



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

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From the Principal

Dear Families

Welcome to all of our students and their families.

A special welcome to all of the students and families who have joined our College community for the first time.

STAFF NEWS

At the start of this school year we welcomed the following new staff:

Secondary Teachers: Rhiannon Annells, Ellie Carr, Claire Falkenberg, Sabrina Fico, Andrew Footner, Vin Hatcher, Vanessa Keane, Sue Mills, Stuart Mullord, Claudia Springhetti and Mandy Taylor.

Primary Teachers: Joy Assaad, Sarah Hinton, Kate Maxted, Danielle Monticelli, Evette Roma, Isobel Scott, Jessica Stirling.

Returning Teachers: Lauren Daly, Rebecca Wood.

ESOs: Beata Kucaba, David Kerr, Emily

Murphy, Ryan Le, Jason Otto, Andy Pham, Hanna Watkins (SportsReady trainee).

EXCELLENT YEAR 12 RESULTS

We congratulate the Year 12 Class of 2024 on their excellent South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) results.

We again had **100% South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) completion rate**, as has been the case for many years at Mount Carmel College. **99% of all grades awarded were C- or higher and there were no E grades at all.**

Special congratulations to our Dux of 2024, **Astin Lu.**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a Merit and will be presented with it in a ceremony at Government House: Benjamin Khuu (Integrated Learning), Zack Nghiem (Research Project), Josipa Pavlovic (Research Project), Sarah Rayan (Research Project).

100% of our students who applied for university received an offer in the first round and of these, **just over 83% were offered their first preference.**

We are very proud of the outstanding results achieved by our Year 12 students. We know that excellent academic achievements are the result of a lot of hard work and the wonderful partnership in learning between the student, parents, teachers, support staff and the College.

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7-12 Secondary Campus
33 Newcastle Street, Rosewater
Phone: 8447 0500

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2025

- 14-18 JJAMM Conference (College Captains)
- 20 Year 7-12 DUX Assembly
- 21 Primary Assembly 9am (Year 5 Hosting)
- 24 Year 7-12 Individual Swimming Carnival (some students)
- 27 All Year 5-12 Sports Day (SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End)
- 28 Senior Formal 7pm (Krystal Function Centre)

Further dates are available from our website at www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

2025 TERM DATES:

- Term 1: 28 Jan - 11 Apr
- Term 2: 28 Apr - 4 Jul
- Term 3: 21 Jul - 26 Sep
- Term 4: 13 Oct - 5 Dec



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Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the **Absentee Line on 0438 368 846 (SMS) or phoning (08) 8447 0500**. You will need to state the following:

NAME OF CHILD, YEAR LEVEL, REASON FOR ABSENCE eg *If late approximately what time will your child arrive etc.*

A medical certificate is required if a student is away for more than 3 days. For any planned extended absence, a letter to the Principal is required to explain circumstances.

From the Principal Continued...



Our Year 12 students enthusiastically participated in the many different opportunities open to them through Mount Carmel College.

PARENT EVENING

Many thanks to all members of our parent community who engaged in the Reception to Year 6 and Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evenings recently. The partnership between the school and parents is so important.

BUILDING WORKS IN THE HOLIDAYS

In the December-January holidays we undertook some important building works including:

- Installation of accessibility ramp and stairs to the former Church building on our Primary Campus, as well as replacing the joinery in these classrooms. The rooms have had a wonderful make-over in 2024-2025 and are very inviting spaces to learn.
- The oval area that we have access to has been turned into a sea of green with the grass looking very inviting and the soft fall under the trees has made these spaces accessible for students to play. Unfortunately the playground did not pass a safety test in mid-January 2025 and so we have had to close it to students, as safety must

always come first. We are currently exploring whether we can remove particular pieces of equipment and re-open the playground or whether we should replace all of the playground equipment. We will give you an update when we have further news.

- The new building on the Primary Campus is progressing well and we are still hopeful of moving into this building at the start of Term 3.
- On the Secondary Campus, start-up works included removal of powerlines and now the lift shaft is in place.

JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Our Opening Mass for both campuses centred around the Jubilee year theme, Pilgrims of Hope. Fr Jack led students in our Eucharistic celebrations as students brought their own hopes for the year to the Mass.

On the Secondary Campus, we held our first Year 7-12 gathering in the Carmelite Centre. The choir led us in song and there was a tangible sense of celebration.

Pope Francis has said that we must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.

Be a person of hope to others.

John Konopka, Principal

Keeping our Community Safe

Please be mindful of neighbours and the community when dropping your child(ren) off and collecting them from school.

It is illegal to stop on the school crossing while it is in operation. Please park your car and walk to the school gate.

Please keep driveways and access points free to allow easy access for everyone. Please do not park in front of bins on bin collection day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe.

A Message from the College Captains



Dear Mount Carmel College students,

As your 2025 College Captains, we wanted to welcome you back to another exciting school year! A special welcome to all the new students and families joining our College community.

Mount Carmel College is a special place, and we are sure this year will be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and memorable experiences for you all. Along with the broader Year 12 Vice Captains (Gerald Howard, William Maczkowiack, Bethany Pratt, Aitishka Singh, Harold Thurley, Cindy Wong, and Student Leaders across the Secondary Campus), we look forward to journeying alongside you all and being there to support you throughout the year. We aspire to assist you to grow academically and personally.

As we begin the year, let's embrace our four core values, belonging, diversity, excellence and relationship, to ensure a successful year for everyone. Let's uplift each other and celebrate our achievements, big and small.

Before we sign off, we wanted to share strategies that have helped us as we moved through our educational journey:

Kurt's strategies:

- Don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers if you ever need assistance with your schoolwork. Communication is key to success.
- Take advantage of the many activities offered at the College: school musicals, sports, debating, and more! These events will help you to find your passion and your people.
- Make sure you take care of your well-being. Go for a walk, get

quality rest and lean on your support network. Learning new skills can be challenging, don't forget to be kind to yourself throughout the process!

Jiya's strategies:

- Try out many different study strategies to find the ones that work best for you. The key to success is studying effectively, which is different for everyone!
- Come to school as much as you can to learn your content in class with teacher assistance. There is a strong correlation between academic success and attendance.
- Prioritise balancing your school and personal life! Make sure to take enough breaks and use your time away from school to care of yourself!

Let's make the most of every moment and create lasting memories together!

Kurt Caitor & Jiya Iyer
2025 College Captains



The Arts

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Our instrumental program has now begun, and families who have registered for lessons, should have received communication from tutors about starting lessons. We have over 100 students undertaking lessons across both campuses and are excited to see them develop their skills. Families are reminded the communication regarding lessons should be directed to tutors via the contact details provided. For more general questions about the instrumental program, please contact Mr Ferreira via email: pedro.ferreira@mcc.catholic.edu.au. Parents wishing to register their child for lessons can do so at any time throughout the year by completing the online registration form. <https://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/learning/instrumental-music-program>

COLLEGE MUSICAL 2025

This week also saw the launch of the College Musical for 2025 – Moana Jr. We are very excited to begin this journey with our students and can't wait to share this production with you in July. Over 60 students have registered to take part, making it one of our biggest casts in a long time. We are currently busy auditioning for lead roles, and rehearsals will begin in week 5. Families can expect communication regarding rehearsal schedules and commitment expectations sometime in week 4.

Pedro Ferreira, Arts Coordinator



Reception 2025

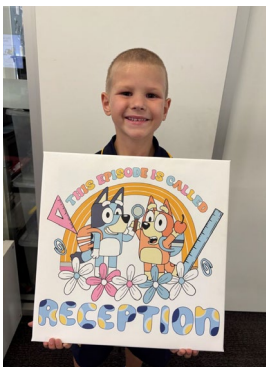
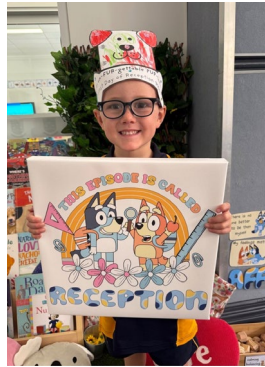


What an exciting start to the school year we have had in Reception! Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed getting to know one another, building friendships within our class and across all four Reception classes, and settling into our new routines. The children have been learning each other's names, exploring their new environment, establishing ourselves as professional Reception students and developing confidence in their new school setting.

A special highlight has been our buddy class with the Year 6 students. To celebrate Lunar New Year, we worked together to create beautiful rainbow snakes, symbolising good luck and new beginnings. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to form connections with their older buddies, who will support and guide them throughout the year.

We are so proud of how well the children have embraced this new adventure, and we look forward to many more fun and meaningful learning experiences ahead!

Daina Peric, Reception Teacher



Student Supervision

As a school we have what the law defines as a duty of care towards the students enrolled. While the courts recognise that accidents cannot be totally prevented, schools are charged with the responsibility of ensuring the type of supervision which a normal parent would provide, considering the age of the student and the activity in which they are engaged. I would like to remind parents and students about several points which arise from the school's duty of care:

1. Students will be supervised within the school grounds each school day from 8:05am on the secondary campus and 8:30 am on the primary campus.
2. Students are supervised at recess and lunch times.

3. When dismissed in the afternoon, students are expected to leave the school grounds immediately and proceed directly home. Students staying for activities organised by the school, such as sport or drama practice, will be supervised.
4. If a student is late or absent it is the responsibility of Parents/ Caregivers to notify the College before 9:00am. To do this, a text message can be sent to 0438 368 846 and include student name, Pastoral Care Group/Primary Teacher, reason for lateness/ absence and the date. This number is only available for text messaging. If the College has not

been notified of an absence or late arrival by 9:00 am, an SMS text message will be sent to Parents/Caregivers that morning, advising them that the student is not at school. It is the responsibility of a Parent/ Guardian to provide current and updated mobile numbers to the College to ensure this process is maintained.

These measures ensure that both parents and staff are able to exercise their legal responsibilities for the students in a way that ensures a responsible degree of safety.

*John Konopka
Principal*

Cyber Safety

The following websites contain useful information for parents on cyber safety:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

(parent information re technology)

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

(online safety)

<https://www.ncab.org.au/bullying-advice/bullying-for-schools/>

(information re bullying)

<https://esafety.gov.au/>

(Office of the eSafety Commissioner)

MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE
Parents & Friends Committee

COME JOIN US

The P&F is a great way to get involved, meet other parents/carers and support our school community.

We provide support for events such as Raffles, Mother's Day & Father's Day Stalls, Sausage Sizzles, Crazy Sock & Hair Day etc.

Whether you can offer an hour here and there or more, every bit helps. Your time commitment is entirely up to you. Together we can make a big impact for our students.

To register your interest please email:
aleisha.borlace@mcc.catholic.edu.au

MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE
Parents & Friends Committee

MEETING DATES

TERM 1

Friday, 14 March - 9:00am

TERM 2

Friday, 2 May - 9:00am

Friday, 30 May - 9:00am

TERM 3

Friday, 1 August - 9:00am

Friday, 29 August - 9:00am

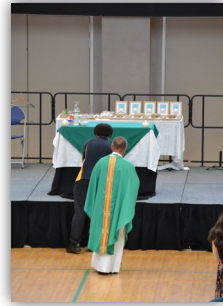
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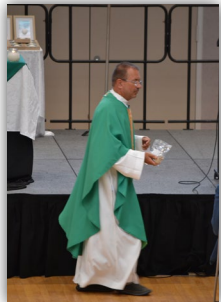
Friday, 24 October - 9:00am

Friday, 21 November - 9:00am

ALL MEETINGS HELD IN THE STAFF ROOM

Opening Mass 2025







SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Thank you to all those families who have contacted us to arrange payment plans, School Card Applications and Catholic Primary Sibling Discount forms, it is appreciated.

Statements will be issued within 2 weeks, and I thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we work towards finalizing them. When you receive your statement, please check that all information is correct and please refer to our 2025 Fee Schedule on our website for further detailed information which may have relevance to your family. Any anomalies noticed on your statement, please contact us as soon as possible so it can be addressed.

PAYMENT PLANS

It is your responsibility to arrange a payment plan to ensure your school fees account is paid by 30 November each year as per our Fees Policy. This involves reviewing your payment plan regularly. We are available to assist you with this process at any time. If you have any concerns about meeting your fee commitment, please contact us as soon as possible as it is important to us that we apply an appropriate plan and support to individuals who are experiencing any challenges. Please be assured that all discussions remain confidential.

New Payment plans need to be completed and lodged with us annually unless it has no end date. **They are not automatically renewed.**

SCHOOL CARD

To receive Tier 2 Fees at the beginning of each year you will need to complete a School Card Application relevant to your circumstances. They are available for online lodgement (our preference) or lodge with the College a hard-copy as soon as possible. Anyone who was eligible last year and new families commencing this year who provided us with a copy of their Centrelink card with their Acceptance of Offer payment will automatically have Tier 2 fees applied.

If you are advised that you are not eligible for School Card and do not agree with their Assessment of your application, please complete a Reassessment Form providing supporting documentation and lodge either to with the College or School Card Department within the timeframe requested.

School Card discounts will be reversed (if applied) on your account upon notification you are not eligible based on the following:

- Reassessment Form not lodged within the timeframe requested.
- No further action taken by you regarding not eligible status.
- You confirmed with the College that you are not eligible.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns to do with School Card, application process including Reassessment as we can guide you to what options are available to you based on your current circumstances.

WEBSITE LINK FOR DETAILED FINANCE INFORMATION INCLUDING ACCESSING FORMS/SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS (Online & hardcopy) is:

<https://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/fees-and-stationery>

BPAY – SCHOOL FEES

BPAY Biller Code is 297846

Reference Number is your unique number that identifies your payment which is automatically offset against your account. The first four digits of your reference number for school fees payments should be 8267. Your BPAY details are on your statement.

EFT

Our bank details are provided on your statement, please ensure that you quote as a reference to appear on our statement your BPAY reference number (starting with number 8267) or your Family/Billing Id number so that your payment can be easily identified and offset against your account.

QKR

This payment method is an App that is installed onto your phone. You can also access QKR on your laptop, tablet, or PC (instructions are available on our website). We are continually extending what is paid by QKR as it provides flexibility of lodging payments outside business hours.

2025 Finance Information Continued...

The following two locations are available depending on what payment you are processing:

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School fees **are not** a payment option by QKR.

Some payments you can make via QKR are:

- Canteen – Primary Lunch Menu & Secondary Lunch Menu
- OSHC
- College Events – Graduation, Formal, Italy Study Tour, Pedal Prix, MMK Day
- Sports
- Instrument Hire
- VET courses

Canteen orders by QKR – Please make sure you choose the correct Canteen Menu for the campus your child is located at.

Annually please make sure you update your profile and choose your child's current Pastoral Care Group or Roll Class. This assists the Canteen staff to prepare your child's order ready for collection/distribution. For other QKR payments, it assists in identifying and allocating your payment to the correct student.

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

WTC students can make the following payments via QKR:

- Beanies
- Caps
- Safety Glasses
- To order from our Canteen

Choose location Mount Carmel College R-12, CANTEEN Secondary Lunch Menu

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Donations to the Mount Carmel College Building Fund are voluntary and tax deductible. This fund assists the College in the significant capital works that are undertaken.

OSHC & VACATION CARE

The following payment options are available:

QKR

BPAY

Please use SPIKE program generated BPAY reference number and not your school fees BPAY reference number. First four digits of your reference number for OSHC payments should begin with 9069.

EFT

Please ensure you clearly state the reference to appear on our bank statement is OSHC & your Family and/or Student Name. If OSHC is not stated & we are unable to clearly identify your payment it will be applied to your school fees account.

EFTPOS/CREDIT CARD

Payments can be made direct at the Primary Campus at either the OSHC Director's office or Reception.

REGULAR DIRECT DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PLAN

Please contact either the OSHC Director if you wish to use this as a payment method.

For further information regarding OSHC & Vacation Care please access the following link to our website:

<https://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/primary-campus/out-of-school-hours-care-oshc>

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information pertained in this letter.

