



20 August 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 3 Week 5 College Update

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.

Parents and caregivers received 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. Booking instructions were also attached to this communication. Please note bookings will close on 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.

Lock In Drill | Friday 28 August – During Recess

On Friday 28 August, a Lock In Drill will occur at 10:35am (during Recess).

Students are to follow the instructions below when the alarm sounds:

1. Move to the closest available building.
2. Stay out of direct line of sight of doors and windows (sitting on floor or under desks where possible) and remain quiet. Do not use electronic devices.
3. Following the "All Clear", move to Mentor Class.
4. After your Mentor Teacher has marked the roll, you will be provided time to finish eating Recess, and will be provided an opportunity to give feedback on the Lock In Drill.

Note: Any student arriving to school during the Lock In will need to move to the nearest available building (e.g., Atrium or Caleruega Hall).

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](#).

Saint Joseph is described as a beloved, tender and obedient father; a father who quietly and generously supported his family. We give thanks for the men in our College community who look after others, who guide and protect like Saint Joseph, and we hope they have a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday 7 September.

Intercollegiate Competition

The annual Intercollegiate Competition against Nazareth Catholic College continues until Saturday 22 August. 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](#)

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.

School Directed Non-Contact Days | Monday 7 September and Monday 21 September

Please be advised that Monday 7 September and Monday 21 September are School Directed Non-Contact Days, and as such, the College will be closed on these days.

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 **window has been extended until Friday 28 August 2026**. We have had 170 parent responses since the survey opened on Monday 20 July – a response rate of 10% so far. NSI aim for a 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!

Exclusion Periods | Infectious Diseases

There has been an increasing number of student cases of COVID-19 and Influenza at Cabra Dominican College. The spread of these infectious diseases can be reduced by excluding a student, known to be infectious, from contact with others who are at risk of catching the infection.

The following are recommended minimum periods of exclusion from school for cases of, and contact with, infectious diseases (based on guidelines issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council in December 2005 and the online Australian Immunisation Handbook):

- [COVID-19](#): Exclude until acute symptoms have cleared (usually 5 to 7 days)
- [Influenza](#): Exclude until well (at least 5 days for adults and 7 – 10 days for children)

Year 7, 2029 Applications Now Open Online | Reminder for Current Families with Younger Siblings

Do you have a younger child who is currently in Year 4 and hoping to join Cabra Dominican College in Year 7, 2029? Applications are now open, and we encourage all current families to submit an enrolment application for younger siblings as soon as possible. While sibling connections are highly valued, an application must still be lodged before the closing date for your child to be considered in the enrolment process. Year 7, 2029 applications close on **Friday 11 September 2026**. Applications can be completed online via this link: [Enrolment Application - Cabra Dominican College](#)

If you have any questions about the enrolment process, please contact the Registrar's Office. Don't miss this important deadline!



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Applications now open

Year 7, 2029 (Current year 4s)



Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2029, must be submitted by **11 September 2026**



Applications Now ONLINE

2026 Principal's Tour Dates:

- Wednesday 16 September
- Thursday 12 November

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 24 August	Year 12 Retreat Reunion Day
Wednesday 26 August	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Wednesday 26 August	Year 10 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Thursday 27 August	Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. Workshop
Thursday 27 August	Year 12 Flinders University 1:1 Appointments
Thursday 27 August	2027 Year 10 – 11 Snow Trip Parent Information Evening (6:00pm)
Friday 28 August	Lock In Drill (Recess)
Sunday 30 August	Year 10 – 11 Futurekind Sri Lanka Expedition Training Hike (Mt Lofty)
Monday 31 August	Year 9 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Monday 31 August	Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations (Caleruega Hall, 1:45 – 7:45pm) Student Dismissal 1:00pm
Tuesday 1 September	Year 12 Adelaide University Appointments
Wednesday 2 September	Year 9 – 11 SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival Umpiring
Wednesday 2 September	Year 11 Liturgy (Chapel, Lesson 3)
Wednesday 2 September	Dominican Student Leaders Meeting (St Dominic's Priory College, 3:30pm)
Wednesday 2 September	Year 10 – 11 Futurekind Sri Lanka Expedition Pre-Departure Family Update (Online, 6:00pm)
Friday 4 September	Father's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast (Chapel and Monica Farrelly Atrium, 7:45pm)

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