



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Open Evening 2023 – That's a Wrap!

Last Wednesday evening the College held its annual Open Evening. From the feedback (staff, students and visitors), it was an evening that displayed our culture, our students, our facilities and our staff. In the school evaluation last year, St Leo's was described as a '*hidden gem*' by one of our parents. After last Wednesday evening, I don't think it is too hidden! This was evidenced by over 2000 in attendance. (See highlights video above)



I met grandparents (who were on tour with their prospective grandchildren) to young babies who were being nursed by their mothers. There was huge interest and the buzz in the local community is that St Leo's has a great deal to offer, not just in the normal teaching and learning, but also in its culture, Catholicity, student and staff talents, facilities and opportunities.



I would also like to thank our students (over 300 of them) who were present on the night in so many roles. Tour guides, running and assisting in mini-lessons across the various KLAS for our visitors, performers, BBQ chefs, 'Ask Me' students, technical operators, musicians, sports representatives, student leadership, drama, public speaking and many other roles. The many parents I spoke to at The Light of Christ Centre were commending your young people on their bearing, their obvious pride in the College and the wonderful

sense of community. I hope to recognise each and every student who assisted on the evening via our next College assembly as well as a formal letter to the parents/carers.

I would like to acknowledge all of our staff, who gave up another evening from their families to not only be on duty, but they also spoke of great pride in their work. The Open Evening wasn't an event that is just thought about in Week 5 or Week 6 of this term. **Ms Fiona Morsink-Ryan** (Marketing) and **Ms Joanna Gower** (Registrar) in particular, in conjunction with **Mr Bob Partington** (Facilities Manager), **Mr Jason Beswick** (Maintenance) and his crew have been working on this since Term IV 2022. The advertising, preparation of materials, marketing, the endless phone calls, ordering, tidying up/maintenance has been huge. Thank you to these staff in particular.



The College has notified our Priority Feeder Schools in the past week and asked them to remind parents that any **outstanding applications must now be submitted to the College**. Any further applications for Year 7 2024 now need to join the waiting list.

Feedback from the Parents in Partnership Evening, Week 7



Thank you to the 46 parents who participated in the Parent in Partnership Evening in Week 7. I have [linked here the responses](#) from the two questions that parents contributed to via a padlet and in discussion with the facilitator in the three breakout rooms:

What do you want from parent engagement at the College?

What would this parent engagement, look like, feel like and sound like?

The College leadership Team will now classify these responses and propose the next course of action, and this will be presented to parents/carers at the start of Term II.

School Improvement Program Progress

This week the College Leadership Team commences our work with **Dr Linda Bendikson** from [LB School Improvement](#). This program is part of our School Improvement Program and is linked to the development of our strategic plan. The goal of this program is to assist us in improving our young people's outcomes by increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of our leadership team. I will keep you updated as we move through the course.



Staffing Update

Many of you would be aware of teacher shortages across the country. In fact it is quickly becoming the No.1 issue amongst school principals. The College is currently advertising for three teachers and we have been unable to fill these positions as yet.



Over the past month or so we have been blessed by the appointment of two highly qualified and experienced teachers.

Welcome to two new permanent members of staff - **Ms Isabel Bryan** who commences with us teaching PDHPE. Isabel comes to us from Central Coast Grammar School and prior to that, Knox Grammar School and Calrossy Anglican School at Tamworth.

Our second staff member is **Ms Veronica Acevedo**. Veronica is a very experienced mathematics teacher from a school on the lower North Shore. She has been with us for two weeks now and is highly regarded by both the students and staff.

Please make both Ms Bryan and Ms Acevedo feel very welcome.

Ms Trish Cura will now be moving across to teach our students through the Learning Diversity lens. This builds upon the great work she has done as a PDHPE/RE Teacher with our students that have particular learning needs.

Mr Ashley Johansen will be returning back to his classes, part time for these next three weeks and then full time from the start of Term II. **Mr Jon Nicoll** will continue to be Acting Leader of Year 7 for the remainder of Term I to ensure consistency with the students.

We keep **Ms Asher Doyle** and her family in our prayers and thoughts. Her husband **Tom** continues treatment for a very serious illness. **Mr Jacob Issa** will continue as Acting Leader of HSIE (Human Society and its Environment) as he has very successfully done since the beginning of Term I this year.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Gleeson
Principal



From the Assistant Principal, Evangelisation & Catechesis

Mr Patrick Brennan

St Leo's Red Earth Immersion Opportunity

St Leo's is restarting our Immersion program and will give students the chance to travel to the remote Indigenous homelands of Central Australia later this year.

Students will have the rare opportunity to make real connections with Indigenous Australians living on their own land who have maintained a deep connection to their culture and history. They will learn from Elders and Traditional Owners, and play with young Indigenous children eager for a window to the outside world. The group will stay in safe areas on privately held Aboriginal land, not accessible outside of this setting. They will learn, make, gather, eat, give, grow and connect with Traditional Owners and Indigenous Australia.

As the expected interest in this program will be high, at this point we are only accepting expressions of interest from students in Year 10.

Having previously worked with Red Earth at my previous school, I have seen many young people gain so much from this wonderful opportunity. It's great that we can now offer the same experience here at St Leo's.

Key information:

- Immersion Dates: **Monday 2 - Wednesday 11 October 2023** (Length: 10 Days, 9 Nights)
- Cost: \$4,325pp
- Open to: **Year 10 students**
- Student Information Session (Year 10): **Monday, 1 May** (at school)
- Parent Information Night: 6.00pm, **Wednesday, 10 May** (online)
- Please visit redearth.edu.au for more information.



St Patrick's Day at St Leo's

Many Catholic schools across Sydney and indeed Australia were founded by Irish orders of nuns and brothers. St Leo's is no exception, with its links to Waterford, Ireland and Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers who established the College.

The College celebrated Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick with a special Friday Mass in his honour on the 17 March, St Patrick's feast day. Many staff at St Leo's were spotted in green on this day. The wearing of green on St Patrick's Day represents the Irish landscape and the significance of the shamrock. St Patrick used the shamrock, with three petals in one leaf, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity based on the Christian belief of three parts to one God.



Easter Prayers for Kids

In the weeks before Easter, chocolate, plastic Easter eggs, baskets, candy, cards and more fill the shelves of grocery stores. However, if our children's only experience of Easter is the Easter Bunny and the gifts it brings, they'll completely miss the true meaning and importance of Easter.

You can celebrate Easter with baskets of treats and hearts filled with love of God. And it doesn't require elaborate prayers. Pray one of these simple prayers, particularly with younger children, to keep Jesus at the centre of the day:



- *Jelly Bean Prayer: Red is for the pain you felt, and black is for the empty grave. Yellow is for the shining sun, white is for the new life begun. Green is for the grass and trees and purple is for your majesty. Orange is for the edge of night, and pink is for the morning light. Amen!*
- *Jesus, thank You for your sacrifice. Jesus, thank You for my life. Today is Easter so we pray, That we'll join you in heaven someday.*
- *Today is a very special Sunday. We thank you, God, for all the love You've given us and for the gift of Jesus. On this Easter, we pray in Your name. Amen.*
- *Bunnies remind us of all the animals You made, and all the beautiful things You created. We love you, God, more than any chocolate, lolly or toy. We ask for Your Easter blessing on this special day. Amen.*



Mr Patrick Brennan, Assistant Principal, Evangelisation & Catechesis

More Rapid Antigen Testing Kits



This week the College received what is expected to be the final delivery of rapid antigen tests (RATs). In the lead up to Easter, we will be distributing these RATs to students. In line with the Department of Education and NSW Health, we have moved from prescribed surveillance testing to what is termed 'discretionary testing.'

We now require students to administer a rapid antigen test in the following circumstances:

- If they are deemed a household or close contact
- If they display any COVID-19 symptoms.

