



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
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From the Principal

"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love."
Pope Leo XIV in his first address

Dear Families

Our New Pope

On 8 May 2025, the Catholic Church celebrated the elevation of Cardinal Robert Prevost to the role of pope, under the name Pope Leo XIV. As an adult, he has lived in Peru and Rome and has travelled widely across the globe; he speaks five languages.

We pray for Pope Leo XIV:

Dear God

*Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,*

*the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.*

Blessing & Opening of the Carmelite Centre & Western Technical Expansion

The Opening and Blessing of the Carmelite Centre and the Western Technical College Expansion on 4 April 2025 was a very proud day for the College. We were delighted with the number of guests and VIPs who attended including Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, Minister Blair Boyer MP and Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA. Our students were outstanding as they made visitors feel welcome.

Our Carmelite Centre is a brilliant multi-purpose airconditioned space, for learning, play and recreation. The WTC Expansion keeps Western

Technical College at the forefront as the outstanding technical college in the region. The expansion doubled the available footprint of the technical college and the expanded course offerings are directly in line with SA government priorities for trades and employment.

Carmelite Centre

Whilst the Covered Outdoor Learning Area served the Secondary Campus of Mount Carmel College well for more than a decade, our new facility is amazing.

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Diary Dates

MAY 2025

- 23 Primary Assembly 9am
(Reception students hosting)
- 23 Year 11 & 12 Drama Production
7pm (Secondary Campus)
- 26-2/6 Primary Dental Van
- 27-3/6 National Reconciliation Week
- 28 Reconciliation Week Liturgy
11.40am (Primary Campus)
- 29 Reconciliation Week Mass
11.40am (Secondary Campus)

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

2025 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 28 Jan - 11 Apr

Term 2: 29 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...



Two More Major Building Projects are Currently Under Construction

Whilst the WTC Expansion and construction of the Carmelite Centre have been exciting major projects, Mount Carmel College continues to enhance facilities. To cater for the popularity of the College with rapidly growing enrolment numbers, two further major projects are well underway. On the Secondary Campus a new Year 12 Centre is being constructed. The new Centre will also include a new Science Lab. The new centre will be linked to the rest of the Secondary Campus by a bridge over the road.

Meanwhile, on the Primary Campus a state of the art two storey building is well on target to be available for use in the second half of 2025. The new building comprises new classrooms with break out spaces, a sensory room, new canteen and toilets. The oval is being completely re-constructed to provide an exceptional space to play, with soft falls on the perimeter under trees.

A new playground is currently being built off site to complement the transformation of this entire area and should be ready in August/September this year.

Year 7 Camp and Year 12 Retreat

This month the Year 7 students have ventured to Victor Harbor for their 3 day camp, split into 2 camp groups due to the record number of Year 7 students. Meanwhile the Year 12 students enjoyed a break from study and to ponder the bigger questions about the meaning of life at the Year 12 Retreat.

Our students are blessed to have so many dedicated teachers and ESOs who do so much and care so much for all of our students. Our students are very fortunate to benefit from the huge generosity of the staff, teachers & ESOs, who go on the various camps and retreats at different year levels.

Be a person of hope to others.
John Konopka
Principal

The new Carmelite Centre comprises double basketball courts in a fully enclosed state of the art gymnasium/hall. The Carmelite Centre is an airconditioned, multi-purpose space that has already been used for masses, Assemblies, interstate and intra-state competitions and sporting events including basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and European handball. It is also used for PE lessons and as an active space at recess and lunchtimes. The nearby PE store, PE Lab and additional Music space were also upgraded concurrently with the Carmelite Centre project.

Western Technical College Expansion

The Western Technical College (WTC) Expansion was jointly funded by the state government and the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools.

So while WTC retains courses in building and construction, which includes carpentry, brick and block laying and tiling, engineering and manufacturing, hairdressing and beauty, these additional facilities were added to enable the offering of new courses. Some of the new courses include automotive industries, electrotechnology, screen and media, plumbing and landscaping.

Whilst the new facilities have been used for a few years, the Covid pandemic delayed the official opening and blessing of this wonderful expansion.

The expanded facilities have enabled the offering of short Try-A-Trade courses where students in Year 10 can try a few different courses to see if they would like to undertake a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course in Year 11 and 12. Students can gain Certificate II and Certificate II qualifications and the VET study also counts as credits towards their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

Year 8 Students Visit Woodhouse



Year 8 Students Build Stronger Connections at Woodhouse Adventure Park

The Year 8 cohort recently enjoyed a fun and rewarding day at Woodhouse Adventure Park in the Adelaide Hills. The purpose of the excursion was to help students strengthen relationships, build teamwork skills, and grow closer as a year level.

Students took part in a range of outdoor activities that encouraged collaboration, resilience, and support for one another. The day was designed not just for enjoyment, but also to give students a chance to connect in new ways and work together outside the classroom.

A highlight of the day was Challenge Hill, an obstacle course

that pushed students to climb, crawl, balance, and support each other through a series of physical challenges. It was inspiring to see students helping one another and celebrating each other's efforts as they made their way through the course.

At the Labyrinth, Woodhouse staff ran a variety of team-based games that challenged students to achieve different goals using communication and problem-solving. Success depended on working together effectively and thinking creatively as a group. The activities encouraged cooperation and helped students see the value of every team member's contribution.

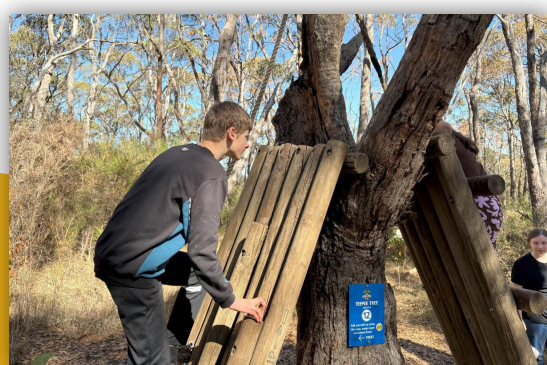
Students also enjoyed Frisbee Golf, a more relaxed activity that allowed for plenty of laughs and light-hearted competition. Moving around the

course in small groups, students continued to build friendships while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the park.

Teachers and staff were proud to see how well the students engaged with the activities and supported each other. Many students showed leadership, stepped out of their comfort zones, and formed new connections with peers they don't usually work with.

By the end of the day, the benefits of the excursion were clear. Tired but happy, students returned to school with stronger friendships, new memories, and a greater sense of unity. The day at Woodhouse Adventure Park was a valuable experience that brought the Year 8 cohort closer together.

Rebecca Brook
Year 8 Coordinator



Catholic Education Week 2025

Catholic Education Week was celebrated across South Australia during 12 May-18 May.

Last week was a time to celebrate the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place in Catholic schools every day.

In 2025, Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) celebrates 180 years of Catholic education in South Australia, coinciding with the Jubilee Year.



Assembly Awards for Term 1

At our recent Academic Assembly we recognised those students who achieved results in the top 10 of their year level, as well as the overall highest achieving student/s at each year level.

Congratulations to all students who received an award and to all students who achieved their personal best in the Term 1 results.



Assembly Awards for Term 1 Continued...



National Reconciliation Week



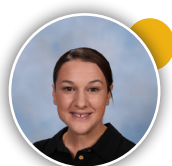
The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2025 is "Bridging Now to Next". This theme encourages reflection on the past, present, and future, urging all Australians to work together towards a more united and respectful nation. The theme's artwork, created by Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw, features native plants symbolizing resilience and renewal, as these plants are known to thrive after fire and adversity.

On Thursday a number of our Year 11 and 12 students met with Veena Raymond to expand their cultural awareness prior to National Reconciliation Week. We thank Veena for her support of our college. The insights that our students have taken from this learning experience will be invaluable as they prepare for our Reconciliation Mass and other events which will be held during the coming week.

Jon Cenko, Deputy Principal



Friday Fakeaway - Year 10 Food & Hospitality



Year 10 Food and Hospitality students have investigated the Fakeaway movement in the food and hospitality industry. Fakeaway foods are defined in simple terms as home-made, healthier and cost-effective alternatives to takeaway foods. Students adjusted cooking techniques from deep-frying to air-frying and oven baking to recreate their favourite takeaways, as fakeaways. Popular fast foods were transformed into healthier alternatives.

"I liked creating my own version of takeaway... food I would actually enjoy"

Olivia (Year 10 Student)

"I enjoyed learning new dishes and cooking techniques that I could cook at home... the KFC Fakeaway sliders were my favourite"

Emily C (Year 10 student)

Check out some of the Year 10 Fakeaway creations!

Sue Mills & Ingrid Howard
Food & Hospitality Teachers

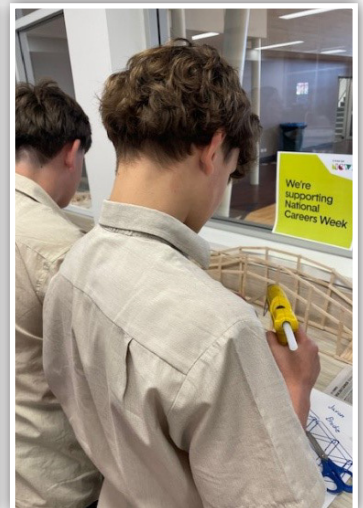


National Careers Week at MCC



This week, students at Mount Carmel College are actively engaging in National Careers Week by exploring a range of exciting career pathways and opportunities. Activities include Try-a-Trade sessions, Industry Immersion Days, and in-class programs that allow students to investigate future careers and educational pathways. These experiences are designed to inspire students, broaden their horizons, and help them make informed decisions about their future.

