

CBE-K — THE YEAR OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION KARACHI

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

TWENTY TWENTY SIX — TWENTY TWENTY SEVEN



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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

It gives me great joy to witness the continued commitment of the **Catholic Board of Education-Karachi** toward nurturing a culture of **academic excellence** rooted in faith, discipline, and service. Our vision remains steadfast — to empower our institutions to become centers of holistic development where knowledge, character, and values go hand in hand.

As we move forward, our mission is not only to achieve high academic standards but also to form individuals who contribute meaningfully to society with integrity and compassion. I encourage all our educators and leaders to continue striving for excellence, embracing innovation while staying grounded in our shared values.

ARCHBISHOP BENNY MARIO TRAVAS
CHAIRMAN CBE-K



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As we advance in our commitment to academic excellence, our priority remains the effective implementation of structured systems and processes across all institutions. Strengthening academic frameworks, enhancing administrative efficiency, and integrating technology into our operations are key areas through which we aim to bring consistency and measurable improvement.

The success of these initiatives depends on collective responsibility and disciplined execution at every level.

I encourage all school leaders to remain proactive in adopting these measures, ensuring that standards are maintained and continuously elevated. Through coordinated efforts and shared commitment to quality, we further strengthen our institutions and provide an environment where both educators and students can thrive.

MR. DENZIL D'SOUZA
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CBE-K

OUR VISION

To prepare the young people of Karachi with the knowledge, skills and values for life, work and responsible citizenship inspired by Catholic ethos.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

Academic Excellence is not an option, but a shared responsibility across all our institutions.



APRIL 01, 2026

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A New Beginning: CBE-K Schools Welcome the Academic Year 2026–2027 — The corridors of CBE-K schools came alive once again as the Academic Year 2026–2027 officially commenced across all Catholic Board of Education-Karachi (CBE-K) institutions. Classrooms were filled with excitement, familiar friendships were renewed, and countless new journeys began as students returned with hope, curiosity, and a desire to learn.



BUILDING LEADERS: ALP 2.0 BEGINS

APRIL 10, 2026

The journey toward developing stronger educational leadership took an important step forward with the inaugural session of the Accelerated Leadership Programme 2.0, held on April 10, 2026. Jointly organized by the Catholic Board of Education-Karachi (CBE-K) and the Notre Dame Institute of Education (NDIE), the programme brings together principals and heads in a shared commitment to professional growth and institutional excellence. Designed as a structured leadership development initiative, ALP 2.0 equips prin-

cipals and educational leaders with practical knowledge, strategic insights, and contemporary management skills required to navigate the evolving landscape of education. Through a series of interactive training sessions, participants will strengthen their capacity to lead with vision, foster collaboration, and drive continuous improvement within their schools.

As the programme unfolds, ALP 2.0 is expected to empower school leaders to inspire their communities, enhance educational outcomes, and further advance CBE-K's mission of providing quality education grounded in Catholic values.

Launched

April 10, 2026

Collaboration

CBE-K × NDIE

Participants

12 Candidates

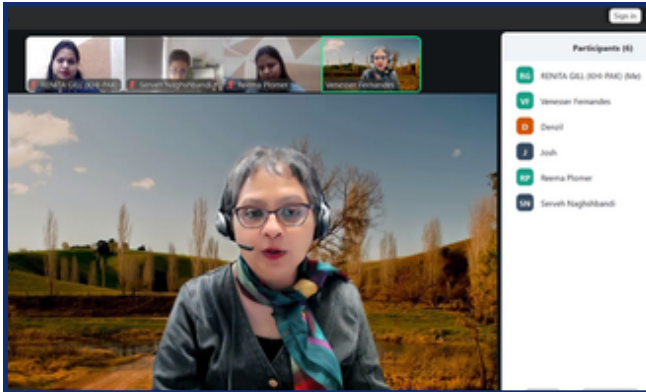
Closing Ceremony

September, 2026

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Effective leadership is the foundation of every successful school. Through ALP 2.0, we are investing in leaders who will shape the future of Catholic education.

