



12 March 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 1 Week 7 College Update

Arranging Meetings with Staff

Cabra's communication is extensive, offering a number of ways for parents/caregivers and students to engage and connect. There are opportunities throughout the year for parents/caregivers to meet teachers and staff at Information Nights and Student Learner Conversations. In addition, a meeting can be arranged by parents and caregivers with staff – at a mutually convenient time – by calling the College on 8179 2400 or by emailing the individual staff member. This may take time to organize, given the busy schedule of parents and staff. Upon arrival at the College for your scheduled meeting, please **sign in** at Front Reception.

Year 7 Parent Drinks and Nibbles at The Goody | Parent and Community Committee

The Cabra Parent and Community Committee (PCC) invite Year 7 parents and caregivers to gather at [The Goody](#) for a relaxed evening designed to help families connect, share experiences, and strengthen our school community.

Please see details below and in this [Invitation](#):

- **Date:** Friday 27 March 2026
- **Time:** 5:30 – 7:30pm
- **Venue:** The Goody, 75 Goodwood Road, Goodwood

Some nibbles will be provided by the PCC. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Please RSVP by Thursday 19 March 2026 by this link: [RSVP](#)

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

Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Diagnostic Testing

Year 7 students have recently undertaken a series of diagnostic literacy and numeracy tests. From this data, staff can ascertain students who may need further supports or interventions to shape their own success and pathways in future learning.

It is important to note that the transition from primary school to secondary school can be very challenging for some young people, and the interventions put in place are there to support this transition to understanding classroom practices, subject content, learning expectations and assessment processes.

Over the coming weeks, College staff will be contacting families whom to which diagnostic testing has outlined that this student requires intervention and to inform parents of supports and processes which will be implemented. Regardless of whether your child falls into this category or not, some key practices at home to support student academic growth, such as routine, consistent attendance, positive sleep habits and paired or independent reading, can also be positive strategies to support students in achieving academic goals.

Year 8 Parent Event | Parent and Community Committee

The Parent and Community Committee (PCC) invites Year 8 parents to a **“Catch-up before Camp Pick-up”** – this is a great opportunity to get together in the Caleruega Hall foyer for a chat over a cup of tea or a cold drink while waiting for the buses to return. Please see specific details in this [Invitation](#).

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](#)

Silent Auction

Do you own a business that provides goods or a service that could be donated as a Silent Auction item for our 140 years Gala Ball in May? The Parent and Community Committee (PCC) are seeking the support of local, family businesses through the donation of goods, services, vouchers or unique experiences suitable for inclusion in our Silent Auction.

Your business will be **prominently acknowledged** at the event and across the college community. Please email Anna Garcia (Marketing and Communications Manager) via agarcia@cabra.catholic.edu.au if you would like to donate. Funds raised will go to the 140 years **Together we write the story** fundraising campaign.

For more details, visit the College Website at this link: [Together, we write the story. | Cabra Dominican College](#)

Thank you for considering this request.

Project Compassion

In Term 1 every year, and specifically during Lent, Cabra Dominican College fundraises for Caritas Australia's [Project Compassion](#).

As Caritas Australia's largest annual fundraising campaign, Project Compassion mobilises Australians to raise much-needed funds to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in the world. Held during Lent, the six-week period before Easter, Catholic schools, parishes, and the wider Australian public participate in a diverse range of fundraising and awareness raising activities and events to support Caritas Australia's programs both overseas and here in Australia with our First Australian partners.

Project Compassion is an extraordinary demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, we could not do the vital work that we do. This year we have opened up the option of electronic donations. If you would like to donate please go to <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/cabradominicancollege>

Thanks for your ongoing support.

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 13 March	Earth Hour (Lesson 3)
Friday 13 March	Cabra Ride2School Day
Thursday 19 March	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Thursday 19 March	Stage 2 Drama External Assessment (St Dominic's Hall, 1:45 – 7:00pm)
Friday 20 March	National Ride2School Day
Monday 23 March – Wednesday 25 March	Year 8 Camp 1 (Boylan and Moore Houses)
Wednesday 25 March – Friday 27 March	Year 8 Camp 2 (Kavanagh and Murphy Houses)
Tuesday 24 March	Year 7 – 12 Catholic Co-Educational Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival (SA Athletics Stadium)
Thursday 26 March	Class of 2025 Back on Campus (Veritas Yearbook Collection) (4:00 – 5:30pm)

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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