



23 July 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 3 Week 1 College Update

Welcome back to Term 3. I would like to acknowledge our students and staff for the way they have started the term. We especially welcome new students to Cabra Dominican College. We wish these students and their families well as they settle in, and we look forward to their long and active participation within our community. Please see below our fortnightly communication summarizing a number of key operational updates and information.

Annual School Performance Report

The [Annual School Performance Report](#) is now available on our College Website. We draw your attention to this report, which provides an overview of the various aspects of school performance in **2025**. Performance Reports are available via: [Performance Reports | Cabra Dominican College](#)

Uniform, Presentation and Mobile Digital Devices

At Cabra, all students have the opportunity to develop self-discipline in a supportive environment. The start of a new semester is an opportune time to reset and start anew with high expectations in how students wear the [College Uniform](#) and follow the [Mobile Digital Devices Policy](#). We appreciate the assistance of parents in ensuring students are well presented and representing themselves and the College with pride.

Semester 2 Timetables

Please be advised that requests for changes are limited due to class size and availability. We also take this opportunity to remind students and parents/caregivers that requests for particular teachers or friendship groups will not be met. If you have any queries regarding Semester 2 subjects and/or timetabling, please email subjectselection@cabra.catholic.edu.au. The last opportunity for any timetable changes will be Friday 7 August (Term 3 Week 3).

2026 Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS) | Parent and Caregiver Voice

We are currently collecting information to help us make informed decisions about how we can improve our school. The aim of this process is to build and maintain a positive school climate in which your child/children will flourish. To help us in our efforts, we are inviting you to respond to the **Parent and Caregiver Survey (PaCS)**, developed at Curtin University and facilitated by National School Improvement (NSI) Partnerships. Your response will provide us with information and foundational focus points that we will use as we prepare our 2026 Performance Report.

The information assessed in the PaCS has been shown to assist schools in improving student outcomes, and is part of the [NSI School Climate Suite](#), which provides a framework for engaging in cyclical reflection.

To complete the survey, please follow these steps:

1. Please go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au
2. Click **Start Questionnaire**
3. Enter the Access Code **CDCparents**

You will be taken to our school's PaCS, where you will be asked to respond to statements that ask about your perception of different aspects of the school climate. These statements are about practices that may take place in our school, and we ask that you indicate how often you feel each statement takes place. All statements require your response.

If you have more than one child at the school, we ask that you consider responding more than once as our students often have different experiences at school when compared to their siblings. The PaCS will ask you to indicate whether you are responding once for all of your children or if you are responding separately for each child. If you decide to respond once for all your children, you will not be asked to tell us what year level each child is in.

The survey **closes Friday 14 August 2026**. We have had 50 parent responses since the survey opened on Monday 20 July – a response rate of 3% so far. NSI aim for a minimum response rate of 30%. To achieve this rate, we would require approximately 500 responses.

If you require more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via jmccabe@cabra.catholic.edu.au or the NSI Team via NSITeam@NSIPartnerships.com.au. Thank you for your consideration!

Semester 1 Report

We hope families were able to use the term break to reflect on the Semester 1 report and gain further understanding of the learning journey undertaken so far this year. We would like to acknowledge all students who experienced success (in one way or another) during Semester 1. We continue to encourage all students to work hard towards personal goals, ask questions during lessons and accept and reflect on mistakes along the way. I would also like to recognise the teaching staff for the time and effort put into learning, teaching, assessing and reporting. This time and effort reflects a passion for helping students work through the complexities involved with learning. Please forward any comments about the reports back to the Learning and Teaching Team at learningandteaching@cabra.catholic.edu.au

SEQTA Absences | Preferred option for reporting student absences

If your child or children will be absent from school, please 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. For further information, please refer to the [Parent Handbook](#) (page 12).

Please be advised that from 2027, parents/caregivers will **no longer** be able to notify the College of student absence via Voice Message and SMS.

St Dominic's Day | Friday 31 July 2026

St Dominic's Day is always a keenly awaited time of the year. The day is a significant event in our College calendar, with the entire school staff and student body coming together for Mass before the traditional Talent Show that follows. Members of the Holy Cross Congregation, who are intrinsic to our Dominican charism at Cabra, will be joining with our College community.

I would like to remind students and parents that the formal winter uniform is to be worn on St Dominic's Day. This includes wearing of the blazer to and from school. I ask parents to support the College Uniform and Personal Presentation [requirements](#) by ensuring that their child (children) has the required uniform and blazer and that they wear it neatly and correctly.

Attendance | St Dominic's Day

Sadly, in previous years, there have been instances where some students have deliberately avoided attending school for all or part of St Dominic's Day. This may have been due to falling behind with schoolwork and taking time out of school to catch up, or it may have been truancy or selectively opting out of the Mass or Talent Show. It is not acceptable for students to absent themselves from school for these types of reasons, even if this absence is parent sanctioned.

Like every school day throughout the academic year, St Dominic's Day matters. This day provides us with an opportunity to remember our Dominican heritage, celebrate our Dominican ethos and rejoice in the wonderful community to which we all belong.

Students will attend Mentor Class at 8:50am and our Mass commences 9:10am. Following the Mass and the Talent Show, **students will be dismissed at 1:00pm**. Regarding this early dismissal, students are to be mindful that they continue to represent the College when in formal school uniform. If visiting local shops or businesses, behaviour is to be respectful and acceptable.

