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Upcoming events

21 February

Year 11 Reflection Day

21- 25 February

Year 7 Camp - POSTPONED

24 February

12:00pm Year 11 2021 Awards
Ceremony McCowage Hall. Live
stream

1 March

Moderation Day, No classes for Year
7 - 10 Students
Year 11 & 12 AST Preparation

2 March

Ash Wednesday

3 March

Year 7 Allwell Testing & Digital Training

10 March

Family Mass POSTPONED

11 March

House Athletics Carnival
POSTPONED, Day 6 Timetable.

14 March

Canberra Day Public Holiday

15 March

Pi Day Celebration



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From the Principal



Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students,

The 2022 school year, our 60th Anniversary year, is well underway. It was great to see the students back and settling well into the all too familiar routines of school including sanitising, cohorting and mask wearing 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. For the vast majority of our Year 7 and new students, the first day of the school year was the first time that they had been able to be onsite at the College. Whilst the current Health Guidelines for Schools do not allow multi-year



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group or whole school gatherings it was wonderful to be able to welcome each of them into our community, albeit virtually, during our first week of the school year at our Online Opening Assembly.

School Events

As I have previously mentioned in my communications, the Guidelines issued by ACT Health that schools must follow for Term 1 have meant that, unfortunately, the majority of our usual calendared events for this term have needed to be postponed, cancelled or their format adjusted. This is very disappointing as Term 1 is traditionally a very busy term filled with wonderful community events such as our House Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, the Welcome events for our Year 7 families, and our College Open Evening and Try Dara Days. Fortunately, we were able to adjust the format of our Opening Assembly and Opening Mass and Commissioning of our 2022 Student Leaders to online events. This year, we had also optimistically planned a number of community events to celebrate and mark our 60th Anniversary. It is hoped that our 60th Celebrations can be held later in the year should restrictions be eased.

This week we were privileged to have the MSC Provincial, **Fr Chris McPhee MSC**, join us in person to celebrate our online Liturgy of the Word and Commissioning of our 2022 Student Leaders to open our school year and with this, our Year of the Heart. During our liturgy, Fr Chris blessed our Year of the Heart badges that all students and staff will receive to commemorate our 60th Anniversary in addition to blessing our Student Leaders and their badges. In his reflection, Fr Chris challenged us to consider not what we have missed out on over the past few years due to the pandemic, but to look outwards and to consider just what we are thankful and grateful for in our lives. Despite some initial technical glitches, the live event was shared with our wider community, with our students and staff joining from their PT rooms, and the families of our student leaders, former staff, and the wider MSC community being able to join us from their homes and workplaces. A copy of Fr Chris' reflection has been included later in this edition of Daranews, and the Live Event recording of our Liturgy and Commissioning can be accessed on the Daranet Live Events tile.

The 2022 Student Leadership Team are:

School Captains: **Lani Di Petta** and **Jack Wunsch**

Portfolio Captains:

Arts and Culture – **Benjamin Philp**

Environment – **Breanna O'Toole**

Mission – **Antonela Simunic**

Social Justice – **Isaac Jaensch**

Sport – **Thomas Dau**

A full list of the House Captains and Peer Support Leaders for 2022 is included later in this edition.

DTC 2021 Junior Production

After the 2021 school year had come to an end in mid-December, the Daramalan Theatre Company staged their junior production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, to a limited in-person audience and through a live stream. Congratulations to all the students, volunteers and staff who persevered to create and perform a magical production. I would like to acknowledge **Joe Woodward**, **Charlotte Blackley**, the Performing Arts team and all the staff, students and volunteers who were involved in the production. The performances were an outstanding success and a testament to the talents that exist here at the College and the dedication of this team to provide such wonderful opportunities.

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.

Moderation Day

On Tuesday 1 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. The College staff will be involved either in the ACT BSSS Moderation process, supervision of the AST trials and other key professional learning activities.

P and F AGM

On Wednesday 9 March the Parents and Friends will have their AGM at 6.30pm. Due to the current restrictions in place for schools, the meeting will be held online via a Teams meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. Parents who



First day for Year 7 2022



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wish to register for the Teams meeting are asked to email pandf@daramalan.act.edu.au by 5.00pm Tuesday 8 March. A link to join the meeting will be forwarded on Wednesday morning to those who have registered.

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

College Board

From time to time the College Board seeks suitable candidates to fill vacancies that may arise.

If any parent wishes to submit an Expression of Interest for a voluntary position as a Director on the College Board, please contact principal@daramalan.act.edu.au to receive further information.

Rapid Antigen Test distribution and Covid notifications

The Rapid Antigen Test allocations for Weeks 1-4 have now been distributed to students for them to take home. Families should have received 8 tests per student to this point in time. If your student was absent from school when the tests were distributed in Weeks 1-3, they should collect their allocation from the Student Office. The ACT Government has extended the provision of the tests for Weeks 5-8 of term. As of today, we have not been notified as to how these will be distributed to schools, whether this will be weekly or the whole four-week allocation at once. I will advise families once I have further information.

Thank you to those families who have been following the protocols and processes that we have in place should your student be identified as a close contact or test positive for Covid-19. Please continue to use the secure form found on Daranet to notify the College.

A reminder to please keep your student at home when they are sick or unwell. Students who are unwell must not attend the College and should stay home and are encouraged to get tested using the RAT provided or undertake a PCR test. While at school, students experiencing symptoms compatible with Covid-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) will be directed to First Aid and will be isolated with appropriate supervision and collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible. At no time will a staff member perform a rapid antigen test on a student at the College.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances, either due to the Covid-19 pandemic or other circumstances, 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.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Eloise Cains**, **Phoebe McAuliffe** and **Claudia Bowditch** (Year 12) who successfully completed Summer Programs at Campion College over the holiday break.



Isobel Olivier (Year 9) competed at the 2021 Australian Show Jumping Championships in January where she achieved 6th place (out of the top 25) with her horse Hannah in the Pearl Series final and 20th place (out of the top 40) in the Opal Series final on her horse Billy. Well done Isobel.

We have also had a number of students selected to represent the ACT at the Australian Junior OZtag Championships in particular our U17's girls team who won the national title in Coffs Harbour this month. Congratulations to all the students who competed in these championships.

Best wishes

Rachel Davies
Principal

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 it 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 prescription medication.

It is our preference for students not to carry medication 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 child.

Student Leaders 2022

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House	Captains
Cuthbert	Claudia Bowditch Lucinda McGilvray
Farrer	Paige Musial Franko Soriano
Goolagong	Tom Randall Scarlett Kenna
Lawson	Grace Read Patrick Osborn
Lyons	Kasey Saunderson Laiken Tuadles
Merrick	Emily Erwin Charlie Carey
O'Brien	Lauren Steinman Isabella Macor
Phillip	Janaya Abbott Edward Field-Wilson

Peer Support Leaders

Cuthbert	Edward O'Brien Ashleigh Nguyen Ben Rickard Charlotte Canavan Nicola McGilvray Paige von Berger
Farrer	Jessica Davis Slater Campbell Amelia Marangoni Lucy O'Neill Jennifer Noveski Kaiden Wickes
Goolagong	Gemma Weller Eliana Mamatas Ella Randall Kenneth Le Bethany Gibson Jack Howlett
Lawson	Annaliese Breiner Joshua Dawes Patrick Edwards Jai Pickersgill Rebecca Tongue Lucy Weller
Lyons	Samuel Bethune Tom Coote Ivana Tajmer Patrick Daly Ksiena Paramonov Ashleigh Green
Merrick	Layla Donnelly Charlotte Kohlmann Daniel Baraniecki Hamish Boneham Nathan Horne Ned O'Toole
O'Brien	Edward Marcks Claire Donaldson Isaac Arthur Cushla Donovan Chloe Barker Jack Shelley
Phillip	Lara Dau Angus Field-Wilson Trent Ward Lucinda York Matilda Rankin Declan Howard



MSC Provincial, Father Chris McPhee's Homily



Daramalan College's Opening Liturgy and Leader's Commissioning

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He knelt at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"

(Extract from Luke 17: 11-9)

This is a great story for today and especially here in Canberra where we are having a lot of demonstrations against vaccinations...my rights...my health, my..., my..., my..., it's all about me!

I'm not against demonstrations – I've demonstrated many times here in Canberra for refugees and the environment.

But we need to look at the whole...the world, and where the world would be if it were not for the doctors and scientists who got to work and discovered a way out of this pandemic.

So, we need to be thankful – like today's story, how many of us are thankful?

I would like to share a little story about Rudyard Kipling...

Rudyard Kipling lived from 1865 to 1936. He was English, yet born in Bombay, India. He wrote poetry and is the author of books like *Captain Courageous*, *How The Leopard Got His Spots* and *The Jungle Book*.

Kipling's writings not only made him famous but also brought him a fortune. A newspaper reporter came up to him once and said, "Mr Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over one hundred dollars a word."

The reporter reached into his pocket and pulled out a one-hundred-dollar bill and gave it to Kipling and said, "Here's a one-hundred-dollar bill, Mr Kipling. Now give me one of your hundred-dollar words."

Rudyard Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks!"

The word "thanks" is certainly a one-hundred-dollar word.

It's a small word but it has powerful meaning. It might only have six letters, but it gets across a message that few other words are capable of achieving.

It's all about how we see the world...what are we thankful for?

What has last year and the year before and now this year been like for all of us?

Is it one to be thankful...thankful for not only the doctors and scientists leading us out of this pandemic, but all your teachers here, the staff, and the Principal – all have worked and have put enormous energy into teaching you – and have learnt new ways and new methods to teach you under extreme circumstance – and how many of us, and many of you are thankful?

You know, I have no idea what it would have been like as a student through these times...no idea what it would be like to be a parent through these times – no idea – and I wonder, how many of us are thankful?

One of my brothers in community keeps reminding me...

"You know we often think why do bad things happen to me...but he says, and keeps persisting me to remember this...why do good things happen to me...what are the good things that have happened to me in the past 12 months...instead of focusing on what is bad in the world...what are we grateful for?"

Today's story is about how we are grateful...how we see the good, and how we recognise the goodness of God's hand at work...even in the midst of pandemics, crises, sickness, distress or just finishing a major task...like Year 10, 11 or Year 12.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He knelt at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"

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Have a wonderful year ahead and let's keep searching for what we are thankful for...being on earth the heart of God.

Year 12 Results 2021

The highlights of the results achieved by Year 12 Daramalan students in 2021 appear below.

Daramalan College had 194 students who received an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate. Of these, 148 students, about 76%, also received an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

The ATAR is a number that indicates the rank that a student has achieved in comparison to other students in the ACT and NSW. It is used to select students for entry to University Courses. In 2021, 66% of Daramalan students doing an ATAR package, received an ATAR of 65 or higher. This result would allow these students to gain general entry to a course at the University of Canberra. There were 35% of students who achieved an ATAR of 80 or higher, potentially allowing them access to a course at the ANU. The following table shows a further breakdown of the ATAR results.

ATAR	Number of Students	
>98	3	
>95	8	
>90	21	
>80	52	ANU Entry
>65	98	UC Entry

The table shows that 3 students received an ATAR above 98 and 8 students gained an ATAR over 95. These students are in the top 5% of the ACT and NSW cohort.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who achieved ATARs over 98.



