



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

Welcome to the Parental Lion Roars for Week 8 Term 2, 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents in Partnership Meeting IN PERSON – Mon 26 June, 6pm

An invitation to all parents and carers to our *Parents in Partnership* Evening for Term Two.

It will be held in person for the first time in several

years, here at the College on **Monday, 26 June** commencing at 6pm. The main aim of the meeting will be to gain parent input on the College Strategic Plan, with the full agenda being:

- College Update for Term 2 - academic, pastoral, spiritual, environmental, cultural and sporting arenas
- Draft College Strategic Plan for review by parents/carers
- Future considerations
- Communication
- Physical site
- Parent representation/structure.

Football Shines on Donelly Oval

Congratulations to our **Boys U16 Football Team** who defeated Moriah College in the Peninsula Cup semi-final last Tuesday afternoon in a convincing 2-0 win. The team now goes into the Grand Final this coming Tuesday, playing Mater Maria College.



The previous week, our **Girls Open Football Team** were fought valiantly but were defeated 2-0 by Loreto Kirribilli in the NSWCCC Knockout last week. These two teams were in the top 16 across the state and playing for the final placings in a closely contested game. The girls will now come together as a formidable team in the Peninsula Cup competition commencing starting in Term 3.

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Aerobics – Outstanding Regional Comp Results

Recently our aerobics teams competed in the first event of the season with outstanding success - all teams progressing to the State Competition. All our teams placed in the top 8, with many coming first in their divisions:

- Secondary Stage 1 - Large Team – Open - Orange ('Velocity' - **Aleah M, Amelia S, Amelia E, Grace P, Grace L, Karissa W, Lucy E, Airlie S, Sarah C**; Coach: **Sofia Alvarez Lopez**) **Result: 3rd place**

- Secondary Stage 1 Large Team – Open - Orange ('Voltage' – **Sophie R, Ruby A, Analeigh W, Monique T, Whitney C, Emma T, Zasha E, Rebecca C**; Coach: **Jade Lorschy**) **Result: 4th place**
- Secondary Stage 2 Large Team - Orange ('Electrify' - **Sophie A, Sophia V, Millicent P, Madison H, Alicia E, Jessica D, Mahlia C, Skyla S**; Coach: **Mia La Torraca**) **Result: 8th place**
- Secondary Large Teams Orange ('Fireball' - **Emma W, Holly B, Bridgette C, Sarah P, Pernille B, Sofia T, Jackie R, Eliza W, Zoe R**; Coach: **Georgia Muxlow**) **Result: 1st place**
- Secondary Singles Senior Blue (**Romina Z**; Coach: **Lucy McNay**) **Result: 1st place**
- Secondary Small Teams Orange ('Dynamite' - **Tilly V, Natalia A-L, Grace T-H, Amaya S, Renee S, Molly S, Scarlett C**; Coach: **Georgia Muxlow**) **Result: 1st place**
- Secondary Small Teams Blue ('TS4'- **Ally B, Rebecca B, Lily P, Romina Z**; Coach: **Lucy McNay**) **Result: 1st place**
- Secondary Stage 3 Pairs/Trio Open (**Chelsea F & Kyrah M**; Coach: **Natalie Wrightson**) **Result: 1st place**

We wish all teams the best of luck at the State Competition on Sunday 25 June at Pacific Hills Christian School.

Get Set for The Addams Family!

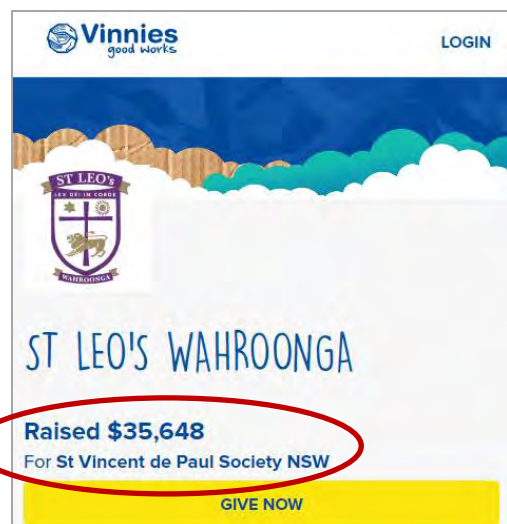
Our students' talents will be on display once again this coming week in the College's musical production of **The Addams Family**. Please support our students and CAPA staff who have been working very hard over the past 6 months (and more) in producing a first-class show. This production has given our students another opportunity to develop their God-given talents in a wide range of areas including drama, singing, dance, music, technical aspects, sound, lighting, props and backstage skills - but most of all their confidence and belief in themselves while building life-long memories.

The talents our students (and staff) have, that may not be so apparent in the regular classroom environment, are truly amazing! Come and see for yourselves at one of the four performances:

- Thursday, 22 June, 7pm
- Friday, 23 June, 7pm and
- Saturday, 24 June at 2pm and 7pm.

Click on the poster (right) to book your tickets.

They are selling fast – so hurry!



Vinnies Sleepout – What a Great Effort and Result!

Congratulations to the 100+ students along with **Rev Adrian Gomez** and other dedicated staff who participated in the Vinnies Winter Sleepout overnight on Friday 2 June. With the support on the whole St Leo's community and beyond, they blitzed our previous fundraising record and collected a total which now stands **just under \$36,000** to help Vinnies tackle homelessness. A truly amazing result!

Well done to everyone involved for this exceptional achievement!
Read more on page 8.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Gleeson
Principal

Choosing HSC Subjects – Changes from 2024

Over the last few weeks, we have been working with Year 10 students to prepare them to make decisions about their pattern of study for their senior years at St Leo's. At the centre of the process is providing students with the information they need to make the best choices available to them. We are in a rapidly changing landscape for education and training that is giving young people more choices than ever before. We want our students to have access to these choices and not let old ways of thinking limit their options.

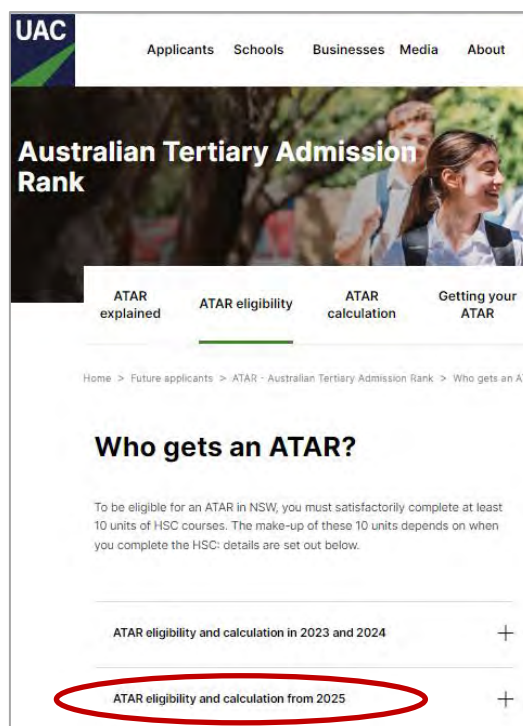
For students entering Year 11 in 2024, there are [changes to the types of courses that are eligible to be counted into the ATAR calculation](#). Students can now include **any number of VET courses** (Vocational Education and Training) in their pattern of study and still be eligible for an ATAR. At St Leo's, we are working to include more of these courses in our suite of subject offerings. VET courses are competency-based and include work placement, the more applied approach to learning.

Students in 2023 have the option to select courses that they are truly interested in, courses with content that they really want to learn and that will make them want to come to school. For many years, the ATAR (previously the UAI and TER) was the holy grail of HSC study. The ranking number, which is not a qualification, is generated by marks attained in the HSC. It places students in NSW in a percentile band and allocates them a ranking for university entrance. The university entrance system is essentially a market where the more demand there is for a particular course the higher the ATAR needed to secure entry. Each HSC course contributes differently to the ATAR depending on the achievement levels of the cohort in that year and this has led to much myth-making and speculation around the concept of 'scaling'. The HSC has evolved over the years, and we need to set aside outdated thinking about 'scaling' when assisting students selecting their courses for senior study. Yes, theoretically an HSC mark in one course may contribute more to an ATAR than the same mark in another course - but this assumes that individual students would achieve identical marks in different courses which, is definitely not the case.

All HSC courses are designed to require the same from students - the key variable is the students themselves. Therefore, student achievement in the HSC is strongly reliant on course selection. George Cooney and John De Courcy, experienced educators and researchers, explore these concepts in their paper 'Choosing Wisely, Choosing well' ([G.Cooney, J. De Courcy, 2016](#)). They highlight the concept of choosing courses at an appropriate level of challenge so that students are able to take on the demands of the course without feeling either bored or overwhelmed.

All of this means that listening to teachers' advice about where students are up to with their learning is important. Our self-perceptions are not always accurate and can be based upon incorrect criteria. Knowledge and skills are developed over time and having a realistic idea of what how well a student will be able to take on the demands of a course within the two years of Preliminary HSC and HSC studies is a key component of making good Year 11 and 12 course choices.

In addition to this, senior study is about preparation for life after school and universities are using an ever-expanding range of mechanisms to admit students into courses. In 2022, over 60% of St Leo's students were offered a university place prior to sitting the HSC. These offers are usually based upon a mixture of Year 11



ATAR explained	ATAR eligibility	ATAR calculation	Getting your ATAR
Home > Future applicants > ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admission Rank > Who gets an ATAR			
<h3>Who gets an ATAR?</h3> <p>To be eligible for an ATAR in NSW, you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of HSC courses. The make-up of these 10 units depends on when you complete the HSC: details are set out below.</p>			
ATAR eligibility and calculation in 2023 and 2024			+
ATAR eligibility and calculation from 2025			+

marks, and community service and leadership contributions, so sustained effort and contributing to the community can be significant factors in achieving university entrance.

As educators at St Leo's, we want to do what we can to allow students to make good choices about how they will invest the final two years of their school lives. Senior study at school is an investment, an opportunity to build the knowledge and skills that will prepare young people to take the next steps in life. We know that the HSC will teach them (in addition to the syllabus dot points) how to deal with pressure, manage their time, take on feedback, be persistent and resilient, and how to 'fail forward': learning from their mistakes and growing as learners and as people. An appropriate pattern of study will make this learning all the more successful.

Our subject selection process at St Leo's has been designed to engage students with these ideas and brings families into the process. Year 10 students and parents have been provided with information about the different courses on offer at St Leo's over the last few weeks. In the first round of course selection, students earlier this term made initial choices for a senior pattern of study. Not all the courses they selected will be able to run, neither will all combinations of courses work on the timetable. The second step of the process will be to counsel each student and their families on their selections based upon finalised information about which courses will run and how timetable lines will be distributed, so that each student can make the best choices from what is available. Information about how to book a Subject Selection Conference will be provided to families early in Term 3.



