

DARANNEWS

24 November 2023



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Upcoming events

27 November

P2-3 Year 10 Mass and Awards
5:30pm Year 10 Social Event,
McCowage Hall

29 November

2024 Peer Support Training
6:00pm Year 12 Mass and Awards

1 December

Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

2 December

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

4 December

6:00pm Carols Evening, McCowage Hall

5 December

Years 7 - 9 Community Day Activities

6 December

Years 7 - 9 Mass and Awards
End of Term

11-15 December

DTC Theatre Camp

15 December

Office Closes until 22 January 2024

22 January

Uniform Shop opens, [Check the website here](#) for school holiday hours.

5 February

First Day for all new students
8:45am - 3:27pm Year 7
8:45am - 11:00am Years 8 - 12

6 February

All Students Return

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From the Principal



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

Welcome to the final edition of Daranews for 2023! I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of another year.

As we make our way through the final weeks of the school year it is important to reflect upon the year that has passed. It has been wonderful to be able to hold all of the events that a 'normal' year at Daramalan involves. We have not been blessed to be able to do this in some cases since 2019. However, as we look towards the upcoming Christmas break, we are reminded that, unfortunately, Covid-19 has re-emerged and is still with us, in its eighth wave, and may impact (once again) our plans to gather and spend much anticipated time with family and friends.

Year 7 Retreat Days

This week our Year 7 students from Cuthbert, Goolagong, Lyons and O'Brien Houses participated in their Retreat Days which were facilitated by our Year 10 Youth Ministry students. The Retreats were focussed on "Being MSC". The program drew upon the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) charism of "Heart Spirituality" and its ethos and values. Through the activities on the day, the students had the opportunity to consider how they might live out this ethos in their own life and as members of the Daramalan community. I would like to thank **Ms Cheryl Hamill** and **Ms Tina Watson** for their organisation and oversight to bring this rich opportunity to fruition for our students. I would also like to acknowledge our Year 10 students for their facilitation of the days along with the Pastoral Care Advisors and the Year 7 Pastoral Tutors for their work with the students on the two days.



Year 7 Retreat

From the Principal

Senior Examinations and AST Familiarisation

I would like to commend our Year 11 and 12 students for the manner in which they approached and undertook their recent end of semester examinations. I would also like to acknowledge the work of **Mr Steve Carroll** and **Mr Brendan Collis** to enable the examinations to occur seamlessly. Following the formal examinations, our Year 11 and Year 10 students have participated in AST (ACT Scaling Test) familiarisation sessions. The AST is the only external examination sat by our senior students and it takes place in September of Year 12 for those students studying a T package and who are seeking university entrance. This year our Year 10 students who will be studying a non-tertiary pathway, or Accredited package, in their senior years, attended sessions facilitated by our Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning, **Mr Nic Whatman**, Careers Advisor, **Ms Annette Brady**, and Vocational Education Coordinator, **Ms Jane Waddleton**. I would like to extend my thanks to **Mr Andrew Withers**, Brendan, Nic, Annette and Jane, for their input into these important sessions.

End of Year

I am delighted that we continue to be able to welcome our families and wider community back onsite for our end of year events. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to remind those families looking to attend our ceremonies that parking at the College is extremely limited, especially for those events held during school hours. Staff will be available on these mornings to direct parking through the Wasson Gates which are located off Cowper Street between the College and the Issoudun building site.

Our Year 12 students and their parents will gather next Wednesday evening to celebrate the past six years of secondary schooling at the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony here at the College. We will then share a

meal and hospitality at their Graduation Dinner at the National Convention Centre on the following Saturday evening.

Today is the final day of classes for our Year 10 students for this year. We will gather on Monday morning to celebrate Mass and recognise the achievements of the students at the Year 10 Awards Ceremony. It will be followed by a social function here for students at the College in the evening.

Our Year 7-9 Mass and Award Ceremony will be held on the final day of the school year, **Wednesday 6 December**. This is such a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year as a community. The previous day, **Tuesday 5 December**, our Year 7-9 students will be participating in community activities at Dickson Pool. Further information about the specific format of both of these days will be disseminated closer to the time.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of our students on what they have achieved this year. As I mentioned to students when we met for the final time as a whole school earlier this term, I continue to be amazed and delighted by the number of students who have immersed themselves in the wide-range of co-curricular activities and clubs, in addition to the lunchtime activities and events that are offered here at the College. From the moment that we began the 2023 school year, there has almost been a feeling of making up for lost time and embracing every opportunity now that we can, especially after the past few disjointed years. There were days throughout the year where I wasn't able to get to all of the events and activities as there were so many things happening! In addition to these activities are the wonderful opportunities that have been available to our students both inside and out of the classroom enabling rich learning to occur.

A number of special awards will be presented at each of the ceremonies for academic, co-curricular and community achievements and I would like to congratulate all of the



Year 12 Last Day of School



Year 12 Final Assembly



Year 7 Retreat



Year 7 Retreat

From the Principal

recipients of these awards. The list of award recipients will be published in the 2023 Yearbook.

As a staff we will gather and celebrate 2023 with our Staff Advent Mass, celebrated by our **Chaplain Fr Kimi Vunivesilevu MSC**, and followed by a shared lunch, on **Friday 8 December**. The College Office will be closed on this day to enable all of our staff to participate in this special day.

Many staff are involved in the planning and running of these events with much of their work occurring behind the scenes, so I thank each of them for their contributions. I would like to especially acknowledge **Ms Cheryl Hamill, Mr Nathan Greatz, Ms Yvonne Turnbull, Mr Ben Stein, Mr Steve Carroll, Ms Angela Dunn**, the House Coordinators, Pastoral Care Advisors and Pastoral Tutors, and to **Ms Sonja Tajmer, Ms Kathy Pollard, Ms Heather Chapman** and **Mr Scott McQuiggin** for their tireless work behind the scenes.

Holiday and End of Year Arrangements

Families are asked to please be aware of the following dates as the school year comes to a close:

- **Wednesday 6 December** - Years 7-9 students finish school at approximately 12.30pm after their Awards Ceremony.
- **Thursday 7 December** – Reception will close at 4.00pm.
- **Friday 8 December** – Reception will be closed all day.
- **Monday 11 December - Friday 15 December** – Reception hours are from 9.00am – 4.00pm.
- The College Reception will reopen on Monday 22 January 2024 at 9.00am.

Teaching staff and many Support Staff finish work for the year at 12noon Friday 8 December so emails and phone calls after this date may not receive a response until school resumes for 2024. Full-time staff return to work on **Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

Families needing to access the Uniform Shop over the holiday period are advised to check the College website for opening hours.

Updated Term Dates for 2024

Families are reminded that the first day of school for 2024 has been adjusted from the date included in the 2023 calendar.

Year 7 and new students (Years 8-12) return to school on **Monday 5 February**.

All students, including Year 11 students, return to school on **Tuesday 6 February**.

The Term dates for 2024 are:

Term 1

Monday 5 February- First Day for Year 7 and new students

Tuesday 6 February- All students return

Friday 12 April - Last day of term

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 28 June

Term 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Wednesday 11 December



Year 12 Eagle Photo for 2023

From the Principal

Return of Books

We ask all students to ensure that all textbooks and Information Centre resources are returned by **Tuesday 5 December**, please. It is important that books are returned so that they can be processed and organised for the start of 2024. Thank you for your assistance with this.

All students should ensure their locker is cleared before **Tuesday 5 December** with only limited items being required for the events and activities held on the following day.

Semester 2 Academic Reports

Families will be able to access and download their student's Semester 2 Academic Report through Daranet from **Monday 11 December**.

Families who are departing the College at the end of 2023 are reminded to download copies of their student's Academic Reports from Daranet prior to **Tuesday 19 December** as access to the platform will not be available after this date.

2023 Yearbook

The 2023 Yearbook will be distributed to students in Years 7-9 on **Wednesday 6 December**.

Students in Year 12 will be given the Yearbook on **Wednesday 13 December** from 10.00am - 3.00pm when they come to the College to collect their Senior Secondary Certificate, Tertiary Entrance Statements, and Vocational Certificates, as long as all textbooks and other resources they have out on loan, have been returned.

Students in Years 10 and 11 may collect their Yearbooks from Reception on **Wednesday 6 December** from 12noon until 4.00pm or when the Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificates are being issued on **Wednesday 13 December** from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Yearbooks will also be available in PT classes at the start of 2024 for returning students.

Please note: Students must have returned all textbooks, library books and other school resources before they will be issued with a Yearbook.

2024 Enrolments

We have a significant number of families seeking places in each of our year groups for 2024 where there are currently no vacancies. If your child is currently in Years 7-11, and will not be returning to Daramalan next year, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can assist other families. Please do this by notifying the Registrar, **Ms Damaris Brown**, via the email enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au.

College Board

I would like to extend my thanks to the College Board Directors for the work that they have undertaken this year, particularly Board Chair, **Ms Adrienne Day**, and Deputy Chair, **Mr Michael Munro-Mobbs**. I would also like to thank and acknowledge **Ms Letitia Kennedy** for her contributions to the College Board and as the Chair of the Community Engagement Committee. Letitia will be stepping down after six years as a Board Director at the end of 2023. I would also like to acknowledge my colleagues on the Building, Facilities, Resources and IT Committee, **Mr Nathan Spillane**, **Mr Shaun Wilson**, **Ms Sandra Fisher**, **Mr James Keeley** and **Mr Hugh Boulter**, who have been very active this year with the construction of the Issoudun Performing Arts Centre well underway. It is anticipated that the building will

be completed by the end of Term 1 2024. I would also like to thank the former staff who have served as seconded members of the Board Committees, **Ms Rita Daniels** (Community Engagement) and **Mr Mike Kelly** (Finance, Audit and Risk Management) for offering their expertise to these committees.

Parents and Friends

The final P & F meeting for 2023 was held on 1 November. The P & F's continuation of their support of the Charity Walk enabled us to continue our support of charities, MacKillop House and the St Nick's St Vincent de Paul Young Carers' program which was much appreciated. This year the P & F also committed to the purchase of a fourth College bus which we anticipate will be delivered in 2024. We are as always very grateful for their support. It was also uplifting for staff to be acknowledged by the P & F through the morning tea provided during the professional learning week in July.

I wish to thank **Ms Rachael Axford** in her role as P&F President and also the other Committee members including **Ms Amanda Curran**, **Ms Sandra Fisher**, **Mr Charlie Stephenson** and **Mr Stephen Dunkerley**. I would also like to acknowledge the parents and carers who volunteered their time this year. Your support is always invaluable. The AGM for the Parents and Friends will be held on **Wednesday 20 March 2024** at 6.30pm.

Student Achievements

As the year comes to a close, I am continually amazed and in awe of the achievements of our students.

Congratulations to:

Zachary Milczarek (Year 12) who has received a 4-year Athletic Scholarship (Football/Soccer) to attend University in Oregon, USA commencing in January 2024. We wish Zac much success in the USA.

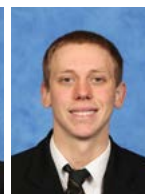
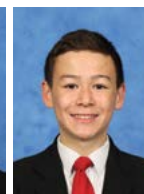
Denzel Veikune (Year 10) who has been selected as a member of the Australian U16 Schoolboys Rugby team to play the Pacific All Stars in December.

Noah Ellems (Year 7) who competed at the U12 Golf Championships in November.

Aleksandar Sestic (Year 9) who competed at the recent European Handball Championships.

Cameron Young (Year 9) who has been selected as a member of the AEFA Academy squad to travel to the Fiji Soccer Cup later this month.

Ryan Birrell (Year 11), **Sean Loney** (Year 9) and **Owen Hemsworth** (Year 12) who all broke records at the ACT Swimming Championships earlier this year. Ryan broke four records at the Championships, and Sean and Owen each broke one record.



Staff Changes

From 2024, the College will be moving our counselling services internally. As such, we want to take this opportunity to farewell our three counsellors from Marymead CatholicCare – **Ms Sarah O'Sullivan, Ms Sarah Foley and Ms Deb Nelson**. These individuals have been valued members of our community and have provided a range of essential counselling services and supports for our students and staff. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. More information will be communicated to families early next year, but we can assure families that we will continue to offer a range of counselling services for all of our students and families when we transition to our new internal counselling model.

At the end of this year, we will be farewelling a number of staff, both long-term members of our community and those who have been with us for a short period time. I would like to thank each of these staff for the contributions that they have made to our College.

Retiring at the end of 2023 is **Ms Judy Bruce** after 10 years at the College having joined as a member of the Design and Technology department in 2014. During her time at Daramalan, Judy has inspired her students in their love of Textiles Technology and Fashion. We wish Judy all the best for her retirement. **Mr Donald MacDonald** will be leaving the College at the end of this year to enable him to return to Western Australia to be with his family. We thank Don for his contributions to our College over the past 11 years. **Mr Andrew Withers** will also be leaving the College at the end of this year to take up a position at Sunshine Coast Grammar. Our thanks are extended to Andrew in particular on behalf of the students and families of Lyons and Cuthbert Houses for his work as their PCA. We wish Andrew much success for the future.

We have also had four of our long-serving Support Staff make the decision to retire at the end of 2023. We thank them for their tireless work in the background, with each one undertaking important and key roles which have enabled our College to operate smoothly each and every day. Our best wishes are extended to **Ms Jenny Cantlon** (Information Centre), **Ms Anne-Maree Doherty** (First Aid), **Ms Susan Stewart** (Learning Support Assistant) and **Mr Leo Stinson** (Bookhire). We wish all of these staff the very best for their well-earned retirements.

The final farewell is to **Fr Kimi Vunivesilevu MSC**. Fr Kimi joined our community in 2018 and has been a constant and guiding figure most Wednesday's since then. When the MSC Residence closed at the end of 2019, Fr Kimi became the MSC presence in our College. We thank Fr Kimi for all that he has brought to our community, his sense of humour and unassuming wisdom. Our very best wishes to Fr Kimi for the future, though we are sure that he will not be a stranger to our community.

Taking leave during Term 1 of next year is **Mr Steve Carroll**. **Mr Ben Stein** will move to the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Assessment Years 11-12 role during this time. **Ms Lucy Cronan** has been appointed as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Assessment Years 7-10 for this period. **Mr Joe Woodward** will step back into the Performing Arts Coordinator role to replace Lucy. Also taking leave for 2024 is **Ms Kate O'Connor**. **Mr Dean Parkes** will move into the Goolagong House Coordinator role while Kate is on leave. **Ms Yvonne Turnbull** will also be taking leave for 2024. We will be welcoming **Ms Jacqueline Dimmock** to the Events role while Yvonne is on leave.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to finish by thanking all of our families for your support again this year. To those who are leaving Daramalan, may you take with you many good memories of your time with us. My hope is that you continue to be people of heart wherever you may be. I look forward to welcoming our Year 7 and new students on **Monday 5 February** and the remainder of the College on Tuesday 6 February as we begin our Year of Compassion.

My best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing holiday filled with opportunities to spend time with family and friends. I hope to see many of our families at our end of year events including our Carols evening on **Monday 4 December**.

