



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 1, Week 9 27th March 2026

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Catholic Education Week 2026

Catholic Education Week is a joyful time for the Catholic education community of Melbourne, bringing us together each year to celebrate our faith, shared identity and strong sense of community.

This year's theme, *Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick*, honoured the patron saint of our Church in Melbourne, Saint Patrick.

Catholic Education Week provided a meaningful opportunity for St Catherine of Siena to join Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne in celebrating our Catholic identity, recognising the vital role of Catholic Education in our community and nurturing the faith development of our students as they strive to be the living face of Jesus in the world today.

Our Faith and Life Captains proudly represented our school community at the celebrations held in and around St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 20th March.

The day was both faith-filled and joyful, beginning with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Chelsea H reverently processed with our school banner, while Johnny S and Donovan J joined the congregation for the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Following mass we explored the cathedral and spent some quiet time in personal prayer time.

The day concluded with the Concert in the Park at Treasury Gardens, which was buzzing with live music, fun games and time to relax in the sun! We also enjoyed sharing a pizza lunch with St Dominics.

It was a wonderful day celebrating with our Catholic Community!

Mrs Angela Giordimaina

Deputy Principal / Catholic Identity & Mission Leader



Last Chance - Easter Raffle Tickets

There's still time to get your tickets for our Easter Raffle! This is the final reminder to return all tickets and money to the school office no later than Tuesday, 31st March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 1st April.

We extend our thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who have generously given their time and creativity to assist Mrs Aquilina to prepare the many hamper prizes. Your support is appreciated and helps make these school events such a success for our school community.



Lenten Food Drive

A huge thank you to everyone that has generously supported our Lenten Food Drive. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference to the families in need within our local community. We are proud of the compassion and kindness shown by our students and families.



Week 10 Assembly

Our Week 10 assembly will take place on Wednesday, 1st April at 2:15pm in the school hall. During this assembly Year 5 students will presents the final parts of the Stations of The Cross.

Parents and family members are warmly welcome to attend this special and reflective gathering. Please enter through the office doors.

2027 Prep Enrolments Open

A reminder that enrolments for Prep 2027 are now open. Families that have a child starting school in 2027 are encouraged to begin the enrolment process as soon as possible.

All enrolment enquires and applications must be made via the school [website](#). Further information regarding enrolment interviews and key dates will be provided once your application has been recieved.

End of Term 1

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday, 2nd April.
Students will be dismissed at the normal time
3:15pm.

Term 2 - Important Dates



First day of Term 2 - **Monday, 20th April**



School Closure Day - **Friday, 24th April**

St Catherine of Siena Feast Day - **Wednesday, 29th April**



Mother's Day Celebration - **Wednesday, 6th May**

Family Eucharist Family Night (*Year 4*) - **Wednesday, 6th May at 6:30pm**



First Eucharist Presentation and Commitment Mass - **Saturday, 23rd May at 6:00pm**

Sacrament of First Eucharist - **Saturday, 30th May**



School Closure Day (*Staff Time in Lieu*) - **Friday, 5th June**

School Closure Day (*Staff Professional Development*) - **Tuesday, 9th June**



Last Day of Term 2 - **Thursday, 25th June**

School Closure Day (*Staff First Aid Training*) - **Friday, 26th June**

Outside School Hours Care

Before School

6.50am - 8.30am

Recurring: \$33.70

Pay as little as \$8.68*

Flexible: \$38.70

Pay as little as \$13.68*

After School

3.15pm - 6.30pm

Recurring: \$41.30

Pay as little as \$4.13*

Flexible: \$46.30

Pay as little as \$8.83*

*The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Check your eligibility at Services Australia.

Enrol now



Click the QR code to complete the online enrolment form.



Make sure you have key information and documents ready before you complete the enrolment form.



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St Francis Year 7, 2028 Enrolment Support Session



St Francis

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

MELTON & COBBLEBANK

**Let us help you
enrol your child
for Yr 7 in 2028**

Tuesday 31 March 2026

anytime between 1.30pm - 6.30pm

456 Bridge Road, Cobblebank

Enter via Gate 2

Our staff and interpreters (Dinka, Arabic and Burmese - various dialects) will be there to help you complete an application for either of our campuses
- Melton or Cobblebank.

Please bring with you:

- Your child's **birth certificate** (required).
- Your child's **Baptism certificate** (if applicable).
- Your child's most recent **school report** and **NAPLAN** results (required)
- **Immunisation** History Statement
- Your child's **passport** and **visa** (required if they were born overseas).
- **Court orders** including family court orders and intervention orders (if applicable). If both parents cannot sign the application, a Statutory Declaration **must** be provided stating the reason why.
- **Two** separate documents confirming your residential address (required).

A non-refundable application fee (paid via credit card or cash) of \$50 is required for each child.

Applications for Year 7 2028 close on

Friday 14 August 2026.

Demand for places at the College is high, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Term 1 & 2, 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

30 Week 10	31 Year 4 Mad about Science Incursion	1 April Whole School Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	2 Last Day of Term 1 – Students dismissed at 3:15pm	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 Year 6 & Prep attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	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 May	2	3
4 Week 3	5	6 Whole School Mass – Mother's Day @ 9:15am Eucharist Family Night @ 6:30pm	7 Mother's Day Stall	8	9	10
11 Week 4	12 RACV Road Safety Incursion – Prep	13 Year 5 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	14	15	16	17
18 Week 5	19	20 Year 4 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am First Eucharist Retreat Day	21	22	23 First Eucharist Presentation & Commitment Mass @ 6:00pm	24
25 Week 6	26	27 Year 3 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	28	28	30 Sacrament of First Eucharist	31



Child Safe Standard 2

“Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.”

Rooted in the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, MACS Catholic schools uphold the sacred dignity of every child as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). This belief places Catholic educators in a privileged and profound position to protect and nurture the most vulnerable.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 2:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- A public commitment to child safety
- Champion a child safe culture at all levels
- Ensure governance supports child safety policies
- Develop and enforce a Code of Conduct
- Implement risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children
- Ensure staff, volunteers and contractors understand their obligation and the role they play in keeping children and young people safe. This includes information sharing and record keeping.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.



This standard promotes a shared responsibility for safety across the entire school community and all levels of the organisation. It ensures a child safe culture is actively championed and modelled from the top down and bottom up.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Leadership commitment:** School leaders actively promote child safety and wellbeing as a priority in decision-making and daily operations.
- **Ongoing training and professional development:** Staff are provided with ongoing training and professional development opportunities that increase capacity and confidence surrounding all aspects of child safety.
- **Clear governance:** Policies and procedures reflect child safety responsibilities and are regularly reviewed, updated and publicly available.
- **Staff modelling safe behaviours:** Expectations of staff are clearly defined. All staff demonstrate respectful, inclusive, and protective behaviours towards children. All staff are encouraged and empowered to speak up if any alternative is observed.
- **Ongoing culture building:** Child safety is embedded in school values, professional development, and community engagement with the objective to continually improve practice.
- **Thorough recruitment processing:** Applicable to all staff working in a school context, extending to volunteers and contractors. Valid credentials, references and Working with Children Checks apply. Ongoing monitoring and supervision of all staff and intervention if required.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Here's how you can support:

- **Familiarise** yourself with the school's child safety policies and understand how they support student wellbeing.
- **Provide feedback** when you notice something that may impact a child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Support** your child when they express their views and that their opinions are valued and heard.
- **Join in** on school activities, parent committees or forums that promote child safety and wellbeing.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

