

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 2 Term 2, 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to all our families for our Catholic learning journey for Term Two 2023. It has been a great and busy start to the Term.

Another Busy Start to the Term

We commenced last Monday with the **Staff Spirituality Day**, facilitated in our discussions by **Deacon Rosen Mathews** from Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

We spent time reflecting and discussing the <u>CSBB Catholic School Charter</u> and how it is one of the main drivers of our two strategic opportunities:

- Embedding high expectations for enabling success and learning for all, and
- Ensuring growth for all.



ANZAC Day

The following day - **ANZAC Day** - our students represented the St Leo's Catholic College community at the Diocesan ANZAC Day Commemoration Mass with **Bishop Anthony Randazzo**. Students also represented the

College at NSW Schools ANZAC Commemoration at the Pool of Reflection in Hyde Park in early April.



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Camps & Retreats

The first day back for Term Two (Wednesday), our Year 12 students and 10 staff departed for Stanwell Tops for their **Year 12 Retreat** over three days and two nights (see p.6). Our **Year 11 Visual Arts** class departed for Arthur



Boyd's Homestead and Studio at Bundanon. They became *Artists in Residence* for three days. Not only were their artistic skills developed across a number of mediums, but it provided an opportunity for positive learning relationships to be enhanced, not only peer to peer but also student to teacher (*see p.7*)

Yesterday our **Year 9** cohort departed for their Outdoor Experience at Camp Somerset on the Colo River, for 4 days.

I would like to acknowledge the staff who have (and are) giving up their (family, professional and personal) time to provide these faith/learning opportunities to our students:

Year 12 Retreat: Mr Tony Abou-Nasr, Mr Patrick Brennan, Ms Ailish Butler, Ms Isabella Hawke, Ms Colleen Kofron, Ms Jaya Kudhail, Mr Luke Liceralde, Ms Kelly Robinson, Mr Chris Sammut and Mr Ted Spurtacz

Year 11 Visual Arts Camp: Ms Tamara Bowman, Ms Anamaria Schneider and Mr Anthony Wilson

Year 9 Camp: Ms Melissa Barone, Mr Adam Barton, Ms Rosalie Belsey, Ms Erica Butler, Mr Glen Downey, Mr Sunny Huo, Ms Lucy McNay, Mr Joe Robinson and Mrs Kate Todd.

These important and memorable events have involved many staff and there has been a higher casual teacher rate than usual - but I wanted to outline not only the significance of these events - but also why the students not participating in these events have been having a replacement teacher. The standard and quality of work left for the students by their regular teacher is of the highest order, so disruption to learning is minimised.

Debating

On top of these events, the CSSA (Catholic Secondary Schools Association) Debating Season commenced last Friday evening. We hosted Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood (face-to face). Thank you to **Ms Hayley Spencer**, **Ms Lillian Treanor** and **Ms Melissa Barone** for their support and guidance last Friday evening. This week we are away at Redfield College, Dural. All the best to our students and coaches for this debate.



Morrisby Profiling

So as not to leave Year 10 students out of the picture, there was a fantastic roll up of parents for the Morrisby Testing that was conducted last Friday at the College. The Morrisby Consultant and Educational Psychologist **Emma Goodsir**, to learn more about the Morrisby Profiling Assessment and how to interpret the Assessment results of the students in order to get the most out of the report. This will give a good background to the start of the Subject Selection Process for Stage 6 (*more on p.6*).



Staffing

We welcome **Mr Richard Hannan** to the College staff. Mr Hannan has had a wealth of experience teaching both within the Diocese and more recently the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese. He is currently studying for a Graduate Certificate of Science, majoring in Mathematics. He has had a very successful experience in teaching students to Extension One Mathematics. Richard also is an accredited teacher of Religious Education. Given Richard's wide range of experience and expertise - he is currently teaching Religion, Mathematics and assisting with our diverse learning students. We welcome Richard to our staff.

College Bursar Ms Annette Stanton is on leave this term, and Ms Tracey Robertson is Acting in this role.



Reminder - Culture Survey:

A reminder to all parents and carers that we would appreciate you giving 10 mins of your precious time to complete the CSBB's (Catholic Schools Broken Bay) Culture Survey.

Each family was sent a letter last week. Here is the letter with the survey link.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Gleeson Principal





Year 11 and 12 Student Learning Conferences

Next Tuesday, 9 May our Year 11 and 12 students and their families have the opportunity to sit down and speak with their teachers about their progress in each course. This is an important evening, especially in the lead up to HSC and Year 11 examinations. The booking system is **NOW OPEN** on Compass and will close at **10am on Monday 8 May**. Information about booking through Compass was sent to all families via a Compass in Week 1.

HSC Written Examination Timetable

The Written HSC timetable for 2023 for all schools and students was released last week. You can <u>view the</u> <u>timetable here</u>. Year 12 students can access their individual timetables via their Students Online accounts. They should **check their schedules carefully** and advise **Mr Daniel Lane** of any timetable issues ASAP.

Year 10: Year 11 2024 Subject Selections

Parents of Year 10 students, please refer to the <u>Subject Selection letter</u> sent out recently outlining the process for Year 11 subject selections. Students have already undertaken the Morrisby testing, and for anyone who missed the Morrisby talk on Tuesday evening, a <u>recording can be accessed here</u>.

NCCD for Students with a Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year and is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. Schools provide this information to education authorities.

For further information about the NCCD, please refer to the NCCD Parent Fact Sheet.

Leo's Library & Learning Hub Update

Senior Study Sessions are back on Wednesdays!

Study Breakfasts will return in **Week 3 & 4**, followed by **Afternoon Teas Weeks 5-9**. In addition to a snack and hot drink, Senior Study sessions offer dedicated work time on assessments and prepare for exams, with access to physical copies of past papers (including HSC, Trial and Preliminary exams), access to a range of study guides, an opportunity for collaboration with other students and help from teachers who kindly volunteer their time.

Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC '23 is up and running, and we have lots of books just waiting to be read!

Look for the **blue PRC stickers**. Students keen to join the Challenge should **see Mrs de Kantzow** or **Mrs Moran**, or email Mrs de Kantzow.

New books!

The latest additions to the library are novels 'Fairy Tale' by **Stephen King**, 'The Sinister Booksellers of Bath' by **Garth Nix**, 'Meet me in Mumbai' by **Sabina Khan**, and money management book 'Barefoot Kids' by **Scott Pape**.

A reminder that the library is open for quiet work and reading before and after school – opening hours **7.30am to 4.30pm (4pm Mondays).**



Social - Emotional Growth Domain

An Invitation to all Mother Figures

We warmly invite students and their mothers, grandmothers and/or other maternal figures to our Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast:

Date: Friday, 12 May 2023

Liturgy: 7.30am, followed by a light breakfast **Venue:** The Light of Christ Centre (enter via Yardley Ave or Unwin Rd (Gates C or D)

Parking: Street parking with additional parking on basketball courts (off Yardley Ave via OLOR

entrance)

<u>Please RSVP HERE</u> by midday, Tuesday 9 May with the total number of attendees for catering purposes, along with any special dietary requirements.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Red Earth Immersion – Year 10 Parent Information Evening

Following the Student Information Session this week, a Parent Information Evening will be held next week for parents and carers of Year 10 students interested in joining the Red Earth Immersion to Central Australia.

The meeting will be held **via Zoom on Wednesday, 10 May from 6pm**. Details: **ZOOM LINK**; Meeting ID: 833 4296 2615; Passcode: **493647**

About the Immersion:

Students will travel to remote Indigenous homelands in Central Australia. They 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 Indigenous children eager for a window to the outside world.

The group will stay in safe areas on privately held Aboriginal land not otherwise accessible. They will learn, make, gather, eat, give, grow and connect with Traditional Owners and Indigenous Australia. Due to the expected high interest, the immersion of open only to students in Year 10 at this stage.

Dates: Mon 2 - Wed 11 October 2023 (10 Days, 9 Nights). Cost: \$4,325pp. For more information, please visit the Red Earth website.



New St Leo's Careers Website!

We aim to provide you with the latest information to help make decisions about future careers and life beyond school. To assist with this, we have a brand new St Leo's Careers Website!

Use the site to easily access HSC information, research all the various school and post-school study options, search for current job vacancies, traineeships and apprenticeships, find University, TAFE and any other types of courses available across Australia.

You can also view and register for upcoming St Leo's Careers and Pathways events, explore career options based on subjects you like (Career Targets), read or subscribe to the latest Careers Tools newsletters – even find out how to apply for a Tax File Number or lodge a Tax Return!



To make it easy to find it, the Careers website will soon be accessible via the College website. In the meantime, you might like to bookmark it!

Why not take a look now? Visit the new CAREERS WEBSITE

St Leo's Higher Education & Careers Expo – Tuesday, 23 May 2023, 4.30-6.30pm

We are excited to again invite Year 9-12 students and their parents/carers *from all schools* to our 2023 Higher Education and Careers Expo:

When – Tuesday, 23 May from 4.30 to 6.30pm

Where - Mary MacKillop Centre, St Leo's

Over 30 stands with a range of tertiary education providers, apprenticeship and training providers and industry professionals will be there to answer your questions about the diverse study and career pathways available beyond school.

There will also be presentations by a number of key exhibitors (final presentation schedule and list of exhibitors will be published the week before



the event and emailed to all registered attendees.

CAREERS EXPO - REGISTER HERE!

Year 10 Morrisby Career Profiling

To support our Year 10 students in their important subject and career decisions, St Leo's has once again organised for students to undertake a comprehensive career assessment using the Morrisby Profile tools. The assessment focuses on career interests, aptitudes and some aspects of personality. This information can be helpful when accompanied by



school and parent/carer knowledge of students to assist them with selecting subjects for Year 11 and eventually in career decisions.

Students completed this assessment last week and, following an information Zoom session together with parents/carers, the results were released. Many students have already contacted teachers to discuss different aspects of their personal report, indicating their value.

'School Sucks' Webinar – School Avoidance and Refusal

Recently Principal **Mr Anthony Gleeson** and Director of Wellbeing for Learning, **Ms Megan Tynan** attended an online seminar hosted by **Dr. Justin Coulson** on the topic of school avoidance or school refusal. They found the webinar very interesting and wanted to share the information with any parents or carers who may be struggling with this issue.

Topics included:

- What constitutes school avoidance?
- Why school sucks there are 3 psychological needs not being met.
- What can you do as a parent to encourage school attendance?
- What can educators do to encourage school attendance?

Read a <u>summary of the webinar</u>, or for further information and resources visit the <u>Happy Families website</u>.



What's Been Happening @ Leo's!

Year 12 on Retreat

Last week our Year 12 students attended a three-day retreat at the beautiful 'Tops' facility at Stanwell Tops. The retreat's goal was to provide students with an opportunity to disconnect from the pressures of everyday life and connect with their peers and teachers, grow deeper in their faith, reflect on their high school experience and prepare for the transition beyond high school.

The retreat was packed with engaging, reflective and fun sessions that fostered a sense of camaraderie. The first day included ice breaking activities, prayer, self reflection and guest speaker **Mr Sam Clear**, who walked solo around the world in 568 days! Sam travelled 15,600km on foot through South, Central and North America, across Siberia by train, and on foot again from Moscow to the western most point of Spain.

Sam's 'walk for unity', thrust him onto the front page of numerous international news services as he persevered despite exceptional adversity.

Having to find food & water every day was the least of his worries: he was threatened at gun point three times, robbed at knife point, beaten up on the side of the road, came face to face with dangerous animals, was hospitalised many times and endured extreme temperatures.

Sam's faith, perseverance and grit inspired our students.





We finished the evening with a guided meditation and prayer session led by **Mrs Colleen Kofron**.

The second day was dedicated to workshops, a further session by Sam and a vision board activity with our College Counsellor, **Ms Jaya Khan**. The evening involved a number of faith-based activities including candle painting, mandala decorating, Jesus bead making, affirmation and intersession writing, and labyrinth walking. We were lucky to have **Mr Gleeson** visit during this popular session.



A highlight was students receiving a letter written to them by their parents, making for a very emotional evening.

The final day was spent reflecting on their high school journey and celebrating Mass together. This exercise allowed students to think deeply about what they wanted to achieve and how they could grow their relationships with God in keeping with our 2023 theme, 'Do not be afraid to dream of big things'.

Overall, the retreat was a fantastic experience coupled with amazing weather. It provided an opportunity to build stronger bonds among the students, further enhance their faith formation and relationship with Jesus, learn from experts, and reflect on their high school journey.

Thanks to the students for their engagement and to the staff who took time away from their families: **Mr Sammut, Ms Robinson, Ms Hawke, Ms Kofron, Mr Liceralde, Mr Spurtacz, Ms Buttler** and **Mr Abou-Nasr.**

Bundanon Art Camp

This was a unique opportunity for students to work in a collaborative environment, enabling them to immerse themselves in their own artmaking practice, by responding to the surrounding environment, and experience working plein air (outdoors) as well as in a studio environment. Students were continuously inspired

by the beautiful landscape with kangaroos and wombats grazing freely throughout the days.



At night I held a workshop with the assistance of my year 11 photography and Digital Media class in light photography which the students enjoyed immensely.

Students explored a range of landscapes with mediums from charcoal watercolour, inks, pencils, and torn paper. We also enjoyed a visit to the Arthur Boyd gallery viewing both contemporary sculpture, 3D animated films and Merrick Boyd's drawings.

Ms Anamaria Schneider, Creative Arts Teacher



Science Club



The Science Club was resurrected this week post Covid, with the first meeting held on Wednesday. Students witnessed the infamous 'elephant's toothpaste' demonstration, followed by electrolysis of water where they were able to conduct the hydrogen gas 'pop' and the oxygen gas tests.

Joseph S (Year 11) displayed his leadership qualities, sharing his knowledge about catalysts and engaging the students with the Chemistry demonstrations.

The Science Club will have a series of different teachers lead sessions every second week at lunchtime. Students were surveyed to see what type of activities they were interested in participating in for future meeting. We hope to showcase the various disciplines in science including biology, chemistry and physics. We hope to see more students learning about the great wonders of science through future Science Club meetings.

Mr Chris Gould, Leader of Learning, Science

Robotics & Coding Club

There are still a few places available for the Term 2 after school Coding and Robotics Club.

The Club resumes on Wednesday 10 May and runs for 8 x 1.5hr afternoon sessions to Wednesday 28 June.

This term, students will build an LED Lightbox with LED strip, controller box and mobile app, and customise and 3D print the lightbox lid – extending both their software and hardware skills. New students and beginners will be tutored so that they can participate in the club straight away.

The sessions are run from 3.10pm to 4.40pm each Wednesday here at St Leo's by NexGen Code Camp. The cost is \$370 including GST (Creative Kids Vouchers can be used for a \$100 discount).

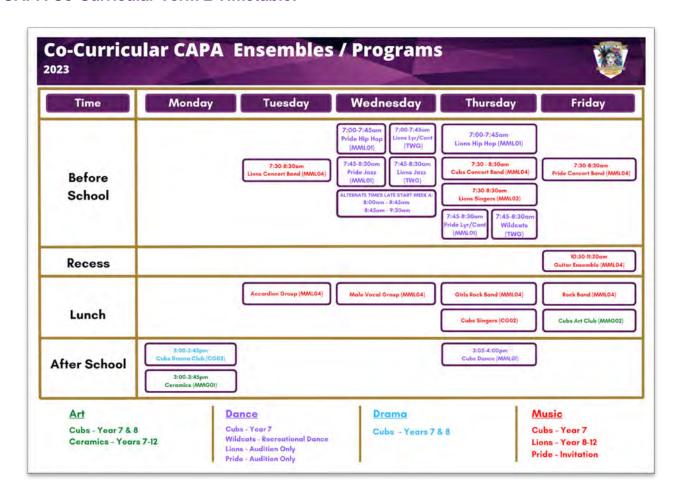
<u>Further information about the content</u> is on the NexGen website, or email NextGen.

<u>Click here to register</u>, or contact <u>Mr Slowey</u>, Pathways & Partnership Leader for more information about our Pathways program.





CAPA Co-Curricular Term 2 Timetable:



Cubs Art Club

Year 7 students interested in our Cubs Art Club who missed out in Term 1, please see Miss Shinas to add your name if not yet joined Art Club for Term 2.

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 <u>expression of interest form</u>. 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 <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>.

The Addams Family: School Edition

Only 47 Days Until Open Night - but who's counting? (We are!)

Tickets and more information will be released SOON!

Performance Dates:

- 22nd June 2023 Opening Night
- 23rd June 2023 Evening
- 24th June 2023 Matinee & Evening





Sports Wrap

Bradman Cricket

Over the school holidays, three of our Year 9 students, **Brendan W**, **Hugo W** and **Tom A** and Year 8 student **Isaac L** played in the U/14 Bradman Spirit of Cricket Carnival in Bowral. The carnival is held in



honour of Sir Don Bradman and sees the best regional teams play against sides from the Sydney Metropolitan area. The boys played extremely well and scored a number of runs throughout all games. Well done boys!

More Softball Success!

