



4 September 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 3 Week 7 College Update

Uniform and Presentation

All students are expected to show pride in themselves and the College by meeting requirements related to uniform and presentation. Such self-respect is the first step towards mutual respect.

We ask parents and caregivers to support the College by ensuring their child has the required uniform, and wears it neatly and correctly. Students who require extra warmth are reminded that the College blazer should be the outer garment when moving to and from school and undergarments (e.g., long-sleeved t-shirts) should not be visible.

Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations

The Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations on Monday 1 September 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 evening provides an opportunity to discuss academic and personal progress since the beginning of the semester. We 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 the evening.

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.

Save the Date | End of Year Events

Term 4 commences Monday 13 October 2025. Please note the following Term 4 events:

- Wednesday 22 October: Year 12 Family Eucharist (Caleruega Hall, 6:00pm)
- Thursday 23 October: Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 1:30 – 3:10pm)
- Friday 24 October: Year 12 Mentor Class Breakfasts and "A Day on the Green"
- Thursday 30 October: Sport and Music Gala Night (Caleruega Hall)
- Friday 28 November: Year 12 Graduation (Adelaide Convention Centre)
- Friday 5 December: Year 7 – 11 End of Year Presentation Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 9:10am)

Further information will be communicated with families regarding these events in coming weeks.

Wellbeing Week and R U OK? Day

Next week, our College community will come together to celebrate **Wellbeing Week** – a dedicated time to create awareness around the mental, emotional, and social wellbeing of our students and staff. In today's fast-paced world, it's more important than ever to create space for people to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with themselves and those around them.

Throughout the week, students will be invited to engage in a variety of activities designed to promote '**community and connection**' during Mentor Classes and at recess and lunch times.

If you notice your child is struggling with their wellbeing or experiencing challenges, please contact us via Front Reception 8179 2400, who will then direct your call to the appropriate staff member.

Pastoral Care Program and Drug Education

On Wednesday 10 September, Mr Paul Dillon (Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia), will present to Year 10 – 12 students on a wide range of alcohol and other drug issues.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the education and wellbeing of our young people and to support parents and caregivers, we would like to highlight the following resources that can be used to continue this conversation with your children at home:

- [Talking to your teen about vaping](#) – This blog from Paul Dillon is aimed at parents to assist in how to approach the subject with young people
- [DARTA Vaping Parent Resources](#) – This page provides a range of fact sheets for parents and young people

National Child Protection Week

This year, National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message, "**Every child in every community needs a fair go.**" The message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week, which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future. In 2025, the message that "Every child in every community needs a fair go" is complemented with the theme, "**Every conversation matters: Shifting conversation to action.**" Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

National Child Protection Week runs from 7 – 13 September 2025. Learn more at this link: [Theme - NAPCAN](#)

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is the paramount consideration at Cabra Dominican College. For further information, access the College's [Child and Young Person Safe Environments Policy](#). Parents and caregivers can also access Safeguarding information at the Dominican Education Australia website: [Safeguarding - Dominican Education Australia](#)

2026 KSC Scholarships | Year 12 and/or SACE Stage 2

The Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) have been awarding scholarships for almost 30 years to assist students with their SACE Stage 2 studies. The two such scholarships are each valued \$2,000 and have proved to be of benefit to and appreciated by the recipients and their parents.

If you are interested and your child is currently in Year 11 (studying SACE Stage 1) and is an active participant in the religious/faith life of a Catholic Parish, then please contact Ms Deborah Lubatti (Acting Director of Mission and Identity) via dlubatti@cabra.catholic.edu.au for an Application Form and further details.

Applications close on Friday 7 November 2025.

Attendance

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 (students should be moving to their classrooms at 8:45am).

Canteen Reminders

There have been instances lately where students have visited the Canteen with large amounts of cash (e.g., \$50 notes and even \$100 notes). Often, the Canteen is unable to provide the students with change for these large notes, and then needs to direct the student to Front Reception to change the note, which is problematic. We would request parents/caregivers do not send their children to school with large notes for Canteen purchases. Instead, **debit cards** are a simple and effective solution.

2026 Term Dates

Please note the 2026 Term Dates are as follows:

- Term 1: Tuesday 27 January (Year 7 Students, Year 12 Students and SACE Stage 2 Students) and Wednesday 28 January (Year 8 – 11) – Friday 10 April
- Term 2: Monday 27 April – Thursday 2 July
- Term 3: Tuesday 21 July – Friday 25 September
- Term 4: Monday 12 October – Friday 4 December

Please view the [College Calendar](#) on SEQTA or via the College Website for all calendar dates.

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 5 September	School Directed Non-Contact Day
Wednesday 10 September	Year 7 Immunisations
Wednesday 10 September	Year 10 – 12 Drug and Alcohol Education Sessions: Paul Dillon
Thursday 11 September	Year 10 Reflection Day
Monday 15 September	Year 7 – 11 Write A Book In A Day (Monica Farrelly Atrium South, Lessons 1 – 7)
Tuesday 16 September	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Wednesday 17 September	Stage 2 Music Performance Evening (Therese Sweeney Music Centre)
Thursday 18 September	Year 11 Road Awareness Program (RAP) Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, 8:50 – 10:20am)
Friday 19 September	2028 Year 7 Enrolment Applications Close
Friday 19 September	Year 7 – 12 Operation Flinders Colour Run (1:45 – 3:15pm)

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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