



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

Term 1, Week 5 27th February 2026

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2026 School Fees

CSEF

If you are a holder of a Health Care / Pensioner Concession Card and have not yet submitted the relevant paperwork for the CSEF, we encourage you to apply before the end of March to ensure the rebate is applied to your account early.

A copy of your current Health Care / Pensioner Concession Card must be supplied with your application. Application forms can be collected from the school office.

MACS Concessional Fee

The MACS Concession Program is available to any family that meets any of the below eligibility criteria:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Hold a Health Care Card and eligible for Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- Experiencing genuine financial hardship – a meeting is required with Lisa Black if you meet this criterion
- Holding a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Gold Card
- Identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees.

The application form can be collected from the school office.

A copy of your current Health Care / Pensioner Concession Card must be supplied with your application.

A payment plan must be in place to receive MACS Concession.

This form is required to be completed, signed and submitted each year.

The closing date for applications submission is: Friday, March 27, 2026

Whole School Photo Day

Monday, 2nd March



All students are required to wear full SUMMER uniform on this day. If your child has Sport on this day they can bring their sports shoes in their schoolbag.

To order your child's school photos simply follow the steps below;

1. Go to Elite School Photography website at www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au
2. Enter login code **ESP202515**
3. Select your preferred photo option
4. Enter your child/ren's details - please ensure all relevant details are filled out correctly, including class
5. Complete purchase

Family Discount – If you have MORE than 2 children attending this School, please list all Student Names and Classes (on the one order) and select 2 as the quantity for Deluxe or Standard packs only. Your third and subsequent child will receive their pack free of charge, but all children's names must be listed.

All orders must be completed online prior to photo day.

If you have any questions regarding School Photos, please contact the friendly staff at Elite School Photography directly on (03) 9570 9311



Important Dates

2026 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 28th January - Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2: Monday, 20th April - Thursday, 25th June

Term 3: Monday, 13th July - Friday, 18th September

Term 4: Monday, 5th October - Tuesday, 15th December



2026 School Closure Days

Friday, 24th April - Staff Professional Development Day (Vision for Engagement)

Friday 5th June - Staff Time in Lieu Acquittal Day

Tuesday, 9th June - Staff Professional Development Day (RE Accreditation)

Friday, 26th June - Staff Professional Development Day (First Aid)

Friday, 17th July - Staff Professional Development Day (Vision for Instruction)

Monday, 24th August - Staff Time in Lieu Acquittal Day

Monday, 2nd November - Staff Time in Lieu Acquittal Day

Wednesday, 16th December - Staff Planning for 2027 and Handover Day

Thursday, 17th December - Staff Time in Lieu Acquittal Day

Friday, 18th December - Staff Time in Lieu Acquittal Day

Compass Parent Guide



Compass is now our school's main communication platform. Stay up-to-date about our school and your child's progress.

- Monitor your child's attendance and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- View the school calendar
- Download your child's academic report
- Book parent-teacher conversations
- Provide consent for school events/excursions/camps

To access the Compass Parent Guide with step-by-step instructions on how to use Compass and the Compass app visit compass.education/guide

HARMONY DAY

Friday 20th March



Wear Orange or Cultural dress. Parade at Assembly at 2.15pm.
Students to contribute a Easter donation/ Egg for our Raffle.

Term 1 & 2, 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2 Week 6 Whole School Photo Day 	3	4 Year 4 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	5	6 MPSSA Year 6 Lightning Prem	7	8 3 rd Sunday of Lent
9 Week 7 Labour Day – School Closed	10	11 NAPLAN testing period begins for Year 3 & Year 5 Year 2 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	12	13	14	15 4 th Sunday of Lent
16 Week 8 Catholic Education Week	17	18 Year 6 Youth Leadership Conference	19	20 Assembly @ 2:15pm Harmony Day 	21	22 5 th Sunday of Lent
23 Week 9 NAPLAN testing period ends for Year 3 & Year 5	24	25	26	27 Year 6 Girls Tech Day	28	29 Palm Sunday 
30 Week 10	31	1 April Whole School Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	2 Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday 	4 Holy Saturday	5 Easter Sunday 
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Week 1 Term 2 Commences	21	22	23	24 School Closure Day	25	26
27 Week 2	28	29 Whole School Mass – Feast of St Catherine @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	30	1	2	3