



15 May 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 2 Week 3 College Update

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

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. There have been instances of tardiness of late, particularly among senior years students. Teaching staff have been asked to record a note on SEQTA for students, and if a pattern arises, your child's Mentor Teacher and/or House Leader will follow up.

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.

Year 7 Reflection Day | Friday 16 May

Year 7 Reflection Day is a normal school day for Year 7 students, with formal lessons cancelled, and activities coordinated by the Mission and Identity Team and Year 7 Mentor Teachers. Students are invited to wear PE Uniform and will need to provide their own recess and lunch (or order their lunch via the Qkr! app as usual). Students will have access to the Canteen at the normal Recess and Lunch times during the day.

Kavanagh House Interhouse Competition | "Kav Karnival"

In Week 5, all students will take part in the Kavanagh House Interhouse Competition, "Kav Karnival". Years 7 – 9 will take part in Lesson 3 on Monday 26 May, and Years 10 – 12 on Friday 30 May. Students have been asked to wear the PE Uniform on their allocated day.

Aquinas Precinct Project | Cross Road Entrance

Please note that there will be no vehicle access via the Cross Road entrance next week, due to the Aquinas Precinct Project's boundary fence having to be extended.

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 16 May	Year 7 Reflection Day
Monday 19 May	ACSL Child Safeguarding Audit
Monday 19 May	Year 7 – 12 Concussion Awareness Information Session (Caleruega Hall, 4:15 – 4:45pm)
Tuesday 20 May	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Wednesday 21 May	Year 7 – 12 National Simultaneous Storytelling Day
Thursday 22 May	Alumni Community Morning (10:00am – 12:00pm)
Monday 26 May	Lock In Drill (12:50pm)
Tuesday 27 May	Year 12 Boylan and Kavanagh "In Your Skin" Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lessons 3 – 4)
Tuesday 27 May	Year 10 Immunisations (Meningococcal B Dose 2)
Thursday 29 May	Year 11 "In Your Skin" Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lessons 1 – 2)
Thursday 29 May	Year 12 Moore and Murphy "In Your Skin" Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lessons 3 – 4)

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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