



11 April 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2024 Term 1 Week 11 College Update

From the Principal, Dr Helen Riekie: Aquinas Precinct Project

Further to my recent correspondence regarding the Aquinas Precinct Project, I am very pleased to announce that a suite of transportable classrooms will now be arriving over the term break, for installation on the small oval. This is an important step in the preparation work for Stage 2 of the College's Master Plan.

It will be some time before these new classrooms can be used by our students, as there is extensive preparation work required to equip these learning spaces with power, Wi-Fi connectivity, furniture and other necessary equipment.

I look forward to sharing more specific details in the weeks to come. Please continue to "watch this space!"

Yours sincerely,

Helen Riekie

Term 2 Student Learner Conversations

The College acknowledges the primary role of parents and families in student learning and recognises them as valued partners in the learning process. The upcoming Student Learner Conversations are an opportunity for parents and families to engage with staff at the College to ensure the best for each individual student.

Student Learner Conversations take place in Caleruega Hall on Monday 6 May from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and on Monday 13 May from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. **Students must be in attendance** and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

You should have received an email on Tuesday 2 April from edval-noreply@tes.com with your personalised web code for Edval Interviews. Please check your Junk Email folder if you did not receive this in your Inbox.

Student Learner Conversations will focus on learning, and how your child can continue to grow and succeed in their subjects. The Student Learner Conversation is not a time to discuss, in detail, major learning difficulties – this may best be left for a separate occasion where there is more time available.

Save the Date | Judith Locke Parent Information Session

“Helping your child become confident and capable”

We are delighted that clinical psychologist and speaker, [Judith Locke](#), will be presenting at Cabra on Monday 1 July (Term 2 Week 10). Judith is author of [The Bonsai Child](#), and will be presenting to parents in St Dominic’s Hall.

Please see the links below for an invitation and to register your attendance:

- **Invitation:** [Judith Locke Monday 1 July 2024](#)
- **Registration:** [Judith Locke Parent Information Evening RSVP](#)

We encourage all parents/caregivers to read [The Bonsai Child](#) in advance!

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to show pride in themselves and the College by meeting requirements related to uniform and presentation. Such self-respect is the first step towards mutual respect, something we value as one of our Cabra Principles for Working Together.

As Term 1 comes to a close and the weather becomes cooler, it is timely to remind students and parents that the Winter Uniform is to be worn from the start of Term 2. This includes the wearing of the blazer to and from school. I ask parents to support the College [Uniform and Personal Presentation Policy](#) by ensuring that students have the required uniform, and that it is worn neatly and correctly, as outlined in the [Cabra Handbook](#) (p. 17 – 18).

Mother’s Day Community Morning

We are very pleased to invite all mothers and mother figures to join us for our Mother’s Day Community Morning on Friday 10 May. Please see this [Invitation](#) for further details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Tuesday 7 May.

Winter Sport Uniform Fittings

Please note that Winter Sport Uniform fittings are to be made via **appointment only**. Alternatively, parents can order online using the size guides.

To view the current trading hours, book a fitting appointment or order uniform online, please click this link: [Belgravia Apparel Shop](#)

On the Horizon

Please see some general dates below for upcoming events. If we have not already, we will write to you with details of the below events if they affect your child.

Date	Event
Monday 29 April	Term 2 Commences
Thursday 2 May – Friday 3 May	Year 10 Outdoor Education Activities
Friday 3 May – Sunday 5 May	Generations in Jazz (Mount Gambier)
Monday 6 May	Year 7 – 12 Student Learner Conversations (Caleruega Hall, 2:00 – 7:00pm)
Tuesday 7 May	Year 7 – 12 Boylan and Murphy House Captain Team Building Activities (Lesson 1 – 4)
Wednesday 8 May	Year 10 Immunisations
Thursday 9 May	Year 7 – 12 Kavanagh and Moore House Captain Team Building Activities (Lesson 1 – 4)
Friday 10 May	Mother's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast
Friday 10 May	Year 10 Careers and Employment Expo (12:25 – 3:30pm)

The College Calendar is located on SEQTA Engage and the [College Website](#).

Please feel most welcome to contact us if you have any questions about this information or if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

End of Term

It has been a busy term! I would like to acknowledge our teachers and staff for their exceptional work with our young people. Thank you also to the many parents and caregivers who supported and attended school events throughout the term, such as Sports Day and the Twilight Concert.

I encourage students to reflect on their approach to learning during the term break, in preparation for the upcoming Student Learner Conversations.

Please note that classes resume for students next term on Monday 29 April. We look forward to seeing all students refreshed and ready to continue their learning journey.

Have a safe and relaxing term break.

Yours sincerely,

Jarrad McCabe

Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations