



Important Dates

**St Columba Arts
Competition Begins**

Tuesday 2 May

**2023 Immunisation
Program**

Tuesday 9 May

**Learning Progress
Meetings**

Tuesday 9 May

**Year 12 Drama
Performance**

Thursday 11 May

**Junior School
Mother's Day
Liturgy**

Monday 15 May

**Xavier Sporting
Exchange**

Thursday 18 May

**Annual General
Meeting**

Tuesday 23 May

**Start of R-12 Dental
Week**

Monday 29 May

R-12 College Tour

Tuesday 30 May

**Year 12 Halfway
Celebration**

Wednesday 7 June

**Year 10 & 11 Drama
Performance**

Thursday 8 June

**Saint Columba Day
Liturgy**

Friday 9 June

**King's Birthday
Public Holiday**

Monday 12 June

**Year 11 Mid-Term
Examinations Begin**

Wednesday 28 June

**Year 10 Mid-Term
Examinations Begin**

Thursday 29 June

End of Term 2

Wednesday 5 July

**R-12 Semester 1
Reports Released**

Wednesday 5 July

**Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)**

Thursday 6 July

**Pupil Free Day
(Staff Reflection)**

Friday 7 July

**St Columba Arts
Competition Ends**

Friday 21 July

Term 3 Begins

Monday 24 July

Upcoming Events

2023 College Tours

Date: Tuesday 30 May

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

Junior School

Mother's Day Stall

Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

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Term 2 - Principal's Update



Welcome to Term 2 2023. Looking back at Term 1, we experienced a 'full term' with students enjoying excursions, events, assemblies, sport, music, drama, retreats and camps. We welcomed families back to the school grounds and now have over 80 parent volunteers supporting College activities. We held learning progress meetings for R-5 last term, and next week families are meeting with their Year 6-12 Kinship Teacher to share and celebrate their child's progress so far this year.

In this edition, I want to share with you some significant developments that are currently underway. We are excited that in Term 3 2024, we will be offering a **Mid-Year Reception** class for children who turn five years between 1 May and 31 October. This means these children will experience six terms of Reception, providing a solid foundation for their start to school. Enrolment interviews are taking place this term, so should you have a child eligible for this class, please contact our Enrolment Officer, Ms Jelena Vidacic.

By now, you would have noticed the construction of the new building at the Middle School campus. We are thrilled in how this building is taking shape. I was able to do a walkthrough recently and saw firsthand how the internal structure was developing. It was impressive! The building will house eight classrooms for Year 8 and Year 9 students. Upstairs, two additional learning spaces will be used for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning, and teachers will also be able to use these two spaces for other hands-on learning. Adjacent to the classrooms will be breakout spaces, allowing for small groups and individuals to work.

The Learning Centre on the ground floor will be an open space with varying furniture to support students with additional needs. The new space for Student Services will provide counselling, first aid, and opportunities for students to meet with key staff. Student lockers will be located inside, enabling students to keep their belongings in safe and lockable storage. The furniture planned will give students and teachers the flexibility to work as a whole class, in small groups and independently. We expect the building and its surrounds to be completed by September.

This year, our focus is to increase student participation beyond the classroom. The Director of Student Life, Mr Oliver Harms, has led this new initiative, and already we have seen an increase in student numbers participating in sport, the arts, and various clubs and activities. We are proud to say that 486 students from Years 6 to 12 have engaged in these programs and initiatives so far in 2023. We expect this number to grow and, in the coming weeks, we are excited to offer similar opportunities for our Junior School students, such as soccer and basketball leagues, Health Hustle, Confi-dance, and cheerleading groups.

This term promises to be a fulfilling one for our students. Please let us know if you need any support – we are here to help.



St Columba Arts Competition



St Columba
College

SALA



TUESDAY 2 MAY - FRIDAY 21 JULY

Our annual #stcolumba_arts_competition_2023 has officially opened!

The competition is open to all students from Reception to Year 12.

R-2 - Art and music only

3-5 - Art, Music, Drama & Dance

6-12 & Staff - Visual Art, Drama, Music and Design

Competition closes: End of Term 2 Holidays (Friday 21 July)

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