

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 6 Term 1, 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Farewell Ralph Kershler - One of a Kind!

St Leo's Catholic College is made up of many people, events, beliefs, connections and many personalities. One of these rich and bountiful personalities is **Mr Ralph Kershler**. Ralph has been associated with the College over the past 35 years many roles including a classroom teacher, Year 7 Coordinator, Religious Education Coordinator, Youth Minister, Retreat Coordinator and more recently Street Retreat



Leader - basically just being on staff and doing whatever was necessary for the good of the students. He has seen many Principals and even Headmasters, back in the days of when the Christian Brothers were onsite. In that time, Ralph has mentored many hundreds - I would say even thousands of students and their families in so many ways. This may be just a phone call home or quiet word to a troubled student, though to organising a full set of dentures for one of the homeless in inner Sydney!

Whenever the College welcomes its many past students/families the question always arises: "Is Ralph Kershler still here?". And the answer was "yes". As of this year - the answer will need to be "no". After 35 years, Ralph will no longer be riding his pushbike to St Leo's and terrorising those on the roads and footpaths. He is retiring. I know he will not be hanging up his rosary beads - they will always be with him - his faith not only goes hand in hand with him, it drives him to be who he is. He befriends those who need to be befriended, he feeds those who need to be fed, he comforts those who need to be comforted, he simply gives to those who need to be given to.

Ralph is not one for the limelight. He much prefers to be in the background. However, his generosity and personality cannot be contained.

There are many stories (both factual and maybe some that are embellished), but I have been with Ralph on a number of Street Retreats over the years. One image clearly sticks in my mind. One cold winter's day, Ralph saw a homeless person that was begging for money. This man was clearly left alone due to his personal hygiene issues, Ralph quietly went over to him, bent down, put his hand on the man's shoulder and said a few words, Ralph then stood up, took off his own jacket and draped his jacket on the man's shoulders. Ralph re-joined our group and he simply said to me "I have more at home anyway".

Ralph may not teach in the classroom any longer in a traditional or formal way but faith is caught rather than taught. Ralph is the pitcher and his throws are accurate and there are very few dropped catches.

On behalf of the past, present and even future students and families of the College, we thank Ralph for being Ralph and we wish he and his wife Barbara all the very best in his retirement.



Another Busy but Purposeful Week...

College Assembly

This week we gathered at our fortnightly assembly to acknowledge and recognise our students, via

- St Leo's Pride Medallion Recipients
- International Women's Day
- Public Speaking and
- Gold Merit Awardees

I spoke of St Leo's community being an inclusive community and we are all equals, regardless of gender, cultural heritage, economic/socio status, learning ability, appearance, or any other factor. We are made in God's image, we are all different in our own way - and that is good. It is a challenge for all of us to be tolerant of individual differences. Above all we must treat each other with dignity and respect - just as we expect to be treated.

We will also be able to celebrate our heritage and backgrounds on Harmony Day on March 21. Further details about the activities our student leaders have planned will be communicated next week.

Year 7 Bible Presentation

I was (as well as **Ms Murdoch** and **Mr Brennan**, Assistant Principals) together with **Mr Rosan Mathew** (Seminarian assisting us from the Cathedral), honoured to present a Bible to each Year 7 student last Wednesday evening's liturgy and supper. It gave an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and to meet some of the staff from the College. It was also an opportunity for parents/carers to put faces to names of their young person's new friends. I spoke of the opportunity to



develop and grow their own story, using the Bible, their family, their own experiences as a basis for writing their personal story - particularly over the next 6 years. It was a pity that the train network had issues, but I would like to thank those parents/carers who made that extra effort to be part of that evening.

Diocesan Staff Mass

Last evening, we hosted the Diocesan Staff Mass in The Light of Christ Centre. Over 500 staff from across the diocese were present and Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Anthony** and 20 clergy. This was followed by supper.

At the Mass, **Mr Patrick Brennan** and **Ms Colleen Kofron** were presented and blessed in their new appointments as Assistant Principal (Evangelisation and Catechesis) and Leader of Religious Education (respectively). I (as well as 8 other staff) was awarded for 40 years in the ministry of Catholic Education. I still feel excited, privileged and humbled to be part of our community, but particularly being able to share in the development and growth of our young people. There have never been any two the same in those 40 years.

Open Evening – Wednesday, 22 March 4-7pm

There are a number of purposes for Open Evening here at St Leo's. One of the primary purposes is to allow others from outside the College community to see the many opportunities of what we have here on offer.

Another is for others to experience the relationships between staff and students. These relationships must be right in order for the best learning to occur.



The other that I witness each year, is the pride in which our students have in explaining and showing visitors their school. They speak of their achievements, their challenges and how things work here at Leo's. Sometimes it's not cool to talk about your own education amongst your peers, but to hear them talk to others is very heartening.

We nearly 1000 people registered to attend the event already, we are expecting 1500+. We need many student volunteers to assist on the day and make it a success and celebration of our community, so appreciate all those students able to assist (see p.3).

Enrolments 2024

We have limited places remaining for Year 7 2024 and have now sent our first round of offers. If you know of anyone who has not yet submitted an enrolment or 2024 or 2025, please ask them to <u>submit an online</u> <u>Enrolment Enquiry Form on our website first</u> and our Registrar, **Ms Joanna Gower** will be in contact asap.

Parents/Carers 'Strategic Review' Zoom Meeting – Thursday 16 March, 7pm

I hope to see many of our parents/carers on the Zoom meeting next Thursday evening, 16 March at 7pm to discuss both the current status of parent participation at the College and to collaboratively plan a way forward that will best meet the needs of our students into the future. Here is a <u>copy of the information you should have</u> received yesterday via email. The meeting link will be sent out via email the day before the meeting.

Thank you for your time in reading and reflecting on what is written in this newsletter. Our staff here are encouraged daily by so many students taking up the many opportunities that are provided here at St Leo's, from 7am till late at night! Their participation, eagerness, vitality and interests are what motivates us to continue to provide more opportunities in our students' growth and development as a whole person.

Regards,

Tony Gleeson Principal

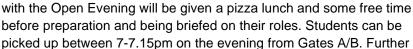
Open Evening – We Need Student Volunteers!

We need students to assist in a range of roles for our upcoming Open Evening on Wednesday, 22 March from 4-7pm!



From performers of all kinds (dance, drama, music, aerobics, etc.) to tour guides, hospitality and BBQ helpers, tour guides, gate attendants and stand helpers, everyone has an important part to play in the success of this special community day.

All students will finish classes at 1.15pm on 22 March, and those staying to assist



details are included with linked the form.

Parents/carers, please complete this <u>Open Evening 2023 Student Volunteer Parental Permission Form</u> for your son or daughter to assist at our Open Evening.



Mr Patrick Brennan, Assistant Principal - Evangelisation & Catechesis

International Women's Day and Harmony Day

Two significant events on our St Leo's Calendar are International Women's Day and Harmony Day.







For us at St Leo's, our focus on these days is not only a celebration of diversity, but a celebration firmly established in the understanding that all people are loved into being by God, all are unique, and all are made in God's image and likeness, able to love and be loved, worthy of love in its fullness. According to John's Gospel Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." All are afforded the dignity of living in fullness, knowing themselves - who they are and who they are called to become.



Imagine if we could all be the very best of ourselves, if our gifts and uniqueness could be fully lived, fully realised and fully appreciated. What could our world be? If women had not been limited and belittled, beaten and denied for the past few thousand years, and all that giftedness and brain power and creativity and brilliance had been allowed to flourish, what could our world look like today? What diseases could be cured, what injustices could be an historical study, rather than a daily experience? Imagine if our multi-cultural society had always been embraced and celebrated as equally loved and desired by God, what wonders could our society behold, what joy could be deeply felt in waves across our world?

Academic Information

Mr Daniel Lane, Director of Learning Improvement

NAPLAN testing - Years 7 & 9

NAPLAN will run from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 20 March this year. Students in Years 7 and 9 are reminded to have their devices and headphones fully charged for each day. Below is the schedule:

Date	Year	Timing	Test	What to bring
Wednesday 15 March	9	Mentor & Period 1	Writing	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Wednesday 15 March	9	Period 3 & 4	Reading	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Thursday 16 March	7	Mentor & Period 1	Writing	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Thursday 16 March	7	Period 3 & 4	Reading	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Friday 17 March	9	Mentor & Period 1	Conventions of Language	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Friday 17 March	9	Period 3 & 4	Numeracy	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Monday 20 March	7	Mentor & Period 1	Conventions of Language	Device and headphones Pen or pencil
Monday 20 March	7	Period 3 & 4	Numeracy	Device and headphones Pen or pencil

A reminder that students are not allowed the following in any of the tests:

- Mobile phone
- Electronic devices (other than the device used for testing)
- Dictionaries
- Rulers, and
- Calculators

for all the latest information and photos from St Leo's @stleoswahroonga

Leo's Library & Learning Hub Update

Mrs Megan de Kantzow, Leader of Information Services

Senior Study Afternoon Tea & Breakfasts



Our Senior Study Sessions have started up again for 2023. Drinks and snacks are provided and students work through their study goals and assessment preparation. They greatly appreciate the help of teachers who volunteer their time to work with individuals and small groups.

The latest HSC study guides are available, along with NESA HSC exemplar answers, vocabulary sheets and English handouts for analysis, vocabulary and essay improvement etc. The next session is:

Wed 15 March (Week 7) BREAKFAST from 7.30am

Fabulous Reads!

New books arriving soon in the library include: manga titles, Time Hunter series, realistic, horror and fantasy novels, and HSC English texts and study guides.

Premier's Reading Challenge '23

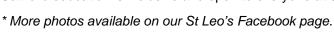
The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! Year 7 students will find out about it during their library lessons. Students interested in participating should see **Mrs de Kantzow** in the library or <u>email her</u>.

What's Been Happening @ Leo's!

Year 7 Bible Presentation and Supper

On Wednesday evening, Year 7 students and their parents attended supper and special liturgy in the LOCC where they were presented with their Bibles as they commence their high school journey at St Leo's.

The first Religion unit in Year 7 is 'Belonging to our Catholic community' and we are working hard to make everyone in our community feel welcome wherever they have come from and regardless of their faith journey up until this point in time. A Catholic education is inclusive and open to everyone at St Leo's.





Mr Patrick Brennan, AP - Evangelisation & Catechesis

Year 10 Street Retreat

Last week **Rev Gomez** and myself took a group of Year 10 students on the first Street Retreat of the year. Street Retreats have been running at St Leo's for over 35 years and are often mentioned by our graduates and ex-students are one of the highlights and strongest memories of their time here.

We were blessed to be joined by a gentleman named **Nick**, a former homeless person who has overcome many battles in life and now works heavily in the community supporting the homeless



Nick showing us where he used to sleep under the bridge in Woolloomooloo as a 15-year-old.

and marginalised in Sydney.

These experiences are fantastic, eyeopening and inspiring for our students. We aim to provide all students an opportunity to attend Street Retreat during their journey at St Leo's.

Mr Patrick Brennan, AP - Evangelisation & Catechesis



Year 10 students listening to Eddie's story at Wynyard.



And a stop by St Mary's Cathedral for a time of prayer.



CSDA Public Speaking competition

Last Friday at Parramatta Marist Catholic College, ten students across all different year groups competed in the first round of the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) Public Speaking competitions.

Students have been preparing, perfecting and practising their speeches to a range of conceptual topics such as; 'Sculpture', 'waiting for the day when...' and 'when it is dark enough, you can see the stars'. All students presented their speeches in a confident and engaging manner, reflecting an

ability to articulate an opinion and use contemporary and relevant examples to engage an audience.

Congratulations to **Alice J** (Year 7) and **Maximilian J** (Year 9) who have both progressed through to the Zone Final to be held this Friday evening. I thank all students for their efforts and to the parents/guardians who provide support for these wonderful and confident developing opportunities.

Ms Hayley Spencer, Leader of English & Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Catholic Schools Youth Ministry International (CSYMI)

St Leo's has a fruitful partnership with Catholic Schools Youth Ministry International (CSYMI), an organisation that supports schools in the formation of student faith leadership. Our Year 10 Youth Ministry class studies their curriculum on Youth Ministry and Leadership as part of our RE program.

Youth Ministry Retreats

Last weekend, one Year 10 and four Year 11 students participated in the CSYMI *Venio Youth Ministry Retreat* at the Josephite Centre for Spirituality in Kincumber, along



Students experiencing different forms of prayer and reflection on Venio.

with thirty student leaders from around the diocese who wanted to deepen their faith.

The weekend before, one



The Broken Bay group in Canberra following a final prayer session on Mount Ainslie lookout.

Year 11 and six Year 12 students attended the CSYMI *Youth Ministry Equipping School* in Canberra. This is aimed at student leaders from around Australia who wish to grow in leadership and gain skills in sharing their faith with others.

Rev Adrian Gomez, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Year 7 Belong: Amazing Race of Faith

During Week 5, all Year 7 students from across the Broken Bay Diocese attended the CSYMI Year 7 *Belong: Amazing Race of Faith Day* held at the Light of Christ Centre.

In a special day of fun, music, connection and faith formation, students explored what it means to attend a Catholic school in our Diocese. The day began with an engaging performance by a student band from St Leo's. Special guests at the event included our **Bishop**, the Most Rev Anthony Randazzo and Director of Schools, Mr Danny Casey - who both spoke passionately about the importance and value of a faith based, Catholic education.

Our College Captain, **Tony B**, gave a testimony of how his personal faith has helped him in his journey through high school.

Mr Patrick Brennan, AP - Evangelisation & Catechesis







Broken Bay World Youth Day Song Launch

Year 12 student **Bryndis P** was involved in a professional recording session for the new Broken Bay World Youth Day theme song that was officially launched last week.

'Magnify' was written by **Simon Hyland** from CSBB and recorded with students from several Broken Bay schools.

You read more in <u>this article</u>. If you scroll down <u>this WYD</u> page, you can also listen (and watch) the recording! Bryndis sings solo on the bridge section – '...the Almighty has done great things for me.'

Rev Adrian Gomez, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator



A screenshot from the music video!

Japanese Visitors

This week, St Leo's received a visit from 37 international students who usually attend school in Kobe, Japan. St Leo's students from across Year 8 to Year 12 met with students from Hyogo Prefectual International High School on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. New friendships formed through a myriad of cultural experiences and conversation.



Using a mix of Japanese, English and a lot of body language, our St Leo's students learned how to create origami masterpieces, make delicious *onigiri* (rice balls), perform amazing *kendama* (cup & ball) tricks, and use chopsticks correctly. It was an enriching experience hosting our Japanese guests and we

look forward to building upon these experiences in our language classrooms throughout 2023 and beyond.

Ms Julia Carroll, Languages Teacher





Year 8 Food Chemistry





Year 8 are currently studying basic chemistry in their Science unit 'It's

elementary. They started by making simple molecules using lollies. Each lolly represented a particular element.

Nick made ethane – one of the gases in our taps. **Tadi** made hydrogen cyanide poison. **Kira** and **Anja** also made ethane.

They then looked at how the elements fit into

the Periodic Table – with different colours representing different groups of chemicals. The lollies and laughter helped keep all of the students very engaged!

Ms Leeta Caiger, Science Teacher

Year 9 Child Studies

This week, our Year 9 Child Studies class were looking after an egg 'baby' for an assessment task.



Students were required to give their egg a name, face and birth certificate, as well as build a protective home to keep it safe for the week. Whilst we unfortunately had to say goodbye to a few egg babies, the students have worked very hard to not only keep their egg

babies alive, but provide them with fun and engaging activities to help with their development.

Ms Kelly Robinson, Child Studies Teacher



Careers News

Ms Melissa Duff, Careers Advisor

In this week's St Leo's Careers News:

- Australian Catholic University Presentation
- Lunchtime Presentation Series for students at St Leo's
- University Admissions Centre News
- University Technology Sydney Bachelor of Accounting Applications Open
- Joint Medical Program for 2024 entry Uni of Newcastle and UNE
- Sydney Design School Information Sessions
- Holiday Programs
- Opera House Traineeship Opportunity
- Game Design Work Experience opportunity JMC Academy







Co-Curricular Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA) Program

Miss Ellie Shinas, CAPA Co-Curricular Coordinator

Around the Ensembles...









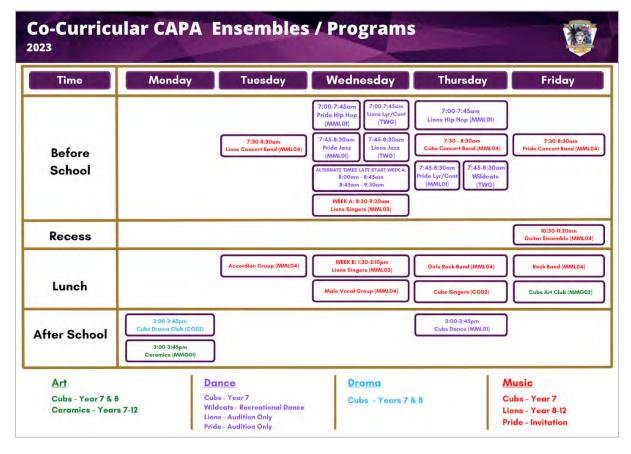
CAPA Cubs is Underway!

This week we welcomed our Year 7 students as they started their CAPA Co-Curricular journey in Drama, Dance, Singers and the Concert Band with CAPA Cubs.

Please ensure students double check their Google Classroom for all ensemble and program communication.

Timetable

The timetable below for our CAPA Ensembles and Programs has been updated. A reminder that students should check their Year Google Classroom for these details.



Reminder: Private Music Tuition & CAPA Co-Curricular Program

St Leo's also offers our Pride Lands Private Music Tuition Program for those interested in receiving private lessons to learn an instrument and/or vocals. Please complete the <u>expression of interest form</u>. 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 <u>St Leo's Co-Curricular CAPA Website</u>. We encourage you to bookmark this page. Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to <u>email Miss Shinas</u>.

Sports Wrap

Mr Michael Kember, Leader of Sport

NSWCCC Baseball

Last Tuesday two of our students trialled for the NSWCCC Boys Baseball team at Castle Hill. **Jackson M** (Year 11) and **Ryan C** (Year 10) both performed extremely well up against the best





baseball players in the state. Congratulations to Ryan who has been selected for the NSWCCC team to play at the All Schools event on the 28 March at Newcastle! A huge achievement Ryan, and well done to you both!



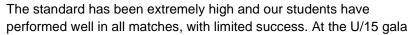
NSWCCC Tennis

Recently the NSWCCC Tennis selection trials were held in Parramatta. To attend these trials is a prestigious honour as you require a Universal Tennis Ranking (UTR) and only the top 32 male and top 32 female players are invited to attend.

This year **Aarush S** (Year 10) was invited to the trials. On the day, students were divided into groups with the top two in each group progressing to the knockout stages. Aarush finished top of his group, and from this was then selected to represent NSWCCC at the upcoming All Schools event on the 27-28 March in Bathurst. A fantastic achievement Aarush!

Touch Football

Over the last few weeks, our multiple Touch Football Teams (U/13, U/15 and Open) have been contesting the Broken Bay Championships. In the U/15 and Open competition, these gala days also double as a selection for the Broken Bay representative teams.







day, two students - **Makayla A** (Year 9) and **Kyrah M** (Year 8) - make the Possible vs Probables selection game, with Makalya being selected as a shadow player for the U/15 girls Broken Bay side.

In the Opens competition, **Jaykob M** (Year 10) and **Alex M** (Year 10) played in the Possible vs Probables match with Alex selected in the Open Boys side to represent Broken Bay in Wagga later this term. Congratulations to all our students who have represented the College with pride.

Girls Rugby League Challenge

We have a strong Girls Rugby League presence at St Leo's, and this was evident at the recent School Girls Challenge held at Killara. **Mr Tavernese** has the girls training every Thursday after school, with a conditioning session also included on a Friday morning.

On the day of the Challenge, the girls were run through skills and drills from the NRL and then a goal-setting session by a current NRLW player. They then played in a competitive match against Killara High School with St Leo's coming out on top. We are currently organising a number of matches against Killara with our U/14 and U/16 ladies along with our U/13 and U/15 boys' sides.



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Upcoming Opportunities – Check Google Classroom!

Students are reminded to regularly check their 'St Leo's Sport Google Classroom' page as it has all weekly trials and training sessions available to them. At the beginning of the week, there is a schedule published for all trials and training occurring, and then individual coaches may post reminders and other important information. Next week we will have **soccer**, **futsal**, **volleyball trials**, and other trainings, with netball and basketball in the near future.

