

*Welcome to the*

# Year 7 2025 Information Evening

10 September 2024



Welcome  
Will & Maya  
College Captains

# Welcome to St Leo's!

Welcome parents and carers,  
students, staff and guests!

We thank you for trusting St Leo's  
by enrolling your young person  
with us.





# Acknowledgement of Country

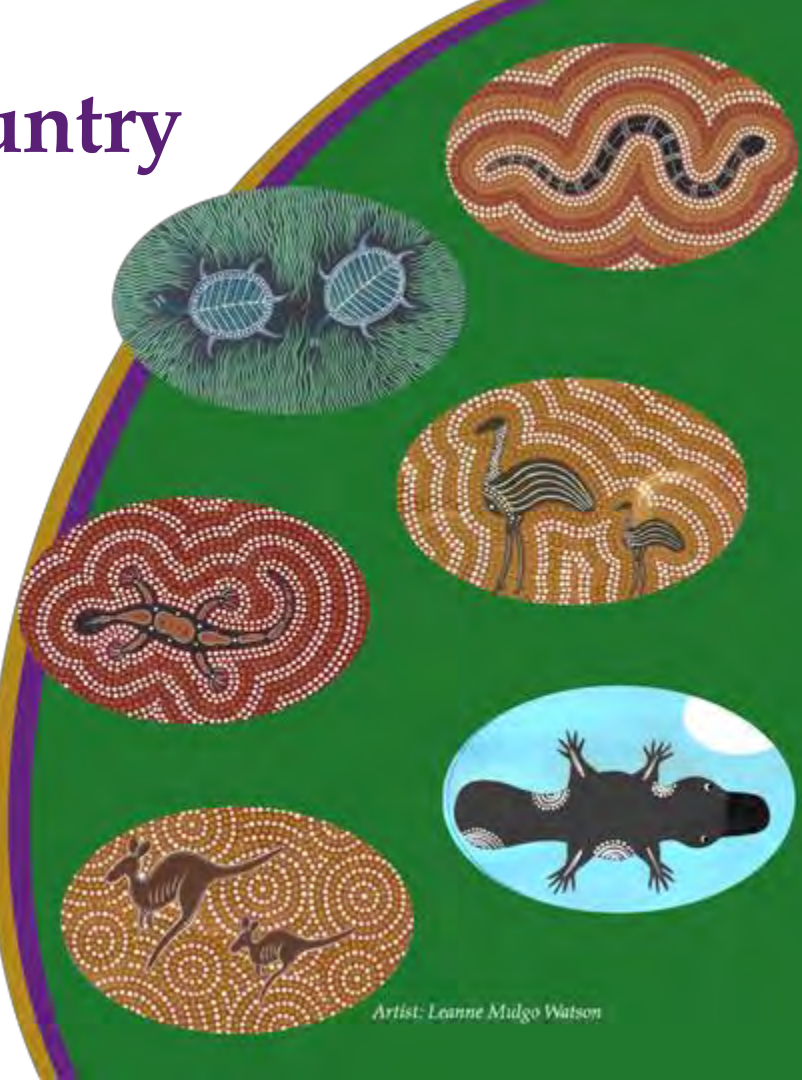
**We walk together in footsteps millennia old.**

St Leo's acknowledges the Darug and GuriNgai people, the traditional custodians of these lands here in Hornsby Shire on which we live, learn and work.

We honour and respect their connection to this land as part of the oldest surviving continuous culture in the world and pay respects to their ancestors and elders past and present.

Their spirituality flows through all of creation, reminding us that the land does not belong to us: we belong to the land.

Together, may we build a future based on compassion, justice, hope, faith, and reconciliation.



# St Leo's College Prayer

God of love and understanding, You are the source of strength and inspiration.

You called Pope Saint Leo the Great to guide Your people by his word and example.

We ask You to fill our community with the spirit of respect and dignity.

Guide us in the light of Your truth. May we grow in purpose and learning,  
and proclaim Your wisdom to the world.

Give us courage and hope to face the unknown. May we be faithful to  
God's law in our hearts and live with the peace of the Holy Spirit.

God help us to bear witness to the mystery of the cross and resurrection  
so we may be people of integrity and justice, walking in the  
footsteps of Christ your son.

**Amen**

**St Leo the Great, *Pray for us.***

**Live Jesus in our hearts, *Forever.***



# Agenda

## 1. **Principal's Address**

- Mr Anthony Gleeson, College Principal

## 2. **Faith and Wellbeing**

- Mr Patrick Brennan - Assistant Principal: Evangelisation and Catechesis

## 3. **Learning @ St Leo's**

- Mrs Fiona Milkins - Assistant Principal: Student Achievement

## 4. **Transition Program** - Mr Richard Hannan – Leader of Pastoral, Year 7

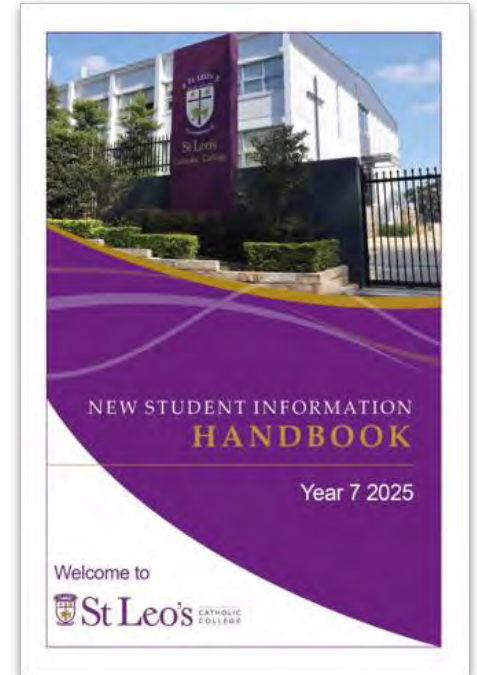
## 5. **General Information, Key Dates & Next Steps...**

- Mrs Fiona Milkins - Assistant Principal: Student Achievement



# Year 7 2025 Information:

- All the information covered today - and much more - is included in the **Year 7 2025 New Student Information Handbook**
- It is available via the QR code on the flyer handed out at the door and on the Year 7 web page of the College website
- Please take the time to read through it at your leisure. It should answer most of your questions.



# Principal's Address

Mr Anthony (Tony) Gleeson





2024 College Theme:

*Change the World  
with **Kindness***



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as God in Christ forgave you.'  
- Ephesians*

# The importance of selecting a school



Sedan



SUV



Hatchback



Wagon



People Mover



Van



Ute



Sports



Convertible



Driving the family



Transporting things



City driving



Long distance driving



Towing



Off-roading



Work



Fun



Luxury

# Welcome! Thank you for trusting us



# Year 7 2025...

204 are in our cohort

75 siblings of existing students

2 sets of twins, 1 set of triplets

8 families with the same last name

*984 school days (from tomorrow) will be your young person's final day of secondary schooling...the*

*Leaving Class of 2030*



# Our Mission

- St Leo's is a Catholic, co-educational comprehensive secondary school
- As such, the College exists to be as good as the very best to support the development of our young people in their faith and in their learning.
- 'We are committed to the formation of ***confident, competent Catholic-valued young people of conscience***'



# Year 7 2025 / Year 12 Graduating Class of 2030!

*It takes a village.....*







**Each of our young people has a story**

*Each of our Young People has a Story...*



*'Our thoughts on starting  
at St Leo's 2024'*

Please welcome  
Year 7 2024 students  
**Kieran, Annaliese, Katya,  
William, Abigail & Napier**



# 'Parents in Partnership'



**STUDENT**



“The success of the educational path depends primarily on the principle of *mutual cooperation*, first and foremost between parents and teacher...”

*(Paragraph 15, Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican City 2022)*

**PARENT/CARER**

**TEACHER**

*'The Towards 2025 strategy is about us working together to strive for excellence and achieve something great' said Bishop Randazzo. 'The person of Jesus Christ, and his message of Good News is central to who we are and all that we do.'*

*'As we strive to be at least as good as the very best'*

**We are a school  
full of human beings**  
*We are not a perfect school  
but we are an improving school*

**Three 'hints' between now and the start of  
the 2025 school year...**

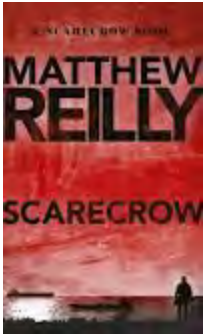




*Get involved with as many opportunities as possible!*

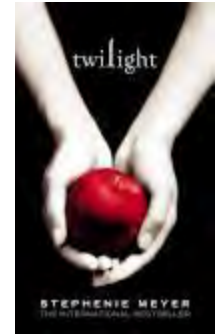






## *Reading - It's so important!*

Examples:  
Stephenie Meyer  
Matthew Reilly



Relax



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# Faith & Wellbeing Patrick Brennan

