



3 September 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 3 Week 7 College Update

Uniform and Presentation

All students are expected to show pride in themselves and the College by meeting requirements related to uniform and presentation. Such self-respect is the first step towards mutual respect.

We ask parents and caregivers to support the College by ensuring their child has the required uniform and wears it neatly and correctly. Students who require extra warmth are reminded that the College blazer should be the outer garment when moving to and from school and undergarments (e.g., long-sleeved t-shirts) should not be visible.

Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations

The Year 7 – 11 Student Learner Conversations on Monday 31 August 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 evening provides an opportunity to discuss academic and personal progress since the beginning of the semester. We 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 the evening.

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.

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.

Wellbeing Week and R U OK? Day

Next week, our College community will come together to celebrate **Wellbeing Week** – a dedicated time to create awareness around the mental, emotional, and social wellbeing of our students and staff. In today's fast-paced world, it's more important than ever to create space for people to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with themselves and those around them.

Throughout the week, students will be invited to engage in a variety of activities designed to promote **'community and connection'** during Mentor Classes and at recess and lunch times.

If you notice your child is struggling with their wellbeing or experiencing challenges, please contact us via Front Reception 8179 2400, who will then direct your call to the appropriate staff member.

Pastoral Care Program and Drug Education

On Wednesday 9 September, Mr Paul Dillon (Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia), will present to Year 10 – 12 students on a wide range of alcohol and other drug issues.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the education and wellbeing of our young people and to support parents and caregivers, we would like to highlight the following resources that can be used to continue this conversation with your children at home:

- [Talking to your teen about vaping](#) – This blog from Paul Dillon is aimed at parents to assist in how to approach the subject with young people
- [DARTA Vaping Parent Resources](#) – This page provides a range of fact sheets for parents and young people

Save the Date | End of Year Events

Term 4 commences Monday 12 October 2026. Please note the following Term 4 events:

- Tuesday 20 October: Sport and Music Gala Night (Caleruega Hall)
- Wednesday 21 October: Year 12 Family Eucharist (Caleruega Hall, 6:00pm)
- Thursday 22 October: Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 1:30 – 3:10pm)
- Friday 23 October: Year 12 Mentor Class Breakfasts and "A Day on the Green"
- Friday 27 November: Year 12 Graduation (Adelaide Convention Centre)
- Friday 4 December: Year 7 – 11 End of Year Presentation Assembly (Caleruega Hall, 9:10am)

Further information will be communicated with families regarding these events in coming weeks.

Discounted Group Photos now available!

Ordering is now open for the following group photos taken recently:

- College Captains and Vice Captains
- Mission Captains
- House Captains: Boylan, Kavanagh, Moore, Murphy
- Sport Captains
- Music Captains
- SRC
- SMU Captains
- SMU

Special Offer: \$16 per print (Save a minimum of 20%)

Order online before Monday 7 September 2026 to secure this discounted price. After this date, the price reverts to the standard \$20 or \$25 per print.

How to Order

advancedlife have recently launched a new website to improve your experience. You can now create an **advancedlife** account and verify your children's profiles to view groups, download digital portraits, order co-curricular photos and track orders. If you have yet created an account, you can get started by visiting our website and using the following School Code **7A7 485 BWK** and the SIC Code located on your portrait package or the back of your photobook.

Important Information

- **Online Only:** These photos must be ordered online; please do not return payments to the school.
- **Additional Images:** If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered.
- **Delivery:** Photos will be delivered to the school for distribution.
- **Guarantee:** *advancedlife* offer a 21-day refund policy and a 100% money-back guarantee.

If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to **advancedlife** at www.advancedlife.com.au/contactus

Thank you for your continued trust in **advancedlife**

Attendance

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

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.

National Child Protection Week

This year National Child Protection Week is driving a stronger national focus on **shifting conversations into meaningful action**. Conversations can spark ideas, build understanding and encourage reflection. But meaningful change happens when those conversations lead to practical action that strengthens support for children and families.

National Child Protection Week helps turn conversation into action by bringing people across Australia together to share ideas, strengthen communities and prevent harm before it occurs. While the Week creates an important national moment, the campaign continues throughout the year, encouraging all of us to take steps that help children feel heard, valued, safe and supported. National Child Protection Week runs from 6 – 12 September 2026. Learn more at this link: [National Child Protection Week - NAPCAN](#)

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is the paramount consideration at Cabra Dominican College. For further information, access the College's [Child and Young Person Safe Environments Policy](#). Parents and caregivers can also access Safeguarding information at the Dominican Education Australia website: [Safeguarding - Dominican Education Australia](#)

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 4 September	Father's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast (Chapel and Monica Farrelly Atrium, 7:45 – 9:00am)
Friday 4 September	Year 12 Flinders University UniTest (1:15 – 4:00pm)
Monday 7 September	School Directed Non-Contact Day
Wednesday 9 September	Year 10 – 12 Drug and Alcohol Education Sessions
Friday 11 September	Year 7 – 12 Colour Run (Large Oval, 1:45 – 3:15pm)
Tuesday 15 September	Year 7 – 11 Write A Book In A Day (St Dominic's Hall, 8:30am – 5:30pm)
Tuesday 15 September	Blessing of Holy Cross Auditorium, St Dominic's Statue and History Wall (9:30am)
Wednesday 16 September	Principal's Tour (9:00am)
Thursday 17 September	Year 11 MFS Road Awareness Program (St Dominic's Hall, 8:50 – 10:20am)
Thursday 17 September	Stage 1 and 2 Music Performance Evening (St Dominic's Hall, 6:00 – 8:00pm)

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

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