Term 3 Year 12 Student Learner Conversations | Monday 27 July

The upcoming Year 12 Student Learner Conversations are an opportunity for parents and families to engage with staff at the College to ensure the best for each individual Year 12 student. Year 12 Student Learner Conversations take place via **telephone** on Monday 27 July from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Please note that the phone number displayed will be Private Number. Year 12 students are expected to be involved in these conversations.

Year 12 Parent Drinks and Nibbles at The Goody | Parent and Community Committee

The Cabra Parent and Community Committee (PCC) invite Year 12 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 at this [Invitation](#) and below:

- Date: Friday 7 August 2026
- Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm
- 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 Monday 3 August 2026 by this link: [RSVP](#)

Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss

Year 9 Rite Journey students at Cabra will be attending a camp in Week 5, Term 3 2026 from Wednesday 19 August - Friday 21 August. The Abyss is a 3-day outdoor camp designed to take students out of their comfort zone. It is a rite of passage intended to challenge students physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Please refer to the attached [correspondence](#) from Ms Kimberley Jones (Leader of Innovation – Middle Years), which outlines strategies to help parents coach and support their child with confidence in the lead-up to The Rite Journey Abyss.

Reminder | Front Driveway Works

From Monday 27 July 2026, there will be a temporary walkway for all pedestrians entering/exiting the College at Cross Road. This walkway will direct students past the Aquinas Precinct site and ultimately between the Chapel and Atrium. There will be no student movement (entering or exiting) through the Convent Building. There will also be no pedestrian access to the Heart Garden.

Students can still enter and exit the College at the rear of the site, via Little Street.

We look forward to providing you with further information and updates as the Aquinas Precinct nears completion over the coming months!

MacBook Neo | Unsupported Device

Please be advised that MacBook Neo devices are not supported within Cabra Dominican College's ICT environment. These devices do not meet our College's technical and curriculum requirements. If you are considering purchasing a new device, please purchase via the [LWT Portal](#).

Should you have any questions, please refer to our BYOD requirements (via the portal) or contact the ICT Team (prior to making any purchases) via it@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Father's Day Community Morning

We are very pleased to invite all fathers and father figures to join us for our Father's Day Community Morning on Friday 4 September. Please see this [Invitation](#) for further details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Thursday 27 August.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Student safety is our shared priority. Please remember to adhere to road safety rules and traffic signs, and to be patient as large numbers of students enter and exit College grounds, cross roads and walk/cycle near the College.

Please adhere to the following safety rules:

- Observe school zone speed limits (25km/hr limit applies when students are present within a signed school zone, i.e., where zigzag lines are marked on the road)
- Not parking in "No Standing" zones
- Respecting local neighbours and their right to access their driveways
- Ensuring that students exit cars onto the footpath
- Keep disability parking spaces available for those who require them – and ensure the "No Parking" zones in front of these spaces remains clear

Please also note that City of Mitcham Parking Inspectors and Compliance Officers regularly monitor the streets surrounding the College and in particular, the "No Standing" zone on Eaton Street.

Any breaches of the rules regarding this "No Standing" zone observed by a Compliance Officer may result in the issue of an **expiation notice**.

Parents are required to behave respectfully at all times, and this applies to words, tone and body language. We expect parents to model appropriate behaviours for their children and to comply with any traffic rules and traffic management system(s) in place. Please note City of Mitcham reserves the right to contact SAPOL if parents are disrespectful towards a Parking Inspector, or if they are deemed to be creating a safety hazard on Eaton Street.

Furthermore, students should not be congregating in the nearby Woolworths or Big W shopping centre prior to school but instead should be making their way to school directly and promptly.

National Test | AusAlert System

Next Monday 27 July 2026, the Commonwealth Government will conduct a national test of the AusAlert system which is scheduled to commence in October 2026. AusAlert is a new national warning system allowing emergency services to send messages to compatible mobile devices during local and national disasters.

Consequently, at **1:30pm** (Adelaide time) on Monday, all compatible mobile devices (including phones, tablets and smart watches) will receive a Critical AusAlert test message. This timing will coincide with the regular lunch period at Cabra.

At the same time as the test message, devices will vibrate and a loud siren will sound for 10 seconds (even on those devices set to silent). Only devices that are switched off or set to

aeroplane mode will not receive the Critical AusAlert. This national test follows various community testing in June, including one in South Australia in Port Lincoln (held on a Saturday). For further information, please visit the AusAlert Website at this link: [National test | ausalert](#)

2026 August Census | Collection Notice

Each August, our College participates in the annual Non-Government Schools Census. This census is conducted by the Australian Government to collect information about student enrolments and other related data from non-government schools across Australia.

The information collected assists with government planning, funding, and education policy development. Further details about the census, including what information is collected and how it is managed, can be found in the attached [Non-Government Schools Census Privacy Collection Notice](#).

If you have any questions regarding the census or the information being collected, please contact the College Registrar email registrar@cabra.catholic.edu.au

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
Monday 27 July	National Test AusAlert System (1:30pm)
Monday 27 July	Year 12 Student Learner Conversations 4:00 – 7:00pm (Telephone)
Tuesday 28 July	Year 12 SATAC Presentation
Friday 31 July	St Dominic's Day Mass and Talent Show (Caleruega Hall, 9:00am – 1:00pm)
Monday 3 August	Year 10 Student and Parent Subject Counselling (8:50am – 3:15pm)
Tuesday 4 August	Year 12 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Tuesday 4 August – Thursday 6 August	Year 10 – 11 Australian Mathematics Competition Window
Wednesday 5 August	Year 7 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Thursday 6 August	Year 11 – 12 Adelaide University Presentation

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 the information in this College Update, or if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

Yours sincerely,

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