

DARANNEWS

16 August 2024



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DARANET

Upcoming events

- 19 - 23 August
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- 22 August
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From the Principal



*Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,*

A belated welcome back to Term 3! It has been a whirlwind first four weeks of the term infused with the spirit of the Olympics and our very own Dara Olympic competitions. Our College Leaders have been outstanding in leading a range of initiatives in their portfolio areas. Congratulations to our Sport Captain, **Lara Dau**, for her vision for the Dara Olympics and the House Captains for bringing together their Houses in the 'friendly' rivalry and competition that took place. Congratulations also to our Environment Captain, **Gemma Weller**, and the Environment Group for the Handmade Sustainable Market Day

held last Friday. These are just the start of the activities and events that will be taking place throughout the remainder of this term. I am constantly in awe at the diverse gifts, talents and generosity that exists within our community. Many of the activities that have taken place over the past few weeks, and those that are planned for the coming weeks, you will read about in this edition of Daranews. The myriad of opportunities available to our students don't just happen, so I would like to thank all of the staff who have been involved and have given so generously of their time. Thank you also to our families, I am very aware that without your support (and often your endless taxi or uber services) there would be no students to take up these opportunities. We currently have a number of our students representing the ACT in a variety of sporting competitions taking place all over Australia. We wish them all much success in their respective competitions.



A relay race between Houses for the Dara Olympics

From the Principal

It has been wonderful for our students and staff to finally be able to access and have their classes in our Issoudun Performing Arts building. Over the recent holiday break, the Performing Arts Staff and the Music Office relocated to the office spaces in Issoudun. I know that the bands and ensembles have enjoyed the acoustics of the performing spaces compared to McCowage Hall. Rehearsals and preparations have begun in the theatre and drama spaces in the lead up to the first production early next term in the Joe Woodward Theatre.

At the beginning of the term, I had the privilege of joining our Year 12 students at Stanwell Tops on their final Reflection Camp at Daramalan. This was an opportunity for the cohort to spend time together away from school and work together on building stronger connections as a year group as they enter the final semester of their schooling. I was overwhelmed by the positivity of the students and their engagement in all of the sessions. As a school we were able to view the highlights of their camp as part of our Opening Assembly at the end of Week 1. At that Assembly we were also able to acknowledge the achievements of several of our students and hear reflections from the staff and students who attended the Myall Creek Commemorations. The College Leaders also provided an update on each of their portfolios and the events and activities for the term ahead. At the conclusion of the assembly, we were able to take our annual Heart Photo, which had been postponed due to the weather on Sacred Heart Day.

Already this term, the Daramalan Dance Company have performed in the Wakakirri National Story-Dance Festival

for Schools at the Canberra Theatre. The performance by the Dance Company students, 'Belonging to Broadway', received a State Award and they have been invited to perform at the Awards Showcase night at the end of the month. Their performance was outstanding, and I look forward to seeing them perform later in the month. Thank you to **Ms Jess Haynes, Ms Elisha Smyth and Ms Annette Brady** for the hours of rehearsals that they have supervised in the lead up to the performance. A huge thanks also to **Mr Matt Maggs** for accompanying the students on the day and also to our Maintenance team for their transport of the sets and costumes.

Our Year 9 and Year 11 students have begun the discernment process as to whether they will put themselves forward for a formal leadership position in 2025. Our Year 11 students participated in their Leadership Day last week where they came together as a cohort and then in House groups to consider just what they believe are the qualities of a leader in an MSC school such as Daramalan. The day was facilitated by Burn Bright and I would like to commend the students for their approach to the day and their engagement with the activities.

We have also commenced our Year Group Masses this term, with our Year 11 and 7 students already celebrating the Eucharist together. Year 10 will have their Mass in Week 6, Year 9's Mass will be held in Week 8 and Year 8 will celebrate their Mass in Week 9. I would like to thank **Fr Tru Nguyen MSC** for celebrating our Masses with us, **Ms Cheryl Hamill** for her preparation, College Mission Captain **Isaac Arthur** for his poignant reflection at each of the Masses, and to all of the students who have volunteered as readers or for other roles during the Masses.



From the Principal

Thank you to those families who continue to follow our request to keep their student at home if they are showing any of the signs or symptoms associated with colds and flu and Covid-19. Unfortunately, Influenza and Covid-19 continues to be present in our community. As was mentioned to the students at our Assembly in Week 1, it is doing the small things, like staying at home if you are unwell that can keep us all safe and healthy. We have a number of staff and students in our immediate community who are immunocompromised in addition to those in our wider community and families.

2025 Subject Information Sessions

Information has been disseminated by the Assistant Principals Curriculum, **Mr Steven Carroll** and **Mr Ben Stein**, in relation to the format of the Subject Information presentations and their location on Daranet and the College website. The buzz in McCowage Hall this week was encouraging as students took advantage of the lunch time sessions where they were able to obtain subject-specific advice from the Subject Coordinators and teachers. Hopefully this will help them discern the many choices available when making their elective choices for next year.

Moderation Day

Families are reminded that the second Moderation Day for the year will be held on **Thursday 22 August**. This means that no students attend school on that day as our teachers will be engaged in the moderation of student work from across all ACT Colleges. We will be hosting approximately 160 teachers here at Daramalan from Colleges across the ACT who teach in the Humanities and Religious Studies course areas. These days are not only important quality assurance for our senior secondary system, but they

also provide excellent professional learning and capacity building opportunity for our staff.

Scholarship Applications and Donations

Application forms for families seeking to apply for a scholarship for the 2025 school year are now available on the College website. They are located under Enrolments/Scholarships. We have a limited number of scholarships available through the College's Scholarship Fund. All applications are assessed taking into account the financial circumstances of the student's family and they are treated in the strictest confidence. Applications close on **Monday 16 September 2024** and can be emailed to principal@daramalan.act.edu.au or delivered in hard copy to the College Reception. They should be addressed to the Principal who manages the process on behalf of the College Board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families who purchased their back-to-school footwear through the Athlete's Foot. The Athlete's Foot school program supports our College Scholarship Fund through a donation for each pair of shoes purchased. The College was recently presented with a cheque for \$1270 which will be added to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you also to all of our students who supported today's non-uniform day as all of the donations from today will go directly to the Scholarship Fund.

The Board Community Engagement Committee, who oversee fundraising initiatives for the Scholarship Fund, are excited to be launching the 2024 DaraDozen as our major fundraising event for the year. Details of how you can support our Scholarship Fund and local Canberra Region wineries, the majority of whom have direct linkages to the Daramalan Community, can be found later in this edition of Daranews.



Year 7 Drama Students in the Issoudun Amphitheatre

From the Principal

Enrolments

We continue to have a large number of families on our wait list to secure a place at the College for their student. If families know that their student/s will not be returning in 2025, we ask that you please notify the Registrar, Ms **Damaris Brown**, as soon as possible.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact the College Business Manager, **Mr Hugh Boulter**, to make an appointment to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Student Leave requests

A reminder for families that should a student need to be away for 5 or more school days for reasons other than sickness, prior approval from the Principal must be sought in writing via a letter or an email. This includes where a student is absent due to their participation in representative sporting teams and competitions. The request needs to be submitted in sufficient time so that arrangements regarding missed schoolwork and assessment can be made. The preferred email address for such requests is principal@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Students in Years 11 and 12 should be aware that there are strict requirements for attendance stipulated by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies in order for students to gain credit for a unit of work. Any extended absences from school may have an impact on the student's ability to be assessed even if all the assessment tasks for the unit are

completed. Students should seek advice from the Assistant Principal Curriculum Years 11-12, **Mr Steven Carroll**, prior to making plans to miss any school days.

Parking, Blocking Driveway Access, No Stopping Zones and Supporting Student Safety

Families will have noticed that Access Canberra has increased the placement of speed monitoring vans and signage around the College since the beginning of this term. As I mentioned in Daranews at the end of last term, I have been notified by Access Canberra that they will continue to monitor speeding and parking by mobile speed vans and licence plate recognition vehicles around the College over the coming weeks. Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard when students cross the road. Please remember not to park across pedestrian crossings, in no stopping zones, on corners, verges or double parking.

I would like to reiterate my previous requests 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 or enter their property. We wish to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, so we ask that you assist by respecting their space and their requests in relation to access to their properties. 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/stopping area.



Thank you to the Athlete's Foot

From the Principal

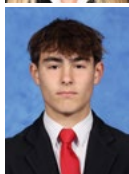
Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

Lily Quigley (Year 11) who recently participated in the Australian Invitational OzTag Challenge.



Tom Covey (Year 9) on being named in the All-Australian School Sports U15 Hockey squad following the recent National Championships.



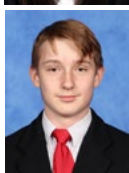
Ryan Birrell (Year 12) who has just finished competing at the School Sports Australia Games at the Gold Coast in Swimming, winning a bronze medal in the 17-19 100m Freestyle. He has qualified to compete at the Australian National Open championships in Adelaide from 25 - 29 September.



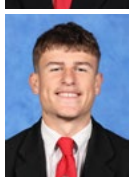
Eliza Lawton (Year 9) and **Rachel Giason** (Year 7) who have been selected as members of the ACT Cross Country team to compete at the National Championships.



Kobe Petrovic (Year 7) who has been selected as a member of the ACT U12 Basketball squad for the National Championships.



Luka Jukic (Year 10) who has been competing in the ACT squad at the National Soccer Championships in Perth this week.



Addison Brummell, **Zoe Quigley**, and **Lizzie Hearn** (Year 9) on their selection as members of the U15 ACT AFL squad for the National Championships.



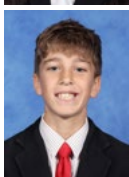
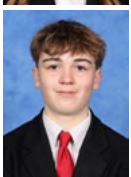
Ruby Roberts (Year 7) who has been selected for the ACT U12 AFL squad and the ACT U12 Netball squad to compete at the respective championships.



Ella Higginbotham and **Evelina Tuipeatau** (Year 9) who have been selected as members of the ACT U15 Netball teams for the Nationals Championships.



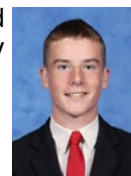
Mitchell McGrath (Year 9) and **Lachlan Higginbotham** (Year 7) who have been selected as members of their respective ACT Squads for AFL.



Uasi Tuipeatau (Year 7) who has been selected as a member of the ACT U12 Rugby League squad.



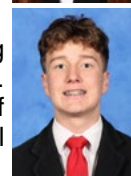
Harry Clark (Year 8) who recently competed as a member of the ACT Squad at the Hockey National Championships.



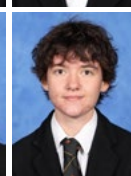
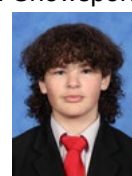
Andie McFarland (Year 10) who will be competing as part of the ACT squad at the National Youth Volleyball Championships in September. Following the championships, Andie has been invited to participate in the Australian National Volleyball Development Camp.



Joshua O'Keeffe (Year 9) who will be refereeing the UniSports National Water Polo Competition. Joshua has also been selected as a member of the ACT U16 squad to compete at the National Championships later in the term.



Oliver Miller (Year 7), **Carla Sarri** (Year 8), **Angus Pardew**, **Roy Halliday** (Year 10) and **Az Pekarsky** (Year 12) who have all qualified for the National Snowsport Championships.



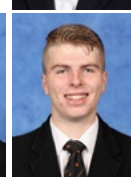
Tessa Pocock (Year 8) who has been selected as a member of the Gondwana National Choir and will tour Europe later in the term.



Ruby Holden (Year 10) will be a member of the Australian Girls Choir for their international tour later this year.



Liam Hunter (Year 12) and **Lachlan Bell** (Year 11) who have had their designs selected as finalists in the Transport Canberra Light Rail Safety Week competition. Liam and Lachlan had their designs featured on WIN news and on Transport Canberra Social Media platforms.



Rachel Davies
Principal

School News

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you haven't already paid and aren't on a payment plan, please arrange payment by **Wednesday 21 August** to avoid being charged a late fee. If you had set up a payment plan at the beginning of the year, please check your bank account or credit card statement to make sure that payments are being deducted as scheduled. If no deductions have been made, please contact **Ms Corinne Kelly**, our Fees Officer, as there may be a problem with your payment plan.

Clare Shearman, Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation, invites you to view their latest newsletter. It contains news of their incoming Director **Alison McKenzie** and reflections from **Brian Gallagher MSC**:



<https://mailchi.mp/abb357c02b44/march-and-beyond-at-heart-of-life-17977189?e=951aae8d2f>

THANK YOU!

The support shown for our Non-Uniform Day today was outstanding.

We are still tallying donations. This will be a great boost to the Scholarship Fund. If you did not have the opportunity to donate, you can still head to Qkr! under the Donations tab, and select Scholarship Fund Donation.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this fundraising day.



NAIDOC Mass

The Archdiocesan NAIDOC Mass was held at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, on Friday 26 July. Daramalan was represented at the Mass by **Mr Steve Carroll** and students **Summer McClelland**, **Christopher Blandon** (Year 7), **Olivia Cannell**, **Lilly Stocks** and **Bonnie Young** (Year 10). The NAIDOC theme this year is 'Keep the Fire Burning! Black, Loud and Proud'. Before the Mass, students participated in a Smoking Ceremony and had their faces ochre painted by First Nations elders.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB

Access the Daramalan online safety hub here with trusted digital safety advice for caregivers.

<https://daramalan.onlinesafetyhub.com.au/>

Click here to access the Online Safety hub



From the Counselling Hub

The Close Link Between Mental Health and Nutrition

Recent studies have concluded that 90 percent of Serotonin and Dopamine are found in the gut. These neurotransmitters, commonly known as chemical messengers, are relevant in our everyday life because they define how we feel, behave and carry out our physical and mental activities.

The connection between gut and brain is a two-way street. For example, an empty stomach with a low amount of nutrients will send less and ineffective signals to your brain. As a result, the person may experience compromised performance, increased anxiety, irritability, mood fluctuations, intense and negative emotional reactions, decreased enthusiasm, reduced motivation, lack of concentration, low comprehension and problem solving, etc...

If you experience any of these symptoms, it would be worth paying attention to what and how you are eating, because eating low-nutritious foods may influence your levels of anxiety and stress.

Imagine that you have a long day, full of activities, exams, many classes to attend and you need to do your best performance, experts recommend starting with a good breakfast, cereals with a lot of fibre and protein. Consider opting for foods rich in probiotics such as yogurt, and high in fibre, such as fruits and vegetables. If you need further information, visit the additional links below.

Equally important is developing your Interoception Skills - for example, have you ever felt your stomach growl? Your head pound? Your heart race? Your palms sweat? Your eyes grow heavy? If so, do you know how you are able to **feel these feels**? Many people notice these feelings in their body with the help of this important sense called Interoception - often referred to as our 8th sense.

Source:

Mayer Emeran (2016). The Mind-Gut connection

Article: [Teenage Angst and the Gut-Brain Axis](#)

Video: [What is the mind-gut connection? \(Bupa Australia\)](#)

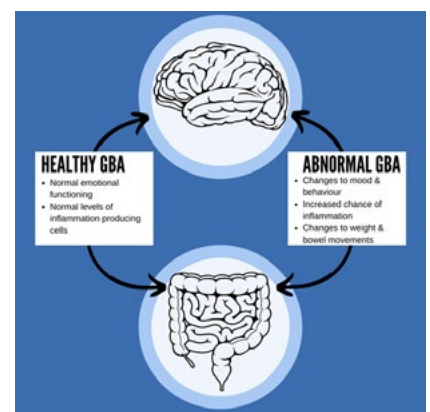
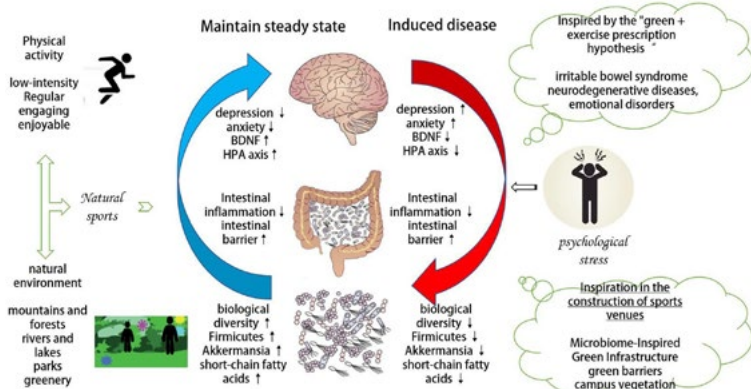
Mr Armando Robles

School Counsellor

Altruistic August 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Set an intention to be kind to others (and yourself) this month	2. Send an uplifting message to someone you can't be with	3. Be kind and supportive to everyone you interact with	4. Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply	5. Spend time wishing for other people to be happy and well	6. Smile and be friendly to the people you see today	7. Give time to help a project or cause you care about
8. Make some tasty food for someone who will appreciate it	9. Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	10. Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious	11. Share an encouraging news story to inspire others	12. Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them	13. No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kind to others too	14. Take an action to be kind to nature and care for our planet
15. If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they may be feeling	16. Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone	17. Be kind online. Share positive and supportive comments	18. Today do something to make life easier for someone else	19. Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible	20. Look for the good in everyone you meet today	21. Donate unused items, clothes or food to help a local charity
22. Give people the gift of your full attention	23. Share an article, book or podcast you found helpful	24. Forgive someone who hurt you in the past	25. Give your time, energy or attention to help someone in need	26. Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause	27. Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day	28. Have a friendly chat with someone you don't know very well
29. Do something kind to help in your local community	30. Give away something to help those who don't have as much as you	31. Share Action for Happiness with other people today				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**



DARAMALAN COLLEGE CHARITY WALK



Friday 13 September 2024



The Charity Walk involves students from the whole school walking around Lake Burley Griffin and raising money for charity. More details to follow. There is no entry fee and the P&F Committee cover all expenses incurred to run the event, including providing a sausage sizzle and a drink to all students at the end. Students usually complete the course by approximately 1:30pm. It is anticipated that most students will be able to raise at least \$20 in donations. This year our two beneficiaries are St Nick's Young Carers Program and Mckillop House.

Scan the QR code to donate.



Mission

Red Earth Immersion Opportunity

The Red Earth Immersion in October 2025 is a unique and special opportunity that the College is offering our students in Years 9, 10 and 11 to learn about First Nation's culture. It is also a trip that allows students to be on country, to form great relationships with their fellow travellers and to create long lasting memories. I know this first-hand as I travelled with one of the groups a couple of years ago.

Emails have been sent home about this trip but if for some reason you have missed these, and you would like to know more, then please take a look at the recording of the online parent information session held on Wednesday 31 July: [Daramalan central australia recording.mp4](#)

You will also need to look at the [Daramalan Red Earth Immersion Parent Note 2025](#). This includes information about how to secure a place, dates for the payment of instalments, insurance, as well as other information about how we will select students should the immersion be oversubscribed etc. Within this note is a link to the brochure.

Qkr! is now open for deposits. Deposits are due **Wednesday 21 August**.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me, should you have any questions.

Ms Cheryl Hamill
Assistant Principal Mission



Social Justice

St Joeys Program

In Term 2, St. Joeys (St Vincent De Paul) successfully hosted their second 2-day holiday program at Daramalan. The Joe's, children aged between 6 and 9 who face various disadvantages in their lives, were joined by our dedicated Year 11 volunteers for a memorable experience.

The Year 11 students who participated were:

- Farrer: **Chris Frugniet, Tayla Holt, Lachlan Cullen**
- Lyons: **Kristi Morris, Lachlan Hind**
- O'Brien: **Sophie Neighbour**

These students devoted their time to preparing and leading activities, including crafting "Gratitude Journals" and organising a thrilling game of Nerf capture the flag, which quickly became a favourite. The volunteers embraced their roles with enthusiasm, often stepping



Night Patrol

Despite the freezing Winter temperatures, a dedicated team from Daramalan is braving the cold to support the most vulnerable members of our community. Thanks to the success of the Vinnies Winter Appeal, we have been able to provide essential items such as gloves, socks, jackets, beanies and sleeping bags to those living rough in the Canberra region.

In addition to distributing these Winter essentials, the Night Patrol team offers meals and, perhaps most importantly, warm conversation. Traditionally a network of staff volunteers, the program has recently welcomed the involvement of some enthusiastic students.

Last Sunday, Social Justice Captain **Cushla Donovan** and fellow Year 12 student **Ella Delmenico** joined **Mr Ben McGee** and **Ms Tina Watson** in the Night Patrol effort (see photo). Their participation highlights the growing commitment to social justice within our school community.

This addition to our Social Justice initiatives at Daramalan College is a testament to the generosity and dedication of our volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for their support and commitment, which truly embodies the spirit of giving and caring and shows we on Earth are the heart of Jesus.

out of their comfort zones to explain tasks and guide the participants. Their commitment and adaptability were evident as they engaged with the diverse personalities of the young people.

The feedback from the Joe's was overwhelmingly positive. They expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Year 11s' efforts, which ensured that every child was included and motivated throughout the program. The Year 11 students displayed remarkable patience, compassion and gentleness, making a significant impact on the Joe's and creating numerous "warm and fuzzy" moments.

It is truly inspiring to see our students demonstrate such kindness and generosity. We are proud to be part of a school that not only nurtures these qualities but also provides opportunities for our students to shine in meaningful ways.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing in the Term 3 holidays, please reach out to **Mr Ben McGee** in the Ross Corridor office.

A massive thank you to **Ms Gail Mutton** who assisted in the two-day program and brought along her awesome puppies to entertain the group.



What's coming up in the Social Justice calendar

you might ask? The Vinnies Sleep Out (Week 9)! More information to follow, but lock **Friday 20 September** in your diary.



Environment Group

Sustainable Market Day

I am beyond grateful to have held Daramalan's first Sustainable Market Day. Of course, many thanks to **Ms Caitlin Semmler** for her unparalleled support, but also to the students who ran a stall, and to the volunteers. A testament to Daramalan's close-knit community, McMahon Quad was filled to the brim with stalls, live music and students! I'm honoured to have given small businesses this opportunity, and to be donating \$280 for the UNICEF Appeal for the Children of Gaza from our second-hand clothing stall. I hope I've inspired students, shown them that shopping sustainably isn't hard, that it doesn't mean sacrificing quality products, but rather, that it is a simple yet brilliant way we can care for our environment.

Gemma Weller - Environment Captain

It was such an incredible opportunity and privilege to have been able to participate as a stall holder in Daramalan's first ever Sustainable Market Day! By supporting local business and sustainable practices, we can contribute to a more sustainable future and a stronger sense of community. It was super inspiring to see how each person brought their unique skills and passions to the forefront. The atmosphere on the day was truly uplifting and I am so grateful for the support that I received. Both the day and the process leading up to it taught me so much as a business owner and I am excited to see how future markets will continue to evolve and inspire! And if you are looking for some authentic crochet crafts, contact me @ [KnotsofLove_byAsh!](#)

Ashleigh Nguyen - College Captain



Performing at the market was so much fun! It was perfect weather and lovely to see so many people singing and dancing along to my music. Seeing both students and teachers support the stalls was great, it really brought our school community together. The atmosphere was filled with smiles and laughter, definitely a success!

Ruby Holden (Year 10)



At the Environment Group stall, me and my friend Jill were selling bracelets, soaps, and phone-charms. I really enjoyed participating in the stall as it was an effective way to get involved as well as meet new people and show/sell arts crafts and other things. I was also interested when looking at the other stalls as I could buy new things as well as noticing hobbies I have in common with some stall owners. I think everyone should keep looking at all the opportunities diverse groups Dara offers as this was a great activity I was able to take part in.

Addisyn Thompson (Year 9)



Year 12 Reflection Camp

On Monday of Week 1, rather than back to the books, Year 12 was boarding a bus and headed to our final year group camp at Stanwell Tops. Upon arrival we were welcomed by beautiful cliffside views, open spaces and daring activities. From conquering the 18m giant swing, abseiling off a cliffside, racing in go karts and venturing on the high ropes course, to a gruelling trivia dress up night and an unexpected Dancing with Jesus challenge, this camp was certainly one for the memory books.

Yet, besides these “challenge by choice” activities, perhaps the most valuable moments were found within the reflection sessions facilitated by our Pastoral Tutors.

Between activities, we were given the opportunity to reflect on the last 6 years of schooling alongside our aspirations for the future. With the camp theme being “With hope in our hearts”, these sessions gave us the chance to reflect, to affirm, and to build our connection as a cohort as we enter our final semester at Daramalan.

On behalf of the cohort we would like to extend a big thank you to all staff who contributed to the organisation of the camp, and all of those who gave up the better portion of their week to be with us and create these unforgettable memories. Without you, these occasions are nowhere near as special. Your attitude, encouragement and participation certainly does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all of Year 12.

College Captains **Ashleigh Nguyen** and **Patrick Edwards**



Library



The Library offers everyone a safe, creative and relaxing space. Thursday lunchtimes are when we run craft sessions. Last week featured beaded jewellery and woven friendship bracelets. Future sessions will include paper craft such as pop-up cards and calligraphy, dream catchers and colouring in. Crafty suggestions for further activities are always welcome!



2024 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 19 Daramalan students who completed the 2024 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Our winning reader was **Will Stewart** (Year 12) who read an amazing 293 books in just under 6 months! The other top 5 readers are:

Owen Baldock (Year 8) 189 books

Laura Corkhill (Year 7) 122 books

Lily Howlett (Year 7) 121 books

Ayana Gamage (Year 10) 90 books

Well done to everyone who participated. Let's do it again next year!



Chess Club

At the start of Term 3, Daramalan students eagerly participated in the Finals for the ACT Secondary Schools Chess Competition. This event gathered some of the most talented young chess players from across the ACT.

Our students demonstrated exceptional skill and strategic thinking on the chessboard, showcasing their dedication and passion for the game. Beyond the competition, they enjoyed reconnecting with peers from various schools in Canberra, fostering both friendly rivalry and camaraderie.

The enthusiasm and team spirit displayed by all participants made the event a memorable experience. Many students are already looking forward to competing again next year, eager to build on their successes and enjoy another exciting round of chess*.

*If you can't wait that long, Chess Club runs every Friday in the Library during lunchtime - everyone is welcome!



Rail Safety Week

Stop Look and Listen, and don't let yourself become a target!

Rail Safety Week Design Competition 2024

Year 11 and 12 Design and Graphics students were provided an excellent opportunity during Semester 1. Canberra Metro approached the school to see if students studying Design and Graphics would be interested in participating in a competition with Dickson College and Gungahlin College to design a Light Rail safety awareness poster and a matching design for a Light Rail Vehicle printed vinyl wrap which would be displayed on the side of the Light Rail Vehicles for 12 months. So, the students set to work designing their own inspiring message about safety around the Light Rail network in the ACT.

Year 11 students did this as their Major Practical Assessment for Semester 1, while as this was the first year participating in the competition, Year 12 students were given the option of designing for the competition. One of our Year 12 students took advantage of the offer.

Through the duration of the project, they worked closely with a representative from Canberra Metro, **Sally Coyle**, and Transit Graphics representative, **John Mikita**. They provided ongoing feedback, design assistance and advice to the students at multiple key points through the project. In the end, Daramalan College submitted 22 designs to Canberra Metro for consideration, with almost 70 entries submitted overall across the 3 participating colleges.

In the end, four designs were selected to become the face of Rail Safety Week 2024. Of the final designs selected, two of these were designed by Daramalan College students. **Lachlan Bell** (Year 11) and **Liam Hunter** (Year 12) were selected as the successful entrants. Each was presented with a certificate and a prize for their hard work. But more important than the prizes, the publicity these students will enjoy with their work being seen by thousands of people every day for 12 months and the long-term value of this career experience for their own design future will continue to pay dividends.

Congratulations to both Lachlan and Liam!



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Lachlan Bell's LRV Artwork



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Liam Hunters LRV Artwork

Languages

Japanese Sister School Visit

We stood in eager anticipation at the Cowper Street bus bay, waiting for the first signs of the coach arriving. Finally, they were here – hugs were exchanged, friends were united, and new friendships began.

After a brief welcome ceremony and some school tours, we enjoyed afternoon tea together as we all got to know each other. First-meeting nerves quickly abated as we shared interests and laughs through the language barrier. Then, it was straight into the deep end with Period 6 classes, as we welcomed our host siblings into the Daramalan way of life. Thus ended the first day, as we went home to bond over meeting family and video games – no doubt, a big day for all of us.

Friday came and went, including a special Australian animal biology session led by Ms Nicole Hinton. Then it was the weekend – a chance to show off the sights of Canberra and surrounds and solidify our friendships. Museums, zoos, mountains, and all-around fun defined Saturday and Sunday, as we helped them to make the most of their time.

For me, it was an incredible experience to meet my exchange student Jonah - definitely a friendship that I'll hold on to for a long time.

Kenneth Le - Community and Connection Captain

On Monday, we had our first full day with the Japanese students. They had two special lessons - Indigenous songs led by **Ms Jacintha Francis** and PE with **Ms Davina Harris** and **Mr Marty Capon**.

They were also given an Aussie Tucker tasting plate made by **Ms Janette Kline**.

On Tuesday, we travelled to the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve to immerse our host siblings among Canberran nature and wildlife. They were ecstatic to see kangaroos and koalas for the first time. We bonded a lot on this trip, when we silently watched the water for platypus and saw who could fly furthest on the flying fox.

A day later, as much as we didn't want it to happen, we said goodbye to Kochi Gakugei. My class and I thought it would be easier to say goodbye this time after leaving them in October last year, but it was still hard. There were a lot of tears, but promises to meet again.

My experience with my host sister **Miho** was perfect. She quickly became a kind-hearted and thoughtful addition to my family, always offering to help. By the end she truly felt like a sister to me, and I am forever grateful.

Lucy O'Neill - Arts and Culture Captain

Having the Japanese students visit us was an amazing experience, especially because I was lucky enough to be reunited with the same student I was previously paired with on our trip to Japan. This time, it was my turn to show her around my home town and introduce her to Australian culture, which she absolutely loved - particularly the food. Our bond had remained strong since we first met, as we were constantly talking to each other, despite the distance. After saying our goodbyes and promising to continue talking, I knew I had gained a lifelong friend.

Chloe Parkinson (Year 12)



Languages

Language Study Tours to Germany and Japan in 2025

We are pleased to inform you that Daramalan College is offering our Language Study Tours to Germany and Japan in September/October 2025. These tours are open for Languages students who are in Years 9-12 in 2025. The French Tour will be offered in 2026.

The tours are designed to provide students with an insight into the life and culture in a German or Japanese-speaking community. It includes homestays and school visits at our sister schools in Dresden and Kochi.

We would like to invite interested Languages students who are currently in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and their parents to join an online information meeting from 5:30pm on **Wednesday 28 August** in Week 6. We will provide you with more details about the tour and answer your questions.

We are looking forward to meeting you all online. [Teams link](#) The link can also be found on Daranet under the Teaching and Learning Tile.

Germany Tour: **Heike Craig**

Japan Tour: **Waka Burridge**



Religion

Year 8 Religious Education students are studying World Religions this semester, starting with our own First Nations people's spirituality.

Mr Andrew Digan's class took the opportunity to try out the Boomerang and Bullroarer. Everyone had to try both and two students successfully managed to get the Boomerang to return back to them.



Maths

ANU Maths Day 2024

On Wednesday 29 May, two enthusiastic teams of Daramalan College Mathematics students, accompanied by their teacher, **Mr Kyle Steemson**, participated in the annual ANU Maths Day at the Australian National University. The event showcased a variety of engaging Math problems, providing the students with an opportunity to demonstrate their problem-solving skills. The competition featured challenging group problem-solving tasks that required collaboration, as the questions were too complex for any individual student to tackle alone. Additionally, the day included a captivating “guess the pattern” quiz, a cross-number challenge, and culminated in a fast-paced relay race. Daramalan College proudly secured an impressive 10th place out of the 32 teams in attendance. The students thoroughly enjoyed interacting and having fun with peers from other Canberra and regional schools.

Team 1: **Ryan Birrell, George Bowditch, Kenneth Le, Thomas Neighbour and Paul Tran.**

Team 2: **Thomas Coote, Oliver Koelmeyer, Sean Loney, Mirko Perica and Aston Poulakis.**



Science

Year 7 Classification

Year 7 dove into the wild world of classifying living things this term—turns out, there's more to life than just "cute" and "creepy."



Year 9 Survival Museum

To finish our unit on survival of the species, our Year 9 students created Daramalan's first Survival Museum. In small groups they researched a unique animal or plant species to increase their understanding of the mechanisms that facilitate reproduction and survival.

From the dazzling dances of birds to the mesmerising movements of insects, students explored a diverse array of courting rituals. They examined the fascinating world of pollination, learning how plants attract and utilise pollinators like bees, butterflies and birds to ensure the continuation of their species.

After intensive research, students showcased their findings through creative and informative displays. These displays included detailed diagrams, models, dioramas, and even multimedia presentations, bringing the wonders of nature to life.



Year 10 Science

Why do Year 10 Chemistry students like telling jokes about the Periodic Table? Because they always get a reaction!!

Year 10 Chemistry students are learning all about the reactivity of elements on the Periodic Table. They witnessed Sodium make a splashy entrance in water (literally), with an explosive demo that made them all jump. Students have used model sets to create compounds that show bonding between atoms—basically LEGO for future Nobel Prize winners!



Science Cont...

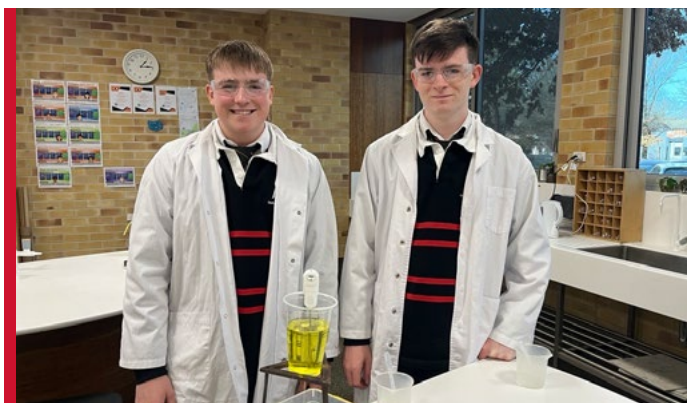
Year 11 Biology

In Year 11 Biology, students tested for biomacromolecules, which are essential molecules for life, including carbohydrates, proteins, lipids and nucleic acids. They conducted various chemical tests, such as the Benedict's test for sugars, the Biuret test for proteins, and the Sudan III test for lipids, to identify these molecules in different samples. Applying their practical skills, students participated in a murder mystery activity where they analysed 'stomach contents' of a victim. By identifying the biomacromolecules present, they could determine the victim's last meal.



Year 12 Biology Homer-stasis

In Year 12 Biology, students performed an experiment about homeostasis, the process by which living organisms maintain a stable internal environment despite changes in external conditions. The class conducted an engaging experiment where they had to manage the homeostatic functions of a fictional character named Homer. Through this interactive activity, students learned about the importance of regulating factors like temperature, water balance and glucose levels to keep Homer alive and healthy.



Big Science Competition Results

In Term 2, some of our Year 7-12 students participated in the global Big Science Competition (BSC). This 50-minute, multiple choice online competition tests Science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable... and interesting!

Congratulations to the following students on their results:

High Distinction: **Rachel Nicol** (Year 9) and **Joe Komoroth** (Year 7)

Distinction: **Zoe Bertram** (Year 10), **Hunter Harrison** (Year 9) and **Evelyn Nicholls** (Year 9)

Credit: **Michael Howlett** (Year 9), **Kristian Slater** (Year 9), **Matteo Manna** (Year 8) and **Harrison Harvey** (Year 7)

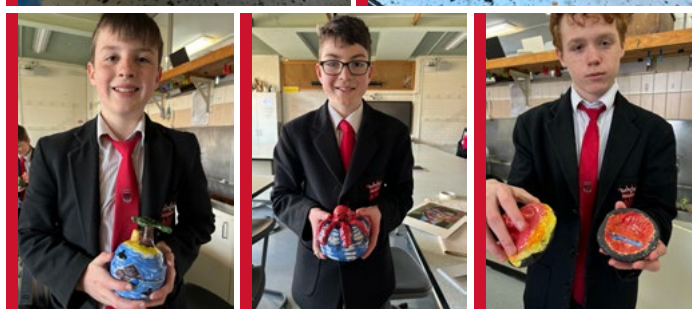
Congratulations – Questacon Student Training Program

Chloe Parkinson (Year 12) recently graduated from the Questacon volunteering program, where she honed her public speaking and presentation skills. The program provided her with valuable tips and pointers on engaging with diverse audiences, enhancing her communication abilities. Through her experience, she developed expertise in science communication, customer service and effectively discussing the various exhibits at Questacon. Chloe is now well-equipped to engage and inform people of all ages and backgrounds, making complex scientific concepts accessible and interesting.



Visual Arts

Mr John Vukovic's Year 7 Artists have transformed ordinary clay into extraordinary keepsakes. Their Hermannsburg pots are more than just artworks; they are tangible memories of cherished family moments. Each piece tells a unique story, capturing the laughter, love and shared experiences that will be treasured for generations.

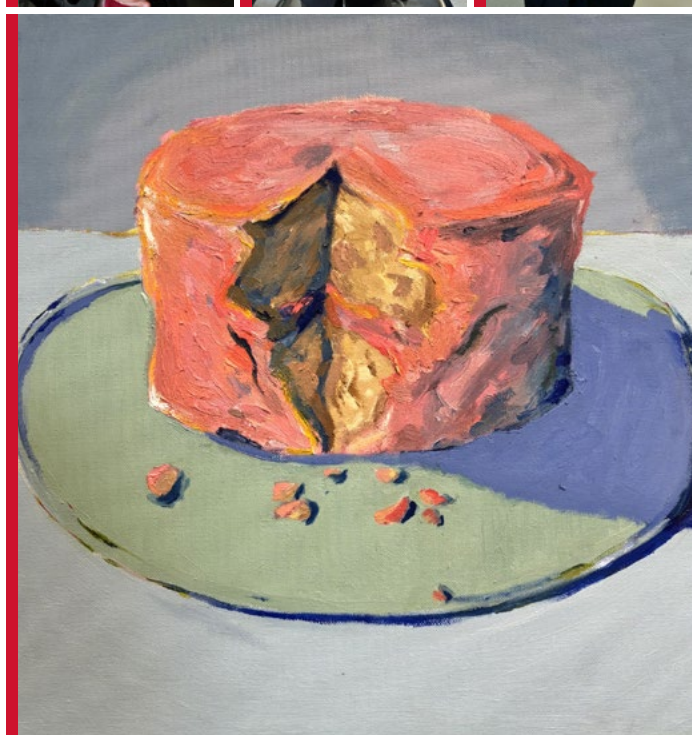


Year 9 Art Everyday Life Still Life

Why are Artists drawn to creating artworks of everyday things such as bowls of fruit and inanimate objects?

Still Life is a genre of Art that has been explored since ancient times and found everywhere from Egyptian tombs to Ancient Greek mosaics to Modernist canvas paintings. These artworks show us what kinds of foods were eaten by different cultures at different times throughout history. Vanitas, a Northern European 16th/17th C sub-genre of Still Life explored ideas of life and death and spoke about the misguided tendency to place too much importance on materialism. These paintings included rotting fruit, snuffed-out candles and skulls.

The American Pop Artist Wayne Thiebaud was besotted with the highly organised and beautifully presented cake displays he saw in his neighbourhood and became incredibly famous for his paintings of these delicious treats. In Semester 1, Year 9 students learnt how to oil paint and were asked to embrace Thiebaud's love of all things sugary. They made and decorated their own cakes and through the process of photographing their creations, they learnt about composition and lighting. Their final oil paintings used their photographs as reference images and are a representation of our time and place and the things we enjoy eating.



Performing Arts

Throughout Term 2, Daramalan's most dedicated dancers worked tirelessly to prepare their submission for Wakakirri 2024. On Monday 29 July, their Story-Dance, *Belonging to Broadway*, was finally performed at the Canberra Theatre. Watching these dancers throughout the rehearsal process was a truly eye-opening experience. I was amazed at how much confidence each student gained between rehearsals, clearly showing their dedication by practicing outside of school. Their commitment paid off, as the performance I witnessed was polished, engaging and full of life.



For the Daramalan Dance Company, Wakakirri was different this year, as Year 11 and 12 students were involved. This was a choice that proved to be a huge success. Year 12 students **Claire Donaldson** and **Annabel Pryor** shared with me their appreciation:

"Being my final year as a member of the Daramalan Dance Company, the opportunity to perform the lead role in *Belonging to Broadway* on the Canberra Theatre stage was an experience I will never forget. It was fulfilling to contribute to a dynamic environment where all year groups brought unique strengths and talents to the stage, and I am grateful to all who made this journey so enjoyable and rewarding." – **Claire Donaldson** (Lead Dancer)



"Being in Year 12, this was my last chance to make the most of Daramalan Dance and Wakakirri was such a fun and rewarding way to do this. Being involved in rehearsals and on the day itself was something I'm very grateful I got to experience with old and new friends and the best Dance teacher **Miss Haynes!**" – **Annabel Pryor**

Year 10 student **Eloise Smith** also reflected on her role as a mentor:

"This year in Wakakirri we had Senior and Junior students all collaborating and working together to create a dance we all loved. I enjoyed being able to help out during rehearsal, make suggestions and help the younger students develop their dancing skills." – **Eloise Smith**

I also interviewed Daramalan's Dance teacher, **Ms Jessica Haynes** about what followed:

"After the performance, the suspense and buzz was still in the air as we waited for news on whether the Dance Company would be invited back for the Awards Night on **Monday 26 August**. In Week 3, I was thrilled to receive and share the exciting news that the College had won a 2024 Wakakirri State Award! This incredible achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff in creating a captivating Story-Dance. During this event, the Wakakirri Ambassador will review our performance and consider it for the National Awards. The staff are immensely proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to celebrating this milestone together!" – **Ms Jessica Haynes**

Tickets for this special performance of *Belonging to Broadway* open at 10am **Thursday 15 August** for \$39.50. See www.wakakirri.com/tickets for more.

Lucy O'Neill - Arts and Culture Captain

Performing Arts



Rehearsals and development workshops are underway for our first production in the new theatre. Daramalan Theatre Company presents 'The Heart' to open on **Saturday 12 October**. YES! It's finally happening!

Our intensive camp at Burrill Pines over the holidays presented our acting cast with a number of challenges to construct and consider the opening scenes for the first production in the Joe Woodward Theatre ... stressful? Yes! The cast began with sample texts for consideration and development ... and wow! They took control. And so began 'The Heart'.

Thanks to staff members **Ms Annette Brady**, **Ms Jacqueline Dimmock** and **Ms Mel Cashman** as we embarked on an adventure to coordinate 18 young prospective actors into a single text for working. While I provided the initial stimulus, it was amazing to see the intelligent challenges and inputs to the work. After a few days of working, **Oscar Lee** and **Zachary Olsen** (Year 11) led a cast editing and embellishing session where all contributed to create the first incarnation of 'The Heart'.

Now with four rehearsals completed, we are becoming accustomed to working in the theatre space. We can promise an exciting production tapping into existentialist theatre, realism, dance, music, choir and special media presentations. Initially inspired by the work of Jules Chevalier, 'The Heart' is full of surprises and will provide a welcomed presentation in the new Issoudun Performing Arts Centre.

Get your tickets now:

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-heart>

Joe Woodward – Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Music

The sounds of music have been filling the beautiful new spaces of the Issoudun building. The new addition to Daramalan is a world class facility. From the Music classrooms to the practice rooms and rehearsal space, the quality is incredible.

We've had a smooth transition into the new space. It's truly a wonderful place to learn and teach. All the ensembles are in preparation for the Music Tour to Melbourne at the end of the term. We will have a chance to play our new repertoire at Floriade on **Monday 16 September**. The Bands and Dance group will perform between 12.30pm and 3.00pm and the Choir from 3.10pm – 3.40pm. The Choir will compete at The Wagga Eisteddfod on **Thursday 29 August**. The Senior and Jazz Bands will compete the following day. This is a very exciting time for The Performing Arts Department. If you are interested in learning an instrument, please see **Ms Michelle Coggan** in the Issoudun wing.

Mercure High Tea

Our String Ensemble brought credit to Daramalan and themselves by performing impressively at the Mercure High Tea. The feedback was very encouraging, with comments such as, "the ensemble sounded like a chamber orchestra" and "the students played beautifully today". The parents in the audience enjoyed the performance too. Thank you to **Ms Michelle Coggan** and **Ms Heather Roche** for arranging this wonderful performance opportunity for our students.



Basketball

John Stelzer Cup

The Boys JPL Daramalan team had an impressive run in the John Seltzer Basketball Tournament, showcasing our talent and determination. We secured our spot in the Grand Final by beating all three Erindale teams, demonstrating our strong teamwork and competitive spirit. Despite our best efforts, we faced a tough opponent in Lake Ginninderra during the final match. Although we fell short of the win, our journey to the Final was nonetheless a great time. The team's performance throughout the tournament has set a solid foundation for future successes. A big thank you to **Mr John Gale** for coaching us! **Thomas Brazel** (Year 12)



Kate Tominac Cup

It was a very successful day for the Girls JPL team, going undefeated the entire tournament. To start the morning off, we had two solid wins against Lake Ginninderra and St John Paul II College respectively. Our toughest game was against St Clare's College where we drew with them due to a lapse in awareness. Nevertheless, we finished 1st and consequently played 4th place, JPC, to claim our spot in the final game. To end the day, we had a convincing win over St Clare's in the Grand Final which made us the winners of the Kate Tominac Cup! Congratulations to all the girls and our Coach, **Tina**, who took the day off work to coach us! **Alex Beake** (Year 12)



Basketball

U16 National Championships

On Sunday July 7 -Sunday 14 July, **Mya Lomu** (Year 8) and **Emmanuel Shirley** (Year 10) travelled to Bendigo to represent the ACT in Basketball at the U16 Footlocker National Championships.

Under 16 ACT Girls

Mya and her team by the end of the week retrieved 3 major wins for ACT against NSW Metro, WA Country and Northern Territory, which placed them 10th at the U16 Footlocker National Championships.

Mya particularly had a phenomenal performance in the game against NSW Metro with 5 rebounds, 7 points and 3 steals.

Mya's 5 consecutive rebounds and aggressive defence towards the end of this game contributed greatly to her teams two-point win against NSW Metro: 60 – 62.

Although Mya and her team did not get the desired results by the end of the tournament, all of her games reflected her versatility and contribution to the ACT teams offensive and defensive stats. This is shown from Mya's consistent stats in each game below:

- 7 points against QLD South
- 7 points against Northern Territory
- 8 rebounds against SA Country
- 3 steals against WA Country
- 6 rebounds and 6 points against NSW Country



Under 16 ACT Boys

Emmanuel joined the ACT U16 Boys team who played 9 games over 7 days during the tournament. The team won 3 games in total, beating NSW Country, SA Country and Northern Territory. All the games were of high quality against tough opposition, with a great effort given by the ACT team against some of the best basketball talent in the country.

Emmanuel played an important point guard role for the team, facilitating the offence with his customary speed, agility and excellent decision-making, playing hard and disruptive defence and enjoying the high level of competition in each game.



Under 12 Schools Sports Championships

Kobe Petrovic (Year 7) recently competed for the Boys 12 and under ACT Basketball Team at the School Sports Championships held up on the Gold Coast (Sunday 28 July – Friday 2 August).

The team handled some stiff competition from NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA, and ended up playing WA again for their final game. The team were excited to show off their talent on the courts, with Kobe demonstrating his keen defensive skills and all-round court hustle. They all had a fantastic experience.



DARAMALAN BASKETBALL PRESENTATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, DARAMALAN COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE



5-7PM: BBQ, MUSIC, FUN AND GAMES 7PM ONWARDS: PRESENTATIONS

Live music, Massive BBQ, Heaps of fun games, plus much more

FREE NBA JERSEY GIVEAWAYS



Hockey

The Hockey season is well underway and our teams are enjoying every moment on the field.

This year we have a good mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Each team has had a commendable season so far and should be proud of the way they are gelling as a team.

A highlight so far has been the success of our JSL2 Girls team. Many of the girls have been playing together for a number of years now and the experience is showing results. In addition to this, congratulations to our JSL2 Boys players who are also sitting towards the top of their table.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the club so far this season. It is great to see some strong bonds forming between some of the younger players which will only strengthen over the next few years.

If you would like to give Hockey a go next year, keep an eye out for the notices or reach out to any of the teachers involved!

Congratulations to Daramalan boys: **Hamish Warhurst** (Year 10), **Tom Covey** (Year 9), **Harry Clark** (Year 8) and **Charlie Jenkins** (Year 7) who represented the ACT at the U15 Hockey Nationals at the Gold Coast.

Congratulations to **Harry Clark** (Year 8) who won the School Sport ACT Excellence in Sport Award in the 12&u Sportsmanship Category.



Waterpolo

Canberra Schools Cup

Daramalan has entered two teams in the 2024 Canberra Schools Waterpolo competition. Our teams had a great start to the competition on the evening of Friday 9 August. The boys won two games, taking down both Burgmann teams, the Bullsharks and the Barracudas.

The Girls 7-8 team started with a tough loss to Burgmann but bounced back in the second game with a tightly fought victory over CGGS.

Good luck to both teams for the remainder of the season.

Year 7-8 Girls

Olyvia Ivancic, Jewel Juatco, Laura Corkhill (Year 7), **Esther Adie, Olivia Beerworth, Annie Campbell, Lily Hynd, Neve Roper and Carla Sarri** (Year 8). Coach: **Chris Beerworth**

Year 8-10 Boys

Cooper Lewis, Alexander Donaldson, Ollie Boland (Year 8), **Tom Covey, Hunter Harrison, Joshua O'Keeffe** (Year 9), **Tom O'Keeffe, Liam Osborn and Max Randall** (Year 10). Coach: **Angus Nelson**



Netball

The annual ASC Netball Carnival took place on Tuesday 6 August at Lyneham. Daramalan entered teams in all divisions, which included the new Senior Mixed division which allowed us to showcase the talent of our male students as well as female. Typically a competition that Daramalan does well in, our Years 7-8 and 9-10 Girls both won three games and lost four. The Senior Girls team put on a strong showing, only losing to St Clares and narrowly missing out on the Grand Final due to for and against totals. The surprise package was the first ever Daramalan Mixed Netball team which won five pool games and drew one leading to a Grand Final rematch with Burgmann where the team emerged victorious. Thank you to **Ms Ross, Ms Kelly, Mr Balmaks** and senior student **Kate Mitchell** (Year 11) for coaching teams on the day.

Year 7-8 Girls

Game 1 v St John Paul II College	Won	16 – 4
Game 2 v Canberra Grammar School	Won	13 – 8
Game 3 v St Clares College	Lost	4 – 10
Game 4 v St Mary Mackillop	Lost	
Game 5 v Burgmann	Won	14 – 8
Game 6 v Canberra Girls Grammar School	Lost	5 – 8
Game 7 v Radford	Won	12 – 5

Year 9-10 Girls

Game 1 v St John Paul II College	Won	6 – 4
Game 2 v Canberra Grammar School	Won	8 – 6
Game 3 v St Clares College	Lost	10 – 21
Game 4 v St Mary Mackillop	Lost	10 – 16
Game 5 v Burgmann	Won	15 – 2
Game 6 v Canberra Girls Grammar School	Won	13 – 6
Game 7 v Radford	Lost	12 – 13

Year 11-12 Girls

Game 1 v St John Paul II College	Won	
Game 2 v Canberra Grammar School	Won	
Game 3 v St Clares College	Lost	
Game 4 v St Mary Mackillop	Won	
Game 5 v Burgmann	Won	
Game 6 v Canberra Girls Grammar School	Lost	
Game 7 v Radford	Won	



Oztag

Winter Oztag 2024

The Daramalan Demons braved the Canberra cold and took on the Winter Oztag season. In often freezing conditions our girls took on teams from across North Canberra. The girls played with great spirit (and volume) and while results didn't go our way, the girls developed their skills and worked together as a team to compete each week.

A huge thank you to **Ms Melissa Bradham** for braving the cold along with the girls and managing the team each week.

2024 Daramalan Demons Oztag
Ruby Shelley, Brianna Heaton, Georgia Morris, Sienna Bodycott, Paola Cuevas- Powell, Ester Sakul, Scarlett Phelan, Sienna Salloum, Emma McCluskey (Year 8).
 Manager **Ms Melissa Bradham**



Summer Oztag 2024/25

Registrations for the Wednesday night ACT Oztag competition at Kaleen will open soon. Any Daramalan students who would like to enter a team in the 2024/25 season should speak to **Mr Marty Capon** in the Sports Office.

Teams need to be 10-12 players and in one age group, as listed below.

The College will provide playing shirts. Players will need their own Oztag shorts/ tights and boots.

There is no expectation that students play for the College in Oztag. Teams entered as Daramalan teams will consist of only students enrolled at the College.

MIXED- (4 males and 4 females on the field) U12-13s, U14-15s

BOYS- U13s, U14s, U15s


GIRLS- U12-13s, U14-15s



GUEST PANEL



CHLOE HOSKING OLY
 Olympian | Commonwealth Champion | Cyclist | Juris Doctor



KRISTY GITEAU
 Co-President Rugby Australia | Former Wallaroo | Founder of Win the Day Charity



SARAH COOK OLY
 Chief Executive Officer, Rowing Australia | Olympian | Broadcast Commentator

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Fundraising for the Safeguard Global ACT Brumbies Women's program. A celebration of women in sport and business with a focus on the Olympic and Paralympic games.



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LOCATION: HOTEL REALM **DRESS CODE:** BUSINESS









Rugby

Ladies Day and the T.A.T Building Group Charity Round

Round 9 on Saturday 3 August saw the annual Charity Round and Ladies Day merge into one spectacular event. Thanks to incredible support from **Corinne Kelly** and **Simone Woods**, the Ladies Day function was a tremendous success. Our wonderful mums and ladies of the Daramalan Rugby community enjoyed Amici charcuterie boards, pastries, and a few lucky attendees walked away with amazing gift baskets generously donated by **James Gilligan** from Pernod Ricard. It was fantastic to see the remarkable women of our community celebrated both on and off the field.

Louise Burrows (Wallaroo and four-time World Cup player) and **Vikki Fischer** (2002 Wallaroos training squad) were on-site to share their stories with our young female athletes, discussing their careers and the opportunities Rugby has afforded them over the years. We were incredibly fortunate to have these outstanding athletes share their experiences with our players. Also present were current Super W Brumbies/Wallaroos players: **Siokapesi Palu** (Wallaroo and SRW Captain), **Faitala Moleka** (Wallaroo), **Ashley Fernandez** (Wallaroo) and **Jess Grant**.

With the success of our Wallaroos and Australian Girls 7s programs, we hope to continue growing the game. If Rugby is something you're interested in for 2025, we would love to see you come and meet some of the current playing group.

Charity Round

Our Charity Round has once again proven to be a standout event on the Rugby calendar, and for the second

consecutive year, **T.A.T Building Group** has stepped up to support this remarkable occasion. This year, the generosity of T.A.T Building Group has made a significant impact, helping us raise an impressive \$1,100 for the **Veterans Support Centre Belconnen (VSCACT)**, formerly known as VV&VFACT. The VSCACT is dedicated to the welfare of Defence Force members and their families, making them a fitting recipient of our efforts.

How did we achieve such a fantastic result? Through the power of tries! T.A.T Building Group pledged \$20 for every junior try scored throughout the day and a generous \$100 for every try scored by the Daramalan 1st Girls in their main game. The results were nothing short of spectacular. Over the course of the day, we celebrated a total of 46 tries, with our 16 Girls contributing an outstanding 11 tries in their match against Grammar.

The success of this event was not only measured by the funds raised but also by the exceptional performances on the field. Our players fully embraced the spirit of the day, delivering their best efforts to support this noble cause. Their enthusiasm and dedication were truly inspiring.

A special thank you goes out to **Toby Ward** of T.A.T Building Group. His unwavering support for the Daramalan Rugby program has been instrumental in making this event a success. We are incredibly grateful for his commitment and generosity.

As we reflect on the achievements of this Charity Round, we are reminded of the positive impact that community spirit and teamwork can have. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event. Together, we've made a meaningful contribution to the VSCACT and shown that Rugby is about more than just the game—it's about making a difference.

Here's to many more successful Charity Rounds in the future!



DARAMALAN RUGBY



PRESENTATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

6-7pm Meet and Greet + Food and Drinks

7-8pm Juniors Presentation (U13's-U16)

8:15pm – 9:15pm Senior Presentation

Snow Sports

Making an Impact at Snowsports Interschools Event

Daramalan College made a strong showing at the 2024 ACT and Regional NSW Interschools Snowsport Championships held at Perisher, with over 26 students from Years 7 to 12 representing the school. Competing in both Snowboarding and Skiing events, our students demonstrated exceptional potential in just the second year of our Snowsports program.

A special congratulations to the following students who have been invited to represent Daramalan at the State and National levels later this year:

- Alpine Skiing - Div 2M: **Angus Pardew** (Year 10)
- Alpine Skiing - Div 3F: **Carla Sarri** (Year 8)
- Snowboard GS - Div 2M: **Roy Halliday** (Year 10)
- Snowboard Cross & Snowboard GS - Div 3M: **Oliver Miller** (Year 7)
- Snowboard Cross - Div 1M: **Az Pekarsky** (Year 12)

A big thank you goes out to all the staff who committed their early mornings, weekends and long days to the program, as well as our parent volunteers, including **Liz Hemming**, who provided invaluable support during the events. Their efforts have been instrumental in preparing our students not only for this competition but also for the upcoming ACT Cup and exciting day trips. Fingers crossed we get at least one more fall of snow before these competitions commence.

Mr Dean Parkes - Snowsports Convenor



Alumni

To find out more information about your Year-Group Reunion and to buy tickets, please click here: <https://alumni.daramalan.com.au/reunion/news-and-events/>

If you have any questions, please email alumni@daramalan.act.edu.au

If you finished your schooling in the years 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 or 2014, it is time to get together again!



ALUMNI REUNIONS 2024

FRI	1 NOV	1974 YEAR REUNION	SAT	2 NOV	2004 YEAR REUNION
SAT	2 NOV	1984 YEAR REUNION	SAT	9 NOV	2014 YEAR REUNION
SAT	26 OCT	1994 YEAR REUNION	SAT	16 NOV	2023 YEAR REUNION



After a two-year break, we are thrilled to announce the return of the Dara Dozen, aiming to introduce a great selection of wines from some of the best Canberra district wineries associated with Daramalan College, while also helping the Scholarship Fund. We are offering delicious wines, with prices capped since 2022.

Buy yourself a dozen (or half) and raise your glass for our school!

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the 2024 selections.

Limited quantities are available - until sold out.

Orders may be collected in person or delivered to your door.

All funds raised go towards the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!

Notice - It is illegal to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 18 and to buy or supply alcohol for/to someone under the age of 18. For further information, please visit the ACT Policing website. Please drink responsibly.

Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

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

On Thursday 8 August, Year 10 students visited the 2024 Canberra CareersXpo at EPIC. Students could explore the large range of exhibitors from tertiary and vocational education institutions (local, interstate and overseas), Federal and State Government institutions, employer organisations and numerous individual businesses. The CareersXpo is a locally run event for current information on career, education and training options.



Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor

Students can now book a meeting time online through the [Daramalan Careers website](https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/careers). If parents or guardians would like to attend for appointments before or after school, please email careers@daramalan.act.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Saturday 17 August	ADFA Open Day (Register here)
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 August	White Card, Asbestos Awareness and Silica Exposure Prevention training
Friday 30 August	Excursion – Maths in Surveying at Geoscience Australia (contact Ms Brady if you are interested in attending, open to Years 10-12)
Thursday 5 September	ANU and UC Early Offer Scheme offers released
Monday 9 September	Schools Recommendation Scheme applications close
Saturday 14 September	UC Open Day & ACU Canberra Open Day
Monday 16 September	ACU Guarantee applications close



Careers News Cont...

Excursion - Maths in Surveying Day - Friday 30 August

Come to Geoscience Australia! This event provides students with real world examples of the Maths that they are studying in school. For students in Years 10, 11 or 12 interested in a career in STEM. Must have completed or currently be completing 10A or Maths Methods or equivalent. Contact **Ms Brady** for more information.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Applications for the UAC Schools Recommendation Scheme are now open. This scheme is open to all Year 12 students who are set to obtain their Senior Secondary Certificate in 2024. Students have been emailed the details, for help with the process please book an appointment with **Ms Brady**.

Year 10 Subject Selections

Year 10 students are encouraged (if they haven't done so already) to book an appointment with **Ms Brady** for support with their subject selections for Year 11. Study Work Grow have put together a [Subject Selection Guide for Parents](#), with simple tips to help you support your teens while they make a decision.

2025 Universities and Undergraduate Course Guides and Open Days

Check out the [Daramalan Careers website here](#) to find information on universities in Australia and many other institutions. Just click on a logo to get information on that institution including: a link to their website, scholarships, early entry schemes, alternate entry schemes, application information, adjustment factors and course guides.

Applying to University in 2024 – Early Entry Schemes

Many universities have programs in place that allow them to accept applications and make offers based on criteria other than ATAR. Each program has its own eligibility criteria but often include Year 11 results, soft skills, community involvement and school recommendation. Key dates and application processes also differ based on which university and which course the student is applying for.

Canberra region institutions:

[Charles Sturt Advantage](#) – Open now, closes **Saturday 31 August**

[ACU Guarantee](#) – Open **Monday 22 July**

For more information, use the university and course guide link above or contact **Ms Brady** in the Careers Hub.

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](#)

Applying to University of Melbourne through VTAC

The UniMelb Future Students team and a VTAC representative will guide prospective students through the application process for a Melbourne undergraduate degree in 2025. Hear more about VTAC, the SEAS and Access Melbourne. [See here for more information](#)

Screenwise 2025 Intake Now Open

Applications for the 2025 Advanced Diploma of Screen Acting are now open. They are hosting a 3 hour Advanced Diploma Application Unpacked workshop on **Saturday 31 August**. [See here for more information.](#)

Study in the US Virtual Information Session Thursday 5 September 6pm

Internationally Educated invite you to the upcoming 'Study in the US' virtual information session. The session will cover the application process as well as the higher education system in the US. Further information and [registration can be found here](#). The free presentation is best suited for students and their families in Years 9-12.

Royal Aero Club of NSW Try and Fly Weekend

Curious about a career in aviation? The Royal Aero Club's Try and Fly Weekend offers you a chance to experience flying firsthand. Picture yourself in the cockpit, learn from experienced instructors, and take the first step to becoming a student pilot while exploring the exciting world of aviation. The event includes:

- A one-on-one Trial Introductory Flight with a Flight Instructor
- An airside tour of Camden Airport
- Career talks about the various pathways in aviation

[Register here.](#)

John McGrath Auto Group Apprenticeship Information Evening

Wednesday 18 September 6pm

The presentation will provide information about applying for an Automotive Technician Apprenticeship. See the attached flyer for more information.

UNSW Co-op Program Scholarship Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for 2025 UNSW Co-op Program scholarships. [See here for more information.](#)

Residential Career Program – Medicine, Engineering, Business, Creative Writing, Psychology, Veterinary Studies

The National Institute of Education Careers has a unique opportunity to experience 11 Days of Residential Career Program, **5 – 15 January 2025** at the University of Sydney, for students 13 - 18 years of age. [See here for more details.](#)

ADF Careers and Work Experience

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

[See here for information on available Defence Work Experience opportunities.](#)

News and Information from [Study Work Grow](#)

[Crafting the perfect personal statement](#)

If you've been looking for scholarships, applying for jobs, or preparing university applications, you might have been asked for something called a personal statement. We're going to break it down step by step, providing tips on crafting a personal statement that showcases your unique qualities and aspirations.

[LinkedIn for students: Creating a professional profile](#)

LinkedIn is a social media site that focuses on jobs, career development, and even skill building. Using LinkedIn as a student can help you appeal to potential employers, network with your peers and mentors, and help build a name for yourself in the professional world.

Careers News Cont...

7 life skills every school leaver should have

No matter if you're moving out or not, you're going to have to start adulting once you leave High School – but don't worry, because we've been there before and we're here to help. Here are 7 essential life skills every school leaver should have.

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.



JOBS BOARD

Evoenergy 2025 Apprenticeship Program

Applications close **Sunday 1 September** - [Apprenticeships \(evoenergy.com.au\)](https://www.evoenergy.com.au/apprenticeships)

For Year 12 students who are about to obtain your Year 12 Certificate and are interested in an Apprenticeship. The 2025 Apprenticeship program is based in Canberra and includes, Electrical Fitter, Lineworker and Cable Jointer apprenticeship opportunities. Evoenergy is focused on attracting school leavers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and females, in an effort to further diversify their workforce.

Australian Government School Leaver Program

Applications for the 2025 Australian Government School Leaver Program opened Wednesday 7 August and will close **Wednesday 28 August**.

This is an incredible opportunity for 2024 Year 12 school leavers to build skills on the job, in one of many participating Australian Government agencies. Successful applicants will work in Human Resources, Customer Service, Projects and Policy, or a technical area.

For more information:

- visit: [Australian Government School Leaver Program](https://www.australian.gov.au/schoolleaver).
- attend one of the [online information sessions](#) held via Microsoft Teams

ATO School Leaver Program

Applications for the 2025 ATO School Leaver Program opened Wednesday 7 August and will close Wednesday 28 August.

Are you a 2024 Year 12 graduate? How do you choose what to do next?

You could choose to combat crime and fraud. You could choose to safeguard the data of millions of Australians. You could choose to do work that helps fund critical services and infrastructure to improve the lives of Australians. That's where the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) comes in. Join the 12-month 2025 ATO School Leaver Program and you'll get:

- a competitive salary
- a permanent position
- practical, hands-on work experience
- formal training, including a Certificate III in IT or business
- professional development and networking opportunities
- a promotion and a pay rise when you complete the program.

If you're ready to make big things happen, the ATO School Leaver Program is for you! For more info visit ato.gov.au/schoolleaver



APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENING

John McGrath Auto Group would like to extend an invitation to

VET / Career Co-ordinators, Students and Parents

To attend our Apprenticeship Information Evening on

Wednesday 18 September 2024 6.00pm to 7.00pm

John McGrath Kia

174 Melrose Drive Phillip ACT (Entrance via Divine Court)

Places are strictly limited

We anticipate employing up to 20 First Year Apprentice Technicians

for our 2025 intake

The presentation will provide information about applying for an

Automotive Technician Apprenticeship including:

- How an Apprenticeship is structured and requirements for apprentices
- Expectations of employers and employees
- Rates of pay / hours and workplace conditions

Meet our Service Managers from across the John McGrath Auto Group

Short information presentations from training and industry representatives, including:

- Skills ACT
- MEGT our Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider
- Motor Traders Association NSW our Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- Service Managers and staff from John McGrath Auto Group

If you are interested in attending, please contact our HR Department hr@jmcg.com.au

RSVP Friday 13 September 2024

Suzanne Sayers – HR Manager

Peter Ando – Group Service Manager

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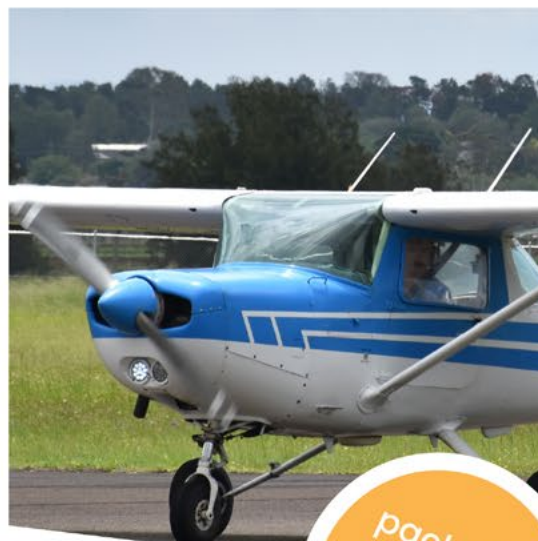
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COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

If you are in business, and would like to advertise in our Directory, please contact 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.

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

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