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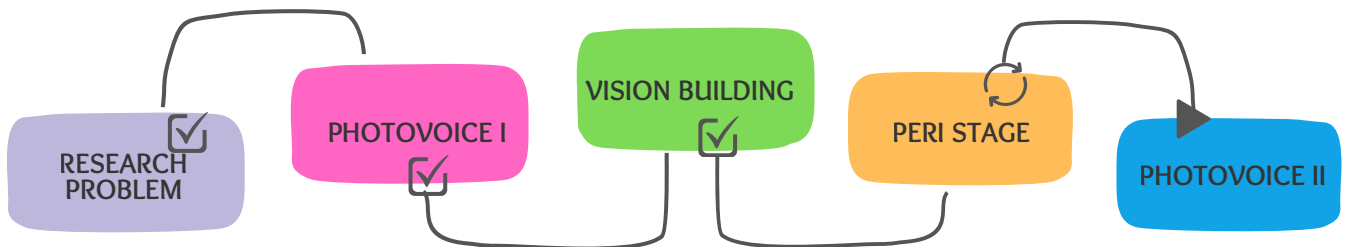


STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS: STILE PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING

APRIL 16, 2026

Catholic Board of Education-Karachi (CBE-K) continued to strengthen its international collaboration in education by holding a coordination meeting with the STILE Project Team on April 16, 2026. The session brought together members of the CBE-K Academic and IT Departments with the Monash team to review the project's progress and chart the next phase of

Implementation. The discussions focused on enhancing collaboration, evaluating current implementation strategies, and aligning future priorities to ensure the successful delivery of the STILE Project across participating schools. Particular emphasis was placed on sustaining momentum and leveraging technology to support effective teaching and learning practices. As a key initiative aimed at improving literacy and numeracy outcomes, the STILE Project continues to foster innovation, professional collaboration, and evidence-based educational practices. Through its ongoing partnership with Monash University, CBE-K remains committed to empowering educators and creating meaningful learning experiences that positively impact students across its institutions.



APRIL 05, 2026



LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ECCE PROJECT

April 28, 2026

An initial planning meeting for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Project was held on April 28, 2026, bringing together the Academic Chairperson and the CBE-K Academic Team. The discussion focused on defining the project's objectives, implementation strategy, and key milestones to ensure a successful launch in the pilot school. The meeting marked an important first step toward strengthening early childhood education through thoughtful planning, collaboration, and a shared commitment to quality learning experiences for young children.

OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Every initiative undertaken by CBE-K contributes to a shared vision of delivering quality Catholic education through strong leadership, empowered educators, modern infrastructure, and strategic partnerships.

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Professional Excellence

Internal and External Continuous Professional Development Programmes
Internal Sessions
Leadership Development
Academic Committee Meetings
Short-Term and Long-Term Trainings

Strategic Partnerships

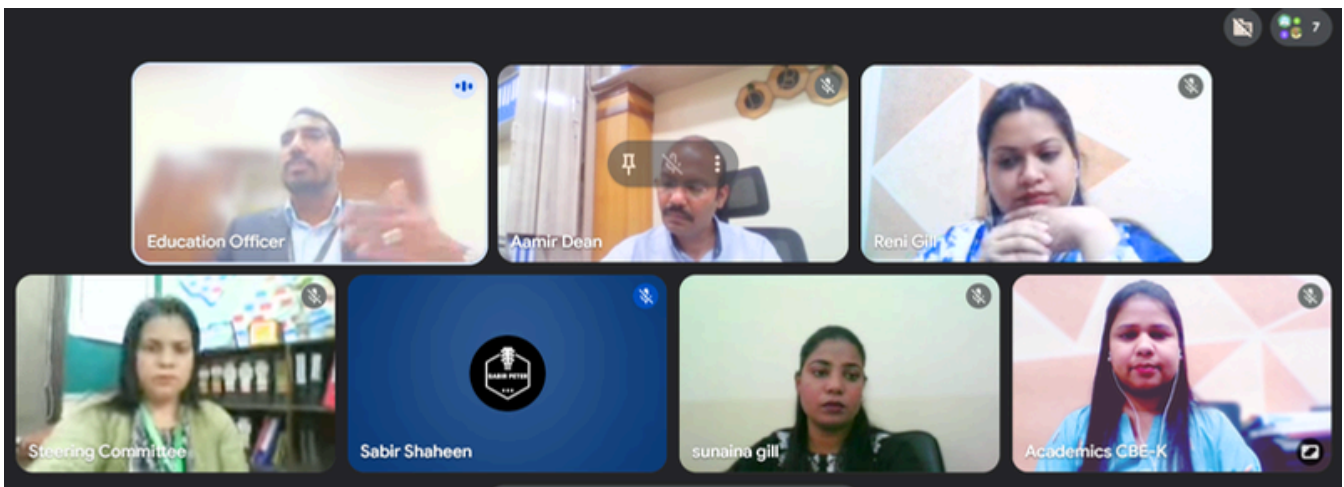
Monash University – STILE Project
Notre Dame Institute of Education (NDIE)
National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC)
MISEREOR Project

Infrastructure

Creating safe, modern, and inspiring learning spaces.
School Renovations
Infrastructure Upgrades
New Building Projects
Campus Maintenance

Continuous Improvement

Academic Planning
Financial Sustainability
Digital Transformation
Policies and procedures
School-wide Initiatives



MISEREOR PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING

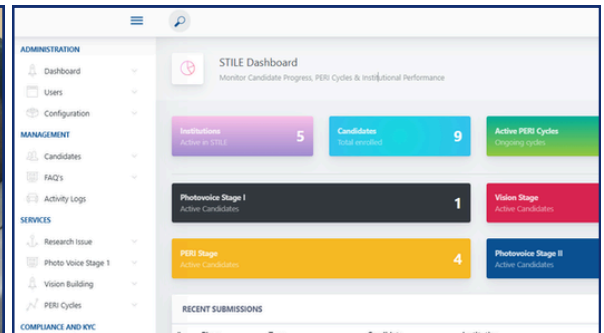
April 20, 2026

The Catholic Board of Education-Karachi (CBE-K) participated in the MISEREOR Project Coordination Meeting on April 20, 2026, alongside the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and representatives from participating dioceses across Pakistan. The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming MISEREOR visit, reporting requirements, and project updates to ensure effective coordination. The session reaffirmed the shared commitment of all stakeholders to strengthening collaboration and advancing the project's goals.

MAY 07, 2026

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

1st MAY 2025



DRIVING INNOVATION : THE STILE PORTAL VIRTUAL TOUR

May 07, 2026

The Catholic Board of Education-Karachi (CBE-K) reaffirmed its commitment to educational innovation by convening a walkthrough session for STILE Portal with the STILE Project Team on May 07, 2026. The meeting brought together the CBE-K Academic and IT Departments and principals and teacher participants from the five pilot schools implementing the STILE Project. The platform provided an opportunity to review progress, share experiences from participating schools, and align strategies for the next phase of implementation.

This interactive session introduced participants to the dashboard's key features, including the use of Photovoice to document school initiatives and monitor progress throughout the PERI Cycle. Designed to support continuous improvement, the platform enables teachers to seamlessly Plan, Execute, Reflect, and Improve, while providing a centralized view of the school's journey and the impact of educational innovations.



PRINCIPALS UNITE TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC PLANNING

May 13, 2026

CBE-K convened a Principals' meeting on May 13-14, 2026, bringing together school leaders to discuss key academic and administrative priorities for the months ahead. The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming Annual Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programme in collaboration with NDIE, along with planning for teachers' summer vacations, staff office timings during the vacation period, and other operational updates.



SCOTTISH SCHOLARSHIP CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION

May 13-14, 2026

On May 13-14, 2026, CBE-K distributed Scottish Scholarship cheques to 17 selected schools, reinforcing its commitment to expanding educational opportunities for deserving students. The cheques were formally presented to Principals and Heads of institutions, who will administer the scholarships in accordance with the programme's guidelines. This initiative reflects CBE-K's ongoing dedication to ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder students' access to quality education, while strengthening its mission of supporting academic achievement and student well-being across its institutions.



17

Institutions Awarded



60

Students Awarded



PKR 1.2 M

Amount Disbursed



NCEC

In collaboration

INVESTING IN EDUCATORS: SCHOOL-BASED INTERNAL CPD

June 01-15, 2026

From 01-15 June 2026, CBE-K institutions conducted School-Based Internal Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions, bringing teachers together for collaborative learning and professional growth ahead of the new academic session/term. The sessions focused on enhancing classroom practices, strengthening pedagogical skills, and fostering the exchange of ideas and best practices among educators. These school-led initiatives reflect CBE-K's commitment to continuous professional learning, ensuring that teachers are well-equipped to deliver quality education and create meaningful learning experiences for every student.

Summer Vacation

REST ► RECHARGE ► RENEW

Beginning June 15, 2026, staff across CBE-K institutions commenced their one-month summer vacation, while students began their two-month summer break following the successful completion of the academic term. The vacation provides an opportunity for educators to rest and recharge for the new academic year.



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The world is a huge laboratory, and summer is the best time to experiment.

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SUMMER CAMPS AT CBE-K SCHOOLS

During the month of June 2026, many CBE-K institutions organized summer camps, providing students with enriching opportunities to learn, explore, and grow beyond the classroom. The camps featured a diverse range of educational, creative, and recreational activities that encouraged skill development, teamwork, creativity, and confidence.

Feedback And Stories

An outstanding initiative that combined learning and fun. The summer camp gave our students an unforgettable experience and a productive break.

Principal - St. Lawrence's School (Morn & Aft)

Hosting the summer camp was truly inspiring. The children returned home excited every day, eager to share activities. It was a wonderful initiative for our community.

Headmistress - St. Barnabas English School

What made this summer camp special was its focus on lifeskills. Students developed teamwork, communication, and leadership in an atmosphere filled with joy.

Principal - St. Anthony's High School

Summer camp brought a wave of energy to our campus. Seeing students step out of traditional classrooms to build hands-on skills and creativity was truly inspiring.

Principal - St. Michael's Secondary School (NK)

Parents were thrilled with the variety of structured activities. It provided an enriching environment, and encouraged student engagement during the vacation.

Principal - St. Francis Xavier High School

Summer camp was full of learning and creative activities. Students participated with great enthusiasm and learned a lot of new things.

Headmistress - St. Theresa's School K6



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY — ST. BARNABAS ENGLISH SCHOOL

May 22, 2026

A significant milestone in the growth of Catholic education was marked with the Groundbreaking (Foundation Stone-Laying) Ceremony for the expansion of St. Barnabas English School. The ceremony was graced by His Grace Archbishop Benny Mario Travas, whose presence underscored the importance of continued investment in educational excellence. The occasion celebrated the beginning of a new chapter for the school, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening educational infrastructure and creating a modern, inspiring learning environment for future generations of students.

HOLYCHILDHOOD PROJECT

April 22, 2026

The closing of HCH Project highlights the effective utilization of the Holy Childhood Grant during 2025–2026. The grant supported students through the distribution of essential educational and personal needs, including uniforms, sweaters, books, notebooks, and shoes. Alongside this support, the school organized a range of faith-based, educational, wellness, sports, and co-curricular activities, including girls' wellness sessions, educational visits, Sports Day, science-centre visits, and religious celebrations. Overall, the Holy Childhood Project contributed to creating a more supportive learning environment while promoting students' educational, physical, spiritual, and personal development.

PREPARING FOR A NEW BEGINNING: SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

During the summer break, CBE-K institutions undertook a range of construction, renovation, and infrastructure improvement projects to prepare for the reopening of schools. Guided by comprehensive institutional needs assessments conducted under the leadership of the Executive Secretary, these upgrades were carried out to enhance classrooms, learning spaces, and essential facilities across campuses. From major renovation works to routine maintenance and infrastructure enhancements, each improvement reflects CBE-K's commitment to providing students and educators with safe, modern, and conducive learning environments.

MAY 27–29, 2026