Students are requested **not to attend school if they exhibit any cold or flu symptoms** and should only return to school when they are symptom free.

What's Been Happening @ Leo's!

Year 9 Pastoral Day

Last Friday, Mrs Kate Todd and the Year 9 Pastoral Team held a Pastoral Day for Year 9 at Storey Park Community Centre, Asquith. In line with our St Leo's Pastoral Care Program for this stage, the focus was on '*Personal Growth and Resilience*'. The theme for the day was '*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams*', consistent with the 2023 College Theme '*Do not be afraid to dream of great things*'.



The Year 9 Leader of Learning, **Mrs Kate Todd**, along with **Ms Melissa Barone**, **Mr Glen Downey**, **Ms Anamaria Schneider**, **Mr Sunny Huo**, **Ms Julia Carroll**, **Ms Megan Tynan**, **Ms Jeanine Medlock** and **Rev Adrian Gomez** led the students through a full day program which aimed to ignite a sense of dreaming and how our dreams can shape our future.

Students engaged in activities allowing them to recharge and reset, such as meditation, storytelling, writing a letter to 'their Year 12 selves', making friendship bands, continuing to add to their Journey cloth from Year 7 and affirmation writing. Other activities included peer bonding, access to a colouring mindful poster, Labyrinth mindfulness and the creation of Jesus Beads.



A special thanks to all the staff that contributed to making it a great day and a big thanks to Year 9 for getting involved in the day's program.

Ms Megan Tynan, Director of Wellbeing for Learning

Year 11 Pastoral Day

On Thursday March 16, Year 11 participated in their Pastoral Day onsite at St Leos, run by the Year 11 Pastoral Team. In line with our Pastoral Care Program for this stage, the focus was on 'Responsibility and Transition'.

Year 11 Leader of Learning, **Mr Vince Tavernese** led students for the day along **Ms Kristen Nicola, Mr Jacob Issa, Ms Erica Butler, Ms Colleen Kofron, Ms Claire Stevenson** and **Ms Nicole House**. The program began with an informative session by GPs in schools. The session was a three-hour interactive workshop allowing students to ask questions of, learn from, a local General Practitioner. This session gave Year 11 the opportunity to ask questions that may not be ordinarily covered in a regular visit to a GP.

The second session was delivered by Elevate Education, presenting on time management skills and focusing on balancing school and the social aspect of students' lives. This led into a BBQ lunch prepared and cooked by **Mr Issa**, where Year 11 had an extended lunch to socialise.

The final session provided students the basic tools to support their peers and friendship groups when tackling youth mental health. Students were given an action plan to ensure friends are supported and informed if every challenged with a situation around mental health. A big thank you to **Mrs Megan Tynan** for presenting this session to Year 11 and her ongoing support of the Year 11 group.

Caritas Project Compassion - Fundraising

Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.



The St Leo's Year 11 Vinnies group has taken the lead in organising fundraising, with collections in Mentor on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and by last week had raised a very respectable **\$1,841.27** for this great cause.

At our Open Evening, the Vinnies students organised and ran a BBQ. Along with the donations for the popcorn and snow cone machines and Strom ride, an incredible **\$4,890** was raised, bringing the Project Compassion so far total to over **\$6,700** - the most we have raised in many years!

The Vinnies group are currently running an Easter Egg raffle to continue to raise money - the results will be announced in Week 10.

Rev Adrian Gomez, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Harmony Day

Harmony Week is an annual celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Last Tuesday, St Leo's celebrated Harmony Day with students coming to school wearing traditional clothes, sporting jerseys, the colours of different flags or 'Harmony Day orange', bringing with them a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.



The day began with a College assembly in which Brenton of Year 12 shared how his father came to Australia as a refugee from Vietnam. At recess and lunch, the Social Justice Group invited students to write 'welcome' in different languages and draw flags representing the countries their families came from in chalk in front of the College Chapel - from Armenia to India, Hawaii to Switzerland!



A lovely representation of the beautiful diversity of our College community.

*Rev Adrian Gomez,
Youth Ministry
Coordinator*



Year 9 - Study of the Psalms

Our Year 9 Religion classes have just finished their study of the Psalms and found inspiration to write their own prayer/poem/songs. Please enjoy the best of our students' works below - they inspiring to each one of us. We are truly blessed to be accompanying our students on their own faith journeys.

<p>In the stillness of the night, I lift my eyes up to the sky, With all the worries on my mind, I seek your help, oh God divine.</p> <p>Chorus: You are the one who hears my cry, You lift me up and make me fly, In you alone I find my rest, My hope and peace, you are the best.</p> <p>Verse 2: Amidst the chaos of this world, Your love and grace, they are unfurled, You guide me through the darkest days, And fill my heart with songs of praise.</p> <p>Chorus: You are the one who hears my cry, You lift me up and make me fly, In you alone I find my rest, My hope and peace, you are the best.</p> <p>Bridge: With you beside me, I will not fear, For you are always near, Your goodness and mercy, they follow me, And in your presence, I am free.</p> <p>Chorus: You are the one who hears my cry, You lift me up and make me fly, In you alone I find my rest, My hope and peace, you are the best.</p> <p>Outro: Oh God, my rock and my salvation, My heart is filled with adoration, Forever and always, I'll trust in you, For you are faithful, strong and true. Jake Daly 9RE F</p> <p>God, the love you give and the word from your tongue is all I need Obstinate I will be to your word's and the truth you speak Devoted I am to learning about you everyday and praising you 7 days a week Speaking your word is what I do, and what I ever will Weakened your Son was on the cross, but a saviour he will forever be Overlooking our flaws and always seeing the good in people is why we thank you Reading about you and your truthful word is what brings me hope Dear Lord, thank you for everything, and we choose to believe your word and praise you forever - Saffia Loder 9REA</p>	<p>There is agony in my body and my heart has pain I have learnt that sins shouldn't be done again I don't even know why I did it; what did I gain? I didn't do it for the money or the fame Instead, I just got agony Wounds so deep you won't think it's real, like a fantasy Make me feel like I'm splitting in half And there's no remedy There's no stop to this suffering, let alone the mental calamity I feel like I'm going insane and going to crash, like a fallen cavalry My mind has fallen to shrubs; no botany My body has been worn and torn, if only I showed some modesty So let my story be a lesson for you to learn If peacefulness is what you yearn Elude from sinning because you get something back in return. Ezekiel Recio 9RE E</p> <p>As God watches me Disturbance in my heart fades Sins are accepted Morris O'Neill 9RE E</p> <p>One sinful other good Two different paths in life For the Lord watches. Poppy Sinodinos 9RE C</p>	<p>We mess up sometimes, And it hurts like crazy, no lie, But we can bounce back. God has forgiveness, A calm for our storm, And we find comfort. Together we rise, Through shared joy and hurt, we thrive. Will Gillooly 9RE</p> <p>Ying and yang, Black and white, Light and dark, Peace or fight.</p> <p>We all walk around, Around the endless circle, of good and bad, bad and good.</p> <p>Yet one cannot live without the other so which one must live for the other to prosper.</p> <p>If evil lives, Then good grows, and overpowers the dark, And the light may be sowed</p> <p>If good is left alive, But evil spreads, The light will seep out slowly, Leaving but dread.</p> <p>And in the end, there is only good, or only bad</p> <p>It all depends on which one lived to let the other grow— Salome Lemetter 9RE A</p>
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Ms Colleen Kofron, Leader of Religious Education

World Youth Day Pilgrim Formation Day

World Youth Day is an international celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and a time of encounter, dialogue and prayer for the youth of the world that is held around every three years.

From 21 July to 11 August, eighteen of our Year 10 and 11 students will be travelling on pilgrimage through Italy and Portugal to attend World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon. The students will be accompanied by **Rev Gomez, Mdm Noel** and **Mr Groom**, and will be travelling in a group of 64 students from around Broken Bay Diocese - who will be joining over 2 million young pilgrims from around the globe.

