



14 May 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 2 Week 3 College Update

Student Learner Conversations

The Student Learner Conversations in Weeks 2 and 3 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 evenings provide an opportunity to discuss academic and personal progress since the beginning of the academic year. I 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 these evenings. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

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

School Photography | Ordering Photographs

We are pleased to be partnering with [advancedlife](https://www.advancedlife.com.au) for our 2026 School Photos as per below:

- **Wednesday 10 June:** Year 7 – 9 Class, Year 12 Class, Student Leadership and SRC
- **Thursday 11 June:** Year 10 – 12 Class, Year 12 Group Photo, Sibling Photos, St Mary's Unit

Students are required to wear their formal winter uniform, including blazers, and bring their PE uniform to change into if relevant.

Ordering: The ordering method is online. Please follow these payment [instructions](#):

1. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the 9-digit ordering code: **7A7 485 BWK** and click **CONTINUE**.
2. Create an account to continue.
3. Enter the first student's details you wish to order for and click **CONTINUE**.
4. Select **ORDER PHOTOS** from the menu to order this year's packages.
5. Use the **SELECT** check box for the package(s) you wish to purchase.
6. List the quantity required and **ADD TO CART**. Note: If you enter incorrect student details, select **EDIT STUDENT DETAILS**.
7. If you only wish to order for one child, please click **NEXT**, proceed to **REVIEW SELECTION** and click **FINISH & PAY**.
8. Check that the item in your cart is correct and click **PROCEED TO CHECKOUT** to finalise your order or click **CONTINUE SHOPPING** to add an order for another student.
9. Check your order carefully, as refunds will not be given for incorrect choice.
10. Enter your payment details and click **PAY**. A 1.5% merchant fee is applicable for this service unless you pay via Latitude Pay.
11. A receipt for your payment and order will be sent to the email address provided.

Note: The online payment system works best using Google Chrome on a computer. If having trouble paying, please use this method.

Sibling Photos: Photos may be ordered online using the 9-digit code. **Online orders for sibling/family photos will be cut off at midnight on the day prior to photography.** Sibling photographs are only to include children enrolled at Cabra Dominican College.

Late Orders: All orders after the main day of photography must be made online. To order online you will need to enter the 9-digit ordering code. Orders can be made for up to a week after the main day of photography at regular pricing. After the week, all orders are closed, and the order will incur a reorder fee. This fee cannot be waived. **advancedlife** offers a 100% money back guarantee on their products to ensure peace of mind. Any questions or feedback about ordering school photos should go direct to **advancedlife** at [advancedlife.com.au/contact](https://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Over the next few weeks, House Captains will be collecting donations to support the work of [Vinnies](#) in our local community. If you are in a position to, we would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods and grocery items. More detailed information will come through the Houses. The last day to bring in donations is Friday 19 June (Term 2 Week 8). Thank you for your support.

Year 9 Rite Journey Mentor Breakfast

A reminder that the Year 9 Rite Journey Mentor Breakfast will take place in St Dominic's Hall on **Friday 19 June 8:00am**. Year 9 families are asked to please forward this Mentor Breakfast [RSVP](#) link to their child's chosen mentor.

For further details, please access this [Invitation](#).

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 15 May	Year 7 Reflection Day
Tuesday 19 May	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Wednesday 20 May	Year 9 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Wednesday 20 May	Year 7 Carly Ryan Foundation Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, 10:45 – 11:45am)
Thursday 21 May	Year 11 InYourSkin Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, 8:50 – 10:20am)
Thursday 21 May	Year 12 Moore and Murphy Houses – InYourSkin Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, 10:45am – 12:15pm)
Tuesday 26 May	Year 12 Boylan and Kavanagh Houses – InYourSkin Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, 10:45am – 12:15pm)
Wednesday 27 May	Year 10 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Wednesday 27 May	CESA Student Leadership Program (Adelaide Pavilion Parkview Room, 9:00am – 3:00pm)
Friday 29 May	Year 9 ThinkUKnow Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)

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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