Abbey Curran

Patrick Phillips

Matthew Papasidero

These students' excellent academic capabilities, their pursuit of excellence and strong work ethic, have allowed them to achieve results in the top 2% of ACT and NSW and we congratulate them for their outstanding achievement.

Twenty-four students in Year 12 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 enhance their ability to gain employment.

Following is a breakdown of the number of certificates achieved last year in the various Vocational Courses for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Automotive Technology - 5 Certificates
Business Services - 19 Certificates
Computing - 44 Certificates
Design and Textiles - 4 Certificates
Hospitality - 21 Certificates

The ACTBSSS presents awards of excellence to Year 12 students in December of each year. The Recognition of Excellence Awards are prestigious awards in that only one student from each college in the ACT is eligible for an award in each category. In 2021, the Daramalan recipients were:

- **Charlotte Cambridge** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Award
- **Efrosini Triantafillopoulos** - Vocational Studies Award
- **Lisa Hutchinson** - Community Service Award
- **Abbey Curran** - Award for Excellence
- **Abbey Curran** - Award for highest ATAR

We congratulate these students for their outstanding achievements and for the wonderful contribution they have made to Daramalan College and the broader community.



Teaching and Learning

Is it not wonderful to be in a rhythm of some teaching and learning normality this year. Last year we celebrated huge innovation and evolutions in digital provisions for learning. But I am sure you would all agree, relationships, connections and cohesion of our learning community can not transverse

pixilation. Being physically present with one another, in real time, building a sense of community, and educating our youth is our core business. Every one of you, teaching staff and support staff, are responsible for making this happen. You are an expert professional team.

Have a look at what is going on around our school in classrooms, every day, here and now. This is inspiring, authentic, diverse and rich.

Thank you to our staff for your excellent work..... and for enlivening our vision to make Daramalan a community which inspires learning, nurtures potential and is strong in faith.

Chris De Britt Assistant Pricpal Teaching and Learning

Peer Teaching in the Library – Mathematics

- Year 9 Mathematics classes broken into three streams (Peer Teaching, Re-teach, Enrich)
- The library staff provide invaluable support, working collaboratively with the Maths Department
- Students highly engaged in tutoring and helping each other
- An innovative approach to learning maths, differentiating, and engaging students
- **Ms Trish Templeton** getting her hands dirty with some Pythagoras's theorem



Reading and Analysing in the Quad – English

- **Ms Brown** seizing the opportunity to be outside, take masks off, enjoy reading and analysing text
- Students of Year 12, contributing to role play and delving into the themes and characters portrayed
- Not only learning, but relating, building confidence and supporting each other in community



Expression through Movement – Drama

- Giving students an expressive voice through movement
- Critically analysing and interpreting, while working together to make something happen
- A student centred approach, facilitated by the mastery (artistry) of the amazing **Ms Amy Kowalczyk**



Engineering Cars – T & D

- The design process is a powerful pedagogical approach to developing our students creative and critical thinking
- To be “hands on tools” in workshops is a unique tactile opportunity, something irreplicable with remote learning
- The DT Department equips our students with invaluable engineering and trade skills.
- Year 8 are learning about aerodynamics, scale drawings and the planning process.
- Year 9 iSTEM are coding, engineering, problem solving and innovating by managing multiple variable and developing solutions

Immunisation Reminder

Forms for Year 7 and 10 to be returned by Monday 21 February please.

Teaching and Learning cont...

Designing and Creating Culinary Delights – Food Tech

- Our students developing the skills of the hospitality and catering industries
- Proud of their final products, having followed a process and empowered to exercise their creative flair
- **Ms Jess Heaton** one member of what is an amazing Food Tech Team



Exploring culture through movement – Dance

- Colourful, dynamic movement, and creative features of Dance allow students to develop their thinking skills and proprioception.
- **Ms Chapman** creates a safe communal space where student feel free to express themselves, explore movement and work as a team
- The smiles, excitement and energy in this space is always contagious
- The cultural aspects of dance genre allow cross curricular priorities to be explored and open the minds of students to being culturally aware



Investigating and Experimenting - Science

- Home experiments are never quite as good as those based in the Lab at school
- Senior students explore the reactivity properties of metals; exothermic magnesium reactions (a crowd pleaser) and acids interacting with metals produce an array of colours
- The hands on nature of Science and the 'magic of chemical reactions' fascinates our students, brings a joy and wonder to their learning experiences and feeds curiosity
- **Ms Nicole Hinton** brings an love of her subject and leads one of our many talented subject area department teams



Being physically active, fit and healthy, as part of a Team – PE and Health

- To take a break from the four walls of a regular classroom and run about, be active and interact with peers in a dynamic physical environment is an essential aspect of education.
- The PE and Health department plays a special role in bring to life our vision of nurturing potential, by providing opportunity to learn about leadership, physical and mental wellbeing and social and emotional capabilities
- Our students are invited to try lots of different physical activities through this avenue
- The PE staff work in team teaching scenarios frequently, share best practice, observe one another and 'know our students' from a unique perspective



Reading as a routine activity – Literacy

- A typical class during our Period 2 and 4 Reading Routine
- Our standardise testing evinces this strategy to be effective in supporting a baseline literacy level
- All our teachers are to be credited for their work in classes every day to building literacy skills through their learning area
- Settled students, ready to be cognitively engaged is a wonderful by product of this routine



Student Safety and reporting suspicious behaviours to ACT Policing

The College has been informed that on Friday 11 February a student from Lyneham High School was approached by a car on De Burgh Street. The occupant of the car offered the student a lift and attempted to entice the student into their car. The student quickly left and alerted their family, and the incident was reported to ACT Policing.

This is reminder to our families to be aware of suspicious behaviour and the importance of student safety. Please remember that there is a need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to the College. If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around the school, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.



School Bus Route Update



This update applies to the diversions currently in place for school route **1020**.

From Monday 14 February, school route 1020 resumed normal operation.

However, bus stops 6006 and 6007 will be closed from Monday 14 February. Alternative stops 6092 and 6093 will need to be utilised.

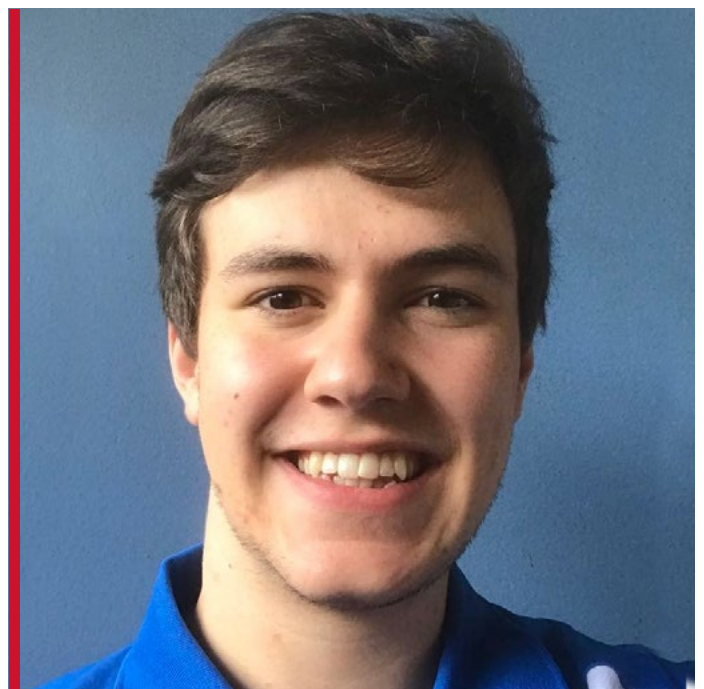
Daramalan Youth Minister 2022

Hello, my name is **Bart Bunk**, and I am the Youth Minister at Daramalan College. As a Youth Minister, I work with students to explore their own faith in God. I am employed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn as a CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) Youth Minister. I am also a former student of Daramalan College, graduating in 2019.

I work with students inside and outside of the classroom, through chats in the playground, lunch time Youth Group meetings and whole school emails and prayers in the Daily News. I am here to support your child at any stage of their faith journey, through discussions, resources and by connecting them to the broader Church. Furthermore, I lead a team of Year 10, 11 and 12 students, known as the Youth Ministry team. This team leads faith and mission initiatives in the school, including the lunch time Youth Groups and school liturgies.

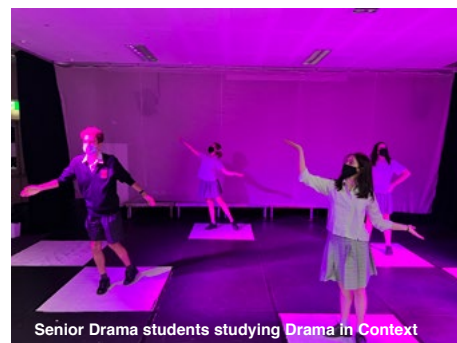
If you have any questions about Youth Ministry at Daramalan, or about how I can support your child in their faith journey, please feel free to email me at

bartholomew.bunk@daramalan.act.edu.au.



Performing Arts is off to a great start in 2022!

Students in Dance, Drama and Music have been excited and engaged by being back in the classroom this year. The students are learning new skills, collaborating with new class members, and extending their Performing Arts talents.



Senior Drama students studying Drama in Context



Year 8 Dance



Year 7 Students in Music learning the Ukulele



Senior Drama - Drama in Context



Year 7 Music



Yr 8 Dance Taba Naba



Year 8 Dance Bollywood



Year 7 Music Class



Year 7 Music



Year 9 Dance

Performing Arts – Student Profile

Name: Benjamin Philp - Arts and Culture Captain

Year: 12

Favourite Subject: Music. I study Music because it has so much variety and history that there is always something new to learn. My current course is exploring musical cultures from around the world, and it has helped me appreciate the many different cultural traditions from around the world.

Favourite Performers: My favourite performers are The Beatles. They always strived to push musical boundaries and took inspiration from a variety of different cultures to create a unique sound that still holds up to this day.

Career Aspirations: My current career aspiration is to become a nurse. I've had some experiences when nurses have saved my life, so I was very inspired to become one. Although, I still wish to have Music and the Arts to be a part of my life.

Something interesting that I'm currently learning: Currently studying Kabuki Japanese Theatre in my World Music course.



Music

The Music Department is excited to see the start of all ensembles in 2022! It has been too long since we have been able to gather and play wonderful music together! We are looking for new musicians in 2022 to join our ensembles, so I encourage all new and existing musicians at Daramalan to call into the Music Office and say hi.

Rehearsal Times:

Senior Band - Monday 3.30pm - 5.00pm in McCowage Hall.

Choir - Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes in McCowage Hall.

String Ensemble – Monday 3.30pm - 4.45pm in S4.

Junior Band – Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.00pm in McCowage Hall.

Jazz Band – Thursday 3.30pm - 5.00pm in S4.

Beginner Band – Friday 7.45am - 8.30 am in S4.

The Beginner Band is an excellent opportunity for Year 7 students to try a band instrument for the first time. The Beginner Band will start rehearsals on Friday at 7.45am in Week 4. Instrument choices include clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, bass, and percussion. The cost is \$50 per Semester for instrument hire. Please see Mr Jackson or Mrs Coggan in the Music Office for an application form.

Jazz Band auditions will be held on 23 February at lunchtime in S4. I am looking for a new vocalist to join the group.

Please let me know of your intention to audition ASAP. Daramalan also offers a wide range of private music lessons. We have professional tutors offering lessons on all band and string instruments as well as vocals and piano. Please drop by the Music Office for further information.

We look forward to many performance opportunities in 2022. I also look forward to meeting our new Daramalan musicians! Play on!

Mr Jackson



Drama - The Trojan Women



Most adventurous theatre project from the DTC

Euripides wrote “The Trojan Women” for its first performance in 415 BC. There have been at least fifteen major productions (including film versions) of it over the last hundred or so years. DTC is currently working on a production in Canberra as a theatre cinema hybrid involving cinematic and live performances. In many respects, it is a Wake. Not the most fun of events ... though strangely an ironic celebration of lives lost; revering the ghosts of often heroic figures who were dehumanised, raped, murdered and forgotten. And it is a necessary event.

As Meryl Streep commented when asked what her role as

an actor was, she responded with: “I am the voice of dead people. So, I’m the interpreter of lost songs ...” Naturally an audience will ask: “But what’s in it for me?”

So, if we are giving voice to dead people who suffered and were forgotten, can this relate to contemporary sensibilities and experience. This isn’t Disney, but it needs to excite the imagination while allowing each audience members their own doorway into the universe it creates and activates.

If you have attended a good Wake after the death of a relative or friend, you will know how the sadness and uncontrollable feeling of loss is somehow transformed into a new recognition of loved ones, friends and new



Drama - The Trojan Women cont...

relationships. The transformation of extreme emotions through sometimes wailing or crying or howling or simply indulging at the bar paid for by the close relatives of the deceased; those conversations about the one who passed and the choices of music that permeate through the space ... are they all somewhat surreal and yet transformative! The arguments that are inevitable and the illicit emotions that stimulate forbidden relationships somehow transform and lead to those emotional infections that may have lasting consequences. Sometimes for better or worse!

But the Wake is a real event unlike a Rave party or an after-party following a show: such parties might celebrate death but without the real sacrifice that has occurred to initiate the Wake. So, with this in mind, we see the development of Euripides' most significant play in light of contemporary sacrifice, death and celebration giving way to renewal: a WAKE!

INCREDIBLE CAST COMMITMENT AND ENERGY

After 24 years of doing theatre productions at Daramalan through the DTC, "The Trojan Women" marks a significant milestone in the development of the company. Not only is the cast so highly committed and energised, they are also doing the work: the research and the necessary development of skills to present such a demanding production. The cast is doing very strenuous workouts in rehearsal times. The process is demanding and rigorous. They are engaging the talent and the academic skills necessary for such an intricate and dangerous work.

DTC has incorporated the experiences of people in the real world of 2022 to bring the production into relevance. Some of our sources cannot be named or identified due to serious security issues.

Certainly, the work has the most serious intent attempted by the company since its inception in 1999. It is also marked by having former students who are either graduates of significant Acting schools such as NIDA or are tertiary students of related subject areas at VCA or ANU or are working in people orientated industries such as Health and Nursing or are professional theatre practitioners in their own right!

There is nothing in the Australian educational Arts setting that can compete with the energy and critical/creative thinking that is invested in our DTC production of "The Trojan Women".

BOOKINGS are now open for the season in The Old Chapel Studio at Daramalan from 23 April to 30 April 2022.

Book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-trojan-women-sfoa4bj4>



Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

careers@daramalan.act.edu.au

The Australian National University

Students in Years 11 - 12 are invited to attend an ANU information session on **Friday 25 February at 1.00pm** in the FLA. 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. ANU Applications will open **Wednesday 2 March and close Monday 23 May**. Students can start their application at any time and log back in as needed to complete the process.

Tuckwell Scholarship application dates will also be confirmed soon, with stage one applications running similar to last year's timeline - <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/apply>

ANU Webinar series - a series of webinars will be run for prospective students throughout the application window. The sessions will run at 4.00pm on Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday 2 March with a student panel Q&A, and including sessions about the application process, accommodation, scholarships, and the co-curricular requirements. The webinar series will be published at <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events> in the coming weeks and students will be able to register for any of the sessions they are interested in via this webpage.

UAC – Year 12 Conference

Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 6.00pm

The Year 12 Conference is designed to give students an opportunity to gather much-needed information about what universities have to offer in order to make informed decisions about their future studies. [Register here](#)

Charles Sturt University

The Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program is now open and gives Year 12 students the opportunity to get into university based on work they've already done and skills they already have. Applications for round one are now open. Students can apply by **31 March 2022** to receive an offer by early May. [Apply here](#).

University of Canberra – Accelerated Pathways Program

Student applications for the UC Accelerated Pathways Program are currently open and will close on Wednesday **9 March 2022**.

This opportunity is open to all Year 11 Tertiary students. This year, courses are being offered in Anatomy and Physiology, Business Decision Making, Creative Writing, Politics and Democracy, and Psychology. [Learn more and apply here](#).

UNSW Girls in Engineering

UNSW has announced a new alternate pathway program through the Girls in Engineering Club to UNSW Engineering, the [GIE FEAS Program](#). The GIE FEAS Program is for Year 11 and 12 girls and non-binary people who will be applying for an eligible Engineering degree at UNSW Sydney and expecting an ATAR within the FEAS eligibility range. Follow the link above for more information.

Launch your Career in Cyber Security Event – Tuesday 15 March at 10.00am

This event aims to facilitate a broad range of opportunities for industry engagement for students in Years 9 – 12. Gain an insight into a dynamic industry where you can develop skills to identify potential security threats, monitor the risk of cyber-attacks and defend the virtual world against breaches. [Register here](#)

2022 YWCA Canberra Great Ideas Small Grants Program

This program provides grants of up to \$2500 to support women, girls and non-binary people in the ACT region to pursue their passions and improve our community. [Find out more here](#).

MyFuture Industry Insights – Construction Industry Thursday 24 February 2022 at 4.00pm

This webinar is presented by member organisations of the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) and will focus on the Construction Industry. The construction industry includes residential and non-residential building, civil engineering and building structure services. Join us as a panel of representatives discuss topics such as where the jobs are, skills shortages and how to find employment in the industry. [Find out more here](#).

UCAT Masterclass mock exam

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is an admissions test used by some universities for their Medical, Dental and Clinical Science degree programmes. Each year UCAT Masterclass hosts a free online mock exam for students who would like to experience the unique online exam. [Find out more here](#).

Defence Force Recruiting

Upcoming information sessions:

22 February – Navy Careers virtual info session

8 March – Women in Defence information session (DFR Canberra)

17 March – ADFA information session (DFR Canberra)

23 March – Royal Military College information session (DFR Canberra) [Register to attend here](#).

JOBS BOARD

Big River Roofing is looking to engage with students interested in undergoing Roof Plumbing or Tile Roofing Apprenticeships. Big River Roofing has a branch in Queanbeyan, with our Head Office in Wodonga, Victoria. We service a large area to complete both residential and commercial works. If you are interested in further information, please contact our Wodonga office on 02 6024 7792, or alternatively you can contact our operations manager Peter Cook directly on 0407 226 138.

Lifestyle Kitchens & Joinery are a commercial joinery company located in Queanbeyan. We have a number of opportunities available for enthusiastic individuals looking to learn and complete a cabinet making apprenticeship. Successful candidates will be employed full time, be paid above award wages (after the 3-month trial period), train to become a fully qualified and competent tradesperson learning from some of the best in the business. If you wish to apply or would just like more information, please email me katie@lifestylekitchens.net.au or call/message my mobile 0413 601 724.

Sport News and Player Profiles

Name: Ada Perks

Year: 10

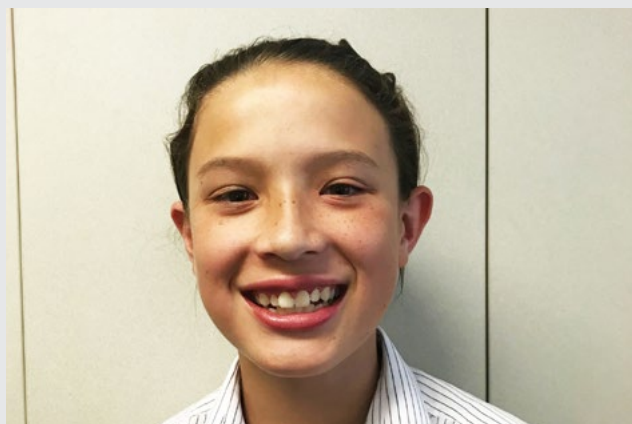
Sport: Rowing

Do you have any superstitions or routines prior to rowing: I always count my strokes during my races

How long have you been rowing and what made you sign up? Two years and I thought it was a really cool sport so I thought I would sign up and give it a go.

Your Rowing Role Model? Coach Jana, she's really funny and makes waking up 4:45am really enjoyable.

What's your 2022 goal for rowing? Have the perfect race at Penrith, finishing first and being awarded a gold medal, knowing that I have put in a lot of hard work at training.



Name: Harry Craft

Year: 7

Sport: Basketball and Rugby

What are you most looking forward to here at Daramalan College? Playing sport with my friends and developing my skills

Who is your sporting hero? I love Nathan Cleary and Kaylyn Ponga, they know how to organise a team and they always come up with the big plays

What's your sporting goal for 2022? Win both Basketball and Rugby Grand Finals

Name: Mr Angus Balmaks

Position: Sports Coordinator

What are you most looking forward to in your time here at Daramalan College? Working in a co-educational environment with sports that I haven't been involved with previously.

If you could be one sports star for a day, who would you be and why? Quade Cooper, I love the way he plays, how he represents the game (Rugby Union) and the role model he is for young children.

What do you see as the benefits to playing team sports? Improves your decision making and creativity whilst providing a healthy platform to improve your physical fitness through activity. It also provides an opportunity to broaden your horizons and spend time with people you may not see during school hours.



Sport

OZTAG

Social Oztag kicked off after school on Monday 7 February, at the College. We had an amazing turn out in our first week, with over 70 students joining in. Students participated in catch/pass drills, tagging practice and decision-making drills before playing in mixed teams and taking part in some Oztag matches. A special thanks to **Jasmine Reid**, **Makenna Ravouvou** (Year 9) and **Olivia Reid** (Year 11) for assisting with coaching and refereeing. We still have a few afternoons of Oztag left so if your child is interested, please contact **Mr Seth Stoltenberg** (seth.stoltenberg@daramalan.act.edu.au) and let him know that you will be attending. Students meet on the oval from 3.30pm - 5.00pm on Monday 28 February and 7 March.



Year 7 OZtag

Congratulations to **Jessica Crowe**, **Ellen Hyland**, **Maddeline Hyland**, **Alice Ruwald** and **Abbey Sutherland** (Year 12) who represented the ACT at the Australian Oztag Championships in Coffs Harbour. The U17s girls won the National title going through the Championships undefeated.



ACT Oztag U17 Girls

ROWING

Congratulations to **Patrick Edwards** (Year 10) who has been selected in the ACT Boys 8 crew and **Madeleine Betts** (Year 10) who was selected as a reserve in the ACT Girls 8 crew. This is a great reward for their dedication.



