# DARANEWS

# 6 April 2023



### WEBSITE

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### Upcoming events

#### 22 April

Troilus & Cressida Opening Night 7:00pm

- 24 April Pupil Free Day
- 25 April ANZAC Day
- 26 April Students return to School
- 28 April P4 Whole School ANZAC Ceremony
- 2 May

ACT Ethics Olympiad

4 May Year 11 2024 Transition Information Published

- 8 May School Fees Due
- 10 May 6:30pm P&F Meeting
- 12 May
  - Daranews emailed to families
- 15 May School Photo Day 6:00pm Music Performance Evening



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# From the Principal

**Dear Parents/** 

Carers. Staff

and Students.

As Term 1 draws

to a close. I

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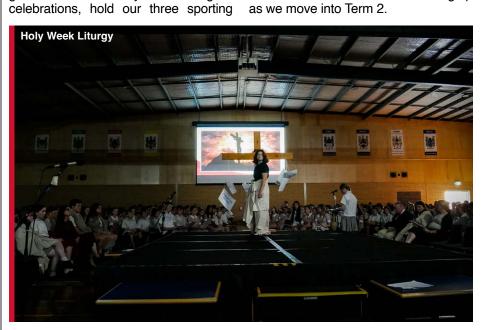


families and staff for the manner which in thev have embraced our return to the normality of what 'restriction-free' schooling brings, something we have not experienced for almost three years. Unfortunately, Covid-19 still exists within our community, and I would also like to thank those families who have continued to follow our protocols and procedures in relation to this and ensuring that the impact upon our community is minimised. We have been blessed however, to have been able to gather as a community for our liturgical

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carnivals, welcome Year 7 parents, have Year 7 and 9 attend their respective camps, hold the NAPLAN tests, and showcase the College to prospective families on our Open Evening and Try Dara Days. In addition to all of this, rich teaching and learning has occurred, and students and staff have been able to enhance their learning through a myriad of excursions both within Canberra and beyond. It has certainly been a whirlwind of activity and exciting opportunities for our students to be able to experience the rich offerings that we have at the College. I have also been amazed at the diversity of our expanded co-curricular program, which really does offer something for everyone. I would like to acknowledge the staff who have developed these programs after identifying a need amongst our students and worked to put them in place. I would encourage students to check the Daily News for more information about how to get involved and the details of the activities and events that are coming up as we move into Term 2.



### From the Principal

#### **Open Evening and Try Dara Days**

On Thursday 23 March we were able to hold our Open Evening again following the restrictions of 2022. I am pleased to let you know that it attracted very large numbers of prospective families once again. The displays had a demonstration focus rather than being interactive, and the feedback from families was extremely positive. I would like to commend all of the students who were either Tour Guides or who were helping in the various subject and cocurricular displays. They did a fantastic job of showcasing our College and all the opportunities that are available here at Daramalan. A significant number of visitors took the time as they were leaving to comment on how impressed they were with the students they met and this was great affirmation of the enthusiasm and commitment of the students. They are a credit not only to themselves, but also their families and the College.

We have also been able to host a large number of Year 6 students across our two Try Dara Days. I would like to thank the Year 7 and 10 students who acted as Guides and Mentors on each of these days. My challenge to the Year 6 students was for them to ask lots of questions throughout their day, and the feedback from the Year 7 and 10 students was that they definitely took up the challenge with gusto! I would also like to acknowledge the staff who facilitated sessions on these days and **Angela Dunn** and **Damaris Brown** for their organisation and preparation for these days. These days are significant undertakings at an already busy time of the term, so on behalf of the Year 6 students and families, I extend my thanks.

#### 2024 Enrolments

A reminder that applications for Year 7 and Year 11 2024 must be submitted by **Friday 26 May 2023** to be considered in the first round of offers for a place in 2024. This deadline is the same for current families as well as new families. Enrolment forms are able to be completed online via the link on our website, <u>https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/</u> Enquires or questions concerning enrolments should be directed to <u>enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au</u>

Information for current Year 10 families in relation to the process for indicating their enrolment intentions for Year 11 2024 will be sent early next term.

#### **Easter Liturgy**

Today we held our Easter Liturgy which was focussed on the events of Holy Week through the lens of faith, our faith in Jesus, the disciples faith in Jesus and the tests that they faced during the events that mark Holy Week. In our Year of Faith, our Liturgy's theme embodied the most significant events of the last days of Jesus' life, events where he was called to have faith, faith in God's love and faith that his disciples would eventually understand his lessons and carry them forward. I would like to acknowledge **Cheryl Hamill** (AP Mission), Mission Captain **Ella Harries**, the Liturgy Committee and all of the students who played a role today for their work in bringing to life our Liturgy.

We were reminded as this Lenten season draws to a close, of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice at Calvary for our salvation. As Pope Francis wrote in his Lenten message as we walk in synodality, "may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of



### From the Principal

the nations". I wish all of our families a very blessed and holy Easter, one that brings renewal and hope as we continue to journey together. I also hope that it is spent with family and friends in the joy that comes from being surrounded by those we love and care most for.

#### Staff Changes

We farewell this week **Terry Liang** who has taken up another position from the beginning of Term 2. We wish Terry much success and thank him for his contributions to the College. **Davina Harris** will be on leave for Term 2, and **Erin Gustus** will be the acting Coordinator of PE and Health during that time. We welcome back **Annette Brady** from her leave in Term 1 and thank **Gerard Beattie** for his work as Careers Advisor during this time. We also thank **Josh Sands** for stepping in to fill the Farrer House Coordinator position during Term 1.

#### Winter Uniform

From the first day of Term 2 students will be required to wear their full Winter uniform to school. Can I remind families that hoodies, including Daramalan sports hoodies, and 'puffer' jackets do not form part of the Daramalan uniform and should not be worn to school, at school or from school. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students wear their uniform with pride as ambassadors of the College. Thank you also to those families who have started getting their Winter uniforms organised already. To assist families to be ready for next term, the Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays. The specific dates and times are available on the College website.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Families who are experiencing changed financial 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.

#### **School Holiday Reception Arrangements**

During the school holidays, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, other than Public Holidays. If you leave messages for Teachers by email or phone, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on Wednesday 26 April at 8.45am. A reminder that all staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Monday 24 April and this day has been calendared as a pupil free day. There will be no supervision of students available on this day. The first day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday 26 April.



#### Student Achievements Congratulations to:

**Sophia Bissell** (Year 12) and **Ashleigh Nguyen** (Year 11) who have been selected as members of the ACTBSSS Student Forum. This forum meets several times over the year to discuss and consider a range of issues. It is comprised of students from across all ACT Colleges.

**Kenneth Le** (Year 11) who has been selected as a member of the ACT Debating team and will be competing at the National Schools Debating Championships in Melbourne.

**Ruby Gifford** (Year 10) who has been awarded a 4-week international scholarship by the German Foreign Federal Office to study in Germany at the end of next term.

Alessia Montefoire-Gardner (Year 10) who was awarded a Goethe-Institut scholarship to participate in a 2-week German language summer camp in Austria in July.

**Pearl Tein** (Year 10) who was selected as a member of the Young Matilda's Training Squad for their Canberra training sessions in March.

**Molly Paddison** (Year 10) who represented Queensland at the Australian Baseball Youth Women's Tournament in the first week of April.

**Will Canavan** (Year 11) who has been selected as a member of the ACT team competing at the U18s National Basketball Championships in Brisbane over the holiday period.

**Charlotte Canavan** (Year 11) on her selection in the U18s Coates Talent League for the GWS Giants AFL Academy Squad, which has seen her playing in Launceston, Melbourne and Bendgio in the past few weeks.

Achol Agok (Year 10), Lara McGilvray (Year 11) and Alice Henman (Year 12) who are representing the ACT in U17s Netball. They are heading to the National Netball Championships in Darwin during the coming holiday period. Alice has also been named as the Captain of the team.

Alesha Bennetts (Year 12) who was named NSW Regional Academy of Sport Athlete of the Year at their recent awards evening. This was wonderful recognition of Alesha's achievements over the past year.

Best wishes

Rachel Davies Principal

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### Get to know our College Leaders

Each Daranews we will feature two of our college leaders. Emilie Van't Hof and Ella Harries are Featured this Daranews



# SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees will be emailed on Tuesday 11 April 2023. Term 2 School Fees are due Monday 8 May 2023.

Please contact the Fee Office for any enquiries on 02 6245 6310.



# **Coin Weigh**

	Coin Weight (kgs)	Note weight	EFTPOS weight	Total (kgs)
Goolagong	26	15.255	12.8385	54.0935
Lawson	8.4	8.1925	14.668	31.2605
Merrick	16	3.955	10.07621	30.03121
O'Brien	20.2	1.9775	3.616	25.7935
Phillip	3.8	5.9325	11.01637	20.74887
Lyons	9.6	3.955	6.667	20.222
Cuthbert	9.6	2.5425	7.684	19.8265
Farrer	6.8	1.4125	2.1583	10.3708



# Myall Creek

Myall Creek Commemoration Excursion Daramalan students have been invited to participate in the Myall Creek Commemoration Excursion. It will be a journey that changes hearts and minds as we travel on Gamilaraay Country.

Leaving on **Friday 9 June**, we travel to Coonabarabran, staying at the Warrumbungles Mountain Motel. After enjoying the sunset and reflection at Whitegum Lookout, our Guides will give a full introduction to the weekend.

On **Saturday 10 June**, we visit Gamilaraay Sandstone Caves, Narrabri, Sawn Rocks, Bingara and arrive at our accommodation at the Inverell Caravan Park. After settling in, we will experience a Welcoming Ceremony and guided walk through Country. The Commemoration Ceremony will be held on **Sunday 11 June**, after which we will travel back to the Warrumbungles Mountain Motel for dinner and reflection/debrief (conducted by our Guides).

On Monday we return to Daramalan, with time to digest the experience and consider how to share it with others in the Daramalan Community.

If interested, bookings can be made via Qkr!, with enquiries to <u>Andrew.digan@daramalan.act.edu.au</u>

# **ACT Girls Secondary Chess Competition**

We are delighted to report that the ACT Girls Secondary Chess Competition held at Merici College was a resounding success! The event brought together some of the best young Chess players from schools across the ACT, and the competition was intense from start to finish.

The students showed exceptional skill and strategy on the chessboard, but it wasn't just about the competition – the girls also had a lot of fun meeting new people and making new friends.

It was clear that the participants had a great time, and many of them are already looking forward to and practicing for next year's competition!



Competitors- Zoe Glover, Violet Wilson, Phoebe Needham, Natalie Gordon, Abigail Smith & Lottie Whitely-Black



### HASS

Earlier in the term, Year 12 Modern History students, as part of their unit on Germany 1919 – 1945, were privileged to have the opportunity to meet Ana, a Holocaust survivor, from Courage to Care. Ana was born in 1935 in a northern province of the former Yugoslavia and lived there until 1943, when she was forced to move to a Jewish ghetto run by the Nazis. In 1944 she was sent to the German concentration camp Bergen-Belsen where she spent seven months. Several of her family members perished in the camp, but amazingly her mother, her grandparents and Ana survived. Her story of survival serves as a reminder of the horrors of the past and the importance of learning about these events to ensure that history does not repeat itself. Our students greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear Ana's story.