David Cotton
Business Manager
david.cotton@mcc.catholic.edu.au
8447 0525



Parent Calendar - Key Dates for Term 1, 2025

	TERM 1, WEEK 3
Fri 14/02/25 – Tue 18/2/25	JJAMM conference (College Captains)
	TERM 1, WEEK 4
Tue 18/02/25	Finance Meeting
Thu 20/02/25	Year 7-12 DUX Assembly
Fri 21/02/25	9 am Primary Assembly (Year 5 hosting)
	TERM 1, WEEK 5
Mon 24/02/25	Year 7-12 Individual Swimming Carnival (some students)
Tue 25/02/25	Board Meeting
Thu 27/02/25	All Year 5-12 Sports Day (SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End)
Fri 28/02/25	7:00 pm Senior Formal (Krystal Function Centre)
	TERM 1, WEEK 6
Tue 04/03/25	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 05/03/25	Ash Wednesday ; 9:15 am Primary Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 07/03/25	9:00 am R-6 VIP morning
	TERM 1, WEEK 7
Mon 10/03/25	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Wed 12/03/25	NAPLAN 12/3-24/3/2025
Wed 12/03/25 – Fri 14/03/25	Year 6 Camp (Woodhouse)
	TERM 1, WEEK 8
Tue 18/03/25	Finance Meeting
Wed 19/03/25	St Joseph's Day
Thu 20/03/25	Primary Sports Day (Port Adelaide Athletics Club)
Thu 20/03/25	Year 7-12: 1pm dismissal (Open Day)
Thu 20/03/25	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Open Day (Secondary Campus)
Fri 21/03/25	9:00 am Primary Assembly (Year 4 hosting)
	TERM 1, WEEK 9
Mon 24/03/25 – Wed 26/03/25	Year 9 Camp (Adare, Victor Harbor)
Mon 24/03/25 – Wed 26/03/25	Primary Learning Conversations
Tue 25/03/25	Catholic Co-ed Secondary Athletics Carnival
Tue 25/03/25	Board Meeting AGM
	TERM 1, WEEK 10
	TERM 1, WEEK 11
Wed 09/04/25	4:00 pm College Tour Secondary Campus
Fri 11/04/25	3:00 pm R-12 End of Term 1
	TERM 1 HOLIDAYS
Fri 18/04/25	Good Friday
Sun 20/04/25	Easter Sunday
Mon 21/4/25	Easter Monday
Fri 25/04/25	ANZAC Day
	TERM 2, WEEK 1
Mon 28/04/25	R-12 Student-free day
Tue 29/04/25	R-12 Term 2 begins

R-6 Primary Campus
17 Pennington Terrace, Pennington
Phone: 8447 0500

7-12 Secondary Campus
33 Newcastle Street, Rosewater
Phone: 8447 0500



44 Russell Street, Rosewater
Phone: 8447 0560
Email: info@wtc.sa.edu.au
Website: www.wtc.sa.edu.au

Website: www.mcc.catholic.edu.au | Email: mcc@mcc.catholic.edu.au

NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how personal information about you and your child will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) and NAPLAN readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2025.

NAPLAN testing

Since 2022 NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based and a small number of students who will continue to use alternative format (paper or electronic pdf tests).

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to confirm school infrastructure systems and processes are in place for NAPLAN testing.

Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about you and your child for NAPLAN please refer to [ACARA's privacy notices](#).

The information overleaf marked with an asterisk (*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

NAPLAN 2025 privacy collection notice



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



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Register for
OPEN DAY
today!

OPEN DAY:

Secondary Campus

Thursday 20 March

4pm - 7pm

Visit www.mcc.catholic.edu.au or phone 8447 0500

Rosewater



Bulldogs



Rosewater



Bulldogs

Do you love footy?
Want to make friends, have fun?
Be apart of a team?.

The Junior Bulldogs wants to
hear from
you.

Register Today. scan the code

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SMOSH West Lakes Junior Football Club

We pride ourselves on being a
family-based inclusive
community where everyone is
welcome.

If you are between the ages of 7
and 18 and you are interested in
playing footy, we would love to
have you at our Club!
Contact us at 0487 530 142 or
registrarsmoshwljuniors.com.au

Registrations are now open!
Please register by 14 February
so that you don't miss out!

*Ask us about payment plans or
using your SA Sports Voucher*

