessons** for Years 7 and 8, **supervised quiet study** before school from 7.30am and after school until 4.30pm, **Senior Study Afternoon Teas**, the **Premier's Reading Challenge**, and lunchtime activities such as our growing **Chess and Writing Clubs**.

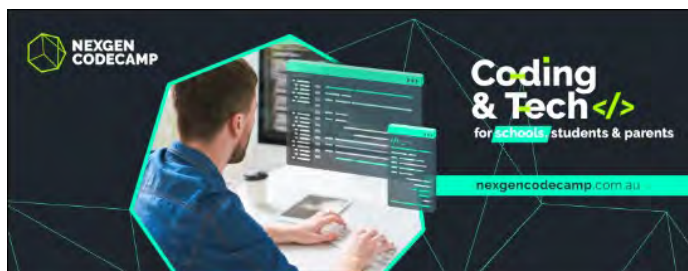


Robotics & Coding Club

Our after-school Coding & Robotics Club is back for 2023, starting on **Wednesdays from 15 February**. New members - whatever their level of experience - are warmly welcome! If your daughter or son would like to join the Club, you can [register them here](#) or [email me](#) with their full name, Year Group

along with your name and St Leo's Coding and Robotics Club and 2023 in the Subject Heading.

The students will be building upon the knowledge and skills that they developed last year with an emphasis on building structures with the integration of coding into those structures. New members will be tutored to ensure that they can fully access the course. Details of Term 1 are as follows:



2023 Robotics & Coding Club with NexGenCodeCamp @ St Leo's	
Run by:	NexGen Code Camp
When:	Club sessions run on Wednesday afternoons for 8 weeks - Wed 15 Feb to Wed 5 April
Time:	3.10 to 4.40pm
Venue:	Bakhita House Computer Room BH105
Content for Term 1:	Arduino Safe - students will 3D print and build an electronic safe with a number pad and combination.
Cost:	Term 1 - \$380 includes GST and hardware (-\$100 if using a Creative Kids Voucher) Note: If parents are using a Creative Kids Voucher (\$100), please register the details here . Payment details: to be made to the provider, NexGen by Friday 10 February: NAB: Nexgen Codecamp: BSB: 082-356 Acc: 336354187. Please ensure you include 'St Leo's STEM T1' in the description when you pay.

CAPA News

Co-Curricular Ensembles

The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) team has many wonderful opportunities this year for CAPA Co-Curricular. There are now 24+ Ensembles and Programs we offer across Music, Dance, Drama and Art.

New Offerings!

This year we have introduced the following new programs/ensembles:

- Boys Hip Hop Crew
- Pom (Cheer - Audition Only).

Co-Curricular CAPA Ensembles / Programs 2023					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		7:30-8:30am Lions Concert Band (MMLO4)	7:00-7:45am Pride Jazz (MMLO1) 7:45-8:30am Pride Hip Hop (MMLO1)	7:30-8:30am Cubs Concert Band (MMLO4) 7:00-7:45am Pride Pom (MMLO1) 7:45-8:30am Pride Lyr/Cheer (MMLO1)	7:30-8:30am Pride Concert Band (MMLO4)
Recess			ALTERNATE TIMES LATE START WEEK A 8:00am - 8:45am 8:45am - 9:30am		10:50-11:30am Guitar Ensemble (MMLO4)
Lunch	1:15-2:00pm Boys Hip Hop Crew (MMLO1)	1:15-2:00pm Accordion Group (MMLO4)	1:15-2:00pm Male Vocal Group (MMLO4) 1:15-2:00pm Lions Singers (MMLO3)	1:15-2:00pm Rock Band (MMLO4) 1:15-2:00pm Cubs Singers (COG2)	1:15-2:00pm Girls Rock Band (MMLO4) 1:15-2:00pm Cubs Art Club (MMGO2)
After School	3:00-3:45pm Cubs Drama Club (COG3) 3:00-3:45pm Ceramics (MMGO1)	3:00-3:45pm Cubs Dance (MMLO1)			
Art	Cubs - Year 7 & 8 Ceramics - Years 7-12		Dance		Drama
			Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Years 7-12 Pride - Invitation		Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Year 8-12 Pride - Invitation



Year 7 Cubs 2023

An email has been sent to all Year 7 students and parents/carers regarding the Cubs programs and ensembles for Year 7 2023.

FAQ: When does Co-Curricular Start for Year 7 Cubs 2023? Cubs will start in **Week 5 of Term 1** 2023.

To **register** your child's interest for any of the St Leo's Cubs Ensemble Programs in either Dance, Music, Drama or Art, please complete the [Expression of Interest CAPA Cubs Form](#).



Pride Lands Music Tuition - New Music Students Welcome

A reminder that St Leo's offers our Pride lands Private Music Tuition Program for beginners through to advanced students.

We have opportunities for students to learn an instrument in the following areas: Drums, Saxophone, Clarinet, Piano, Flute, Guitar, Violin and Vocals to name a few.

If you are interested in receiving private

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

All information regarding our CAPA Co-Curricular Program is available via our [St Leo's Co-Curricular CAPA Website](#). 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.

Sports Wrap

Mr Michael Kember, Leader of Sport



Internal Sport

Our internal *Sport for Life* Program has kicked off over the last week with all year groups (7-10) participating in a variety of different activities. This year for Year 8, 9 and 10, we have re-introduced our **ASP (Accelerated Sports Program)** for students who want/thrive on the more competitive nature of sport. This will see students put in teams amongst their year group and play against each other and gain points each week with a winner being announced at the end of the Term. With the Year 7 program, the students will be participating in clinics run by **Cricket NSW**, **Self Defence** and **Gymnastics** over the coming weeks, and parents will receive a permission note about this next week.

All students are reminded to bring their College cap or hat, water bottle and sunscreen for all sport.

St Leo's Cross Country - Next Week

The College cross country will be held in **year group sport time next week**. This is an opportunity for students to gain selection into the St Leo's team to represent the College at the Broken Bay event in Term 2.

Upcoming Rep Sport Trials

Over the coming weeks, we will be conducting trials in a number of our representative sports for students across all year groups. This year, **all trial and training information will be advertised on the 'St Leo's Sport' Google classroom page**. The code for this page is **psdrsvv**

Many trials will be held before school, so I will ensure that information is posted as soon as possible, at least a few days before to help with organisation.

BBSSSA & NSWCCC Trial Information

As well as the College teams, our sporting pathways for individual students are through Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sport Association (BBSSSA) and then NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC).



A number of **individual registrations have just been opened for students to register their interest in trialling for these representative teams**. Below is the link and a little bit of information about these upcoming trials.

Please note that for the majority of trials, it is recommended that students have external representative experience.

- **[U/15 Girls Broken Bay Netball Trials](#)**
Trials will be held on Monday 6 March. This is also open to students who are U/14 and U/15. Registrations close on Monday 20 February
- **[U/15 Boys, U/18 Boys and U/18 Girls Broken Bay Rugby League](#)**
Trials will be held on Monday 13 March at Morry Breen Oval, Wyong. The closing date for registrations is Friday 3 March.
- **[Long Distance Swimming Events](#)**
Several events (long distance) are not held at the Broken Bay carnival and students are can self-nominate to attend NSWCCC. All long-distance swimmers should use the form to enter these events.
- **[U/15 Boys Australian Football Selection Trials](#)**
Trials will be held on Thursday 23 March at Bateau Bay, with the registrations closing on the 3 March.

Sport in the next Lion Roars...

Watch out for our next Lion Roars for more news on: school holiday successes, cricket, baseball, softball, open and U/15 touch football and more on internal sport.

If you have questions or external sporting successes you would like to share, please contact [Mr Michael Kember](#).

Canteen Information

Yummy Bear Catering, who run our Canteen, have a **[NEW MENU](#)** for Term 1 with revised prices.

