



The St Leo's — September 2026 Edition — Cubs Connect



What's happening at Leo's - for our incoming Year 7 2027 families



Important Dates for Year 7 2027:

Parent/Carer & Student
Information Evening:
TUES, 15 SEPT, 6PM
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'Cup of Connection'

Parent/Carer Morning Teas:
Various dates & locations
See Year 7 2027 web page
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Student Orientation Day:
FRI, 13 NOV, 8.30-2.30PM
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*'Helping your Child
Transition to High School'*
FREE Parent/Carer Seminar:
WED, 25 NOV, 6PM
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**Year 7 2027
First Day:**
MON, 1 FEB, 8.30AM
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We Welcome You to the St Leo's Community

Dear Year 7 2027 students and families,

Welcome to the first edition of the **Cubs Connect** news bulletin, and to the St Leo's Catholic College community. We are so excited to have you join us from next year!

Cubs Connect has been designed especially for you, our Year 7 2027 families, as part of an overall high school transition program we are calling '**My Leo's Journey**'. *Cubs Connect* will keep you informed and give you a taste of the many things to look forward to next year.

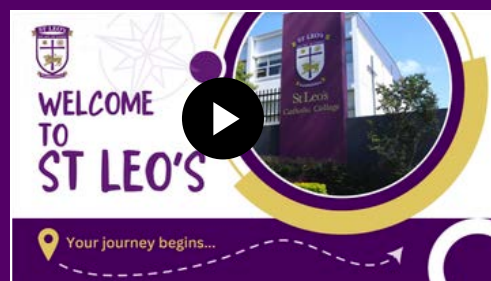
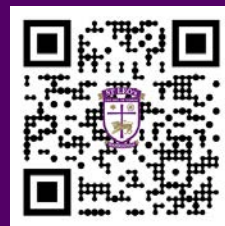
We invite you to take a few minutes to read it together.



Find everything for Year 7 2027 in one place

There is now a central hub for the latest Year 7 2027 information on the St Leo's website - just **scan the QR code** or visit **stleos.nsw.edu.au/year7**

Here you will find all you need to know, including details of events such as the Information Evening on 15 September.



Seen the Principal's Welcome Video?

A link was emailed to all Year 7 2027 families on Monday, 24 August. If you haven't received it, please check your spam folder and mark us as a 'trusted sender' to not miss out on future emails.
Click on the image to view the video.



You are invited...

Information Evening - 15 Sept

Our first in-person event for you, our Year 7 2027 families, is just around the corner!

An **Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 15 September from 6pm**, with both students and parents/carers invited to attend. It will be held in The Light of Christ Centre, off Yardley Avenue, Waitara. (See more below and on the Year 7 web page).

This information session will give you a good overview of everything you need to know before starting with us, and further information on our **'My Leo's Journey'** transition program.

Parents/Carers & Students, join us for the

Year 7 2027 Information Evening

Tuesday, 15 September, 6-7pm

The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Avenue, Waitara



This session, for both students and parents/carers, will provide an overview of everything you need to know before starting at St Leo's. It will cover our new **My Leo's Journey** transition program, first day details, what you'll need, basic policies and procedures & much more.



For more information about all My Leo's Journey activities, visit the Year 7 2027 web page - stleos.nsw.edu.au/year7 or scan the QR code.

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Meet Nellie, our Wellbeing Dog

St Leo's is lucky enough to have a much-loved 'Wellbeing Dog', a 6-year-old Cavoodle named Nellie.

Nellie was trained as a service dog and passed the rigorous training program before joining us full-time just over a year ago. Just like most students starting high school, she took a little while to adjust to her new environment. She lives with one of our staff in the outside of school hours.

In schools, wellbeing dogs have been shown to be a source of emotional support, social connection to enhance academic outcomes, improve relationships and to even reduce challenging behaviour.

**Nellie,
Wellbeing Dog**



Term 3 Teaching & Learning Focus

This term, our Teaching and Learning Focus is **Responsibility**.

As learners, students are encouraged to take ownership of their choices, actions and effort in class.

They are developing habits to help them arrive prepared, use their time well, meet expectations, care for their work and learn from feedback. This will help students become focused, reliable and responsible learners.





What's been Happening @ Leo's...



Papal Present: We received a signed 70th Anniversary print from Pope Leo - and invited him to visit us in 2028!



Vinnies Sleepout: 140 students 'slept rough' at the end of last term, raising awareness and an amazing \$34,000 for homelessness.