Mrs Carolina Murdoch, Assistant Principal – Student Achievement

From the Leo's Library

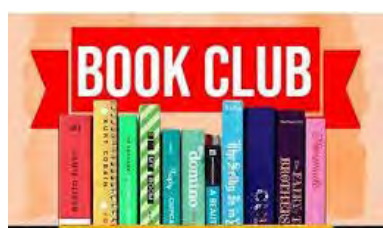
Senior Study Afternoon Teas

In addition to individual and small group study, **Ms Kofron** and the SOR team are running a series of HSC revision lessons on Wednesday afternoons, and **Mr Gould** kindly runs Chemistry help on Thursdays. Snacks and hot chocolate have been very welcome to students as they keep working hard after the school bell has gone!



Premier's Reading Challenge

All Year 7-9 students are welcome to enjoy, sustain and diversify their reading through the Challenge which runs until Friday, 18 August. Congratulations to **Hannah T, Cara D, James G, Madeleine M, Arturo B, Harry D, and William G** who have already read their 20 books for this year! [Find out more about the PRC.](#)



New Book Club - Starting this Winter Solstice

What better on the shortest day of the year, than to curl up and read a good book! Our new **Leo's Book Club** is aimed at students who love reading and would like to talk books, share recommendations, be first to read new titles, get their favourites into the library, be part of the Book Week Afternoon in August and our other books and writing activities or just get a little extra reading into their day. Book Club will start on **Thursday 22 June at recess in the library.**



Lunchtimes Activities in the Library

Library lunchtimes are busy! Apart from catching up on work, using study resources and reading, **social chess and card games** are very popular. Students can also access **IT help** every lunchtime Tuesday to Friday.

Mrs Megan de Kantzow, Leader of Information Resources



Spiritual Growth Domain

The Abbey Retreat

The Benedictine Abbey of Jamberoo, a place of great peace and beauty, was home for three days recently to a group of Year 11 students, accompanied by **Rev Adrian Gomez, Mrs Stephanie Frykberg and Mr Ralph Kershler**. We joined the nuns for prayer five times a day, waking up at 4.30am to climb the hill to the Convent Chapel each morning. The group participated in guided meditations, bushwalks and shared reflections.



Of the experience participants said:

"The Abbey made me feel extremely spiritually close to God and the people with me."

"This place holds my heart. I would never have believed that I could feel this close to God. I was able to find God within nature, myself and the others around me."

"I really enjoyed this retreat as well as the stillness and tranquillity of the Abbey."

"I do believe that everyone should experience this at least once in their life."

Two of the participants are considering becoming Benedictine Oblates and making a lifelong commitment to stay connected to the Abbey.



Annual Global Rosary Relay

Last week, students from St Leo's joined others across the globe by taking part in the Annual Global Rosary Relay for the sanctification of priests. In addition to students attending Hornsby Cathedral, classes were invited to take part via a live-stream.

People from all over the world joined us via our live-stream to pray together the Glorious Mysteries. Prayers were offered for all priests who faithfully serve in their ministries throughout the world. Every Monday at recess a group of students gathers to pray the rosary in the College Chapel - all welcome.



Thursday Morning Prayer



This is the most beautiful way to begin our day and all are very welcome. Thursday Morning Prayers is a student-led initiative that is organised and facilitated by Spiritual Ambassadors **Nick** and **Bec**. They make everyone feel welcome, helping each of us in forging a spiritual connection with God to nourish our hearts as we prepare for the day.

Each Thursday is a new prayer service, combining Scripture, group prayer, individual prayer, reflection and Catholic fellowship.

Please come and join us – 8.15am on any Thursday morning in the College Chapel.

World Youth Day – The Countdown is on!



Just four weeks to go before our intrepid pilgrims set off for a life-shaping journey to Italy and Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.

Twelve Year 11 students and six Year 10s will be accompanied by **Rev Adrian Gomez, Mdm Simone Noel** and **Mr Samuel Groom** on this three-week experience of the international and global Church, culminating with Mass by Pope Francis in Lisbon.



This term, the St Leo's group has met every week at recess on Thursdays as part of our preparation. All pilgrims from around the diocese will be meeting this Tuesday night for the third and final whole group Formation Session.



Social - Emotional Growth Domain

Wellbeing for Learning Report

As we near the end of first semester, I am able to reflect upon some of the achievements in the area of wellbeing for learning, as well as identify common recurring themes among our young people.

Pastoral Days and Camp

It was clear from responses to the 2022 'Tell Them From Me' survey that a review our current pastoral care processes was needed due to the impact of COVID and our expanding year group sizes. In response, we decided to run 'Pastoral Days' for all students across Years 7-12 and create a dedicated time to address the wellbeing and pastoral care needs of students. These days have run successfully this semester, along with Year 12 participating in their retreat, Year 9 completing a four-day camp at Somerset and Year 7 their camp at beautiful Stanwell Tops, where they spent 3 days.

The aim and purpose of these events are to build a sense of belonging and community, and to strengthen relationships. Being off site and away from the classroom gives time and space for teachers to connect with and learn about their students, and to build essential relationships that will improve the efficacy of classroom practice.

Bullying Response

From surveying teachers who attended these Pastoral Days and camps, it is clear that connectedness and cohesion among year groups is improving. We have also been able to identify numerous themes that are affecting our young people across the board. Most commonly, bullying and online bullying are the most reported issues to Year Leaders and classroom teachers. As a result, the Wellbeing for Learning team will continue to provide education and assistance to students in this area.

