



5 September 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2024 Term 3 Week 7 College Update

School Results Survey

As part of our commitment to growth and improvement across all areas of the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and caregiver's opinion on a range of issues relating to Cabra Dominican College. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build an exceptional Catholic co-educational experience and strengthen our reputation as an educator of choice.

As per correspondence from Dr Helen Riekie, Principal, on Monday 19 August 2024, we have engaged the professional services of [MYP Corporation](#) to undertake a **strictly private and confidential School Results Survey** on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10 – 15 minutes and will need to be completed online before Wednesday 18 September 2024. There are no right or wrong answers, and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

Please note that this survey is **confidential**. No member of the Executive Leadership Team at Cabra Dominican College will have access to your individual responses. We will be provided with a summary of **collated** results only.

While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. If you decide that you do not want to complete the survey, simply click "Unsubscribe" in the instruction or reminder email.

It is important that all members of our College community are invited to provide feedback to help shape our future improvement goals and so we will also be seeking the voices and feedback from students and staff.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the future direction of Cabra Dominican College.

School Photography | Ordering Photographs

Year 7 – 12 Class, Individual and Family Photos are scheduled for Monday 16 September in Caleruega Hall. The ordering method is **online**. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the 9-digit ordering code: **7A7 485 BWK** and click **SUBMIT**.

Students are to wear formal winter uniform. Further information was distributed to parents/caregivers in the [Term 3 Week 5 College Update](#).

Uniform and Presentation

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.

We ask parents and caregivers to support the [Uniform and Personal Presentation Policy](#) by ensuring their child has the required uniform, and wears it neatly and correctly. Students who require extra warmth are reminded that the College blazer should be the outer garment when moving to and from school and undergarments (e.g., long-sleeved t-shirts) should not be visible.

Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations

The Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations on Thursday 5 September 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 evening provides an opportunity to discuss academic and personal progress since the beginning of the semester. We 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 the evening. 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.

Save the Date | End of Year Events

Term 4 commences Monday 14 October 2024. Please note the following Term 4 events:

- Wednesday 23 October: Year 12 Family Eucharist (Caleruega Hall, 6:00pm)
- Thursday 24 October: Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 1:30 – 3:10pm)
- Friday 25 October: Year 12 Mentor Class Breakfasts and "A Day on the Green"
- Thursday 31 October: Sport and Music Gala Night (Caleruega Hall)
- Friday 29 November: Year 12 Graduation (Adelaide Convention Centre)
- Friday 6 December: Year 7 – 11 End of Year Presentation Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 9:10am)

Further information will be communicated with families regarding these events in coming weeks.

Pastoral Care Program and Drug Education

On Wednesday 4 September, Mr Paul Dillon (Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia), presented to Year 10 – 12 students on a wide range of alcohol and other drug issues. As part of our ongoing commitment to the education and wellbeing of our young people and to support parents and caregivers, we would like to highlight the following resources that can be used to continue this conversation with your children at home:

- [Prohibited Substances Policy](#) – This College policy is embedded within a whole school strategy aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and wise decision making
- [Talking to your teen about vaping](#) – This blog from Paul Dillon is aimed at parents to assist in how to approach the subject with young people
- [DARTA Vaping Parent Resources](#) – This page provides a range of fact sheets for parents and young people

National Child Protection Week

This year, National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message, **“Every child in every community needs a fair go.”** The message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week, which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future. In 2024, the message that “Every child in every community needs a fair go” is complemented with the theme, **“Every conversation matters.”** Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

National Child Protection Week runs from 1 – 7 September 2024. Learn more at this link: [Theme - NAPCAN](#)

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is the paramount consideration at Cabra Dominican College. For further information, access the College’s [Child and Young Person Safe Environments Policy](#). Parents and caregivers can also access Safeguarding information at the Dominican Education Australia website: [Safeguarding - Dominican Education Australia](#)

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 (students should be moving to their classrooms at 8:45am).

Footpath Renewal | Morris Street, Cumberland Park

City of Mitcham have advised there is an upcoming footpath construction project on Morris Street, which will span between Eaton Street and Hill Avenue. The renewed footpath will be 1.5 metres wide and constructed using block pavers. Project completion is anticipated within the current financial year. When there is further information available (e.g., timing and potential impact of the work), we will communicate with our community. For additional information, you can visit the City of Mitcham website at [Roads, footpaths and stormwater | City of Mitcham \(mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisations

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **free** catch-up immunisation service for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

- Year 7: HPV – Gardasil 9 and Boostrix
- Year 10: Meningococcal B – Bexsero – Dose 1 and 2 and Meningococcal ACWY – Nimenrix

The catch-up immunisation service can be accessed on Wednesday 23 October 2024 and Wednesday 27 October 2024 between 3:30 – 6:00pm at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

Contact the City of Mitcham on 1300 133 466 or www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for more detail.

2025 Term Dates

Please note the 2025 Term Dates are as follows:

- Term 1: Tuesday 28 January (Year 7 Students, Year 12 Students and SACE Stage 2 Students) and Wednesday 29 January (Year 8 – 11) – Friday 11 April
- Term 2: Monday 28 April – Thursday 3 July
- Term 3: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 26 September
- Term 4: Monday 13 October – Friday 5 December

Please view the [College Calendar](#) on SEQTA or via the College Website for all calendar dates.

Sibling Enrolments | Year 7 2027

Does your child currently have a sibling in Year 4? If you are considering enrolment for your child at Cabra in Year 7, 2027 please note enrolment applications will close on **Friday 20 September 2024**.

Siblings of enrolled students at Cabra are required to submit an application form. To download an enrolment application form, please click [Enrolment Overview](#)

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

Sibling discounts are available for families with children attending Cabra and a Catholic Parish Primary school. Contact our Fees Department on 8179 2400 or e: 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
Friday 6 September	School Directed Non-Contact Day
Sunday 8 September	Tournament of Minds State Final Day
Wednesday 11 September	Principal's Tour (9:15am)
Thursday 12 September	Year 8 Performing Arts Workshop (St Dominic's Hall, 9:00 – 10:30am)
Thursday 12 September	Year 10 – 12 Music Workshop (Therese Sweeney Music Centre, 11:30am – 3:15pm)
Friday 13 September	Year 9 SAPOL Think U Know Cyber Safety Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Friday 13 September	Year 7 – 12 Operation Flinders Colour Run (1:45 – 3:15pm)
Monday 16 September	Year 7 – 12 Class, Individual and Family/Sibling Photos (Caleruega Hall)
Monday 16 September	Year 10 – 11 Italy Immersion Tour Departs
Wednesday 18 September	Year 11 Road Awareness Program (RAP) Presentation

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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