Best wishes,



Rachel Davies
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP January Holidays 2024 OPENING HOURS

Monday	22 January	10am - 4pm
Tuesday	23 January	10am - 4pm
Wednesday	24 January	10am - 4pm
Thursday	25 January	10am - 4pm
Friday	26 January	CLOSED
Monday	29 January	10am - 4pm
Tuesday	30 January	10am - 4pm
Wednesday	31 January	10am - 4pm
Thursday	1 February	10am - 4pm
Friday	2 February	10am - 4pm
Saturday	3 February	10am - 1pm

The Uniform Shop is closed for lunch 12 – 12:30pm

Advanced Inquiry

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 Advanced Inquiry elective class for their outstanding projects. Students impressed their family, friends and teachers with their deep thinking and high-quality academic projects on the evening of Wednesday 15 November. Students chose an amazing array of inquiry topics including Music, Neuroscience, Earth and Space Science, Dance, Photography, Ancient History, Sociology and

Psychology. Students' learning was obvious to all from the confidence and pride in which they presented their work. They were keen to demonstrate their new inquiry skills, particularly active research techniques. Students engaged with specialists in their field of study such as cultural dance teachers, embassies, university lecturers, local sports people, photographers and Daramalan teachers. Many formal emails were sent, school lessons taught, interviews and surveys conducted, and fieldwork undertaken. Thank you to all the teachers whose classes completed surveys and lessons, and **Ms Kavita Jogia** and **Ms Katelyn Riepon** for being excellent mentors.



Information Centre

Happy Halloween!

During Term 4, the Library was decorated with cobwebs (the dust was already there), skulls, pumpkins and plenty of horror reads. **Ms Heidi Horwood** and **Ms Melissa Bird** engaged the students with spooky crafts of bandage ghosts, paper spiderwebs and origami bats. The Library staff asked the students 'who you gonna call?' as they became ghostbusters in a hunt to find crochet ghosts made by **Ms Kate Dimech**. Although spooky season has passed, the horror books continue to be thrilling reads ready for the holidays. Happy Reading!



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



GHOSTBUSTERS

TWO GHOST TYPES SPOTTED:
FUZZY BROWN
SOFT AND WHITE

HAUNTING THE LIBRARY WEDNESDAY 25TH-TUESDAY 31ST

Can you capture the ghosts?



Writers' Club

Attention Students Years 7-9

Do you enjoy writing? Do you want to improve your writing?

Come along and try the Daramalan Writers' Club on our last meeting for the year.

Monday 27 November at 3:45pm until 4:45pm in the Seminar Room in the Library.

Ms Suzanne Kiraly

Environment Group

The Environment Group has had great fun this term seeing our goal for the year achieved: a native garden in the school. Sourcing beautiful native plants from the Australian Botanic Gardens, students and staff helped to prepare the old garden beds in the Littleton Quad for a new look. We look forward to seeing this space blossom with more of our local environment reflected in the life of our school. Thank you to everyone who got their hands dirty on our gardening afternoons – our Environment Captains **Trudy Harries** and **Charlotte Mitchell**, the many student helpers, **Ms Alison Baker**, **Ms Marissa Gaspari**, **Ms Cheryl Hamill**, our guests from the MSC Education Council, and particularly the wonderful **Mr Matthew Cresswell** who guided our every turn of the soil.



Debating

Debating Success

In Semester 2, a Year 7 debating team from Daramalan competed in the ACT Junior Premier Debating Competition. In their first ever debating competition, our team were highly successful, ranking as one of the best teams in the competition. They came up against Year 7 and 8 students from across the ACT, in a field of almost 50 teams and over 150 students.

The team spent the first few debates experimenting with different speaking positions, before settling on an order that best suited their talents. **Abela Young** was our first speaker, successfully bringing together the ideas of her team and confidently setting up strong cases. **Reese McGee** was our highly adaptable second speaker, who both responded to the arguments of the opposition and presented extra points for her team's case. **Danica-Zeta Jonathan** took on the difficult position of whip and did an excellent job of thinking on her feet to contest the opposing team's arguments and convince the adjudicators of why Daramalan should win.



The team won four of their six debates, narrowly losing to two of the more experienced Year 8 teams in the final rounds of the competition. Congratulations to Abela, Reese and Danica who worked particularly well together and became known to the adjudicators as one of the most impressive new teams in the competition. Special congratulations to Reese who was named as one of the top 10 speakers of the competition. Thanks to **Kenneth Le** (Year 11) for his assistance in coaching this team.

Languages

Congratulations to our Year 12 Languages Students

We would like to congratulate our Year 12 Languages students for completing their Senior Languages studies. Your dedication to mastering a new language is truly commendable. You embraced the intricacies of vocabulary, grammar and culture and did not give up when being challenged to think outside the square. May your skills open doors to diverse worlds and exciting opportunities. – Herzlichen Glückwunsch – Félicitations - おめでとう-

German, French and Japanese Students Visiting Daramalan in 2024 – Hosts Needed!

After successful tours to Germany, France and Japan, our hosts will visit us in 2024 which is a great opportunity to show them our school and what everyday life is like in Australia.

While most of our guests will be hosted by the students who went on the tour this year, we are still interested to hear from additional families who are willing to host one of the visiting students as some of the students no longer attend Daramalan or are unable to host.

Dates:

German School 16-23 February 2024 (7 nights) Term 1

French School 23 February-6 March (12 nights) Term 1

Japanese School 1-7 August (6 nights) Term 3

During their stay, the host students will attend school with their host siblings and take part in your family life after school. It will be a great experience for your child to be their host brother/sister.

Please note, host families are required to have **WWVP cards**. You can get it for free, but it may take about a month, so please apply for the card if you don't have one. Any family member above 18 years old must have the card to host the students. Our school requires a copy of your WWVP before the students arrive.

If you are willing to accommodate a German, French or Japanese student, please contact **Waka Burrige** (waka.burridge@daramalan.act.edu.au) before the end of the school year.

Languages Tours in 2025

There has already been some interest in the next Language tours. We will start organising these around the middle of next year. The tours will be open to students who will be in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2024. Please note that your child will have to continue their Language studies in 2024 in order to be eligible to go on tour in 2025, e.g. if your child is currently in Year 8 and would like to go on the next tour, they will have to study their respective language in Year 9 next year.



Visual Arts

Year 7 and 8 Portraits

Year 7 and 8 Visual Art students have produced some outstanding artworks tackling the difficult genre of portraiture. Students were tasked with presenting both a likeness and the personality of their sitter. The results are impressive. **Jackie Roberts** - Art Teacher



Lachlan Hargreave Year 7



Hugh Stephenson Year 8



May Cuddihy Year 7



Ivy Hartwig Year 8



Emily Greig Year 7



Hugh Gledhill Year 7



Elizabeth Duke Year 7



Georgia Morris Year 7



Alex Hannan Year 7



Devin Holpfer Year 7

ARE YOU STUDYING ART IN 2024?

BUNDANON ART CAMP MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

YEARS 9-12
8-10 MAY 2024

Be inspired by the beautiful Shoalhaven River and advance your art skills with this two night camp at Bundanon Homestead and Studio. Immerse yourself in nature and enjoy connected activities led by Bundanon's specialist team.

For more details email
joanna.howard@daramalan.act.edu.au

<https://www.bundanon.com.au/>



Performing Arts

DTC is preparing for a Festival of Performance in April / May 2024

Do you want to perform? Act? Design? Be part of a stage crew? Other involvement?

We seek imaginative students, adults and artists from the school community to suggest and indicate interest in being a part of the Festival of Performance.

- Do you have a Movie to be made? DTC Festival of Performance has an opening for presenting your work.
- Do you have a Dance Work that illuminates contemporary life?
- Do you have a Hybrid Performance that challenges all we know of art, society, life and our conceptual ability to process our experience and understanding?
- Or perhaps you have a Performance Art piece, an interactive and immersive piece that you feel passionate about?
- Do you have an Experimental Music work?

If this is you, submit an expression of interest for working with the DTC in 2024. Just complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/KUgMHAmgh5>

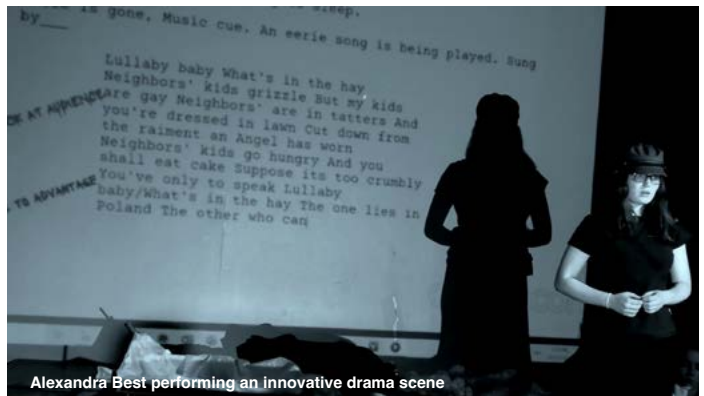
We need teachers, support staff, students, parents and members of the Daramalan community and the public to take up facilitation and other support roles: eg. Front of House, Assistant Stage Managers for each of the productions, tech crew, costume and properties management, publicity and marketing, cafe serving,

bar staff (RSA needed) and miscellaneous assistance. Working on a production can be fun. By having a number of smaller scale works means we can share the load and thus reduce the time commitments needed for each presentation.

Daramalan Theatre Company will be calling for students to audition in February 2024. Auditions will be held for the DTC Junior Theatre Ensemble, Senior One-Act Plays and more near the beginning of February for performances in late April and early May as part of the Festival of Performance. Keep tuned in to what is coming up. And if you would like to make an expression of interest simply complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/KUgMHAmgh5>

The form is open to students, past students, parents and teachers. So have a look. There might be something for you.

Joe Woodward
Artistic Director



Alexandra Best performing an innovative drama scene

PREPARING A FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE

Extending the Art of the Possible

How might you be a part of this expansive and embracing project?

Performing Arts Cont...

Wicked Excursion

On Wednesday 25 October, myself and numerous Drama and Dance students had the opportunity to go and see the amazing Australian sensation 'Wicked' the Musical in Sydney. After an early wake-up and a few naps along the way, we arrived at the Sydney Lyric Theatre all bustling with excitement for the show. And what a performance it was, from the amazing soundtrack and acting to the sets and props that brought the show to life. We were all blown away. After the show, we were allowed to ask questions to a few members of the cast and listen to their own experiences with being part of 'Wicked' the Musical. It was a chance for our Performing Arts students

to personally learn from actors, singers, dancers and set and props crew on a professional level.

All still hyped up after the show, we walked across the harbour square, where we had dinner in small groups and had a chance to stretch our legs. It was then time to hop back on the bus to head home. After a long and eventful day, we were all still reliving the moments from the performance we saw. On behalf of all the students who attended I would like to thank the teachers who came along with us. I would also like to say a big thank you to **Ms Lucy Cronan** who organised the excursion and gave the Performing Arts students the chance to experience a once-in-a-life-time opportunity. It will remain a day to remember for all of us.

Emilie Van't Hof
Art and Culture Captain



Health and Physical Education

In Year 8 Health and Physical Education, students delved into a thought-provoking set of experiments designed to shed light on the profound impact of drugs and alcohol on individuals and our society. The activities gave our students an insightful exploration of the consequences associated with substance abuse.

The experiments commenced with an examination of standard drinks, allowing students to compare the volume and strength of different-sized vessels. This hands-on activity provided a tangible understanding of the implications associated with varying levels of alcohol consumption.

Next, the students explored the dangers of cigarette smoking, where they uncovered a startling reality—cigarettes contain over 600 ingredients, unleashing more than 4000 chemicals upon ignition, including 50 known carcinogens. The gravity of this information was underscored as students witnessed a comparison between

cigarette smoke and the vapour emitted by e-cigarettes. In a poignant demonstration in one of our Science lab Fume Cupboards, it became clear that neither smoking nor vaping can be deemed safe—they are equally toxic and represent detrimental health decisions.

To drive the message home, students engaged in an activity simulating the effects of respiratory diseases, such as emphysema, commonly linked to smoking and vaping. This immersive experience served as a stark reminder of the long-term consequences associated with these habits.

The lesson was powerful, and many students commented on their commitment to never engage in smoking or vaping. As Health and Physical Education educators, witnessing such a powerful shift in perspective has to be considered a resounding success. Empowering students with knowledge to make informed choices ensures a healthier and more informed generation.

This experiment not only fostered a deep understanding of the consequences of substance abuse but also ignited a collective commitment to well-being among our students.

Ms Erin Gustus, Mr John Gale and Mr Andrew Withers.



Daramalan Christmas Carols

Everyone is invited to our end of year Christmas Carols to be held on **Monday 4 December** in McCowage Hall, commencing at 6 pm.

There will be performances by our Choir, Band Ensemble and String Ensemble. Come along and celebrate another successful year of the Daramalan Music program, the Christmas season and the holidays just around the corner.



Alumni

Dear Daramalan College Alumni, staff and family members!

We are thrilled to introduce the all-new Daramalan College Alumni Website, your virtual gateway to reconnect, reminisce and build lasting connections with your fellow graduates.

What awaits you:

Event Calendar: Stay in the loop with upcoming reunions, networking events and exclusive Alumni gatherings.

Memories and Photos: Browse through nostalgia-inducing photos from your time at Daramalan College and past reunions.

Alumni Stories and News: Be inspired by the incredible stories and achievements of your fellow Alumni.

In Memoriam Page: Honour and remember Daramalan family members who have passed away.

Stay Informed: Check updates on school news, achievements, and opportunities.

Let's make this Alumni community a vibrant and supportive hub for all Daramalan College graduates.

If you are a Daramalan College Alumni or staff member, please register on our website:

<https://alumni.daramalan.com.au/register/alumni/>

Sport News

Daramalan Cricket Summer 23/24 Season Update

Daramalan's Cricket season is off to a great start with many new players beginning their journey with the College, and more experienced cricketers continuing to develop their game. Our cricketers are looking mighty sharp in their new training tees and on our newly resurfaced cricket nets at the College.

In the first week of the Summer season, Daramalan registered one of their greatest ever victories, winning by a margin of 254 runs! **Tom Inwood** (Year 9) scored the first century of the season with 122* off just 69 deliveries. Our First XI welcomed some new recruits and the strong squad has found it's form, recording the first win of the season over Radford. **Alessia Montefiore-Gardner** (Year 10) has dazzled with the bat, compiling three 50+ scores including 83 off only 29 deliveries.

For those interested in developing their game over the holidays, you may like to register for Pro Performance Cricket's Canberra Summer Cricket Camps. Ex-professional player **David Dawson** and his team are running camps throughout December and January – an excellent chance for students to receive expert coaching over the break. For more information, visit the following link: <https://properformancecricket.com/act-cricket-camps/>

For any further information regarding Daramalan Cricket, contact **Mr Callum Brown** at callum.brown@daramalan.act.edu.au.



Congratulations to **Isobel Olivier** (Year 10) and 'Tinkerbelle' who, after 2 qualifying rounds, finished 13th overall in the Open Emerald Series at the Australian Show Jumping Championships held in Sydney from Tuesday 31 October to Sunday 5 November. A great achievement considering a rise in jumping height and competing in the Open age division.



GIRLS

Wednesday 7 February

Under 19 Girls (born 2006,2007,2008) 3:30-4:30PM

Under 14 Girls (born 2011,2012) 4:30-5:30PM

Under 16 Girls (born 2009,2010) 5:30-7:00PM

BOYS

Thursday 8 February

Under 14 Boys (born 2011,2012) 3:30-5:30PM

Under 16 Boys (born 2009,2010) 5:30-7:30PM

Monday 12 February

Under 19 Boys (born 2006,2007,2008) 4:00-6:00PM

All sessions are held in the Daramalan College Sports Centre. Trials are compulsory in order to be placed in a team. If you cannot attend trials but would still like to play – please contact Mr Gale.

Please note: The U/16 and U/19 boys age groups are extremely large in 2024, we will separate these trials into two sessions on the day.

**DARAMALAN CAREERS
WEBSITE**

Please contact Annette Brady on 6245 6394 or careers@daramalan.act.edu.au

University of Wollongong Discovery Day

Year 11 students (Year 12 2024) - Are you considering the University of Wollongong as an option after Year 12? Would you like to visit the campus to see what life at Wollongong could be like? The UOW Discovery day is on **Friday 16 February** and registrations are now open. Please contact **Ms Annette Brady** by **Thursday 29 November** if you would like to attend. This excursion is open to Year 11 students only (Year 12 2024). <https://www.uow.edu.au/study/high-school/discovery-days/>

Work Experience

Students in Years 10 to 12 can undertake work experience placements with the approval of the College. Finding an employer is the responsibility of the student and there must be a meeting with **Ms Brady** to discuss the timing, legal requirements and documentation. Students may only attend work experience for one week during the semester. The completed 4-Way Agreement must be received by the College at least 7 days prior to the placement commencing. Contact careers@daramalan.act.edu.au for more information.

Opportunity for Year 12 Students – Allinsure 2024 Insurance Trainee Program

Allinsure has an exciting opportunity for a Year 12 student who has the aptitude to go to university but is keen to start their career in one of the most varied, rewarding and exciting industries out there. Allinsure is currently running an insurance trainee program starting in February 2024 (located in Canberra). As a Trainee Assistant Account Executive at Allinsure, you will be exposed to all facets of the insurance industry through on the job training, accredited supported learning and periodic rotations and placements into industry partners to get a taste of where you can go in an amazing industry. Contact **Ms Brady** for more information.

Women of STEM Scholarship

The Women of STEM Scholarship is a national program for women aged 18-20 who are entering their first year of a STEM degree at university and provides women with financial grants of \$5,000 per year for the life of their degree, up to a maximum of 5 years. Applications open **Friday 15 December** and close **Friday 16 February**. [Learn more here.](#)

Become a Software Developer – Apply now for the Wisetech Global Earn and Learn Scholarship

Year 12 students can [APPLY NOW](#) directly via the WiseTech website for the January 2024 intake.

Charles Sturt University New Entry Pathways to University

Charles Sturt University enabling courses prepare students for an undergraduate degree. Access Charles Sturt Entry is ideal for those who didn't do Year 12 or have a Cert II. The Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation is ideal for students who didn't quite get the ATAR they needed. Completion of this course will mean guaranteed entry into a wide range of Charles Sturt's Bachelor's degrees and

undergraduate certificates – with credit towards the course to give students a head start. [More information here.](#)

2024 Traineeship Intake

AFL SportsReady is currently seeking expressions of interest from applicants looking to secure a traineeship, commencing in 2024. Traineeships are an amazing opportunity that allows you to earn while you learn, gaining real-world experience and invaluable skills along the way. Opportunities available in Sport and Recreation, Business and Administration, Education, Finance, Horticulture, Information Technology, Retail and Arts, and the Creative Industries. Please visit the [jobs board](#) to apply.

JMC Academy

Free Acting Audition Workshop on **Saturday 9 December**, 9am to 3pm (BYO lunch) at Drama Studio, JMC Academy, Level 2, 561 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. Free but must register as places are limited. RSVP to: smclean@jmc.edu.au.

NSW Police Recruitment 2024

Basic requirements for becoming a Police Officer; 18 years of age and over, hold a current NSW Drivers Licence – 6 months on Red P's, Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident, no adult criminal offences or charges and successful completion of the University Certificate in Workforce Essentials (UCWE) course through Charles Sturt University. This 4-week online course is a mandatory academic requirement for all NSW Police Force applicants. The UCWE costs \$700 and qualifies for FEE HELP from the Australian Government. Those looking to become a police officer in NSW will receive a financial boost of \$30,000 while studying from March 2024. Learn more: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment> or follow us on social media: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Recruitment.NSWPoliceForce/> | Instagram: @nswpf_recruitment_branch or email recruiting@police.nsw.gov.au.

