

DARANNEWS

19 February 2021



What's On

22 Feb

Year 11 Reflection day McCowage Hall

22 Feb - 24 Feb

Year 7 Camp Cuthbert, Farrer, Goolagong and Lawson

24 Feb - 26 Feb

Year 7 Camp Lyons, Merrick, O'Brien and Phillip

2 Mar

Moderation day. No classes for all students

8 Mar

Canberra Day Holiday

11 Mar

Family Mass McCowage Hall



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From the Principal



**Dear Parents/Carers,
Staff and Students,**

The 2021 school year is well underway and it has been wonderful to experience blue skies and relative normality following the uncertainty of 2020.

Whilst our ability to travel over the break was curtailed at times, I hope that all families were able to find time to relax and spend time together, whether that was through a 'staycation' or being able to discover hidden gems further afield in other parts of Australia. It was great to see the students back and settling well into school in early February. Along with our Year 7 students and new students in Years 8-12, we welcomed a number of staff who are new to the College this year. It was wonderful to be able to welcome each of them into our community when we gathered for the first formal occasion of the year at our Opening Assembly.

School events

We have had several major events already this year including our House Swimming Carnival last week which, despite the rain, showcased Daramalan and House spirit through the enthusiastic participation of students and staff alike. Congratulations to our House Captains for their efforts in their first major House event. This week we were fortunate to have the MSC Provincial, **Fr Chris McPhee MSC**, as the main celebrant for our Opening Mass and the Commissioning of Principal and 2021 Student Leaders. The Mass was concelebrated by our Chaplain, **Fr Kimi Vunivesilevu MSC**, **Rev Fr Stephen Hackett MSC**, **Fr Simon Falk**, **Fr Andrew Lotton** and **Fr Troy Bobbin**. COVID-19 restrictions limited the number of visitors



Commissioning of Principal



Swimming Carnival 2021

From the Principal



Opening Mass

and guests that we were able to invite and have physically onsite, however, we were able to live stream the event for families and guests who could not attend. Among the invited guests were parents of our Year 12 Leaders as well as representatives from Chevalier College, Bowral, and other Catholic secondary schools in Canberra. Our student leaders have been doing an excellent job in the first few weeks of the year, so it was pleasing to see them receive their badges at the end of the Mass.

The 2021 Captains are:



School Captains – **Maya Smith** and **Patrick Phillips**

Portfolio Captains

Arts and Culture – **Isabella Miller**

Environment – **Asha Patterson**

Mission – **Sophie Gibson**

Social Justice – **Lisa Hutchinson**

Sport – **Andrew Cannon**

A list of the House Captains and Peer Support Leaders for 2021 is included later in this edition.

Year 7 Parent Welcome Events

In order to continue our tradition of hosting the parents of our Year 7 students, we needed to adapt the format this year to ensure that we were COVID-compliant. The format of four Canapes and Drinks evenings were held in the McMahon Courtyard over the last two weeks. It was wonderful for parents to be able to attend the College, meet other parents whose

children share the same House and to experience the refurbished courtyard facilities. I wish to thank publicly the many staff who contributed to these evenings which were a great success. We are very fortunate to have an excellent team of people including the head of Hospitality **Janette Kline** and her team of staff, and all the staff from other areas of the College who helped either in the background or on the evenings. We thank them for their flexibility and willingness to trial a new format for the evening. Our thanks are also extended to **Yvonne Turnbull** who managed all the bookings; members of the College Board, the P&F Committee, the Executive, and Pastoral Tutors and PCAs who attended. I wish to make special mention of our Hospitality students and student leaders who did an impressive job in helping to create and serve food and drinks on the evenings. We received many very positive comments from parents who attended, about both the quality and standard of the food and service.

Year 7 Camp/Digital Readiness Course

Our Year 7 students go on camp next week, so we wish them good weather and hope that they have a wonderful experience. If there is any delay with the return of the buses on Wednesday and Friday, we will send an email to Year 7 parents about this. During the two days that students are not on camp they will be participating in a digital readiness course here at school after which they can start bringing their laptops to school.

Year 11 Reflection Day

Our Year 11 students will participate in their Reflection Day, A Day of Hope, facilitated by **Glen Gerreyn** on Monday. This day provides them with an excellent opportunity to reflect on the beginning of their journey as Senior students. Feedback from students after these days is always extremely positive and they find **Glen** to be quite inspirational. I am sure that Monday will be no different. This will be followed by a parent evening based around Positive Parenting. Registrations for this event have closed, however, details as to how to access the presentation online after the evening will be distributed to families by **Cheryl Hamill**, AP Mission.

Moderation Day

On Tuesday 2 March there are no classes for students in Years 7-10 so no student in Years 7-10 should come to school on that day. There are AST trials scheduled for students in Years 11 and 12 on that day and students will receive further information about these including what times of the day they will be required to attend school.

Family Mass

On Thursday 11 March, the annual Family Mass will be held in McCowage Hall. All families are warmly invited to attend.



Students visiting Daramalan for Opening Mass

From the Principal

Information about how to register your family's attendance will be sent closer to the evening so that we can ensure that we are able to gather in a COVID-safe manner. The celebrant will be **Fr Kimi MSC**, our Chaplain. It will start at 6.00pm and will be followed by a light supper.

House Athletics

We are hopefully of being able to hold the College Athletics Carnival as we have in previous years. It is calendared to be held on Friday 12 March. We have sought an exemption from ACT Health to hold the carnival at Dickson playing fields and are waiting for this to be confirmed. Once we have confirmation that the event can go ahead, details will be sent to families. As with other days on which we hold special

events, students will be expected to be at the carnival for the whole day. There will be activities for students to assist with even if they are unable to compete or participate in events.

P and F AGM

On Wednesday 3 March, the Parents and Friends will have their AGM. All parents are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in the College Board Room which can be accessed from the front carpark near Reception. Should the meeting need to move to comply with COVID-safe protocols, signage will be placed on the entry doors near Reception.

There is an email address for P and F correspondence. It is pandf@daramalan.act.edu.au should you wish to contact the Committee with any matter.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are encouraged to

contact the College Business Manager, **Hugh Boulter**, to make an appointment to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au

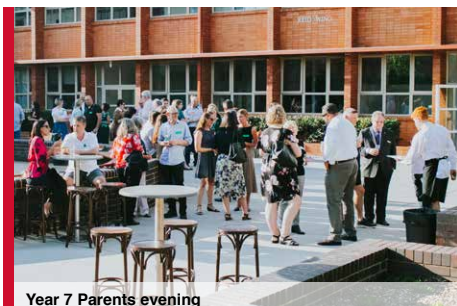
Enrolments for 2022

The College Open Evening will be held on Thursday 25 March. This will be held in a COVID-safe manner to provide prospective families an opportunity to see the school's facilities, especially those seeking enrolment into Year 7 and Year 11, 2022. Details will be available on the College Website closer to the evening outlining the booking process and the format of the evening.

Best wishes,
Rachel Davies- Principal




Hospitality Students at the Year 7 parent evening



Year 7 Parents evening



First day for Year 7 2021

2020 Year 12 and Vocational Education and Training Results

The following are highlights of the results achieved by Year 12 Daramalan students last year.

In 2020 there were 176 students in Year 12 at Daramalan and all those students received an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate. Of these, 138 students chose an ATAR package and therefore received an ATAR which may give them access to a University course.

The highest ATAR received was 99.65
6 students received an ATAR above 99
15 students gained an ATAR over 95
22 students achieved an ATAR above 90
100 students received an ATAR of 65 or higher, allowing them general entry to a course at the University of Canberra
44 students achieved an ATAR of 80 or higher, allowing them access to a course at the ANU

Many of our Year 12s were awarded one or more Vocational Certificates. This is a significant achievement as the vocational certificates are nationally recognised qualifications which add to the skill set of these students and enhances their ability to gain employment. The following number of Vocational certificates were achieved last year by students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Automotive Technology - 5 Certificates
Business Services - 4 Certificates
Computing - 52 Certificates
Design and Textiles - 2 Certificates
Hospitality - 13 Certificates
Furniture Making - 4 Certificates
Metal Engineering - 1 Certificate

We congratulate the graduates from 2020 and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Student Leaders 2021

College Captains	Maya Smith
	Patrick Phillips
Portfolio Captains	Arts and Culture Isabella Miller
	Environment Asha Patterson
	Mission Sophie Gibson
	Social Justice Lisa Hutchinson
	Sport Andrew Cannon

House	Captains
Cuthbert	Abigail Mitchell Matthew Rickard
Farrer	Grace Davis Aidan Murray
Goolagong	Emily Keane Shaun Harris
Lawson	Mia Poels Joseph McMillen
Lyons	Lara Kennedy Patrick Bethune
Merrick	Emma Horne Luka Brozinic
O'Brien	Brooke Kildey Izac Alves
Phillip	Poppy Grosse Gurkirat Singh

Peer Support Leaders

Cuthbert	Maurice Baxter Jade Breen Nicholas Garnsey Charlotte Mitchell Zoe Mitchell Sophie Wade
Farrer	Jamie Hennig Jackson Marchei Risindu Nanayakkara Meili Rae Astrid Rosario Amelia Ryan
Goolagong	Dylan Charles Ella Harries Trudy Harries Jaime Hutchinson Isabella Mazur Aaron McGivern
Lawson	Mackenzie Birrell Charlie Godfrey Isabelle Muller Oscar O'Hearn Olivia Thorpe Samuel van Leeuwen
Lyons	Finnian Bissell Sophia Bissell Frederick Dimmock Tess Fitzgerald Jack O'Donohue Bella Zillman
Merrick	Ella Cooper Brooke Forster Jack Gunning Ashlee Humphrey Simon Krupka Zac Montagnino
O'Brien	Maxwell Berry Moki Di Petta Simon Huckstepp Eleanor Leece Oskar Spate Emilie Van't Hof
Phillip	Jarrod Bates Ava Llewellyn Genevieve Montefiore Gardner Lily Morse Geraldine Motha Antonio Pelivan

Online Safety

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 9 February. Online safety is a central component of student education and at Daramalan we explicitly address it in our Pastoral Care lessons, information evening and presentations to our students. Parents also have an important role to play in discussing and regulating students on matters relating to online safety. To support this process, we encourage all parents to become familiar with the information available on the following websites.

Office of the eSafety Commissioner. The iParent portal gives parents information about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable

online experiences. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner also handles reports of cyberbullying, offensive and illegal content complaints, and image-based abuse complaints. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

ThinkuKnow. The parent portal on this website has information specific to online safety that is accompanied by videos, factsheets, and guides. <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au>

The College also encourages our students to use the anonymous online reporting system safeguard which can be found on Daranet. This is a reporting system that students can use that links



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AROUND CYBERSAFETY, NOT JUST ONCE.**

directly to the Assistant Principals of Pastoral Care and offers a pathway to seek assistance. Our Pastoral Leaders and counsellors are also available to support students during school hours.

Important Attendance Requirements for all students

It is a requirement under the ACT Education Act that all students under the age of 17 years who do not have a Year 12 Certificate or an approved exemption from full-time school, attend school on every day the school is open for attendance and all activities that the school requires the child to attend, unless there is a reasonable excuse. Please be aware that attendance records can result in a student being unable to be assessed which could have an impact on a Year 10 Certificate or ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

Furthermore, attendance at all scheduled days and lessons at Daramalan is compulsory. In Years 11 and 12 Daramalan College is also required to implement the Attendance Policy of the ACTBSSS. This policy states that a V Grade will be assigned to students who accumulate more than 10% of unexplained absences in a semester unit. A V grade may jeopardise the student's ability to meet the minimum requirements for the award of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and/or an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

All students whose early departure impacts on their attendance at one or more classes are to report to the

Student Office with a note to explain their absence. Year 7-10 students without a note will not be able to leave the school grounds (or any designated school event).

Student absences can be explained by replying to the SMS notification, emailing the relevant Pastoral Leader, or filling out an absentee note in the back of the student diary and submitting it to the Pastoral Tutor. Parents must email the Principal directly to gain approved leave when planning family travel or planned leave for a duration of five or more days.

Students are not permitted to text parents to say that they are unwell and need to be collected. All students are required to go to First Aid if they are unwell, to ensure their safety and wellbeing. First Aid will contact parents if a student needs to be collected to go home.

Students arriving after 9.00am are required to sign in via the Student Office without exception.

Further information on absence processes and procedures can be found in the student diary.

FIRST AID Information

We encourage all parents/carers to put the direct number for our First Aid Department into the contact list on your phone as - Daramalan First Aid, 6245 6309 - for easy identification should we need to contact you.

If your student is required to take medication during the school day, please complete a Medication Administration Authorisation form (available to download at www.daramalan.act.edu.au/forms). We do not administer any medication to students without this form being completed by a parent/carer and is required to be completed in all circumstances. This applies to all medication, including those available over the counter (such as Panadol or Nurofen) and prescriptions.

It is our preference for students not to carry medication on their body during the school day, but to leave it with our First Aid staff. The medication is to be supplied in its original package with manufacturer's instructions visible. Prescription medication is to be labelled by the pharmacy.

Thank you for your support in enabling us to best care for your son/daughter.

Food Technology

Christmas Cheer delivered from Year 9 Food Technology Students

At the end of 2020 Year 9 Food Technology students made 20 gingerbread houses to bring a little Christmas joy to people in need. This year our houses were gratefully received by Skipper Care. Skipper Care is a disability support provider located in Canberra and surrounds. They provide one on one support for in home care, personal care and/or community access. They assist young adults with building independence skills, provide short term accommodation and domestic assistance. Skipper care happily took our houses and distributed them to individuals and families in need. Some comments from the recipients included:

"This is beautiful, my daughter will love it."
"I just wanted to pass on my thanks for the

awesome gingerbread house, it was a great surprise and very much appreciated."
"This is amazing, thank you so much, my children will love it."
"What a beautiful surprise we received, a gorgeous gingerbread house. It really put a smile on our faces, and we feel so lucky to receive it. Thank you very, very much."
"Big thanks from the boys."



Rebecca and Kagen Skipper – owners of Skipper Care

Mission

Reflection from Cheryl Hammill from the opening Assembly

So, 2021 is our Year of Respect, and for a few weeks before school resumed, I'd been thinking about what a good symbol for respect might be. There's the obvious one, people embracing or shaking hands, and while this is a great symbol, I didn't feel like it told the full story of what respect means so I Googled symbols and made some interesting discoveries. For example, did you know that the daffodil symbolises respect and admiration, and that an elephant is a symbol of respect in some cultures because its outside strength and power hides a gentle and kind heart. I like elephants and I quite liked this description of them but neither the daffodil nor the elephant seemed to be quite the right fit as a symbol of respect.

Eventually, inspiration came! It was while I was on holidays on the mid North Coast of NSW and spending a lot of time on the beach and no, the symbol I came up with wasn't a seashell – it was a rock!

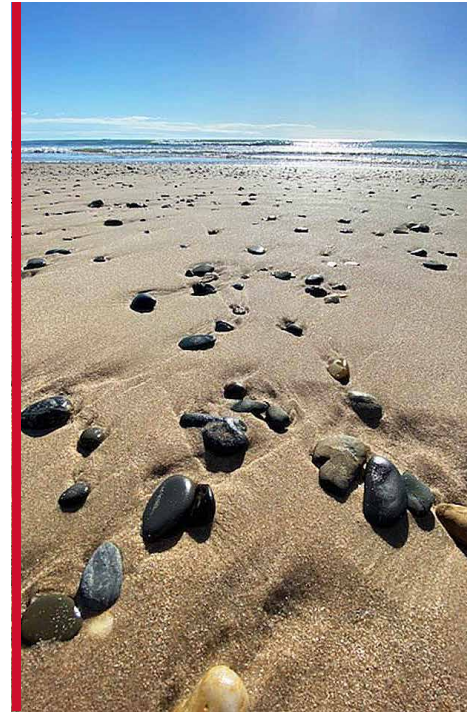
So how did a rock come to be my symbol of respect to share with you today, because I don't mind telling you that when I stepped on that beach on that first day and saw lots of little rocks littering the beach, I was a little disappointed. Rocks, at this time in my mind, were far from being a symbol for anything and more of a nuisance as they were spoiling the pristine white sand and were a little hard on my feet when walking barefoot.

However, the more I walked along the beach, the more I noticed how beautiful and colourful the rocks were, and I began to start picking up a few that caught my eye. I noticed each rock was different and seemed to have a story of its own. No two rocks were the same and while many of them looked a little similar they had slightly different shapes or patterns and were different sizes. Some of the rocks were smooth and flat, the ocean had weathered them – they were perfect for skimming - others were a little jagged – they had been shaped by their experience of being tossed around in the sea.

The more I looked at the rocks on the beach the more I realised that each rock had been formed by the sea, each rock had been dragged in and out of the ocean by the tide and each rock had found itself on many different beaches. The thing that I realised that connected them was that they were created by God and God made them strong, strong enough to withstand the waves and currents of the ocean.

We are like the rocks on the beach. Each of us is different, each of us has been shaped by our experiences, each of us has been created in love and each of us has been made stronger and wiser by life's challenges, and this is something to be respected.

Our mission at Daramalan is to be on earth the heart of God and this begins with our treatment of one another. We don't always agree with one another, and we don't have to, but we should respect each other. Respect is often talked about as something to be earned and while there is some truth in this idea, each of us should expect to give and receive respect because of our shared humanity.



My wish in 2021, is that Daramalan will be a place where respect flourishes, where we are considerate of the fact that each of us is different, and that is a beautiful thing. Most of us have been tossed around by the waves at some point in our lives or we have been carried in and out of the beach by the current. Each of those rocks on the beach had been on its own journey – just as we have. So, let's make a conscious effort this year to be aware of other people's experiences and feelings. Let's take the time to listen and understand them and most importantly to treat them as you would like or expect to be treated!

Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons is running again in 2021 at Daramalan College! We had a very successful year in 2020, and the momentum has continued this year with an astonishing number of new participants! We already have six groups preparing to run campaigns - five of these being run by students from a range of different year groups.

Many returning club members from last year participated in the 'Clubs and Co-Curricular Showcase', where we ran a stall during lunch. They had a great time talking to students and teachers alike about Dungeons and Dragons and contributed towards making our stall such a success.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, we meet in the seminar room of the Information Centre, Tuesday and Wednesday lunch times. As always, new members are most welcome (no prior knowledge or experience required). Hope to see you there!



Lauren Ivancic (Year 9), Charlotte Jimmieson (Year 9), Chloe Parkinson (Year 9), Mr Alex Hesterman, Harry Rossiter (Year 9), Simon Krupka (Year 10), Callum Fenwick (Year 10)

guò nián hǎo! (Happy Lunar New Year!)

Ms Yang from the Information Centre, was happy to share her culture with our school community by hosting some calligraphy lessons in the library. The students learned how to use traditional Chinese calligraphy brushes whilst learning to write some simple greetings. Ms Yang was very engaging when she explained how posture and brush grip is reflected in the quality of the brush strokes. She was very ably assisted by **Mr Liang** who also donated his time.

Lunar New Year is celebrated with great gusto all over Asia and in many parts of the world. Unlike the traditional Western calendar, the Lunar New Year begins on the day of the second new moon after the winter solstice. It is a practice that is over 5000 years old, where families and communities come together to celebrate with fireworks, parades, performances, traditional foods and gifts.

The Information Centre would like to wish the Daramalan community a very xīn nián kuài lè, wàn shì rú yì (Happy New Year and may all go well with you).



Effective Sustainability Education on Mount Majura



A major theme of Unit 3 in the College Earth and Environmental Science course is the sustainable use of the Earth's resources. This unit prepares students for the careers and challenges of the 21st century, where we need "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

On Monday 15 February 2021, Year 12 students studying Earth and Environmental Science were taken on a guided cultural tour of the saddle between Mount Majura and Mount Ainslie by Ngannawal custodian **Mr Tyrone Bell**, of Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural and Land Management Services. Also on the tour were **Ms Sophie Peacock** and Environment captain **Asha Patterson**, Mission captain **Sophie Gibson**, Arts and Culture captain **Bella Miller** and Social Justice captain **Lisa Hutchinson**.

Mr Bell explained the sustainable land use of the Ngannawal people such as the consumption of bush tucker, the use of reeds in basket making, making natural soap, reading the landscape, making boomerangs from tree roots and using

fire to hunt and manage the land. He also showed the students a collection of artefacts such as knives, spear heads and hammer stones. Interwoven with the sustainable use of resources and connection to country were some of the history and spiritual beliefs of the Ngannawal people, and the preservation of their language. **Mr Bell's** most powerful message was that of custodianship rather than ownership: the importance of leaving the environment in as good or better shape for your successor as it was when handed over to you.

Hopefully, this part of the course inspires some of our students to become professional environmental scientists and help us all to have a sustainable future. Since the College began this course in 2015-16, 15 students have gone on to pursue earth science or environmental science degrees at ANU and UC, with at least two students graduating this year.

Our next excursion looks at the health of urban wetlands and waterways. Then we are off to Gunning and the Shoalhaven River to learn how to fossick for sapphires and pan for gold.

Dance

Both our Year 8 Dance classes are off to a flying start, learning two cultural dances already - the Taba Naba from the Torres Strait Islands and an Indian Bollywood dance.



Drama

THEATRE AND DRAMA FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 AND 8

The Daramalan Theatre Company Junior Ensemble aims to provide opportunities that introduce students to theatre, acting, group working methods, storytelling, script reading, personal communication skills, theatre games, use of space, vocal and movement exercises and performances for audiences. The Junior Ensemble is scheduled to perform in ACT UP at the Canberra Theatre Centre in June.

When, where, and how do we meet?
Thursdays (after-school) 3.45 – 4.45 AND
some lunch times in C1.

If you missed the first Thursday session on 18 February, you are very welcome to come and start on Thursday 25 February.

To register, send an email to joe.woodward@daramalan.act.edu.au with your name, year and a brief reason why you would like to join. You will then be sent an offer letter for you and your parents to sign. AND we are off and creating theatre!

Daramalan has established a big reputation for theatre and drama. Come and join us and help take it to the next level!
So, stand by for a great show and a class act!



Music Ensemble rehearsals are underway for 2021.

All new and returning musicians are invited to come and play!

Rehearsal Times

String Ensemble and Senior band - Monday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Junior Band - Tuesday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Jazz Band - Thursday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Choir - Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in S4 and Thursday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Beginner Band will start Friday March 5. Application forms can be collected from the Music Office in the Sharpe Quad.

Instrumental and vocal lessons are also offered during the school day.

Please see **Mrs Coggan** or **Mr Jackson** if you have any questions.

Careers News

The Australian National University – applications open in March

Information Session – Students in Years 10 to 12 are invited to attend an ANU information session on **Friday 26 February at 1pm in the Seminar Room (in the Information Centre)**. An ANU representative will outline the ANU requirements, the application process (including scholarships) and will be able to answer any questions that students may have.

Applying in 2021? Applications for the ANU open in March 2021. The ANU encourages all domestic school-leavers interested in studying at ANU in 2022 to apply directly in March 2021. Within this free application, students apply for admission, guaranteed accommodation, and over 200 scholarships.

Offers released on 9 August 2021 are based on Year 11 results and these will be honoured for study in 2022 so long as students complete Year 12 and achieve an ATAR. If Year 11 results do not meet the entry requirements, they will automatically consider Year 12 results in the December offer round.

Students will need to meet the co-curricular or service requirement and the requirements have been adjusted due to the disruptions of COVID-19.

Defence Force Recruiting

Upcoming information sessions:
22 and 24 Feb – Navy Careers (online)

23 Feb – Tri service: Gap Year (DFR Canberra)

1 Mar – ADFA (online)

2 Mar – Tri service: Women in Defence (DFR Canberra)

9 Mar – Tri service: ADFA (DFR Canberra)

For more information and to register go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

25 Feb – Indigenous students are invited to the Indigenous Careers & Pathways in the ADF Virtual Information Session. The Indigenous Team are offering the opportunity to speak with students and answer any questions they might have about the recruiting process, jobs available in the Australian Defence Force and the different pathways for entry. Contact Careers@daramalan.act.edu.au for details on how to register.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment

AIE is a leading educator in the fields of Games, Animation and Film VFX. A not-for-profit organisation with campuses in Australia, the United States and Online, AIE has successfully trained thousands of industry graduates working across the world in the creative media industry.

They offer a range of courses teaching Games Design, Programming, 3D Art and Animation, and Film VFX through a range of study options including Introductory Courses, Dual Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and Graduate Diplomas. They also offer a work experience program. For details go to www.aie.edu.au/

SFC Pilot Training College

Open Day – Sydney Flight College (SFC) is having their annual open day on Saturday 10 April 2021 at Bankstown Airport. Students and parents are welcome to view the facilities and fleet, chat to a course advisor, and enjoy a free BBQ lunch. Due to COVID, bookings are essential, and can be made at <https://www.sfcaero.com.au/about-us/open-days>

Charles Sturt University

Medicine Information Nights – A great opportunity for anyone interested in studying Doctor of Medicine in 2022 and beyond. These nights include key course information, entry requirements, application process, scholarships and more. Online registration is required as numbers at each event are limited.

Wagga – Tues 16 March

Orange – Mon 22 March

Bathurst – Tues 23 March

Online – Tues 4 May

To book: <https://study.csu.edu.au/med-info-night>

AFTT (Academy of Film, Theatre and Television)

Registrations are now open for AFTT's Open Day on 22 May at the Sydney campus. Students can also register to

attend AFTT's High School Introductory Workshops and learn what a career in the theatre production, film or acting industry would be like! Register now <https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/highschoolworkshops>

Sydney Design School

Two Day Taster Course: Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop 14 & 15 April 2021 Considering a career in interior design? Sydney Design School have created a two-day taster course for their accredited Certificate IV in Interior Decoration during the April school holidays. Be inspired by practicing Interior Designers to create a scheme for a living space in your home. Book your seat online here <https://bit.ly/3rADyyJ>

UCAT Webinars

Free UCAT Webinars for Year 12 and 11 Students (28 February and 14 March) – This free webinar will cover a Term 1 and 2 timeline to keep students on track, including weekly prep goals and study milestones. Register: <https://www.icanmed.com.au/webinars>

US University Admission Requirements

US universities will no longer require nor recommend students to sit SAT Subject Tests nor the optional writing section of the SAT. Both these tests will be phased out globally by June 2021. Internationally Educated has written an article with further details <https://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/post/college-board-eliminates-sat-subject-tests-and-optional-sat-essay>

Social media - The UAC Facebook and Instagram page will give you regular and timely updates on university entry. We will also help you understand ATAR calculation, pathway programs, scholarships and schemes that will help your child.

Parent Updates newsletter - Sign up to the UAC Parent Updates newsletter for important info about university entry.

Live and digital events - In 2021, UAC's hosting many live digital events aimed at parents, teachers and Year 12 students. Follow our social media page for updates.

UAC website - All the information you need to help your child transition from school to university.

Direct messaging - Send us a direct message on Facebook or Instagram, our website live chat or give us a call on (02) 9752 0200.



Resources Year 12 Parents



Here's how you can help your child prepare for 2022 university entry.

Swimming Carnival

The annual Daramalan Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 12 February and despite unfavourable weather conditions; was a great success! Thank you to all the students who attended and participated in support of your House. Merrick House sent ripples down the pool with their thunderous cheer and were able to take home the Spirit Plate, while the sheer number of participants in Lawson House, helped them secure the House Cup. Throughout the day it was dark and cloudy but nevertheless, all races took place before the rain fell towards the end. Thank you to all the staff members and House Captains who spent their time on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning setting up and of course - thank you to all those who came along on the day.

Andrew Cannon
Sports Captain



Sport News

ROWING NEWS

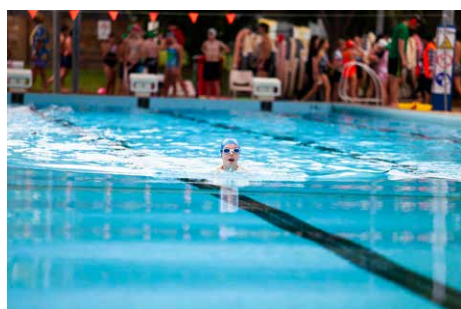
Head of the Lake

Our rowers are looking forward to competing in the Head of the Lake on Saturday 27 February in Canberra. If you are around Weston Park on the day, please come and cheer our rowers down the course.

Come and Try Rowing

The Rowing Club will host a 'come and try' rowing day on Saturday 20 March from 6.00-10.00am. This session is intended for all students that are interested in trying rowing before the 2021 season later in the year. Please complete the form (link below) to register your interest.

[Microsoft Forms link here](#)



WINTER SPORT REGISTRATIONS

Sport plays an important role in the health and wellbeing of our students and we encourage all students to join one of our sports programs. Daramalan offers Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Rowing Hockey and Cricket, with teams catering for a range of abilities from beginner to elite.

Currently, registrations are open for Netball and Rugby. Registration, trial and training information can be found on Daranet and Team App. Basketball trials have been held and teams are now being finalised. Therefore, any student wishing to play basketball should contact the sports office before registering.

RUGBY

Mr Marty Capon is the 2021 Rugby convenor and may be contacted by email at marty.capon@daramalan.act.edu.au

Registrations for Rugby are now open and information on how to register can be found on Daranet or Team App.

NETBALL

Mrs Lauren Reid is the 2021 Netball convenor and may be contacted by email at lauren.reid@daramalan.act.edu.au

Trials for Years 7-9 are being held this Saturday 20 February, in the Daramalan Gym and players attending should be registered. Students can register for Netball via the link: <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&id=23399&entityid=42392>



- Year 7 students will trial from 10.00 – 12 noon and
- Year 8/9 students from 12 noon – 2.00pm.
- Senior trials have been completed and teams are currently being finalised. Any Year 10-12 student who did not attend trials but would still like to play must see **Mrs Reid** or the sports office before registering.

If a player is transferring from a previous club to Daramalan, please contact **Mrs Hardy** in the sports office to organise a club transfer at Sharon.hardy@daramalan.act.edu.au

Daramalan is also offering mixed netball this season. If your son or daughter is interested in playing in a mixed team, please contact **Mrs Sharon Hardy**.

BASKETBALL

Mr John Gale is the 2021 Basketball convenor and may be contacted by email at john.gale@daramalan.act.edu.au

Basketball trials have been completed and teams have now been finalised. There may be a few places available if any student is still interested in playing this season. Please contact **Mr Gale** before registering.

HOCKEY

Ms Jamaya Ferguson is the 2021 Hockey convenor and may be contacted by email at jamaya.ferguson@daramalan.act.edu.au

Registration for Hockey is still being finalised. Once registrations are open, students will be notified via the Daily News and information will be available on Daranet.



Attention Year 7 Parents



Your child's first round of vaccinations are due in term 1 or 2



The following vaccine will be offered FREE as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program in term 1 or 2

✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 1

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of school and due back to school as soon as possible.

Find a consent card at your school OR download one from our website

Sign and complete the card

Return it to your school ASAP

For more information:

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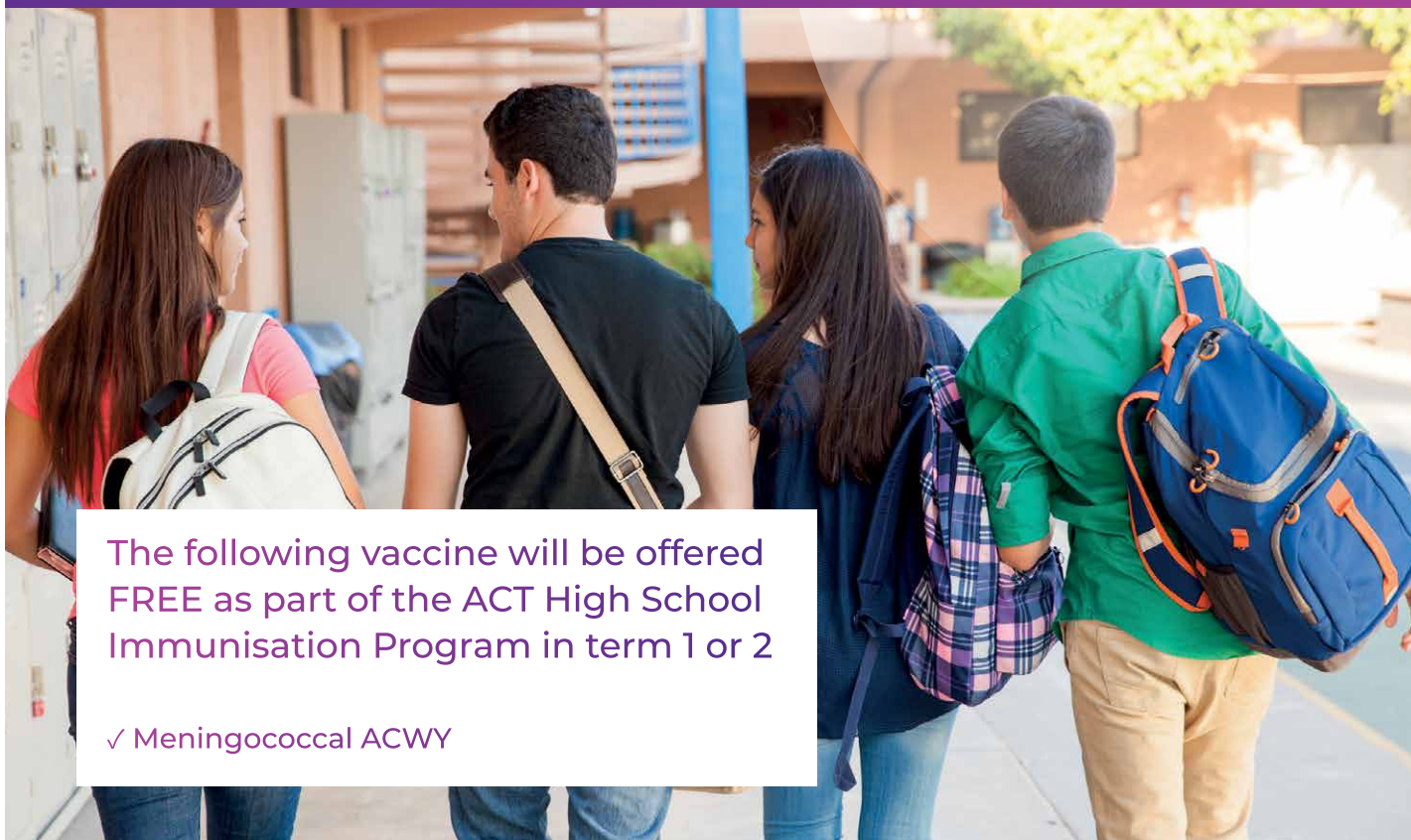
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Attention Year 10 Parents



Your child's vaccinations are due in term 1 or 2



The following vaccine will be offered
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Immunisation Program in term 1 or 2

✓ Meningococcal ACWY

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Sign and complete the card

Return it to your school ASAP

If your child misses this vaccine at school and you returned a consent card, you will receive a letter in the post on how to access this vaccine through your GP.

This will be available FREE from your GP up until your child's 20th birthday.

For more information:

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Ph: 02 5124 1585

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The College invites members of the Daramalan Family to use this Business Directory to locate businesses and services provided by the Daramalan College Community, including former students, alumni, former staff and other supporters.

If you are in business, and would like to advertise in our Directory, please contact yvonne.mead@daramalan.act.edu.au or phone 6245 6334 for more information. Your small fee will go a long way to supporting our Scholarship Fund and your business will be promoted to the wider Daramalan College Community.

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