

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remember in your prayers one of our staff members, **Ms Carmel Hegarty**, whose mother passed away in Ireland last week. Carmel had the opportunity to be by her side in Ireland in the last few days. Carmel will be back at school late next week.

Aerobics

This Sunday, our Aerobics teams will be competing at the Regional Titles at Penrith. We wish the 45 students involved all the best as they try to gain qualification for the Nationals to be held in Adelaide next term. Our teams have been preparing for these two competitions since Term IV last year. There have been many 7am starts for these students and their coaches. I would also like to acknowledge the parents/carers for their efforts as I often run into them prior to 7am on Woolcott Avenue as they do the drop off at school twice a week.

Thank you to **Mrs Tamara Bowman**, **Ms Lucy McNay** and **Mr Michael Kember** who coordinate this ongoing yearly commitment and opportunity for our students.



Year 7 Camp



Last Monday evening I had the opportunity to visit the Year 7 Camp at Stanwell Tops. The students competed against each other in a variety of activities from high ropes to developing the skills that are so necessary to be able to live with each other and contribute in a meaningful way.



Thank you to the staff who sacrificed their time from their families (and work commitments) to provide this opportunity for our students: **Mr Ashley Johansen** (Leader of Year 7), **Ms Lucy McNay**, **Ms Tamara Bowman**, **Ms Trish Cura**, **Mr Richard Hannan**, **Mr Sam Groom**, **Mr Chris Gould**, **Ms Natasha Lewis**, **Ms Alysha Cameron**, **Ms Melissa Barone**, **Mr Roger Topp** and **Mr Joe Robinson**.

Student Achievements & Reconciliation Week

On Wednesday, we held the second of our *College Assemblies* for this Term, acknowledging and recognising many of our students in a wide range of achievements and talents.



The theme was *Reconciliation Week* and we prayed as a community for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to continue to explore how each of us can contribute to achievement reconciliation in Australia. I reminded the students that this starts not only in the home, but here at school in our everyday dealings with each other. The way we speak, the way we invite others to join in our games, the way we listen to others - respect for all!

On Monday, students with an Indigenous heritage will address our morning assembly with their reflection on Reconciliation Week.

We listened to our musicians performing two beautiful pieces, and we congratulated our **Open Girls Football (Soccer) team** on winning the Broken Bay Competition with the final game against Mount St Benedict's, winning on penalties. They now go onto the NSWCCC Knockout against Loreto Kirribilli next week, under the captainship of **Keely M** of Year 12 (right).

Seven students were presented with Pride Medallions for their aptitude and academic rigour.



Max leads the Vinnies Sleepout Fundraising

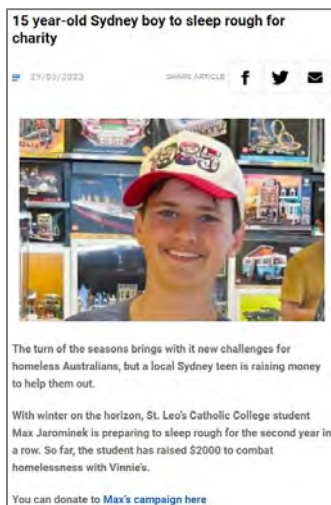
Our Social Justice students promoted the upcoming *Vinnies Sleepout* this Friday evening. So far **over \$30,000 has been raised!** Our current highest individual fundraiser, **Max J** from Year 9 was

[interviewed on 2GB](#) about his participation in the Sleepout. Here are a couple of comments from our fundraising page:

"Good effort Max. I am a Leo's Old Boy living in Port Douglas...and heard you on 2GB (I was streaming.) Good luck and congrats." (Geoff)

"So good to hear of a young man who is doing all the right things given this very strange world we live in. You are an excellent example, young man." (Sonia)

Well done Max!



Farewell Mr Abou-Nasr

We wish **Mr Tony Abou-Nasr** all the best for his future as he leaves us next week to take a position in another diocese. Tony has made valuable contributions here over the past year in Religious Education, English and acting co-leader of Year 7 and extra-curricular activities - particularly in Rugby League.



Careers Expo Thankyou

Last week, a very successful and well attended *Careers Expo* was conducted here at the College. There were over 37 exhibitors ranging across all tertiary sectors and Year 13 job opportunities! Over 85 staff from many institutions/organisations made themselves available for not only our students, but their parents/carers and students from other schools in the local area. Thank you to **Ms Mel Duff** on her brilliant and detailed organisation around this opportunity for our students.

Stronger Student Connections to the College Leadership Team

In line with the recent *School Evaluation*, was the need for a deeper opportunity for our students to be connected with the whole College Leadership Team. Last Monday, two of our Student Leaders were invited to be part of this team. We spent time during the College leadership Meeting discussing issues around student faith, learning and wellbeing.

This initiative will provide an opportunity for our students to raise issues that may be outside of the parameters of an SRC meeting or only speaking to one or two leadership team members. It will be an opportunity for a discussion around any topic that they wish. It is also a chance for our leadership to raise topics directly with the student representatives. Part of this initiative is that any discussions/decisions made by this team will be made with the *students at the centre*. This will be a regular fortnightly opportunity for authentic dialogue.

New MP Highlights his Time at St Leo's

Last week another past student of the College, **Mr Matthew Cross MP**, Member for Davidson (*centre below*), had the opportunity to deliver his Inaugural speech to the NSW Legislative Assembly. He highlighted his schooling at St Leo's and **Mr Ralph Kershler** (*right below*). Here is an extract from his speech. (Read his [full speech here](#)).

"Mr Speaker ... My second set of values comes from institutions, individuals and communities I greatly respect and admire. These are the values of faith, compassion, liberalism, community mindedness and friendship.

My formal education started at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Asquith. Our school motto was "Faith". When meeting people, we were taught to add at the end of every greeting, "and may God bless you."

Both acts profoundly impacted the way I look and feel about people. It was from a young age I embraced the power of prayer. I pray that I will always see the best in people — because every individual deserves respect and dignity.

My journey continued to St Leo's Catholic College in Wahroonga, that instilled in me compassion. Long before it was acknowledged, we as a community gave an apology to the stolen generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. We raised awareness of World Aids Day, and we helped destigmatise the plight of homelessness. I thank my teacher and mentor Ralph Kershler. You helped teach me the importance of compassion..."

Thank you for your time,

Tony Gleeson
Principal



Spiritual Growth Domain



National Reconciliation Week

This week we paused to listen. To listen with open hearts and a preparedness to hear the stories of First Nations peoples – expressed with generosity and love by our First Nations students. I feel so very privileged in this space to have the opportunity to listen to their sharing, to reflect and to hope.

It fills me with genuine sorrow for a past tainted by ignorance and mistreatment and I acknowledge the systemic injustices my history has been a part of. It is important we recognise such injustices so that we understand.

As a father, I reflect upon the agony of having your children forcibly removed. I wonder at how it could ever have been presumed that a



people who are the oldest continuing living culture in the world, who had survived for over 60 000 years, could have endured the robbing of children, land, and language.

On Monday, we will be listening to the words of three of our Indigenous students; **Joseph G** (Year 10), **Anthony M** (Year 10) and **Marisa M** (Year 9).

As an educator listening to the voices of young Indigenous students prepared to share and to teach, I am humbled and grateful. I am inspired by the love and hope of our First Nations students who are prepared to speak about their pride and journey.

I thank our First Nations students, and your families and ancestors who have nurtured you, for the gift of learning and recognition you give your community of St Leo's Catholic College.

I hope the sons and daughters of all our families can share their own reflections during National Reconciliation Week, seeking opportunity to learn, grow and love.