Sydney Film School

Applications to study at Sydney Film School in 2024 are open. Classes in all aspects of filmmaking, ranging from screenwriting, to producing, directing, to post-production classes. Build a portfolio with projects from a music video to short films. Apply here: [https://sydneyfilmschool.edu.au/filmmaking-application/.](https://sydneyfilmschool.edu.au/filmmaking-application/)

University of Sydney

Upcoming webinars for prospective undergraduate students Term 4: Discover the Journey to University, Software Engineering at Sydney, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at Sydney, Pathways to Studying Law, Diagnostic Radiography, and Life in the Field: Chemistry in Action. Find out more and register: [https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html.](https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html)

Overseas Service and Internships - 2024 Dates

Projects Abroad have finalised 2024 dates for their range of overseas service and experiential learning programs. Placements are for Year 10-12 students, taking place in emerging countries such as Nepal, Cambodia, Tanzania and Peru. Students participate in education, construction, conservation and human rights projects. Details: [https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/trip-format/high-school-specials/.](https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/trip-format/high-school-specials/)

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2024 Gap Year Applications Open. Looking for an adventure in regional NSW? Offering 6 and 12 month gap year placements. Accommodation available with flexible workdays and hours. Apply: www.longtrackpantry.com.au or email careers@longtrackpantry.com.au for more information.

Careers News Cont...

Work and Travel in the USA with Camp America

Camp America allows students to spend 9 -12 weeks working at a Summer Camp teaching a skill, sport or hobby to children. It is a unique cultural exchange opportunity where students gain skills to add to their CV, including leadership and teamwork. Students can attend Camp America 2024 Job Fairs in January to find out more, meet camps in-person and get hired on the spot. Visit: <https://www.campamerica.com.au/>.

Defence Careers

Are you interested in a Navy, Army or Air Force career? Read more about [how to apply](#), call 13 19 01 or find a local [ADF Careers Centre](#). [Discover upcoming events](#) in your area or online to learn more.

Defence Work Experience Program (DWEPE)

Check the DWEPE website for opportunities currently open for applications. DWEPE Website - [Jobs List - Defence Work Experience \(nga.net.au\)](#)

Free Tools and Resources for Students

Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Apprenticeships

Students looking to gain practical work skills or a targeted qualification towards a particular occupation can explore a wide variety of VET programs and courses. VET offers flexible, affordable training options and can sometimes be combined with senior secondary study or even create a pathway to university.

[Learn more about VET.](#)

Apprenticeships in particular offer nationally recognised VET qualifications and paid training pathways to hundreds of different careers, from traditional trades through to new and emerging occupations.

[Discover Australian apprenticeships.](#)

Alternative Pathways to University

In addition to VET, other pathways such as bridging or enabling courses may be a possibility for students aspiring to university who don't think they'll qualify for direct entry into their preferred course.

[Explore alternative pathways to higher education.](#)

Gap Years

Deferring future study is a big decision and it may not be an option for everyone. However, students planning a gap year before commencing post-school education can still make it productive for their career.

[Gap years: making them work for you.](#)

Seeking Employment

Students looking for work during secondary school or beyond, as well as those considering an apprenticeship, can learn how to find opportunities, produce quality applications, prepare for job interviews and more.

[View job seeker resources, tips and templates.](#)

Still Exploring Career Ideas

Completing the activities in My career profile helps students identify their interests, skills, study preferences and more, and suggests a list of occupations for them to explore career pathways, training options and future employment prospects.

[Log in to My career profile.](#)

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Contact: Jock McDonnell, Forte Building Group

M: 0403 695 253

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Robyn Monteleone

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Join us to discuss our new SLES program, and pathway into Career Discovery!

Register your interest:



The Christmas/Festive season is fast approaching, and along with it is the additional Christmas/Festive preparation expenses, not to mention the bills that will start rolling in come the New Year!

Care continues to facilitate the ACT Government's Rent Relief program for those who rent privately in the ACT. Eligible renters can apply for the one off grant of 4 weeks rent up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Please note: The current turn around for

applications is 2-3 weeks, but could increase depending on the volume of applications received.

For more information, eligibility criteria and application form head to our website – www.carefcs.org/rent-relief-scheme

Care will be closed for Christmas from Friday 22nd December 2023 reopening Tuesday 2nd January 2024.



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All items, summer or winter, can be brought to front reception for donation. Thank you!

Should there be a surplus of donations, these will be offered up at low cost to families and any profit donated to the scholarship fund, which further supports students facing barriers to an education at our college.

**Any questions can be emailed to
alyce.packer@daramalan.act.edu.au**

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Parenting

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Has your teenager or pre-teen been diagnosed with ADHD? Think Mental Health will be running a seminar on parenting an adolescent with ADHD and how that intersects with mental health concerns. Parents will be provided with information & practical strategies to improve relationships & your confidence in managing your young person

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If you are in business, and would like to advertise in our Directory, please contact arina.yakovtseva@daramalan.act.edu.au or phone 6163 6523 for more information. Your small fee will go a long way to supporting our Scholarship Fund and your business will be promoted to the wider Daramalan College Community.

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Thank you and Merry Christmas

To all our businesses who have advertised with us in 2023 and supported the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund through your subscriptions – thank you. Your continued support is valued and very much appreciated.

To all our families and members of the Daramalan Community who support these businesses, we also thank you!

Merry Christmas and very best wishes to you and your families for 2024.

