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6:00pm Carols Evening

10 December

Yrs 7 - 9 Community Day

11 December

Yrs 7 - 9 Mass & Awards
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From the Principal



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

Welcome to the final edition of Daranews for 2024! I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of another year.

As we make our way through the final weeks of the school year, I have been reflecting on the year that has past. At the opening assembly for 2024, our Year of Compassion, I challenged our students and staff to be people of empathy and compassion in action throughout the year. My question in February was: what small things can you do to show compassion to others in our community, that will make a big difference? I have been blown away as the year has progressed by those little

things that have taken place within our community. Each day I see compassion in action within our community, from the recent overwhelming number of donations to the Christmas Appeal, the lunchtime clubs and competitions filled with friendly rivalry and laughter, through to the House Spirit on display in the generous support of our eight House Charities. 2024 has certainly been a whirlwind of activity and has disappeared in the blink of an eye. I am sure that many of our staff, students and families are looking forward to a well-earned break over summer and time spent with family and friends. I know that I certainly am!

Year 7 Retreat Days

During Week 15, our Year 7 students from O'Brien, Goolagong, Lawson and Phillip Houses participated in their Retreat Days which were facilitated by our Year 10 Youth Ministry students. The Retreats were focussed on "Being

Year 7 Retreat Days



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MSC". The program drew upon the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) charism of "Heart Spirituality" and its ethos and values. Through the activities on the day, the students had the opportunity to consider how they might live out this ethos in their own life and as members of the Daramalan community. I would like to thank **Ms Cheryl Hamill** and **Ms Tina Watson** for their organisation and oversight to bring this rich opportunity to fruition for our students. I would also like to acknowledge our Year 10 students for their facilitation of the days along with the Pastoral Care Advisors and the Year 7 Pastoral Tutors for their work with the students on the two days.

Senior Examinations and AST Familiarisation

I would like to commend our Year 11 and 12 students for the manner in which they approached and undertook their recent end of semester examinations. I would also like to acknowledge the work of **Mr Steve Carroll** and **Ms Heike Craig** to enable the examinations to occur seamlessly. Following the formal examinations, our Year 11 and Year 10 students have participated in AST (ACT Scaling Test) familiarisation sessions. The AST is the only external examination sat by our senior students and takes place in Term 3 of Year 12 for those students studying a T package and who are seeking university entrance. Our Year 10 students who will be studying a non-tertiary pathway, or Accredited package, in their senior years, attended sessions specifically aligned with this pathway option facilitated by our Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning, **Mr Nic Whatman**, Careers Advisor, **Ms Annette Brady**, and Vocational Education Coordinator, **Ms Jane Waddleton**.

End of Year

I am delighted that we continue to be able to welcome our families and wider community onsite for our end of year events. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to remind those families looking to attend our ceremonies that parking at the College is extremely limited, especially for

those events held during school hours. Staff will be available on these mornings to direct parking through the Wasson Gates which are located off Cowper Street between the Sharpe and Issoudun buildings.

Tomorrow evening, our Year 12 students and their parents will be gathering at the National Convention Centre to share a meal and hospitality for their Graduation Dinner. I would like to acknowledge **Ms Jacqui Dimmock** for her work behind the scenes in organising an event of this size. Our Year 12 students and their families will come together for the final time next Tuesday evening to celebrate the past six years of secondary schooling with their Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony here at the College. My thanks are extended to all of the staff who have been involved in the preparations and organisation of these wonderful celebrations.

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

Our Years 7-9 Mass and Award Ceremony will be held on the final day of the school year, **Wednesday 11 December**. This is such a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year as a community. The previous day, **Tuesday 10 December**, our Years 7-9 students will be participating in community activities at Dickson Pool. Further information about the specific format of both of these days will be disseminated closer to the time.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of our students on what they have achieved this year. As I mentioned to students when we met for the final time as a whole school earlier this term, I continue to be amazed and delighted by the number of students who have immersed themselves in the wide-range of co-curricular



Year 10 Debating in the Senate room at Old Parliament House

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activities and clubs, in addition to the lunchtime activities and events that are offered here at the College. I feel like we need a bigger calendar to fit in all of the events, activities and opportunities that have been made possible throughout this year. I know that there have been days where I wasn't able to get to all of the events and activities as there were so many things happening! In addition to these activities are the wonderful opportunities that have been available to our students both inside and out of the classroom enabling rich learning to occur. One of these rich experiences will take place next week when our Senior Basketballers depart for their US tour. I would like to thank **Mr John Gale** for all of his organisation and vision to make this trip possible. I would also like to thank **John, Mr Nathan Greatz, Ms Rebecca Willmott, Ms Heather Chapman**, and former student and coach **Dion Majstorovic** who will be travelling with the students. We wish them safe travels and an amazing experience.

A number of special awards will be presented at each of the ceremonies for academic, co-curricular and community achievements and I would like to congratulate all of the recipients of these awards. The list of award recipients will be published in the 2024 Yearbook.

As a staff we will gather and celebrate 2024 with our Staff Advent Mass, celebrated by our Chaplain, **Fr Tru Nguyen MSC** and followed by a shared lunch, on **Friday 13 December**. The College Office will be closed on this day to enable all of our staff to participate in this special day.

Many staff are involved in the planning and running of these events with much of their work occurring behind the scenes, so I thank each of them for their contributions. I would like to especially acknowledge **Ms Cheryl Hamill, Mr Nathan Greatz, Mr Ben Stein, Mr Steve Carroll, Ms Angela Dunn, Ms Hilda Visser-Scott**, the House Coordinators, Pastoral Care Advisors and Pastoral Tutors, and **Ms Sonja Tajmer, Ms Mandy Peacock, Ms Corinne Kelly, Ms Heather Chapman, Mr Scott McQuiggin**, the student tech team, and the **College Maintenance team** for their tireless

work behind the scenes. I would also like to thank **Fr Tru** for celebrating each of our end of year Masses with us. We are truly blessed to have an **MSC Chaplain** who can share these liturgical celebrations with our community.

Holiday and End of Year Arrangements

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

- **Wednesday 11 December** - Years 7-9 students finish school at approximately 12.30pm after their Awards Ceremony.
- **Thursday 12 December** – Reception will close at 4.00pm.
- **Friday 13 December** – Reception will be closed all day.
- **Monday 16 December - Friday 20 December** – Reception hours are from 9.00am – 4.00pm.
- The College Reception will reopen on **Monday 20 January 2025** at 9.00am.

Teaching staff and many Support Staff finish work for the year at 12noon **Friday 13 December** so emails and phone calls after this date may not receive a response until school resumes for 2025. Full-time staff return to work on **Wednesday 29 January 2025**.

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

Term Dates for 2025

Families are reminded that **Year 7** and **new students (Years 8-12)** return to school on Monday 3 February. All students, including **Year 11 students**, return to school on **Tuesday 4 February**.

The Term dates for 2025 are:

Term 1

Monday 3 February- First Day for Year 7 and new students

Tuesday 4 February- All students return

Friday 11 April- Last day of term

Earth and Environment Jervis Bay Field Trip



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Term 2

Tuesday 29 April- Friday 27 June

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July – Friday 26 September

Year 12 students will return Monday 20 July to attend their Reflection/Retreat camp at Stanwell Tops

Term 4

Monday 13 October- Wednesday 10 December

Return of Books

We ask all students to ensure that textbooks and Information Centre resources are returned by **Tuesday 10 December**, please. It is important that books are returned so that they can be processed and organised for the start of 2025. Thank you for your assistance with this.

All students should ensure their locker is cleared before **Tuesday 10 December** with only limited items being required for the events and activities held on the following day.