### **Business and Government**

On Friday 24 March, two teams of Year 11 students undertook a remarkable challenge as they competed in the inaugural Secondary Schools Global Challenge hosted by the Canberra Grammar Centre for Global Citizenship and the Australian National University. The students devoted their lunchtimes to prepare for the Challenge by delving into briefing materials and acquainting themselves with the structure of the day, in order to confidently take on their assigned roles as part of the simulation.

The challenge entailed a hypothetical yet realistic crisis simulation on the Korean Peninsula, with a particular focus on nuclear-armed North Korea and its relationship with non-governmental organisations, and major state actors such as China, Australia, South Korea, the United States, and media outlets.

Each team was designated a role and provided with background briefs and readings. Our teams were allocated the roles of Australia and the Global Times, an English language newspaper that serves as the mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party.

During the simulation, teams were presented with two hypothetical situations regarding North Korea and had roughly an hour and a half to negotiate with other teams before presenting a two-minute speech outlining their actor's response to the situation. Both teams demonstrated their prowess in taking on their assigned roles and promptly initiated negotiations, culminating in well-articulated responses to the other participants.

At the end of the day, our Global Times team was awarded second place by the judges, commending their persuasive presentations that adeptly embodied China's perspective on international affairs. An impressive achievement amidst a field of highly proficient and committed Global Politics students! Congratulations to all the students who participated.









### Earth and Environmental Science

#### Pond Dipping at the Botanical Gardens

Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science students visited the Botanical Gardens to investigate water quality as part of their 'Living on Earth' unit. Armed with nets and buckets, the students set out to discover what macroinvertebrates could be found in the pond. The presence and abundance of these creatures can give an indication of water quality, as some are more tolerant of pollution than others.

Over the course of the investigation, the students found a range of macroinvertebrates, including dragonfly nymphs, water beetles and freshwater snails. The excursion was a great success, with the students gaining valuable hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of the importance of maintaining healthy waterways.



#### Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science Fieldtrip to Wollongong

Year 11 and 12 students recently embarked on an exciting Earth and Environmental Science field trip to Wollongong, where they had the opportunity to explore the natural wonders of the region and undertake field work comparing and contrasting rainforest and open forest ecosystems.

The trip started with a visit to the Illawarra Fly Rainforest Zipline tour, where the students got a bird's-eye view of the rainforest canopy and learned about the importance of preserving these fragile ecosystems. They were thrilled to zip along the treetops and observe the diverse flora and fauna that make up the rainforest habitat. Next, the group visited Jamberoo Action Park, where they had an actionpacked afternoon of water rides and fun in the sun.

On Monday, the students conducted fieldwork on Mt Kiera comparing cleared and uncleared rainforest and open forest ecosystems. They collected data on the exotic species, soil type, light, pH, and vegetation of each area, analysing the impact of human intervention on these ecosystems. Through this hands-on experience, and legs covered in leeches, students gained a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between different components of the natural world.

Overall, the Wollongong field trip was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 and 12 students to deepen their knowledge of Earth and Environmental Science while also having fun and exploring new places. We look forward to future trips that will engage our students, develop their field work experience, and broaden their horizons.



### Science

#### Year 11 Biology Excursion

Earlier this month, Year 11 Biology had an exciting field trip to a rock shelf at South Durras to conduct a transect and quadrat study. The main objective of the study was to link abiotic data to the distribution and abundance of organisms.

Despite the challenging weather conditions, the class was determined to carry out the study. The students divided into groups and walked along the transect line, recording data about temperature, light, humidity and wind speed as well as the types of organisms found. The students noted that some organisms were only found at specific areas along the transect.

The experience was a great opportunity for the students to apply concepts they had learned in class in a realworld setting. The adverse weather conditions also presented a valuable lesson in adaptability and resilience, demonstrating that even in unfavourable conditions, scientific research can still be conducted. Our fantastic driver, Dave, made sure we travelled safely and allowed us to take cover in the coach despite our rather soggy situation.

Overall, the field trip was a great success, and the students gained valuable insights into the interplay between abiotic factors and the biodiversity of organisms in a natural setting. Despite the huge amount of rainfall (that was not reported on the weather App!), we all had a great time.

# Psychology





Year 11 Psychology Zoo Excursion

On Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March, the Year 11 Psychology students had the opportunity to visit the National Zoo and Aquarium as part of their studies on learning and behaviour. The trip was an exciting and hands-on way for the students to learn about classical and operant conditioning, two key theories in the field of Psychology.

The class got to experience these concepts first-hand as they interacted with the animals at the zoo. They were able to feed emus, deer and alpacas, and observe how the animals responded to the reinforcement of receiving food.

The highlight of the visit for many students was the chance to hold a small corn snake! Some students were incredibly excited by this, others were able to face their fears in a safe and controlled environment – a positive experience for all!

Overall, the trip to the National Zoo and Aquarium was an engaging and memorable way for the Year 11 Psychology students to learn about key concepts in their studies. By getting hands-on experience with classical and operant conditioning, as well as observing animal behaviour and learning, the students gained a deeper understanding of the theories they have been studying in class.

#### FishCo Market Visit

Our Year 11 Hospitality class was lucky enough to venture to the FishCo Fish Market in Fyshwick on Tuesday 14 March. This was an incredible experience for all students involved as we were immersed in one of Canberra's largest seafood and fish suppliers. After a bumpy bus ride, we arrived at the FishCo Markets and were greeted by the enthusiastic and passionate Managing Director **John Fragopoulos**. John emersed the students in the world of marine life and demonstrated his extensive knowledge and his views on ensuring a sustainable seafood industry. He briefly explained the logistics of running a fish market and how FishCo has had to adapt due to the Covid-19 pandemic in recent years.

As we toured the store, the students were encouraged to try a variety of seafood which resulted in some exhilarating and amusing experiences. During this process, students were encouraged to try freshly shucked oysters and to interact with marine life by handling live mud crabs and lobsters and fishing by hand for Barramundi in his live tank. John explained how to ensure perishable seafood remains at its freshest through correct transportation and storage practices. When one particularly excited and passionate student was interacting with a yabby, John was kind enough to gift it to them as a pet called Murray. He told her how to keep it alive by keeping it in water and feeding it carrots. John also taught the students how to peel tiger prawns using the best technique.

To conclude the excursion, the students would like to thank John for this incredible experience and the offer to take Murray, the pet yabby, back to school; who was served with a yummy cocktail sauce and a wedge of lemon the following day.

Special thanks to **Mr Dean Parkes** and **Ms Janette Kline** for not only organising this tour but also being our amazing bus drivers for the morning.

Hannah Griffiths and Mary Vella (Year 11)





**Oz Harvest Canberra** 

Annually many schools open their doors to showcase what they have to offer to prospective clients through Open Days. This year the Daramalan Food Technology department took on a whole new approach with students not only showcasing our fantastic commercial kitchen as well as their amazing fresh pasta making skills in front of future parents. The difference was that the final product was then cooked, packaged and labelled for pick up by Oz Harvest Canberra the very next day.

Over 100 proportioned meals were produced in front of onlookers which included fettuccine, farfalle and

pappardelle pasta with assorted sauces. What would generally result in a feast fest for many of the interested onlookers took on a whole new approach. With many thanking the students for their selfless acts, along with showing a genuine interest in the partnership the College has with Australia's leading food rescue Oz Harvest. Initiatives such as these can make a massive impact on all parties involved and also reduce food waste supporting Oz Harvest founder **Ronni Kahn's** belief in inspiring and influencing others to do the same and most importantly transforming lives through education.

A big thank you to the students and teachers who were involved on the evening.

#### Herzlichen Glückwunsch, Alessia und Ruby!

We are very proud of the success of two of our Year 10 German students who were awarded a German Scholarship. After being selected out of more than 200 applicants, they had to 'survive' an online interview with a German panel where they answered questions in German and English. They impressed the panel so much that Alessia was selected for a Scholarship in Austria and Ruby for one in Germany.

#### Alessia Montefiore-Gardner:

Alessia was awarded the Goethe-Institut Scholarship and has the opportunity to participate in a 2-week German language Summer Camp in Obertauern, Austria from 2 – 15 July 2023. The language camp is located in the mountains around Salzburg. Alessia will have the opportunity to participate in many leisure and sports activities and will also have German lessons with participants from all over the world throughout her stay. Alessia's application, a short video presentation and her interview skills impressed the selection panel and led to her being chosen for this fantastic experience.

### OzClo

Daramalan College made it through to the OzClo Nationals for the third year in a row! This year, 44 students from Year 9 to 12 Language classes took part in the Australian Computational Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO) Regional Competition in Week 5.

Four teams made it through to the National stage, which was held at ANU in Week 8. The top 3 teams in each division were invited to ANU. Daramalan College dominated this year.

Congratulations to the Year 9, 10, 11, and 12 teams! <u>3rd Place ACT Regional Competition Junior Division</u> Year 9 Team: **Sean Loney, Roy Halliday, Rafael Paredes, Joseph Modun** 

<u>2nd Place ACT Regional Competition Junior Division</u> Year 10 Team: Lidia Swiderski, Lachlan Hynd, Callum Millea, Kleantha Williams

<u>2nd Place ACT Regional Competition Senior Division</u> Year 11 Team: **Kenneth Le, Lucy O'Neill, Ned O'Toole, Bethany Gibson** 

2nd Place ACT Regional Competition Senior Division Year 12 Team: Callum Fenwick, Simon Krupka, Samantha Buxton

Special thanks to **Luke Downey** for filling in for the Year 12 Team at the last minute.



#### **Ruby Gifford:**

Ruby is one of only a few students from Australia who was awarded a 4-week Scholarship in Germany for her achievements in German and good all-round education. The international award program which is sponsored by the German Foreign Federal Office will take place from 27 June –25 July 2023 and includes a homestay, cultural activities and excursions to various cities in Germany. It will be an amazing opportunity for Ruby to improve her language skills and experience German culture first-hand.

We look forward to having many students participating in the OzClo in 2024 and enjoying decoding various languages!



# **Visual Arts**

#### Year 7 and 8 Narrative Art

Students selected an animal to represent themselves and created a concertina storybook using ochre and other sustainable materials.





**Dance and Drama Sydney Excursion** 

On Thursday 30 March Senior Dance and Drama students had the opportunity to witness a stunning production of "Into the Woods" performed at Belvoir Theatre in Sydney. This extraordinary performance was a perfect showcase of the talent and creativity of the performers and Director (**Eamon Flack**) alike, leaving the students spellbound with its masterful blend of storytelling, music and drama. The students also had the privilege to experience a tour of the Sydney Theatre Company, which was another highlight of the excursion led by Australian Actor **Glenn Hazeldine**. This allowed the students to witness the behind-the-scenes workings of a major theatre company.

