



17 September 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 3 Week 9 College Update

Aquinas Precinct Student Tours | Friday 18 September 2026

After many months of planning, construction, consultation and anticipation, we are delighted to invite students to take a walk through our beautiful new Aquinas Precinct tomorrow!

Student Tour Schedule: Friday 18 September	Year Level
10:45am	Year 12
11:10am	Year 11
11:30am	Year 10
11:55am	Year 9
12:15pm	Year 8
12:40pm	Year 7

This project represents a significant milestone in the life of our College, and we are excited to share the completed spaces with our students. Aquinas provides contemporary learning environments, collaborative spaces and facilities that will support our students and staff for many years to come. Whilst there is still some finishing work occurring behind the scenes, these student tours mark an exciting opportunity to celebrate the completion of a project that will have a lasting impact on our College community.

We are also in the process of organising a number of opportunities early next term for parents to visit the College and enjoy a short tour of the new Aquinas facility. In the meantime, if you have not already done so, we encourage you to join us for Veritas Community Day on Sunday 20 September 2026 as we celebrate 140 years of Cabra. As part of the day's tours, there will be an opportunity to walk through the new facility. Tickets can be booked via our Facebook posts or through the link included in our latest newsletter article.

Year 12 End of Year Arrangements and Events

Year 12 parents, caregivers and students received detailed correspondence on Wednesday 12 August, outlining end of year arrangements and ticketing details for the 2026 Year 12 Graduation, to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday 27 November 2026. We wish our Year 12 students the best of luck with exam preparation and final assessment tasks over the coming weeks. We look forward to rejoicing together at the Graduation when the hard work is done later in the year!

SATAC Applications | Year 12 Students

A reminder to families that SATAC applications need to be submitted by **Wednesday 30 September 2026** to avoid substantial late fees.

After students submit their applications, they will have up until **Wednesday 6 January 2027** to change, delete, reorder their preferences. If students have any questions, please ask them to come and see a member of the Learning and Teaching team or Nicole Van Den Brink (Future Pathways: Careers and University Liaison).

Additionally, the holiday workshops are being finalised – students should refer to the Year 12 SEQTA page for further details. This is an opportunity to receive some extra support to ensure a really strong finish to the year.

Right to Disconnect

At Cabra Dominican College:

- Staff have the right to disconnect from contact and attempted contact outside of working hours (e.g., 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday).
- Staff will respond to correspondence in a timely manner.
- Responses are not expected of staff outside working hours.
- Responses are not expected of staff when on leave (e.g., teachers during term break and ESOs during annual leave).
- Students and staff require time to stop, relax and spend time with friends and families **during term breaks**, without the expectation of monitoring and responding to email and/or SEQTA notifications. There are occasions where students may have outstanding work yet to be completed, and in such instances, staff, students and parents/caregivers are encouraged to arrange correspondence at mutually convenient times (e.g., SACE Stage 2 Term Break Workshop, SACE Stage 2 Learning Hub).

Thank you for your understanding as we better support the maintenance of healthy boundaries between work and personal life. The improved rest and recovery outside working hours helps contribute to improved pastoral, wellbeing and academic outcomes for all students.

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.

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 18 September	Year 10 – 11 Futurekind Sri Lanka Expedition Build Up Day (All Day)
Sunday 20 September	Year 10 – 11 Futurekind Sri Lanka Expedition Departs
Sunday 20 September	140 Year Anniversary Veritas Community Day
Monday 21 September	School Directed Non-Contact Day
Tuesday 22 September	Year 10 RAA Street Smart High (Adelaide Entertainment Centre)
Wednesday 23 September	Year 12 Breakfast with ELT (8:45 – 10:20am)
Friday 25 September	End Term 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.

Term 4

Term 4 sees the return of the warmer weather and summer co-curricular sports. I encourage students to use the term break to check they have the appropriate uniforms and that they are clean and in good repair.

Please note that classes resume for students next term on **Monday 12 October**. We look forward to seeing all students refreshed and ready for more learning. Have a safe and relaxing term break.

Yours sincerely,

Jarrad McCabe

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