Semester 2 Academic Reports

Families will be able to access and download their student's Semester 2 Academic Report through Daranet from **Monday 16 December**.

Families who are departing the College at the end of 2024 are reminded to download copies of their student's Academic Reports from Daranet prior to **Tuesday 24 December** as access to the platform will not be available after this date.

2024 Yearbook

The 2024 Yearbook will be distributed to students in Years 7-9 on **Wednesday 11 December**.

Students in Year 12 will be given the Yearbook on **Tuesday 17 December** from 10.00am - 3.00pm when they come to the College to collect their Senior Secondary Certificate, Tertiary Entrance Statements, and Vocational Certificates, as long as all textbooks and other resources they have out on loan have been returned.

Students in Years 10 and 11 may collect their Yearbooks from Reception on **Wednesday 11 December** from 12noon until 4.00pm or when the Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificates are being issued on **Tuesday 17 December** from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Yearbooks will also be available in PT classes at the start of 2025 for returning students.

Please note: *It is essential that students have returned all textbooks, library books and other school resources before they will be issued with a Yearbook.*

2025 Enrolments

We have a significant number of families seeking places in each of our year groups for 2025 where there are currently no vacancies. If your child is currently in Years 7-11, and will not be returning to Daramalan next year, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can assist other families. Please do this by notifying the Registrar, Ms **Damaris Brown**, via the email enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au

College Board

I would like to extend my thanks to the College Board Directors for the work that they have undertaken this year, particularly Board Chair, **Ms Adrienne Day**, and Deputy Chair, **Mr Michael Munro-Mobbs**. 2024 is the final year of Adrienne's tenure as both Board Chair and a Director after 8 years of service. During this time, Adrienne has served as a member of the Community Engagement, Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committees as well as Deputy Chair (2017-2021) and Chair since 2021. Adrienne's dedication to the College has been unwavering during this time and

Year 7 and 8 Dance: Chinese Dragon and Lion Workshop with Yut Hung Kung Fu Academy



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she has been an outstanding leader of our Board. On behalf of the College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment and for the expertise that she has shared so freely with us. I would also like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Kai Ryan** for his contributions to the College Board and as a member of the Policy Committee. Kai will be stepping down as a Board Director at the end of 2024. I would also like to acknowledge my colleagues on the Building, Facilities, Resources and IT Committee, **Mr Nathan Spillane, Mr Shaun Wilson, Ms Sandra Fisher, Mr James Keeley** and **Mr Hugh Boulter**, who have been very active this year with the completion of the Issoudun Performing Arts Centre at the end of Semester 1 after five years of planning and construction. I would also like to thank the former staff who have served as seconded members of the Board Committees, **Ms Rita Daniels** (Community Engagement) and **Mr Mike Kelly** (Finance, Audit and Risk Management) for offering their expertise to these committees. Our sincere thanks are extended to Mike for his commitment and generosity to the College and the Board over many years post his retirement as he steps down from the Finance Committee at the end of this year.

Parents and Friends

The final P&F meeting for 2024 was held on Wednesday 6 November and included a tour of the Issoudun building. The P&F have generously supported the College through contributions over many years towards the construction and fit out of the building. The P&F's continuation of their support of the Charity Walk enabled us to continue our support of charities, MacKillop House and the St Nick's St Vincent de Paul Young Carers' program which was much appreciated. The fourth College bus purchased by the P&F at the end of 2023 has been greatly valued and has been very much in demand throughout the year. We are as always very grateful for their support. It was also uplifting for staff to be acknowledged by the P&F through the morning tea provided during the professional learning week in July.

I wish to thank **Ms Rachael Axford** in her role as P&F President and also the other Committee members including **Ms Amanda Curran, Ms Sandra Fisher, Mr Charlie Stephenson, Mr Stephen Dunkerley, Ms Georgie Ovin** and **Ms Heather Lawton**. I would also like to acknowledge the parents and carers who volunteered their time this year. Your support is always invaluable. The AGM for the Parents and Friends will be held on **Wednesday 19 March 2025** at 6.30pm.

Student Achievements

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

Congratulations to the **Daramalan Theatre Company** on receiving four nominations for the Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards:

Best original work for a school or youth production

- Joe Woodward: Script, Crocodile, Daramalan Theatre Company, Canberra
- The Cast: The Heart, Daramalan Theatre Company, Canberra

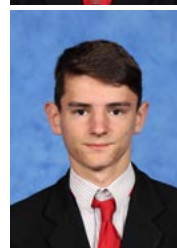
Best production of a school or youth play

- The Bald Prima Donna in the Daramalan Festival of Performance, and
- The Sandbox in the Daramalan Festival of Performance



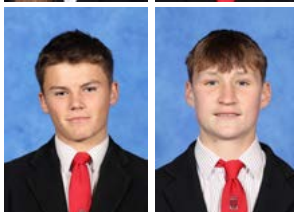
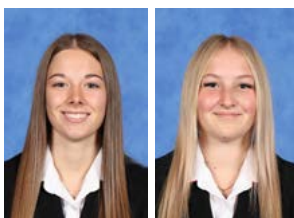
Our congratulations are also extended to:

- **Aidan Wunsch** (Year 10) on being selected as a member of the U16s Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union squad.
- **Aleksandar Sestic** (Year 10) who will be representing Australia as a member of the European Handball squad competing in Tahiti this month.
- **Elliot Head** (Year 8) who has been invited to travel to Spain to attend the Barcelona Football Academy over the break.
- **Zak Douglas** (Year 8) who has been participating in a Fiji Soccer Cup Tournament this month.



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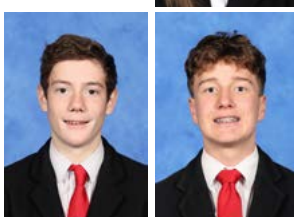
- Daramalan students **Lilly Pickering, Imogen Vickery, Evie Walker, Cooper Leslie, Harry McIntyre** (Year 9) and **Thomas Connolly** (Year 10) on their recent representation as members of the Brumbies 7s squads that toured NZ. Congratulations to **Harry** who was named Player of the Tour.



- Charlie Southwell** (Year 7) who will be competing in the National Cheer Championships on the Gold Coast next month.



- Hunter Harrison** and **Josh O'Keeffe** (Year 9) who were members of the ACT U15 Water Polo squad who competed in the National Championships on the Gold Coast in September.



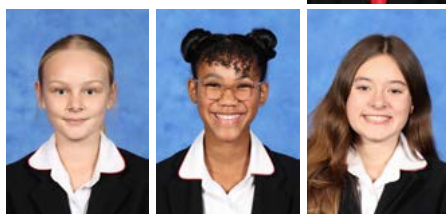
- Klaudia Swiderski** (Year 8) who is currently ranked number 5 in Australia in U14 Recurve Archery and number 11 in Australia at the u16 level.



- Giacomo Vaccarella** (Year 8) who will be competing at the Australian Martial Arts National Championships this weekend.



- Abella Young, Danica-Zeta Jonathan** and **Reese McGee** (Year 8) on winning the ACT Junior Premier Debating competition earlier this month.



Leaving the College this year after 20 years as a teacher, and most recently, the Coordinator of the Health and Physical Education department is **Ms Davina Harris**. Davina will be moving to a new role in the ACT Education Directorate from 2025. We wish Davina much success as she pursues the next stage of her career journey and thank her for her enormous contribution to the Daramalan community. Also taking up a position with the ACT Education Directorate is **Ms Joanna Muller**. We wish Joanna much success in her new role. We also farewell **Mr Mathew Dixon** at the end of this year as he will be returning to Tasmania with his family. We thank Matt for his contributions to our College over the past two years, in particular as the Cuthbert House Coordinator. Also relocating interstate at the end of this year to take up a new role is **Ms Bronwyn Milgate**. We wish Bronwyn much success and thank her for her contributions as the Information Centre Coordinator and also her role in supporting our College debaters over many years. **Ms Helen Steel** has made the decision to retire at the end of 2024. We wish Helen all the best for her well-earned retirement and thank her for her contributions not only as a teacher of Mathematics, but also as an integral member of the College String Ensemble during her time at the College. Also moving interstate at the end of this year is **Ms Trish Barwick**, while **Mr Ian Edwards** will be relocating to Austria. We thank both Trish and Ian for their contributions to our community. Finishing his time with us at the end of 2024 is our Youth Minister, **Bart Bunk**. We thank Bart for all that he has contributed to both the liturgical and spiritual life of the College, as well as his broader contributions as part of the College bands and ensembles. We wish Bart all the best for his future career.

Taking leave during Term 1 of next year is **Ms Mel O'Brien**. Mel has also made the decision to step down from her Farrer PCA role from 2025. We thank Mel for all of her support of our Farrer families over the past two years. **Mr James Angus** will be on leave for Semester 1, and **Mr Andrew Digan** and **Mr David Kerr** will be on leave for the entirety of 2025. There will be a number of staff who will be changing roles in 2025 coupled with a change within the Executive team structure. The specifics of these changes will be conveyed to families in January once they have been finalised.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to finish by thanking all of our families for your support again this year. To those who are leaving Daramalan, may you take with you many good memories of your time with us. My hope is that you continue to be people of heart wherever you may be. I look forward to welcoming our Year 7 and new students on **Monday 3 February** and the remainder of the College on **Tuesday 4 February** as we begin our Year of Hospitality.

My best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing holiday filled with opportunities to spend time with family and friends. I hope to see many of our families at our end of year events including our Carols evening on **Monday 9 December** at 6pm in the Issoudun Performing Arts Centre.

Rachel Davies
Principal

Staff Changes

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

School News



January Uniform Shop Hours

Jan 20	Monday	10am to 4pm
Jan 21	Tuesday	10am to 4pm
Jan 22	Wednesday	10am to 4pm
Jan 23	Thursday	10am to 4pm
Jan 24	Friday	10am to 4pm

Jan 27	Monday	CLOSED
Jan 28	Tuesday	10am to 4pm
Jan 29	Wednesday	10am to 4pm
Jan 30	Thursday	10am to 4pm
Jan 31	Friday	10am to 4pm

Closed for lunch 12pm to 12:30pm

School Fees

2025 School Fee Payment Plans

If you would like to begin your 2025 payment plan before **31 January 2025**, please contact **Ms Corinne Kelly** on 02 6245 6310 or email fees@daramalan.act.edu.au

The Community Portal will be open from **Monday 13 January 2025** and will close **Wednesday 29 January** for you to set up your payment plans for 2025.

You can view the **2025 School Fees Schedule** [here](#).

If there are no changes to your bank account or credit card details and you'd like to continue with the same payment arrangement as this year, simply email or contact **Ms Corinne Kelly**, and she will set up the new payment amount for you.

Debating

Daramalan Wins ACT Debating Grand Final

Over this semester, two Daramalan teams made up of Year 7 and 8 students have competed in the ACT Debating Union Competition. This competition featured 42 teams from various schools around Canberra, debating a wide range of topics such as the use of performance-enhancing drugs at the Olympics, the banning of animal factory farming, and the recent decision to restrict 16-year-olds from using social media.

We are thrilled to share that one of our teams, consisting of **Danica-Zeta Jonathan**, **Abella Young** and **Reese McGee** (Year 8), won the Grand Final to become the

2024 ACT Junior Premier Debating Champions. These students demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication throughout the semester long competition, securing victories in all but one of their debates. Their ability to think critically, articulate arguments and work cohesively as a team has been impressive and is a testament to their hard work and preparation. All three students also won top ten speaker awards for their individual contributions. With over 150 speakers in the competition, this is an impressive achievement.

Our other team, consisting of **Eve Halliday**, **Eva Soldo** (Year 7), **Yasi Donnelly** and **Elka Ridwanullah** (Year 8), also put up a valiant effort in the competition, winning three of their six debates. Both teams have represented Daramalan with excellence and have been wonderful ambassadors for our school.



Social Justice

Partnering with Canberra City Care and their annual hamper appeal has been a resounding success this festive season. The Daramalan community has truly gone above and beyond to make this time of year special for those who may be feeling the financial strain.

This year, our students, families, and extended community have generously donated hundreds of items to be included in hampers for those in need. **Mr Ben McGee's** Year 7 Religion class played a key role in the collection process ensuring we had enough items. To

add some festive spirit, they also decided to inject a bit of Christmas cheer into their work, posing for a photo with the donations.

Thank You Cushla Donovan A special thank you must go to **Cushla Donovan**, whose unwavering dedication to social justice has empowered our community to make a meaningful and positive impact on others. Cushla set out with the goal of getting students actively involved in the community, raising awareness, and fostering a sense of connection to communities in need. Through initiatives like the Christmas Hamper Appeal, the Greatest Shave, Vinnies Night Patrol, the St Joe's Program, Project Compassion, Coin Weigh, and various fundraisers, Cushla has inspired students to become better versions of themselves. Her efforts have allowed them to live out the MSC values that are so important here at Daramalan, and to extend those values to the wider community.

Cushla's impact has been significant, and her work will be felt for years to come. She can certainly graduate knowing that she has made a lasting, positive difference—one that will resonate far beyond what she may realise.



Business And Government

Year 10 Law, Politics and Society

In Week 14 our Year 10 students were out and about once again, going beyond the classroom to explore firsthand some of Australia's most important democratic institutions.

Our day began with a visit to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, where students explored interactive exhibits about activism, influence in politics and having a say in Australian law making. They also had the opportunity to stage a debate in the real Senate room, stepping into the shoes of politicians past.

Next on the itinerary was the High Court, where students learned about some of the country's landmark legal cases and how these decisions continue to impact Australian law and society today. Sitting in the very courtrooms where Australia's most senior judges deliberate, students gained unique insights into the workings of Australia's highest legal institution.

This hands-on experience not only deepened students' understanding of law and government, but also fostered our appreciation for the democratic values and institutions underpinning Australian society.



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U.S. Election Incursion

On Wednesday 6 November, students from Years 10 to 12 had the unique opportunity to participate in an incursion day, led by **Mr Jason Paris** and **Ms Bianca Ross** (senior Global Studies team).

Throughout the day, students engaged in real-time analysis of the unfolding election, tracking the democratic process firsthand.

A group of highly engaged students from Years 11-12 Global Studies, Years 11-12 Legal Studies and Year 10 Law, Politics and Society collaborated in seminars,

group discussions and research activities. Together, they assessed campaign strategies, investigated key battleground States and examined voting data as it was being reported live, being among the first to know who would become the next President of the United States.

This experience offered students not only a deeper understanding of the U.S. electoral process, but valuable skills in collaborative research and data analytics. Moving back to their classes, they will assess the impact of the election on domestic, Australian and international policy, and any changes to come.



Science

Year 7 Students Explore Mixtures and Separation Techniques

Our Year 7 students have been diving into the fascinating topic of mixtures and how to separate them. Through hands-on experiments, they learned about various methods such as filtration, distillation and chromatography. These activities not only helped them understand the properties of different substances but also the practical applications of these techniques.

One of the most inspiring aspects of their studies was learning how these scientific principles are used to address real-world challenges, such as providing clean water to communities in need. By understanding how filtration and distillation can remove impurities from water, students gained insight into the importance of science in solving global issues.

Year 8 Students Create Earth Layer Models

Our Year 8 students recently engaged in an exciting project where they created models of the Earth's layers. By constructing these models, students explored the Earth's crust, mantle, outer core and inner core, gaining a deeper appreciation for the structure and composition of our planet. This project tied into their studies on active Earth processes, such as plate tectonics and volcanic activity.

The exercise emphasised how models are used in science to represent complex systems and phenomena. Students learned to evaluate their models, discussing their accuracy and limitations, which is a fundamental skill in scientific inquiry.



Year 9 Students Study Atoms and Nuclear Decay

Our Year 9 students have been exploring the fascinating world of atoms and nuclear decay. They learned that while radiation can be harmful, it also has many beneficial uses. For instance, they discovered how X-rays, a form of radiation, are crucial for diagnosing broken bones. This study has helped them understand the dual nature of radiation—its potential risks and its invaluable applications. By examining these concepts, students gained a balanced perspective on how scientific advancements can be both powerful and safe when used responsibly.

Year 10 Students Explore the Wonders of the Universe

Our Year 10 students have embarked on an incredible journey through the cosmos, learning about the origins of the universe and the life cycles of stars. They delved into the fascinating process of star formation, from the birth of stars in nebulae to their eventual demise as supernovae or black holes.

The students also explored the evidence supporting the Big Bang theory, such as cosmic microwave background radiation and the expansion of the universe. These studies have provided them with a deeper understanding of how the universe began and continues to evolve.

Year 11 Biology Students Explore Multicellular Organisms

Our Year 11 Biology students recently delved into the fascinating world of multicellular organisms by studying their systems in detail. As part of this exploration, they conducted dissections of fish gills and insects to gain a hands-on understanding of how these organisms function.

Dissecting fish gills allowed students to observe the intricate structures involved in respiration, highlighting how fish extract oxygen from water. Similarly, examining insects provided insights into their unique respiratory systems, such as tracheae and spiracles, which differ significantly from those of vertebrates.



Science Cont...



Year 11 EES

Our Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science 3-day camping trip to Jervis Bay National Park was an unforgettable adventure! We went whale watching, enjoyed fish and chips, some interesting camping dinner choices, and camped under the stars in Booderee National Park.

Highlights included sea-kayaking where we encountered a giant whale carcass, and a visit to Caves Beach, where we witnessed a dramatic helicopter rescue. We also conducted fieldwork, went sea-kayaking, played trivia around the campfire and patted friendly kangaroos.

Snorkelling revealed vibrant coral, glowing sponges, sea urchins, fish, and even a 3-metre-long wobbegong shark! It was an epic trip filled with fun and discovery. Huge thank you to **Ms Lucy Beponis**, **Mr Dean Parkes** and **Mr James Ross** for making it all possible!

Year 12 Biology Students Visit Canberra Hospital

Our Year 12 Biology students recently had the opportunity to visit The Canberra Hospital. During the tour, students were able to observe preserved specimens of various diseased organs. This hands-on experience provided a tangible connection to the theoretical knowledge they have been acquiring in class. Seeing the physical manifestations of diseases helped to deepen their understanding of how pathogens affect the human body.

The visit also included discussions with medical professionals who explained the processes involved in diagnosing and studying diseases. These insights were invaluable, offering students a glimpse into the real-world applications of their studies and the importance of pathology in medical science.



Science Cont...



Year 12 Psychology Excursion

Year 12 went on a Psychology excursion to Sydney as a part of their Groups and Societies course. On this excursion, students got to meet with people from the Wayside Chapel, William Booth House and Sydney Police to learn about the social inequalities and support systems that exist to help people going through mental, physical and social issues in life. This was an eye opening excursion for students who got to see how societal frameworks can either help or hinder our most vulnerable in society, and changed how some students viewed issues such as drug rehabilitation and homelessness.



Languages

French Excursion Alliance Française Excursion

On Friday 1 November, Year 10, 11 and 12 French students, together with **Ms Carina Merritt** and **Ms Hilda Visser-Scott**, visited the Alliance Française de Canberra for a two-hour language workshop.

The workshop covered the topics that Years 10, 11 and 12 students were studying for assessment tasks in Term 4. Students were taught in French by **Madame Stephanie Petitcolin** and **Mademoiselle Sarah Vallée**. The focus of the workshop was to give students the opportunity to practice their spoken French, with the afternoon divided as follows:

1pm-2pm: "Dessine-moi le changement climatique": Speaking and grammar activities about climate change, globalisation and urbanisation.

2pm-2.45pm: "Au boulot!": Speaking and grammar activities about the professional world and future careers.

The visit was concluded with a French pastry and hot chocolate in the café at the Alliance Française. It was a great opportunity for our students to try out their spoken French in a completely French environment with French native speakers. The French teachers at the Alliance were impressed by our students' vocabulary and that they were able to respond to most questions in French. Here are some impressions from our students:

Our excursion to the Alliance Française in Turner for in-depth French lessons on the pressing issue, and current class topic, of climate change and the changing world, was a very interesting experience that I found to be beneficial to further developing my language skills and confidence in French. The teacher, Madame Petitcolin, was very helpful and it was challenging to have her only talk to us and teach us in French, however it was really valuable and fun to see how much we could understand. The activity I enjoyed the most was the mind map; it was interesting to draw links between climate issues and was helpful later when completing my assignment. We finished off the afternoon with a croissant and hot chocolate which was a great end to the day and opportunity to reflect on what we had learnt. We were also able to explore the library, which was interesting as I had never come across that many French books and magazines before! Overall, this excursion was highly informative and helpful in further developing my French skills. As always, the Alliance was welcoming, and it was a great afternoon!

Ruby Jones (Year 11)

Going to the Alliance Française excursion was very fun as we were able to learn in a new environment and challenge ourselves with speaking full sentences to Mme Petitcolin, who guided our activities throughout the day. The excursion helped me with my vocabulary for the upcoming assessment task on the environment and jobs, it was a great way to learn and prepare. After

the activities we had the joy of having a croissant and hot chocolate which was a rewarding way to finish the afternoon. Thank you to Mme Visser-Scott for organising the excursion.

Ruby Holden (Year 10)

On Friday 1 November, French students from Years 10 -12 visited the Alliance Française in Turner. We participated in lessons with their French teachers who spoke only in French to us. I was surprised by how much I understood, thanks Ms Merritt. We discussed our unit topic of Changing Worlds, environmental causes and effects, and careers. We enjoyed hot chocolate, croissants, and browsing their comprehensive French library.

Amelia Cains (Year 12)



Year 10 Japanese Restaurant Excursion

To celebrate the end of the year, the Year 10 Japanese class joined **Burridge Sensei** on a short venture to the Dickson Shops on Friday 22 November. As what would be the last Japanese excursion for those leaving the Japanese classroom, and the last of all our High School days, Burridge Sensei took us out to Kagawa Japanese Restaurant in Dickson. Students walked over to Dickson together at the start of lunch, where we indulged in various bento boxes, including karage chicken and teriyaki chicken, as well as tonkatsu curry. Before ending the excursion, students went to a small convenience store close to the restaurant to purchase their own Japanese snacks, which were enjoyed on the walk back to Period 5 Japanese class. It was a lovely experience, being able to talk to the friends we have grown up with over the past 4 years in Japanese, while tasting some delicious, authentic Japanese cuisine.

Lailani Arizapa (Year 10)



Languages Cont...

Celebrating Excellence in German

Congratulations to our outstanding students who will receive book prizes from the German Embassy for their excellent achievements in learning German! This recognition highlights their enthusiasm and passion for language learning. We commend their hard work and encourage them to continue learning German. Keep striving for excellence—your efforts are truly inspiring! Herzlichen Glückwunsch!