In previous Lion Roars we have heard about the many accomplishments of our softballers, but this week received the news that both **Maddi and Milla D** have been selected for the U/17 Australian team to travel to Canada for the

upcoming Canadian Cup Championships! This comes after they were at the AIS in April for training camps and also recent performances at the 2023 National titles. We wish both girls the best of luck in Canada and look forward to hearing about the experience.

Faye a National Badminton Champion!

Over the holidays, the National Badminton Championships were held in Melbourne. In the U/15 Doubles division, our own **Faye H** (Year 9) was crowned **National Champion**! Congratulations Faye on your fantastic achievement!

BBSSSA Open Boys and Girls Soccer

This week our Open Boys and Girls soccer teams travelled to Cromer Park to compete in the BBSSSA Gala Day.

Both teams played extremely well in the pool stages, with the girls recording wins against Brigidine (2-1), St Peter's (3-0), Mackillop (3-0) and St Joseph's (1-0), meaning they won their group and progressed to the semifinals. The boys in the pool stages recorded wins against St Brigid's (2-0), St Paul's (2-0), and a narrow 1-0 loss to St Edward's.

With both teams in the semi-finals, the girls played a strong Stella Maris side and after a first half goal, held on for a 1-0 win. The boys also won a narrow semi-final 1-0 against Mater Maria. This was the first time that both the Open Boys and Girls have qualified for the finals.

In the Grand-final the boys came up against St Edward's again and battled hard but went down 2-0, while the girls had an epic grand final match against MSB, and with a goal in the first half looked to have the game won, before MSB equalised and game went to penalties. Fantastic saves by goalkeeper **Natasha T** meant that the girls came out as **Broken Bay Champions**!

Congratulations to both sides on fantastic results. The gala day also doubles as a selection for the Broken Bay Open Boys and Girls representative sides and we are waiting to find out if any St Leo's students were successful.

Sports Cup

Over the last few weeks, the St Leo's Sports Cup has been advertised for students to put together teams in both Netball or Futsal.

These games will be published over the next few days on the Year Group Google Classroom pages and competition updates will be posted in the Lion Roars.

All games will be played in the LOCC at lunchtimes.

Next Edition...

- Australian All Schools Athletics
- BBSSSA Cross Country
- Peninsula Cup Update.



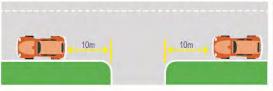
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PENALTIES FROM: \$352* Demerit Points apply

Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)



Demerit Points apply in

Youth Week

Westfield

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20-30 April 2023

- Celebrate Youth Week in Hornsby Shire with FREE events for all young people aged 12-24.
- Youth Week Launch. Kick off Youth Week in style with FREE ice cream from Retro Birdie.
 Thursday 20 April, 11am 12pm.
 Galston Recreation Reserve, Galston.
- Work Ready Skills for young people with disability & parents/carers. Thursday 20 April, 3pm – 4pm, Hornsby Library. FREE pizza and drinks from 4pm – 5pm for participants. Bookings required.
- Community CPR Training. Friday 21 April, 10am –
 12pm. Hornsby Aquatic & Leisure Centre. FREE lunch for participants. Bookings required.
- Westfield's Youth Services Expo. Wednesday 26 April, 2.30pm – 4pm. Hornsby Mall.
- LGBTQIA+ Gathering @ Food Truck Friday. Friday 28 April, 5pm – 8:30pm. Greenway Park Carpark, Cherrybrook. 100 x FREE \$25 food vouchers available.
- VIP Movie Night. Saturday 29 April, 6pm 830pm.
 Event Cinema, Hornsby. Bookings required.
- All events are Drug and Alcohol free.

Scan the QR code for more info and to book



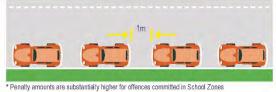
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PENALTIES FROM: \$117

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No Parking Zone

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.







Penalty: \$117 or \$196 in School Zo

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STOPPING

Bus Zones

- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown





Penalty: \$275 or \$352 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



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No Stopping Zone

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- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

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- Always use pedestrian crossings.
- Never assume that a driver can see you or will stop for you. Their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light, parked cars or other distractions.
- Remember that drivers take longer than usual to stop in the rain or on a wet road.
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the footpath and while you are crossing the road.
 Children up to ten years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the
- Avoid using a mobile phone, head phones or other device while you are crossing the road.
- Watch out for bicycles.