The Dance and Drama excursion was a tremendous learning experience for the students, providing them with the opportunity to engage with the broader world of theatre and gain valuable insights into the workings of the Performing Arts industry. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain inspiration and ideas for their own creative endeavours.



### **Daramalan Theatre Company**

#### Daramalan Theatre Company's "Troilus and Cressida" by Shakespeare

DTC's forthcoming production of Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida" is a contemporary work. It is no longer simply an historical piece as represented by it's being the least presented Shakespeare play. The shyness and patriarchal viewpoints that give rise to so much theatrical production mean that "Troilus and Cressida" is an almost forgotten work. Perhaps it is preferred to be forgotten; perhaps misunderstood and clearly discarded because of the ambiguous nature of female sexuality in a theatrical context! The male writer cannot claim to know the female psyche; just as the female experience of male monsters is a subject hidden by centuries of fear and a lack of conscious appreciation of the reality of relationships.

Boys and young men need to see this work of Shakespeare's to understand how they might be in turn be perceived by militant young women who no longer wish to appease the posturing and brutish behaviour of young men and their friends and their desire to seduce, humiliate or dominate. Yet somehow, after these centuries of humiliation and domination, there is empathy and even an expression of love and a truly felt connection to the slaughtered corpse of male superiority. Shakespeare captured something of this in the seventeenth century with this play. It wasn't evident in any other work, yet the power dynamics were expressed so well in "Troilus and Cressida".

You must not miss this extraordinary work by some truly outstanding young Artists assisted by our Artistin-Residence, Jack Curry. It will change your very perception of Shakespeare and perhaps raise questions of your own.

Licensed Bar and Café open at 6.15pm for the show at 7.00pm on Saturday 22 April and then Wednesday to Saturday 26, 27, 28, 29 April at 7.00pm There is a special 2 tickets for 1 purchase deal for our special Friday **21 April** performance at 2.00pm (book and I will get back to you with your preferred extra ticket).

BOOKINGS: https://events.humanitix.com/troilus-andcressida



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### **Cross Country Canival**

On Friday 24 March, the House Cross-Country Carnival was held at Stromlo Forest Park. The amazing venue matched with great weather resulted in a perfect day. There was wonderful representation of athletes from all age groups and Houses. Congratulations to all the athletes that competed, displayed fantastic sportsmanship, and cheered on the other athletes as they completed their race. Thank you to all who contributed to making the day so much fun!

Campbell Lewis Sports Captain

#### HOUSE CUP 1ST: LAWSON 2ND: FARRER 3RD: MERRICK 4TH: GOOLAGONG

SPIRIT PLATE EQUAL 1ST: LYONS AND MERRICK 3RD: LAWSON 4TH: GOOLAGONG



#### Head of the River 18-19 March 2023

The Schoolgirl (Saturday 18 March) and Schoolboy (Sunday 19 March) Head of the River Regattas were held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith. In stifling heat our crews took on the best from across NSW and the ACT.

On Saturday, our Year 10 Girls crew made it through to the Final, before a steering issue in the boat ruined their chances of a podium finish. On Sunday, the Boys represented the College with pride, with many crews rowing Personal Bests in the heats. Congratulations to all our Rowers who travelled to Penrith and put their all into their race. A huge thank you to the coaching team that prepared our crews and helped with boat loading and rigging in Penrith.

#### **Rowing Presentation**

The Rowing season wrapped up for the 2022/23 season with a Presentation Night held at the shed. With the threat of wet weather, we moved the boats outside and the presentation inside. Congratulations to all Rowers who participated in the Rowing program this season. It has been great to return to some of our traditional events, like the Nelligen Pre-Season Camp and the Head of the River Regatta in Penrith. We look forward to seeing you all again next season!

Congratulations to the following Rowers who took home awards at the Presentation Night: Coaches Awards:

Year 8 Girls-Sophia Papanicolaou (8 Phillip) Ella Sena (8 Lyons) Year 8 Boys-Jay Mokrij (8 Goolagong) Sam Whittaker (8 Lyons) Angus Davidson (8 Lawson) Hunter Harrison (8 Cuthbert) Year 9 Boys-Archie Edwards (9 Lawson) Year 10 Girls-Ronja Staerker- Ashby (10 Phillip) Lucy Enright (10 Lawson) Year 10 Boys-Izak Harben (10 O'Brien) **Senior Boys-**Ryan Osborn (11 Lawson) Matthew Philp (11 Farrer)

Most Improved Junior- **Rory Arneman** (9 Lawson) Most Improved Senior- **Molly York** (10 Goolagong) Rookie of the Year- **Scarlett Mansfield** (8 Farrer) Coxswain of the Year- **Emily Olive** (10 Goolagong) Most Dedicated Rower- **George Bowditch** (11 Cuthbert)



The Cricket season has wrapped up yet again for another year. The season brought about some mixed team results, some great individual performances and a lot of enjoyment across 2022 and 2023. Thankfully the rain held off enough to enable plenty of participation for our teams. It was the first time in many years that we had both a First XI and Second XI. The number of girls participating was once again strong, which is hopefully a sign of things to come in future years for Daramalan Cricket.

To celebrate the season, our Presentation Night was held in the College's function room on Tuesday 28 March. It was a fantastic evening with a great turnout that enabled us to honour the efforts of all players, Coaches, Managers, volunteers and parents throughout the season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out across the many roles needed for each team, your contributions and support throughout the season are greatly appreciated. Congratulations once again to all award recipients for the 2022/23 season.

Batting: Player to score 50+ in an innings Stage 3 Gold- Thomas Inwood and Liam Inwood Stage 3 Girls- Alessia Montefiore Gardner Colts Second XI- Maurice Baxter, Dale Meere, Llandan Vergano and Jack Wunsch Colts First XI- Cooper French, Jack Gunning, Jake Monie, Morgan Quinn and Llandan Vergano

Player to score 150+ in an innings Colts First XI- **James Harmer** 

Bowling: Player to take 5+ Wickets in an innings Colts Second XI- Maurice Baxter

Anne Sutherland Trophy for Club Person of the Year - **Doug Inwood** Daramalan Cricket Player of the Year - **Alessia Montefiore Gardner** 

Individual Team Awards:

	Stage 3 Gold	Stage 3 Girls	Colts Second XI	Colts First XI
Most Runs	Thomas Inwood	Alessia Montefiore Gardner	Llandan Vergano	James Harmer
Most Wickets	Thomas Inwood	Alessia Montefiore Gardner	Liam Groenewegen	Xavier Broers
MSC Coaches Award	Blake Eggerton and Lachlan Hynd	Chloe Fothergill and Ruby Gifford	Cael Heenan	Marley Grosse



### Netball



It's hard to believe we have already had 3 rounds of the Netball season for 2023!

A reminder that there will be no training or games over the holidays. Round 4 will be on **Saturday 29 April**. There will not be Tuesday afternoon training in the first week back due to the ANZAC Day Public Holiday (25 April) – therefore the next training day will be **Tuesday 2 May**. Please ensure you are keeping up with your fitness during the holidays.

As the first four rounds of the season act as grading rounds, there is a possibility that some teams may move up or down a division depending on their results. The new draw will be released in the week after Round 4. This also means some teams may change time and location slots. All the draws and results can be found at PlayHQ.

For any cancellations during the season, please keep any eye on the relevant Facebook page (CNA for Lyneham Courts or BNA for Belconnen). Cancellations will also be posted on the Team App.

Please download the Team App if you haven't already, as the vast majority of communication will go through there (link can be found at Daranet/Cocurricular/Sport/Netball).

To the right are some ideas to maintain and improve your ball skills over the holidays:

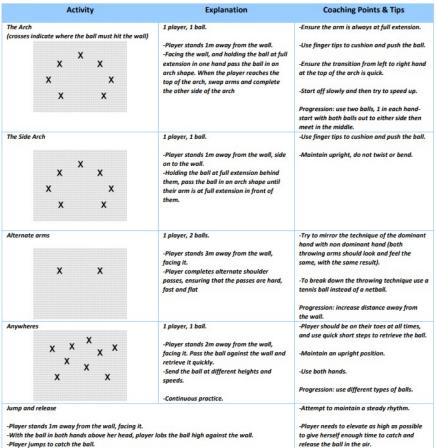
Try using different balls, such as tennis, ping pong or basketballs to vary the above practices



Daramalan Netball was lucky enough to host touring teams from Townsville Grammar. Our 1st VII and Cadets 1 teams competed in front of a packed crowed of period 6 PE classes to come out on top in both games. Games were played in good spirits with plenty of sportsmanship and some dynamic performances from our players. Final scores were 48 – 3 to the 1st VII and 48 – 8 to the Cadets 1.



Ball skills practices:



Before landing, player releases the ball against the wall.

-Continuous practice.

### Basketball

#### **Coaches Workshop**

On Tuesday 21 March, we had the pleasure of having the new BACT Head of High Performance - **Leonard King** come to school and conduct a coaching workshop for our Coaches. Leonard has extensive experience in high performance and coaching roles at Basketball New Zealand, Basketball Queensland, and as a General Manager of Mackay



Basketball, Queensland. Leonard ran a session for over 25 Daramalan Coaches. The 2-hour session was drillsbased and included explanations and demonstrations of well over 20 drills suitable for all ages from JPL to the lower divisions. Leonard's mantra is to develop talent and maximise participation and the drills he introduced the Coaches to were aligned to this philosophy ensuring athletes would not be standing around in lines for long periods of time during training sessions. The Daramalan Coaches were actively involved and were demonstrators of drills, asked questions and were able to seek Leonard's assistance for specific skill and mindset development. Leonard also chatted extensively to interested Coaches after the session had formally ended and got to catch up with a former teammate and our current U16 D4 Boys megastar Coach Rob Foote.

#### **Referee Course**

On Thursday 16 March, we held a Level 0 Referee course held at Daramalan College. One of our parents, Coach and long-time Referee himself **Grant Voysey** ran the course for 18 of our current students, ex students and parents. Grant went over all the theory aspects of becoming a Referee and then hit the courts to run them through all the practical components. Many of the people in attendance on this course have already gone on to referee BACT games on the weekends and have been doing a fantastic job. Thanks again to Grant for running this course and best of luck to everyone in attendance.

**Congratulations** to our very own **Mr Marty Capon** who has been appointed as the Team Manager of the reigning NBL1 champion Canberra Gunners Mens Basketball team. Mr Capon has been the schools long time Rowing Coordinator, in addition to coordinating and coaching Rugby for many



years. Mr Capon dipped his toes into Basketball last year, coaching the U16 D4 Boys team. The Canberra Gunners must have been watching and were clearly impressed with how Mr Capon took his team all the way to the Semi-Finals. An unnamed player from the Gunners recently described Mr Capon's managerial style akin to that of legendary Manager Wayne Bennett. "Nobody knows how to fill up a drink bottle like Mr Capon, I have never been so hydrated before in my life," said the unnamed player. With former student and Daramalan Basketball icon Zac McDermott on the playing roster, the Canberra Gunners may very well change their colours to red and black soon. We have never seen so many Daramalan people involved with the Gunners since Mr Warren warmed the bench in the early 2000's. Best of luck for the season Mr Capon!

**Good Luck** to **Will Canavan** (Year 11) who will be travelling to Queensland representing the ACT in the U18 National Basketball Championships. After a recent injury scare, Will has been doing everything he can to get fit for this competition and is primed to make an impact on the National stage. The National Championships are on in Brendale and Zillmere in Queensland, from **9-16 April 2023**, with a slew of the nation's top-line talent looking to make an impression. Will and the Under 18 Boys find themselves in Pool A and open their 2023 campaign with games against Victoria Country (11am) and WA Metro (5.30pm) on **Sunday 9 April 2023**. Best of luck Will!



#### 2024 USA Tour Information Evening

Another reminder that we have **David Loboja** from Aussie Basketball Travellers coming down on **Monday 8 May** to present an information evening for the 2024 Basketball USA Basketball Tour. It is vital that any student who is interested in going on this tour attends this session with their parents. All attendees need to fill out an EOI which has been sent out on Team App where further information about this tour can also been found.

#### Team of the Month: U14 D6 Boys

The U14 D6 Boys have had an incredible start to the season. Many of the boys in this team have never played or even met each other prior to joining this team. Despite this, they have gelled extremely quickly and won both their first two games in convincing fashion. So much so, they were then promoted to D5 for the last grading game. **Isaac Aitchison** (Year 7), who is far more familiar on the Soccer pitch compared to the Basketball court, has been leading the way for this team, averaging 12.5 points per game over the first two games. The boys are tremendously coached by two of our finest student Coaches in **Lloyd Kim** and **Jack Gest** (Year 10) who have been able to share their expertise with the boys, in addition to being fantastic role models. Keep up the great work boys!

#### Players of the Month: Amalija Stravopodis

Amalija Stravopodis (Year 8) is one of our superstar students who plays in our U14 JPL Girls team. Amalija has had a phenomenal start to the season and shown incredible leadership in this team which has many new faces in it from last season. In her four games so far this season, Amalija is averaging 21.75 points per game, including an outrageous 40 points in a recent game against Radford. This is the most points in a single game any Daramalan student has scored in recent memory. Due to Amalija's fantastic Basketball ability, she is regularly selected in representative teams and always performs to an excellent standard at this level too. Well done Amalija, it is a pleasure having you as a key member of our Girls Basketball Program – best of luck for the rest of the season!





### Pre Season Rugby

#### Daramalan v Barker College, Sydney- 18 March

In their first game of the year, Daramalan Rugby teams faced off against Barker College in a scorching 36-degree day. Despite the challenging conditions, Daramalan's U16 and two U18 teams played with exceptional energy and high spirits, taking advantage of the opportunity to display their individual skills on the field. The games were an important learning experience for the players, who gained valuable insights into the style of play that will define their season.

Daramalan v St Augustine's College, Sydney- 25 March The following week, Daramalan Rugby took on St Augustine's College in a series of matches that



included all Junior Boy's teams as well as the Senior playing group. The games were played at the home of the Manly Sea Eagles and provided an excellent opportunity for the players to build on their previous performances. The Senior team showed massive improvement in their game, highlighting the hard work and dedication they have been putting in over the past months.

The two weekends highlighted some excellent Rugby skills and provided significant learning experiences for the players. With the season just beginning, Daramalan Rugby is looking forward to building on these performances and continuing to improve in the coming weeks.

With the holidays fast approaching, the Senior program will take a short break in the first week before returning to training in the second week. The rest period will give the players an opportunity to have a breather and recover, ensuring that they are at their best for their upcoming match against Shore College in Sydney on Saturday 22 April.

#### DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

#### Please contact Gerard Beattie on 6245 6394 or careers@daramalan.act.edu.au

#### Upcoming course:

First Aid Training – **Friday 5 May** Open to Years 10, 11 and 12 students only – More information within the Daily Notices.

#### **UAC Applications**

Application for undergraduate study in ACT/NSW open through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) on **Wednesday 5 April.** Year 12 students will receive their UAC PIN on this day via their Daramalan school email address and will need to keep this number in a safe place. Not all courses for 2024 will be available, all Semester 1, 2023 courses will be available from August. On-time applications will be available through UAC until the end of September 2023.

### UAC Year 12 Conference

#### Wednesday 26 April at 6pm

The UAC 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. This conference is open to all students across Australia and is an event not to be missed. <u>Register here.</u>

#### University of Wollongong

**UOW Upcoming Dates – Online and at Daramalan**. Designed for Year 12 students, these will cover UOW courses, application programs, and pathways to UOW. Attendees will have the chance to speak with UOW staff and students and have their individual questions answered. Tuesday, 6 June 1:00 PM-1:45 PM Daramalan College (FLA)

More details here

#### **UOW Early Admission**

Early Admission is UOW's early offer program. Students who are successful for Early Admission will receive their offer/s in mid-October. Click the link to register your interest. Students will apply directly via the UOW Early Admission portal www. uow.edu.au/early\_

As in previous years, students can apply for two degrees at UOW, and will be required to answer four questions about their unique skills and attributes which allow UOW faculty staff to assess them on UOW's key indicators of success: Academic Readiness, Motivation and Passion, Planning and Persistence, and Communication and Collaboration.

#### **University of Melbourne**

UniMelb 101: Online information sessions for interstate students interested in learning more about Melbourne. **Wednesday 5 April** 6:00 – 7.30pm UniMelb 101 for ACT students Register here

#### Australian National University

**ANU - Direct applications for 2024 are now open** Applications for 2024 admission are now open and close on Monday 15 May. ANU direct applications are free and allow students to apply for admission, scholarships and accommodation in one application, and provide many students with some certainty prior to the end of Year 12. Please see the <u>ANU 2024 Undergraduate Guide.</u>

#### ANU important application dates 1 March 2023 - Applications open

**10 April 2023** - Tuckwell Scholarship applications close **15 May 2023** - Applications close

**4 September 2023** - Offers released (September round, based on Year 11 results)

4 October 2023 - Offer acceptance deadline (September round)

1 November 2023 - Change of preference reopens 18 December 2023 - Change of preference closes for the rest of the programs (December round)

**22 December 2023** - Offers released (December round, based on the better of your Year 11 and Year 12 results)

#### **Charles Sturt University**

Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Program Applications for the Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Program are now open. With the Charles Sturt Advantage students can get a guaranteed spot in their course before the end of Year 12. <u>More info here.</u>

#### **Charles Sturt University Parent Information Website**

Parents and students are invited to view the parent information page where they'll see the complete picture of their child's path from High School to University. More information: <u>https://study.csu.edu.au/parents</u>

#### Australian Catholic University

Study at ACU webinar series - Join ACU online to have all your questions answered about studying with the ACU in 2024. Get helpful advice on how to apply, find out more about non-traditional pathways to University, explore your study options, and hear from students about what life is really like at ACU. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

#### **Bond University**

Experience what Bond University has to offer through their 2-hour Virtual Open Day on Saturday 29 April from 2pm AEST. From tours of the beautiful campus, to deep dives into our study areas, interviews with current students and academics, and so much more, Virtual Open Day is an allaccess pass to life and study at Bond University. <u>Register</u> your interest here.

#### **University of Notre Dame**

Applications for Notre Dame University's Young Achievers Early Offer Program are now open. Early Offers will be released from July to October 2023. For more information and to apply <u>click here</u>.

#### National Careers Institute (NCI)

Not sure what you want you want to do after school? NCI have developed a range of resources and tools to assist, along with career practitioners to support students in deciding 'what's next' in their career journey. For more information <u>click here</u> or text SLIS2023 to 0429009435 for a School Leavers Information Kit.

#### Join UNSW's Girls in Engineering Club

A wonderful opportunity for High School girls interested in Engineering. Includes invitations to events, monthly inspo delivered to your email, mentoring opportunities, regular workshops and challenges. <u>Register here.</u>

#### **Defence Jobs Information Sessions**

Defence Jobs are holding virtual and in-person Information Sessions for students and parents to learn about the Defence Force and the variety of roles available. For more information and to RSVP click here.

#### **Defence Work Experience Program**

The Defence Work Experience Program has recommenced and is offering a variety of opportunities for students. Please see the included flyer for details. The Cyber Security and Robotics placements and the Navy Aviation Overviews will be available online in the coming weeks and there will be further placements advertised in the future for the ACT/ SNSW region. These programs are all accessible via the <u>Defence Work Experience Website</u> and <u>Jobs List</u> under each State and Territory.

Students can still apply online for placements around Australia. This information is available in the information pack for the relevant work experience placement. Participants and/or their parents/guardians (if under 18 years old) are responsible for any costs associated with travel and accommodation (for the participants and themselves) including during the program if not a residential program. Participants must be 15 years of age at the time of the placement for most placements, with some requiring participants to be 16 years or above, and an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

#### UCAT

The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is required for entry into most Medicine and Dentistry courses across Australia and New Zealand. Students who wish to enter such courses in 2024 will need to sit UCAT in 2023. Bookings for the UCAT are now open. For key dates and more information see <u>here.</u>

# Free Webinar – UCAT, Interviews, and Pathways into Medicine / Dentistry

UCAT NIE are presenting a free webinar about UCAT, interviews, and pathways into Medicine and Dentistry. This is NOT an advertising seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information. To register: <u>https://www.nie.edu.au/</u> <u>ucat-free/free-ucat-information-sessions</u> Ph: (02) 4367 0404 / <u>enguiries@nie.edu.au</u> / <u>www.nie.edu.au</u>

# Free UCAT Bootcamp For Parents and Aspiring Medical Students

Dr Ray, Gastroenterologist at Monash Health offers UCAT mini test, discusses medical interviews, admission process, life as a medical student, and career as a Doctor. Watch this two-hour Bootcamp from the comfort, convenience and security of your home at any time! <u>https://www.medentry.edu.au/resources/free-resources</u>

#### Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Work experience program – the AIE work experience provides students with an insight into the Games and Film Industry as they will learn software used by big games and film companies. They will touch on animation, game design, and programming so they understand all of the areas that help pull together a game. Register here: <u>https://aie.edu.au/</u> student-information/work-experience-canberra/

#### **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

Students undertaking vocational training, short courses, or thinking about going to University or CIT next year can get ready now by creating a Unique Student Identifier (USI). They'll need a USI to accept a Commonwealth supported place, apply for Commonwealth financial assistance, and to graduate in 2024 and beyond. Students can create or find their USI at www.usi.gov.au

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