Online orders are made through Flexischools – please see instructions (*right*) for setup.

Note that this information is also available on the [Parent and Student Links](#) page of the College website.

HOW TO REGISTER



WITH flexischools

- 1 Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- 2 Type in your email and submit to create an account.
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (remember to check your junk).
- 4 Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- 5 Add your student under "Profile" and start ordering online!



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Community Notices

Part Time Lab Assistant Wanted

St Leo's are looking for a Laboratory Assistant 3 days per week for the next few weeks to assist with running our busy and friendly Science department.

You will require a paid Working with Children's Check and a Diocesan employment ID. Would suit someone looking for part time work (school hours) and may lead to a more permanent position in the future.

Please contact joanna.gower@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Parish Alpha 2023

Alpha introduces people to the first proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Kerygma: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you, and now he is living at your side to enlighten, strengthen and free you.' (EG, 164)

Alpha invites parishioners to respond to the good news through a decision to follow Jesus and bring the freshness and joy of their encounter with Christ into the life of the parish. Parishes around the world have seen significant growth in numbers and a new enthusiasm for mission.

Please join us this year, beginning on Tuesday 21 February at 6.30 pm, at Queen of Peace Church Hall, by registering using the link below.

Save the dates: 21 & 28 February, 7, 14, 21 & 28 March, and 4 April. Weekend retreat 15 April, 18 April, and 2, 9 & 16 May.

Last date for registrations is 14 February – [BOOK HERE NOW](#)



Position Vacant - Part-time Catechist Coordinator

The Chatswood & Lindfield/Killara Parishes are seeking to recruit a part-time Catechist Coordinator, working across both Parishes for approximately 25 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating the Ministry of Special Religious Education (SRE) at a local parish level.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience in SRE, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfort working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite.

An understanding of the Department of Education requirements in relation to Special Religious Education would be an advantage. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you will need to have availability outside of normal working hours from time to time.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Friday, 24 February 2023.

Free online presentation for parents and supervisors of learner drivers



Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

The 90 minute session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- how learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

6:00pm to 7:30pm,
Wednesday 1st March 2023

Via TEAMS.

Registration essential. Visit:

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/learnerdrivers

to reserve your place.

For further information

Phone: 9847 6856 or

Email: htipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au



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MODULE ONE:

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.



MODULE TWO:

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

This will involve two participants and a coach.

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE
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NEXT 2 COURSE DATES: Saturday 25th February and Saturday 11th 9am,

Address: 1Park Lane, Waitara

Book online TODAY at pcycdrivereducation.org.au



Play Rugby with the
TIGERS
in 2023!

wahroongarugby.com.au/registration/

U5's to U7's

Tag Rugby
(no tackling)
Boys and Girls
7 players on each team
Everyone scores a try
Play with school friends
Coach on the field
Games on Saturday mornings
Training 5pm Friday nights
3-4 teams in each age group

U8's to U9's

A safe introduction to tackle rugby
Boys and Girls
Play with school friends
Playing 1/2 field
Games on the North Shore
Games on Saturday mornings
Training 6pm Friday nights
3-4 teams in each age group

U10's to U11's

Boys and Girls
Play with school friends
Modified full field
12 players per side
Games on Sunday mornings
Graded competition across Sydney
Training 6.30pm Thursday nights
2-3 teams in each age group

U12's to U18's

Full field rugby
Teams graded based on skill level
Games on Sundays
Graded competition across Sydney
U12's & U13's training 6:30pm Tuesday nights
U14 & over training 6:30pm Wednesday nights
2-3 teams in U12's -U14's

U5's -U9's Try Rugby @ Cliff Oval
Sunday 26th February 9.00am
AND
Friday 3rd March 5.00pm

U10's - U18's Pre Season
Skills and Drills @ Cliff Oval
Sunday 12th AND Sunday 19th Feb
4.00pm - 5.30pm

