



1 May 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 2 Week 1 College Update

Term 2

I hope all students and families enjoyed the term break, and that the holidays were an opportunity to rest, relax and recharge in preparation for Term 2.

Attendance

To assist with ensuring a smooth start to the term, the following information is essential:

- 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
- Lesson 1 begins at 8:50am (students should move to their Lesson 1 classroom at 8:45am)

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 9 May. Please see this [Invitation](#) for details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Tuesday 6 May. For ease of access, please try and enter via the rear of the College, given the building works at the Cross Road entrance.

Term 2 Student Learner Conversations

Student Learner Conversations take place on Monday 5 May from 2:00pm to 7:00pm (face-to-face in Caleruega Hall) and on Monday 12 May from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (via telephone to Parent/Caregiver Contact 1). Conversations are 7 minutes per teacher and must remain on time (there is a 60 second break between appointment times).

Students must be in attendance and are expected to be involved in these conversations. You should have received an email on Friday 28 March 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. If you have been unable to arrange an appointment with a particular staff member, please contact them at the College and, if necessary, arrange another time to meet.

Notes:

- Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Monday 5 May and at the usual dismissal time of 3:15pm on Monday 12 May.
- The Monica Farrelly Atrium will close at **4:00pm** on both days.
- Appointments on Monday 5 May must be face-to-face.
- Those parents/caregivers who have booked a phone call conversation on Monday 12 May can expect this phone call to come from a **Private Number**.

School Photography | Ordering Photographs

We are pleased to be partnering with [advancedlife](https://www.advancedlife.com.au) for our 2025 class, individual and sibling photos on Monday 12 May. Students are required to wear their formal winter uniform, including blazers, and bring their PE uniform to change into if relevant.

Ordering: The ordering method is **online**. Please follow these payment instructions:

1. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the 9-digit ordering code: **7A7 485 BWK** and click **SUBMIT**.
2. Select **ORDER PHOTOS** from the menu to order this year's packages.
3. Enter the first student's details you wish to order for and click **PROCEED**.
4. Use the **SELECT** check box for the package(s) you wish to purchase.
5. List the quantity required and **ADD TO CART**. Note: If you enter incorrect student details, select **EDIT STUDENT DETAILS**.
6. If you only wish to order for one child, please proceed to **CHECKOUT**.
7. Check that the item in your cart is correct and click **CHECKOUT** to finalise your order or click **CONTINUE SHOPPING** to add an order for another student.
8. Check your order carefully, as refunds will not be given for incorrect choice.
9. Enter your payment details and click **PAY**. A 1.5% merchant fee is applicable for this service unless you pay via Latitude Pay.
10. A receipt for your payment and order will be sent to the email address provided.

Note: The online payment system works best using Google Chrome on a computer. If having trouble paying, please use this method.

Sibling Photos: Photos may be ordered online using the 9-digit code. **Online orders for sibling/family photos will be cut off at midnight on the day prior to photography.** Sibling photographs are only to include children enrolled at Cabra Dominican College.

Late Orders: All orders after the main day of photography must be made online. To order online you will need to enter the 9-digit ordering code. Orders can be made for up to a week after the main day of photography at regular pricing. After the week, all orders are closed, and the order will incur a reorder fee. This fee cannot be waived. **advancedlife** offers a 100% money back guarantee on their products to ensure peace of mind. Any questions or feedback about ordering school photos should go direct to **advancedlife** at advancedlife.com.au/contact

Concussion Awareness and Education Presentations | 15 and 19 May 2025

All students, coaches and parents involved in Winter Sport are invited to attend a Concussion Awareness and Education Presentation on Thursday 15 May or Monday 19 May. Both sessions take place in Caleruega Hall from 4:15 – 4:45pm.

Cabra is delighted to be welcoming [Concussion Legacy Foundation](#) Board Member [Mr Luke Ivens](#) to lead these educational sessions for our community. Luke played 194 games with the North Adelaide Football Club in the SANFL. During his football career, he sustained multiple concussions and was diagnosed with a brain injury from repeated head knocks in 2022. Luke is now on a mission to raise awareness around concussion safety in sports. Last year, he visited over 30 sporting clubs and this year he is spreading the message across schools in Adelaide.

If your child is involved in Winter Sport, **please join us** at this important event to learn more about Concussion. All parents are asked to familiarise themselves with the College's [Concussion Policy](#) (available in SEQTA via "Documents").

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to show pride in themselves and the College by meeting requirements relating to uniform and presentation. Please note that in Term 2 the winter uniform is to be worn, with the blazer to be worn to and from school when students are wearing formal uniform. Skirts should be worn to the knee and shirts should be tucked in.

The PE jacket is not to be worn with the formal winter uniform (e.g., as the outer garment). The woollen jumper or blazer must be worn to keep our students warm.

I would appreciate the assistance of parents in ensuring students are well presented and representing themselves and the College with pride.

Physical Education and Performing Arts Uniform Requirements

Students should only be wearing PE Uniform on days when they have the following timetabled lessons:

- Year 7 – 12 Physical Education
- Year 7 – 8 Performing Arts – Dance/Drama
- Year 9 – 12 Dance

In Year 7 and 8 Performing Arts – Dance/Drama and Year 9 – 12 Dance lessons, we recognise that students need to be able to move freely and hope that the PE Uniform will help students participate with confidence and facilitate successful experiences in the subject.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Student safety is our shared priority. Please remember to adhere to road safety rules and traffic signs, and to be patient as large numbers of students enter and exit College grounds, cross roads and walk/cycle near the College.

Please adhere to the following safety rules:

- Observe school zone speed limits (25km/hr limit applies when students are present within a signed school zone, i.e., where zigzag lines are marked on the road)
- Not parking in "No Standing" zones
- Respecting local neighbours and their right to access their driveways
- Ensuring that students exit cars onto the footpath

Please also note that the City of Mitcham regularly monitors the streets surrounding the College and in particular, the "No Standing" zone on Eaton Street.

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 2 May – Sunday 4 May	Year 8 - 12 Generations in Jazz
Friday 2 May	Year 7 Carly Ryan Foundation Presentation
Monday 5 May	Year 8 Level Up Education Program: Gaming
Monday 5 May	Year 10 Level Up Education Program: Gambling
Monday 5 May	Year 7 – 12 Student Learner Conversations (Caleruega Hall, 2:00 – 7:00pm) (Student Dismissal 1:00pm)
Wednesday 7 May – Friday 9 May	Stage 2 Drama Production (St Dominic's Hall)
Friday 9 May	Mother's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast (Chapel and Monica Farrelly Atrium, 7:45am)
Friday 9 May	Year 10 Career and Employment Expo
Monday 12 May	Year 7 – 12 Class, Individual and Family/Sibling Photos (Caleruega Hall)
Monday 12 May	Year 7 – 12 Student Learner Conversations (4:00 – 6:00pm via Telephone)
Thursday 15 May	Year 7 – 12 Concussion Awareness Presentation (Caleruega Hall, 4:15 – 4:45pm)

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,

Jarrad McCabe

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