Science Safari: Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic day of hands-on Science learning at Taronga Zoo.



Subject Markets: Students assessing their many study options at our subjects presentations & markets



NAIDOC Activities: We celebrated with a range of activities including a Aboriginal art workshop and 'Deadly Dishes' crocodile, Kangaroo & emu.



Future Teachers: An amazing seven Year 11 students selected for the prestigious ACU 'Step Up into Teaching' program.



Team Spirit: Students are really enjoying the new weekly lunchtime House Games competition.



Ignite Youth Conference: St Leo's was proud to again host over 1000 young people from all over Australia during the holidays for three days of 'fun, faith, formation and friendship'



Careers & Pathways: In-house Careers Talks continued with speakers showcasing various professions, trades and study options.



Top Educators: Three Leo's staff were accredited as prestigious 'Highly Accomplished & Lead Teachers (HALT)



Sport Aerobics: 35 students qualified for Nationals



Netball: Girls and Boys District Champions



Battle of the Chefs: Our Year 11 Hospitality students won 'Dish of the Day' vs. other schools



Winter Appeal: Over XX items donated and \$XX raised for Vinnies



Athletics: District Cross Country



Football: Turner Cup Area Champions

Parents & Carers invited... 'Cup of Connection' Morning Teas

Parents and carers, are you interested in connecting with other new Year 7 2027 parents? Looking to meet other families and maybe develop a high school support network? Then come along to our **'Cup of Connection' morning teas**, hosted by some of our key primary feeder schools, to start the ball rolling.

This new initiative, developed with our wonderful Parent Engagement Coordinator network, gives you the opportunity to meet other incoming parents from your local area over an informal cuppa before students even start at Leo's. *Please RSVP on the web page via the QR code on the flyer below.*

An invitation to all

St Leo's Year 7 2027 Parents & Carers

Come along & meet other soon-to-be Leo's parents at our

Cup of Connection Morning Teas

- Join us for an informal cuppa at your local school
- Meet others with children starting at St Leo's in 2027
- Begin building relationships with other local families before they commence Year 7

Various Cup of Connection morning teas will be held during Terms

3 & 4 2026, including:

ASQUITH, BEROWRA, WAITARA, PENNANT HILLS & WAHROONGA

Scan to view the latest schedule & RSVP details.

All St Leo's Year 7 2027 parents & carers are welcome at all events.
We hope to see you there!

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Find your spark
Ignite your passion

St Leo's
So Many Opportunities...



Did You Know?

Extra-Curricular Activities

St Leo's has a huge range of extra-curricular groups, clubs and activities:

- **CAPA:** Creative & Performing Arts groups include:
 - Music: Concert to rock bands, guitar ensembles to accordion & singing groups
 - Drama & Dance: Drama clubs, Jazz, Hip Hop & Pom dance ensembles
 - Visual Arts: Art, clay & photography clubs
- We even have a special program just for Year 7s, called **'CAPA Cubs'**. You'll hear more about this program soon.
- **Sports:** Students have the opportunity to represent St Leo's in a wide variety of sports, ranging from Football (soccer) to Basketball, Sport Aerobics to Water Polo, and Golf to Surf Lifesaving.
- Other groups, clubs and activities include:
 - **Youth Ministry:** Bible Study, weekly Mass in the Chapel, weekly Rosary
 - **Social Justice:** Vinnies Crew, Steet Retreat, Vinnies Van and The Dish volunteering, Environment Group
 - **Leadership:** Duke of Edinburgh, Student Representative Council (SRC), Peer Support
 - **Academic:** Debating, Public Speaking, Maths & Science Clubs
 - **Other:** Chess Club, Robotics Club, Lego Club, Dungeons & Dragons ...and more!

Note groups may vary each term depending on student interests and teacher availability.



Further Info...

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A reminder, you will find out everything you need to know about starting high school at St Leo's at our **Parent/Carer & Student Information Session on Tuesday, 15 September from 6pm**, and all Year 7 2027 information, including details of all upcoming events on the Year 7 2027 web page: **scan the QR code or visit: stleos.nsw.edu.au/year7**

Meet our Registrar

Mrs Joanna Gower will be a familiar face, or at least, familiar voice, to many of you.

As Registrar (and also Principal's EA), you would have spoken with her about your application and offer of a position at St Leo's.

Mrs Gower is not only a valued staff member, but also a long-term St Leo's parent with the last of her four children at the College.



Mrs Joanna Gower
Principal's EA & College Registrar