



Important Dates

**Reconciliation Week
(Week 5)**

Tuesday 27 May 2025

**Whole Staff
Meeting - 3:20pm
Office Closure
(Week 5)**

Wednesday 28 May 2025

**Pupil Free Day -
Staff Development
(Week 5)**

Friday 30 May 2025

**Pupil Free Day -
King's Birthday
Public Holiday
(Week 7)**

Monday 9 June 2025

**Saint Columba Day
Liturgy 9am (Week
7)**

Tuesday 10 June 2025

**Little Columbans'
Transition Program
Commences**

Wednesday 18 June 2025

**Pupil Free Day -
Semester Change
Over (Week 8)**

Friday 20 June 2025

**Beginning of
Semester 2 (Week
9)**

Monday 23 June 2025

**Year 12 Catering
Function (Week 9)**

Thursday 26 June 2025

**Year 12 Retreat
(Week 10)**

Thursday 3 July 2025

**Reception 100 Days
of Learning**

Thursday 3 July 2025

**SCC Arts
Competition Closes
(Week 10)**

Friday 4 July 2025

**End of Term 2
(Week 10)**

Friday 4 July 2025

Junior School



Term 2 has been a vibrant and enriching time at St Columba, filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences for our students across all year levels.

Students in Years 4 and 5 recently participated in a powerful presentation by the Sammy D Foundation. This session focused on the importance of making positive life choices, standing up against bullying, and fostering respectful relationships. The presentation sparked meaningful conversations among students and encouraged them to reflect on how their actions impact others, both in and out of school.

Our Reception and Year 1 students have been enthusiastically engaged in Tri-Skills sessions, which have helped them develop essential physical skills such as balance, coordination, and strength. These sessions are not only fun but also play a vital role in building confidence and encouraging active, healthy lifestyles from an early age.

A highlight for our Reception students was their very first excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park. The excitement was easy to see as they explored the park, observed the wonderful native animals, and had the opportunity to feed some of them. This hands-on experience brought their learning to life and created lasting memories for both students and staff.

In the sporting arena, our Year 4 and 5 students proudly represented St Columba at the North Soccer Carnival. Their display of teamwork, determination, and school spirit was truly commendable. In particular, the Year 5s showcased outstanding skill and collaboration, ultimately winning their division—a fantastic achievement that reflected their hard work and dedication.

We also came together as a Junior School community to celebrate Mother's Day with a heartfelt Liturgy. This special event honoured the incredible women in our lives—mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers—who nurture, guide, and support us every day. The Liturgy featured thoughtful prayers, student reflections, and joyful singing, creating a warm and emotional atmosphere that highlighted the deep appreciation we hold for these remarkable individuals.

Our Year 5 students are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming camp at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. This experience will offer them the chance to step out of their comfort zones, take on new challenges, strengthen friendships, and deepen their connection with the natural environment. Later this term, they will also participate in the Carly Ryan Foundation presentation, which will equip them with valuable knowledge about online safety and how to be respectful and responsible digital citizens.

Toward the end of Term 2, we look forward to welcoming our new Mid-Year Reception students as they begin their transition into school life. These sessions are designed to help our newest learners feel comfortable and confident as they start their journey at St Columba, while also supporting parents in understanding how to best guide their children through this exciting new chapter.



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Middle School



Strengthening Connections and Celebrating Learning: Mid-Term Reflections

As we reach the mid-point of Term 2, it is heartening to pause and reflect on the many ways our College community continues to come together in celebration, learning, and growth.

Our R–12 Easter and ANZAC Day Liturgies were poignant community gatherings that brought us together in reflection and reverence. These assemblies were beautifully presented and served as timely reminders of the values of sacrifice, renewal, and unity that lie at the heart of our faith and national history.

Reconciliation has remained a central focus. Our R–12 Reconciliation Week Assembly was a powerful moment in our journey toward a more inclusive future. Uncle Mickey's address offered deep insight and challenge, prompting thoughtful reflection across our community. This commitment was further deepened through a Reconciliation Yarn, where Uncle Mickey engaged in a smaller group setting with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, providing space for meaningful dialogue and shared connection.

Our community also took the time to express gratitude during World ESO Appreciation Day. A special morning tea and coffee van celebrated the tireless efforts of our Educational Support Officers, whose behind-the-scenes work keeps the College running smoothly and supports the wellbeing of all students.

In the Middle School, international friendship was on full display during the visit from our sister- school in Indonesia. We welcomed 29 students and 10 staff from Losnito School, who joined us for two days of classroom immersion and cultural exchange. Our students showed remarkable hospitality and engagement. Special thanks to Mr Michael Carr, Languages Learning Area Leader, for his excellent coordination of this experience.

Student leadership was fostered at the 6–12 Youth Leadership Conference, where our young leaders engaged in a day of skill-building and inspiration in the city. Their enthusiasm and reflections since returning highlight the value of such formative experiences. Thanks to Mr Luke Walker who has led our Student Leaders throughout Term 1.

Innovation took centre-stage during The Battle Groundz event, where students worked to explore the world of coding and digital game design. This exciting opportunity not only built practical skills but also sparked new interests and creativity in our learners.

The Da Vinci Decathlon saw Year 7 and Year 9 students represent our school at St Peter's Girl's College. Competing in teams of eight, they tackled 10 disciplines—including engineering, mathematics, code-breaking, and poetry—with commitment, collaboration, and excellence. Their enthusiasm and perseverance were a testament to the academic spirit of our students.

Equally important have been the Learning Progress Meetings, which continue to provide essential touchpoints for families and teachers. These conversations help align support, celebrate growth, and ensure each student's learning pathway is understood and nurtured.

Term 2 continues to unfold with purpose and promise, grounded in our shared values and strengthened by our vibrant community spirit.

Mr Robert Peluso

Head of Middle School

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Senior School



As we move through Term 2, it's a pleasure to reflect on the many achievements and memorable moments that have shaped our Senior School community in recent weeks. Our students continue to embrace opportunities with enthusiasm, creativity and leadership. It has been a joy to witness their growth and success.

A historic highlight this term was the inaugural Year 11 & 12 Formal—a truly special evening that brought together students, staff, and families in celebration. The event was a resounding success, marked by elegance, joy and a strong sense of community spirit.

We were also delighted to see the return of a cherished tradition: the Year 12 and Reception visits. This heartwarming initiative, where our senior students connect with our youngest Columbans, was reestablished this week and brought smiles to faces of all ages. It's a beautiful reminder of the journey our students undertake and the bonds that endure.

The Year 11 & 12 Drama Production – The House of Thrills and Chills, showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our performing arts students. Their creativity and commitment to storytelling captivated audiences and highlighted the strength of our arts program.

Beyond the stage and the classroom, students have engaged in a wide range of enriching experiences. We welcomed visitors from Losnito School in Indonesia, fostering cultural exchange and global connections. Our students also participated in the 6–12 Youth Leadership Conference, the Battle Groundz Game Development Event, and the Da Vinci Decathlon Intensive Day, each offering unique opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and critical thinking.

Excursions to the Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo, Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo, and Adelaide Oval provided valuable insights into future pathways and real-world learning. Programs such as the P.A.R.T.Y Program, Consent Education, and Deadly Mentor – Saltwater Young Leaders have further supported student wellbeing and leadership development.

Finally, our Learning Progress Meetings have continued to strengthen the partnership between families and staff, ensuring each student is well supported for personal success.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to many more moments of celebration and achievement ahead this year.



Mr Andy Harris

Head of Senior School

Term 2 Highlights



