



Important Dates

Term 1 Ends

Friday 14 April

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

Monday 1 May

**Term 2 Begins: R-
12 Students Return**

Tuesday 2 May

**St Columba Arts
Competition Begins**

Tuesday 2 May

College Tour

Tuesday 30 May

Term 2 Ends

Wednesday 5 July

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

Thursday 6 July

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

Friday 7 July

**St Columba Arts
Competition Ends**

Friday 21 July

Term 3 Begins

Monday 24 July

Upcoming Events

**St Columba College
Arts Competition**

Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

Religious Heart of the College



JUNIOR SCHOOL

During Week 10, our College celebrated the most significant series of events in the church calendar. In the Anglican and Catholic tradition, this is called 'Holy Week', and is a time when the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ are remembered.

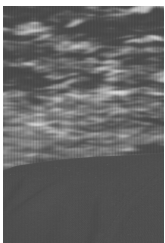
The whole College celebrated 'Palm Sunday' on Monday, 3 April with an R-12 Liturgy in the Gymnasium, which recalled Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, 5 April, the Junior School celebrated 'Maundy Thursday or 'Holy Thursday' to commemorate Jesus last meal with his friends, the disciples. At this Liturgy, students re-enacted the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper. This has become, for Christians, a celebration of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. It was also the time Jesus washed the feet of the disciples as a sign of servant leadership, exhorting them to be servants to others. At our Liturgy, twelve staff displayed this message by washing the feet of twelve students.

On Thursday, 6 April, Junior School students again led a Liturgy to commemorate 'Good Friday' before the joyous celebration of Resurrection Sunday. The Easter season will continue for 50 days until Pentecost when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Our Year 5 students were a wonderful aid throughout all of these special Easter events, and all students conducted themselves with dignity and reverence, setting the tone of the different moods and themes of each of the Liturgies. We are very proud of them.

Mrs Jane Bailey | Director of Spirituality R-5



MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 8 Reflection Day

On Thursday, 23 March, the Year 8 students were involved in a Reflection Day, which is part of the 'Connect - Inspire - Celebrate' program at the College. The theme of the day was 'Relating and Belonging'. Through a range of activities and group discussions, the students explored what it means to be a team member and how we are all part of the 'body of Christ'—each with our own unique skills and talents.

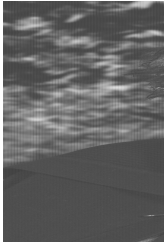
Holy Week Celebrations

The lead-up to Easter is a time when we recall the life and death of Jesus Christ. We began Holy Week on Monday, 3 April with an R-12 Palm

Sunday Liturgy in the Gymnasium, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed like a king. At the Middle and Senior School Easter Liturgy on Thursday, 6 April, we heard the story of Jesus' death. It was presented to us by Mr Barbaro's Year 7 Drama class through images of the different events leading up to the crucifixion. During Week 11, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and victory over death—the most important season in the life of the Church.

Jesus is Risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

Miss Eugenia Stopyra | Director of Spirituality 6-12



Junior School



Term 1 has most definitely been an exciting and busy time for our Junior School students. We are thankful for the many wonderful learning opportunities, including the Sports Carnival, the Harmony Day Picnic, the Performing Arts Lunchtime Concert, and Holy Week Celebrations.

The Junior School Sports Carnival was held on Friday, 17 March. It was fantastic to see students giving their personal best and supporting each other as a team. We extend our congratulations to Short House, who were winners of both the House Cup and Spirit Cup this year!

The Junior School students joined the whole College at the Harmony Day Picnic on Friday, 24 March. It was an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our diverse cultural backgrounds while promoting unity and inclusivity. Another special event during the term was the Performing Arts Lunchtime Concert on Monday, 3 April. This was an enjoyable musical showcase of xylophone playing, singing and dancing.

During Week 10, we celebrated Holy Week—a sacred time in our Anglican and Catholic Liturgical Calendar. Thank you to Mrs Jane Bailey, Director of Spirituality, for co-ordinating these special events. Our Year 5 students retold the Easter story through Liturgical prayer, which captivated our whole Junior School.

Staff in the Junior School have been busy awarding Gold Slips throughout Term 1. These slips are given to students as a recognition and reward for positive behaviour, effort and attitude. I am so pleased to announce that our current Junior School Gold Slips tally is 3232! This speaks volumes about the positive interactions and values that our students are displaying in their classrooms, out in the yard, through their learning, and when they are on excursions representing the College. The top 10% of students who received a Gold Slip enjoyed a celebration lunch on Wednesday, 12 April, as a reward for their effort and commitment to displaying 'A choices' while at school. Congratulations to these students! Mrs Pfeiffer has set the challenge to all students to see if they can achieve 4000 Gold slips next term!

Over the last couple of weeks, our Junior School teachers have held Learning Progress Meetings. These important conversations create an opportunity for you to build strong relationships between your family and your child's educators. It has been wonderful to hear that parents have really valued these meetings to learn more about their child's progress. If you have not had an opportunity to attend a Learning Progress Meeting this term, I encourage you to get in contact with your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the College, our staff, and your children throughout this busy term. The positive partnership we have between home and school, and the faith that you place in us to care for your child's academic, spiritual, physical, and emotional wellbeing cannot be underestimated. We are grateful for your support. May these holidays bring many joyful moments for your family and provide opportunities to rest and recharge.

Mrs Michelle Arthur | Acting Head of Junior School



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Middle School



As we approach the end of Term 1, we reflect on the many exciting events that have taken place at the College. From educational excursions to Sports Carnivals, Liturgies, and a picnic, there have been no shortage of opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and

have fun.

In Year 7, students participated in a Civics and Citizenship excursion on Thursday, 30 March, where they visited the State Museum, Migration Museum, State Library, Centre of Democracy, and a democracy walk. The excursion was a valuable experience for our students, helping them with their understanding of government and authority in society.

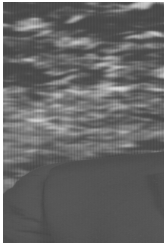
Our Year 8 and 9 students also recently participated in Reflection Days, where they had the chance to build on their values, beliefs, and personal goals. These reflection days provided a meaningful opportunity for our students to develop their spirituality as well as their social skills, helping them to become more confident and self-aware individuals.

Our students showed their athleticism and teamwork at the Middle and Senior School Sports Carnival on Thursday, 16 March. Congratulations to Lashmar House, who won the House Cup and MacKillop House, who won the Spirit Cup! We also had students attend the Co-Ed Catholic Athletics Carnival on Monday, 27 March, where they competed in a range of track and field events.

We celebrated Harmony Day on Friday, 24 March, with an R-12 picnic on the Middle School oval. Our staff and students came together to appreciate and learn about diverse cultures and traditions. Our Middle School students were recognized for their exemplary behaviour and academic achievement with the Middle School Gold Slip Celebration on Tuesday, 11 April. Students also gathered across the College for Easter Liturgies as we celebrated Holy Week.

We are proud of our students' achievements and look forward to even more exciting events and learning opportunities next term.

Mr Shane Dowling | Head of Middle School





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Senior School



Our Senior Students have been busy participating in a range of exciting events for the second half of Term 1.
Our Year 11 Prefects attended an International Women's Day Breakfast on Wednesday, 8 March at Jackson Square in Hindmarsh. This

event was an excellent opportunity for our female students to learn from strong role models and gain insight into the importance of gender equality. Our Year 11 students also attended a Business Enterprise Excursion on Monday 27 March at the Adelaide Oval and Adelaide Festival Centre, where they had the opportunity to see how larger businesses operate.

Our Year 10 Outdoor Education students had an exciting day hiking around Cleland Conservation Park on Thursday, 30 March, despite a slight misadventure of travelling in the wrong direction! The beautiful weather and scenery made for a fantastic excursion for our students, and they gained valuable experience in navigating and problem-solving.

Our Year 12 Drama students were fortunate to attend a 'Take the Stage' workshop at the Adelaide Festival Theatre on Wednesday, 22 March. Our Senior Year 12 Visual Art students also went on an excursion to the SACE Art Show, the Jam Factory and the Art Gallery of South Australia on Wednesday, 29 March. Both outings were excellent learning experiences for our Drama and Art students.

At a 'Health and Wellbeing Expo' on Wednesday, 29 March, Year 12s presented their research to a Year 8 audience. Stalls were created with information and activities on topics including Harmony Day and the National Day of Action.

Senior School students also enjoyed participating in the whole-College Harmony Day picnic on Friday, 24 March, where many dressed in cultural attire to raise awareness and celebrate diversity in our community.

The Year 12 Careers Expo on Monday, 3 April at the Adelaide Convention Centre was a unique experience. The expo provided our students with practical advice and guidance, as well as a chance to connect with industry experts and learn more about career opportunities. The P.A.R.T.Y Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth Program) on Thursday, 13 April was an invaluable presentation for our Year 12 students, helping them understand the importance of road safety and responsibility, the dangers of risk-taking and the Emergency Department triage process.

Our Senior School Progress Report release was also an important event this term, with reports released for both Year 11 and 12 students, as well as the Year 10 Personal Learning Plans. This provided the opportunity for our students to reflect on their academic progress and plan for future growth.

I look forward to a successful Term 2!

Mrs Deirdre Walters | Head of Senior School





College Tours



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COLLEGE TOURS

Tues 30 May
6:00 - 7:00pm



BOOK NOW

🔍 St Columba Tours

Reception and **Year 7** enrolment interviews are currently being offered for new students starting at St Columba College in 2024.

We strongly encourage families with younger siblings who have yet to complete an Application for Enrolment to do so at the earliest opportunity to avoid being placed on the waitlist: https://bit.ly/StColumba_Enrol

Our next College Tour event is on Tuesday, 30 May. If you know a family considering enrolling, we invite them to visit us and explore everything St Columba College has to offer.

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Stage 2 Drama - The Clock Struck One



St Columba
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A Senior School
PRODUCTION



STAGE 2 DRAMA PRESENTS

THE CLOCK STRUCK ONE

BY CRAIG SODARO

THURSDAY 11 MAY, 6PM
LAKE ARTS THEATRE

FREE ADMISSION | BOOKING REQUIRED



bit.ly/TheClockStruckOne

ST COLUMBA COLLEGE STAGE 2 DRAMA PRESENTS "THE CLOCK STRUCK ONE"

WRITTEN BY CRAIG SODARO PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC., DENVER, COLORADO

Not suitable for children under 5 years.

6:00 PM Thursday, 11 May 2023

The Lake Arts Theatre, St Columba College

Tickets on sale Wednesday, 3 May

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School Holiday Ideas



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