



## Important Dates

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**End of School Year  
2024**

Friday 13 December 2024

**Catholic Education  
Offices Closed**

Monday 23 December 2024 -  
Wednesday 1 January 2025

**Start of School Year  
2025**

Tuesday 28 January 2025

**Catholic Education  
Week 2025**

Monday 12 May 2025 -  
Sunday 18 May 2025

**Catholic Education  
Awards**

Thursday 15 May 2025

**Catholic Schools  
Open Week 2025**

Monday 4 August 2025 -  
Sunday 10 August 2025

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## 2025 Key Dates & Professional Development Calendar

We are delighted to announce the 2025 dates for Catholic Education Week and Catholic Schools Open Week.

**Catholic Education Week** will take place between Monday May 12 – Sunday May 18 (Term 2, Week 3). We are excited to be giving the week a refresh this year – further details to come in early 2025.

The **Catholic Education Awards South Australia** will take place on Thursday May 15 in Adelaide. Nominations will open on January 20, 2025. We will send out further information at the start of Term 1 so that you can encourage nominations from within your community.

**Catholic Schools Open Week** will take place between Monday August 4 – Sunday August 10 (Term 3, Week 3). This is two weeks earlier than in 2024 so all activity will be brought forward. We will have more information on this early next year.

In addition, please click [here](#) to view the **Communications & Marketing Professional Learning calendar** for 2025. This is brimming with learning opportunities which we hope will be invaluable to you and your team. We will send a reminder early next year when bookings open through the Registration Centre.

All resources and the latest news from our team can be found in the Communications & Marketing Hub on the CESA Intranet:

**[Communications & Marketing - Home](#)**

## The Advertiser " media opportunities for SACE students

The Advertiser will be running a series of stories following the announcement of SACE results on Monday December 16.

If you would like to be considered for inclusion, please find some story angles and opportunities below. Please email Lauren Novak and Shashi Baltutis directly with your stories or for more information: [Lauren.Novak@news.com.au](mailto:Lauren.Novak@news.com.au) and [Shashi.Baltutis@news.com.au](mailto:Shashi.Baltutis@news.com.au) (copy both in).

Please run all opportunities past your principal in advance of submitting and where any students are named seek theirs and their parent/carer's permission in advance.

Interviews with individuals will most likely be requested and either a photographer sent out or a request for photos to be submitted.

- The Advertiser is interested in individual student ATAR scores – this may be students who have done exceptionally well and are the Dux of the school, but also students with a compelling story or who have overcome adversity in their life.
- They will also be writing a story on schools' median ATARs – does your school have a great success story?
- Do you have any students receiving a SACE commendation or merit award? Or perhaps a student who was nominated but just missed out?
- Do you have a story to tell about students receiving their University and TAFE offers in December / January? Has your school recorded the highest number to date? Or the first student for a particular course?

## Photos Required: SACCS Annual Report

The **SACCS Annual Report** is produced in a digital format.

Please send us your most beautiful and engaging high resolution images from the **2023** school year via email or a sharing platform as soon as possible.

Please ensure all images have the appropriate consents for use by CESA.

Thank you for your continued support in supplying such amazing photos to represent your school!

Send your photos to [Siobhan.Evans@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Siobhan.Evans@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

## Photos Required: End of year celebrations

As your school marks the end of year with **concerts and thanksgiving masses** please send through a couple of images which we can include in a group post to celebrate community. We will post this in the final week of term.

If you have students participating in any **local Christmas pageants** please send through photos and details. The Southern Cross may do a story on this and we can promote through the CESA Facebook page.

Please send photos to [Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

## The Southern Cross February issue " outstanding student achievements

*The Southern Cross* newspaper's February 2025 issue will feature stories and photos celebrating outstanding student achievements. They are on the lookout for stories and would love to hear of any ideas and leads before the Christmas break begins. These can include anything from Year 12 cohort achievements, to tales of students overcoming adversity. Send Katie Spain any ideas you have.

In mid-January, the Southern Cross will also organise a Year 12 Class of 2024 photoshoot featuring duces from Catholic schools across the Archdiocese.

Send dux information and scores to Katie Spain no later than noon **on Tuesday December 17**. Please provide a **current email address** (sometimes the school emails have already been de-activated) and **mobile number** if possible, for the student, or that of a parent/guardian. Please make sure that Katie has up-to-date contact details for best person to approach at your school for dux updates over the holidays.

Contact: Katie Spain on [kspain@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:kspain@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or 0450 091 118 to discuss further.

### February issue deadlines:

Early deadline: 15 January 2025

Late deadline: 22 January 2025

## South Australian Catholic Schools Magazine 2024/25 – extra copies

If your school would like extra copies of the South Australian Catholic Schools Magazine please email [Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au) stating how many you would like and providing your postal address.

## Photo and Video consent for 2025

A reminder that it is the NCEC's recommendation that all schools utilise an annual general consent form with separate tick boxes that is completed at the beginning of each school year. The template can be found on CESA Share here: [Permission \(Consent\) to Share Photos and Videos.docx](#)

The NCEC Privacy Compliance Manual can be found here: [Privacy-Compliance-Manual-2023.pdf](#)

Any questions please contact [Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

## NCEC Image Request

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is looking to build up a new photo library. If your school can help with images that they can use in reports, presentations, newsletter and possible social media please email to [Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au) with 'NCEC images' in the title.

Please ensure images sent have third party approval. Schools will be credited when used.

The range of images they'd like to have on file are:

- learning and teaching
- extra-curricular
- faith (including children in school uniform praying)
- leadership
- technology
- teachers and students
- parents
- diversity

## YOU ARE AWESOME! Thank you...

We wish to thank each and every one of you for your support of our events this year. We are privileged to work with such a dedicated network of communicators! If we don't speak before the end of term, then we wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to reconnecting in the new year.

During the summer holidays we will be taking some time off but will be back by mid-January. The CEO office is closed inclusive of Monday December 23 – Wednesday January 1.

Join us to celebrate....



First Name and Surname\*:

School Name\*:

Will you be attending this celebration on December 5?\*

- Yes, I'll be there with bells on!
- No, I'm stuck on the naughty list and can't make it this time.

School Calendar 2025

# School Calendar 2025



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	6	7	<b>JAN</b> 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 AUSTRALIA DAY/ SURVIVAL DAY
<b>1</b>	27 AUSTRALIA/SURVIVAL DAY OBSERVED	28	29	30	31	<b>FEB</b> 1	2
<b>2</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>3</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>4</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>5</b>	24	25	26	27	28	<b>MAR</b> 1	2
<b>6</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>7</b>	10 ADELAIDE CUP	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>8</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>9</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>10</b>	31	<b>APR</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>11</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17 HOLY THURSDAY	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 EASTER SATURDAY	20 EASTER SUNDAY
	21 EASTER MONDAY	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27
<b>1</b>	28	29	30	<b>MAY</b> 1	2	3	4
<b>2</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>3</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>4</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>5</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>JUN</b> 1
<b>6</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>7</b>	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>8</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>9</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>10</b>	30	<b>JUL</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>1</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>2</b>	28	29	30	31	<b>AUG</b> 1	2	3
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>4</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>5</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>6</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>7</b>	<b>SEP</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>9</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>10</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	<b>OCT</b> 1	2	3	4	5
	6 LABOUR DAY	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>1</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>2</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>3</b>	27	28	29	30	31	<b>NOV</b> 1	2
<b>4</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>5</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>6</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>7</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>8</b>	<b>DEC</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>9</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 PROCLAMATION DAY	27	28
	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	<b>JAN</b> 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4

## January

- 24 International Day Of Education
- 29 Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake)

## February

- 11 Safer Internet Day
- 12-13 SACE Merit Ceremonies
- 13 Anniversary of National Apology
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 20 World Day of Social Justice

## March

- 2 Clean Up Australia Day
- 4 Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
- 5 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 12-24 NAPLAN
- 20 National Close the Gap Day
- 21 Harmony Day
- 21 National Ride2School Day

## April

- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 9-17 SA Youth Week
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 22 Earth Day

## May

- 11 Mother's Day
- 11-18 National Boarding Week
- 12-18 Catholic Education Week
- 12-18 National Careers Week
- 15 Catholic Education Awards
- 16 National Walk Safely to School Day
- 18-25 Laudato Si' Week
- 19-25 National Volunteer Week
- 21 National Simultaneous Storytime
- 26 National Sorry Day
- 27-31 National Reconciliation Week

## June

- 5 World Environment Day
- 11 International Day of Play
- 15-21 Refugee Week
- 19 Vinnie's CEO Sleepout

## July

- 6-13 NAIDOC Week
- 15 World Youth Skills Day
- 30 International Day of Friendship

## August

- 1 Principal's Day
- 4 National ATSI Children's Day
- 4-10 Catholic Schools Open Week
- 8 Walk a Mile in My Boots, Hutt St Centre
- 9-17 National Science Week
- 11-15 Bullying No Way: National Week of Action
- 12 International Youth Day
- 16-23 Book Week
- 18-22 ESO & Support Staff Week
- 25-31 National Skills Week
- 30 Royal Adelaide Show starts (ends Sept 7)

## September

- 1 Season of Creation (ends October 4)
- 3 Early Childhood Educators' Day
- 7 Father's Day
- 7-13 National Child Protection Week
- 11 R U OK? Day
- 14 Safeguarding Sunday
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21 World Gratitude Day
- 22-25 Catholic Schools Music Festival

## October

- 1-31 Mental Health Month
- 1-31 World Mission Month / Socktober
- 12-18 National Carers Week
- 26 Grandparents Day
- 31 World Teachers' Day

## November

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 10-16 National Recycling Week
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 17 International Students' Day
- 20 World Children's Day
- 25 White Ribbon Day

## December

- 3 International Day of People with Disability



CLICK OR SCAN FOR  
**Key Catholic  
Calendar  
Dates 2025**

This is a useful resource with all the key dates and celebrations.

Print a copy and share with your colleagues.

## Communications & Marketing Professional Learning & Key Dates 2025



RAISING  
HEARTS  
AND  
MINDS

### TERM ONE • JANUARY 28 TO APRIL 11

		WEEK
<b>Wed March 19</b> 9.30am to 4.30pm	<b>Communications and Marketing Conference</b> <i>George Street, Thebarton</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>Wed March 26</b> 15 mins per student	<b>Catholic Schools Open Week Photography - Day 1</b> <i>George Street, Thebarton</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>Tues April 1</b> 9.30am to 11.30am	<b>Facebook Ads 101: Creating Successful Campaigns</b> <i>George Street, Thebarton</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>Wed April 9</b> 15 mins per student	<b>Catholic Schools Open Week Photography - Day 2</b> <i>George Street, Thebarton</i>	<b>11</b>

[Download full Communications & Marketing Professional Learning Calendar 2025](#)



## Who in your school community is making an outstanding contribution to Catholic Education?

The Catholic Education Awards are the perfect chance to recognise the incredible teachers, support staff, leaders, volunteers, or programs shaping lives and making a difference.

Don't let those in your school go unrecognised - get your community thinking about who to nominate now.

[awards.cesa.catholic.edu.au](https://awards.cesa.catholic.edu.au)

**Nominations open January 20 2025.**

Spread the word in your school community about upcoming nominations for the Catholic Education Awards.

Read about the 2024 Award recipients.



# Heartfelt Wishes

 catholic  
education  
south australia

for a **Bright** and  
**Joyful Season!**



**Catholic Education South Australia sends warm wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy Christmas season filled with love and joy.**

Family Advent Calendar



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Week 1</b>	<p>November 24 LET THE Christmas season BEGIN</p>	<p>25 Donate unwanted or unused clothing and toys to Vinnies.</p>	<p>26 <a href="#">Download your letter to Santa</a></p>	<p>27 Have you ever wondered... what the 4 candles of advent represent. what do they mean and why 3 are purple and 1 is pink.</p>	<p>28 Advent is a joyous season of preparation. During these 4 weeks we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.</p>	<p>29 Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. Each Sunday, we light a candle to represent Jesus' virtues, the wreath the candles are placed in symbolises eternal life.</p>	<p>30 Bake cookies for a neighbour or a friend</p>	
<b>Week 2</b>	<p>December 1 1st Sunday of Advent Pray for those in need of HOPE</p>	<p>2 Gifts were given to Jesus from the wise men. Create an ornamental gift</p>	<p>3 Check out your local parish website for upcoming events</p>	<p>4 The wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus. Together as a family make a star ornament or gift tags.</p>	<p>5 Read Christmas stories together.</p>	<p>6 St Nicholas Today is the feast day of St Nicholas. Let's show our generosity &amp; kindness just like St Nicholas.</p>	<p>7 <a href="#">Make Christmas Cards with your family. Download &amp; print free.</a></p>	
<b>Week 3</b>	<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent Pray for those in need of PEACE</p>	<p>9 Feast of the Immaculate conception Think about Mary- the mother of Jesus. Tell her what is in your heart</p>	<p>10 Church bells ring to share the Good News. Create a bell ornament for the Christmas tree</p>	<p>11 The angel came to share the 'Good News' of Jesus being born. Make an angel to place on the tree</p>	<p>12 Do something that bring your family or friends JOY</p>	<p>Look at the Christmas lights/decorations around your neighbourhood, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world</p>	<p>14 Design and make your own wrapping paper</p>	
<b>Week 4</b>	<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent Pray for those in need of JOY</p>	<p>16 Have you ever wondered... why the third Advent candle is a pink (rose) colour?</p>	<p>17 It is called the 'Shepherd's Candle' and is PINK because rose is the liturgical colour of JOY.</p>	<p>18 Caritas are celebrating 60 years. Over this time Caritas in conjunction with the community have helped people in need globally.</p>	<p>19 As a family, take a look at the Caritas website Money raised has helped so many people around the world. Our Catholic schools &amp; families have been a big part of this.</p>	<p>20 Download free printable gift tags</p>	<p>21 Say a prayer for people who are lonely or far from home this Christmas.</p>	
<b>Week 5</b>	<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent Pray for those in need of LOVE</p>	<p>23 Watch a Christmas movie with your family</p>	<p>24 Decorate a white candle for Christmas to place in the centre of your Advent wreath.</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Lay baby Jesus in his manger</p>	<p><b>Catholic School Parents</b> SOUTH AUSTRALIA</p>			

Catholic School Parents SA have produced an informative and activity filled Family Advent Calendar that you can share with your school community.

[Click to download](#)