I acknowledge that the land on which I am learning and teaching, listening and sharing, is Darug and Guringai Land. I

acknowledge the Darug and Guringai people of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land and waters, and pay respects to the elders past, present and emerging. I acknowledge the wisdom imparted on this land for generations and I express my appreciation to all First Nations peoples in our St Leos's College community, mindful of the privilege and responsibility I have in learning from and accompanying your sons and daughters in their education. This land was, is and always will be Darug and Guringai country.

Mr Patrick Brennan, Assistant Principal – Evangelisation and Catechesis



Social - Emotional Growth Domain

Youth Ministry @ St Leos

Shine! Youth Ministry Day

Shine! is an annual youth ministry formation day that is part of the *Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Internation (CSYMI)* program. On Friday of Week 4, 50 students from Years 9 - 12 headed up to St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah, for a great day of music, talks, workshops with students from all the Broken Bay high schools. We were led by **Fr Rob Galea**, a musical priest who is an internationally known speaker, as well as by **Bishop Anthony**, for a Q&A session in which he shared about his own vocation.

Ignite Leaders Launch

The *Ignite Catholic Youth Conference* will be held at St Leo's in the Term 3 holidays, drawing hundreds of young people from across NSW and interstate. A launch for leaders was held at St Leo's, with the bishop as well as clergy, school staff and youth ministers from around the diocese. A highlight of the evening was the testimony of four St Leo's students - **Tony, Seb, Shane and Lily** - who shared about their own powerful experience of Ignite last year.



Please have a look at [their website](#) and put this date in your diaries if you would like your child to experience this powerful and life-shaping event: 28 September - 1 October 2023.



Year 8 Reflection Day

Year 8 recently spent a day connecting – through singing, playing games and a range of activities led by **Chris Doyle**.

Some brave students and staff got up to share their talents behind a microphone or on an improvised catwalk.

Chris encouraged the Year 8s to think about the choices they make, the kind of people they want to be, and how to live a loving and fulfilling life.

Vinnies Winter Appeal 'Bake Sale'

The Year 11 Vinnies team have been showing great leadership of the College community. As well as planning and promoting the Winter Sleepout, they have also been running highly popular lunchtime Futsal and Netball competitions.

On top of this they organised a very successful 'bake sale', with the support of **Mdm Noel**, themselves (and some families) cooking and selling a great selection of baked goods and raising \$980 in the process! This money has been used to fund the expenditures for the Winter Sleepout so that all money raised from the Sleepout can go directly to Vinnies. Thank you to all who baked, assisted and purchased the baked goods on the day.



Reconciliation Week

The Social Justice Group prepared a video a video exploring the Uluru Statement from the Heart for assembly this week. They also created a huge image of the Rainbow serpent that stretches along three

classrooms at the bottom of Teresa House.



Street Retreat

Every few weeks, a small group of Year 10 students walk from Wynyard Station to Kings Cross, learning about homelessness and Christian outreach to the homeless along the way - such as Hope Street, the Wayside Chapel and St Canisus' Kitchen.

The students are guided through the day by Nick, a local who was formerly homeless himself.

Careers News

St Leo's Careers Expo 2023

Once again, we had a great turnout for the St Leo's Careers Expo held on Tuesday, 23 May. There were 37 exhibitors including tertiary education providers, apprenticeship and traineeship providers and industry professionals. Many of the exhibitors presented their key information through short presentations and





there was plenty of opportunity for students to learn about a diverse range of careers pathways available beyond school.

These events do not happen without a lot of behind-the-scenes work and I would like to say a big thank you to the many students and staff who volunteered their time on the evening to make it a really special event.



Attention Year 12 Students and Parents – Early Entry Information

Many Universities have opened their Early Entry Applications including Macquarie University. Please [visit the new St Leo's Careers Website](#) for more information.