Last Saturday, the Broken Bay WYD pilgrims all met for the first time at the Shrine of St John Paul II at East Gosford. Following a picnic lunch and some icebreaker games, the pilgrims learnt more about the pilgrimage, including about the life and contributions of Pope St John Paul II who founded WYD in 1986. The day finished with Mass with Bishop Anthony for which the students were joined by their families.



Above: A photo from the last WYD in Panama 2019

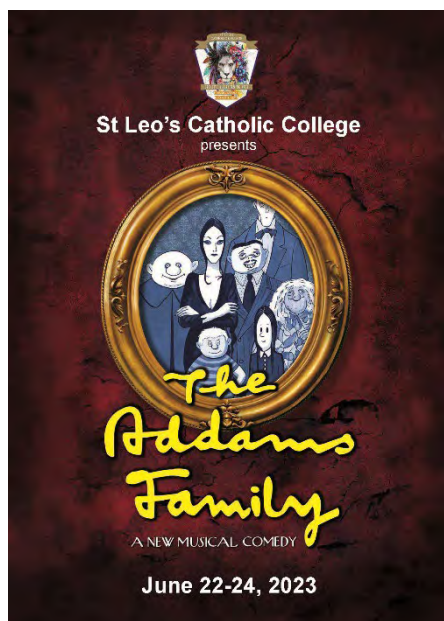
Below: Macquarie University visits St Leo's

Careers News

Ms Melissa Duff, Careers Advisor

In this week's St Leo's [Careers News](#):

- Macquarie University Ambassadors Come to St Leo's
- Upcoming Lunchtime Presentations for students at St Leo's
- Year 10 Morrisby Testing, Week 1 Term 2
- Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Industry Experience Day
- JMC Game Design Year 10 and 11 Work Experience opportunity
- Sydney Design School information Sessions
- Holiday Programs



CAPA Update

Addams Family Musical Dancers Wanted!

Calling all St Leo's Dancers! CAPA is still looking to add more talented students to the Dancers Ensemble for the Addams Family Musical. Do you have experience in Dance and/or Acro? Do you want to be a part of The Addams Family Musical dancers cast?

As a 'Dance Ancestor', you will be required to learn a number of choreographed routines in a variety of styles, supporting the main cast and supporting actors - choreographed by Miss Shinas. If you are a Pride Dancer, you are **strongly** encouraged to be a part of this!

If you are interested, please let Miss Shinas know ASAP by completing the form below, all rehearsal information will be sent through:

[Expression of Interest Form: Addams Family Musical](#)

CAPA Co-Curricular Updates

Cubs Art Club

If you are in Year 7 and have not yet joined Art Club for Term 2, could you please see **Miss Shinas** to add your name for next term. This is for students who missed out this term.

Ceramics

Ceramics is finishing up for this term and will not return until Term 3. If you haven't yet, please finalise your projects this week!

Sports Wrap

Mr Michael Kember, Leader of Sport

NSW All Schools Softball

Recently the NSW All Schools Softball championships were held at Blacktown Softball Centre with three St Leo's students (**Maddi D, Milla D & Ruby A**) representing the NSWCCC team. On the day, in very difficult conditions, they played extremely well against tough opposition. I would like to congratulate all three students on the way they represented the College as I received the below email from the manager of the NSWCCC team:

'I had the pleasure of working with the NSWCCC girls' softball team yesterday and just wanted to pass on how fantastic the girls were from St Leo's - Ruby, Maddi and Milla. It was very tough conditions playing and the girls were so lovely to work with, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. Even though we expect this from our students, it deserves to be recognised'.

Congratulations to **Maddi**, who was selected in the NSW All Schools Team and is now travelling to Victoria in May to play at the School Sport Australia Championships.

Broken Bay Swimming

On the 14 March, the St Leo's swimming team travelled to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. The team were small in number but big in heart, and they performed well in the pool. From the College carnival in late November, the times the students swum were much quicker with a number of PBs. Congratulations to **April A** (Year 7) who finished with two 3rd places on the day.