Kelly Peucker
Transition Pathways Coordinator



Crazy Hair & Sock Day

We sincerely thank the Parents and Friends who initiated this eventful day for both children and staff on the Primary Campus. A gold coin donation from the students raised \$303.85c for the St. Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thank you to all families for their generosity.



YEARS 4-12 STUDENT FAMILIES

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 5 May to Friday 30 May 2025).

Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. **If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.**

Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au

Sincerely

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Parent Calendar - Key Dates for Term 2, 2025

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| | TERM 2, WEEK 1 |
| Mon 28/04/25 | R-12 Pupil free day; Staff PD |
| Tue 29/04/25 | R-12 Term 2 Begins |
| Wed 30/04/25 | 3:30-7:30 pm Year 7-12 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews (alt. 1) |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 2 |
| Mon 05/05/25 - Wed 07/05/25 | Year 7 Camps |
| Wed 07/05/25 - Fri 09/05/25 | |
| Fri 09/05/25 | Mother's Day Stall (Primary Campus) |
| Sun 11/05/25 | Mother's Day |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 3 |
| Mon 12/05/25 | 1:00 pm Year 7-12 Dismissal; 1:30 - 5:30 pm Year 7-12 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews (alt. 2) |
| Tue 13/05/25 | 6pm Finance Meeting |
| Wed 14/05/25 - Fri 16/05/25 | Year 12 Retreat |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 4 |
| Tue 20/05/25 | 4:00 pm College Tour Secondary Campus 6:00 pm Board Meeting |
| Wed 21/05/25 | Year 10 Immunisations Primary - Crazy Hair and Sock Day Primary - National Simultaneous Storytime |
| Fri 23/05/25 | 9:00 am Primary Assembly (Reception students hosting) 7:00 pm Year 11 & 12 Drama Production |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 5 |
| Mon 26/05/25 – Mon 02/06/25 | Primary Dental Van |
| Tue 27/05/25 - Tue 03/06/25 | National Reconciliation Week |
| Mon 26/05/25 | 11:40 am Primary Campus Reconciliation Week Liturgy |
| Thu 29/05/25 | 11:40 am Reconciliation Week Mass Secondary Campus |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 6 |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 7 |
| Mon 09/06/25 | King's Birthday Holiday |
| Tue 10/06/25 | Mid-year Reception transition visit 1 of 3 6:00 pm Finance Meeting |
| Wed 11/06/25 | 2:15 pm R-6 VIP visit |
| Sun 15/06/25 | Pedal Prix (Secondary students) Victoria Park |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 8 |
| Mon 16/06/25 | Year 11 swotvac day |
| Tue 17/06/25 – Thu 19/06/25 | Year 11 mid-year exams |
| Tue 17/06/25 | Mid-year Reception transition visit 2 of 3 4:00 pm College Tour Secondary Campus 6:00 pm Board Meeting |
| Thu 19/06/25 | 3:00 pm End of Semester 1 (Year R-12) |
| Fri 20/06/25 | Pupil Free Day Years R-12 |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 9 |
| Mon 23/06/25 | Start Semester 2 (Year R-12) |
| Mon 23/06/25 – Fri 04/07/25 | R-4 Swimming |
| Tue 24/06/25 | Mid-year Reception transition visit 3 of 3 |
| Fri 27/06/25 | 9:00 am Primary Assembly (Year 6 students hosting) |
| | TERM 2, WEEK 10 |
| Mon 23/06/25 – Fri 04/07/25 | R-4 Swimming |
| Thu 03/07/25 | Year 11 Retreat |
| Fri 04/07/25 | 3:00 pm Term 2 Ends R-12 students |
| | TERM 3 HOLIDAYS |
| Mon 07/07/25 – Fri 18/07/25 | School holidays |
| | TERM 3, WEEK 1 |
| Mon 21/07/25 | Term 3 Begins R-12 students |

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What?
 A structured five day program that provides insight into various careers in the City of PAE.

Where?
 Each day starts and ends at the City of PAE Town Hall in Port Adelaide. You will travel together by bus to various indoor and outdoor locations.



Monday 23 – Friday 27 June 2025

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