Madeleine Betts



Patrick Edwards

Head of the Lake

Our rowers are preparing to compete at the Head of the Lake Regatta on Saturday 5 March on Lake Burley Griffin. This regatta is a schools-based regatta with schools from NSW travelling to compete in Canberra.

Come and Try Rowing

The Daramalan Rowing Club would like to invite any interested students to 'Come and Try' rowing at the rowing sheds on Monday 21 and/or Tuesday 22 March. These sessions will be held after school from 3.30pm - 5.30pm, with transport provided to the Rowing shed. These sessions are designed to give students the experience of rowing ahead of the 2022/23 season which begins in Term 4 2022.

BASKETBALL

2022 Winter Season Trials

During Week 2, we held trials for all age groups. Numbers again were extremely high, and it looks like we will have record numbers of student participation yet again. Good luck to all teams for the upcoming season which starts in March.



Basketball trials 2022

Sport Cont...



BASKETBALL CONT...

2021 Team of the Year - U16 D5 Boys

The U16 Division 5 boys team went through the season undefeated, an incredible feat. The season culminated with a thrilling one-point victory in the Grand Final. Speaking recently with coach **Jason Stott**, he summed up the season perfectly:

"It is rare for a sports person to participate in a team and have an undefeated season. I am so proud of the team and all its players; eight young men now know what that takes."

Our result last year was simply outstanding, and may have taken some by surprise, however, it took years for us to become an overnight success. It took dedication and commitment from the players, their families and above reasonable support from our managers Paul and Sarah Barnes."

We were about five games into the season when the managers, parents and I began to suspect we were onto something special. We'd won a few games on the trot and fought a tough game of five on five in Tuggeranong that ended in the umpire adding time to the clock, and one of our forwards being fouled off."

Coach Stott then went on to describe the Grand Final:

"The game started well for us, we finished the first and second quarters with a solid command of the game. The boys were on point, playing their game and forcing Flames

to fight on our terms. In the back end of the second quarter the game started to shift a little.

In the third quarter I recall Flames stepping up and landing a few baskets without reply. This started about 5 minutes in, and we were 12 points in front. I remember telling myself not to panic; Flames had never scored 13 points in only half of a quarter. This is where things got tense – they did!

The fourth quarter was a true nail biter, every basket by one team was replied to by the other, this meant each time we levelled, Flames surged by one point. By now the tension had turned the air into ammonia, no one on the bleachers could sit and it felt like all of Canberra had heard about the game and had surrounded the court. The entire courtside was shaking with tension and emotion.

With one second on the clock Flames took the shot, it felt like every Dara' hand reached to block that shot, I'm sure the subs on courtside had their hands out too while every parent's head rolled as their laser like focus followed the rise of the ball. The ball sailed past all hands and floated to the rim, it rolled a quarter turn and sat suspended on the rim for an age. It shuddered, falling forward and back, then mercifully fell to the outside of the basket. Dart' always miracles himself to the moment and didn't fail, he leapt above the melee and slapped the ball out of play as the siren sounded and the umpires blew the whistle on the final Dara victory of 2021. The courtside erupted as the reality landed that we had grasped victory in the grand finale to complete an undefeated season. Handing out championship medals to the boys will be a highlight for us all forever. My thanks to everyone."

Well done to the Under 16 Division 5 boys.

RUGBY UNION

Rugby Union registrations are now open via the Rugby Xplorer Website/App. If you require more information on how to register, please contact Rugby Convenor – **Seth Stoltzenberg** via email

seth.stoltzenberg@daramalan.act.edu.au

HOCKEY

Registrations for Daramalan Hockey will open in the coming weeks, please keep an eye on Daranet and the Daily News for more information.

PRESENTATION NIGHTS

Presentation events for our Summer Sports (Cricket and Rowing) will be held in late March. More information will be sent out to registered players in the coming weeks.

Sport Cont...

NETBALL

Netball trials were held after school over recent days, where we saw a really impressive turnout and great skills on display. Thank you to all the girls who showed up and put their best foot forward. We are definitely in for a big Netball season in 2022!

A huge thank you to **Jasmine Reid** (Year 9), **Jessica Davis**, **Rosie Grosse** (Year 10), **Brooklyn Leslie**, **Emily Williams** and **Lucinda McGilvray** (Year 12) who assisted with umpiring. A special thank you must also go out to the staff who assisted with organising and selecting the teams - **Mr Angus Balmaks**, **Mrs Davina Harris**, **Mrs Lauren Reid**, **Miss Megan Kelly** and **Mrs Tanya Wilson**.

Registrations for Netball will be open soon so please keep your eye on Daranet and TeamApp for further information.



Year 7 Netball Trials

CRICKET

Cricket at Daramalan has seen its highs and lows in the 2021/22 season. Unfortunately, our six teams had minimal chance to participate in the first half of the season with many games being cancelled due to inclement weather. This year has brought some much better weather, however, an irregular and unusually long break over Christmas has seen our teams deliver some mixed results in the new year. As we fast approach the end of the regular season and with top four final spots still up for grabs, we have three teams who are still in with a chance. They include:

- Girls Cup (4th)
- Stage 3 Saturday Gold (4th)
- Colts (4th)

Some noticeable performances over the past few rounds include:

Batting:

Isla Syrek (Girls Cup) 42* and 28*

Liam Inwood (Sat Gold) 63

George Covey (Sat Gold), 51*

Tom Covey (Sat Blue) 64

Bowling:

Jackson Marchei (1st XI) 4/15

Riley Joost (Sat Gold) 4/7

Alessia Montefiore Gardner (Girls Cup) 2/8 and 2/0

Allrounder:

Hamish Donovan (Sat Blue) 25* and 3/15

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the coaches and managers for their tireless work so far this season. Thanks also to all parents and community members who have volunteered to umpire, score and assist in any way shape or form so that our students can participate in the game of cricket. Your help and support do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

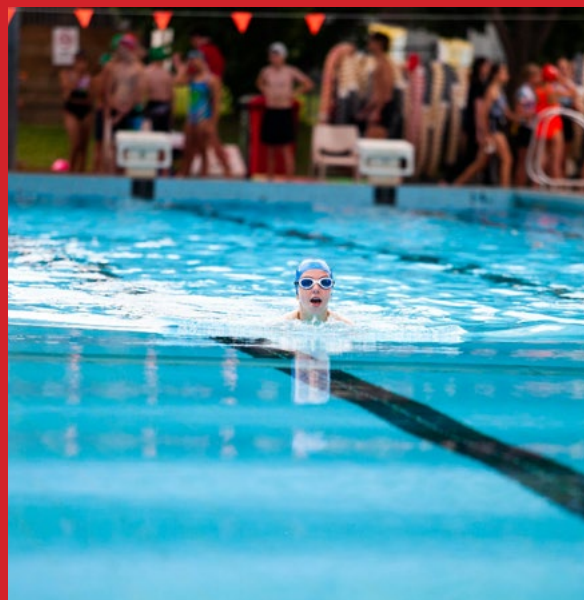
Josh Sands

Cricket Convenor

ACT SWIMMING

Due to COVID there will be no school or zone/regional Swimming Carnivals in Term one with schools submitting students entries directly for the ACT Swimming Carnival at the beginning of Term two. Students will need to have an official time from ACT Meet Results, Swimming Australia National database etc for each event they wish to enter. These times need to be from a meet between 1 January 2021 – 4 March 2022. Any students wishing to enter any event needs to email angus.balmaks@daramalan.act.edu.au with a list of events and times by 4 March 2022.

[Find out more here](#)



DARA v DARA

BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON CARNIVAL



**DUE TO CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SITE TO WATCH.
A DRAW WITH TIMES WILL BE RELEASED ONCE TEAMS ARE DETERMINED.**

**U14/U16/U19 D1 & JPL: FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY
ALL OTHER TEAMS: SATURDAY 5 MARCH
@ DARAMALAN COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE**

COME AND TRY DARA ROWING

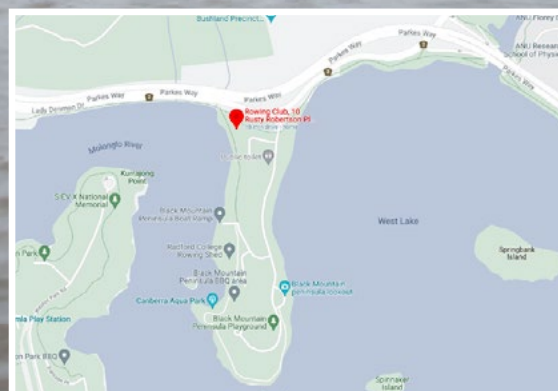


MONDAY 21 AND TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022
FROM 3:30PM to 5:30PM

**Daramalan will provide transport
to the shed after school.**

Contact
marty.capon@daramalan.act.edu.au
or 62456321 for information

Address (for pick up at 5:30pm)
10 Rusty Robertson Pl, Acton



OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT



At Daramalan we encourage all our parents and carers to take the opportunity to become involved with the school as part of the extended Daramalan Family. Some examples are as follows.

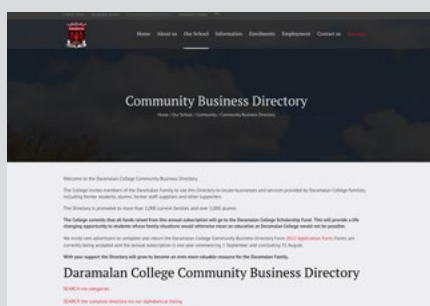
THE DARAMALAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The **Daramalan Scholarship Fund** was established in 2013 and aims to offer scholarships to several students each year with the long term goal of supporting scholarship recipients through a self-sustaining fund. If you would like to assist in supporting the Fund please contact **Yvonne Turnbull** at the College on 6245 6334 or yvonne.turnbull@daramalan.act.edu.au or [visit our website here](#). Contributions to the fund are tax deductible.

THE P&F ASSOCIATION

The **Parents and Friends Association** is quite different to what parents may have experienced at primary school. The P&F provides an opportunity for involvement in the life of the College and contribution to the school community when restrictions allow. The P&F oversee the operation of the College Canteen and the Uniform Shop. The P&F also provides a forum for parents to share their views. All parents are welcome and meeting dates are listed on the College Calendar.

[Visit our Parents and Friends Association website page here.](#)



COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

If you own and/or operate a local business, why not consider advertising your services to the wider Daramalan community. For just \$121 (inc GST) per year, your business will appear on the school website; feature in Daranews the school newsletter; and be included in the annual Yearbook. Visit our current Business Directory [here](#).

Contact **Yvonne Turnbull** at the College for more information.
6245 6334 or yvonne.turnbull@daramalan.act.edu.au

DARAMALAN ALUMNI

All former students of Daramalan College are invited to join the **Daramalan Alumni Association**. On the dedicated website you will receive up-to-date information about your classmates, as well as reunions and social events. The Alumni Facebook page offers immediate connection to the broader Alumni student community with posts, photos, videos and news updates.

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/daramalanalumni

Alumni website: <https://qp.ptly.com/ACT/DaramalanC/ocd.aspx>



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.turnbull@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.

This week we are delighted to present the following four businesses. To search all advertisers, please use this [link](#).

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