If you have questions or external sporting successes you would like to share, please contact Mr Kember.

REMINDERS:

Important Term 1 Dates

Week	Date	Event
7-9	15-27 March	NAPLAN window (Years 7 & 9) - see p.4
7	Wed 15 March, 7.30am	Senior Study Breakfast in the Library & Learning Hub – see p.5
7	Thu 16 March	Year 11 Pastoral Day
7	Thu 16 March, 6.30pm	'Strategic Review' Parents in Partnership Zoom Meeting – see p.3
8	Tues 21 March	Harmony Day
8	Wed 22 March	College Open Evening (4-7pm) – please complete the <u>Student Volunteer Parent Permission Form!</u>
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

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			



Canteen Information

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

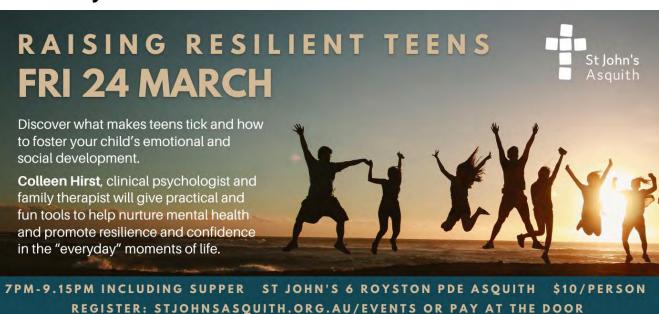
Is your child

Provide your consent

in year 7 or year 10?

Online orders are made through Flexischools. Please see instructions on the <u>Parent and Student Links</u> page of the College website.

Community Notices









2023 AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY **PROGRAM**

Click to view full holiday arts workshop program

The Northern Sydney Expo for people with a disability is back

When: Thursday 4th May 2023, 11am-5pm Where: The Concourse Chatswood. 409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

Stall holders will include service providers for:

Youth Employment Assistance (previously called SLES) Social and Community Participation Support Coordination Plan Management Disability Employment Services (DES) Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE)

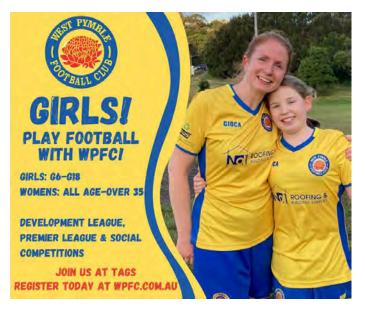
Apprenticeships and Traineeships The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Services Australia

The Disability Expo will be held at THE CONCOURSE Civic 409 Victoria Ave

The Concourse car park entrance is on Ferguson Lane via Archer Street. Accessible parking spaces are available in The Concourse car park and in nearby Endeavour and Spring Streets. Charges for parking apply, for details please visit the website.

www.theconcourse.com.au There is also the option to park at Westfield Chatswood and walk to the venue, charges also apply. For details <u>visit;</u> www.westfield.com.au/chatswood





Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator (casual)

The Ku-ring-gai Parish is seeking a **casual Youth Coordinator**. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, with an expectation for approximately 6 hours per week on administrative tasks including preparation of resources and communications including social media planning. In addition to these hours, you will also lead parish youth activities with a requirement for availability for some weekends and evenings.

This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage with the parish, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and

young adults in the parish. The Youth Coordinator will work with the Parish team to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry.

To obtain a copy of the position description please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Applications close Friday 17 March.

Position Vacant – Admin Assistant (part time)

The Ku-ring-gai Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a permanent, part-time Administration Assistant working two days per week.

The role plays an important part in the Parish team, with a wide range of responsibilities including general administrative tasks, working with the Parish team on Parish communications to profile and raise awareness of programs and ministries within the Parish, maintaining parish records including sacramental register updates, taking bookings for sacraments including baptisms and funerals, assisting with the setup of parish facilities for events and much more.

The ideal candidate will have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings, experience in an office administrative role, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite.

There is some flexibility with the working schedule however the role does require a physical presence in the office, with a preference for the working schedule to be Wednesdays and Thursdays

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