Bill Turner Trophy

Last Friday, the U/15 Girls Soccer team played in the State Knockout competition against Asquith Girls at St Leo's. In front of a large crowd, the girls played well and took an early lead through the boot of **Tahlia H**. Asquith fought back after this initial goal and scored two quick goals before the St Leo's girls equalised. A late first half strike saw Asquith lead 3-2 at the break and it was a tough team talk by the Year 11 coaches (**Luella R, Isla R and Natasha T**) but the instructions were followed, and the girls fought back in the second half to again equalise.



The poster is titled "The St Leo's Sports Cup" with a trophy icon. It features two boxes: "Futsal Tuesday" with a soccer ball icon and "Netball Thursday" with a netball icon, connected by a line with the word "and". The text below the boxes says: "From Week 2 in Term 2, we will be launching the St Leo's Futsal and Netball Cup, with awesome prizes on offer!". It then states: "It is a \$10 donation to enter per team in a sport - a max of 10 people in a team. All profits go towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal." Below that, it says: "Get a team form from Emily Rologas (Year 11) at lunchtime outside the Youth Ministry room." At the bottom, in a purple-bordered box, it says: "Please return the form to Emily Rologas or Mr Kember with the money (no split payments) by 3pm on the 28th of April."

Two late goals from both sides saw the full-time score finish 4-4. Into extra time, and as the match looked set for penalties, an Asquith counter-attack saw them score the winner with the final score Asquith 5 – St Leo's 4. A very gallant effort in tough conditions. A special mention to **Tahlia H** who scored all four goals for Leo's.

PCYC Mixed Oz Tag

St Leo's were invited by the Police Youth Engagement officer from Ku-ring-gai to the Year 10 Mixed Oz Tag Competition. This day was for the local schools to participate alongside the police to build strong ties and ensure that the students know where they are able to go if they need to seek advice. The St Leo's team played well all day, and heading into the last pool match were undefeated. They faced Holy Cross Ryde and Marist Sisters who were also undefeated, with the winner progressing to the final. Unfortunately, the team went down 5-3 in a tight fought match with the Holy Cross/Marist Sisters going to win the final in convincing fashion. Congratulations to all students in the team for the effort that they showed on the day.

Next Edition:

- Athletics Carnival Update
- NSW Futsal Qualifying Championships
- NSW Volleyball Championships

REMINDERS:

Important Term 1 & 2 Dates

Term 1 Week	Date	Event
9	Thu 30 March	Lunchtime Presentation for Years 10-12 – University of Western Sydney
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
Term 2 Week	Date	Event
Term Dates (students): Wed 26 Apr - Thu 29 Jun		
1	Mon 24 Apr	SDD Pupil Free Day, Staff Spirituality Day
1	Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day public holiday
1	Wed 26 April	Students return for Term 2; Permitted late start
1	Wed 26 - Fri 28 April	Year 12 Retreat - The Tops
1	Wed 26 - Fri 28 April	Year 11 Bundanon Art Excursion
2	Monday 1 May	Year 7 Vaccinations
2	Monday 1 May	Year 10 Red Earth student presentation, 8.30am
2	Tues 2 May - Fri 5 May	Year 9 Camp - Somerset
3	Tues 9 May	Student Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews), 3.30 - 7.00pm - Years 11 and 12

3	Wed 10 May	Red Earth Parent Info Session, 6pm
3	Fri 12 May	Mother's Day Liturgy & Breakfast, 7.30am
4	Mon 15 May	Year 10 Entrepreneurship North Sydney excursion
5	Tues 23 May	Careers Expo, 4.30-6.30pm
5	Fri 26 May	Sorry Day
6	Mon 29 - Wed 31 May	Year 7 Camp - The Tops
6	Wed 31 May	College Photo Day 2 (Individual & Mentor Group photos)
7	Sun 4 June	Musical Rehearsal
7	Mon 5 Jun	World Environment Day
8	Mon 12 Jun	King's B'day public holiday
8	Tue 13 June	Year 10 Pastoral Day
8	Thu 15 June	College Athletics Carnival
8	Fri 16 June	Year 8 Pastoral Day
9	22 - 24 June	College Musical
10	Tue 27 June	Year 7-8 Studio Concert
10	Wed 28 June	Year 9-12 Studio Concert
10	Thu 29 June	Last day of Term 2 for students
10	Fri 30 June	Staff Development Day (System) – pupil free day

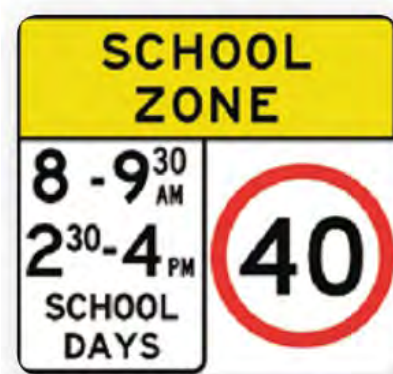
College Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminders

St Leo's would like to ensure that no member of our community is placed in danger before or after school. Our community's safety is our number one priority.

The College has received a small number of complaints from our neighbours recently about the parking habits of a small number of families. The College has also seen an increase in police presence in the area to ensure families are compliant in terms of parking, pick-ups and drop-offs.

To improve road safety around St Leo's, we need a team effort. Families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the parking restrictions around the College and to teach your children to be safe around traffic.

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians, including your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in child pedestrian casualties as girls, and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RTA). You need to take extra care when driving and parking in and around school zones, even when you think there are no children around.



Picking up your Children after School - Have a Plan

Plan with your child how you will collect them. *When and where will you be after school? Where should your child wait?* Make sure they know not to try getting into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped. They should wait until you have parked.



BUS ZONE - Fine exceeds \$265 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

A Bus Zone means you must not stop or park there unless you are driving a bus. They exist to provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up passengers. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

NO STOPPING - Fine exceeds \$265 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

You cannot stop in this area for any reason. They exist to keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid accidents.



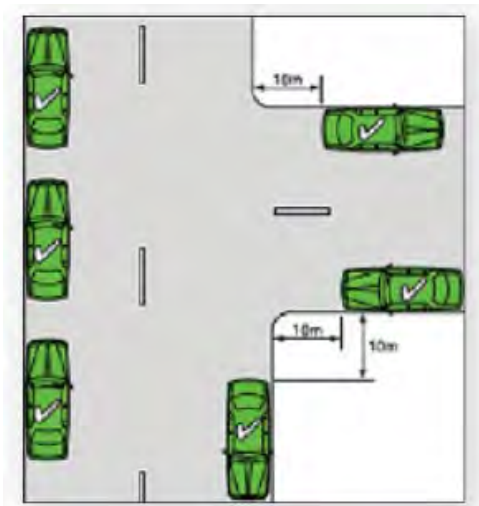
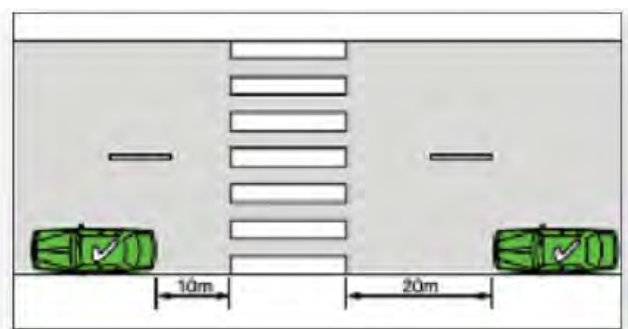
NO PARKING - Fine exceeds \$147 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of **two minutes** to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay **within three metres of your vehicle** at all times. These areas provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

Important Road Rules in School Zones

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking. These areas ensure that pedestrians can have a clear view of approaching vehicles and drivers can see pedestrians who are about to cross the road. Fine exceeds \$353 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

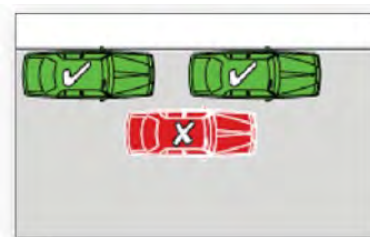


INTERSECTIONS

You must not stop within 10 metres of an intersection. This ensures that there is a clear view of children crossing the road at the intersection. Fine exceeds \$206

DOUBLE PARKING

You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers. Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road. Fine exceeds \$265 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.



