

LEONIAN HANDBOOK 2026



St LEO'S  
COLLEGE  
(WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND)





# LEONIANS - YOU ARE HOME

This handbook sets out the way the St Leo's community functions and should assist you to navigate the basic questions you have about College life. It also explains how St Leo's delivers the services that make St Leo's the benchmark college at UQ.

Whether you're new to College or a returning resident, what follows explains how things work; but like any organisation that is responsive to suggestions for improvement, we want to hear what you think. So, come and tell us and make St Leo's a better place than you found it - be part of giving back to your community.

You're sharing these halls with other young men who, like you, have big dreams for their futures. We want you to think of St Leo's as your home. And, in the main, it is... it's just that it's a very big home.

For a home of this size to work, there has to be a clear, unambiguous value-set through which everyone who lives here operates. It doesn't matter whether you're in first year, second year, a member of staff, a member of council, on the students' club executive or residential assistant (RA) team, the College's values and our principles and ethos inform the choices that all members of our community make.

**At Leo's, our values inform our behaviour. The choices that people make are, at all times, reconcilable with these values.**

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# ST LEO'S COLLEGE VALUES

**Conscience** – Conduct and choices consistent with the ethical teachings of the gospels

**Compassion** – Care and empathy, a willingness to understand others' challenges

**Respect** – Valuing and empowering alternative experiences

**Excellence** – Wholehearted commitment to academic and personal success

**Emotional literacy** - Understanding how emotions work

**Connectedness** - Belonging to a community and a sense of place

## ST LEO - THE MAN

Pope St Leo the Great is a towering figure of the Catholic church and is the first Pope to be laid to rest in St Peter's. Amongst other achievements, he is credited with meeting Attila the Hun at the gates of Rome in 452AD. Legend has it that Attila was so impressed by Leo that he withdrew from Rome and so the city was spared from Attila's marauding masses.

It's unclear why the College founder, Archbishop Sir James Duhig chose St Leo as the patron of our great College, but the Archbishop appeared sure about his choice. In the words of College historian, Fr Michael Head SJ, perhaps the Archbishop hoped that St Leo, Pope and Doctor of the Church, and a powerful influence in the religious and secular world of his day, might stand as a model for Leonian graduates into the future.

St Leo now occupies pride of place in the College foyer. His bust was unveiled as the first centenary project in 2017 – marble for the church and sandstone for the University. There's a time capsule behind the crest in the plinth and an instruction plate noting its opening in the bi-centenary.

## ST LEO'S - THE COLLEGE

St Leo's College originally opened at 259 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill, that site today occupied by the Brisbane Private Hospital. Mounted on the inside wall of the hospital's front cafeteria you'll find a plaque marking the College's 44 year history up on the Terrace. On the Centenary Wall opposite the Head of College's office, you'll find a photo marking the College's 30 September 1917 opening and a similar photo, celebrating the same day, exactly one century later. Since 1961, St Leo's has sat just south of the Great Court, in the centre of the UQ campus.

Continue reading and you'll find all the details you'll need to make the most of your Leo's experience.

**St Leo's acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays its respects to elders past, present and emerging.**

# LEONIAN FOR LIFE

When we ask our residents what sets their St Leo's experience apart, invariably the reply comes back, "It's our mates". The friendships that you'll forge here will be lifelong and they will be special. You'll meet people in the next year, two years, three years whom you'd never otherwise have met, but for your time at St Leo's, and they will become part of your life story, and be old boys forever with you.

The St Leo's old boy community is sizeable and professionally very active. With the support of our old boys, we are able to arrange internships and professional development opportunities that arise by virtue of your membership at the College.

To ensure a great College, we need to ensure a great community – and the greatest communities are built on shared values as well as generosity of spirit and concern for those people with whom you are living. Academics are at the centre of why you chose St Leo's and our policies and the expectations that arise from these policies support and sustain our academic environment and our College life.

Whilst supporting you in your primary academic mission, St Leo's works closely with its Students' Club to bring you sporting, cultural and social opportunities – clear that a rounded and wholesome student experience provides the best platform for life happiness and the prime environment for academic achievement.

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# PRINCIPLES AND ETHOS

- St Leo's is an adult community, and its members live by its values.
- St Leo's community members interact with each other and guests respectfully.
- St Leo's community members are accountable for their choices.
- St Leo's welcomes and embraces diversity.
- St Leo's physical environment is important and members of our community look after it.
- St Leo's community members look out for each other and conduct themselves ethically.
- St Leo's community members accept and embrace that they are stewards of the College's good name and conduct themselves accordingly.

