



DUX ASSEMBLY 2025  
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## MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

*Belonging ~ Diversity ~ Excellence ~ Relationship*

### From the Head of Primary Campus



Over the past 5 weeks both staff and students have been prioritising establishing positive relationships with both their peers and teachers. We are very proud of our new Reception students who have become increasingly confident in adopting a daily school schedule. The importance of routine, structure and consistency, in all facets of the school day, are key contributors to developing a successful learning environment, where all children can continue to develop personal confidence in both their learning and wellbeing.

#### CROSS CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The opportunity for students on the Primary Campus to be involved in cooking classes on the Secondary Campus, has been

a highlight for students in Year 5 B/C. Each of the Year 5 classes will participate in a 3-week cooking schedule and enjoy the opportunity to experiment with their culinary skills!

#### YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the Year 5 cohort for facilitating the first Assembly for the year! An additional component to this year's Assemblies is the presentation of House Patron Awards. Students, across Reception – Year 6 who demonstrate the Core Values of one of Mount Carmel College's House Patrons, become the recipients of a 'House Patron Award'.

We congratulate these students who have been affirmed for their initiative and positive role modelling!

#### YEAR 5- 12 SPORTS DAY

Students in Years 5 & 6 were excited to have participated in the Years 5-12 annual Sports Day. This is another opportunity for students to celebrate cross campus activities. It was held on Thursday, 27 February at the SA Athletics Stadium.

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# Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2025

28 Senior Formal 7pm  
(Krystal Function Centre)

MARCH 2025

3 6-7 pm Indigenous R-12 student & families welcome evening

4 Shrove Tuesday

5 Ash Wednesday - 9.15am  
Primary Ash Wednesday Mass

7 9am R-6 VIP Morning

Further dates are available from our website at [www.mcc.catholic.edu.au](http://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 Head of Primary Campus Continued...

There will also be the annual Reception – Year 6 Sports Day scheduled for Thursday, 20 March. This will be held at the Port Adelaide Athletics Club. Further details will follow in coming weeks.

## SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday, is the day before Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, 4 March. We appreciate and thank the Parents and Friends who will once again organize the distribution of pancakes to children in classes. Students may choose not to have a pancake; however, Gluten Free or Vegetarian pancakes are not available.

## VIP Visit

Each term we invite families and family members to our 'Very Important Person' visit to classrooms. In response to parent feedback, we have scheduled alternate morning / afternoon VIP visits each term. This term, our VIP morning is scheduled for Friday morning, 7th March, from 9.00am – 9.45am. This is a valued opportunity for children to showcase and celebrate their learning with family members. If available, we look forward to seeing you on the 7 March!



**Jenny DeGilio**  
Head of Primary Campus

## Global AI achievement for Mount Carmel College

JENNY BRINKWORTH

Mount Carmel College's Mary MacKillop Centre (for students with an intellectual disability) has been recognised internationally for a unique climate change project that connected the centre with schools in Austria and Singapore.

The project won a Gold Award at the international 17th Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) ClassNet Conference 2024.

The Climate Alliance project emerged from Inclusion teacher Ms Hang Ngo's participation in the ASEF ClassNet program which involved eight months of online learning, international collaborating, innovative teaching and on-site reporting.

The implementation of the project for the Mount Carmel unit focused on air quality and asthma – topics that directly affect several students.

Over four weeks students created personal stories, songs and digital postcards exploring how climate change impacts their daily lives. AI tools were used to help students express themselves in new and creative ways.

"Hunter and Quan, for example, wrote two thoughtful songs



**GOLD: Mount Carmel College teacher, Hang Ngo, receives the award at the ASEF presentation.**

about climate change's effects on breathing," said Ms Ngo.

"Max used AI tools to transform his powerful message 'Go Away Asthma' into an impactful multimedia presentation. Hannah worked with an AI-generated dog named Bolt to share her story

through a creative postcard format."

As international partners, students from International High School Herzogberg (Austria) and St Andrew's Secondary School (Singapore) responded enthusiastically to Mount Carmel students' works through their shared

platform.

Ms Hang Ngo said this global connection helped students understand how climate change affects different parts of the world while giving them confidence in sharing their own experiences.

"What truly stands out is how

this project allowed our MacKillop students to overcome their usual literacy challenges," she said.

"Using AI tools like ChatGPT, Magic School AI (for image generator and writing support), Suno (for music creation), and Canva (for artwork), they found new ways to express their thoughts and participate in global discussions about important issues."

The teaching resources developed have been selected as exemplars by the Asia-Europe Foundation and will be shared with schools worldwide. "This achievement reflects our school's leadership support for using technology in empowering education and our Centre's commitment to innovative, inclusive education," Ms Ngo said.

"More importantly, it shows what our students can achieve when given the right tools and support to express themselves.

"I'm incredibly proud of our students' work and growth throughout this project.

"They've shown that everyone's voice matters in the global conversation about climate change, regardless of their learning challenges."

AI in use at Mount Carmel College: There is a lovely article in the February edition of the Southern Cross newspaper about the work of our teacher Dr Hang Ngo in using AI with our Mary MacKillop Centre students. The project on climate change won a Gold Award at an international conference.





Year 3 have made a great start to the 2025 school year. We have enjoyed week 1-2 as establishments weeks, getting to know our new class environment, routines and expectations. We have made written class agreements, acknowledgements of country and goals for the 2025 school year. During our establishment weeks we have behaviours and dispositions that help us be ready to learn, strategies for dealing with difficult

tasks and cooperative teamwork. Year 3 are working towards building their work focus skills and cooperative behaviours. 3H week 2 we celebrated Lunar New Year by learning about the customs and making paper twirl snakes for Year of the Snake 2025. We learnt that a snake traits are: wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition, and creativity.

In the first few weeks of the year in 3S, we have been busy thinking

about our goals for 2025. With excitement and determination, each student wrote down their aspirations for the year ahead. From improving reading skills to mastering maths, and even exploring new hobbies, our Year 3s are ready to take on the challenges of the year. We can't wait to see all the amazing things our Year 3 students will achieve in 2025!

**Rosy Hevko & Isobel Scott**  
**Year 3 Teachers**

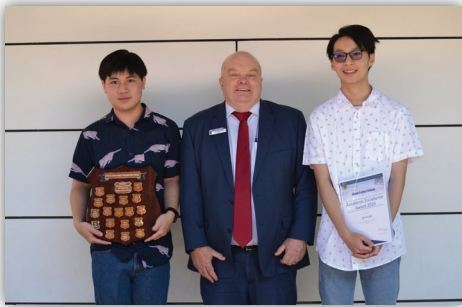


## JJAMM Conference

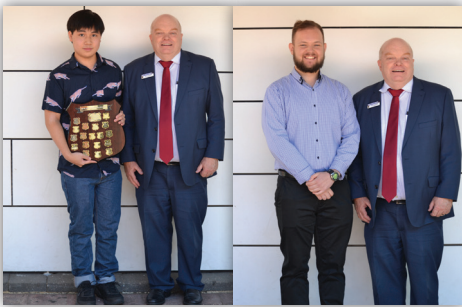
College Captains Kurt Caitor and Jiya Iyer enjoyed the sights of Sydney in the lead-up to the JJAMM Student Leaders Conference where school captains from across Australia gathered to share ideas about leadership and be inspired by keynote addresses.



# Dux Assembly 2025



# Dux Assembly 2025 Continued...



# SA Swimming Championships



Keeley Koznedev and Zoe Gibbens from Year 8 showed their dedication and talent at the School Sport SA Swimming Championship, with some fantastic results and personal bests achieved! Zoe had an exceptional day in the pool, securing multiple top three finishes.

She placed 3rd overall in the butterfly (32.40s), 4th in the backstroke (37.48s), a commendable 2nd in the breaststroke (41.92s), and another 3rd in the freestyle (29.88s). Even more impressive, Zoe achieved personal bests in both the freestyle and butterfly events! Well done, Zoe!

Keeley also had a successful day, achieving personal best times in all her races. She placed 3rd in her freestyle heat, 6th in her breaststroke heat, and 4th in her butterfly heat. Keeley's hard work and improvement are truly commendable.

Congratulations to both students on their amazing achievements in the pool!

Finally, a bit of interesting swimming history that was sent through! Did you know that the boys 15yrs and under breaststroke record, set by D. Pregarz from Mount Carmel in 1994, remains unbroken to this day? His time of 32.11s is significantly faster than the standard time of 37s. It's a testament to his incredible talent and a challenging record for future swimmers to aim for at the College!

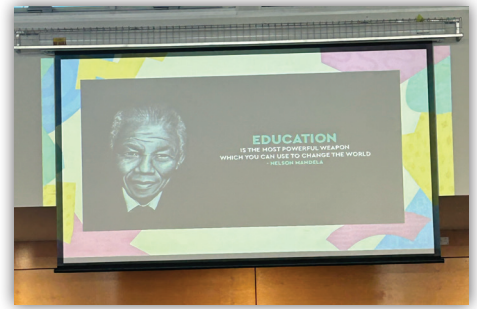
Thank you to the families of both Keeley and Zoe for sending in their results and the interesting swimming history involving a past Mount Carmel College student.

**Jocelyn Teggerth**  
**Sports Coordinator - Secondary**

## Year 5 Cooking Classes on Secondary Campus



# Year 5 Primary Assembly



# 7/8 Basketball Carnival



On 19 February a group of forty enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students took part in the 5 v 5 basketball carnival at St Clair. The event saw fierce yet friendly competition between four schools: Woodville High, Pinnacle College, Findon, and our own team's. Three boys teams a Div 1 and two Div 2 teams along with one girls team played a total of six games each throughout the day. The atmosphere was filled with energy as the teams showcased their skills and sportsmanship, making for a thrilling and fun-filled experience. After an intense day of games, the girls' team proudly secured 3rd place overall, while the boys' teams also delivered impressive performances, securing their overall places of third, fifth and seventh overall.

*Hanna Watkins*  
**SportsReady Trainee**



## Expression Of Interest

Expressions of interest are sought from parents and Mount Carmel College community members for nomination to the Mount Carmel College Board.

The College Board meets twice per term on a Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm at the College. The next meeting of the College Board is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday 25 March 2025**.

Elected members serve for a two year period. Elected members may re-nominate at the end of their two-year term and serve a maximum of six years on the Board.

It is a condition of appointment to the College Board or any sub-committee (the College Finance Committee is a sub-committee of the Board) that all members have, or obtain via the College before commencing, a **Working with Children Check**, complete an online Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care course (more details as part of process) and be subject to ongoing satisfactory police and other screening clearance checks that may be required.

If you would like to express an interest in being considered for election as a Board member, please email [registrar@mcc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@mcc.catholic.edu.au) for an Expression of Interest Form.

We are also seeking expressions of interest in being on the finance committee. Some experience in finance required. The finance committee meets one week before the Board meeting.

Completed Expression of Interest Form to: by **4pm Friday 14 March 2025**.

John Konopka  
Principal





## **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:

## **MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE R-12**

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.

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Business Manager  
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8447 0525



## Parent Calendar - Key Dates for Term 1, 2025

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

**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  
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# MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE



Register for  
**OPEN DAY**  
today!

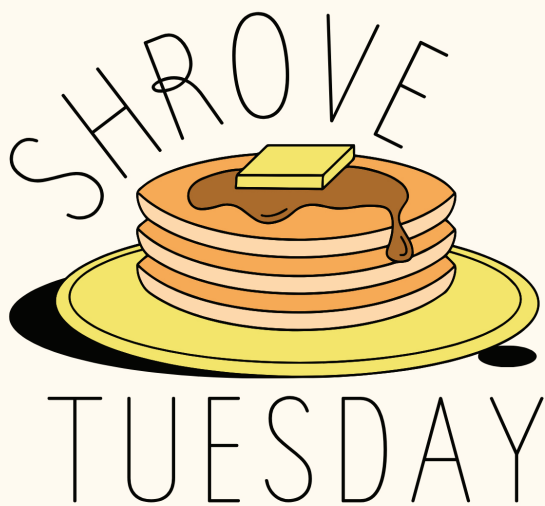
## OPEN DAY:

### Secondary Campus

### Thursday 20 March

### 4pm - 7pm

Visit [www.mcc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8447 0500



# TUESDAY

## 4TH MARCH

Shrove Tuesday is a day to come together, share a meal, and prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.

Students will receive a free pancake on Shrove Tuesday.

Please let your child's teacher know if you DO NOT want your child to have a pancake due to allergies.

Proudly supported by the P&F Committee



## WELCOME TO 2025

We extend a warm welcome to both returning and new Indigenous families on both our Primary and Secondary Campus, to the Mount Carmel College community. We invite you to join us as we come together to celebrate the commencement of the 2025 academic year. This event provides an opportunity to connect with fellow parents and students while enjoying a selection of food and beverages.

**MONDAY 3RD MARCH**

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Secondary Campus MPA

RSVP: [DEBORAH.WEST@MCC.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:DEBORAH.WEST@MCC.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU) OR  
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