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

CAPA Reminders

Private Music Tuition

St Leo's also offers our Pride Lands Private Music Tuition Program. If you are interested in receiving private lessons to learn an instrument and/or vocals please complete the following expression of interest form. Students are welcome to join the program at any time throughout the year, including mid-term.

Co-Curricular Website & Contact Details

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.

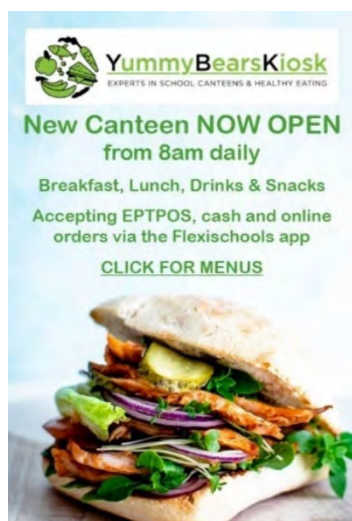
Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to [email Miss Shinas](#).

Timetable

The timetable (over) for our CAPA Ensembles and Programs has been updated. A reminder to check your Year Google Classroom for these details.

Miss Ellie Shinas, CAPA Co-Curricular Coordinator

Co-Curricular CAPA Ensembles / Programs 2023					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		7:30-8:30am Lions Concert Band (MML04)	7:00-7:45am Pride Hip Hop (MML01) 7:45-8:30am Pride Jazz (MML01) ALTERNATE TIMES LATE START WEEK A: 8:00am - 8:45am 8:45am - 9:30am	7:00-7:45am Lions Lyr/Cont (TWG) 7:45-8:30am Lions Jazz (TWG) 7:30-8:30am Lions Singers (MML03) 7:45-8:30am Pride Lyr/Cont (MML01) 7:45-8:30am Wildcats (TWG)	7:00-7:45am Lions Hip Hop (MML01) 7:30-8:30am Cubs Concert Band (MML04) 7:30-8:30am Pride Concert Band (MML04)
Recess					10:50-11:20am Guitar Ensemble (MML04)
Lunch		Accordion Group (MML04)	Male Vocal Group (MML04)	Girls Rock Band (MML04) Cubs Singers (CG02)	Rock Band (MML04) Cubs Art Club (MMG02)
After School	3:00-3:45pm Cubs Drama Club (CG02) 3:00-3:45pm Ceramics (MMG01)			3:05-4:00pm Cubs Dance (MML01)	
Art Cubs - Year 7 & 8 Ceramics - Years 7-12		Dance Cubs - Year 7 Wildcats - Recreational Dance Lions - Audition Only Pride - Audition Only		Drama Cubs - Years 7 & 8	
				Music Cubs - Year 7 Lions - Year 8-12 Pride - Invitation	




Canteen

Yummy Bear Catering, who run our Canteen, have a [NEW 2023 MENU](#).

Online orders are made through Flexischools. Please see instructions on the [Parent and Student Links](#) page of the College website.

Community Notices



Are you a good listener?

This skill can save a life

As a Crisis Supporter, you will be there for someone in their moment of need and could help to make a real difference to their future.

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Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Sydney – supporting your community

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

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



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 visit: www.westfield.com.au/chatswood




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Join other local families to learn more
about autism and ways to strengthen the
partnership between home and school

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Tuesday 4th April 2023
9.15am - 3.00pm



Hornsby RSL Club
4 High St
Hornsby NSW 2077

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Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit
www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact
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