



6 August 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 3 Week 3 College Update

140 Year Anniversary Whole School Photo | Monday 10 August

We are delighted to announce that Cabra has engaged the services of Leading Image School Photos to conduct a whole school photo to celebrate our 140 Year Anniversary. **All students are required to wear formal winter uniform (including blazer) for this photo on Monday 10 August.** If a student is not wearing formal uniform and blazer, they will not be photographed.

Students will be photographed in year levels as follows:

- Lesson 1: Year 7
- Lesson 2: Year 8
- Lesson 3: Year 9
- Lesson 4: Year 10
- Lesson 5: Year 11
- Lesson 6: Year 12

As per the outline above, **Year 12 students will need to remain on site during Lesson 6.**

Families will be able to purchase a copy of the photo directly from Leading Image School Photos. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Intercollegiate Competition

The annual Intercollegiate Competition against Nazareth Catholic College will take place in Term 3 Week 5. I encourage you to come along and support our students as they represent the College in this annual event. The program can be viewed at the following link: [2026 Intercollegiate Fixture](#)

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](#) and click here to [RSVP](#).

Microsoft CoPilot

Catholic Education South Australia is standardising the use of Generative AI across all Catholic Schools. This approach is driven by the importance of data security and privacy, information stewardship and the safe and ethical use of AI. From **Tuesday 11 August 2026**, Microsoft CoPilot will be the mandated primary tool for teaching, learning and administrative work. ChatGPT and other tools will be inaccessible on site through the College's WiFi network. Microsoft CoPilot provides generative AI capabilities within a secure, authenticated and governed environment. This ensures data remains within our tenant and is not used to train external models.

Attendance Reminders

Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance does affect 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).

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. 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.

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**

The survey **closes Friday 14 August 2026**. We have had 85 parent responses since the survey opened on Monday 20 July – a response rate of 5% 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!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- The number of school students receiving an adjustment or “help” due to disability
- The level of adjustment they are receiving to access the education on the same basis as other students

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This “help” allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. Schools provide this information to education authorities.

What is a reasonable adjustment?

An adjustment is an action to help a student with disability take part in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school (e.g. ramps into school buildings). They can be in the classroom (e.g. adapting teaching methods). They can also be for individual student need (e.g. providing personal care support).

The school assesses the needs of each student with disability. The school provides adjustments in consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians and carers.

Schools must make reasonable adjustments if needed. The Disability Standards for Education 2005 define “reasonable adjustment” as an adjustment that balances the interests of all parties affected.

For further information about the NCCD, please read this [Parent Fact Sheet](#). You can also visit the [NCCD Portal](#). There is also a free [e-learning resource](#) available on the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

Year 7 – 12 Colour Run | Friday 11 September

The Colour Run is open to students from Year 7 – 12 and will be held on the Large Oval in Lessons 6 and 7 on Friday 11 September as part of our celebration of Wellbeing Week. In order for students to participate, payment of \$15 needs to be made via the Qkr! app by Friday 28 August.

Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations | Monday 31 August 2026

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 Year 7 – 11 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 are scheduled on Monday 31 August from 1:45 – 7:45pm (face-to-face in Caleruega Hall). Students must be in attendance and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

You will receive an email on Thursday 6 August at 5.00pm from Jarrad McCabe (Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations) with the link and code to access [School Interviews](#), our booking platform. We will also attach booking instructions to this communication. Please note bookings will close Thursday 27 August **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. Appointments are 7-minute duration (only single appointments are able to be booked with teachers, even if your child is taught by a teacher across multiple subject areas).

Note: Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Monday 31 August. The Monica Farrelly Atrium will close at 4:00pm on this day.

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 7 August	Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss: Hike Activity (10:30am – 3:15pm)
Monday 10 August	140 Year Anniversary Whole School Photo (Caleruega Hall)
Tuesday 11 August	Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday 11 August – Friday 14 August	ABODA Band and Orchestra Festival
Tuesday 11 August	Year 11 – 12 Flinders University Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Wednesday 12 August	Year 8 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Thursday 13 August	Year 12 AEC Presentation (St Dominic's Hall, Lesson 3)
Thursday 13 August – Friday 14 August	Year 11 Retreat
Monday 17 August – Saturday 22 August	2026 Intercollegiate Week v Nazareth Catholic College
Wednesday 19 August – Friday 21 August	Year 9 Rite Journey Abyss

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,

Jarrad McCabe

Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations