



Important Dates

**TAFE Electro Block
Week (28-1)**

Monday 28 July 2025

**SSSSA Girls 9-10
Netball**

Tuesday 29 July 2025

**Vet Try-A-Trade
Day**

Thursday 31 July 2025

**R-3 Grandparents &
Grand-persons
Liturgy**

Friday 1 August 2025

**TAFE Auto Block
Week (4-8)**

Monday 4 August 2025

**Year 4 Hotshots
Tennis**

Tuesday 5 August 2025

**Years 7 & 10
Immunisations**

Tuesday 5 August 2025

**SSSSA 11-12 Girls
Netball**

Wednesday 6 August 2025

**Year 5 Hotshots
Tennis**

Wednesday 6 August 2025

**Mary MacKillop
Feast Day Liturgy**

Friday 8 August 2025

**National Science
Week (9-17)**

Saturday 9 August 2025

**SSSSA 7-8 Girls
Netball**

Monday 11 August 2025

**Year 11 Leadership
Day**

Tuesday 12 August 2025

**Year 9 Rite Journey
Camp (13-15)**

Wednesday 13 August 2025

**Rec-Year 3
Assembly (1Blue)**

Thursday 14 August 2025

Years 7-9 Assembly

Thursday 14 August 2025

From the Principal, Damian Smith

Welcome Back

We are excited to welcome everyone back to school for Term 3. We hope our students and families had a restful and enjoyable break. A special welcome goes out to our newest Reception students who began their learning journey with us on Tuesday — we're thrilled to have you here!

We also extend a warm welcome to the new families joining our school community for the first time. We look forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and connection, and we wish all our students and families the very best for the weeks ahead.

Loving God,

As we begin this new school term, we thank You for the gift of fresh beginnings and the opportunity to grow together as a community.

May the seeds of hope planted in our hearts take root and flourish in our classrooms, in our homes, and in every act of kindness we share.

Inspired by St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph, help us to live with simplicity, humility, and a generous spirit.

May we be sowers of hope, especially for those just beginning their journey with us.

Bless our students, families, and staff with courage, compassion, and joy as we grow in love, wonder and understanding.

Amen.



Staff Reflection Day - Planting Seeds of Hope

On Monday, our staff came together for a Staff Reflection Day. This is an important time to pause, reconnect, and reflect on the sacred mission we share as educators at Caritas College. Guided by the values of simplicity, humility, and practical response, the day was inspired by the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.

Staff explored this year's theme '*Seeds of Hope*', reflecting on how small acts of kindness and service can grow into something extraordinary in the lives of our students and community. We took a deep dive into our very proud history as a Catholic Josephite school, which culminated in a moving prayer at the grave of Sr Mary Laurencia.

As part of our commitment to our Catholic ethos and Mary MacKillop's legacy, staff also engaged in a range of social justice activities that included assisting at Vinnies, helping the parish, looking after our local environment, and building community connections.

It was a meaningful day of faith, gratitude, and connection that reminded us of the powerful role educators play in nurturing hope, compassion, and dignity in every classroom.



Research Project Results

We are proud to announce the results of the Stage 2 Research Project that were released on Monday. These impressive achievements showcase the strong commitment to learning and work ethic of our Year 12 students.

Every student successfully completed this compulsory Stage 2 subject—a fantastic accomplishment. Notably, over 30% of students earned an 'A' grade, with four students achieving an A+. This is a remarkable testament to their hard work and dedication. These outstanding results reflect the students' strong commitment to academic excellence, supported by the guidance and encouragement of our dedicated teachers and support staff.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS!

Congratulations to all students, fantastic work!

"Success isn't just about what you accomplish; it's about what you inspire others to do."

Anonymous

30%+

Students earned an 'A' grade

4+

Students achieved an A+ grade

NAPLAN Results

We are pleased to inform you that the results of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) have been released. These will be available for children in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 via SEQTA Engage and a hardcopy will be distributed in Week 2.

NAPLAN is a nationwide assessment conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. It evaluates students' skills in key areas of literacy and numeracy, providing valuable information about their strengths and areas for improvement. This assessment allows us to identify trends, tailor our teaching approaches, and support each student's individual needs effectively.

At Caritas College, we strive to develop thriving individuals, capable learners, and leaders for the world God desires. We achieve this through a holistic education that encompasses academic achievements, personal growth, social skills, and a lifelong love of learning. Recognising that while NAPLAN is an important assessment, it is just one of the many tools we use to evaluate your child's progress.

Living Learning Leading Survey for Parents and Caregivers

You are invited to participate in a short (3 to 5 minute) survey about our school's performance. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot. All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes. Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.

Your confidentiality

To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to National School Improvement Partnerships, where the results are analysed for your school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school. National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct. To protect your anonymity, we do not report scores for groups of less than four parents or caregivers.

Use of the data

National School Improvement Partnerships will report the results to the school in an aggregated format. To enable drilldown reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information. This anonymous data will be provided to CESA for reporting and consideration of support for schools.

How to complete the survey

- To respond the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at Caritas College, Port Augusta in 2025 visit their website [here](#) and enter the code 'CCLLLP' in the 'Start Questionnaire' field.
 - Alternatively, you can scan this QR Code and enter the code 'CCLLLP' in the 'Start Questionnaire' field.
 - For each statement, you are asked to rate how well you think the school is performing by selecting one of six responses. The responses are numbered 1 to 6, with number 1 being the lowest or worst rating and number 6 being the highest or best rating.
 - If you have more than one child at the school, and your perceptions differ for each child, please respond with respect to your perceptions related to the oldest child enrolled at the school.
 - There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Your opinion is what is wanted.
 - Please answer all questions.
 - Some statements may be fairly similar to other statements. Don't worry about this. Simply give your opinion about all statements.
- To get started, use the QR code (located at the top of the page) or go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code provided above.



If you require more information or have any feedback, please contact their friendly team at the following:

LLL@NSIPartnerships.com.au

Staffing

A new semester generally brings about some staffing changes. At the end of Term 2, we thanked and farewelled Briah Higgins as an Education Support Officer (ESO). With appreciation for the time she spent in our school community, we wish her well for the future. We welcomed Ms Michelle Antoniciello, Mrs Susy Rogers and Ms Angela Fullerton back at the start of the term after taking leave at the end of Term 2. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Karen Bassham-Finch and Mrs Lee-Anne Maule back from leave in the coming weeks.

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Miss Emily Martin as the new Reception White teacher and Miss Amy Olsson as a classroom ESO. I know you will join me in making them feel part of the Caritas family.



Introducing CESA eForms

All parents will have received communication earlier in the week about the introduction of CESA eForms. This online platform is powered by EdSmart and is new way that our school will be streamlining communication with families. It allows caregivers to receive and complete permission forms and updates online—anytime, from any device.

The system helps us save time, reduce paper use, and improve efficiency. If you have not yet read the communication sent to all families (Caregiver 1 and 2) on Tuesday 22 July, please check your inbox so you can familiarise yourself with this platform. To ensure you receive all communications, please check your junk/spam folder and mark EdSmart emails as 'Not Junk'. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Non-government Schools Census Collection Notice 2025

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to advise all staff, parents, guardians and students (where applicable) that it will collect certain information about your school, its staff and student body as part of the non-government schools census collection (the census). Please click [HERE](#) to access the privacy notice.

Enrolments for 2026

We are currently mapping out how 2026 will look for our school. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the front office as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children starting in 2026 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). These can be requested via our [website](#) or collected from the front office at any time.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission, Chloe Shanahan

Sts Joachim and Anne, Patron Saints of Grandparents

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Not much scripturally is known about Joachim and Anne however tradition tells us of their deep faith in wanting a child before rejoicing at the birth of their beloved Mary. When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anne brought her to the temple in Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up.



As the patron saints of grandparents, we remember Sts Joachim and Anne fondly as we consider all the wonderful grandparents and grandperson figures in the lives of our students. We give thanks to each and every one of them for their unwavering love and wisdom that they share with their families. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful gift of grandparents and grandpersons figures next Friday 1 August at our R-3 Grandparents and Grandpersons Liturgy, beginning at 11:30am in the Tappeiner Room.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

As a school community, we will come together on Friday 8 August (Week 3) to celebrate the feast of our founder, and Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. How lucky we are here at Caritas College to be able to walk in Mary's footsteps as she continues to teach us what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Mary chose to make a difference to the communities in which she, and the Sisters of St Joseph, lived in throughout the 19th century, by educating the poor and working with the marginalised and most vulnerable members of society. She continues to teach us that little actions can plant seeds of hope to those who most need it, something we strive to do in our day to day actions here at Caritas College.

In the coming weeks, classes from R-12 will spend time exploring the story of Mary, her connection to Port Augusta, her deep love of all people and of Christ, and thinking about how her life's journey inspires how we continue to be people of hope in 2025. We acknowledge with deep gratitude the Sisters of St Joseph who still continue to provide support from afar to our community 154 years later.

Through the example of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop,
May we learn to recognise God's will for us and trust
in God's providence.
May her life and service be a light to our path,
Awakening in us a deep respect for those who suffer
and a passion for justice.
May we share in her courage, see with her vision,
and love with her heart.
Amen.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Families with young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded that the third session of preparation will be held this weekend, Saturday 26 July at 6:30pm and Sunday 27 July at 10:30am. Remaining dates for preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

Session 3 - Saturday 26 OR Sunday 27 July

Session 4 - 2 OR Sunday 3 August

Spare Weekend - 9/10 August

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 17 August

Commissioning of Students and Youth Mass – Saturday 23 OR Sunday 24 August

If you need to make up Session 1 or 2 and were unable to do this during the July holiday period, please contact the Parish Office on 8642 2847.

This sacrament has a wonderful connection with Pentecost, the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, giving them the courage to spread God's word to everyone.

From the Sports Coordinator, Josh Lambert

The Term 2 SSSSA sports saw our students compete a number of football and basketball competitions. There were some excellent games played across those events with all students playing with pride, respect and teamwork. We were lucky enough to be the overall winners of the following competition which is a testament to how our students work together.

SAPSASA

Division 1 Girls Football

Division 1 Girls Netball (both of our teams were in this final)

Division 2 Boys Netball

Division 1 Boys Football

SSSSA

9-10 Boys football

7-8 Girls basketball

Term 3 is set to be a very busy term for the college sport scene. The Years 7-12 students will play the remainder of their carnivals this term, which will bring much excitement to those students who will represent our school.

Below are some key dates for both SAPSASA events and SSSSA events in Term 3:

SAPSASA

Hotshots Tennis – Tuesday Year 4's 5 August (Week 3)

Hotshots Tennis – Wednesday Year 5's 6 August (Week 3)

District Sports Day – Friday 22 August (Week 5)

Table Tennis – Friday 12 September (Week 8)

SSSSA

9-10 Girls Netball – 29 July (Week 2)

11-12 Girls Netball – 6 August (Week 3)

7-8 Girls Netball (TBC)

11-12 Boys and Girls Basketball (TBC)

9-10 Boys and Girls Basketball (TBC)



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated,
food, money and warm clothing to Vinnies for the
Winter Appeal.

The pantry shelves are full to overflowing.
Your generosity ensures that we can provide
warm food during these cold winter months.

Special thanks to Chloe for organizing and
delivering the food etc.

Your continuing support is much appreciated.

Thank you for helping us to help others.

Denise (Vinnies)



UNI OPEN DAYS

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Bedford Park- 25 & 26 July

City Campus - 27 July

Tonsley - 9 August



ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

(newly amalgamated UniSA and
University of Adelaide)

City - 27 July

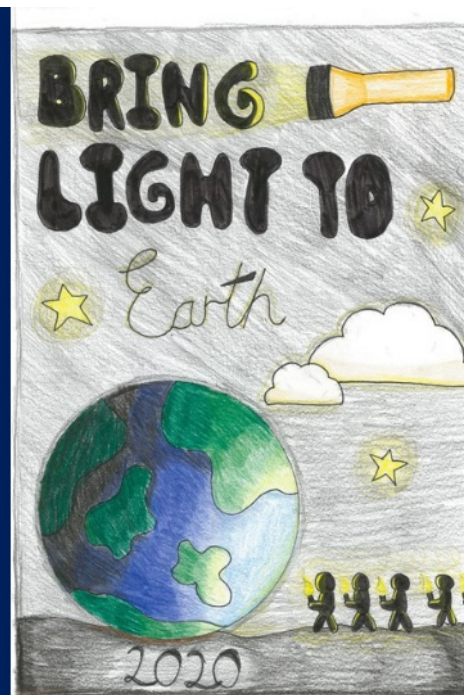
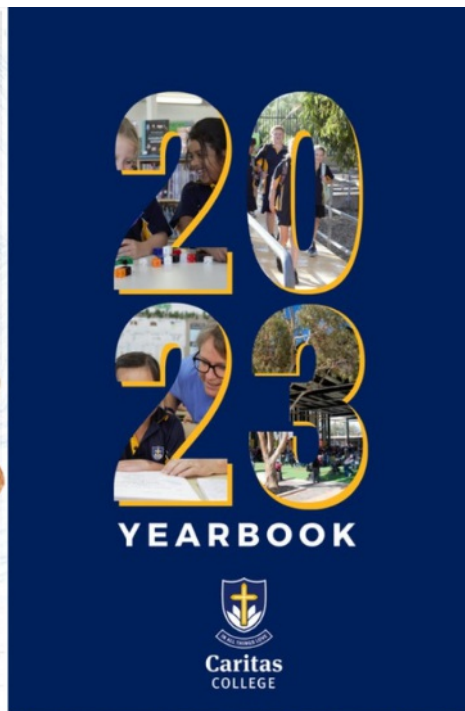
Magill - 13 August

Roseworthy & Mawson

Lakes - 17 August

Whyalla - 31 August





ATTENTION ALL CARITAS COLLEGE FANS!

Are you on the hunt for that missing yearbook to complete your collection? Head over to the 'Caritas College Memorabilia' section on the QKR! app and grab your MISSING YEARBOOK today!

But wait, there's more... While you're there, you'll find a heap of College Memorabilia for sale—perfect for old scholars, current students, or anyone looking to take a trip down memory lane.

Don't miss out on these iconic pieces of Caritas history!

How will you science this National Science Week?



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