



Important Dates

New Student ID
Photos

Monday 6 February

Student Leadership
Camp (Year 7 - 12
Prefects)

Monday 6 February

R-12 Beginning of
Year Liturgy

Friday 10 February

Ash Wednesday -
First Day of Lent

Wednesday 22 February

Year 12
Commissioning
Ceremony

Wednesday 22 February

Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)

Friday 10 March

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday

Monday 13 March

NAPLAN Testing
Begins (Years
3,5,7,9)

Wednesday 15 March

MSS Sports Carnival

Thursday 16 March

JS Sports Carnival

Friday 17 March

R-12 College Tour

Wednesday 29 March

R-12 Palm Sunday
Liturgy

Monday 3 April

Holy Thursday
(Students Dismissed
at 1pm)

Thursday 6 April

Good Friday (Pupil
Free Day)

Friday 7 April

Easter Monday
(Pupil Free Day)

Monday 10 April

End of Term 1

Friday 14 April

Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)

Monday 1 May

R-12 Students
Return (Term 2)

Tuesday 2 May

03.02.23

Principal's Update



Welcome to Term 1, 2023. It gives me great pleasure to welcome back our current families and extend a warm welcome to all new families to the St Columba community.

We are excited and looking forward to a fresh, new school year; especially as we endured many disruptions last year due to the pandemic. The start of 2023 brings the opportunity to reset our expectations and our routines for all students so they may thrive in their learning.

A lot of planning has taken place by our staff since the end of last year to be ready for this week, to ensure that students know what to expect and how to conduct themselves. I am pleased to say this week has been an exceptional start across the College.

In classes we have focused our attention on what it means to be a student at St Columba College and how each of us, staff included, have an obligation to contribute in a positive way to the school community. We can achieve this by considering:

Our Culture

We base our ethos and culture on the teachings of Jesus Christ, where each person experiences inclusion, respect, and belonging. We are a proud, diverse community.

Our Key Values

- Respect for Self
- Respect for Others
- Respect for Learning
- Respect for the Environment.

Our College Rules

- Be prepared and on time
- Allow yourself and others to learn
- Care for personal and school property
- Act in a safe and caring manner
- Wear the uniform correctly.

Our Routines

These routines are to be consistent across R-12 to create a respectful, safe and calm environment:

- Students to walk in hallways and under verandas silently

- Students to line up silently at the classroom door in two lines
- Teacher will greet students at the classroom door
- Students will enter the classroom, go to their set seats, stand behind their desk and await teacher instruction
- When students arrive late, they wait at the door until the teacher acknowledges them to come in
- Students and teachers enter classrooms, the Auditorium and the Gym in silence
- Students will clean the room and then stand behind their desk at the end of the day.

We say yes to

- Everyone's right to be included
- Everyone's right to learn and teach
- Everyone's right to feel safe
- Everyone's right to be respected.

Our Responsibilities

- We are committed to supporting each student to develop and excel
- Each person in our community (student, staff and caregivers) has the responsibility to create a safe and respectful environment for everyone
- This means a commitment and effort by everyone!

As parents and caregivers, I know you have high hopes for your children's education and want the best for them. We believe that following the above expectations will bring out the best in each child.

In other good news to share with you, the new Middle School building is progressing well. The Indonesian rooms, PE Room, and undercover Sports Courts are now ready for use. This week we began auditions for 'The Lion King' Musical, which will be performed during Term 3, Week 10 at The Shedley Theatre. I was also thrilled to learn that a St Columba Alumni Student, Awer Mabil (Class of 2013), won the 'Young Australian of the Year Award' last week.

With the commencement of a new school year, we seek your support and partnership so that together we can maximise the opportunities the College can provide your child. It promises to be an exciting year.

Ms Leanne Carr | Principal



College Tours



St Columba
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**COLLEGE
TOURS**

**Wednesday
29 March
6 – 7pm**

BOOK NOW

🔍 St Columba Tours

Do you know a family considering enrolling at St Columba College?

Our College Tour events are a great opportunity for families to explore the facilities and meet our Principal Ms Leanne Carr.

Our Heads of School, the Head of Curriculum and Learning, and Director of Wellbeing, will be available to answer any questions they might have,

We are also excited to be offering mid-year Reception enrolment next year. We encourage our community to share the link with family and friends: https://bit.ly/StColumba_Enrol

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Peaceful Kids / Peaceful Teens Program 2023

Peaceful Kids



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Peaceful Teens

'Peaceful Kids', 'Peaceful Teens' is an external mindfulness and positive psychology-based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in young people. Programs commence 13 February 2023

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