



26 March 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## 2026 Term 1 Week 9 College Update

### Term 2 Student Learner Conversations

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 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 take place on Monday 4 May from 1:45pm to 7:45pm (face-to-face in Caleruega Hall) and on Tuesday 12 May from 4:00pm to 7:00pm (via telephone).

**Students must be in attendance** and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

You will receive an email on Wednesday 1 April 2026 at 5.00pm from Jarrad McCabe (Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations) with the link and code to access [School Interviews](#), our new booking platform. We will also attach booking instructions to this communication. Please note bookings will close **Thursday 30 April 2026 at 9.00am**.

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.

**Note:** Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Monday 4 May and at the usual dismissal time of 3:15pm on Tuesday 12 May. The Monica Farrelly Atrium will close at **4:00pm** on both days.

### Year 7 2026 Winter Uniform Fittings

A reminder that [Noone](#) have opened up Winter Uniform fittings until Thursday 23 April 2026. Bookings are to be made via the online page at this link: [Cabra Dominican College | Noone](#)

## Family Holidays

The College recognises that, from time to time, parents/caregivers may seek to absent students from school for an extended period, such as for a holiday.

Whilst the College recognises the positive impact family holidays can have on a student's development, the College's position is that extended periods of absence from term time can negatively impact a student's learning program and as such, **should be avoided where possible**.

Parents/caregivers and students need to be mindful that:

1. Extended absences may inhibit the ability for the College to provide a detailed academic report, due to the lack of learning evidence.
2. It is incumbent on students to be proactive in reviewing SEQTA for a summary of the learning programme.
3. Teachers will not be required to send work home, provide work in advance of a family holiday, or meet with students on their return to catch them up.
4. Missed work can have a detrimental impact on SACE completion and final Year 12 results.
5. Absence due to family holiday does not entitle a student to special provisions; if compulsory SACE requirements are not met, it may result in a student having to repeat work or catch up at a later date for SACE completion to be achieved.

Exemption from attendance at school can be sought for family travel or holidays during the school term. For family holidays, parents/caregivers must contact Student Services to request an Application for Exemption from School form and return to Student Services at least two weeks prior to the family holiday, so the Principal can review. In addition, for Year 10 – 12 students, the student is required to contact Subject Teachers regarding deadlines and SACE requirements.

Irrespective of the reason for absences, non-attendance does affect student outcomes. There is no "safe" threshold for absences. Every day counts, and declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence. At Cabra Dominican College, teaching and learning happens face-to-face in community, with peers. Whilst SEQTA Learn is a useful online resource, it ultimately exists to complement the explicit instruction and learning that occurs in the classroom.

For further details, please refer to the College's Attendance Policy, available on **SEQTA Engage > Documents**.

## 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](mailto: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.

### Mother's Day Community Morning

We are very pleased to invite all mothers and mother figures to join us for our Mother's Day Community Morning on Friday 8 May. Please see this [Invitation](#) for further details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Friday 1 May.

### 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>

## Easter

Easter is an opportune time within the beauty of the Church's liturgical cycle to reflect on the symbolism of the risen Christ. I pray that at this time you experience the life-giving energy that comes with renewed hope, faith and joy.

## 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 31 March	Year 7 Seminar Morning (Lessons 1 and 2)
Tuesday 31 March	Stage 1 and 2 Music Performance Evening (6:00pm)
Wednesday 1 April	Holy Week Liturgies (Lesson 3)
Thursday 2 April	SSSSA Athletics Secondary Championships: E Grade (SA Athletics Stadium)
Thursday 2 April	Holy Thursday
Friday 3 April	Good Friday
Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7 April – Friday 10 April	Year 12 Retreat
Friday 10 April	End Term 1

The College Calendar is located on SEQTA Engage and the [College Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

**Jarrad McCabe**

Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations