



15 October 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2026 Term 4 Week 1 College Update

Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. I would like to acknowledge students and staff for the way they have started the term.

World Teachers' Day

Australia celebrates and thanks the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 30 October 2026. Teachers play a significant role in the lives of children and young people, their families and communities. Effective teachers can be a source of inspiration and equally importantly, provide a dependable and consistent influence on young people as they make choices about further education, work and life.

I would like to acknowledge all the staff at Cabra Dominican College who prepare our young people to lead successful and productive lives. Parents and caregivers might like to send a short thank you note or message to a staff member during the week! I am sure it will be appreciated!

Attendance

To assist with maintaining our smooth start to the term, the following information is essential:

- 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).

2026 Sport and Music Gala Evening | Tuesday 20 October

Please note that the [2026 Sport and Music Gala Evening](#) takes place on Tuesday 20 October in Caleruega Hall.

Event	Time	Uniform
Sport	5:30 – 6:45pm	Formal summer uniform to be worn (blazers not required)
Music	7:00 – 8:00pm	Music performance uniform

Please note that there is time for students to change attire between events.

2026 Art, Design & Tech Exhibition | Tuesday 10 November

The 2026 annual [Art, Design & Tech Exhibition](#) will be held on Tuesday 10 November from 3:35 – 5:30 pm in the Angelico Centre.

This exhibition will showcase the work of Year 7 – 12 students in the areas of Visual Art, Design, Media Studies, Photography, Design Tech, and Digital Tech for Semester 1 and 2. SACE Stage 2 Visual Art, Woodwork, Metalwork, Media Studies and Creative Art Design will all be on display for this exhibition. Formalities will commence 4:00pm.

Please note tickets for this event are free and must be purchased in advanced to assist with catering purposes. Tickets will be available until Friday 30 October.

Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://events.humanitix.com/cabraartdesigntech>

Year 9 and 10 Parent Drinks and Nibbles at The Goody | Parent and Community Committee

The Cabra Parent and Community Committee (PCC) invite Year 9 and 10 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 6 November 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 2 November 2026 by this link: [RSVP](#)

Parent and Caregiver Survey: Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) Sexuality and Respectful Relationships Curriculum

Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) and Catholic Education Northern Territory (CENT) and Curtin University are undertaking a research project to gather important information about the delivery and impact of CESA's Made in the Image of God: Sexuality and Respectful Relationships Curriculum (MITIOG). As part of this research, surveys will seek perspectives and feedback from three key groups: Parents/Caregivers, Year 5 – 12 Students, and Teachers. This will support the ongoing evaluation and enhancement of MITIOG.

Parents/Caregivers are invited to complete a short survey about your experiences and perspectives regarding the MITIOG Curriculum. You will also receive additional information about the separately designed student surveys, and a Consent 2 Go link seeking permission for your child to participate. Your child's participation is completely voluntary, and permission for your child is required. The student survey will be conducted at school and will provide young people with an opportunity to share their perspectives and experiences in relation to their learning in MITIOG lessons. For further information about the project and what your participation involves, please view this [Information Letter](#).

To complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey, please click this link: [CESA/CENT Parent Survey](#)

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact one of the following:

- Professor Sharyn Burns via phone 08 9266 4123 (office) or email: S.Burns@curtin.edu.au
- Marcia Burgess (Senior Education Advisor: Religious Education Curriculum - CESA) via marcia.burgess@cesa.catholic.edu.au or phone 08 8301 6822
- Dominic Smith (Consent and Respectful Relationships Project Support Officer) via dominic.smith1@cesa.catholic.edu.au or 08 03016196

Sun Protection Policy

An important part of the College uniform is the College hat. Students are strongly encouraged to wear the approved College hat outside at recess and lunch times. It is compulsory for students to wear the approved College hat outside when participating in Physical Education lessons, recreational activities and sports practices during Term 4.

I ask parents to help reinforce the importance of students protecting their skin from the harmful effects of the sun by wearing their hats at the appropriate times throughout the remainder of the year. Staff will continue to remind and encourage students to be sun smart, and it would be helpful if parents could also reinforce this message at home.

Parking Control

With the commencement of a new school term, the City of Mitcham will continue with the monitoring of parking areas around the College, in particular, the "No Standing" zone on Eaton Street. Thank you in advance for being mindful of parking restrictions and speed limits and driving with care.

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
Tuesday 20 October	Sport and Music Gala Evening (Caleruega Hall, 5:30 – 8:00pm)
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 (8:30 – 9:30am) and "A Day on the Green" (10:00am – 1:00pm)
Wednesday 28 October	Year 10 Reflection Day (Lessons 1 – 7)
Friday 30 October	Aquinas Precinct Opening and Blessing (9:30am)

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,

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