Our whole-of-school approach to bullying includes, but is not limited to:

- College-wide CSBB anti-bullying policy
- classroom management and classroom rules
- the role of the teacher and their response to bullying
- positive relationships between teachers and students
- high levels of playground supervision
- promoting a culture of reporting bullying
- partnering with parents and carers
- social and emotional learning
- promoting 'upstander' behaviour.



We are very grateful for the ongoing support from our parents and carers as we continue to attempt to call out and modify any forms of bullying in our College. **As always, if you have information of a bullying incident, please first email your young person's Year Leader** (email links on the [College Leadership page of our website](#)) who will investigate and escalate to the Director of Wellbeing for Learning and the appropriate Assistant Principal.

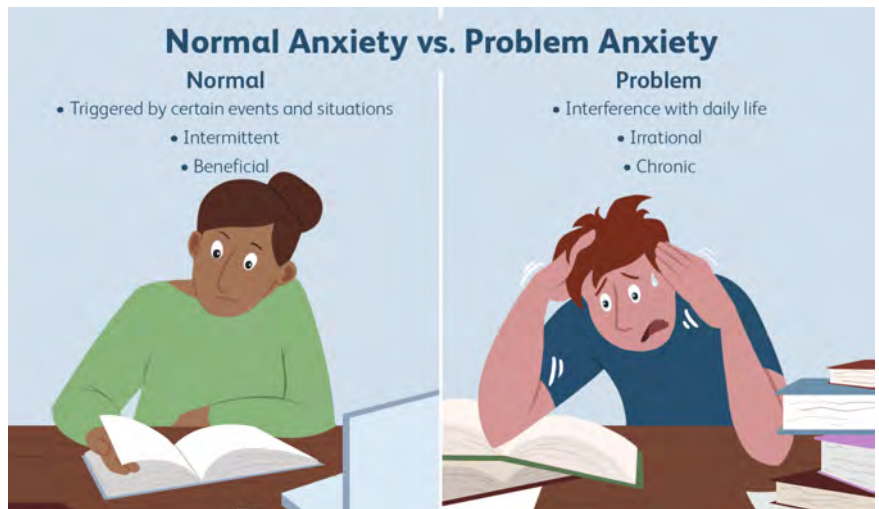
Read more information about bullying on the [e-Safety Commissioner website](#).

Students & Anxiety

Anxiety is the most reported mental health condition being identified by young people and their parents/carers, The Pastoral Zone in Xavier Court has been created into 'Reset Room' (named by the students who use the room) to give those who suffer from anxiety-related disorders the time, space and privacy to manage their symptoms and get back into the classroom. Access to this space requires a medical diagnosis.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the Pastoral Team in providing the utmost of care and compassion to all of our students who require this additional support. **Mrs Susan Raso** in Student Services, **Ms Kathleen Brinkmann** and **Ms Victoria Pirolo** who welcome our students to the Reset Room and continually update teaching staff and Year Leaders in regard to student wellbeing.

I have attached a link to a school TV video which addresses anxiety: ["What is the difference between normal anxiety and an anxiety disorder?"](#)



Ms Megan Tynan – Director of Wellbeing for Learning

Prefect Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday, 8 June, our student leaders hosted student leaders from other schools across the upper north shore for afternoon tea, conversation, music and games in an initiative designed to provide an opportunity for student leaders to share their experiences, network and discuss common issues they face as the Class of 2023.

It was wonderful to see so many future leaders from across all education sectors come together with a shared drive for success in their HSC and listen to their high expectations and hopes for their futures.

Congratulations to our College leaders for their organisation of this event which, like the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea initiative, has become another annual feature of life at St Leo's.



Vinnies Winer Sleepout – Our Record Result!



This year was St Leo's largest Vinnies Winter Sleepout ever, with over 100 students and staff braving the beginning of winter to raise awareness and funds for the homeless.



The night started in the MacKillop Centre with games, music, prayer, talks on homelessness and a simple dinner of soup and bread rolls. At 10pm, we headed down to the Light of Christ Centre to set up for the night. The Year 7s and 8s set up their sleeping bags indoors, whilst the Year 9s and 11s settled down on the concrete verandah. Year 10 decided to sleep on the oval, using cardboard donated by Bunnings, to make shelters for the night.



Many thanks to all the staff involved - **Ms Bazih-Hutchison** who prepared the soup, **Madame Simone Noel**, **Mrs Colleen Kofron**, **Mr Patrick Brennan** and **Mr Tony Gleeson** who were there for the start of the night, **Ms Kelly Robinson**, **Mr Luke Liceralde**, **Mr David Blake** and **Ms Jaya Kudhail** for supervising overnight, for **Ms Fiona Morsink-Ryan** for promotion (and organising the beanies) and **Mrs Joanna Gower** for her logistical support.

For the last two years St Leo's has been the top raising school in NSW with over \$20,000 each year. The generosity of the community continues to astound, with this year **nearly \$36,000** being raised for this fantastic cause! Young people working to make a difference for those in need and sacrificing one night of comfort to sleep out is something that has obviously inspired a lot of support.

If you would like to still make a donation to Vinnies, you still can [HERE](#).