## LIVING A LEO'S LIFE

The men of St Leo's are the College's very best ambassadors. On all occasions, where a member of the St Leo's community interacts with the public, the College is on public display.

At all times, the men of St Leo's should:

- Conduct themselves in ways that reflect credit on St Leo's.
- Support fellow community members in their different endeavours, but never disrespect, demean or taunt collegians from other colleges, colleagues from the University, or people from the broader community.

Being a member of the St Leo's community confers both rights and responsibilities. Giving generously and thoughtfully whilst taking fairly and judiciously will gift a St Leo's community to our successors that speaks to the importance our stewardship has placed on the College's values.

At the heart of these values is the notion that the norms of the outside world illuminate the choices members make in College, and an acceptance that St Leo's is first and foremost an academic community, built on a respect for self, others and property.

Please find linked the College's Conditions of Residence: [www.stleos.uq.edu.au/policies](http://www.stleos.uq.edu.au/policies)

## ST LEO'S ALUMS

St Leo's men have gone on and prospered in all walks of professional life. There are three Leonians presently in the national federal parliament, two of whom were former Students' Club Presidents – the Honourable Bob Katter MP and the Honourable Ted O'Brien MP. Leonians have held ministerial positions in both Labor and LNP state governments, and presently Robbie Katter MLA leads the Katter Australia Party in Queensland's parliament.

There are Leonians who have presided on the Supreme Court bench, Leonians who have won UQ's highest honour for undergraduate academic success, UQ Graduates of the Year and Leonians who have been awarded UQ's most prestigious award - UQ's Alumnus of the Year, and those who have made careers out of playing professional rugby league.

The architect of Australia's superannuation scheme is a Leonian, an honorary doctorate holder who was originally from St Augustine's in Cairns. There are Leonians who have undertaken nationally significant medical research and another Leonian who has established an Australia-wide charity, *Twogood*, which responds to the needs of survivors of domestic and family violence. There are Leonians in the Australian Defence Forces. Leonians, like you, who are getting ready for the opportunities that await you after graduation. These men all occupied the same halls that you occupy today and are all part of the St Leo's College story.

## COMMON SPACES

There is a lot! We have the Boardroom/Chapel, the Centenary Room, multiple tute rooms, the Junior Common Room (JCR), the Reading Room, the Quad, the McKenna Room, the Leonian, the tennis court, the Late Meals' Room, the deck, the dining room, the music room and the gym.

Use of the spaces noted below is premised upon the understanding that the rooms be left in excellent order for the next users.

## STUDY SPACES

The Boardroom/Chapel, Centenary Room, Tute Room 3, McKenna Room and the Leonian, are each available 24/7 for resident students to use for study purposes.

In each of these rooms there are white boards and IT facilities to support tutorials and group learning.

None of these spaces has to be booked and is readily available to all Leonians and approved study guests.

Occasionally, on certain one-off weekdays, the Boardroom/Chapel and/or the Leonian may be redeployed for College meetings.

## SPECIALIST ROOMS

The music room, tennis court and gym are each available for resident student use. All fobs are programmed to provide access to the gym, and the tennis court is freely available up to 10:00pm every evening. Residents have to get their fobs programmed to provide access to the music room.

## JCR, READING ROOM, QUAD AND LATE MEAL ROOM

The JCR and Reading Room are available for resident use, although the use of these facilities may be subject to a specific agreement the Students' Club negotiates with the Head of College.

The Late Meal Room is open til 11:00pm each night.

The Quad is used for evening gatherings from time to time, but these events finish prior to 10:00pm.



# FOOD

Residents may dine in three areas, those being the Dining Room, the Deck and the Quad.

Residents may not eat College-provided food or commercially provided food (eg pizzas and other takeaway) in their rooms because food scraps left in hallways and rooms attract vermin .

Workplace, Health and Safety laws also require the College to designate certain areas, these being the Dining Room, the Deck and the Quad as meal areas.

## Monday to Friday

**Breakfast** 6:00am-9:00am

(cooked breakfast from 7:00am)

**Lunch** 11:45am-1:15pm

**Dinner** 5:00pm-6:30pm

Late Meal Room open till 11:00pm all nights

## Saturday & Sunday

**Breakfast** 7:00am-10:00am

(cooked breakfast from 8:00am)

**Lunch** 12:00noon-1:30pm

**Dinner** 5:00pm-6:30pm

Late Meal Room Open till 11:00pm both nights

Delivering food safely and ongoing compliance with statutory obligations is critical in St Leo's operations.

## Late Meals - Dinner

Should residents be off-site at the dinner service, they may request a Late Meal. When residents return to College, they contact either the RA on duty or after 11:00pm, the Duty Officer and the resident is given access to the Late Meal fridge. Late meal requests must be submitted by 2:00pm [via this link](#).

## Packed Lunches

Again, should residents be off-site at the lunch service, at the latest, the day prior to their being off-site, they may request a Packed Lunch. Packed lunch requests must be submitted online by 2:00pm [via this link](#) on the day prior. Late lunches must be collected from Kitchen Staff by 11:30am.

**NB** – a member of staff comes in early to make the Packed Lunches. Failure to pick-up a Packed Lunch may result in the resident who fails to pick-up his requested lunch being unable to make further requests for a Packed Lunch.

Requests for both Late Meals and Packed Lunches need to be lodged with the Kitchen by 2:00pm the day prior to the lunch being required. For example, if you require a packed lunch on Tuesday, you must have your request with the Kitchen by 2:00pm, Monday.

## Attire in the Dining Room, Late Meal Room and Kitchen

Residents may only attend the Dining Room, Late Meal Room and Kitchen if they are wearing shirts, shorts/ trousers and footwear. Anyone who is bare footed, sporting headwear, swimming trunks or a bare chest may not attend the Dining Room, Late Meal Room or Kitchen.

## Formal Dinners

At any event the College bills as a “formal dinner”, “formal occasion”, “formal function” or “formal reception”, residents must wear suit and College tie, as well as their College lapel pin.

## Dietary Requirements

Should a resident have a dietary requirement, whether that be for a medical, religious or philosophical reason, the resident himself is responsible for informing the Front Office of that requirement.

Residents with anaphylactic allergic reactions to different foodstuffs must inform the College of their status and the management systems they use should they experience an inadvertent exposure. The College requires all residents with allergies to register their Management Plans on Family Day – ie, the day the resident first arrives at St Leo's.

If you have a particular dietary need, please always check ingredients with the Duty Chef prior to eating a meal.

## Food Preparation in Blocks

Food may not be prepared or cooked in residential blocks. The fire and vermin risks are too great.

## WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

St Leo's complies with all Workplace, Health and Safety laws and reminds residents that St Leo's is both their home and the workplace of St Leo's staff.

The College maintains a fire alarm system which is regularly checked and which can be triggered by things like smoke, steam and spray. Any activation of the fire alarm because of activity prohibited at the College, for example smoking, heating/drying, cooking or vaping in College rooms or tampering with the fire alarm hardware will result in the QFS call-out cost being sheeted home to the resident(s) who caused the activation. QFES fees for an unwanted alarm call-out are at least \$1,485 per call-out.

The College also maintains CCTV to secure the College. There is a publication at the front desk which explains how the College monitors its CCTV cameras.

The College retains a right of entry to all rooms for the purposes of ensuring rooms are fit and proper and bear no contents which represent risk to the broader community. The perception of the risk is at the discernment of the Head of College, Deputy Head of College or their agents.

[Regulatory Policies can be viewed online here.](#)

## MAINTENANCE

Should a resident come across a hazard around the College, whether a cleaning hazard, a workplace hazard or just something that requires maintenance attention, he should note that hazard by [submitting an online Maintenance Form](#).

## ROOM SERVICING

The College contracts its cleaning needs to a commercial provider. Residents are expected to ensure that on the weekday upon which their Block is serviced, their rooms are "cleanable". A cleanable room is a room that has a visible floor.

St Leo's rooms have their rubbish bins emptied and carpets vacuumed weekly. Fresh linen is also supplied weekly upon the resident's request. If you would like your linen replaced, please leave your used linen outside your door on your scheduled cleaning day. College bathrooms are serviced six days per week, Monday to Saturday. Residents will find the Cleaning Schedule on various noticeboards around the College.

For WH&S and hygiene reasons, residents may not refuse to have their rooms cleaned. Room cleaning can happen any time after 9:00am, Monday to Friday and, on special occasions, on weekends and public holidays.

## ADDITIONAL ROOM/SPACE SERVICING

Sometimes bedrooms and occasionally St Leo's public spaces, including corridors, require additional cleaning. Where the additional cleaning is required because of a resident's poor choices, the charges that accrue in the additional cleaning will be sheeted home to the resident or, where at a Students' Club event, the Students' Club.

## LAUNDRY

The College provides washing machines, dryers, irons and ironing boards as well as clothes lines. A load of washing costs \$1.00 and a load of drying \$2.00.

Washing tokens can be purchased from the front office and are \$1.00 each, or you can pay on-line using the Paypal app. Instructions are on the laundry noticeboard.



## COLLEGE GROUNDS

The College grounds are for all residents to enjoy. College bins are emptied daily. On a season-dependent cycle, the grounds are mowed. These operations can produce noise.

## IT

St Leo's rooms have both Wi-Fi and ethernet (plug into the wall) connectivity to our internet service. To report any issues, or assistance troubleshooting, please [submit an online Maintenance Form](#).

St Leo's IT policy is in line with UQ's standards which can be [viewed here](#).

## CAR PARKING

Parking at St Leo's is a privilege and arises because St Leo's is the only UQ college which has sufficient land to supply all residents with an on-College car park. Residents must register their car and its ownership details with Reception by the end of January.

St Leo's guarantees parking for all residents, but each resident must park in that space he is allocated. Failure to park within the marked white lines or failure to park in the resident's allocated space can result in parking privileges being withdrawn or an additional charge being imposed.

Permitting entry of non-registered cars onto College grounds will also result in loss of parking privileges and/or the imposition of additional charges.

## GOODS STORAGE

St Leo's has limited storage space under its dining room. This area is called the 'Catacombs'. Residents may store their belongings in the Catacombs. The College specifically alerts residents to the risks of storage in this area – the Catacombs can become damp, depending upon the season and there is no efficient means of ensuring the security of the Catacombs. Occasionally, belongings stored in this space have been removed by parties other than the owners of the stored goods. All risk that arises through the process of a resident storing goods in the Catacombs is with the resident. Residents must not store any item or substance that is combustible, illicit or explosive.

Should residents wish to store their belongings in the Catacombs between the conclusion of second semester and the commencement of first semester the year following, they should put their belongings in a damp-proof container, write their name and phone contact on the container and store their goods in the racks in the Catacombs, not on the floor of the Catacombs. Residents who store their belongings in the catacombs indemnify the College against their loss.

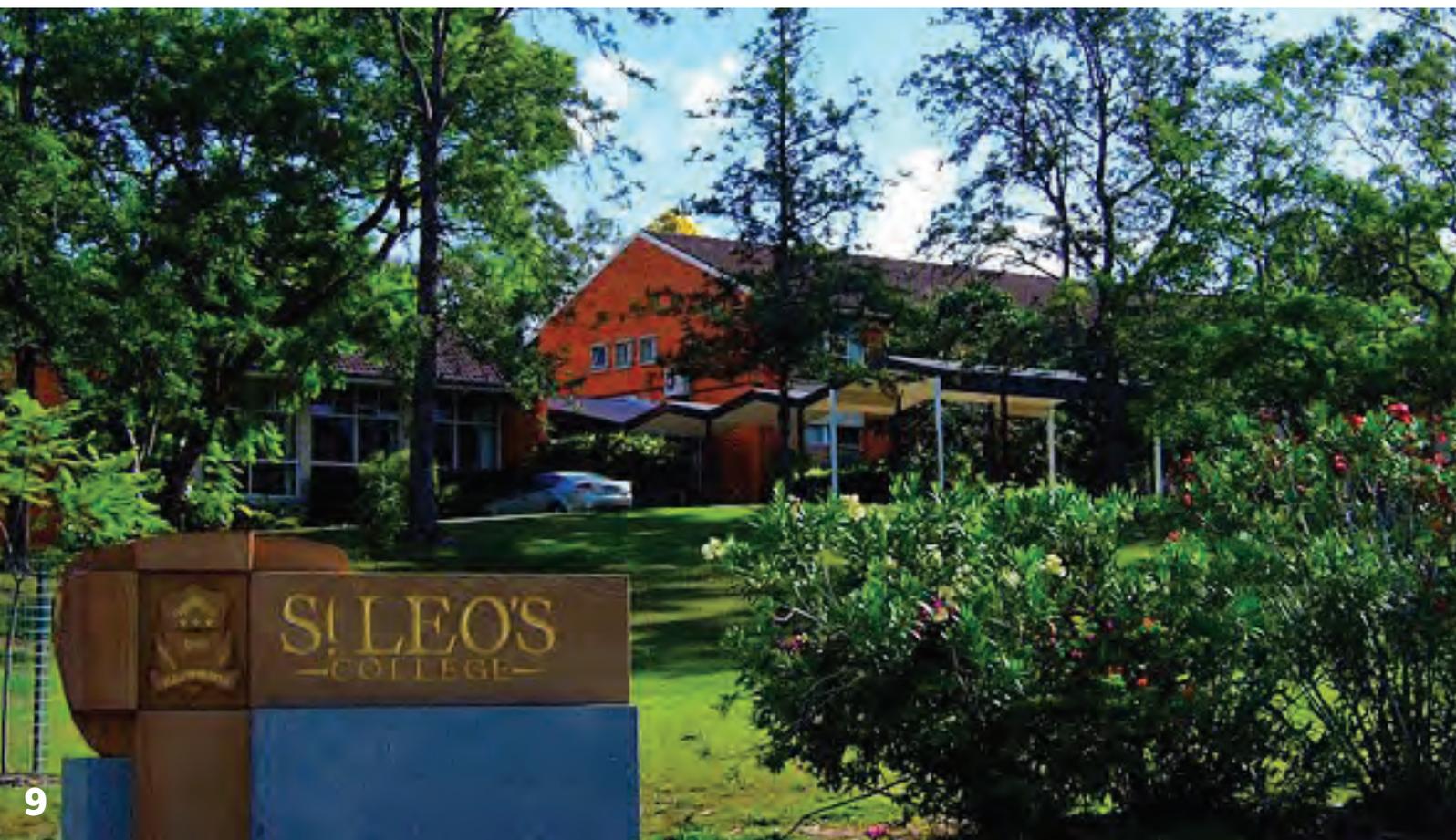
# ST LEO'S COLLEGE STORY

St Leo's was the fifth college to affiliate with the University of Queensland, and along with St John's and Emmanuel (1911), King's (1912) and Women's (1914), St Leo's supported a very different and nascent University of Queensland, from the giant UQ has become today. For the first 61 years after UQ's 1909 foundation, The University of Queensland was the sole university operating in this state. It wasn't until 1970 that James Cook University received university accreditation.

St Leo's College welcomed its first three Residents, Frank Breslin, Timothy Sullivan and Vincent McCarthy at the commencement of the 1915 academic year. In 1915, the College was situated in Bulimba. Our first three men came from Gladstone, Lismore and Maryborough, respectively.

St Leo's first resident, Frank Breslin, graduated from his UQ Science studies in 1917, coincidentally the same year that St Leo's College relocated from a temporary site in South Brisbane to 259 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. Frank then moved to Sydney where in 1922, he graduated from The University of Sydney with his MBBS. He practised medicine at the Mater in Sydney for more than thirty years. Timothy Sullivan enrolled in Arts and Law and practised in Lismore. Vincent McCarthy graduated from UQ with Arts in 1918 and in 1929 was admitted to the bar, before setting up his own practice, the Brisbane-based, VD McCarthy & Co. Outside the Meeting Room, you'll find a water colour of one of St Leo's original Wickham Terrace buildings, and on the Centenary Wall you'll find the 1917 College photograph.

St Leo's was the second Australian Catholic residential college to affiliate with its parent university. The College of St John the Evangelist was the first when in 1858, St John's affiliated with The University of Sydney. Like St Leo's, John's affiliated eight years after its parent university was established. The impetus to create a Catholic college for matriculating Queensland Catholic students came from His Grace Archbishop Sir James Duhig. Archbishop Duhig's legacy to the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Province of Queensland is extraordinary; but it was the former Archbishop's 50 years' service on the UQ senate and his lifelong commitment to education that puts Archbishop Duhig at the centre of the St Leo's story, even today. Archbishop Duhig's portrait hangs in pride of place in the College dining room.





In its 108-year history, St Leo's has been administered by diocesan priests, the Vincentians, the Jesuits and the Christian Brothers. The first rector, Fr Michael McKenna was a diocesan priest. He led the fledgling St Leo's at a time that troops were returning from the First World War, the Spanish Flu was impacting towns and cities across Australia and UQ was forging a national profile as one of the country's great universities. Frank Breslin, Timothy Sullivan and Vincent McCarthy perhaps wouldn't recognise modern St Leo's.

Today, St Leo's is owned by what are now the Catholic Dioceses of Queensland – Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. When the College was founded, only the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Diocese of Rockhampton had been established. Today, the College has resident students from all over Queensland and Australia, and increasingly, from around the world. In 1915, Archbishop Duhig established St Leo's to accommodate the academically gifted matriculating senior students from St Joseph's Nudgee College. In 2025, St Leo's has residents from south-east Queensland's Catholic boarding schools Nudgee, Downlands and Ashgrove, as you might well expect, but also state high schools, regional Catholic schools, grammar schools, and independent schools across the country.

St Leo's shares its motto, *Dominus Illuminatio Mea*, the Lord is My Light, with Oxford University. As you might expect, the College's academic pedigree runs deep. St Leo's is the only UQ college to have not one, but two UQ Graduates of the Year, Patrick Doolan in 2013 and Aaron Brooker in 2014. In 1917, in St Leo's inaugural year of affiliation, we had our very first Rhodes Scholar – James Baxter, after whom in 2017, our Centenary Year, we named our First Year Academic Prize. Those students who have won Rhodes Scholarships and those who have won University Medals are noted on the honour board in the College dining room.

St Leo's very first sporting outing was in a game of billiards against our friends and colleagues at St John's; and happily, posterity records a St Leo's victory. In a modern world with all of its modern pressures and modern stresses, St Leo's has been a constant in the lives of the young men who have shared their golden years, those wonderful years of young adult youth and exuberance, roughly from 18-22 years of age.

To sound in the words of the College motto – *Dominus Illuminatio Mea*, the Lord is my light.



## COLLEGE EVENTS

Outside of the many University-wide and Students' Club events, the College convenes annual opportunities for Residents to connect, celebrate, and engage. From formal dinners and cultural nights to casual gatherings, there's always something happening to enrich your College experience. All Residents are expected to attend College events unless the dates coincide with University obligations or family commitments.

### COMMENCEMENT DINNER - 10 MARCH

**DRESS CODE: FORMAL** Join us as St Leo's celebrates the beginning of the academic year and acknowledges those residents who achieved significant academic success in the prior year.

### ANZAC LUNCHEON - 25 APRIL

**DRESS CODE: FORMAL** Every year St Leo's holds an ANZAC ceremony at which each of the ANZAC era colleges are represented by their respective Heads of College and Students' Club presidents. An ANZAC Day Mass held here at St Leo's precedes the ceremony and is followed by a barbecue lunch.

### MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON - 9 MAY

**DRESS CODE: SMART/CASUAL** St Leo's Mothers' Day Luncheon is an annual tradition where we welcome families back to College to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers and mother figures. The luncheon is a great opportunity to reflect on the contributions of these people and enjoy memories that have been made at Leo's.

### DUHIG LECTURE & DINNER - 25 AUGUST

**DRESS CODE: FORMAL** St Leo's Archbishop Sir James Duhig Memorial Lecture & Dinner is the longest running UQ college annual lecture and dinner.

The Duhig has been delivered by serving Prime Ministers, Leaders of the Opposition, Justices of the High Court and Supreme Courts, Premiers, nationally significant media personalities, novelists, musicians, playwrights and businessmen.

Inaugurated in 1979, this event honours Archbishop Sir James Duhig, the late Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane and major benefactor of St Leo's College and member of The University of Queensland Senate for over 50 years. The theme of the Duhig Lecture & Dinner is 'the cultural development of Australian society'. To be invited as a guest speaker to deliver this annual lecture is one of the highest honours that the College can confer.

## FATHERS' DAY BBQ - 5 SEPTEMBER

**DRESS CODE: CASUAL** This event honours our fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our College community. This laid-back gathering offers delicious grilled favourites, refreshing beverages, and plenty of good company. It's a perfect way to catch up on College life, enjoy some hearty food, and relax in a welcoming atmosphere.

## VALETE LUNCHEON - 24 OCTOBER

**DRESS CODE: SMART/CASUAL** The Valete Luncheon recognises departing Third Year residents. Families are invited to St Leo's as we reflect upon the the significant achievements and contributions these Leonians have made to the College community.

## SPORT & CULTURAL AWARDS - 29 OCTOBER

**DRESS CODE: SEMI-FORMAL** The Sport and Cultural Awards evening celebrates the end of the academic year, marking the final formal gathering of the St Leo's community. This event serves as a celebration of achievement and a recognition of outstanding contributions across various domains of College life.

The evening is an opportunity to highlight those individuals who have excelled on the stage or field. All residents are eligible for awards.

# SOCIAL DRESS GUIDE

## FORMAL DRESS

- SUIT
- COLLARED SHIRT
- ST LEO'S TIE
- ST LEO'S PIN
- DRESS SHOES



## SMART CASUAL

- COLLARED SHIRT
- CHINOS/DRESS PANTS
- DRESS SHOES



## IF THINGS GO WRONG

Sometimes residents make choices that are irreconcilable with what the College publicly says about itself. In those circumstances, residents are invited to explain how their conduct sits within Leo's value set of Conscience, Compassion, Respect, Excellence, Emotional literacy and Connectedness. The Sanctions which may be imposed are imposed with a view to deterring the same or similar conduct in the future.

For more information, please visit: [www.stleos.uq.edu.au/policies](http://www.stleos.uq.edu.au/policies)

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

St Leo's primary concern is the health and wellbeing of the men who live at the College. We have staff who reside on site, RAs who live in resident blocks, staff who are present after hours and staff who attend the College during business hours. The contact details of these people are noted on page 19 of this handbook.

### The following is a list of services nearby St Leo's.

UQ Campus Security – 3365 3333  
Student Services – 3365 1704  
Health Services – 3365 6210  
Campus Pharmacy – 3870 1509  
Dental – 3870 0511  
Counselling – 1300 851 998  
Students' Union – 3377 2200  
UQ Pool – 3365 6047  
UQ Courts - 3365 6933  
Translink – 13 12 30  
UQ Psychology Clinic – 3365 6451

### QUT

QUT Medical Centre – 3138 2321  
QUT Health Clinics – 3138 9777  
QUT Counselling Services – 3138 3488

### Other Agencies

National Home Doctor – 137 425 (13SICK)  
House Call Doctor – 13 55 46  
St Lucia Medical Centre – 3371 6005  
iHealth Indooroopilly – 3870 2525  
Taringa Medical (24 hour) – 3870 7239  
Wesley Private (24 hour) - 3232 7000  
Sexual Assault Counselling Service – 1800 737 732  
Translating & Interpreting Service – 131 450  
Artius (Counselling Service) - 3106 0250

## SCHOLARSHIPS

St Leo's has both merit based and equity scholarships. Our scholarships are for sporting, cultural, academic and music excellence and our equity scholarships are to assist those residents who, without the support of the College, wouldn't be able to live at St Leo's. The quantum of these Awards varies, and some of them are conferred in partnership with UQ and local sporting clubs or organisations. Details of St Leo's scholarships are on the College's website. All St Leo's scholarships are conferred at entry into First Year.



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## TUTORIALS

St Leo's runs tutorials from Week 4 of each semester through till the Exam Block. In the lead up to Week 4, the College surveys residents to establish those areas of academic need and then sets about providing tutors to those students who have requested assistance.

St Leo's has a great collegial relationship with its fellow College Road colleges, and shares tutorial resources with the other College Road colleges. St Leo's attempts to supply a tutor to any First Year resident student who requests assistance; and where it can, tries to provide tutors for Second and Third Year courses. It needs to be understood though, as subject selections get more and more refined the further students progress through their degrees, sourcing competent tutors becomes a greater challenge.

From time to time, there is only one tutor of a particular subject and so, that person may not privately tutor at colleges, for reasons to do with conflicts of interest.

There is a clear correlation between the academic success of those residents who avail themselves of the support of the St Leo's tutorial program, and those who don't. In a mark of the significance the College places on tutorials, both Monday and Tuesday nights are set aside as academic nights, upon which the College will not run any event to clash with tutorials, formal dinners, notwithstanding.

Please see the below noted link to St Leo's Academic and Progression Policy:  
[www.stleos.uq.edu](http://www.stleos.uq.edu).





## ST LEO'S COLLEGE STUDENTS' CLUB

The St Leo's College Students' Club is responsible for the collegiality that makes the St Leo's College experience special. The Students' Club Executive (and the Residential Assistants' team) meets with St Leo's Council twice each year. These meetings are especially important because they are how St Leo's, the organisation, ensures all stakeholders are aligned with the College's values.

These meetings have been happening since 2018 as has the practice of St Leo's student leaders meeting with and receiving families of newly arriving First Years at the start of O Week.

The Students' Club facilitates the College's sporting teams, cultural teams and social events. Through meetings with the Deputy Head of College and the Dean of Students, the Students' Club Executive sets the tone for the College and works with the College Executive to ensure the Leo's experience is unrivalled amongst the offerings at UQ.

In any given year, the Students' Club runs events as diverse as trips to Wet 'n Wild through to our annual Ball to our Choralfest performance. The Students' Club is a big part of what makes St Leo's the College that it is – the more involved you are in your College experience, the more the experience will give back to you.





## INTER-COLLEGE COUNCIL

Each of the ten UQ colleges' students' clubs is a member of the Inter-College Council (ICC). The ICC is the body which organises the annual competitions in which the ten UQ colleges compete, and the huge social calendar in which all ten UQ colleges participate. So, when you come to St Leo's, you'll hear about the ICC Ball – the annual ball organised for all college residents. You'll also hear about ICC Sport and ICC Cultural. Again, these events/games/gigs are activities organised by UQ college residents for UQ college residents, all through the ICC.