Year 7: **Livia Harris** and **Chris Carton**

Year 8: **Matteo Manna**

Year 9: **Samuel Green**

Year 10: **Dylan Beard**

Year 11: **Lucas Koelmeyer** and **Ruby Gifford**

Year 12: **Gemma Weller**

Congratulations also to **Gemma Weller** (Year 12) for receiving the prestigious EU Prize of Excellence from the EU Delegation to Australia. This award honours students excelling in European languages or studies. Gemma's dedication and exceptional achievements in German have made her a standout student. Ausgezeichnet, Gemma!



Languages Year 12 Farewell

Adieu to our Year 12 Languages students!

We would like to congratulate our Year 12 students for finishing 6 years of Language study. They embraced the different cultures and did not shy away from the many

challenges learning a different language presents such as verb endings, nouns having a gender, particles and some very quirky phrases. We are confident that they are leaving us as accomplished citizens of the world and we wish them alles Gute and 幸運を for an exciting future ahead. Au Revoir, auf Wiedersehen and 元気でね。



Food Technology

Guest Chef

A big thank you to **Kurt Neumann**, Chef and owner of Grazing Restaurant in Gundaroo, for visiting and presenting to our three Year 10 classes. During the session, Kurt emphasised the importance of sustainable practices in the culinary industry and guided the students through the preparation of one of his Grazing Restaurant menu dishes Yellowfin Tuna Tartare with Avruga caviar and yuzu wasabi wafers. He demonstrated the art of preparing high-quality tuna and shared the history and origins of caviar. Kurt also answered questions about his inspirations and experiences in the culinary world. Thank you again, Kurt, for taking the time to inspire and teach our students!

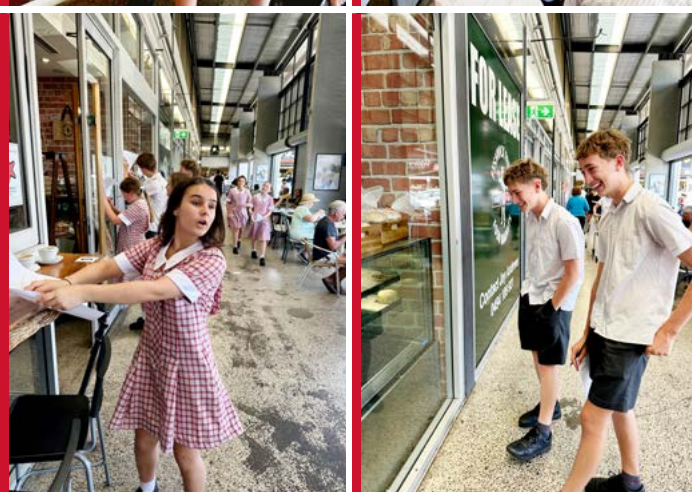


Market Visit

Daramalan College Year 7 students recently enjoyed a hands-on learning experience at the Fyshwick Markets as part of their Food Technology program. The excursion was designed to complement their studies on agriculture and food production.

In an activity inspired by The Amazing Race, students worked in teams to answer a series of questions about various aspects of the market, including fresh produce, seafood, farming practices, the cost of coffee, prawn varieties, storage methods and French pastries.

While some students chose not to enter the seafood shops, the excursion proved to be an engaging and rewarding experience, providing valuable insights into the journey of food from farm to table.



Dance

Year 7 and 8 Dance: Chinese Dragon and Lion Workshop with Yut Hung Kung Fu Academy

In Week 14, Year 7 and 8 Dance students had the incredible opportunity to learn about Chinese Dragon and Lion Dancing from a special guest tutor, **Wilson**, from the Yut Hung Kung Fu Academy in Canberra. This workshop was a highlight of the semester and offered students a unique insight into the traditions behind this cultural dance form.

During the workshop, students had the unique opportunity to don the Chinese Lion costume and work with the Chinese Dragon, immersing themselves in the intricate, rhythmic movements and complex partnering techniques. This hands-on experience allowed them to truly appreciate the skill, precision and teamwork required to perform these dynamic cultural dances.

The workshop was an unforgettable experience for the students and a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity of dance across cultures. It has been inspiring to see their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace new challenges!

the lively 1920s Charleston to the high-energy styles of 1990s-2000s Hip Hop.

During the workshop, students learned a high-energy Hip Hop routine, further expanding their dance vocabulary and enhancing their understanding of this popular style. The class was full of fun and energy, and the students rose to the challenge, performing exceptionally well!



Year 7 Drama and Dance excursion to WICKED!

In Week 17, the Year 7 Drama and Dance students had the incredible opportunity to watch **WICKED**, the 2024 American musical fantasy film inspired by the beloved Broadway hit musical.

The excitement began before the performance, as students were greeted on the bus by none other than the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, Glinda the Good Witch, and the Wizard of Oz himself! What a magical experience for our Daramalan students! This excursion was a fantastic way to wrap up the semester, celebrating their passion for the performing arts and inspiring future creativity.

Thank you **Ms Elisha Smyth**, **Ms Jessica Haynes** and **Mr Matthew Maggs** for accompanying the Performing Arts students.



Year 9 and 10 Dance: Hip Hop Workshop with Ausdance

In Week 15, Year 9 and 10 Dance students had the exciting opportunity to work with guest tutor **Jonah** from AusDance, who led a Hip Hop workshop in our brand-new Joe Woodward Theatre. This special session was part of the students' semester-long journey of exploring dance through the decades, spanning from

Dungeons and Dragons

The Daramalan Dungeons and Dragons Club has had a busy 2024. We have been recognised as an R-Unit for Years 11 and 12, had more events and excursions than in years past, and had more students and staff attend than ever before. Highlights included a screening of Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves in the Joe Woodward Theatre in the new Issoudon building (the first school event to use the theatre), orienteering excursions for seniors, and getting some hands-on fantasy experience with cutlass and longsword drills run by **Mr James Angus**.

It would be remiss not to mention our departing Year 12 Dungeon and Dragon students who have had a massive impact on the D&D Club over the last five years. The 2024 Year 12s have been leaders, teachers, and most importantly friends to all the students of the D&D Club. **Charlotte Jimmieson, Chloe Parkinson, Harry Rossiter** and **Lauren Ivancic** in particular have been a part of the D&D Club since the very first meeting at the start of 2020, continued their adventures consistently throughout the years, and are now the last founding students to leave the club. Though they will be missed, we wish the Year 12s all the best as they begin their own new adventures.

The Daramalan Dungeons and Dragons Club will return in 2025.



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Is the cost of living causing you stress? The ACT Rent Relief scheme may be able to assist. For more information or to apply, contact Care or visit our website.

Eligibility criteria applies.



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Sport

Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee ACT hosted the first Schools Gala Day in a number of years at Deakin Playing Fields on Wednesday 30 October. Daramalan entered three teams in the Gala Day, with many students trying the sport for the first time. Under the tutelage of the current Captain of the Australian Ultimate Frisbee team, **Mr Michael Hartfield**, our students rapidly improved, with the Year 11 team making it through to the Finals before bowing out to the eventual winners in the Semi-Final.

Thank you to all the students that signed up and had a go at an unfamiliar sport. Overall, it was a very competitive but fun day.



Year 9-10 Team

Blake Eggerton
Harry Freer
Jasper Harris
Evie Hawkes
Tom Inwood
Alexandra Millea
Cooper Power
Grace Rogalewski- Slade
Eloise Smith
Aria Wallace
Bella Want
Riley Wyeth

Year 11 Team

Jack Dugdale
Christian Galeotti
Ruby Gifford
Matt Henderson
Jacob Hinder
Tayla Holt
Ruby Jones
Harry Labouchardiere
Molly O'Keeffe
Emily Rasmussen
Madeleine Taylor

Casual Position Available

After Hours Gym Supervisor
This position is a casual, term time only,
3:20pm – 8:30pm Monday – Thursday
starting in 2025.

The Gym Supervisor is responsible for the effective and efficient supervision of the Daramalan Sports Department after school hours under the guidance of the Sports Coordinator.

Application close 5:00pm
Friday 29 November 2024.

[CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



Year 12 Team

Hannah Blackwell
George Bowditch
Charlie Canavan
Thomas Coote
Patrick Edwards
Liam Groenewegen
Declan Howard
Edward Marcks
Annabelle Mickelson
Ashleigh Nguyen
Ella Randall

Basketball

Summer Competition

As we approach the halfway mark of the Summer competition, it's clear that Daramalan teams are bringing their A-game! This season has been full of excitement, determination and impressive performances across all age groups.

Our players have showcased not only their skill but also their teamwork and sportsmanship, which continues to set Daramalan apart in every arena. From thrilling close finishes to commanding wins, it's been a joy to see our teams thriving under the Summer sun.

As we move into the second half of the competition, let's keep up the momentum! A huge thank you to our dedicated players, coaches and families for their ongoing support.

Capitals Game

Recently, Daramalan College was proudly featured as the Club of the Round for the UC Caps! The event, held on Thursday 21 November at the AIS Arena, was a fantastic celebration of Basketball and school spirit.

Several of our students were involved in the evening's activities, making it a memorable occasion for everyone. During Quarter Time, a few of our talented students participated in the Drive to the Basket competition, showcasing their skills and earning cheers from the crowd. Later in the game, more of our students took centre stage in a high-energy Amp Up the Crowd contest, bringing the entire arena to its feet!

Even the youngest members of the Daramalan family joined in the fun - **Mr John Gale's** son took on an important game-day duty, helping to mop the floors during breaks in play. It was heartwarming to see our school so involved in every aspect of the event.

The highlight of the evening was the thrilling game itself, where the UC Capitals clinched victory in a nail-biting finish, winning by just one point. The atmosphere was electric, and our students and families contributed to the energy with their enthusiastic support.



We are incredibly proud to have been part of such an exciting evening. A big thank you to the UC Capitals for hosting us, and to all our students, staff and families who attended and participated in the activities. Moments like these remind us of the power of community and the joy of shared experiences.

USA Tour

Daramalan College is set to depart on their USA Basketball Tour on **Wednesday 4 December**, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students to experience the vibrant culture, iconic landmarks and thrilling sports of the United States. This exciting journey will take students to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, blending sport, adventure and exploration in a way that promises to be truly unforgettable.

The highlight of the tour will be the chance to compete against several USA schools in friendly but competitive games. These matches will provide an invaluable opportunity for our students to showcase their skills, build international friendships and experience the passion and energy of American school sports.

As if that wasn't enough, students will also witness the electrifying atmosphere of several major professional sports events:

NBA Game: Golden State Warriors vs Minnesota Timberwolves in San Francisco. Students will cheer alongside thousands of fans as the Warriors take on the Timberwolves in what promises to be a thrilling showdown.

NFL Game: LA Chargers vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers in



Basketball Cont...

Los Angeles. Students will immerse themselves in the excitement of American football, soaking up the energy and tradition of this iconic sport.

The tour isn't just about sports—it's also about exploring some of the most famous destinations in the United States.

In Los Angeles, students will enjoy the magic of Disneyland and the excitement of Universal Studios, where thrilling rides and entertainment await.

In San Francisco, they'll cross the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, visit Alcatraz Island, and take in the city's famous landmarks.

In Sacramento, the group will delve into California's rich history and enjoy the charm of its capital city.

Beyond the games and sightseeing, the tour will be an opportunity for students to bond with their peers, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and create lifelong memories. Traveling together to a different country and experiencing new cultures will leave a lasting impression and broaden their horizons.

This USA tour is set to be an extraordinary experience, combining sport, adventure and cultural discovery. It will undoubtedly be a highlight of 2024 for our Daramalan College students.

To stay tuned and see how the tour is going, please follow the @darabasketball page on Instagram for updates!

Cricket

Daramalan continues to impress throughout the first part of the 24/25 season, with all teams eagerly training and registering wins.

Colts

The Colts played in the T20 Grand Final on Tuesday 26 November, and were narrowly defeated by Marist by 8 runs. Marist finished their innings on 6/150 and Daramalan finished their 20 overs at 7/142. The team put on a decent performance, with **Llandan Vergano** (Year 11) taking the best bowling figures of 3/24, and **James Harmer** (Year 12) top scoring with a mammoth 101 off 64 – his second consecutive century!

Stage 2 Gold

Daramalan Stage 2 Gold are currently leading their competition after several big wins in recent weeks. Congratulations to **Ben Collett** (Year 8) on achieving a rare feat in junior Cricket – a hat trick! Ben finished with bowling figures of 3/2 from his one over of the game. Other highlights include **Alex Laverty** (Year 8) and **Lucas Gresham's** (Year 7) career-best bowling figures of 4/3 and 3/9 respectively. **Nic Rose** (Year 8) also hit an astonishing 61* off 30 balls with an incredible 11 4s.

Stage 2 Red and Black

Stage 2 Red remained undefeated until their most recent game where they were narrowly defeated. Congratulations to **Angus Ferndale** (Year 8) on his score of 49* off 27 balls including 10 4s – agonisingly close to a maiden 50. Congratulations also to **Will O'Rourke** who is closely following Angus for runs so far this season. Stage 2 Black have had mixed results, with some of the bowlers dominating in the competition. Stand out figures include **Harry Salmon's** 2/7, **Tom Keefe's** 2/5, **Blake Joost's** 2/4, **Rylan Macfarlane's** 3/3, and **Mihail Ishchenko's** 2/12.

Both teams are looking forward to the Daramalan Derby to close out the matches for 2024.



Oztag

The ACT Oztag competition at Kaleen is hotting up, both on the field and off as we hit the start of Summer. Our future Daramalan students have been playing together for five weeks now, and it is so good to see how the teams have gelled together. Results have been mixed but the focus of the Oztag program has always been about having fun and getting to know new faces before the start of the new school year.

A big shout out to our wonderful student Coaches who give up their time on Wednesday night to mentor our future Year 7's.

U12 Boys

Daramalan Eagles: **Cooper Power** (Year 10)

Daramalan Condors: **Mitch McGrory** (Year 10)

Daramalan Falcons: **Riley Wyeth** (Year 10)

U12/13 Girls

Daramalan Kestrels: **Molly MacPhail** and **Heidi Tongue** (Year 10)

Daramalan Hawks: **Rose Weeks** (Year 10)

Daramalan Ospreys: **Emily Reid** and **Hayley Reardon** (Year 9)



Rugby Union

Development Tour to New Zealand – Australian Rugby Union Academy

The Rugby tour to New Zealand was an unforgettable experience for our young Daramalan Rugby athletes, which included **Lilly Pickering, Imogen Vickery, Evie Walker, Kira Morison, Cooper Leslie, Harry McIntyre** (Year 9) and **Tom Connolly** (Year 10). The tour kicked off in Tauranga, where the team had the privilege of participating in 7's attack training with **Sir Gordon Tietjens**, one of Rugby's most respected coaches. Sir Gordon, a former coach of the New Zealand Sevens team, has an illustrious career, including multiple World Series titles and Olympic gold medals. His insight into the game was invaluable, as he shared his expertise on mindset, goal setting and what it takes to be a top-level player. His message emphasised the importance of developing the right attitude towards training and personal growth as young athletes.