REMINDERS:

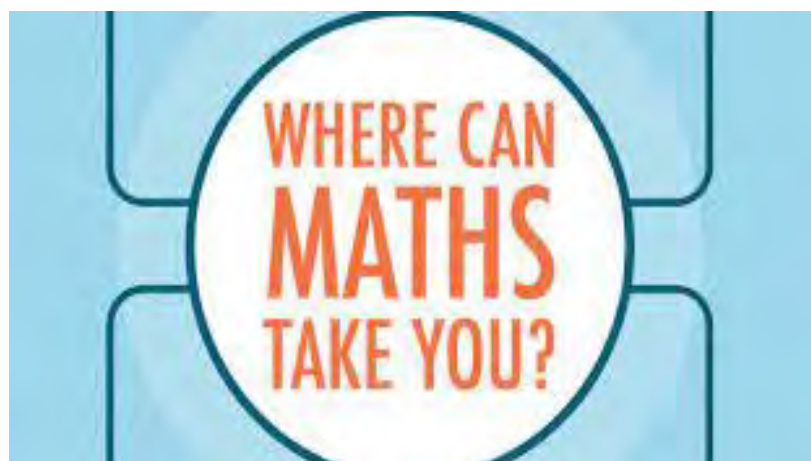
Early University Entry Information for Year 12

A reminder to Year 12s that many universities have already opened their Early Entry Applications. These are generally based off Year 11 results and in some cases, additional criteria.



Please [visit the new St Leo's Careers Website](#) for more information, including on upcoming Open Days.

University	Entry Scheme link	Opening date 2023	Closing Date 2023	Outcome Release Date
Macquarie	Leaders and Achievers	Round 1: Open Now! Round 2: Tue 1 Aug	Mon 31 July Thurs 31 Aug	Mon 4 Sept Thurs 28 Sept
UTS	Early Entry Scheme	Open Now!	Mon 4 Sept	19 Sept - provisional offers
WSU	True Rewards Scheme	Open Now!	Round 1: 6 Sept	14 Sept - conditional offers
ACU	ACU Guarantee	Mon 24 July	Mon 18 Sept	From early Sept
Notre Dame	Early offer Program	Open Now!	Sat 30 Sept	Varies
University of Newcastle	Early Entry Program	Round 1: Open Now!	Tue 29 Aug	7 Sept - early offers
CSU	CSU Advantage	Open Now!	Fri 30 June	Late July
UNE	Direct Early Entry Program	Open Now!	Fri 15 Sept	Varies
Southern Cross	Early Offer	Open Now!	No date found	Varies
University of Tasmania	School Recommendation Program	Thu 29 June	Mon 31 July	24-25 Aug



Looking for Mathematical Parents!

Is Maths your Career?

The Maths team at St Leo's is looking for parents with mathematical careers to help inspire our students! Examples include engineers, architects, pilots, financial planners, scientists, programmers, statisticians, researchers, accountants and

many, many other roles that use various types of mathematical skills for their jobs.

If you are willing to talk to us about how you can share your insights, ideas, passions and areas of expertise to help us innovate and improve our students' learning and show them future career options, please complete this [Maths Partnership Interest Form](#)





Cultural Growth Domain



Year 7-12 Studio Concerts

Our Private Music Students are invited to be part of our Semester 1 Studio Concert. This is a relaxed setting for your child to showcase what they have been working on with their Music Tutor this Semester. Family and friends are invited to attend the Concert.

Year 7 and 8 Studio Concert – Tuesday, 27 June - 6:00pm, Flora Mary MacKillop Theatre

Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Studio Concert – Wednesday, 28 June - 6:00pm, Flora Mary MacKillop Theatre

Parents/ carers of students who are part of our Pride Lands Private Music Tuition Program are asked to complete the permission note by the end of Week 8.

Ryde Eisteddfod - Dance 2023:

Students have now been sent the Ryde Eisteddfod Dance Information Pack via Google Classroom. You can access the document via the CAPA Co-Curricular Dance Website.

More information will be posted for all other disciplines as soon as it is made available.

CAPA Website

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](#).

2023 Religious Creative Arts Competition

A reminder that entries are now open for the Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Religious Creative Arts Competition and close on August 18, with finalists showcased on the evening of October 24.

Scan the QR code (right) for more information.

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

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MORE INFO
Entries Close 18 August 2023

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!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay

Sports Report

Australian Schools Softball - and Beyond for Maddi and Milla!

Previously in the sports report we have heard about the softball achievements of Year 11 twins **Maddi** and **Milla D**. At the School Sport Australia Softball Championships held in Victoria recently, Maddi **represented NSW** with the team putting in strong performances throughout the week. In the semi-final, the team were unfortunately defeated in an upset. This however didn't take away from Maddi's performance as she started the week leading off the batting with a triple and this continued performing strongly for the whole week. It concluded with her **selection in the All Australian Team**, which is merit team.

In addition, both Maddi and Milla were both recently **selected in the U/17 Australian Team** that heads to Canada in July for upcoming Canada Cup. They have both also been identified by Softball Australia in the **Futures Program**, which identifies future Australian athletes and Olympic prospects for the 2032 Brisbane games.

Well done to you both for your ongoing commitment and success!

NSW All Schools Sailing – Aodhan's Success

During the last school holidays, Year 8 student **Aodhan D** represented St Leo's at the NSW All Schools Sailing Regatta at Belmont in Newcastle. At the regatta, Aodhan sailed a 13ft skiff, which is different to his normal sailing class and he had to learn on the fly to ensure that the boat was balanced while also reaching the required high racing speeds. In tough conditions and also against tough competition, Aodhan finished with a **ranking of ninth overall** which is a fantastic achievement!

NSWCCC Football Knockout Comp – Open Girls



Earlier this Term, the **Open (U/18) Girls' Football (soccer) team** won the Broken Bay Gala Day, qualifying them as Broken Bay representatives in the NSWCCC Knockout competition. Last week, the girls played in the last 16 of the competition against a strong Loreto, Kirribilli side at home on Donnelly Oval at St Leo's.

The girls played extremely well and could have scored just before half time, however Loreto were clinical in front of goal and scored two quick goals,

unfortunately eliminating our girls from the competition. A great effort though, being one of the best 16 Catholic girls' side in the state. Well done to all involved!



Peninsula Cup – Netball & Football

This term, our **Senior Girls Netball** and **U/16 Boys Football** teams have represented St Leo's in the Northern Beaches based Peninsula Cup.

Every Tuesday afternoon, the girls travelled down to Curl Curl to play in the Division 1 competition against the best high school players from the Northern Beaches. The girls have played well throughout the term with close games (both wins and losses) along the way. Unfortunately, the girls narrowly missed the semi-finals but look forward to the Broken Bay Gala Day in Term 3.



The U/16 Boys football team had a shorter season, with only a limited number of schools in the Division 1 competition. The boys played well throughout with some strong wins and qualified for the semi-final, which was played at St Leo's last Tuesday afternoon against Moriah College. The boys started strongly and scored two first-half goals, holding on for a great win under the watchful eye of coach of **Mr Glen Downey**. They now travel to Mater Maria **next Tuesday for the grand final! Go Leo's!**

Congratulations to both teams on their great seasons.



Regional Aerobics

On Sunday, 4 June, the Regional Aerobics Championships were held at the Penrith Valley Sports Centre. Our teams travelled out for the first competition of the year both excited and nervous as it is the first step to hopeful national qualification and St Leo's has a strong tradition in aerobics.

On the day, our various teams achieved fantastic results with a number of first placings and **all teams qualifying for the State Championships** to be held on the June 25 (*see full results on page 1*). These teams have been training under the watchful eyes of their coaches since late last year, and for the Year 7 students, from Week 4 of Term 1. Congratulations to all students, coaches, staff (and parents/carers), and good luck at the upcoming State Championships!

NSWCCC Cross Country Results

On Tuesday, 13 June, the NSWCCC Cross Country was held at the Sydney Equestrian Centre in Horsley Park. After the Broken Bay carnival earlier in the term, St Leo's had four students representing the College. All students performed extremely well, achieving the following results:

- **Lachlan L** (U/17 Boys) – 26th
- **Marcelo S-N** (U/14 Boys) – 28th
- **Oliver M-A** (U/14 Boy) – 34th
- **Ethan L** (U/16 Boys) – 38th

BBSSA U/16 Girls Rugby League Trials

Last Wednesday, the U/16 Girls Rugby League Trials were held at Morry Breen Oval in Wyong. The four girls who travelled up from St Leo's played extremely well against girls from both Broken Bay schools and also CGSSSA. By the end of the day, all four of our students (**Bailey L, Scarlet M, Amaya S, and Rachel H**) were successful in being selected in the Broken Bay Team to play at against Parramatta in late July. Well done girls!

BBSSA Junior Football Gala Day

The Broken Bay Junior Football (soccer) Gala Day was recently held at Cromer Park, with our U/13 Boys and Girls representing the College against schools from both the Central Coast and Northern Beaches areas.

Both teams played well at the event with varying levels of success. The girls team missed the semi-finals after a number of tight loses, with a single goal separating the sides going through. The boys won their way through to semi-finals, defeating Mater Maria 2-1 and progressing to the final against St Peters. In the final, they dominated the first half but were unlucky not to find the back of the net, falling behind 1-0 just after half time. This was the final score and we finished as runners-up.

This concluded the soccer gala season, and means that of our six teams, four made grand finals, which is a great achievement for the College. Congratulations to all students, coaches, staff (and parents/carers) on a successful football season.

North Sydney Rugby League Gala Day

A few weeks ago, the **U/15 Boys** and **U/16 Girls** rugby league teams competed in the North Sydney Rugby League Gala Day. On the day the girls were defeated by a strong Narrabeen Sports High but bounced back against Mater Maria with a great second half, seeing them score five tries to win and finish the day in second place.

The boys started with a strong win against Mater Maria, but in the second game an injury to the opposition saw a cancellation of the day. A number of boys were recognised in last week's assembly for the care and support they showed to the injured played and demonstrating great sportsmanship.

Community Notices

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.

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Ku-ring-gai Art Centre – Holiday Program



2023 WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now online
Please choose carefully – no refunds
krg.nsw.gov.au/artcentre

Important information

- Children must bring a hat, snack/ lunch, water, and a smock
- Enclosed shoes are recommended
- If your child has a disability or allergies please advise the Art Centre office on booking
- All programs are for school aged children. Classes are skills based so we cannot accept bookings for children under 5 years or those who have not yet started school.
- Your child must be collected at the end of class, including in between half-day classes. There are no child-minding facilities at the Art Centre

Nut policy

To protect vulnerable children, the Art Centre has a policy of no nuts or nut products. Please do not bring foods containing nuts or their products on site.