Assistant Principal - Evangelisation and Catechesis



**St Leo's** CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Tradition, Ritual and Symbols



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Year 7 Presented to the College



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Service - Street Retreat



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Retreat





# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Year 7 Laudato si' Excursion



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

## Year 7 Laudato si' Excursion

“My favourite part was playing games with the year 11 student leaders, and I will always remember the liturgy we had at the end of the day.” **Alex B**

“I’ll always remember the peace I felt during the meditation.” **Lucy C**

“My favourite thing was the meditation and getting to see everything God has made”.  
**Isabella P**

# Evangelisation & Catechesis

**Vinnies Winter Sleepout -  
over \$52,000  
raised in 2024!**



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

**Monday - Rosary**



**Tuesday - Environmental Group**



**Wednesday - Bible Study**



**Friday - Mass**



# Evangelisation & Catechesis

Ignite Conference 2025

July 10-13

Here @ St Leo's!



# Wellbeing for Learning

- Continuity of Care (Year Leader + Mentor teacher)
- Peer Relations
- Positive Behaviour underpinned by Restorative Practice

*'Social connectedness and good interpersonal relationships are considered protective factors that have a positive impact on mental (and general) health and wellbeing.'* Beyond Blue

# Wellbeing for Learning

Pastoral Days

Camps





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**Learning @ Leo's**  
**Mrs Fiona Milkins**  
**Assistant Principal - Student Achievement**

# Learning @ St Leo's

**Ensuring  
Growth  
for All**



**Embedding High  
Expectations  
for Enabling Success  
in Learning for All**





# Learning @ St Leo's



## A Leo's Learner is:

- Collaborative
- Independent
- Responsible
- Resilient

## Learning at St Leo's is:

- Rigorous
- Informed
- Relational
- Empowered



## **Hope Filled**

All students are guided to develop a growth mindset that enables them to become young people who are resilient and persistent, and believe in their capacity to achieve, reflect and grow. The Catholic Values develop the capacity for every student at St Leo's to work both independently and collaboratively to contribute positively in their world and the world of others.

# Assessment is not a scary word!





# Laptops @ School

- Laptops are tool for learning
- Secure Network provided
- Blended learning approach
- Handwriting is still important



# Devices @ Home

Set boundaries | Share the experience | Remove distractions

## Important Home Conversations:

- Determine when and where digital devices can be used at home
- Determine a time when digital devices can be used for entertainment
- Determine where the laptop should be charged every night



# Devices @ School

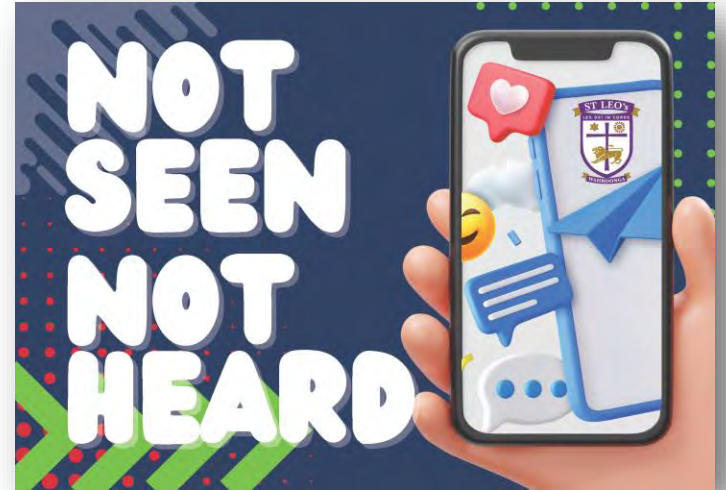
- Notifications are to be switched off
- Laptops must be charged
- Headphones must not be worn around the College





# Mobile Phones

- Out of sight and switched off from 8.30am to 3pm, including recess and lunch
- Mobile phones and devices will be **confiscated** until the end of the day if they are accessed
- An infringement will be issued if a mobile is confiscated



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**Year 7 2025 Transition Program**  
**Mr. Richard Hannan**  
Leader of Pastoral, Year 7



# Year 7 2025 Transition

- **Orientation Day -**  
Friday 15 November 2024  
9am - 2.30pm  
The Light of Christ Centre (TLOCC)
- **First Day 2025 -**  
Monday 3 February 2025  
8.30am - 2.30pm  
The Light of Christ Centre (TLOCC)



# Student Requirements for start of Term 1:

- **BYOD device**
  - Option of either PC/Windows-based or Apple OS device
  - See Handbook for full specifications
- **Stationery**
  - the College will provide a stationery pack to each student on Day 1
  - We suggest picking up students on Day 1 if possible as they are heavy
- **Textbooks** - made available online, so not needed initially. Additional resources will be advised throughout the year as required e.g. novels
- **Padlocks** - students will require a **keyed padlock** for their lockers. Specifications in the Handbook.

# Student Requirements for start of Term 1:

**Uniforms** – more information in the Handbook

- Order new uniforms through **Cowan & Lewis** (Turramurra) by **14 December** for guaranteed delivery by start of school year
- 2 sport polos required – 1 x House + 1 x general sport. When ordering, Houses will not yet be allocated. We will send list to supplier to allocate.
- Please ensure **every item is labelled**
- Second hand uniforms:
  - [Sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://Sustainableschoolshop.com.au) (online),
  - The Uniform Exchange (in person/online),
  - or other sites e.g. Marketplace



# Student Requirements for start of Term 1:

- **Opal Cards**

- New cards will be required by all students as they are starting a new school
- Order online directly through **Transport NSW** – in **student's** name
- Opens in Term 4 - Order before the end of year (suggest ASAP)



**Mrs Tess Denham-Fabry**  
Parent Engagement Coordinator



**Ms Sarah Szacsvey**  
Community Tutoring program





# General Information

Mrs Fiona Milkins

*Assistant Principal – Student Achievement*

# So Many Opportunities...Groups & Clubs

*Get involved!*





# CAPA Cubs



# What is the CAPA Cubs Program?

This is a **specially designed program for Year 7** focused around participation in the Creative and Performing Arts ensembles and programs at St Leo's which are **accessible** for all St Leo's students.

The *CAPA Cubs* program accommodates all skill levels and will be the first step for Year 7 as they progress further into our *Lions* and *Pride* CAPA programs here at the College.

Private Music Tuition is also offered on site during school hours.



## The Cubs Concert Band

An introductory band open to all students which consists of beginner to intermediate repertoire.

## The Cubs Singers

An introductory vocal group exclusively open to Year 7 students.

## The Cubs Dancers

An exclusive Year 7 ensemble for all ability dancers, beginners to advanced.

## The Cubs Drama

An introductory group to Drama through high energy, group interaction and production for Year 7.

## The Cubs Art Club

A Visual Arts Club that inspires students from Year 7 to further their artistic talents in Drawing.

# And many more...

- Spiritual - Rosary, Bible Study groups
- Academic - Maths, Science clubs
- Social Justice - Vinnies, Social welfare, etc.
- Sport - aerobics, fitness/athletics/CC training
- Special interest - Chess, Spanish, Lego, D&D

*\* Note current group examples only  
These may change each year or each term*





# Sport @ St Leo's



# Internal Sport Program

- As part of the regular College timetable, Year 7 participate in 2 hours of weekly sport.
- Students participate in various activities including but not limited to: Self-defense classes, Dance, Touch Football, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Lacross, Ultimate Frisbee, European Handball, Fitness ... just to name a few.

# Representative Sporting Program

- St Leo's is part of the **Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Sport Association** and competes at gala days throughout the year.
- Students can trial for sports that are advertised throughout the year and can play in as many sports as they would like.
- Training for these sports are usually undertaken before school.
- Students also have representative pathways through CSBB, onto NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (**NSWCCC**) and then **NSW All Schools**

# College Swimming Carnival

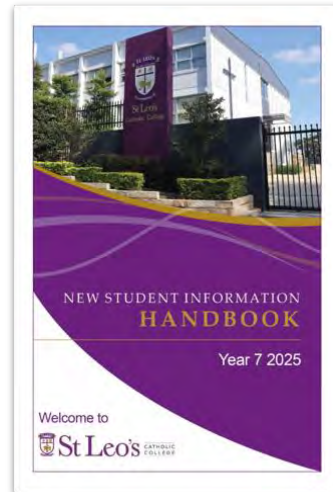


- College carnival is held in Term 4 –  
**Monday 9 December** at Hornsby Aquatic Centre
- For students who **wish to gain selection** in the St Leo's Swim Team **to compete at the Broken Bay Championships**
- If your son/daughter would like to compete, please ensure you complete an entry form using the QR code on the flyer
- Entries due by **Thursday 31 October**

# Year 7 2025 Information Flyer

If you don't already have one, please take a flyer home with you. It has QR codes for:

- **Handbook:** provides much more detail on the topics discussed today and much more. It should answer most of your queries.



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Once again, thank you for attending this afternoon's presentation. We look forward to our Year 7 2025 students starting with us very soon, and to a wonderful journey together over the next six years.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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- **Web page:** a specific page has been set up for you on the College website for the latest information & links including this presentation, the Handbook, etc. And new info as it is available.



A flyer titled "Welcome to St Leo's!" for the Year 7 2025 cohort. It features the St Leo's logo and a photograph of a church interior. The text reads: "We are excited to welcome you, the families of the St Leo's Year 7 2025 cohort – or our graduating Class of 2030! To those new to St Leo's – welcome! To those who already have a relationship with the College, welcome back. We thank you for choosing us and for your attendance this afternoon." Below this is a section titled "YEAR 7 2025 INFORMATION:" with a right-pointing arrow. A paragraph follows: "This afternoon's information session is intended to give you a brief introduction to St Leo's and overview to assist with starting high school with us. A copy of the slide presentation will be added to the Year 7 web page (see below)." Three yellow boxes provide details: "HANDBOOK" (with a question mark icon) states a new handbook is available for download via QR code; "WEB PAGE" (with a magnifying glass icon) states a new page is available for the latest information; "FAQS" (with a question mark icon) states an FAQ document will be added and updated. Each box contains a QR code. At the bottom, a "CONTACT DETAILS" section (with a right-pointing arrow icon) provides the phone number 61 2 7256 2133, email stleocs@stleocs.catholic.edu.au, and website www.stleocs.nsw.edu.au, along with the St Leo's logo.

# Year 7 2025 Information Flyer

- **Question Submission form for FAQ document:** an online form to submit any remaining questions not answered by today's presentation or the Handbook.



St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

*Enter with passion - graduate with greatness*

## Year 7 2025 - Question Submission for FAQs

Welcome to our wonderful St Leo's community!

If you have any unanswered questions following our Year 7 2025 Information Session on Tuesday, 10 September and after referring to the **Year 7 2025 New Student Information Handbook**, please add them here. We will then develop an FAQ document to answer all questions.



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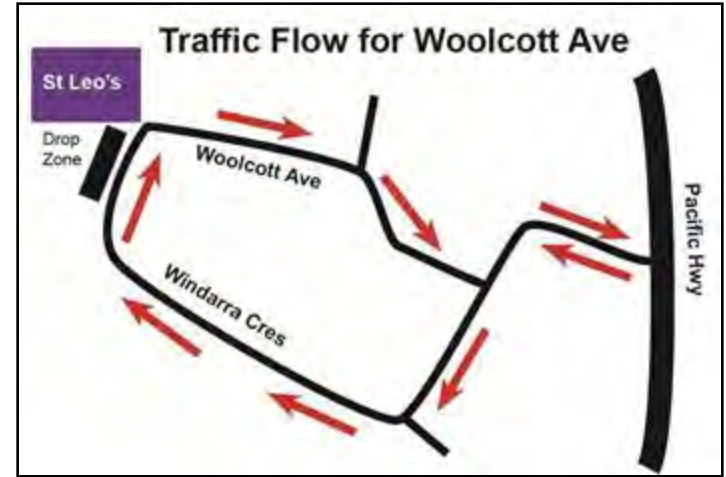
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# Other things to know...

- **Traffic Flow in Woolcott Ave -**  
Woolcott Ave/Windarra Cres loop (Gates A and B), are **one way** during pickup and drop off times.
- **Parking -**  
As you will have noticed, parking is an issue due to our quiet residential and beautiful bushland surrounds. Please consider our neighbours when parking and ensure residents are able to enter/exit driveways.




Thank you again for your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you at Orientation  
on November 15!



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