

15 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Andy and I would like to welcome you to the beginning of a new school year. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break, filled with precious family time, and that 2026 has had a positive start.

We look forward to getting to know our new families joining us in Prep and across all Stages. As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, we trust that you will quickly experience the care, encouragement and strong sense of community that make our school such a special place. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with you as we support each child to grow in learning, character, and faith.

In this communication, you will find important information regarding staffing, along with key dates and details to help you prepare for the year ahead. Tomorrow, you can also expect to receive an introductory email from your child's home teacher, who is looking forward to getting to know your child and working closely with you throughout the year.

We look forward to all that God has in store for us in 2026 and to walking alongside you in the year ahead.

Important dates:

- **Friday 23 January 2026:** Book Drop Off morning 9:00am – 10:00am - bring your books and stationery, see your child's new learning space and meet the teaching teams.
- **Monday 26 January 2026:** Australia Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 27 January 2026:** First day of Term 1
- **Tuesday 3 February 2026:** Parent Information Evening from 6:00pm at the Real Life Christian Church before breaking into Stage information sessions.

Meet the Team:

Prep	
Prep C	Anna Bennett / Jasmine Staunton
Prep D	Melissa Higgins

Stage 2	
Stage 2 E	Ricardo Jorge
Stage 2 F	Nadia McEvoy
Stage 2 G	Elizabeth Buthmann/Martina Toms

Stage 1	
Stage 1 E	Amanda Lourens
Stage 1 F	Jessica Handley/Ashleigh Waldren
Stage 1 G	Nelmari Claassen

Stage 3	
Stage 3 A	Julie Kendrick / Glenn Choake
Stage 3 B	Elise Vargas
Stage 3 C	Melissa Young

Student Development Team:

Student Development Coordinator (Prep – Stage 3)	Sarah Wishart
Student Specialist and School Psychologist	Carlee Johnston
Learning Assistants	Rebecca Albietz, Julianne Singleton, Ari Reddy, Danie McClune, Kerrie Nichols, Michelle Hughes, Brodie Greig

Specialist Team:

PE/Sport	Tim McInnes
Japanese	Ryoko Peel
Learning Resource Assistant	Sarah Cosgriff

Dance	Sophie Parker
Music	Kerryn Vezos

Leadership, Student Wellbeing and Community:

Deputy Principal – Junior School	Kim Winton
Head of School Community and Wellbeing – Springwood	Andy Marshall
Head of School Community and Wellbeing – Carbrook	Zoe O'Donnell
Head of Stage 1	Claire Turvey
Head of Stage 2	Kate Lane
Head of Stage 3	Julie Kendrick
Counsellors	Alison Stone, Tanya Tennent, Byron Hunt
RLCC Associate Pastor (Formation)	Pastor Clare Low
Chaplain	Jayden Van Dyken

Staffing Update:



Mrs Anna Bennett will commence maternity leave at the end of Term 1 as she and her husband prepare to welcome their first baby around Easter. We wish them every blessing during this special time. Miss Jasmine Staunton, who has previously worked in Stage 1 at our Carbrook campus, will be supporting the Prep team during Term 1 and will take on full-time teaching of Prep C from Term 2.

Mrs Ammie Dellosa has stepped away from the Head of Stage 3 role and will return to a full-time classroom teaching position at the Carbrook campus. We are pleased to welcome Miss Julie Kendrick as the Head of Stage 3. She is looking forward to working closely with Stage 3 staff, students and families across both campuses. Mr Glenn Choake will also be joining the Stage 3 team two days each week, working alongside Miss Kendrick as she steps into this leadership role.

Back to School...

Uniform:

All students can wear the sports uniform on Tuesday 27 January, the first day of school. Teachers will have information regarding the specific uniform days for each class/stage available at book drop off morning and will email this information to families. For your reference, below are examples of sport and formal shoes that follow the uniform policy;

Sport Shoe 	Predominantly white or black, leather or mesh laced sports shoe. The Velcro option is for Prep and Stage 1.
Formal Shoe 	Must be a black leather, laced formal school shoe. No Mary Jane (buckle) or sport looking formal shoes allowed. The Velcro option is for Prep and Stage 1.

Hair:

- Hair is to be off the ears, off the collar and above the eyebrows. Longer hair is to be pinned or tied up.
- Hair should be neat and tidy, (no rats tails, horsies, mullets, etc.,)

All students must be able to wear a hat with their hair for health and safety purposes.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located at the Carbrook Campus.

Extended Back to School Hours (January 2026)

The Uniform Shop will open for extended hours from 12th to 23rd January (excluding the weekend and Thursday 22 January). The opening hours will be 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours (During School Term):

- **Monday:** 7:45am – 9:00am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- **Tuesday (fortnightly – Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9):** 7:45am – 9:00am
- **Wednesday:** 7:45am – 9:00am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Online Orders (12 January – 23 January 2026)

Please note, the final date to place online orders for collection before the start of school is **Friday, 16 January 2026**.

Online orders can be collected from the Administration Building on the Carbrook Campus between 9:00am – 4:00pm. You will receive a notification that your order is ready for collection.

The Springwood Campus will remain closed until Tuesday 20 January 2026. Online orders ready for collection after the 20 January can be collected from the Springwood campus between 9:00am – 4:00pm, excluding Thursday 22 January (campus is closed).

During the ordering process, please ensure that you specify which campus you would like to collect your order from.

Uniform shops link - <https://shop.calvarycc.qld.edu.au/>

Parent Information Evening

On **Tuesday 3 February**, we invite all parents, particularly those new to Calvary, to our Junior School Parent Information evening. At this event key staff will share about whole school initiatives before Stage teaching teams unpack classroom / stage -specific routines and upcoming events. The evening begins at 6:00pm at the Real Life Christian Church, then we break off to stage sessions. These will be held back to back at 6:45pm and 7:20pm, so parents can attend multiple sessions if they choose.

General Parent Information

Our website has a Parent Information page that holds details of all the information you may need to help you settle into the year. **Booklists and the Parent Manual** can be found there as well. Please use this link;
<https://calvarycc.qld.edu.au/parent-information>

It's exciting to welcome a large number of new families into our community. We look forward to being able to get to know you more as the year unfolds.

Enjoy the final weeks before school begins, and we will see you at **Book Drop Off morning on Friday 23 January 2026**.

Yours faithfully

Kim Winton and Andy Marshall

Deputy Principal, Junior School and Head of School Community and Wellbeing, Springwood