ICC functions through a rotation agreement shared among the ten college students' clubs. Basically, the executive positions rotate, such that in any given year, St Leo's may hold the cultural or the social or the president's role, on the understanding that in the following year, another college's resident will occupy that role.

In a sentence, ICC is a great organisation and it visits a hugely significant dimension on your college experience. Through your membership of the St Leo's College Students' Club, you are automatically a member of ICC and it will gift you opportunities to represent St Leo's and participate with our colleague colleges in all manner of sports, activities and pastimes.





# THE PHANTOM

Kit Walker, the Phantom, the ghost who walks, has been keeping St Leo's halls and corridors safe since the middle 1960s.

There are a lot of stories that explain how the Phantom came to be permanently in residence at Leo's; but whichever story you believe, there is one thing that is indisputable. The Leo's boys love the Phantom because unlike many other superheroes, the Phantom has no superpowers. He totally relies on his strength, intelligence and the myth of his immortality to take action against the forces of evil.

When you return to Leo's in years to come, whether for reunions, visits, to drop off your sons or old boy gatherings, you'll find the Phantom still here, living on and waiting for you.

## SPORT

Sport, both the playing of it and the supporting it, are a big part of life at St Leo's. St Leo's plays all ICC sports and our residents show up and support each St Leo's team, no matter whether the boys are having a hit out in tennis, cricket, league or badminton. We get around our teams, regardless of the game.

Each year Leo's wins ICC premierships and along with John's, King's and Emmanuel is one of only four colleges to have won the Old Collegians' Cup – the trophy that recognises the best male sporting college at UQ.

All Leonians are eligible to represent the College in our sporting teams, and our selection policies are fully meritocratic.

Come and live at St Leo's and play for us.





## CULTURAL

Apart from Dancefest and Art Show, St Leo's has won each ICC Cultural event. As with sport, the cultural life of the College is hugely significant and St Leo's puts teams/choirs/troupes/bands in each of the eight ICC cultural competitions.

The importance of the cultural life of the College resonates in key events, as well. St Leo's Archbishop Sir James Duhig Memorial Lecture and Dinner is the oldest of the UQ colleges' public lectures and has been delivered by a serving prime-minister, premiers, high court judges, novelists, playwrights and renowned national journalists.

No matter where your strengths lie, in oratory, singing, painting, playing an instrument...and yes, even dancing, there's a contribution you can make to the College's cultural life.

## SOCIAL

St Leo's has a great social life with our two sister colleges Duchesne, and Women's. We've also got a huge amount to do with St John's.

While you're at St Leo's to get the very best degree that you possibly can, you're also here to make friends and meet new people.

The College social calendar with events like St Leo's Ball, Leonian, Trivia Nights, Duchesne Bowls, All College Exchanges, Pit Sessions, Quad Summaries and visits up and down College Road, you'll be overloaded with choice.

Come and be part of something special.



# COLLEGE ROLES & WHO TO TURN TO

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## Residential Assistants (RAs)

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## EVENT PLANNING

Any Leonian, who is 18 years of age or older, may organise a gathering of more than eight people at which alcohol is present in the JCR or, on occasion, in the Quad, subject to the following straight forward requirements.

### The Event Organiser must:

- a. complete an Event Management Plan (EMP) [available from the Deputy Head of College];
- b. submit the form no fewer than seven days prior to the proposed Event;
- c. have received confirmation from the Deputy Head of College that staff are available to be present at College for the proposed event; and
- d. inform the Kitchen where resident attendance at the proposed event will impact meal service.

The JCR, which means the room itself and the JCR deck may facilitate up to eight residents sitting around the picnic table having a social drink. Once nine residents gather, the criteria noted at a – d above, apply.

### The two exceptions:

1. on Thursday and Sunday evenings from 6:30pm – 9:30pm between teaching weeks 1 and 13, the college calendar already notes an event – so there is no need to submit an Event Planner form, and
2. residents gathering to watch an NRL, Super Rugby or Big Bash match on the JCR TV, may consume up to three standard drinks whilst they watch the match - again no need to submit an Event Planner.

Just remember, events, including those already diarized for Thursday and Sunday evenings, may run for a maximum of three hours, commencing at 6:30pm. Residents may bring up to seven standard drinks to an event, pro-rated for the length of time the event runs – hence the three standards at 2. above.

Events may not occur anywhere else at College. This means gatherings at which alcohol is present may not occur in St Leo's common rooms or grounds, or on or in other parts of St Leo's buildings. If you want to have a social drink with the guys in your block, go to the JCR.

To avoid confusion, residents may not walk around the college with open cans or bottles of alcoholic beverages.

# WE WANT YOU!



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