KU-RING-GAI ART CENTRE

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MORNING ART WORKSHOPS 9.30AM-12.30PM FEE \$100

Includes studio time & tuition, use of tools & all your materials

WEEK ONE

Monday 3 July	E 1540 MAKE LIKE MATISSE With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Craft a Matisse inspired collage using cut paper to create colourful flowers and animals. Your child will see why Matisse's art ranks among the great works.	Ages: 5-9
Wednesday 5 July	E 1547 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS IN JULY With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Celebrate Yuletide with clever crafts and festive Christmas decorations for home.	Ages: 8-12
	E 1549 MAKE BEADED JEWELLERY With Kim Chan Your child will be guided to design and create a stunning beaded piece for themselves or someone special.	Ages: 5-9
Thursday 6 July	E 1554 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Hand build a 3D sculpture of your own arctic animals such as penguins or polar bears using ceramic techniques such as glazing.	Ages: 6-11
Friday 7 July	E 1556 SUMI-E INK PAINTING - PENGUINS, POLAR BEARS & SNOW LEOPARDS With Marguerite de Fondaumiere We will be learning Japanese Sumi-e ink painting to create images of winter animals using a wash for the background and then adding detail.	Ages: 8-12

WEEK TWO

Monday 10 July	E 1560 SKETCHING PORTRAITS With Marguerite de Fondaumiere We'll learn the fundamentals of portrait drawing, examining the structure and features of the face to create clever works.	Ages: 8-12
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WEEK TWO

Tuesday 11 July	E 1565 WINTER CERAMIC CANDLE HOLDER With Beatrice Waller Children are introduced to ceramic techniques and craft a translucent porcelain candle holder for the light to shine through.	Ages: 8-12
Wednesday 12 July	E 1571 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Details refer to E 1554 (Thur 6 July)	Ages: 6-11
	E 1567 HYBRID CREATURES IN MODERN MIXED MEDIA With Niloufar Tofigh Create fascinating half-human, half animal fantasy creatures just like cartoons using a range of creative techniques.	Ages: 6-11
	E 1569 LET IT GO! FROZEN WORKSHOP With Jessica Hannah Create pictures, craft items and writing based on Elsa and other popular characters.	Ages: 5-9
Thursday 13 July	E 1573 PAINT SUNFLOWERS LIKE VAN GOGH With Niloufar Tofigh Vincent Van Gogh explored sunflowers using vivid colour and energised brush strokes. Encourage your junior master aged 5-9 years to discover the joy of this most vibrant style.	Ages: 5-9
Friday 14 July	E 1580 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Details refer to E 1554 (Thur 6 July)	Ages: 6-11
	E 1577 CEZANNE & STILL LIFE With Niloufar Tofigh Create a still life on canvas while learning about composition and colour palettes inspired by Cezanne.	Ages: 8-12



AFTERNOON ART WORKSHOPS 1PM-4PM FEE \$100

Includes studio time & tuition, use of tools & all your materials

WEEK ONE

Monday 3 July	E 1541 PAINT LIKE VAN GOGH With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Be inspired by the famous Starry Night painting. Your child will learn how to create the mood and atmosphere of this wonderful landscape.	Ages: 8-12
Wednesday 5 July	E 1548 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS IN JULY With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Celebrate Yuletide with clever crafts and festive Christmas decorations for home.	Ages: 5-9
	E 1550 MAKE BEADED JEWELLERY With Kim Chan Junior artists will design and create stunning beaded pieces for their own collection or as gifts for others.	Ages: 8-12
Thursday 6 July	E 1555 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Hand build a 3D sculpture of your own arctic animals such as penguins or polar bears using ceramic techniques such as glazing.	Ages: 6-11
Friday 7 July	E 1557 PRINTMAKING - MONOPRINT DESIGNS USING GELLI PRINTS With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Students will create unique prints of nature using their own stencils and image transfers with acrylic paint. Then they'll make a series of prints to collage into finished works on paper.	Ages: 8-12



WEEK TWO

Monday 10 July	E 1561 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS IN JULY With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Celebrate Yuletide with clever crafts and festive Christmas decorations for home.	Ages: 6-11
Tuesday 11 July	E 1566 WINTER CERAMIC CANDLE HOLDER With Beatrice Waller Teens will master ceramic techniques and craft a translucent porcelain candle holder for the light to shine through.	Ages: 13-16
Wednesday 12 July	E 1572 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Hand build a 3D sculpture of your own arctic animals such as penguins or polar bears using ceramic techniques such as glazing.	Ages: 6-11
	E 1570 NARNIA WORKSHOP With Jessica Hannah Explore whimsical winter themes from the Narnia Chronicles books with fantasy activities in design, arts and craft.	Age: 8-12 plus 13-16



AFTERNOON ART WORKSHOPS (CONT'D) 1PM-4PM FEE \$100

Includes studio time & tuition, use of tools & all your materials

WEEK TWO

Wednesday 12 July	E 1568 PAINT SUNFLOWERS LIKE VAN GOGH With Niloufar Tofigh Bring sunshine to winter as you learn to paint like the master Vincent Van Gogh. Discover this most expressionistic style using vivid colour and energised brushstrokes.	Ages: 6-11
Thursday 13 July	E 1574 SELF PORTRAIT FROM A PHOTO With Niloufar Tofigh Bring a photo of yourself and you will learn how to see the proportions of the face in some fresh new ways to create your self-portrait.	Ages: 13-16

Friday 14 July	E 1581 ARCTIC ANIMALS IN CERAMICS With Sayoko Burton Hand build a 3D sculpture of your own arctic animals such as penguins or polar bears using ceramic techniques such as glazing.	Ages: 6-11
	E 1578 CEZANNE & STILL LIFE (INT-ADV) With Niloufar Tofigh Teens with art skills create a still life on canvas learning about composition and colour palettes inspired by Cezanne.	Ages: 13-16



AGE GROUPS

MINI MASTERS

AGES 5-9

Our youngest artists must have already started school

KU-RING-GAI KIDS

AGES 6-11

Ku-ring-gai Art Centre's general children's classes are for primary school students

JUNIOR ART MASTERS

AGES 8-12

Junior artists are upper primary students

YOUTH ARTISTS

AGES 13-16

Our teenage classes are suitable for beginner, developing and emerging artists

FULL DAY ART WORKSHOPS 10AM-3PM FEE \$160

Includes studio time & tuition, use of tools & all your materials

WEEK ONE

Monday 3 July	E 1543 MAKE A COSY MUG FOR HOT CHOCOLATE With Beatrice Waller Your child will learn hand building ceramics and glazing techniques to create their own mug for the winter months. Get the cocoa and marshmallows ready!	Ages: 6-11
	E 1542 STORY WRITING IN WINTER With Wendy Fitzgerald Warm up your child's imagination to have fun with words. Each child will write a poem about winter and a story set in a chilly setting.	Ages: 8-12
Tuesday 4 July	E 1546 DELIGHTFUL WINTER ANIMALS FROM CLAY With Sayoko Burton Your child will sculpt their favourite winter animal in clay using ceramic techniques. <i>Please wear closed shoes and clothes that are okay to get clay on. We also recommend you trim your fingernails before the class.</i>	Ages: 8-12
	E 1544 DRAW LIKE AN ARTIST - LEARN DRAWING SKILLS With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Students explore and develop their abilities in drawing using line, form, colour, tone, shade, texture and composition.	Ages: 8-12
	E 1545 WINTER MAGIC WORKSHOP With Jessica Hannah We'll look at fairy tales and culture from around the world such as the Snow Queen, Norse Gods and Innuit tallies through reading, writing, arts and crafts.	Age: 8-12 plus 13-16



Wednesday 5 July	E 1551 SNOWMAN CERAMIC VASE With Beatrice Waller Your child will learn to hand build their own ceramic vase in our pottery studio in the shape of a jolly snow man.	Ages: 8-12
Thursday 6 July	E 1552 MAKE BEADED JEWELLERY With Kim Chan Your child will design and create stunning beaded jewellery for themselves or someone special.	Ages: 5-9
	E 1553 WINTER WEARABLES - CREATE COSTUME ART With Jessica Hannah From the wacky to the whimsical, craft a costume piece or banner with winter inspiration using various sewing techniques to bring your fantasy design to life.	Age: 8-12 plus 13-16
Friday 7 July	E 1559 CREATE A WINTER SNOWDOME WITH GLASS AND CERAMICS With Beatrice Waller Create your very own snow dome scene in clay. Once fired, we'll add a glitter and glass dome to complete this wonderful winter keepsake.	Age: 8-12 plus 13-16
	E 1558 MAKE BEADED JEWELLERY With Kim Chan Junior artists design and create stunning beaded pieces for their own collection or as gifts for others.	Ages: 8-12



WEEK TWO

Monday 10 July	E 1562 SPARKLY JEWELLERY With Kim Chan Create your own set of sparkly jewellery to add some magic to your winter holidays. We will be making jewellery to ensure maximum bling!	Ages: 6-12
Tuesday 11 July	E 1563 GALAXY ART With Marguerite de Fondaumiere Children discover the winter night sky and use acrylic paint to capture the Milky Way plus a glow in the dark supernova.	Ages: 8-12
	E 1564 BUILD A 3D GLITTER WONDERLAND With Jessica Hannah Children construct a fantastic wintery landscape using a wide range of craft materials, glue, and glitter.	Ages: 6-11



Thursday 13 July	E 1576 MAKE A COSY MUG FOR HOT CHOCOLATE With Beatrice Waller Your child will learn hand building ceramics and glazing techniques to create their own mug for the winter months. Get the cocoa and marshmallows ready!	Ages: 6-11
	E 1575 DISCOVER WINTER SOLSTICE ART With Jessica Hannah Join us as we create winter arts and crafts and write poems and stories about nature's cycle of regeneration and the rebirth of the sun.	Ages: 6-11
Friday 14 July	E 1579 WINTER FOR WRITERS With Wendy Fitzgerald How do writers imagine winter? Each child will be guided to write a poem about winter and create a story set in a chilly setting.	Ages: 8-12



JOIN ARTIST TUTORS

SAYOKO BURTON

Sayoko is a ceramics tutor for children with a passion for creative art. Sayoko uses traditional Japanese ceramic techniques inspired by her Japanese background. She works as an art therapist for adults and children and is skilled in special needs.

KIM CHAN

Kim is a talented jewellery designer and experienced Ku-ring-gai Art Centre tutor delivering beading classes for children since 2006. Her success comes from her methodical and nurturing teaching manner and care for children.

WENDY FITZGERALD

Wendy is a knowledgeable graduate in primary music and an educator with an MA in children's literature and literacy. Her favourite thing to do is to encourage kids to love reading and write their own stories.

MARGUERITE DE FONDAUMIERE

Marguerite is a working artist who attended The National Art School in Sydney. She has exhibited extensively in Australia, Mauritius, China, and Barcelona. Marguerite has run classes and workshops for all ages and worked with Flying Arts and indigenous artists in the Kakadu.

JESSICA HANNAH

Jessica lives in the Blue Mountains where she combines her love of nature, creative writing and the arts. Her workshops encourage students to explore, develop and express their creativity.

NILOUFAR TOFIGH

Niloufar is a high school art educator and artist with an MA in Studio art. Her work is exhibited both nationally and internationally.

BEATRICE WALLER

Beatrice Waller is a professional ceramicist specialising in wheel thrown wares. She trained at Sydney College of the Arts and creates functional ceramics available in major design markets and online.



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