The team also had the opportunity to tour the Adam Centre, where the All Blacks train. They participated in a weights session, learning about proper technique and rugby-specific exercises, before watching the All Blacks train ahead of their Autumn tour. The day ended with Sir Gordon running a defence-focused training session, which proved vital for the squad's preparations for their upcoming tournament.

The following day, the squad travelled to Otumoetai College for a 7's competition. Here, they played four

friendly matches against teams from Rotorua Girls, Otumoetai College Girls and Tauranga Boys College. After the matches, the players took part in a traditional jersey exchange, haka performances and a school tour, further immersing themselves in the rich cultural fabric of New Zealand.

In Rotorua, the team had a fun-filled day experiencing the famous hot springs, taking a ride on the Skyline Gondola, swinging high on the Sky Swing, and enjoying the thrill of the luge. A highlight of the trip was a visit to Hobbiton, where they explored the iconic film set from The Lord of the Rings—a must-see for any fan of the movies.

The tour then moved to Auckland, where the squad participated in a training session in preparation for their next competition. Mid-tour, they entered the Auckland Blues Under 15's 7's tournament, gaining valuable competitive experience and exposure to different playing styles.

One of the most memorable parts of the tour was the All Blacks experience, where the squad learned about the history of the All Blacks, the evolution of Rugby in New Zealand, and even had the chance to participate in a virtual reality experience facing the famous Haka.

Overall, the tour provided the players with not only an in-depth understanding of Rugby but also an immersion into New Zealand's rich culture. The squad returned home having gained invaluable lessons about their development as athletes and how they can continue striving to be the best version of themselves, both on and off the field.

This tour was a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience—one that the players will remember for years to come.



SUMMER 7'S

Are you interested in playing in the 2025 Summer 7's?

Term 1 2025

Friday afternoon/evening

This is a great way to prepare yourself for the 2025 season - meet new people at the club - enjoy the great game in a fun and enjoyable way

Please complete form to express interest

Summer 7's Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9nBDDKeW4U2bjAtCd5MegdARqMfw08IFjhUsUalgVdUM1B-MRUNJskk2MzVCWEZSOU5MWUhzMTAyWC4u>

Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

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

On Friday 8 November, interested students in Years 10 to 12 were invited to attend the CIT Skilling for Renewables event at CIT Reid and Fyshwick. Students had the opportunity to experience hands-on activities and learn about selected renewables (solar, battery and electric vehicle technology), as well as cyber security.



Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor

Students can now book a meeting time online through the [Daramalan Careers website](https://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 and Important Dates

Thursday 5 December UAC SRS December Round 1 (3rd Round SRS) offers released

Sunday 15 December ANU change of preference window closes (some courses have earlier deadlines – [please check here](#))

Wednesday 18 December UAC Undergraduate: change of

preference closes for December Round 2 (ATAR) offers

Monday 23 December UAC Undergraduate: December Round 2 (ATAR) offers released

2025

Wednesday 19 February White Card training

Thursday 20 February Asbestos Awareness/Silica Exposure Prevention training

Friday 21 February UOW Discovery Day

CIT Bar Service Short Course – Fee Free TAFE Available to Eligible Students

In this course you will gain and apply a broad range of skills and knowledge to work in a bar or restaurant including hygiene requirements, setting up a bar for service, preparing and serving beverages, customer service and understanding the regulations and responsibilities associated with serving alcoholic beverages.

The course consists of 3 units:

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

Fee-Free TAFE - Students will need to live or work in the ACT, be aged 17 years or older and have completed Year 12 this year. Eligibility details can be found here: https://cit.edu.au/study/fee_free_tafe

Details:

Monday 2 December to Wednesday 4 December (3 days)
9am – 4pm

CIT Reid

Fee free if eligible, full fee \$299

Webinar - Making Confident Career Choices at Results Time

Tuesday 3 December 6:00pm (AEDT)

The end of the year can be an anxious time for senior secondary students as they take their final exams, wait for their results, and think about what the future holds. Some of you will celebrate, some will be disappointed, and many will feel uncertain about what it all means. Many of you will second-guess your decisions and wonder if you should change your plans and preferences.

Join myfuture's career development expert Dr Michael Healy as he shares some tips on how to make sense of your results and plan your next steps accordingly. He will talk about:

- How to make sense of what your results mean for you.
- How to deal with second thoughts.
- How to change your plans, if you really need to.
- What kinds of options you have if you didn't achieve the results you hoped for.
- Where to go for help if you need it.

These tips will help you to make good career decisions and approach the next chapter of your journey with confidence.

[Register now](#) for this free webinar event.

University of Wollongong Discovery Day

Year 11 students (Year 12, 2025) who are interested in applying to the University of Wollongong are invited to attend the UOW Discovery day in February. Please contact **Ms Brady** – registrations are now open.

Careers News Cont...

Year 12 2025 – ANU Applications

Current Year 11 students who are interested in applying to the ANU are encouraged to have a look at the ANU website and course offerings. Applications for the ANU open in **March 2025**. Please note – the ANU has removed the Co-curricular and Service requirement for 2025 applications.

Women of STEM Scholarship Program - 2025 Applications Open Wednesday 18 December

The ACS Foundation has launched the Women of STEM Scholarship Program for women aged 18-20. These scholarships are open to female students entering their first year of a relevant* STEM degree in 2025 at an Australian University (*please check the website to ensure that the degree you are undertaking qualifies for the Women of STEM scholarship program). The Women of STEM Scholarship Program is a national program and provides the successful candidates with financial grants of \$5,000 per year for the life of their university degree (maximum of 5 years). [See here for more details.](#)

The Fashion Institute – Summer School

If students want to get more hands-on and creative, The Fashion Institute is launching a TFI Summer School in January 2025, which is a fantastic introduction to life at The Fashion Institute and an insight into what the industry has to offer. For students aged 16 and over.

Date: **Monday 20 January – Friday 24 January**

Time: 10am – 4pm AEST

Location: Sydney Campus, 55 Regent Street, Chippendale NSW 2008

Cost: \$500

[See here for more information.](#)

University of Melbourne National Indigenous Business Summer School

The [National Indigenous Business Summer School \(NIBSS\)](#) program will run from **Sunday 12 January – Friday 17 January** and will be held on campus at The University of Melbourne. NIBSS is an exciting week-long

program developed for Indigenous High School students entering Years 11 and 12 who are thinking about studying Business, starting their own business, becoming an entrepreneur or are simply curious about university study.

All expenses of the program are covered (including travel/ flights, accommodation, meals, activities, gala dinner, merchandise). Students will also have the support of Indigenous student mentors throughout the week. [For more information or to apply see here.](#)

CIT Taster Programs – Introduction to Make-up/ Introduction to Lash and Brow

CIT is excited to let you know about 2 short taster programs available to college students in 2025 Term 1. Both taster programs are made up of a single Unit of Competency each. Please see attached a flyer with further information. If you are interested in the program, please register your interest by using the QR code provided on the flyer or by emailing info@cit.edu.au

Certificate III in Arboriculture

Climb High Training is offering an AHC30824 - Certificate III in Arboriculture course to Daramalan College students who will be finishing their studies at the end of the year. This course is set to begin on **Tuesday 14 January**. Contact **Ms Brady** for more information.

2025 NECA School Holiday Program

Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) is running a FREE Electrical Industry Introductory Program in the 2024/2025 school holidays. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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

Christmas Casuals – Adidas Canberra City

[See here for information and to apply](#)

Surveying Cadetship 2025

Ellipse Surveying are offering a cadetship for 2024 Year 12 school-leavers. They are able to help with the costs related to cadetship studies, offer flexible working hours to fit around coursework, and provide wages that are higher than standard apprentice rates. Please see the attached flyer for more information or go to their [website](#).

Accounting Cadetship 2025

Bonsella is a chartered accounting firm in Canberra. They are offering an undergraduate opportunity to the 2024 graduating class that have an interest in Commerce/Accounting and may be looking to further their studies in these fields. Please contact

Ms Brady for more information or email your interest directly to: Kirstie@bonsella.com.au.

ASBA Program with DEWR 2025

ATC (on behalf of DEWR) are seeking applications for the 2025 school-based IT apprenticeship. This program has been in place for over 8 years and has seen a significant number of young people progress to full time ongoing roles with DEWR and other Federal Government Agencies post Year 12. Students will undertake either a Certificate II Digital Media Information Technology qualification, or a Certificate III Information Technology qualification.

Students currently in Year 10 or Year 11 should register at: <https://austrg.workforceone.com.au/job-board/#/jobs/10>

The positions are identified as:

- Women in IT (2024 female students in Year 10 and Year 11)
- First Nations students (Indigenous students in Years 10 and Year 11 in 2024)

Job Opportunity – Broadcast Scheduler (7 REGIONAL)

7 Regional is currently recruiting for entry-level administration positions within the Scheduling Operations team in the Canberra Office. This is a fantastic opportunity for school leavers who are interested in pursuing a career in the media industry, offering an in-depth understanding from the ground up of how television is broadcast across the country. With extensive on-the-job training for accurate data entry, fast paced deadlines, and collaborative teamwork, it is also a positive introduction for those looking to enter the workforce but unsure where to start.

Location: Watson, Canberra ACT

Category: Client & Sales Administration (Administration & Office Support)

Work hours: Full time 38 hours per week – Monday to Friday

Email: traffic.managers@seven.com.au

Carpentry Apprentice for 2025

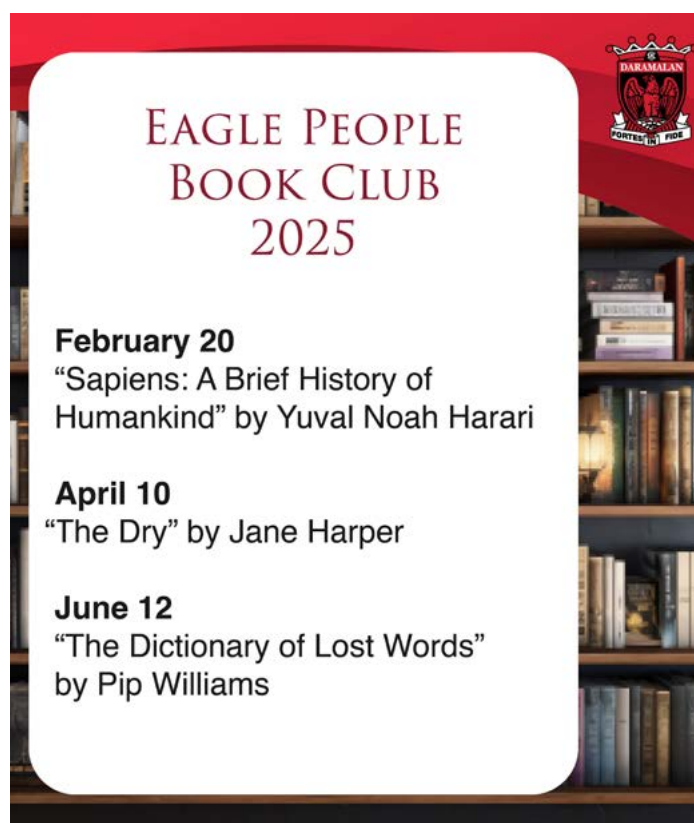
Pichelmann Custom Building Services, and Pichelmann Maintenance & Minor Works

Staff work across the two businesses, giving apprentices a very unique opportunity to learn a much wider range of construction skills than most get exposure to through an ordinary Carpentry apprenticeship. For more information, check out the website - www.pichelmann.com.au or their instagrams @pichelmannnbs and @pichelmann_maintenancecanberra. Alternately apply by emailing your resume to Eugene Haigh via eugene@pichelmann.com.au.

Alumni

Dear Readers,

We are always delighted to welcome new members to the Eagle People Book Club. If you would like to join or have any questions, please email arina.yakovtseva@daramalan.act.edu.au



**EAGLE PEOPLE
BOOK CLUB
2025**

February 20
"Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari

April 10
"The Dry" by Jane Harper

June 12
"The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams

Community Business Directory

Dear Business Owners,

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

To all the businesses that advertised with us in 2024 and supported the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund through your subscriptions - thank you. Your ongoing support is truly valued and greatly appreciated. We also extend our gratitude to all the families and members of the Daramalan Community who support these businesses.

Merry Christmas, and best wishes to you and your families for 2025!



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.](#)

Thank you for supporting our community!

RED SHED

Red Shed

Red Shed is a state-of-the-art rowing facility supporting rowing for all, inspiring wellness and fostering community.

The facility offers a variety of programs including learn to row, continue to row and return to row programs, catering for all on their rowing journey. Rowing programs, access to the wellness hub, gym and function opportunities are available year-round.

John Cardiff Close, Acton, 2601

T: 0447137111

E: info@redshed.org.au

W: www.redshed.org.au

C: Sonja Balic

F: [Facebook](#)

I: [Instagram](#)



Pinnacle Driving School

"Start a lifetime of safe driving with Pinnacle"

T: (02) 6242 8687

E: info@pinnacledrivingschool.com.au

W: www.Pinnacledrivingschool.com.au

C: Lisa Murphy

F: [Facebook](#)



Live Better Nutrition

Our team of experienced dietitians work at eight locations across the Canberra region, and offer telehealth and in-home care (suitable for most NDIS and Aged Care Packages). We have extensive experience with gut health (including FODMAPS and chemical intolerances), Coeliac Disease, Fertility Nutrition, Aged Care Nutrition, Eating Disorder Management and Chronic Disease Management. Visit the website for further information on locations.

T: 0417 493 498

E: enquiries@livebetternutrition.com.au

W: www.livebetternutrition.com.au

C: Jeanette Ryan

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AllClass Carpet & Upholstery Care	Peter Nassar	www.allclasscarpetcare.com.au
All IT Solution	Anthony Cataldo	www.allit.au
CBR Recruitment	Adam Kowalski	www.cbrrecruitment.com.au
Cedar Husk	Nathan Rochford	www.facebook.com/huskbakery
Corver and Co Chartered Accountants	Trevor Corver	www.corverandco.com.au
Element Building Projects	Dennis and Aldona Stravopodis	www.elementbuildingprojects.com.au
Griffin Legal	Claire Carton	www.griffinlegal.com.au
Holly Komorowski – home.byholly	Holly Komorowski	www.homebyholly.com.au
Kevin's Auto Repairs	Liesl Hussey	Phone: 6280 6994
Live Better Nutrition	Jeanette Ryan	www.livebetternutrition.com.au
Orthodontics Canberra	Vicki Boyd	www.ortho.net.au
Pacific Facilities Maintenance	Justin Hyland	www.pacificfm.com.au
Pinnacle Driving School	Lisa Murphy	www.Pinnacledrivingschool.com.au
Q1 Dental Care	Dr Susan Leonera-Salazar	www.q1dentalcare.com.au
Ray White	Georgie Parry	www.raywhitecanberra.com.au/
Ray White Rural Canberra-Yass	Simon or George Southwell	www.raywhiteruralyasscanberra.com.au
Red Shed	Sonja Balic	www.redshed.org.au
Sentinel Security & Technology Group	Ellena	www.sstg.com.au
Snowdrop Social Media	Genevieve Montefiore Gardner	www.snowdropsocialmedia.com.au
The Athlete's Foot	Ashleigh Hogan	www.theathletesfoot.com.au