



7 August 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 3 Week 3 College Update

Intercollegiate Competition

The annual Intercollegiate Competition against Nazareth Catholic College will take place in Term 3 Week 5. I encourage you to come along and support our students as they represent the College in this annual event. The program can be viewed at the following link: [2025 Intercollegiate Program](#)

Father's Day Community Morning

We are very pleased to invite all fathers and father figures to join us for our Father's Day Community Morning on Thursday 4 September. Please see this [Invitation](#) for further details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Monday 1 September.

2025 Student Leadership, Group and Special Photos | Monday 11 August

The schedule for photos on Monday 11 August is available at this link: [2025 Student Leadership, Group and Special Photos](#)

Students are asked to check this schedule (available on SEQTA) to ensure they are aware of scheduled photo times. The Year 12 Student Photo will take place during Mentor Class. All Year 12 students are to wear their formal winter uniform and Year 12 jumper.

Attendance Reminders

Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance does affect 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).

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 134 parent responses since the survey opened on Monday 21 July – a response rate of 12% 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!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- The number of school students receiving an adjustment or "help" due to disability
- The level of adjustment they are receiving to access the education on the same basis as other students

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This “help” allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. Schools provide this information to education authorities.

What is a reasonable adjustment?

An adjustment is an action to help a student with disability take part in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school (e.g. ramps into school buildings). They can be in the classroom (e.g. adapting teaching methods). They can also be for individual student need (e.g. providing personal care support).

The school assesses the needs of each student with disability. The school provides adjustments in consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians and carers.

Schools must make reasonable adjustments if needed. The Disability Standards for Education 2005 define “reasonable adjustment” as an adjustment that balances the interests of all parties affected.

For further information about the NCCD, please read this [Parent Fact Sheet](#). You can also visit the [NCCD Portal](#). There is also a free [e-learning resource](#) available on the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

Year 9 Rite Journey | The Abyss

We wish Year 9 students and Rite Journey staff well as they embark on The Abyss (held at various locations, including Mt Crawford Forest, Parra Wirra Conservation Park and Kuitpo Forest) in Week 5. Year 9 parents/caregivers are asked to note the final reminders below:

- Students are to meet on the Small Oval on Wednesday 20 August at 8:30am.
- Buses will depart Cabra approximately 9:15am.
- Students will return to Cabra on Friday 22 August approximately 2:45pm.
- All students need to provide their Recess and Lunch on the first day.
- In addition, students will also need to provide their own meals (1 x breakfast, 1 x lunch and 1 x dinner) for the expedition stage of the camp. They will prepare their meals with their tent and cooking partner and cook their dinner using a lightweight portable Trangia stove under direct supervision.
- Wilderness Escape will provide one solo dinner, breakfast and bakery lunch.

Please also refer to previous parent correspondence (what to bring, group itinerary etc) and information from Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures for further details and note that there is no programme in place at the College for any Year 9 student unable to attend The Abyss.

Please email Ms Cassie Wilmot (Student Services Manager) via camps@cabra.catholic.edu.au with any queries.

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 8 August	Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss: Hike Activity (10:30am – 3:15pm)
Monday 11 August	Student Leadership, Music and Academic Challenge and Enrichment Photos (Monica Farrelly Atrium)
Monday 11 August	Year 8 SAPOL Presentation: DV and the Law (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Monday 11 August	2025 WHITS Survey – Year 9 (Lesson 3)
Monday 11 August	Year 12 Photo (St Brigid's Square, Lesson 3)
Tuesday 12 August – Friday 15 August	ABODA Band and Orchestra Festival
Wednesday 13 August	2025 WHITS Survey – Year 7 (Lesson 3)
Thursday 14 August – Friday 15 August	Year 11 Retreat
Thursday 14 August	Year 12 Electoral Commission SA Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Monday 18 August – Friday 23 August	Book Week
Monday 18 August – Saturday 24 August	2025 Intercollegiate Week v Nazareth Catholic College
Tuesday 19 August	"Galileo Galilei" State Scientific High School (Italy) Visit – Arrival
Wednesday 20 August	Year 7 Seminar Day (St Dominic's Hall, Lessons 3 and 4)
Wednesday 20 August – Friday 22 August	Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss

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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