



27 June 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2024 Term 2 Week 9 College Update

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. Registrations close Thursday 27 June. Copies of The Bonsai Child will be available for purchase on the evening.

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

School Directed Non-Contact Day | Monday 1 July

A reminder that Monday 1 July is a school directed non-contact day. Teachers and Curriculum ESOs will be involved in a professional learning workshop with Judith Locke throughout the day. The workshop focus is **Overparenting: Origins and Impact**.

Annual School Report

The [Annual School Performance Report](#) is now available on our College Website. We draw your attention to this report, which provides an overview of the various aspects of school performance in **2023**. Performance Reports are available via: [Performance Reports | Cabra Dominican College](#)

Please contact us via cabra@cabra.catholic.edu.au if you are unable to access the report.

Year 10 Seminar and Reflection Days | Thursday 4 July and Friday 5 July

On Thursday 4 July and Friday 5 July (Week 10), all Year 10 students will be participating in the annual Seminar and Reflection Days. Both days are compulsory components of the Year 7 – 12 Retreat Programme, with all students expected to attend.

Semester 1 Report

The Semester 1 Report provides students with grades for each subject, as well as a rating of their approach to learning in the subject. Mentor Teachers supplement the academic report with a summary pastoral comment. This year, each student will receive a Grade Point Average (GPA). The purpose of this GPA is to develop clearer communication regarding students who receive Academic Awards.

In order to receive an Academic Award, a student needs a GPA of 13 or higher, which is an A grade average. These students will be celebrated amongst our community early next term.

We encourage parents and caregivers to find time during the term break to discuss the reports with their children and reflect together on the learning journey undertaken so far this year. The learning process is a highly complex one; mistakes are inevitable but important along the way, and reflection is an important process we can all undertake in order to continuously improve.

Questions families can discuss together, using the Semester 1 report, include:

- What was your participation like?
- Did you improve in any areas of learning?
- What did you enjoy during the first half of the year?

Higher levels of reflection move from focussing on **what** happened and start to look at reasons **why**, and this type of reflection is pertinent as students look towards Semester 2.

Semester 2 Timetables

Semester 2 Timetables are now available for parents/caregivers to view on SEQTA. If you have any queries regarding Semester 2 subjects and/or timetabling, please email subjectselections@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Term 3 Year 12 Student Learner Conversations | Monday 29 July

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 Year 12 Student Learner Conversations are an opportunity for parents and families to engage with staff at the College to ensure the best for each individual Year 12 student. Year 12 Student Learner Conversations take place in St Dominic's Hall on Monday 29 July from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. **Year 12 students must be in attendance** and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

Year 12 parents and caregivers will receive an email on Tuesday 2 July from **edval-noreply@tes.com** with your personalised web code for Edval Interviews. Please check your Junk Email folder if you do not receive this in your Inbox.

From the Director of Students, Mr Liam Carr: Pulse – Wellbeing Data

At Cabra, our students are invited to check in fortnightly through Pulse (Educator Impact) which comprises six questions from the following domains: Valued and Safe, Healthy, Material Basics, Learning, Participating and Positive Sense of Identity and Culture. After answering these questions, students can then send gratitude to another student or staff member. The data is then sent to your child's Mentor Teacher, House Leader and to key leadership staff.

Across 2024, we have had over 8,000 check ins completed from 93% of our student population. The average check in per engaged student is about 7 times across the first 16 weeks. We have also had nearly 7,000 messages of gratitude sent with 89% sent to peers and 11% sent to staff.

Some highlights from the data include:

- Most students feel valued and safe here at Cabra, with nearly 80% of students feeling positive about school and home climate
- Our students are healthy (65%) and have access to material basics (90%)
- Students, particularly our middle year students, feel like they are challenged with their learning and motivated to achieve their goals (70% of students)

Areas of growth for our students across the College include being able to manage their emotions and ensure the work they submit is reflective of their best efforts.

As a staff, we are using this data to inform our Mentor Teacher program. We have also invited key Student Leaders to help us unpack the data and then look for ways to deliver age-appropriate lessons across the College. We encourage families to sit with their child to look at the questionnaire (it takes approximately 60 seconds) and to unpack the questions further with them. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's wellbeing and learning, please contact the relevant House Leader.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Carr
Director of Students

SEQTA Engage

Please be advised that the College will soon be migrating our student database from ceSIS to Civica, as part of a statewide initiative by Catholic Education South Australia, which will provide improved functionality and data security. This data migration will temporarily disable SEQTA Engage. All parents and caregivers will receive further information during Week 10, with a more specific timeline and instructions for reactivating SEQTA Engage accounts following the data migration.

St Albert's Drive | College Sport Parking

Please be advised that the entrance to St Albert's Drive (behind the Angelico Centre, near the Tennis Courts) must be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles and cannot be utilized as a parking space. This is particularly relevant for parents/caregivers and visitors for weekend College Sport.

Early Dismissal: St Dominic's Day | Friday 2 August

St Dominic's Day is always a keenly awaited time of the year. The day is a significant event in our College calendar, with the entire school staff and student body coming together to celebrate Mass and the traditional Talent Show after Mass. Students will attend their Mentor Class at 8:50am and Mass commences 9:10am. Following Mass and the Talent Show, students will be dismissed at **1:00pm**.

2027 Year 7 Intake

Following a review of our processes and in line with other colleges, we have made a change to our application timeline. While previously applications were due at the end of Term 1, when the student is in Year 5, we have moved this back to the previous year, Term 3 of Year 4. Applications for enrolment into Cabra for Year 7, 2027 will now close on **Friday 20 September 2024**.

To submit an application for your child to commence in Year 7, 2027, please complete an [Enrolment application form](#) and return to us together with the required documentation before Friday 20 September 2024.

For any questions, please contact the College Registrar, Lee-Anne Fosdike via email: registrar@cabra.catholic.edu.au or phone: 8179 2429.

Sibling **discounts** are available for families with children attending Cabra and a Catholic Parish Primary School. Contact our Fees Department on 8179 2400 or email fees@cabra.catholic.edu.au for further information.

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 |
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| Friday 28 June | Winter Sleepout |
| Monday 1 July | School Directed Non-Contact Day |
| Monday 1 July | Parent Event: Helping your child become confident and capable (Judith Locke) (St Dominic's Hall, 6:30pm) |
| Tuesday 2 July – Friday 5 July | Year 11 Student and Parent Subject Counselling |
| Tuesday 2 July – Thursday 4 July | Year 11 AIF and RE Masterclasses |
| Tuesday 2 July | Stage 2 Dance Performance Evening (St Dominic's Hall, 7:00pm) |
| Thursday 4 July | Year 10 Seminar Day |
| Friday 5 July | Year 10 Reflection Day |
| Friday 5 July | End Term 2 |
| Saturday 13 July | Year 10 – 11 Japan Immersion Tour Departs |
| Monday 22 July | School Directed Non-Contact Day |
| Tuesday 23 July | Term 3 Commences |
| Thursday 25 July | Principal's Tour (9:15am) |

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.

Please note that classes resume for students next term on **Tuesday 23 July**. We look forward to seeing all students refreshed and ready for more learning.

We wish all our families a restful winter break.

Yours sincerely,

Jarrad McCabe
Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations