

16 October 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Term 4 Week 1 College Update

Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. I would like to acknowledge all students and staff for the way they have started this term. As previously shared with you, Jarrad McCabe is on leave and so I will be communicating with you across this term through these updates.

Attendance

To assist with maintaining our smooth start to the term, the following information is essential:

- 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).

Sun Protection Policy

An important part of the College uniform is the College hat. Students are strongly encouraged to wear the approved College hat outside at recess and lunch times. It is compulsory for students to wear the approved College hat outside when participating in Physical Education lessons, recreational activities and sports practices during Term 4.

I ask parents to help reinforce the importance of students protecting their skin from the harmful effects of the sun by wearing their hats at the appropriate times throughout the remainder of the year. Staff will continue to remind and encourage students to be sun smart, and it would be helpful if parents could also reinforce this message at home.

2025 Sport and Music Gala Evening | Thursday 30 October

Please note that the 2025 Sport and Music Gala Evening takes place on Thursday 30 October in Caleruega Hall. A copy of the invite can be found <u>here</u>.

Event	Time	Uniform
Sport	5:30 – 6.45pm	Formal summer uniform to be
		worn (blazers not required)
Music	7:00 – 9:00pm	Performance uniforms to be
		worn as per Consent2Go.

Please note that there is time for students to change attire between events.

Reminder | 2026 Sport, Music, ACE and Dance Nominations

If you child wishes to nominate for Music in 2026, please complete your nomination by Monday 27th October via the Music Nomination Form.

If your child wishes to nominate for a Summer Sport in 2026, please complete your nomination by Friday 14 November 2025. Nominations are made via the Qkr! App.

If your child wishes to nominate for ACE in 2026, please complete your nomination by Friday 14 November 2025 via the ACE Nomination Form.

If your child wishes to nominate for Dance Club in 2026, please sign up by Friday 14 November 2025 via the Dance Club Agreement Form.

If your child wishes to nominate for a Summer Sport in 2026, please complete your nomination by Friday 14 November 2025. Nominations are made via the Qkr! App.

If you have any questions regarding Sport or Music nominations, please contact us as follows:

Sport Office	Music Office and Dance Club	ACE Office
Joel Morizzi	Jackie Wilde Co-Curricular	Kate Rowberry
Co-Curricular Sport	Music Coordinator	ACE Coordinator
Coordinator		
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sport@cabra.catholic.edu.au		

Noone Imagewear Cumberland Park

Noone Imagewear who sell our College Uniform has new trading hours for Term 4 beginning Monday 13 October:

- Monday to Friday 9.00 5.00pm
- Saturday 8.30 12.30pm

For Term 4, they are offering appointments for all new starters, and anyone requiring their children to try on pieces of the uniform via this <u>link</u>.

Mitcham Council | Parking

The Mitcham Council has written to the College this week requesting we remind all families of the parking restrictions in side streets during drop off and pick up. They have informed us that authorized officers will be monitoring these areas across the term and for families to adhere to rules set out by the Australian Road Rules.

As previously communicated with you, the College is waiting for final confirmation as to when the area immediately out the front of Cabra on Cross Road will change speed limit and become a 40 km/hr zone. This change is reflective of government legislation to improve pedestrian safety.

Year 10 Drama Production | Tuesday 21 October

Come along to see 'The Chapel, the Fire and the Dead Cat' by Madelaine Nunn performed by the Year 10 Drama class.

In a small town, a group of teenagers gather in the shadows of a chapel. What begins as a game spirals into a night of secrets, dares, and unexpected rituals. With a dead cat at their feet and a fire sparking in the darkness, they wrestle with questions bigger than themselves: faith, friendship, power, death, and the desperate need to belong.

Madelaine Nunn's razor-sharp script captures the turbulence of adolescence — the thrill of rebellion, the fragility of identity, and the haunting search for meaning when the world feels unsteady.

A bold, darkly funny, and deeply human play that asks: What do we cling to when we're on the edge of growing up?

Students will perform this production on Week 2, Tuesday 21 October in St Dominic's Hall from 6pm. All welcome to book free tickets via this link.

Stage 1 Drama Production | Tuesday 28 October

Year 11 Drama students present "We are the Mutable' by Matthew Whittet in Week 3.

What happens when your deepest fears and insecurities suddenly become visible to the world? Overnight, a group of teenagers find themselves mysteriously transformed. Their hidden thoughts, vulnerabilities, and identities are no longer secret — and they must navigate the shifting ground of friendship, belonging, and self-acceptance.

We Are The Mutable is a compelling, magical, and moving exploration of adolescence. It asks us to step into another's skin, to see the world from a different perspective, and to embrace the courage it takes to reveal our true selves.

Funny, raw, and imaginative, this production presented by Cabra's Year 11 Drama class shines a light on the power of empathy and the resilience of young people finding their way in an unpredictable world.

Come along in Week 3 on Tuesday 28 October at 6pm in St. Dominic's Hall to be thoroughly entertained and celebrate the achievements of the Year 11 Drama students. Free tickets can be booked via this link.

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
Tuesday 21 October	Year 10 Drama Production (St Dominic's Hall, 6.00pm)
Wednesday 22 October	Year 12 Family Eucharist (Caleruega Hall, 6:00pm)
Thursday 23 October	Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 1:30 – 3.15pm)
Friday 25 October	Year 12 Mentor Class Breakfasts (Caleruega Hall, 8.30-
	9.30am)
Friday 25 October	Year 12 "A Day on the Green" (Marion Outdoor Swimming
	Centre, 10:00am – 1:00pm)
Tuesday 28 October	Stage 1 Drama Production (St Dominic's Hall, 6.00pm)
Thursday 30 October	Sport and Music Gala Evening (Caleruega Hall,5:30-
	9:00pm)

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,

Liam Carr

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