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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 3 Week 1 College Update

Welcome back to Term 3. I would like to acknowledge our students and staff for the way they have started the term. We especially welcome new students to Cabra Dominican College. We wish these students and their families well as they settle in, and we look forward to their long and active participation within our community. Please see below our fortnightly communication summarizing a number of key operational updates and information.

Annual School Performance 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 **2024**. Performance Reports are available via: [Performance Reports | Cabra Dominican College](#)

Uniform, Presentation and Mobile Digital Devices

At Cabra, all students have the opportunity to develop self-discipline in a supportive environment. The start of a new semester is an opportune time to reset and start anew with high expectations in how students wear the [College Uniform](#) and follow the [Mobile Digital Devices Policy](#). We appreciate the assistance of parents in ensuring students are well presented and representing themselves and the College with pride.

Semester 2 Timetables

Please be advised that requests for changes are limited due to class size and availability. We also take this opportunity to remind students and parents/caregivers that requests for particular teachers or friendship groups will not be met. If you have any queries regarding Semester 2 subjects and/or timetabling, please email subjectselections@cabra.catholic.edu.au. The last opportunity for any timetable changes will be Friday 8 August (Term 3 Week 3).

2025 Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS) | Parent and Caregiver Voice

We are currently collecting information to help us make informed decisions about how we can improve our school. The aim of this process is to build and maintain a positive school climate in which your child/children will flourish. To help us in our efforts, we are inviting you to respond to the **Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS)**, developed at Curtin University and facilitated by National School Improvement (NSI) Partnerships. Your response will provide us with information and foundational focus points that we will use as we develop Cabra Dominican College's next Strategic Plan and prepare our 2025 Performance Report.

The information assessed in the PaCS has been shown to assist schools in improving student outcomes, and is part of the [NSI School Climate Suite](#), which provides a framework for engaging in cyclical reflection.

To complete the survey, please follow these steps:

1. Please go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au
2. Click **Start Questionnaire**
3. Enter the Access Code **CDCparents**

You will be taken to our school's PaCS, where you will be asked to respond to statements that ask about your perception of different aspects of the school climate. These statements are about practices that may take place in our school, and we ask that you indicate how often you feel each statement takes place. All statements require your response.

If you have more than one child at the school, we ask that you consider responding more than once as our students often have different experiences at school when compared to their siblings. The PaCS will ask you to indicate whether you are responding once for all of your children or if you are responding separately for each child. If you decide to respond once for all your children, you will not be asked to tell us what year level each child is in.

The survey **closes Friday 22 August 2025**. We have had 63 parent responses since the survey opened on Monday 21 July – a response rate of 4% so far. NSI aim for a minimum response rate of 30%. To achieve this rate, we would require approximately 500 responses.

If you require more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via jmccabe@cabra.catholic.edu.au or the NSI Team via NSITeam@NSIPartnerships.com.au. Thank you for your consideration!

Semester 1 Report

We hope families were able to use the term break to reflect on the Semester 1 report and gain further understanding of the learning journey undertaken so far this year. We would like to acknowledge all students who experienced success (in one way or another) during Semester 1. We continue to encourage all students to work hard towards personal goals, ask questions during lessons and accept and reflect on mistakes along the way. I would also like to recognise the teaching staff for the time and effort put into learning, teaching, assessing and reporting. This time and effort reflects a passion for helping students work through the complexities involved with learning. Please forward any comments about the reports back to the Learning and Teaching Team at learningandteaching@cabra.catholic.edu.au

St Dominic's Day | Friday 1 August 2025

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 for Mass before the traditional Talent Show that follows. Members of the Holy Cross Congregation, who are intrinsic to our Dominican charism at Cabra, will be joining with our College community.

I would like to remind students and parents that the formal winter uniform is to be worn on St Dominic's Day. This includes wearing of the blazer to and from school. I ask parents to support the College Uniform and Personal Presentation [requirements](#) and policy by ensuring that their child (children) has the required uniform and blazer and that they wear it neatly and correctly.

Attendance | St Dominic's Day

Sadly, in previous years, there have been instances where some students have deliberately avoided attending school for all or part of St Dominic's Day. This may have been due to falling behind with schoolwork and taking time out of school to catch up, or it may have been truancy or selectively opting out of the Mass or Talent Show. It is not acceptable for students to absent themselves from school for these types of reasons, even if this absence is parent sanctioned.

Like every school day throughout the academic year, St Dominic's Day matters. This day provides us with an opportunity to remember our Dominican heritage, celebrate our Dominican ethos and rejoice in the wonderful community to which we all belong.

Students will attend Mentor Class at 8:50am and our Mass commences 9:10am. Following the Mass and the Talent Show, **students will be dismissed at 1:00pm**. Regarding this early dismissal, students are to be mindful that they continue to represent the College when in formal school uniform. If visiting local shops or businesses, behaviour is to be respectful and acceptable.

2025 Summer Sport Photos | 20% Discount

The following Summer Sport photos were taken on 27 February 2025 and we are pleased to advise that online order is now open! If you would like to place your order before 4 August 2025, you will receive a 20% early order discount simply by clicking on this link: [Cabra Dominican College | advancedlife photography](#)

Please note that whilst advancedlife are not able to preview images in the ordering portal, all purchases are fully refundable for a period of 21 days. The 20% discount will be automatically applied at checkout. Photos will be returned to Cabra for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed. Please remember advancedlife offer a 100% money-back guarantee on products to ensure your peace of mind. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience, please reach out via www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

2025 Winter Sport Photos

advancedlife Photography will be at Cabra on Thursday 7 August (Week 3) to take photos of all Winter Sport teams. Please note the [Winter Sport Photo Schedule](#) and support your child to organise themselves with the correct uniform and arrive at the scheduled time. Photos will be made available for purchase at a later date. Thank you for your support.

Reminder | Laptop Cords

While testing and tagging of student laptop cords is not compulsory, only those cords tested and tagged will be able to be used on site at Cabra Dominican College.

Parking Control

With the commencement of a new school term, the City of Mitcham will continue with the monitoring of parking areas around the College, in particular, the "No Standing" zone on Eaton Street. Thank you in advance for being mindful of parking restrictions and speed limits and driving with care.

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
Monday 28 July	Year 12 Student Learner Conversations – Telephone (4:00 – 6:00pm)
Tuesday 29 July	Stage 2 Drama – External Assessment Performance (St Dominic's Hall)
Wednesday 30 July	Year 10 Periods, Pain and Endometriosis Talk (10:45am – 12:15pm)
Friday 1 August	St Dominic's Day Mass and Talent Show (Student Dismissal 1:00pm)
Monday 4 August	Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss Student Briefing (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Wednesday 6 August	Moore House Backpack 4 Kids Guest Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Thursday 7 August	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Thursday 7 August	Winter 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 the information in this College Update, or if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

Yours sincerely,

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