

DARANNEWS

22 March 2024

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Students return



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From the Principal



*Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,*

We are now more than three quarters through the term, and it has been wonderful to see the community spirit and energy that has accompanied the start of the year. The term has certainly been a whirlwind of activity and events. I would like to especially acknowledge our College Student Leadership team, who, in just a few short weeks, have already been able to bring together our community, accompanied by sightings of our College Eagle Mascot, at key events! I would also like to thank the House Captains for all of their enthusiasm and hard work to make both the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals the successes that they were. **Monday 25 March** is the third of our carnivals, the House Cross Country.

I wish all of those students who have signed up to take part on Monday much success as they make their way around the Stromlo course.

2025 Enrolments and Open Evening

Enrolments for Year 7 and 11 2025 opened on Monday 18 March and will close on **Friday 31 May**. All information relating to enrolments, including the online enrolment form, can be found on the College website. Information for our current Year 10 students will be distributed early next term. There is no need to complete a new enrolment application for Year 11. On **Thursday 4 April** we will hold our annual Open Evening. This event provides an opportunity for prospective families and students to see our facilities and to hear what Daramalan College offers students. Tours of the College will begin at 4:45pm and the final tour will depart at 6:30pm. It is an evening when many of our students assist with displays, taking tours or performing in various groups to highlight some of our offerings. Thank you in advance to all the



The Eagle Mascot swooping in for it's grand debut at the Athletics Carnival

From the Principal

parents who will assist by picking up students at the end of Open Evening. The best place to do this is on Morphett Street, not near Reception as this area is traditionally very busy. There will be no training or co-curricular activities on this evening unless they form part of a specific Open Evening display as the oval and Sports Centre will be used on the night.

There is a change to our **Try Dara Day** for students currently in Year 6 this year. There will be only one day held, **Thursday 11 April from 9:30am-2:30pm**. Bookings for this day are limited and essential, even for our current families. These bookings need to be made through the College website, and families will need to arrange their own transport of their student to and from the College on the day.

Lent

I would like to thank all of the families who have supported our Lenten Appeal for Caritas. The enthusiasm and good humour tinged with House rivalry was on full display at the annual Coin Weigh held this week. Congratulations to each of our Houses for their contribution to the overall total amount raised. I would like to acknowledge the work of the Social Justice Group who have been very active in raising awareness as well as holding a range of activities over the past few weeks in support of Caritas.

Next Thursday we will mark Holy Thursday with our Holy Week Liturgy. I would like to thank **Ms Cheryl Hamill**, our Mission Captain **Isaac Arthur** and the Liturgy Committee for their work in bringing together this Liturgy. In his Lenten message, Pope Francis encouraged us to "Slow down, then, pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers". Each day, especially during Lent, we are reminded of both Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher's words of

walking together and living a shared experience in synodality, discovering new companions. It can be challenging to stop and slowdown in our hectic lives. My hope is that over the few short days of the Easter break, our students, staff and families are able to "slow down, then, pause" before we return for the final two weeks of the term.

Family Mass and Fr Jules Chevalier's 200th Birthday Celebrations

On Thursday 7 March we held our Family Mass in McCowage Hall. The celebrant for the Mass was **Father Tru** in his first Mass at the College as the sole celebrant. The evening was a lovely celebration of who we are as a College and the role that our families play in this. Thank you especially to our families who joined us on the evening. The Student Leaders prepared a video about Jules Chevalier, the MSCs and the ethos of Daramalan College. I would like to acknowledge **Ms Cheryl Hamill** for her work in preparing the Mass, **Ms Heather Chapman** for putting together the video, and, of course, our Student Leaders and Fr Tru.

Last Friday, 15 March, marked the anniversary of **Fr Jules Chevalier's** 200th birthday. There have been world-wide celebrations to mark the occasion. Due to NAPLAN occurring earlier in the day, the celebrations were more subdued than we had first envisaged, however, all of our staff and students were able to celebrate with birthday cake after lunch in their respective Houses. I would like to thank and acknowledge one of our former students, **Kasey Saunderson**, who prepared cupcakes for our staff and created the 'special' birthday cakes for our House celebrations. We started the day with a special prayer and video during PT time which acknowledged the significance of the day and our connection to the world-wide MSC, OLSH and Chevalier families. Our Student Leaders, along with those from the three other Australian MSC schools, contributed to a video put together by the Australia OLSH community. [The video can be viewed here.](#)



Students enjoying Birthday Cake



O'Brien students singing Happy Birthday to Jules Chevalier



Cupcakes made by Kasey Saunderson

From the Principal

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 have been sitting the NAPLAN tests over the past two weeks. I would like to thank the students for the manner in which they have approached the tests. I would also like to acknowledge the work undertaken by **Ms Heike Craig** in overseeing the testing and the logistics required to ensure that the tests run smoothly.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Parent-Teacher-Student conferences are scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 10 April**. These interviews will be held online via Teams. Information about the booking process and how to login to the meetings will be sent in the coming weeks by **Mr James Keeley**, Deputy Principal.

Parking and Blocking Driveway Access

We ask that people who are dropping off their students in the morning, and/or picking up students in the afternoon do **not** park on the nature strips of houses near the College or across driveway entrances. Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from our neighbours about damage done to grass and trees as well as access being blocked when they have attempted to exit their property. We wish to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, so we ask that you assist by respecting their space. Please also be mindful when picking up students that you are not parked or stopping in a designated bus zone or a signposted no parking area.

P and F

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent AGM and general meeting of the P&F Association held this week. At the AGM the 2024 Committee were elected:

President – **Rachael Axford**

Vice President – **Amanda Curran**

Treasurer – **Charlie Stephenson**

Assistant Treasurer- **Georgie Ovin**

Secretary – **Sandra Fisher**

Assistant Secretary- **Heather Lawton**

APFACTS representative – Stephen Dunkerley

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

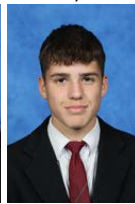
Winter Uniform

From the start of Term 2, **Monday 29 April**, students need to have their full Winter uniform. I encourage parents to start planning this soon rather than leaving this to the last days of the April holidays. Opening hours for the Uniform Shop are on the College website.

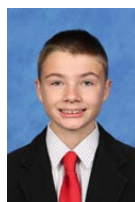
Student Successes

Congratulations to:

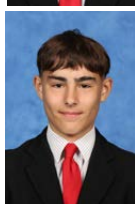
Ruby Gifford (Year 11) and **Nikolas Mamatas** (Year 11) who have been selected as members of the ACTBSSS Student Forum. This forum meets several times over the year to discuss and consider a range of issues. It is comprised of students from across all ACT Colleges.



Archie Dixon (Year 8) on his success at the recent NSW Junior Athletics Championships. Archie won 5 out of 5 of his events, setting 4 new National records in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m in the PA Ambulant U15. Archie also competed in the 1500m, taking out the event.



Heidi Tongue (Year 10), **Tom Covey** (Year 9) and **Hamish Warhurst** (Year 10) who will be competing at the National Hockey Championships in Tasmania as members of the ACT squads.

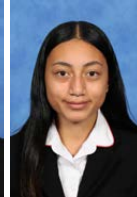


Riley Bransdon (Year 8) who will be competing in the 50m, 100m, 200m backstroke events and the 50m and 100m freestyle events at the National Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast in April.



Edward O'Brien (Year 12) and **Hena Lomu**

and **Achol Agok** (Year 11) on their selection in the respective male and female U18 ACT Basketball squads competing at the National Championships in Brisbane.



Jackson MacDonald (Year 8) who recently competed at the National Track Cycling Championships.



Andie McFarland (Year 10) who recently competed as a member of the ACT squad at the Australian Youth Volleyball Championships.



George Bowditch (Year 12) who competed

The Sack Race at the Athletics Carnival



From the Principal

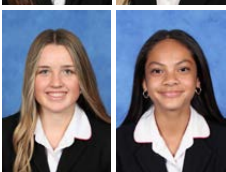
in the single sculls at the National Rowing Championships.

Charlotte Newton (Year 12), **Lara Dau** (Year 12), and **Lara McGilvray** (Year 12) **Eseta Tuipeatau** (Year 10) who have been selected as members of the U17 and U19 ACT Netball squads to compete at the National Championships.

Mia Cooper (Year 11) and **Imogen**

Morse (Year 11) on being selected as part of the 2024 Under 22 ACT Australian Football League women's team to play in the Summer Series against the GWS Giants and Sydney Swans Academies. Congratulations also to **Flynn Read** (Year 12) who was selected as part of the men's representative side.

Kobe McInerney (Year 8) on his first-round win of the SP Tools Australian Kart Championship, presented by Castrol at Adelaide's Bolivar Raceway. This was an amazing achievement to



win the Elita Junior Class KA2 in the country for the TF Racing Team. Kobe won in a convincing manner winning the final by over 5 seconds which is enormous considering lap times are very close and the competition so strong. Kobe also took home a swag of points for the overall title.

Isabella Jarratt (Year 11) who has qualified for the Australian Stock Horse Junior Judging State final for the second year in a row at the Royal Easter Show. This follows Bella's success at the Canberra Show where she won the Junior Judging section. She has also been invited to be one of six referees for the Brumbies Women's games.

Harry Clark (Year 8) who has received both an individual and team nomination for Sportsmanship at the ACT Sport Awards.

Sophia Dobbie (Year 10) who has been selected as a member of the Football NSW Institute program for Girls Under 15s.



Best wishes for a very blessed Easter season and safe travels for those families who may be taking advantage of the long weekend break.

Rachel Davies
Principal

DARAMALAN COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING 4 APRIL 2024

The first tour departs at 4:45pm, with the last tour leaving at 6:30pm.

2025 ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

Enrolments for Year 7 and Year 11 must be submitted by Friday 31 May 2024.

TRY DARA DAY 11 APRIL 2024 [CLICK TO BOOK](#)



For information about enrolments in other years, visit our website or contact the Enrolments Office on the details below.
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College News

College Hours of Supervision and Change to Uhr Information Centre Hours in Term 2

With days becoming shorter and more training occurring after school, this is a timely reminder to parents and students regarding what supervision is provided before and after normal school hours for the safety of students. Note that from the start of Term 2, the Uhr Information Centre will have a slight change in the hours of supervision offered.

- Active staff supervision is from 8:25am to 3:40pm onsite each day.
- Supervision is provided at organised school events such as rehearsals, trainings or excursions.
- The Uhr Information Centre is supervised from 8:15am to 4:45pm Monday to Thursday and 8:15am to 4:30pm on Fridays. **From the start of Term 2, The Uhr Information Centre is supervised from 8:15am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.**
- Supervision is provided in the Sports Centre during the Winter sports season from 3:30pm to 6.00pm Monday to Thursday where there is a First Aid qualified member of staff available.
- Reception is staffed from 8.30am to 4.30pm each day, after this time there is no active supervision of the pick-up area at the front of the College.

The College does not provide supervision and is not responsible for students who are onsite outside of our active supervision roster and who are not participating in an organised school event. In this circumstance, students are onsite at their own risk.

We encourage our students to always be responsible and vigilant to ensure safety onsite and around the College grounds. When travelling to and from school, students are asked to travel in groups where possible, notify their parents of their travel paths, maintain awareness of surroundings and report concerns promptly to the College. We do not recommend students being at Dickson before or after school for prolonged periods of time.

James Keeley – Deputy Principal



Uniform Shop School Holiday Hours

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| Monday | 22 April | 10am to 4pm |
| Tuesday | 23 April | 10am to 4pm |
| Wednesday | 24 April | 10am to 4pm |
| Thursday | 25 April | CLOSED |
| Friday | 26 April | 10am to 4pm |
| Saturday | 27 April | 10am to 4pm |



Mobile Phones at the Canteen

Due to recent changes to our phone policy, students in Years 7-10 will not be able to use their mobile phones to pay for food at the Canteen from the start of Term 2.

Social Justice

The House with the Heaviest Haul

During the six weeks of Lent, which is the period leading up to Easter, the school participates in Project Compassion by fundraising and raising awareness about global poverty and injustice. The funds raised through Project Compassion support Caritas Australia's long-term development programs in communities around the world, focusing on areas such as education, healthcare, water and sanitation, food security and disaster response.

The Coin Weigh is one of our bigger fundraising events of the year and it's all for Project Compassion. This year we utilised much more than the traditional gathering of coins and tap and go was the flavour of collection in 2024.

Our House Captains spent many mornings moving through the PT's and their tireless work has been rewarded in plenty of money being raised for Project Compassion. With the weigh in taking place on Wednesday 20 March, all the coins will be counted, notes added and EFTPOS results compiled to announce the House with The Heaviest Haul for 2024.

I would like to thank **Cushla Donovan** for her amazing work as the Social Justice Captain, who continues to raise the bar for all things Social Justice at Daramalan.

Mr Ben McGee – Social Justice Coordinator



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Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp was extraordinary this year. We went to Pambula Discovery Park and camped out bush for a night. We loved the surf safety lessons where we learnt how to identify a rip and practise helping people caught in that situation. The shelter building at the bush camp

was quite an experience with the leaf blowers and fake rain, it was really cool. Our favourite activity would be the kayaking and snorkelling where we got to explore the river by ourselves. Spending time with our friends at the campfire was memorable and the damper we all made was delicious. It was great to meet new people who are in our House and Bank. We definitely made lasting friendships.

Imogen Power and Lily Worsnop (Year 7)



Year 9 Camp

In Week 3, the Year 9 cohort participated in a four-day camp in Jindabyne. We stayed in the Bungarra Lodge for two nights and camped at Thredbo Diggings for one. All this was led by the ALI staff, and we thank them very much.

While on camp we participated in various outdoor activities. These activities included a 20km hike up Mt Kosciuszko to the lookout, mountain bike riding, river sledding, canoeing, initiatives including crate climbing and on the final day an ALI tradition; The Daramalan Challenge.

The camp provided a great experience to learn how to adapt to different environments and settings. This camp was all about further developing leadership qualities and persevering when participating in challenging activities. Some of the challenges our year group had to overcome included the long hike, rain hitting us on the last day, as well as standard camp things like being away from home. But, even with all the challenges it was a fun experience and provided a chance for us to connect and learn more about each other, our PT Teachers, and House Coordinators.

Eliza Lawton - My favourite part of camp was the huge chicken schnitzel that we had for dinner on the first night and being able to create new friendships. I also enjoyed the river sledding aside from almost freezing to death in the Thredbo river. During this time, I talked to so many new people and it didn't matter who they were, or what they were like at school, everyone just got along and bonded over the challenging experiences.

Emma Daly – I enjoyed camp because it brought all of us together. You would talk to people outside of your friend group, especially at night in the cabins where we would all bond, talk and play games which is something you wouldn't really do at school. Even though we did not get the best sleep, I enjoyed the second night when we were in tents, because in the afternoon my friends and I just sat by the river and talked, then we went swimming. At night we all toasted marshmallows together and it was enjoyable. This is what made camp a valuable experience for me.

Overall, while we faced many challenges throughout camp, there were plenty of things to be taken away from the experience. Although everyone was happy to get home, we all had an exciting time. On behalf of Year 9, we would like to thank our PT Teachers and House Coordinators for taking us on camp and giving up some of their own time away from their families.

Emma Daly and Eliza Lawton



Science

Parent: What did you learn at school today?

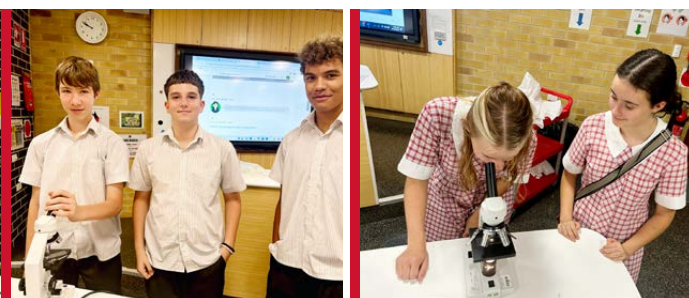
Student: silence.....ummmmmmmmm?!

As you walk down the Ross and Dempsey corridors the classrooms are buzzing with equipment going in and out, experiments literally lighting up the room, class debates/discussions and perhaps the occasional Kahoot theme song encouraging some competitive demonstration of key concepts. But..... by the time our learners get home they're exhausted from a day of new information, critical thinking and collaboration. Try these conversation starters to get further insights into their day:

Year 7: Michelangelo, Rembrandt, da Vinci – all amazing artists with a talent for drawing! Our Year 7s have been learning about how to draw equipment in Science – luckily, we don't need masterpieces – just follow the rules – ask your Year 7 what are these rules? (Hint: use a sharp pencil, no shading, use a ruler for straight lines, simple outlines.)



Year 8: What if your local takeaway could make a burger with meat produced without any animals having to die? Recently scientists discovered a way to make meat from just a few cells. Ask your Year 8 student if they would be happy to eat it? (Hint: ask them why or why not? This is a more humane way to produce meat and cost effective.)



Year 9: Right now, your body is under attack from invading pathogens e.g. bacteria and viruses – list ways your body is trying to keep them out. (Hint: there are a number of physical and chemical barriers e.g. skin, mucous, stomach acid, saliva that make up the first line of defence.)

Year 10: May the Force be with you! Perhaps the most famous quote from the Star Wars saga – ask your Year 10 student about why they might be saying it in class (Hint: Newton's 2nd law of motion, this law describes the affect of a net force and mass upon the acceleration of an object.)

What time is it? Caving time.....

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students celebrated the start of Week 5 by visiting Carey's Cave in Wee Jasper, which has been forming for the last 410 million years.

There we met **Geoff**, who took us on a time-travelling adventure, a time before dinosaurs trekked the Earth, back to the age of fishes (aka the Devonian period). Students explored how Earth systems interact, sedimentary rocks form, and put their geological knowledge to the test.

We had a splendid time examining limestone, and the eery yet beautiful cave features it forms including fossils of coral and aquatic snails.

A special thank you to Mr **Bruce Morton** who was our bus driver for the day. We are looking forward to our next field trip to Sydney to collect data for our investigations!



Science Cont...

Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science

Our Earth and Environmental Science students were off to the National Arboretum which is a mosaic of living forests and gardens. It has more than 44,000 rare and endangered trees, some of which are extinct in the wild, like *Franklinia Alatomaha* pictured below with students. Did you know that Walter Burley Griffin's plans for Canberra had an arboretum, and he even collected acorns which were planted at the arboretum and are over 100 years old now?

The amazingly knowledgeable **Heather Tregoning** took us on a behind the scenes sustainability tour where we explored the water supply, and the strategies and systems put in place to manage water onsite.



Mulligans Flat

In a picturesque excursion to Mulligans Flat, Year 11 Biologists embarked on a mission to delve into the intricacies of biodiversity conservation. Equipped with quadrats and clipboards, they eagerly anticipated the opportunity to collect vital data amidst the lush surroundings of the nature reserve. However, nature had its own plans, as dark clouds loomed overhead and raindrops began to fall.

Undeterred by the downpour, the students pressed on, their determination matched only by their enthusiasm for scientific inquiry. Despite the inclement weather, the quadrat studies proceeded – within each square metre of ground, students meticulously recorded the abundance and distribution of plant species within their assigned quadrats. As the rain continued to fall, the students found themselves immersed not only in data collection but also in the profound realisation of nature's resilience. They witnessed firsthand the tenacity of ecosystems, as plants and animals persevered despite human activity compacting the ground, eroding embankments and leaving nutrient poor soils. Mulligans Flat is a living laboratory that works to conserve plant and animal species endemic to Australia. By comparing zones within the reserve, students can evaluate the impact of kangaroos on the distribution and abundance of plant species.



Is your student a 'Sleek Geek'?

As advertised in our Daily Notices – The Australian Museum wants to give out some cash prizes! Ask your student about it – maybe they need a little nudge to have the confidence to give it a go!

Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate about a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge i.e. learn something without even noticing! The theme this year is **ENERGY** – entries close Friday 12 April. A link is in the daily notices for more information.

Kosciuszko Field Trip

Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Kosciuszko National Park

Our Year 8 Geography students recently enjoyed a field trip to Kosciuszko National Park, where they investigated the alpine environment firsthand. Throughout the day, students tested their field skills, calculating tree height, drawing quadrat sketches, and recording important observations of the changing weather.

As we moved uphill from Sawpit Creek to Charlotte Pass, students studied the changes that occur to the flora and fauna, observed how human activities impact each site, and heard from the National Park Rangers about important management strategies implemented to protect the precious alpine area. This practical experience enriched students' understanding of our landscapes and landforms unit and helped foster a greater appreciation for the Snowy Mountains region.



UN Youth Listening Tour

On Wednesday 28 February, Daramalan had the joy of hosting **Gavin Choong**, Australia's 2024 United Nations Youth Representative. Gavin came to share all his wonderful ideas about connecting young Australians to the decision makers in charge of fronting global issues. He spent some time talking to interested students about the functions of UN programs in and outside of Australia. We were then able to talk through what we consider to be positive attributes of Australian society, and what we feel could be improved on or developed more in the future.

Gavin announced that he's got many exciting plans this year as the Youth Representative of Australia! His

session with us was part of a much more widescale project he's termed the 'Listening Tour'. This involves him travelling across Australia, to speak with various schools all over the country regarding their opinions on topical world issues. Following this, in September his findings will be presented to the UN General Assembly in New York as an insight into what Australia's youth think about the goals we've set for ourselves. These goals will then be revised into more productive solutions, hopefully paving the way to meeting them by the year 2030!

This was a really cool session, which even involved adding to a collaborative nation-wide playlist! I'm excited for any updates on Gavin's quest of attempting to listen to the many young voices of Australia!

Ruby Gifford (Year 11)



French Exchange Student Visit



Twenty-four students and two teachers from our sister school, the Lycée Jacques Coeur in Bourges, in the Loire Valley in central France, visited Canberra between Friday 23 February and Wednesday 6 March. The French students spent some days at Daramalan attending classes with their host students, but also visited the War Memorial, Parliament House, the Botanical Gardens and the Australian National Museum.

The Daramalan host students and their Lycée Jacques Coeur guests spent Tuesday 27 February at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve outside Canberra. This was a big treat for the visiting students: in addition to seeing koalas and rock wallabies, they also saw two kangaroos fighting, as well as a red belly black snake!

On Monday 4 March, the French students attended Year 10, 11 and 12 French classes, giving Daramalan French

students the opportunity to converse with native French speakers. Year 10 French did a Kahoot in French, on French speaking countries and Australian Trivia, where the French and Australian students really had to work together to find the answers. This class finished with a tasting of Australian foods. The Tim Tams, fairy bread, meat pies and lamingtons were very popular - but the guests treated the vegemite scrolls with more caution!

We said goodbye to them early on the morning of Wednesday 6 March. When asked about the impact of the exchange, the Daramalan students said that their interaction with native speakers greatly improved their own French comprehension, fluency and vocabulary; and gave them a new appreciation for French customs and traditions. All the students built meaningful connections with peers from diverse backgrounds, developing new global friendships.

German Exchange Student Visit

Hallo und Willkommen!

On Friday 16 February, we all anxiously awaited the arrival of our exchange partners. All worries washed away as we were greeted with hugs and smiles filled with excitement from the reunion. I spent my weekend showing my partner (Lisa) the best of Canberra such as Mount Ainslie, the Botanical Gardens and the Multicultural Festival. Others travelled to the coast to camp and surf or to Jindabyne for a hike.

When the school week started, we met for a tour of the school and morning tea. Afterwards, our exchange partners got to experience their first Australian classes with us. Many of the students were shocked and excited by the differences from their school back home. Throughout the week we had two excursions, to Tidbinbilla and the Parliamentary Triangle. Tidbinbilla included getting up-close and personal with Australian wildlife including the highly anticipated koalas and the dreaded snake. The Parliamentary Triangle included the National Gallery and Parliament House where we were immersed in Australian art, law and architecture.

For the rest of the week the students swapped between coming to our normal classes and other incursions such as a Food Tech class with **Ms Janette Kline**, where they cooked Lemon Myrtle biscuits and tried kangaroo sausage rolls; a Science lesson with **Ms Nicole Hinton**; an Indigenous songs and poetry session with **Ms Jacintha Francis** and an Art class with **Ms Jo Howard**, where they painted boomerangs using traditional Aboriginal dot painting style.

At the end of the week, we celebrated their trip with a picnic where many classic Australian dishes were shared. On Saturday morning, we said our teary goodbyes to our partners with many promises given to visit again.

We are so grateful for the work and support from the staff that ran the seminars, our families for allowing us to host, our friends and peers for helping to make our partners feel as welcome as possible and especially **Frau Craig** and **Burridge Sensei** for organising the exchange and allowing us to make so many happy memories and extend our language skills.

We hope to see our exchange partners sometime soon but for now, Tschüss!

Emily Olive (Year 11)



Information Centre



Welcome to the Information Centre in 2024! We've been busy!

So far during Term 1, the Library has been decorated in quite a bit of red for Chinese New Year, Lunar New Year and Valentines Day. It saw a colour change for Clean Up Australia Day and International Women's Day. The students have gotten crafty with **Ms Yang Yang** introducing them to Chinese culture through calligraphy and lantern making and **Ms Heidi Horwood** encouraging the repurposing of magazines for art. There will be more fun crafts and displays to come as the year goes on and lots of new books. Happy Reading!



Share the Dignity

Once again in 2024 we have nominated ourselves as a Share the Dignity's collection point for their March drive. Therefore, we are collecting period products for women who are vulnerable and in crisis. Many women in Australia experience period poverty as a result of fleeing domestic violence, being homeless or just struggling to make ends meet.

We are asking for donations of period products (pads, tampons, menstrual cups and underwear) during the month of March. If you are able to help out with a donation, these can be sent into school with your child and either taken to Reception or given to their PT Teacher. If you are unable to get to the shops, then you might like to donate a couple of dollars via the Qkr! App and I will go and purchase items on your behalf. All donations will be distributed by Share the Dignity to those in need.

This is one small way we can be on earth the heart of God and a source of human dignity.

Thank you for any support you can offer to this worthwhile cause.



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Men ALIVE

menALIVE Weekend for Men. What are you doing on the 25 and 26 of May? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, Mary Help of Christians Parish menALIVE weekend is being organised in Pearce, conducted by experienced leaders from the men Alive Team.

Register <https://canberracatholic.men>

Enquiries, phone/text **Mat Wolnicki** 0438 446 489, **Fr Emil** 0414 523 036, or **Adam Wojtonis** 0422 212 881.
Email mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au



Hospitality

Year 12 Hospitality Restaurants

Throughout the semester Year 12 Hospitality students run restaurants to show their amazing cookery and hospitality skills both in the kitchen and out in the restaurant. The students have been off to a great start and are already serving two course meals during the short lunch break to many excited teachers.

The meals would rival any restaurant in Canberra and show case to the school and wider community the skills and knowledge our Hospitality students have developed. The latest restaurant featured an Australian theme of a grilled supreme of chicken with a herb crust and roast garlic mash followed by 'Daramalan Mess', a pavlova with spiced rhubarb and a coconut sorbet. This week we welcomed a special guest, **Mr David Garratt**, past Daramalan Principal. It was a pleasure to see him and serve him in the building named after him.

The Year 12 Hospitality students look forward to serving many more delicious meals and entertaining many more customers over the year.



Performing Arts

Music News

We would like to welcome all new Music students to Daramalan. All the ensembles are up and running. If you play an instrument or sing, we highly recommend that you get involved. The ensembles will be embarking on a tour to Melbourne later in the year.

Students in Year 7 were extremely lucky to see a concert starring some fine musicians from the Royal Military College Band. The program was contemporary and exciting. Artists such as Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish were on the program. Students were dancing and singing along. It was such a wonderful way to start the day.

The Year 7 Band had its first action packed rehearsal last week. It is great to see students playing a new instrument. There is still time to join, we offer a range of different instruments.

Daramalan also offers Instrument and Vocal Tuition for all students. If you have any queries, please contact **Mr Michael Jackson** or **Ms Michelle Coggan** in the Music Office.



Daramalan Theatre Company

Festival of Performance

'Another Story' is a short film about how mental health affects relationships and how that can play out for both people.

Creator and lead actress Irena Reedy will be heading back to her hometown where it all began for her film to be part of the Daramalan Theatre Company's Festival of Performance.

Daramalan was a significant place for Irena's training,

where she found the courage and strength to truly follow her dreams. You will be able to see her film and discuss with her in person the movie, her career and training. Join us **Friday 10 May** for an inspiring and beautiful night.

Tickets with Dates and Times are available here:

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, Featuring a new short film by Irena Reedy: Tickets \$16 Concessions and \$22 general admission

<https://events.humanitix.com/dtc-short-film-festival-night>

"Another Story" will be presented along with other short movies on Friday 10 May at 8.00pm.



Daramalan Theatre Company

Festival of Performance

Saturday 27 April to Saturday 11 May

Daramalan Theatre Company is presenting a Festival of Performance with 9 one-act plays and an evening of Short Films. We are presenting works by Eugene Ionesco, Edward Albee and Anton Chekhov plus inspired new works by students and staff.

You can see all works or attend as often as you wish by booking for the whole season for \$48 or \$75. <https://events.humanitix.com/dtc-festival-of-performance>

You can book individual shows as follows for \$16 (students, pensioners and usual concessional card holders) or \$22 full admission.

Tickets with Date and Times are Available Here:

1. **The Bald Prima Donna** by Eugene Ionesco: tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/the-bald-prima-donna>
2. **Crocodile** by Joe Woodward: tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/festival-of-performance-crocodile>
3. **Edward Albee, double bill: The Sandbox and The Zoo Story**: tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/edward-albee-s-the-zoo-story-and-the-sandbox>
4. **Worms** by Kathleen Dunkerley (World Premiere Performance): tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/worms>
5. **Strindberg and Chekhov plays: The Stronger and The Bear** with bonus homage to Harold Pinter comedy sketch tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/festival-of-performance-chekhov-and-strindberg>
6. **Short Film Festival**, featuring a new short film by Irena Reedy: tickets \$16 concessions and \$22 general admission. <https://events.humanitix.com/dtc-short-film-festival-night>

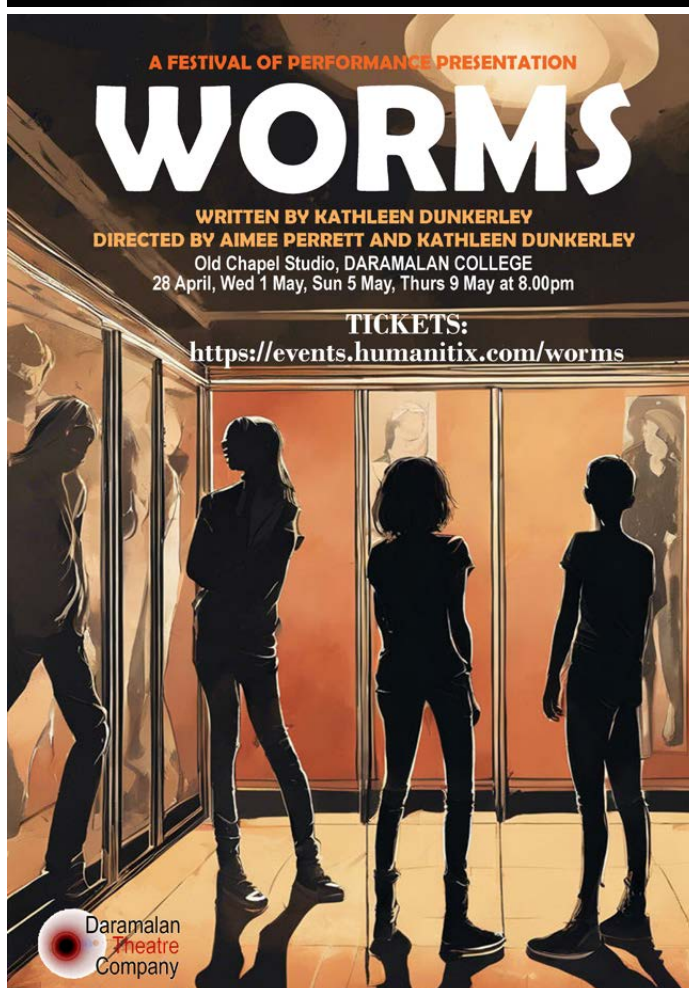
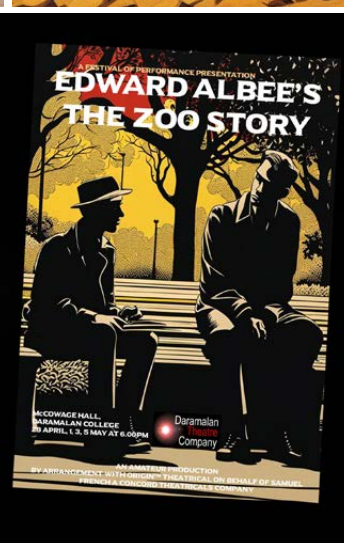
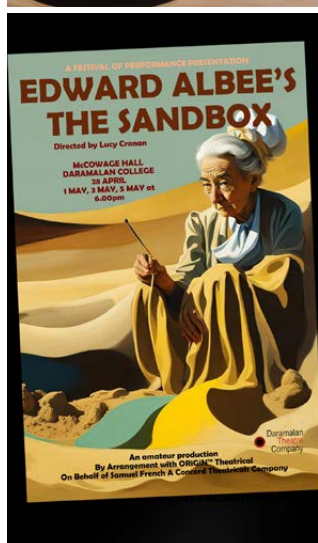
Click on the above links to access your tickets and read more about the productions.

We very much look forward to seeing you at our events and greatly appreciate the support you offer the Daramalan Theatre Company.

STRINDBERG & CHEKHOV TWO ICONIC PLAYS ON A DOUBLE BILL



TICKETS: <https://events.humanitix.com/festival-of-performance-chekhov-and-strindberg>



Athletics Carnival

On Friday 8 March, Daramalan students made their way to Dickson Oval for the annual 2024 Athletics Carnival. The day kicked off bright and early with the 1500 metre race, we had a huge amount of participation from the students who signed up and were shortly joined by the rest of the school. The eight Houses rallied together in their house tents, wearing their colours proudly and passionately, ready for the day ahead.

The Athletics Carnival presented students with the opportunity to showcase their athletic talents in various track and field events. There was also an impressive display of House spirit through the many novelty events, such as the three-legged race, tug of war, year group relays and sack races.

Our new Year 7s embraced the Daramalan spirit in their first ever Daramalan Athletics Carnival, while our Year 12s celebrated their last and made the most of the amazing day together as a cohort. The day was filled with memorable moments and highlights, including a surprise appearance by the Daramalan Eagle mascot during the Dara Gift. We acknowledge and celebrate the students who achieved personal bests and those who broke Daramalan records, extending our congratulations for their remarkable achievements.

Elijah Wilson
(Lawson)

Open Shot Put 17.06m
Open Discus 48.97m
Open Javelin 44.89m

Zoe Quigley
(Lawson)

U15 100m 00:13.11
U15 200m 00:27.68

Ashleigh Green
(Lyons)

Open Discus- 32.54m
Open Shot
Put- 10.00m

Rachel Giason
(Cuthbert)

U13 1500m 05:25.17

Bonnie Young
(O'Brien)

U15 Shot Put- 10.23m

Each House began the day with one goal, to take home the House Cup and Spirit Plate!

House Captains **Ivana Tajmer** and **Sam Bethune** lead Lyons house in winning the Spirit Plate, demonstrating continued enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the entire day. Lawson's speed, agility and athletic ability, secured first place, winning the House Cup! Congratulations to House Captains **Will Poels** and **Anneliese Breiner**.

Spirit Place Results

1st: Lyons

2nd: Goolagong

3rd: Phillip

House Cup results:

1st: Lawson

2nd: Goolagong

3rd: Cuthbert

Ultimately the 2024 Daramalan Athletics Carnival was a tremendous success and a fantastic day full of friendly rivalry, smiles, laughter and House spirit. A huge thank you goes out to all the staff and captains who made this day possible and so enjoyable for everyone.

Lara Dau - Sports Captain



Athletics Carnival Cont...



Sport

Girls Water Polo - Monday 4 March- AIS Pool

Our Girls Water Polo squad ventured to the AIS for the ACT Schools Water Polo Gala Day early in Week 5. Watching the Australian Stingers (Womens Water Polo team) training in preparation for the Paris Olympics was an early highlight of the day.

For many of the Daramalan girls, the gala day was their first taste of Water Polo, but with a good mix of experienced players in the team, they were competitive in all games. Taking on CGGS and Burgmann, our girls defended well and managed to put together some good attacking raids. The game against Deakin High was a more even affair with goals to **Carla Sarri**, **Esther Adie** (Year 8) and **Addison Fordham** (Year 9). **Lily Hynd** (Year 8) was a powerhouse in goals all day, blocking shots and setting up our attack.

| 2024 Girls Water Polo Squad: | 2024 Boys Water Polo Squad: |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Esther Adie | Cooper Lewis |
| Olivia Beerworth | Alex Donaldson |
| Claire Broers | Cooper Power |
| Annie Campbell | Max Randall |
| Elizabeth Duke | Liam Osborn |
| Addison Fordham | Josh O'Keeffe |
| Lily Hynd | Hunter Harrison |
| Isla Lane | Ryley Power |
| Charlie Power | Thomas O'Keeffe |
| Hayley Reardon | |
| Neve Roper | |
| Carla Sarri | |

Boys Water Polo – Wednesday 6 March- AIS Pool

Our Daramalan College Boys team made a memorable appearance at the AIS for the ACT Schools Water Polo Gala Day in Week 5. It was a beautiful day at the pool and the vibes were high.

The boys faced off against Alfred Deakin High to start the day, securing a victory, with outstanding performances from **Max Randall** (Year 10) in the goals and **Liam Osborn** (Year 10) with some unbelievable defensive skills. The boys then went on to play Campbell High in a closely contested match, despite a narrow loss, the team displayed impressive resilience. It's worth noting that Campbell went on to win the entire competition.

After a convincing victory over MacKillop in their final game, the boys finished off the day with a commendable 3rd place. **Riley Power** (Year 9) and **Thomas O'Keeffe** (Year 10) both had some impressive performances up front, both scoring some great goals throughout the day.



Years 10 – 12 AFL Boys and Girls Gala Day Thursday 7 March

At the recent AFL Gala Day, our Daramalan boys and girls from Years 10-12 displayed outstanding skills and represented the school with pride. Despite securing only one victory out of three games, our boys demonstrated remarkable school spirit and pride throughout the tournament. Worth a mention is the effort displayed by several boys, who, despite not typically engaging in Australia's game, willingly challenged themselves on the field.

In an AFL display better than the time Garry Ablett kicked 9 goals in the '84' Grand Final, the girls of Daramalan College asserted themselves as the true champions in the North Side AFL. With flawless performances, they emerged victorious in every game. One player in particular stood out among the stars – **Imogen Morse** (Year 11). Imogen's remarkable talent was evident as she dominated the field, kicking an impressive total of 28 goals throughout the day. Her exceptional performance undoubtedly played a significant role in the team's resounding success.

Looking ahead, the team is preparing for the upcoming ACT Championship. Our Daramalan Girls team are undoubtedly ready to make a formidable impact on the AFL circuit.

Sport Cont...

The following Daramalan students represented ACT Oztag, attending the NSW State Oztag Championships in Coffs Harbour Friday 23 February – Sunday 25 February:



ACT U17 Girls Oztag - **Annie Reid, Sara Small, Lily Quigley, Makenna Ravouvou and Billie Withers** (Year 11) were Grand Finalists.

ACT U15 Girls Oztag – Coached by **Ms Bernadette Ross, Emily Reid, Isla Lane, Neve Luckie, Lilly Pickering and Zoe Quigley** (Year 9) made the Quarter Finals.



ACT U13 Girls Oztag - **Charlotte Power, Charlie Southwell, Ruby Sheehan and Grace Kelly** (Year 7).

Rugby

Last weekend saw our 1st XV and 2nd XV Rugby squads lock horns with the mighty Barker College in a clash that had spectators on the edge of their seats. It was a chance for our boys to test their skills against a high-quality team from a different region, and boy, did they rise to the occasion!

The atmosphere was electric, with both teams displaying a positive attitude and building a strong rapport on the field. As **Cam Valdez** put it, “They were a lovely bunch of lads who were great fun to play against.” Ah, the beauty of friendly rivalry!

Let’s not forget to tip our hats to the real MVPs behind the scenes – the setup crew, the pack-away pros, the scoreboard technicians **Daniel Worsnop** and **Joseph Modun** (Year 10), and the BBQ boss, **Brendan McGee**. Without their hard work and dedication, none of this would have been possible.

And the Rugby saga doesn’t end there! Get ready for another round of action-packed trials against St. Augustine’s College Sydney this weekend. It’s shaping up to be a thrilling showdown spread across Daramalan Oval and St Edmunds. Who needs Netflix when you’ve got Rugby drama like this?

Daramalan competed in the first ASC event of the year in the annual Touch Football competition. In the second year of the competition, Daramalan continued its domination with two 3rd place finishes, one runner up and three championship winning teams. Across all six competitions Daramalan achieved twenty-five wins, six losses and one draw. Special mention to the Year 11-12 Girls team that scored forty-nine tries and only conceded six. Thank you to the following staff for their efforts on the day in coaching our teams: **Ms Bernadette Ross, Ms Annie Anderson, Mr Ben McGee, Mr Nic Whatman, Mr Angus Balmaks and Mr Josh Sands**.



Year 9-10 Boys



Year 9-10 Girls



Year 7-8 Girls



Year 11-12 Boys

Basketball

Daramalan Pre-Season Carnival

On Saturday 2 March, we held the Daramalan Basketball Pre-Season Carnival at school. This event saw every one of our teams play some friendly games against another Daramalan team. The day was a fantastic success with a total of 28 games played, including lots of really close

games that were all played in the right spirit. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help on the day, in particular **Ms Heather Chapman** and **Ms Sarah Barnes**. Thank you to the Referees **Ethan Ciceran**, **Ellie Barnes** (Year 9), **Ethan Gregory** (Year 10), **David Thurgar** and **Alex Charles** (Year 11). A huge thank you to all the volunteers at the BBQ and a massive thank you to our amazing coaches and managers. Lastly, thank you to all our students for conducting yourselves to the highest of standards and playing the games in a fun and friendly manner.



Daramalan Basketball Instagram Page

Please make sure you follow the Daramalan Basketball Instagram page for heaps of exciting videos, photos and important information throughout the season.



Basketball Cont...

BACT Season Commencement

Last weekend we saw the start of the BACT competition. There were many closely fought contests over the course of the weekend with some very impressive results. Best of luck to all our teams for the season.

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| U16 Girls Molten Junior Premier League | Daramalan College | 61 | Warriors Basketball Club | 18 |
| U19 Girls Molten Junior Premier League | Daramalan College | 61 | TSC | 73 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 1 | Daramalan College Black | 52 | Ginninderra Rats U16 River Rats | 54 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 1 | Daramalan College White | 33 | Ginninderra Rats U16 Lake Rats | 41 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 2 | Ginninderra Rats U16 Desert Rats | 69 | Daramalan College Black | 43 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 2 | Ginninderra Rats U16 Creek Rats | 42 | Daramalan College White | 21 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 3 | Daramalan College | 22 | Norths Basketball Club | 32 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 4 | Daramalan College White | 13 | Marist Indigo | 27 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 4 | Norths Basketball Club Blue | 32 | Daramalan College Black | 18 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 5 | Daramalan College | 19 | CGS Bulls | 20 |
| Grading U16 Boys Division 6 | Daramalan College | 12 | Gungahlin Flames | 40 |
| Grading U16 Girls Division 2 | Ginninderra Rats U16 G2 River Rats | 21 | Daramalan College | 20 |
| Grading U16 Girls Division 4 | Daramalan College | 40 | BAS Cyclones | 6 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 1 | Daramalan College | 59 | Belconnen Ramblers | 28 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 2 | Norths Basketball Club Blue | 35 | Daramalan College | 14 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 3 | Marist Navy | 8 | Daramalan College | 11 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 5 | Daramalan College | 16 | CGS Lakers | 26 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 6 | Daramalan College Black | 22 | CGS Celtics | 6 |
| Grading U14 Boys Division 6 | Daramalan College White | 32 | BAS Storm | 8 |
| Grading U14 Girls Division 2 | Daramalan College | 4 | CGS Stars | 49 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 1 | Daramalan College | 41 | Belconnen Ramblers | 27 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 2 | Daramalan College White | 32 | BAS Thunder | 16 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 2 | Daramalan College Black | 19 | Ginninderra Rats U19 Creek Rats | 35 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 3 | Daramalan College White | 18 | Tuggeranong Vikings | 51 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 3 | Daramalan College Black | 62 | Ginninderra Rats U19 Bush Rats | 34 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 4 | St Edmund's College Gold | 56 | Daramalan College | 34 |
| Grading U19 Boys Division 6 | Daramalan College | 0 | St Edmund's College Red | 0 |
| Grading U19 Girls Division 2 | Daramalan College | 23 | Canberra City Stallions | 15 |
| Grading U19 Girls Division 3/4 | Daramalan College | 39 | Weston Creek Woden Dodgers | 23 |



BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP

2024 TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY 17 AND THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024

LOCATION: Daramalan College Canberra,
121 Cowper St, Dickson

AGE GROUPS: Students in years 4,5,6 and 7

Drop off and pick up is in the foyer of the Daramalan College Sports Centre. Please enter the school via the Morphett St entrance and park closest to the oval. Then enter the school via the closest quad which will lead you to the sports centre. All instructors are highly experienced, many currently playing in the premier league BACT competition.

ARRIVAL & PICK UP TIMES

Arrive: Between 8.30am - 9am

Pick up: 4pm sharp

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

- Basketball training attire, rubber soled shoes
- A Basketball
- Packed lunch. (similar to school, please bring your own lunch and snacks every day in a clearly named lunch box or bag. Lunch shouldn't include any nuts or nut products). Please include food for afternoon tea as well. We will have some drinks and chocolates/ lollies for sale on the day
- Drink Bottle. (Please make sure it is named)
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WHAT NOT TO BRING: Avoid bringing items that you wouldn't want to get dirty, lost or broken. These items include iPad's and other electronic devices, watches and jewellery.

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

8.30-9am – Arrival/ Casual shootaround

9.00-9:20 – Introduction/ warm up and group allocations

9:20-10.00 – Session 1

10.00-10.30 – Recess

10.30 – 11:10 – Session 2

11.10 – 11.20 – Drinks break (instructors game)

11.20 – 12.00 – Session 3

12.00-1.00 - Lunch

1.00 – 1.40 – Session 4

1.40 – 1.50 – Drinks break (instructors game)

1.50 – 2.30 – Session 5

2.30-3.00 – Afternoon tea

3.00 – 3:45 – Full court games

3.45 – 4.00 – Warm down/ tidy up

4.00pm sharp – Pick Up

PAYMENT

\$65 per day, payments can be made using the following link:



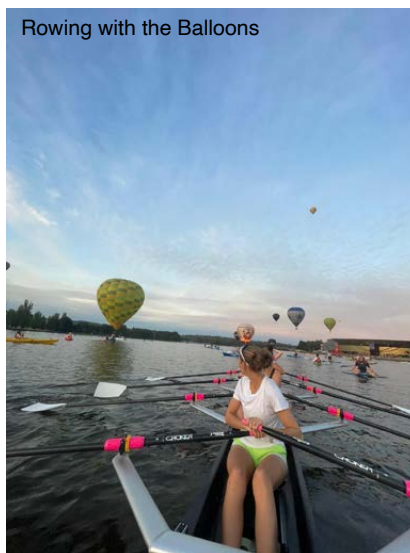
Rowing

The final regatta for the 2023/24 season was hosted by Marist College at Lake Burley Griffin. With the Canberra Balloon Festival in the background and perfect weather conditions, it was a picture-perfect scene. Our crews were out to set some PB's, with some rowers taking the opportunity to put their skills to the ultimate test, racing in singles for the first time. There was great racing and some pleasing results to wrap up season 2023/24.

The final event for the season will be the Rowing Presentation Night, all rowers and their families are invited to attend. The presentation will be held at the Rowing Shed on **Tuesday 2 April**.



Rowing with the Balloons



Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27 March - Provide First Aid course (please enrol and pay on Qkr!)

Thursday 28 March - Visit an Engineer with Engineers Australia (this excursion is now full)

Wednesday 3/Friday 5/Monday 8 April - White Card/Asbestos Awareness/Silica Exposure Prevention courses (enrolments open Week 8)

Wednesday 22 May - University of Canberra Explore Day for Year 12 students (registration link emailed to students, places still available)

ANU Direct Applications for Study in 2025

ANU direct applications are now open and close on **Monday 13 May**. Direct applications are free and allow students to apply for admission, scholarships and accommodation in one application. Please contact **Ms Annette Brady** in the Careers Hub if you have any questions or if you need any assistance with the process. Please note, those who intend on applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship should be aware of the different application deadline. [Click here for more information on applying to the ANU.](#)

ANU Important Application Dates

Friday 1 March - Applications opened

Thursday 11 April - Tuckwell Scholarship applications close

Monday 13 May - Applications close

Thursday 5 September - Offers released (September round, based on Year 11 results)

ACU New courses and Guided visits

Do you want to explore the campus and discuss your study options, including the NEW Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy courses at ACU Canberra? [Book here](#)

UniMelb 101 for ACT/NSW students - Tuesday 9 April 6pm – 7.30pm (AEST)

University of Melbourne are running a webinar for ACT and NSW students who are interested in knowing more about the University's unique curriculum structure, study and accommodation options, applications, scholarships, special entry access scheme and more. Students will have the opportunity to hear from a current UniMelb student who made the move from interstate, and will be able to have their questions answered in a live Q&A.

[Register now](#)

Daramalan Work Experience Program

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.

ADF Careers and Work Experience

Defence Careers information Session – **Tuesday 26 March**, Canberra ADF Careers Centre.

See [here for other upcoming events and info sessions](#).

For information on available Defence Work Experience opportunities see [here](#).

Work Experience at the Australian Museum

The Australian Museum High School Work Experience Program offers you the chance to explore a variety of careers including science and cultural research, education, public programming, curatorial and exhibition design, marketing, communications and corporate services. How do I apply? Contact **Ms Brady** for the details. Applications close on **Friday 3 May**.

EmpowerHER STEM Summit - Years 10-12 on Tuesday 16 – Wednesday 17 April

UOW is hosting a two-day hands-on STEM experience in the April school holidays. The Summit is exclusively designed for students who identify as fierce females in Years 10, 11 and 12 with a keen interest in all things STEM. If this sounds like you [Visit the UOW Summit's website to find out more and submit an EOI.](#)

MedEntry

Students interested in pursuing Medicine and Dentistry need to sit the UCAT test in July/August 2024. MedEntry is a government-accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UCAT preparation. For more information, please visit <https://www.medentry.edu.au/>

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. <https://www.medentry.edu.au/resources/free-resources#free-bootcamp>.

UCAT 2024 Registration is Now Open

Candidates taking the UCAT ANZ in 2024 for entry to universities in Australia and New Zealand in 2025 should note the following key dates.

UCAT ANZ 2024 Key Dates

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| Concession Scheme opens | Thursday 1 February |
| Access Arrangements open | Thursday 1 February |
| UCAT Booking Opened via ucat.edu.au | Tuesday 5 March |
| Concession application deadline | Friday 10 May |
| Access Arrangements application deadline | Friday 17 May |
| BOOKING DEADLINE | Friday 17 May |
| Late UCAT booking deadline | Friday 31 May |
| Late Access Arrangements application deadline | Friday 31 May |
| Final late booking deadline | Wednesday 5 June |
| Cancellation deadline | Monday 10 June |
| Testing begins | Monday 1 July |
| Last testing date | Friday 9 Aug |
| Results delivered to universities | By early September 2024 |

[Universities and the UCAT Requirements](#)

UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Information Session - Free Webinar – Wednesday 3 April at 7.00pm

The National Institute of Education (UCAT NIE) is proud to

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present the free information seminar all about UCAT and the undergraduate pathways into Medicine and Dentistry. REGISTER [here](#).

News from Work Study Grow

Business ideas to consider while you're at high school

If you want to earn a bit of extra cash or dream of becoming a business guru, we have a few business ideas for High School students that could work for you.

5 things to think about when looking for a course

Considering study in your future? Here are some things you might like to think about when looking for a course.

Professional Cadetships Program – Applications now open

Take your degree further with the Professional Cadetships Program, open to current Year 12 students, Secure your future now.

How to become an Urban Planner

Find out everything you need to know about how to become an urban planner in this Job Spotlight, from study pathways to important skills.

University of Sydney Extended Bachelor Program Scholarship

A scholarship and support package valued at up to \$20,000 per year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing one of the USYD Extended Bachelor Programs.

Aurora Internship Program Indigenous Scholarships

The Internship Program continues to focus on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and graduates via internships as pathways to jobs in Indigenous organisations and other organisations working in the Indigenous sector.

Competitions and Challenges

Monologue Competition 2024

We invite High School students in Years 9-12 to submit a creative and entertaining delivery of a monologue of their choice.

Mocktail Film Award 2024

We invite High School students in Years 9-12 to submit their short film and go into the running to win awesome prizes!

Australian Virtual Astronaut (AVA) Challenge

Complete a 9 step STEM design sprint based on challenges facing NASA's Artemis and the Australian space industry.

Wombat Books Illustration Challenge 2024

Wombat Books are seeking original illustrations from Australian school-aged students (aged 5-18 years) to publish in a unique picture book.

The Rubbish Film Festival Competition

The Rubbish Film Festival emphasises the importance of collective action in nurturing students' dedication to a more sustainable future.

Microsoft Imagine Cup Junior

An exciting opportunity for students aged 5 to 18 years old to learn about technology and how it can be used to solve some of the world's biggest challenges.

Owlypia Online

Ignite your intellectual curiosity by diving into Owlypia Online, a thrilling international knowledge competition for 9-18 year-olds!

Harmony Day 'What can we do?'

The Harmony Day competitions are open to all primary and secondary school students in Australia with great prizes to be won. The 2024 theme is 'What can we do?' Poster: A3 drawing, painting or mixed media work. Songwriting: An original 2 minute song about the theme. Short Film: AVI or MP4 format.

Students Celebrate International Womens Day



To celebrate the 2024 International Women's Day, Daramalan students were invited to attend a lunch and leadership activity at the Australian Defence Force Academy. These amazing female students demonstrated their leadership skills, resilience and courage on the challenging overwater obstacle course, navigating through 9 obstacles high above the water. They also had the opportunity to speak with current ADF personnel about a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Congratulations to these students on overcoming the physical and emotional obstacles as they made their way through the course: **Isabella Jarratt, Charlotte Morris, Georgina Geary** (Year 11), **Hannah Blackwell, Madi Lyall and Charlotte Canavan** (Year 12).

Skills Academy

Coming up in March...



Cyber Security careers and pathways
presented by **Bluerydge**
Wednesday 13 March @ 4pm



Soldier On's Dean Mainey talks about his career path
Wednesday 20 March @ 4pm



How to get the RIGHT attention with your cover letter
presented by **Soldier On's Megan Offord**
Thursday 28 March @ 4pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/SOSkillsAcademy>



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- Enrol in a bar skills short course now!

The **CIT Bar Service short course** offers a flexible and practical skills-based learning environment that will leave you industry ready and capable of understanding the regulations and responsibilities associated with serving alcoholic beverages.

Get industry-recognised training to work in bars, hotels, restaurants, cafes, clubs, and casinos in Australia and overseas.

This short course comprises of three units of competency:

- SITHFAB021 Provide responsible service of alcohol
- SITXFSA005 Use hygienic practices for food safety
- SITHFAB023 Operate a bar

Duration: 3 days

Dates: Tuesday 23 April, Wednesday 24 April, and Friday 26 April 2024

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: K Block, CIT Reid

Cost: \$299

To enrol, scan the QR code

If you are having trouble enrolling, please email Kylie.Seretin@cit.edu.au

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Carer Gateway Community Forum

- an online space where carers can find connection and support from other carers, 24/7

What is the Community Forum?

The Community Forum is part of Carer Gateway, delivering services to unpaid carers across Australia. The Forum is a safe, anonymous, online space for carers 18 years and over to connect, ask questions, and support one another.

The Forum is available online 24/7 and it's easy to join in. Carers just like you have already posted about their caring journeys, sharing helpful advice about caring for a loved one, and supports they've found useful. The Forum also provides a safe social space to chat about shared interests – for example, recipes and hobbies, self-care tips, and more!

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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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