



16 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2024 Term 2 Week 3 College Update

Class, Individual and Family/Sibling Photos – Postponed

The 2024 class, individual and sibling photos scheduled for Monday 20 May have been postponed. For further information, please refer to the [letter](#) from Dr Helen Riekie, Principal, which was sent to parents and caregivers on Wednesday 15 May.

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!

Student Learner Conversations

The Student Learner Conversations in Weeks 2 and 3 were an important component of reporting student progress and highlighted the fact that a child’s education is a shared responsibility of parents/caregivers, families, students and schools.

Thank you to those parents/caregivers and students who engaged in these conversations. The evenings provide an opportunity to discuss academic and personal progress since the beginning of the academic year.

I hope the process was useful in identifying strengths, areas to improve, goals to work towards and ways families and teachers can assist the learning process. I would also like to acknowledge the staff for their dedicated approach to these evenings.

If you were unable to participate or could not arrange an appointment with a particular staff member you wished to speak with, please contact them here at the College and arrange another time to discuss your child's progress.

Reminder | Student Laptop Cords

Please note that only laptop cords that have been tested and tagged are permitted for use on site at Cabra Dominican College.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

This term, we will be continuing our long tradition of helping [Vinnies](#) support people experiencing disadvantage. During Weeks 3 - 8, House Captains will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items, which the Goodwood Vinnies Conference will distribute to people in need. Any support you are able to provide would be invaluable.

More information will be available to students through their House Captains and SEQTA Notices.

National Reconciliation Week Fundraiser

This year, to raise awareness for [National Reconciliation Week](#), we are selling Villi's donuts through the Qkr! app. Proceeds from these sales is going to the [Tjindu Foundation](#).

The Tjindu Foundation creates positive, long-term change for Aboriginal children in communities across South Australia through cultural education and success in schooling that enables them to become future leaders.

Donuts are \$2.50 each and sales close on Wednesday 22 May. Donuts will be delivered for collection at Recess on Friday 31 May. Please help us raise funds and awareness for this wonderful organisation.

Attendance

Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes.

There is no 'safe' threshold for absences; every day counts, declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence, and the impact of absence increases with the number of absences (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, 2019).

The school day begins with Lesson 1 at 8:50am and students should be moving to their classrooms at 8:45am.

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
Friday 17 May	Year 7 – 12 Student Leader Workshop: Jarrod Walsh (St Dominic’s Hall, Lessons 3 – 7)
Tuesday 21 May	Principal’s Tour (9:15am)
Tuesday 21 May	Lock In Drill (11:20am)
Wednesday 22 May	Year 12 Boylan and Kavanagh “In Your Skin” Presentations (Lessons 3 and 4)
Friday 24 May	Year 11 Boylan and Kavanagh “In Your Skin” Presentations (Lessons 3 and 4)
Friday 24 May	Year 7 and 8 Author Visit

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.

Yours sincerely,

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