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MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

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SENIOR FORMAL 2025
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From the Head of Primary Campus



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The deconstruction of the old playground over the weekend will provide additional play space for our children during Recess and Lunch play. The selection and construction of a new playground requires a due process which is once again a timeframe beyond our control. We can assure families that this process is currently being prioritised and we will keep you updated on future timelines. Meanwhile, we will utilise and provide children with a variety of spaces and engaging activities during the Recess and Lunch playtimes. The future of all current building projects on the Primary Campus will continue to enhance both the learning and wellbeing of your children. We appreciate your ongoing support.

YEAR 6 CAMP

On the 12 March – 14 March, our year 6 students enjoyed a 2 night Camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre. Camp is an important extra curricula activity which enables students to engage in situations that focus on building resilience, confidence and collaboration. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to participate in a variety of different challenging and team-based activities facilitated by the Woodhouse staff. Although the children returned tired, they have memories that will be remembered all year!

HARMONY DAY

Last week students and staff celebrated Harmony Week. Students across year levels designed banners which incorporated various elements, reflecting our diverse cultural heritages; these banners have been displayed on the fences. Children

engaged in a variety of Harmony Day activities both within their class and with buddy classes. On Friday, students were encouraged to dress in their cultural dress. These students were invited to parade on the catwalk at the Year 4 Assembly last Friday. A shared lunch on the oval commemorated and celebrated our MCC diverse cultural community.

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Diary Dates

APRIL 2025

- 9 Secondary Campus College Tour 4pm
- 11 End of Term 1 (1pm Dismissal R-12)
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Easter Monday
- 25 Anzac Day

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 Head of Primary Campus Continued...

HOUSE PATRON AWARDS

Congratulations to students across Reception – Year 6 who received a House Patron Award. Two students from each year level were selected by their teachers for modelling the Core Values of their House Patron and presented with their certificates at last Friday's Assembly.

OSHC

We congratulate Loucas Theodoulou who has been appointed as the Director of Out of School Hours Care. This is a valued service utilised by many families on the Primary Campus. Loucas will ensure that all children and families continue to be provided with an excellent service.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations have been scheduled over the next 3 weeks.

This is an important meeting which provides both respective teachers and families the opportunity to discuss the learning and wellbeing to date of your child. Please ensure that you prioritise this invitation to make a scheduled meeting time.



EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on the last day of term, Friday, 11 April. This 1.00pm dismissal across Reception – Year 12, will support families who have siblings on both campuses. OSHC will be available from 1.00pm; please contact Loucas or Davina if required.

Term 2 will commence on Tuesday, 29 April, 2025.

Jenny DeGilio
Head of Primary Campus



Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams. Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.





Big Sip Coffee: Students Brew Course

BIG SIP COFFEE: Students Brew Course Bridging Them to Success!

Mount Carmel College's Year 11 Community Studies in semester 1 this year has decided to embark on a credited training and entrepreneurship journey. They were committed to launch a new coffee service that they named "Big Sip Coffee", bringing professional-quality beverages to our school community.

Phase 1, all 8 students are committed to a Coffee Making course in Term 1. The training is part of the nationally accredited Barista and Food Safety certification program conducted at HG Coffee School. Once completed, they will have time to practise with the coffee

making machine at the school; while exploring some side dishes they can cook for the business.

"Learning to make coffee professionally has been an exciting challenge," says Hannah, one of the student baristas. "We're applying numeracy skills through precise measurements and timing, while also developing our communication abilities through customer service."

The project embodies the Community Studies focus on practical, real-world learning. Students are developing valuable workplace skills while creating a welcoming service for staff and eventually the wider school community.

Big Sip Coffee will initially offer a free trial service to staff, gathering feedback before launching their full paid service. All proceeds will support local charities.

Stay tuned for the official launch date, and prepare to enjoy professionally crafted coffee right here on campus!

Photos: Student baristas proudly displaying their coffee-making skills during training at HG Coffee School.



**Hang Ngo &
Big Sip Coffee Team**



Important Information - Term 1

Term 1 finishes at 1:00pm on the last day of term, Friday 11 April for all R-12 students.

OSHC will be available from 1:00pm on this day.

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 29 April for all R-12 students.

Secondary Campus Canteen Lunch available via QKR only on Friday 4 April

*Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.*



On Friday 4 April we will be holding our Official Opening Liturgy for the Secondary Campus Carmelite Centre and the Western Technical College Expansion. This will be a formal occasion and will be celebrated by The Most Reverend, Patrick O'Regan, Archbishop of Adelaide.

Please be aware that there will be a change of arrangements regarding food purchases at the Secondary Campus canteen on Friday 4 April. All lunchtime food purchases can only be done on the Qkr App on this day. Purchases made via the Qkr app must be completed by 8.40am. The canteen will not process cash or card payments during lunchtime on that day. Students will not be able to consume food in the canteen area or within the Carmelite Centre.

