



# *St Leo's College Foundation*

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## 2019 Drought Scholarship Program

St Leo's College at the University of Queensland has announced a series of scholarships for those families struggling in Queensland's drought-affected areas.

Mr Sam Winston Smith, chair of the College Foundation, said the devastating effect of the prolonged drought in so many areas across the State had prompted the action.

The six scholarships would be aimed at helping those families whose sons wanted to begin or continue their university study, but were finding that difficult because of circumstances.

A minimum of two full and four partial accommodation scholarships in 2019 will be made available.

The two full accommodation scholarships will be made available for students attending university for the first time. An additional four \$5000 bursaries would be made available to students returning to St Leo's for the second year, in 2019.

Students would receive board and accommodation in a standard room at St Leo's College located at St Lucia within The University of Queensland campus.

Mr Winston Smith said while most St Leo's residents attended UQ, some were enrolled at other university campuses across Brisbane.

"Each scholarship offered will be assessed on a professional and confidential basis," he said.

"This follows in tradition of St Leo's College supporting Catholic young men from rural and remote Queensland to gain tertiary qualifications.

"It's not going to change the drought, but we hope it will materially help several families who are struggling at this time. All of them remain in our prayers," Mr Winston Smith said.

Further information, including an application form and contact details, can be found on the college website - <http://www.stleos.uq.edu.au/st-leos-foundation/>

(Note: to interview the Foundation's Chief Executive, Peter Quinlan, please phone 07 3878 0600)