University Early Entry Schemes 2024

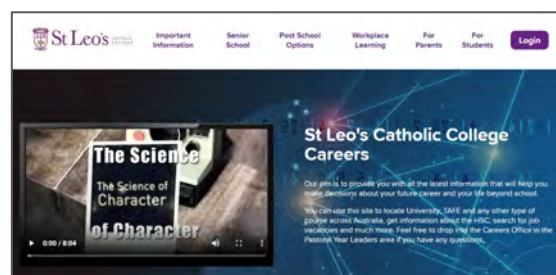
These are generally based off Year 11 results and in some cases, additional criteria:

University	Entry Scheme link	Opening date 2023	Closing Date 2023	Outcome Release Date
Macquarie University	Leaders and Achievers	Round 1: Open Now! Round 2: Tues 1 Aug 2023	Mon 31 July Thurs 31 Aug	Mon 4 Sept Thurs 28 Sept
University Technology Sydney	Early Entry Scheme	7 June 2023	4 Sept	19 Sept provisional offer made
Western Sydney University	True Rewards Scheme	Open Now!	Round 1: 6 Sept	14 Sept conditional offers released
ACU	ACU Guarantee	24 July	18 Sept	Offers made from early Sept
Notre Dame University	Early offer Program	Open Now!	Sat 30 Sept	Varies
University of New Castle	Early Entry Program	Round 1: Open Now!	29 Aug	7 Sept Early Offer released
Charles Sturt University	CSU Advantage	Open Now!	30 June	Offers Late July
University New England	Direct Early Entry Program	Open Now!	15 Sept	Varies
Southern Cross University	Early Offer	Open Now!	No date found	Varies
University of Tasmania	School Recommendation Program	29 June	31 July	24-25 Aug



More University Information – Open Days & Events

The latest **St Leo's Careers Newsletter** featuring Open Days and events has been downloaded on the new St Leo's Careers Website. [Visit the CAREERS WEBSITE](#)



What's Been Happening @ Leo's!

Year 7 Camp



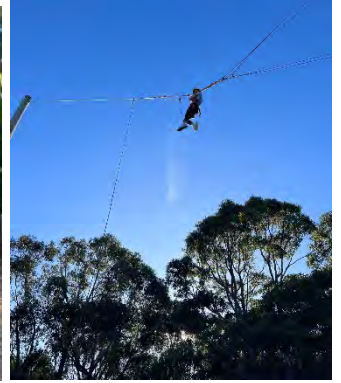
This week Year 7 attended camp at The Tops Conference Centre - Stanwell Tops. It was a wonderful bonding experience for the students as they really enjoyed clear blue skies and sunshine over the three days.

Upon arrival our 200+ cohort were divided into ten mixed activity groups and were challenged by a rotation of different activities from the outset including abseiling, the giant swing, high ropes, treeline adventures, survivor, cart racing and archery. For our night activities, the students were entertained by The Tops staff with interactive night activities and house trivia. On our last day, we visited Symbio WildLife Park and students were able to explore the different animal enclosures and presentations that were available as well as some souvenir shopping.

Although students were tired by the end of the camp, the formation of new friendships, resilience skill sets, camaraderie and positive relationships were evident upon our return. Special thanks must be directed to the 12 attending staff who accompanied Year 7 over the three day program and ensured that the students had a fun experience across the range of activities. It was a real team effort, and Year 7 should be extremely proud of their individual efforts in both negotiating and responding to the different challenges that were presented - they were a credit to both themselves and the College. Great work team!

Mr Ashley Johansen, Leader of Learning: Pastoral - Year 7





CSDA Debating Competition

This term, students across Years 7-12 have been competing in the CSDA debating competition. This competition consists of a large number of Catholic schools in the metropolitan area. So far, our students have competed against five different schools with the final round of the competition being held at Catherine McAuley College this Friday. Each week, the teams have had one hour to plan their arguments and examples before the debate begins.