If you have any queries regarding the use of the Qkr App please contact the College.

Jon Cenko, Deputy Principal



Western Technical College Students are Inspired!



A massive shoutout to Jake and Matt from FXD Workwear for delivering an incredibly inspiring

Roadshow presentation at Western Technical College! Your message of resilience and perseverance, "don't quit - keep going up," resonated deeply with our students. With apprenticeship dropout rates around 50% in Australia, your encouragement is more important than ever. We're so grateful for your time and the fantastic FXD merchandise you generously shared. Thank you for investing in the future of our tradespeople!

Steven Hicks
Director of
Western Technical
College



Reception & Year 1 Buddy Visits from Year 12s

On Thursday 13 March our Reception and Year 1 students had the exciting opportunity to engage in a buddy lesson with their Year 12 peers. This collaboration proved to be immensely beneficial for both groups of students, fostering a sense of community, mentorship, and mutual growth.

For younger students, the session provided an opportunity to learn from and interact with older role

models, which helped to boost their confidence and social skills. The Year 12 students, guided them through activities that were educational and enjoyable, allowing the younger students to develop their communication, listening, and teamwork abilities in a supportive environment.

For the Year 12 students, the experience served as a valuable chance to reinforce their leadership

skills, as they took on the role of mentors and guides. This not only helped them develop a sense of responsibility but also allowed them to engage in reflective thinking as they simplified and explained concepts for their younger peers.

We look forward to more collaborative learning opportunities in the future!

Sarah Hinton, Year 1 Teacher



Looking for School Hours Work?

We are looking for help in both the Secondary Campus and Primary Campus Canteens over various days and hours

Successful applicants will be employed through Metro Canteens, working within both our Primary and Secondary canteens. You will need to have RRHAN-EC Fundamental Course (2 hour), WWCC or be willing to obtain it. We can assist you to obtain these.

If you have any questions then please call Anne Roberts or David Cotton on the Secondary Campus.

Senior Formal 2025



Senior Formal 2025 Continued...



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Senior Formal 2025 Continued...



Year 6 Camp - Woodhouse



In Week 7, the Year 6 students embark on an unforgettable three-day adventure at Woodhouse, filled with excitement, challenge, and personal growth. From the moment they arrived, the energy was high and the enthusiasm contagious. Over the course of the camp, students participated in a wide range of activities designed to test their limits, encourage teamwork, and ignite a sense of adventure.

They tackled challenging hikes through the scenic bushland, pushing themselves physically while soaking in the beauty of nature around them. Whether it's navigating steep inclines, crossing creeks, or persevering through tired legs, every student showed incredible determination and grit. Many surprised themselves with what they

are capable of achieving when they believe in themselves and lean on the support of their peers.

High-adrenaline activities such as the Challenge Hill obstacle course had students climbing, crawling, balancing, and swinging their way through a series of tough but thrilling physical challenges. There were moments of hesitation, laughter, and pure exhilaration as students stepped well outside their comfort zones to try things they never imagined they'd be able to do. It's inspiring to witness their courage and willingness to give everything a go.

Evenings provided time for shared meals, group games, and reflection. These quieter moments offer students the chance to bond more deeply, share their highlights of the

day, and appreciate the achievements of themselves and others. The growth in confidence, independence, and maturity became more evident with each passing day.

Throughout the experience, the students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, compassion, and encouragement. They cheered each other on, offered helping hands, and celebrated one another's successes. New friendships formed, and existing ones grew stronger through shared challenges and accomplishments.

It is truly heartwarming to see the students return with a sense of pride, stronger connections, and a deeper belief in their own abilities. A fantastic effort from all involved—this is an experience to remember!

Deb Casburn

Cultural Inclusion Coordinator (R-6)



Year 6 Camp Continued...





Open Day 2025



It was great to see so many families embracing our Open Day and interacting with teachers and students. They enjoyed the many demonstrations on offer including various science experiments, interactive STEM displays, performing arts showcases, singing performances and tours of our recently completed Western Technical College.

Families appreciated a free sausage sizzle along with the wonderful refreshments prepared by our Home Economics and Languages students. The tour included a

'Yellow Brick Road' style Tour Card where families received stamps during their self-guided tour, to be rewarded with gifts at the conclusion of their visit.

Families who attended also received the opportunity to enter our Competition where there were four MCC Gift Packs on offer which included \$50 Westfield Vouchers.

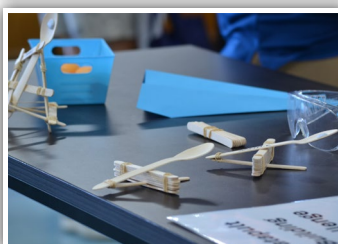
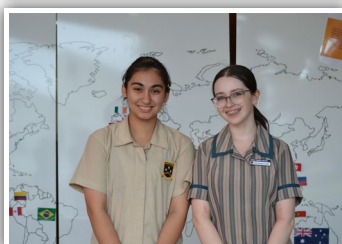
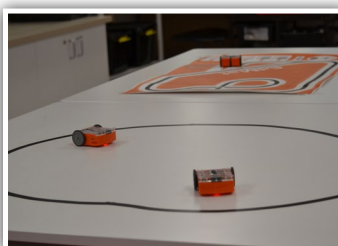
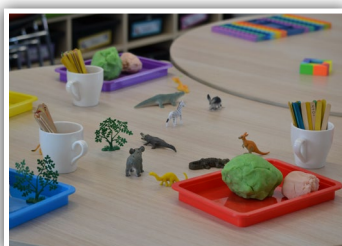
Thank you to everyone who attended and to our staff, students and wider community for your invaluable support and assistance in making our Open Day a great success.

Congratulations to the following competition winners:

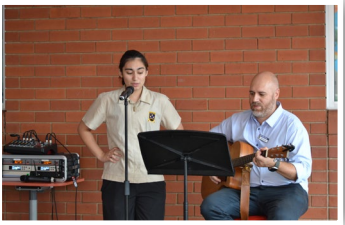
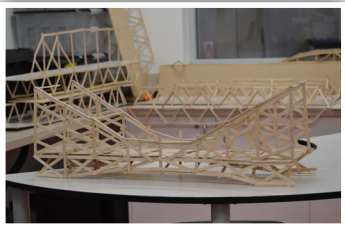
Kylie - Semaphore Park
Edie - Osborne
Alana - Royal Park
Halida - Seaton

If you, or someone you know were unable to attend our Open Day and are interested in a College Tour, please visit our website at <https://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/news-events/college-tours>

Tammy Mieglich, Marketing & Publications Coordinator



Open Day 2025 Continued...



House Patrons Awards



Harmony Day - Primary Campus

Harmony Week is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all. At Mount Carmel College, the Primary Campus celebrated Harmony Week during Week 8 (Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March) with a range of engaging activities.

In the lead-up to Harmony Week, each year level created banners representing the different cultures within our school community. These banners were proudly displayed around the school boundary, showcasing our commitment to the message that 'Everyone belongs' at Mount Carmel College.

Throughout the week, students enjoyed a variety of lunchtime activities held in the Hall. A beautiful Harmony Day Mural was

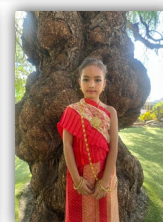
also created and is now on display for everyone to enjoy.

On Friday 22 March, students were encouraged to celebrate their heritage by wearing cultural dress, an orange top, or a splash of orange – the official colour of Harmony Day. That same day, the Year 4 students hosted an assembly, which included a special moment where students in cultural dress walked the MCC Catwalk.

Harmony Week also gave students the chance to connect with a buddy to complete activities focused on sharing and celebrating culture. To finish the week, staff and students gathered on the oval for a shared picnic lunch, bringing everyone together in celebration of our rich cultural diversity.

Deb Casburn

Cultural Inclusion Coordinator

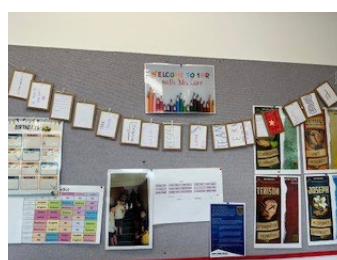


Harmony Day - Secondary Campus



Students on the Secondary Campus have celebrated Harmony Week by highlighting the diverse cultural backgrounds of all. Student Leaders prepared a sign saying hello in a range of languages that has been placed at the front of the school. They created a map which outlines the countries of birth for students on both the Primary and Secondary campus. Yesterday activities were completed in Pastoral Care, aligned to this year's theme "We All Have A Role To Play", students producing a pledge on what role they will play within our community. At Oen Day we displayed the Student Leaders contributions and on Friday we celebrate by wearing orange ribbon and students were able to participate in a cultural dress up parade at lunch.

Deborah West
Cultural Inclusion
Coordinator (7-12)





MARATHON FOR CANCER COUNCIL

Fr Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of the Croydon Park Parish, will run the Clare Valley Half Marathon on Sunday 6 April to raise money for Cancer Council SA.

By running the marathon, Fr Charles is living out the call of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to be a Pilgrim of Hope “always on the move”.

Please help him to support everyone affected by cancer, by donating to this Cancer Council Fundraising Event. The target has been set at \$20,000. Let's see how far we can reach!

**Do it for Cancer - Fr Charles Lukati
- Marathon for Cancer Council**





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