



26 February 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 1 Week 5 College Update

140 Years Gala Ball | Saturday 23 May 6:00 – 11:00pm

Join us for a night to remember as we celebrate 140 years of Cabra Dominican College. Enjoy a delicious three-course dinner accompanied by a two-hours drinks package, all set within the stunning Wolf Blass Event Centre at Morphettville Racecourse. The night will come alive with entertainment from popular band The Uptown Seeds. This will be a perfect occasion for parents, caregivers, alumni and staff to gather and celebrate together, with tables of 10 available.

Secure your ticket now via this Humanitix link: [140 Years Gala Ball](#)

Sports Day Cake Stall | Parent and Community Committee

The Parent and Community Committee (PCC) are pleased to be hosting a Sports Day Cake Stall on Friday 6 March. The PCC are seeking baked donations to help feed the crowds on this wonderful community day. Please see below for further information.

- Muffins, biscuits, cupcakes, slices – whatever is your specialty!
- Please bring your baked goods to the Cake Stall near the Caleruega Hall foyer on the morning of Sports Day.
- Single serve is best, so if you make a whole cake, please provide it sliced.
- Please bring your baked goods on paper/disposable plates or platters.
- Most importantly, please ensure you clearly write the ingredients on a card stuck to the plate.

The PCC thanks you in advance. All funds will go towards future PCC events.

Any queries can be directed to Kathy Parini at pkparini@hotmail.com

SEQTA Absences | New preferred option for reporting student absences

If your child or children will be absent from school, you can now notify the College using **SEQTA Absences** via the **SEQTA Engage app** or online via <https://parent.cabra.catholic.edu.au>

This is the preferred option for all communication regarding student attendance. We encourage all parents/caregivers to utilise SEQTA Engage, as the detail parents can submit via this method allows for more accurate recordkeeping at the College. For further information, please refer to the [Parent Handbook](#) (page 12).

Appointments

It is acceptable for a student to be absent from school when they are required to attend a medical, dental or specialist therapy appointment, provided the appointment **cannot be made outside of school hours**. In these instances, parents and caregivers have a responsibility to notify the College as soon as possible of the absence and explain the reason for the absence. Students should also be made aware of any such appointments before the school day commences and should then visit Student Services to sign in or out.

Social Work Team Update

We are pleased to share that during Semester One, our Social Work team will be hosting a Master of Counselling and Psychotherapy placement student. The student will be working under the supervision of **Tania Davison-Bennett**, Social Work Director, and will have capacity to provide short-term counselling and wellbeing support for students where appropriate. If you would like to explore a referral for your child, please contact **Tania Davison-Bennett** on TDavison-Bennett@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Sports Day

A reminder that next Friday 6 March is the College Sports Day, and we look forward to a fantastic day of friendly competition. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend, and we appreciate your support for this excellent community event. Off site parking is available near Woolworths and Big W, Cumberland Park. The importance of community at Cabra is very strong. We value this sense of belonging and partnership and believe student involvement in community events like Sports Day creates a special atmosphere and develops a strong sense of pride in our community. Further information is available in this [Parent Information Letter](#), which was emailed to families earlier this week.

Note: Please ensure that your child has their own water bottle on the day! We ask also that parents/caregivers do not take photos of Cabra Dominican College students at Sports Day.

Year 7 2026 Winter Uniform Fittings

[Noone](#) will be opening up Winter Uniform fittings from Monday 2 March – Thursday 23 April 2026. Bookings are to be made via the online page at this link: [Cabra Dominican College | Noone](#)

Discussing student learning and/or wellbeing concerns

Our Year 7 – 12 Student Learner Conversations take place in Term 2. These conversations provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to discuss academic and personal progress. 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.

Please note that **you do not need to wait** until Student Learner Conversations to discuss major learning or wellbeing concerns. If you would like to arrange an appointment with a particular staff member, please contact them at the College and arrange a time to meet.

metroCARD Sales | Student Services

Please be advised that as most students manage metroCARDS online or purchase tickets through the Adelaide Metro Buy & Go ticketing app, commencing Term 2 2026, we will no longer sell or top up metroCARDS at Student Services.

2026 Tuition Fee Accounts

A reminder to all parents/caregivers that a Tuition Fee payment plan needs to be in place by **Friday 27 February 2026**. For those families that would like to qualify for the **4% upfront discount**, full payment minus the discount needs to be paid by **Friday 27 February 2026**.

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 27 February	Year 7 – 12 “The Flying Thousand” (Lesson 3)
Monday 2 March	Emergency Evacuation Practice (11:00am)
Tuesday 3 March	Year 9 Beach Walks (Boylan and Moore) (10:30am – 3:00pm)
Tuesday 3 March	Catholic Co-Educational Secondary Swimming Carnival (Adelaide Aquatic Centre, 6:00 – 8:30pm)
Wednesday 4 March	Year 9 Rite Journey Parent Presentation and Calling and Departure Ceremony (Caleruega Hall and Large Oval, 5:45 – 7:45pm)
Thursday 5 March	Year 9 Beach Walk (Kavanagh and Murphy) (10:30am – 3:00pm)
Friday 6 March	Sports Day
Monday 9 March	Adelaide Cup Day
Wednesday 11 March – Monday 23 March	Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Testing Window

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 making a successful start to the year.

Yours sincerely,

Jarrad McCabe

Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations