



13 February 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 1 Week 3 College Update

Key Staff Contacts

We understand in a school the size of Cabra Dominican College, it is sometimes difficult to know who to contact. The [2025 Cabra Handbook](#) has a guide which may help parents and caregivers identify who to contact with any queries. Alternatively, please always feel free to phone us or email cabra@cabra.catholic.edu.au and we will direct your query to the relevant staff member.

Attendance

To continue our smooth start to the year, the following information is essential:

- Irrespective of the reason 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
- 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 timetabled learning space at 8:45am)

At Cabra Dominican College, teaching and learning happens face-to-face in community, with peers. Whilst SEQTA Learn is a useful online resource, it ultimately exists to complement the explicit instruction and learning that occurs in the classroom.

Mobile Digital Devices

The College's Mobile Digital Devices Policy outlines that students are not to use mobile digital devices on school grounds during school hours, unless given permission by a supervising teacher. This includes before school, lesson times, recess, lunchtime and in between lessons. Students can access their mobile digital device from 3:15pm each day.

We recognise that there are some exceptional circumstances where students will require an exemption from the policy.

Exemptions include:

- The mobile digital device is used to help monitor or manage a health condition.
- The mobile digital device is a negotiated adjustment to a learning program for a student with a disability, learning difficulty or English as an additional language.
- A student has personal circumstances that require them to have more readily available access to their mobile digital device, such as being the primary carer for younger siblings.

Requests for exemptions from parents/caregivers will be considered by the Principal or their delegate on a case-by-case basis. We encourage you to read the full policy, available on our website and at this link: [Mobile Digital Devices Policy](#)

If you wish to apply for an exemption to the Mobile Digital Devices Policy, please do so via this [Exemption Form](#)

Photo Permission Reminder

A reminder to parents and caregivers to please choose your child's photo consent preference in Consent 2 Go. We love to showcase all the activities going on around our campus via social media and unless we are acknowledging a specific achievement, we do not identify students by name. To access Consent 2 Go, please click this link: [Consent 2 Go](#)

Year 12 Formal 2025 | Adelaide Oval

Photos from the Year 12 Formal held on Friday 7 February have now been loaded to the Festival Photography website. Simply click on the link to log on and view photos from this event: [Year 12 Formal – Cabra Dominican College](#)

Enter the Access Code **Cabra2025** to view photos. For the next two weeks, Festival Photography are running a promotion. Purchase any five high resolution digital downloads for the website for only \$50, or 10 for just \$80. Simply add the package in your shopping cart.

2025 Winter Sport Nominations

Winter Sport nominations are due **Friday 14 February 2025**. To nominate via your mobile phone or laptop, download the Qkr! app and enter Cabra Dominican College in the Search field. Select the Sports tab, 2025 Nominations and then select the Sport and Year Level. To finalise, click Add to Order – View Cart – Pay.

Further information is available in the [2025 Sport Information Guide](#). Exact times for training will be advised late in Term 1, 2025.

If you have any further questions regarding Winter Sport nominations, please contact Joel Morizzi (Sport Co-Curricular Coordinator) and/or Tracey McGrath (Sport Administrator) on 8179 2415 or via sport@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Tag and Testing | Laptop Chargers

Please note tagging and testing of student laptop chargers will commence Tuesday 25 February. While testing and tagging is not compulsory, only those chargers tested and tagged will be able to be used on site at Cabra Dominican College.

Boxes for collection of laptop cords will be placed in the Monica Farrelly Atrium for students to place their marked chargers into by 8:50am on the day of their testing, as per the schedule below. Labels with the student's name and Mentor Class will be provided in Mentor Class, so that students can use to mark charger ownership. Students can collect their chargers at the end of the day from the ICT Help Desk.

Date	Year Level(s)
Tuesday 25 February	All Year 8 and 10 classes
Wednesday 26 February	All Year 7 and 9 classes
Thursday 27 February	All Year 11 and 12 classes
Friday 28 February	Any students who have missed testing and tagging

Tagged chargers will have a visible Testel label with student name, date and next test due date. If the tagging and testing is not completed during the allocated week via the ICT Help Desk, then students and families will need to complete this through an external company before the laptop charger can be used at the College.

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN

In preparation for the 2025 NAPLAN Testing Window, a practice test will be facilitated by the College on Tuesday 25 February 2025. This test is an omnibus test, and its purpose is to generate familiarisation for students, staff and systems before the formal testing period.

NAPLAN online tests are tailored or adaptive. Students at each level start with a similar set of questions. Should you wish to explore the types of questions asked in the tests, please access the [Public Demonstration Site](#).

There are some instances where students may be **exempted or withdrawn** from one or more of the NAPLAN tests or marked absent (for the purpose of the tests) or **withdrawn** from the tests. Should you wish to explore these instances further, please contact learningandteaching@cabra.catholic.edu.au

2025 Summer Sport Photos

Summer Sport Photos are scheduled for Thursday 27 February in St Brigid's Square (Lessons 6 and 7). Please view further details (required attire, photo schedule and ordering information) at this link: [2025 Summer Sport Photos](#)

If you have any queries regarding the Summer Sport Photos, please contact Tracey McGrath (Sport Administrator) via sport@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Pick Up, Drop Off and Parking Reminders

Please note there is no student pick up or drop off from the main Cross Road entrance unless using the disabled parking. The drop off zone on site is via the Little Street entrance at the rear of the College. Please also avoid parking on or across residential driveways.

Monica Farrelly Atrium Opening Hours

Students are welcome to use the Atrium for study before and after school. Please note students are not to access the Atrium outside the hours listed below, as the space is unsupervised.

Day	Open	Close
Monday – Thursday	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday	8:00am	4:00pm

On the Horizon

Please see some general dates below for upcoming events:

Date	Event
Monday 17 February	Year 12 Parent Information Evening: Learning and Teaching Focus (St Dominic's Hall, 5:30 – 6:30pm)
Wednesday 19 February	Evacuation Drill (12:35pm)
Thursday 20 February	2025 Welcoming Eucharist (Caleruega Hall, Lessons 6 and 7)
Friday 21 February	2024 Academic Excellence Assembly (Caleruega Hall, Lessons 1 and 2) and Morning Tea
Monday 24 February	Year 7 – 12 1km Run (Lesson 3)
Tuesday 25 February	Year 7 NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test (Lessons 1 and 2)
Tuesday 25 February	Year 9 NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test (Lessons 4 and 5)
Tuesday 25 February	Year 12 SRC Dominican Student Leader Gathering (3:30 – 5:00pm)
Wednesday 26 February	Year 7 – 12 Sport SA Swimming Secondary Championships: C Grade (SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 8:45am – 3:00pm)
Wednesday 26 February	Year 7 – 12 Sports Day Preparation Meeting 1 (Lesson 3)
Wednesday 26 February	Principal's Tour (4:15pm)
Thursday 27 February	Year 7 – 11 House Leadership Assembly (Caleruega Hall, Lesson 2)
Thursday 27 February	Summer Sport Photos (St Brigid's Square, Lessons 6 and 7)

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 making a successful start to the year.

Yours sincerely,

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