Across the rounds, students have gained valuable skills in their ability to define and articulate an argument, provide relevant examples and to refute the opposing team's case. Each week their confidence in their presentation skills has improved as students are judged on their matter (content and arguments), manner (how they present the material) and method (how well they work as a team).

A particular congratulations is needed to our Year 7 Debating team who has won 4 out of their 5 debates so far.

This year we have seen students step out of their comfort zones to participate in debating and it has been

heartening to see their courage in tackling the difficulty and daunting nature of debating.



A special thank you is also needed for the teaching staff and students who have volunteered their time on a Friday night to help support the debaters with adjudicating and other support duties. Without their support, it would not be possible to participate in this valuable opportunity.

Teacher Excursion to Sydney Flight College

On 30 May, a group of passionate maths and science teachers embarked on an awe-inspiring visit to the Sydney Flight Centre, a hub of technological innovation and aerospace exploration.

As they stepped foot into this wondrous world, their minds ignited with curiosity and excitement. The sight of cutting-edge aircraft, advanced simulators, and interactive exhibits left them in awe. The teachers found themselves immersed in the marvels of physics, engineering, and mathematics behind flight.



They engaged in stimulating conversations with experts, absorbing knowledge and envisioning creative ways to integrate aviation principles into their classroom lessons.

Inspired by the experience, these teachers returned with a renewed passion to ignite a love for science and maths among their students, igniting their curiosity to reach for the skies.

Sydney Writers' Festival

*Written by **Aayush G** and **Atharba A***

At the annual Sydney Writers' Festival on the 22nd of May, we had the extraordinary opportunity to immerse ourselves in a world of literature, creativity, and thought-provoking conversations. The festival, held at Chatswood Performing Arts Centre provided an inspiring platform for famous authors such as **Lili Wilikson**, **Jeremy Lachlan**, **Jane Godwin**, and international author **Jason Reynolds** (who was responsible for creating Marvel's acclaimed Miles Morales) to share their experiences understanding life and writing their books, which were inspired mainly by real-life adversities. We had the chance to engage with these renowned authors, attend bookstalls and get various books signed by literary influences that impact countless lives every day with their touching stories which transport us to a completely different world. We would like to thank **Mrs Megan De Kantzow** for organising the day, and also to the accompanying staff **Ms Lillian Treanor** and **Mrs Jane Moran** for giving up their time to provide us with the opportunity to learn more about the world of writing, and how we can impact it in the future.



The blurb from award-winning author Jason Reynolds' "When We Were the Greatest"- Ali's boxing coach Malloy and his parents help him learn from his mistakes and gain responsibility for his actions. It is a powerful story about friendship and family, showing how they might not always be perfect but are still tremendously important in both good and bad times.



Theatresports Schools Challenge

On Thursday the 18th of May, **Lucy B**, **Alejandra A**, **Alex M**, **Marta F** and **Chloe A** represented our Stage 5 Drama cohort by competing in the Intermediate Section of the Theatresports Schools Challenge - where they received 4th place in their heat!

The event involved teams from over 150 independent and government schools presenting comic and dramatic scenes made up entirely on the spot. Students demonstrated their effort, passion, and pure interest for Drama in both the lead up to and the day of the event. Fantastic work to all the students involved!



REMINDERS:

Parent Partnership for Mathematical Learning



The Maths Team at St Leo's is looking to partner with parents to craft parts of a new Year 9 and 10 Maths Elective course from 2024 onward.

We hope to design projects that involve applying mathematical thinking in real-world scenarios or to solve real-world problems. Here are a few examples:

- Engineers and architects use certain geometric shapes and symmetries to optimise stability
- Algorithms that are designed to solve problems
- Businesses use mathematical models to inform marketing strategies or supply chain
- Financial planning that impacts low-income earners or investors
- How data is used to identify patterns in order to predict trends, or how data is analysed to identify weaknesses and/or solutions

We are looking for parents willing to share their insights, ideas, passions and areas of expertise as we innovate and improve our students' learning. Please help if you can!

Please indicate your interest with this form and we will get back to you: [Maths Partnership Interest Form](#)

Important Term 2 Dates

Term 2 Week	Date	Event
6	Fri 2 – Sat 3 June	Vinnies Winter Sleepout
6	Fri 2 June	Debating Round 6
7	Sun 4 June	Musical Rehearsal & Aerobics
7	Mon 5 Jun	World Environment Day
7	Mon 5 – Wed 7 June	Jamberoo Abbey Retreat (boys)
7	Tue 6 June	BBSSSA Junior Boys & Girls Football (Soccer)
8	Mon 12 Jun	King's Birthday public holiday
8	Wed 14 June	BBSSSA U16 Girls Rugby League Trials
8	Thu 15 June	Year 10 Pastoral Day
8	Thu 15 June	Parents in Partnership Meeting
8	Fri 16 June	Year 8 Pastoral Day
9	Mon 19 – Wed 21 June	Jamberoo Abbey Retreat (girls)
9	Thu 22 – Sat 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



Cultural Growth Domain

CAPA Reminders

Co-Curricular Eisteddfods 2023

Eisteddfods are just around the corner for our co-curricular ensembles. Please keep an eye out for more information and permission forms next week. See dates below - please note these may be subject to change:

Dance

- [City of Ryde Eisteddfod](#) – 22 July (Sat pm)
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club (Dance only)
Lions and Pride Contemporary
Lions and Pride Jazz
Lions and Pride Hip Hop
- [The Hills Dance Spectacular](#) – 27 August (Sun)
Dural
Cubs, Lions and Pride Jazz
Lions and Pride, Hip Hop
Lions and Pride Lyrical/Contemporary
- [Hawkesbury Eisteddfod](#) - 29 August (Tue)
Windsor Function Centre
Cubs, Lions and Pride Jazz
Lions and Pride, Hip Hop
Lions and Pride Lyrical/Contemporary

Music

- [City of Ryde Eisteddfod](#) - 25 July (Tue)
Cox's Road
Girls Rock Band, Rock Band, Accordion Group and Guitar Ensemble
- City of Ryde Eisteddfod - 26 July (Wed)
Ryde Eastwood Leagues
Cubs and Lions Singers and Male Vocal Group
- City of Ryde Eisteddfod - Between 1-3 August (TBA)
Ryde Eastwood Leagues
Cubs and Lions Concert Band and Pride Performance Band

Drama

- [City of Ryde Eisteddfod](#) - Between July/August (TBA)
Ryde Eastwood Leagues or West Ryde Community Centre
Drama Club Groups

2023
RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION
WORKS TO BE INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S
THEME... *Compassion*
"... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."
1 Peter 3:8
PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE WORK OF MARY MAC'S PLACE
Join us for the ultimate celebration of creativity and talent at Catholic Schools Broken Bay's highly anticipated competition. Open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories, including visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, with industry performers and judges in attendance. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to showcase your creative talent!
Stage 1 - Competition closes 18 August 2023.
Stage 2 - Finalists judging 7 September 2023.
Stage 3 - Finalists showcase evening 24th October 2023.
Register your interest at your school and mark the important dates on your calendar. Get ready to make your mark in the world of art and entertainment!
MORE INFO
Entries Close 18 August 2023
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay

The Addams Family Comedy Musical

We are excited to announce that tickets for the St Leo's production of The Addams Family will go on sale **next week!**

Tickets will go on sale from **Monday** to families of students in the production, followed on **Wednesday** with tickets open to everyone. An email will be sent to all parents via Compass with the Trybooking link to purchase tickets as soon as the site is open next week.

Performance Dates:

- 22 June 2023 - Opening Night, 7pm
- 23 June 2023 – Evening, 7pm
- 24 June 2023 – Matinee 2pm & Evening 7pm.

Co-Curricular Website & Contact Details

All information regarding our CAPA Co-Curricular Program and timetable is available via our [St Leo's Co-Curricular CAPA Website](#), we encourage you to bookmark this page. For any enquiries please do not hesitate to [email Miss Shinas](#).

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,



Physical Growth Domain

including mid-term.

A comprehensive sports roundup will be included in the next edition, including:

- School Sport Australia Softball
 - BBSSSA Open Basketball
 - NSWCCC Football
 - Peninsula Cup Update
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Community Notices



School To Work
for Secondary Students
with Disability



**resourcing
inclusive
communities**
An initiative of Family Advocacy

School to Work Workshop

**Join us for an interactive and
participatory all-day workshop
where you'll meet other families.**

What is School To Work?

School to Work aims to inspire and equip students with disability, through the support of families, to seek meaningful, paid employment in the community.

We focus on typical pathways and experiences where people are valued for their social contributions. We provide practical strategies that help families tailor an individual approach to support more optimal employment outcomes.

Who is this workshop for?

Parents, family members, educators and allies of students with disability at secondary school. Individuals who want to explore differing approaches to those currently provided to people with disability.

Family Guest Speaker - Sarah Harvey

Sarah is currently raising her two sons, on the NSW Central Coast. Sarah has been involved in a variety of community projects which promote participation in meaningful roles by people with disability. Her personal vision is to see more family leaders flourish through strong peer connections. Sarah will be sharing her insights into how she is actively supporting her sons to consider their employment futures and take steps to achieve their goals.



DATE, TIME & PLACE:

**Thursday, 15 June 2023
9:15am till 3:30pm AEDT**

**Hornsby RSL Club
4 High Street, Hornsby**

Topics

- Uncover student strengths and interests to use as a guide for potential work roles
- Learn how to cultivate community connections and how to approach contacts outside of service systems.
- Practical strategies and tips on setting the young person up for success and developing a plan moving forward.
- Explore the characteristics of good employment supports and steps to find the right people.

Bookings essential

www.ric.org.au/events/

\$35 - people with disability
& families*

\$50 - professionals

**We don't want you
to miss out, so if price
is a barrier please give us a call.*

CONTACT US: 1800 774 764 or email info@ric.org.au

Calling Potential Catechists

Pymble Catholic Parish have 6 State Schools, (5 primary and 1 high school) under its care for catechesis. Parents register their children to attend Catholic SRE in these schools so their children can learn about the Catholic faith.

We are putting a call out to all Catholics who can support these children and parents by becoming a Volunteer Catechist.

Age no barrier, students welcome!

For more details, please contact:

9144 2702/0409 651 637 or michele@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Volunteers Required as Readers and Writers for Trial HSC Exams and HSC Exams

Readers may be approved for students whose disability prevents them from independently reading and/or comprehending written questions.

Writers may be approved for students whose disability prevents them from independently communicating their responses in a handwritten format. This includes, spelling difficulty, and illegible or extremely slow handwriting

People who act as readers and writers do so on a voluntary basis.

We have three students in our 2023 HSC cohort that require a reader and writer for their Trial HSC Exams (31 July – 14 August) and the final HSC Exams (11 October – 31 October) later in the year. We are seeking volunteers to act as readers and writers for these students. If you are interested in volunteering, please check your eligibility against the criteria listed below and email tamara.bowman@dbb.catholic.edu.au asap.

Who can act as a reader and/or writer? The following people can act as a reader and/or writer – a:

- former student of the school
- suitable adult
- retired teacher.

Who cannot act as a reader and/or writer? The following people cannot act as a reader and/or writer – a:

- relative or friend of the student
 - currently employed teacher or private tutor
 - person who recently taught the student
 - non-teaching employee at the student's school such as a teacher's aide, clerical or office staff, lab technician
 - person who has a close relative sitting the same examination
 - NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) appointed examination supervisor or presiding officer.
-