

21 August 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 3 Week 5 College Update

Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations | Monday 1 September 2025

The College acknowledges the primary role of parents and families in student learning and recognises them as valued partners in the learning process. The upcoming Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations are an opportunity for parents and families to engage with staff at the College to ensure the best for each individual student. Student Learner Conversations are scheduled on Monday 1 September from 2:00pm to 7:00pm (face-to-face in Caleruega Hall). Students must be in attendance and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

You will have received an email on Friday 15 August from edval-noreply@tes.com with your personalised web code for Edval Interviews. This is the same code as the earlier Student Learner Conversation(s) this year. Please check your Junk Email folder if you do 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. Appointments are 7-minute duration (only single appointments are able to be booked with teachers, even if your child is taught by a teacher across multiple subject areas).

Note: Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Monday 1 September. The Monica Farrelly Atrium will also close at 1:00pm.

Father's Day Community Morning | Thursday 4 September 2025

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 <u>Invitation</u> for further details and click here to <u>RSVP</u> before Monday 1 September.

Saint Joseph is described as a beloved, tender and obedient father; a father who quietly and generously supported his family. We give thanks for the men in our College community who look after others, who guide and protect like Saint Joseph, and we hope they have a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday 7 September.

Intercollegiate Competition

The annual Intercollegiate Competition against Nazareth Catholic College continues until Saturday 23 August. 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

School Directed Non-Contact Day | Friday 5 September 2025

Please be advised that Friday 5 September is a School Directed Non-Contact Day, and as such, the College will be closed on this day.

Sibling Enrolments – Year 7, 2028

Does your child currently have a sibling in Year 4? If you are considering enrolment for your child at Cabra in Year 7, 2028 please note enrolment applications will close on **Friday 19 September 2025**. Siblings of enrolled students at Cabra are required to submit an application form. To download an enrolment application form, please click **Enrolment Overview**

For any questions regarding enrolment, please contact the College Registrar, Lee-Anne Fosdike on 8179 2429 or via e: registrar@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Sibling discounts are available for families with children attending Cabra and a Catholic Parish Primary school. Contact our Fees Department on 8179 2400 or e: fees@cabra.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Closing Friday 22 August 2025! | Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS)

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 <u>NSI School Climate Suite</u>, which provides a framework for engaging in cyclical reflection.

To complete the survey, please follow these steps:

- 1. Please go to <u>www.NSIPartnerships.com.au</u>
- 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.

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 NSIPartnerships.com.au.

Exclusion Periods | Infectious Diseases

There has been an increasing number of student cases of COVID-19 and Influenza at Cabra Dominican College. The spread of these infectious diseases can be reduced by excluding a student, known to be infectious, from contact with others who are at risk of catching the infection.

The following are recommended minimum periods of exclusion from school for cases of, and contact with, infectious diseases (based on guidelines issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council in December 2005 and the online Australian Immunisation Handbook):

- COVID-19: Exclude until acute symptoms have cleared (usually 5 to 7 days)
- Influenza: Exclude until well (at least 5 days for adults and 7 10 days for children)

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 22 August – Saturday 23 August	2025 Intercollegiate Week v Nazareth
Monday 25 August	Year 12 Retreat Reunion Day
Wednesday 27 August	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Wednesday 27 August	Year 11 Chartered Accountant Guest
	Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Friday 29 August	Wear It Purple Day
Monday 1 September	Student Dismissal 1:00pm
Monday 1 September	Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations
	(2:00 – 7:00pm, Caleruega Hall)
Wednesday 3 September	Year 9 – 11 SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival:
	Umpiring
Thursday 4 September	Father's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast
	(Chapel and Monica Farrelly Atrium, 7:45am)

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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