DARANEWS

26 November 2021



WEBSITE

DARANET

Upcoming events

29 November

Year 10 Mass and Awards Ceremony Year 10 Social

30 November

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

1 December

Year 12 Mass and Awards Ceremony

8 December

Years 7 - 9 Mass and Awards Ceremony Last day of School Years 7 - 9

31 January 2022

First day for all new students and all Year 7 and Year 11 Students

1 February 2022

All students return



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From the Principal



Dear Parents/ Carers, Staff and Students,

Welcome to the final edition of Daranews for 2021! With all year groups only returning to face-to-face learning at the beginning of this

month, this edition and the end of the school year, have crept up very quickly. I am sure for many of us however, it has felt like a very long year, filled with constant changes and adjustments. I am extremely proud of the manner in which our community faced and navigated the challenges of 2021 especially during the second half of the year. Our ability to remain connected as a community during the online learning period is a testament to the commitment of our staff and families to the MSC ethos that underpins Daramalan. We are not quite at the end of the year, so I would

encourage families to remain vigilant and please keep your student at home if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms. As you would have seen in the media, schools continue to be added to the list of exposure sites on a daily basis.

End of Year

It is very pleasing that we will be able to hold some of our usual end of year events despite the continuing restrictions in place for schools, especially regarding gathering sizes and mixing of groups. Although many of the restrictions for the wider ACT community have been relaxed significantly over recent weeks, this has not been the case for schools and nor for the majority of our end of year events. As late as just over three weeks ago the restrictions were such that we were not able to have gatherings due to the size of our year groups. Our Year 12 students and their parents will now be able to celebrate their Graduation Dinner together next Tuesday evening.



From the Principal

We will then be able to gather the following evening for their Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony here at the College.

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

Unfortunately, the current density restrictions that we are required to follow will not allow us to invite parents and carers to our Years 7-9 Mass and Awards ceremonies on the final day of the school year, Wednesday 8 December.

Each of our Awards Ceremonies will be livestreamed and available to be viewed by families who are not able to attend on the day. Links for these events will be shared with families prior to the day of the specific ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of our students on what they have achieved this year. 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 2021 Yearbook.

We have not been able to gather in person as a staff since the initial lockdown was called in mid-August as a result of the density restrictions for schools. It will be wonderful to be able to celebrate the successes and challenges of 2021 as a staff with Mass, celebrated by our **Chaplain Fr Kimi**, and followed by a shared lunch on the final day for staff.

Many staff are involved in the planning and running of these events, this year at very short notice given the changing restrictions, so I thank each of them for their contributions. I would like to especially acknowledge Ms Hamill, Mr Greatz, Mrs Turnbull, Mr Stein, Mr Carroll, the House Coordinators, Pastoral Care Advisors and Pastoral Tutors, along with Mrs Norgate, Ms Soldo and Ms Heather Chapman for their tireless work behind the scenes.

MSC Missions donation

Thank you to all of our families who supported our MSC Missions appeal by making a donation through the QKR App, or by participating in the Social Justice Virtual Escape Room

event. As I mentioned in the previous edition of Daranews, October and November are traditionally the months where we raise money for MSC Missions, particularly through events on Chevalier Day and Melbourne Cup Day. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold these events this year due to the lockdown. Thanks to the generous donations of our families, which are still being received, we have been able to raise over \$2600 for the purchase of PPE (in particular, masks and gloves) for Catholic Church Health Services who run health clinics in Papua New Guinea. Through **Fr Roger Purcell MSC**, the head of MSC Missions, we will be arranging for the funds to get to **Sr Geraldine Arua OLSH**, Health Secretary of the Diocese of Port Moresby, to pay for badly needed PPE equipment.

Issoudun Wing

This time last year we were preparing for the demolition of the former MSC Residence which will be the site for the Issoudun Performing Arts Wing. Despite the lockdowns and restrictions that have been in place at various times during the year, work has continued on the development of the final designs and specifications for the building by architects, Stewart Architecture, alongside external consultants in a number of specialist fields, under the guidance of project managers from Arrow Projects. It is anticipated that construction of the building will commence at the beginning of 2022 and will continue throughout the year. Unfortunately, this will have the consequence of limiting our car parking capacity for the period of construction as we will no longer have access to the car park that has been in place on the former Residence site.





From the Principal

College Board

I would like to extend my thanks to the College Board of Directors for the work that they have undertaken this year, particularly Board Chair, **Adrienne Day**, and Deputy Chair, **Michael Munro-Mobbs**. The Building, IT and Resources Committee, continued planning for the Issoudun Wing and the appointment of a Project Management team. The Community Engagement Committee were able to hold a highly successful fundraising event for the College Scholarship Fund in conjunction with undertaking planning in preparation for our Year of the Heart celebrations in 2022. There has also continued to be a lot of work on financial planning for the future. I would like to also thank the many volunteers who are seconded members to the Board Sub-Committees for their valued expert contributions.

Parents and Friends

The final P&F meeting for 2021 was held on 27 October. The majority of meetings were able to be held in person this year, with only the final meeting of the year needing to be fully online. The P&F's continuation of their support of the Charity Walk, enabled us to continue our annual donations to Caritas and the local St Vincent de Paul, which was much appreciated. This year the P&F also committed to a significant financial contribution towards the Issoudun Building project for 2021 and 2022. We are, as always, very grateful for their support.

I wish to thank **Mr Michael Travis** who stepped into the role of President this year, and also other Committee members including **Ms Anna Scott**, **Mr Ed Hutchinson**, **Mr Stephen Dunkerley**, **Ms Sandra Fisher** and **Ms Jennifer Rickards**. The AGM for the P&F will be held at the College on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 6.30pm.

Fee Assistance

I wish to remind families that if you have a concern about your capacity to pay school fees, especially if you have a change in work status due to Covid-19, please contact the College Office and Fees Manager, **Corinne Kelly**, corinne. kelly@daramalan.act.edu.au and ask for a Concession Form to be sent to you, or alternatively, you may wish to contact the Business Manager, **Hugh Boulter**, hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au.

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 of time. I would like to thank each of these staff for the contributions they have made to our College.

Retiring at the end of 2021 will be **Mr Michael O'Connell** and **Mr Tony Allan**. Michael began as a teacher of Mathematics at Daramalan 41 years ago and throughout his time at the College held a number of leadership roles including Enrichment Coordinator, Studies Assistant and Years 11-12 Pastoral Care Advisor. Michael was also the Acting Assistant Principal Studies and Assistant Principal Student Welfare Years 11-12 at various times. Tony retires after 24 years of service to the College as a Mathematics teacher. Tony has also played a key role throughout the years with the Daramalan Theatre Company as a voice and dialogue coach. We wish them both a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

Colin Price. During his time at the College, Colin has brought a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise to the Science department, especially in the area of Earth and Environmental Science. Colin has been instrumental in establishing the CREST program, instigating and developing the Scientists in Schools program and the Parliament of Youth on Sustainability. We wish Colin much success in his future endeavours.

Ms Linda Goth will be departing at the end of 2021 to take up a promotion position at another Canberra College. Over her many years here at Daramalan, Linda has inspired countless students in their studies of Mathematics both as a teacher and Assistant Coordinator, and has been instrumental in the establishment of the lunchtime tutoring program. We wish her much success in her new position.

Mr John O'Kane will be taking on a curriculum promotion position at another school here in Canberra. Over the past two years, the students and families of Goolagong House have been recipients of John's guiding hand, support and sense of humour. We wish John all the best for the future.

Ms Lindsay Reid leaves the College this year after a number of years as Business Studies Coordinator and Wellbeing Coordinator. Lindsay has not only been an inspiration to her students of Legal Studies, Economics and Global Studies, but also through her commitment to co-curricular activities in these areas. We thank her for her tireless contributions and wish her well in her new school.

The College Sports Office will also see changes from 2022. Departing the College earlier in the year to continue her studies in Primary Teaching, we wish **Sharon Hardy** much success in the future, as she pursues her new career. Sharon has been instrumental over many years in ensuring the smooth running of the many sports programs at the College.

The College Office will also have a different face from 2022 with **Mrs Trish Norgate** retiring at the end of this year. Many of our students do not see the behind-the-scenes role that Trish has played during her time at the College ensuring that the administrative aspects of the senior secondary system run smoothly. We wish Trish well for her retirement.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to finish by thanking the College Executive Team for all their hard work, patience and adaptability throughout the year. I would also like to thank the staff, students, and families of the College for your support in what has been an extraordinary first year as Principal. To those who are leaving Daramalan, may you take with you many good memories of your time with us. I look forward to welcoming our Year 7 and 11 students on Monday 31 January and the remainder of the College on Tuesday 1 February for our 60th year, the Year of the Heart. My best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing holiday filled with opportunities to spend time with family and friends.

Best Wishes

Rachel Davies Principal

Also departing the College at the end of this year is Mr

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 8 December - Years 7-9 students finish school at 3.27pm after their Awards Ceremony

Thursday 9 December – Reception will close at 4.00pm

Friday 10 December – Reception closes at noon.

Monday 13 December - Friday 17 December - Reception hours are from 9.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 17 December – Reception closes at 4.00pm until 17 January 2022

Teaching staff and many Support Staff finish work for the year on **Friday 10 December** so emails and phone calls after this date may not receive a response until school resumes for 2022. Full-time staff return to work on Tuesday **25 January 2022**.

Return of books

We ask all students to ensure that all textbooks and Information Centre resources are returned by Tuesday 7 December, please. It is important that books are returned so that they can be processed and organised for the start of 2022. Thank you for your assistance with this.

All students should ensure their locker is cleared before 8 December with only limited items being required for the events and activities held on that day.

2021 Yearbook

The 2021 Yearbook will be distributed to students in Years 7-9 on Wednesday 8 December.

Students in Year 12 will be given the Yearbook on Wednesday 15 December from 10.00am - 3.00pm when they come to the College to collect their Senior Secondary and Vocational Certificates, as long as all textbooks and other resources they have out on loan, have been returned. A reminder to Year 12 students that due to the delay in the release of ATAR results until January, Tertiary Entrance Statements, will not be available for collection until Monday 24 January 2022 from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Students in Years 10 and 11 may collect their Yearbooks from Reception on Wednesday 8 December from 12.00noon until 4.00pm or when the Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificates are being issued on Wednesday 15 December from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Yearbooks will also be available in PT classes at the start of 2022 for returning students.

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



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The Uniform shop will be closed for 2021 from **Tuesday 7 December it** will reopen in January 2022.

JANUARY 2022 OPENING HOURS

Monday 17 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday 18 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Wednesday 19 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Thursday 20 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday 21 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday 24 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday 25 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Wednesday 26 January CLOSED Thursday 27 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday 28 January 9.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 29 January 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Uniform Shop is closed for lunch 12.00 – 12:30pm on weekdays. Please see the College Website for further details.

STUDENT LEADERS 2022

The 2022 Student Leadership Team returned following their exams to start planning for next year. Although the pandemic prevented a trip away, the group came together and participated in some team building activities and planning sessions to ensure a smooth start to 2022. The group also learnt about what it means to be a leader in an MSC school from **Ms Hamill**, took a hike up Mount Ainslie with **Mr Warren** and developed ideas and goals for 2022 via an engaging session with **Mr Keeley**. The school is in great hands with our 2022 student leaders.

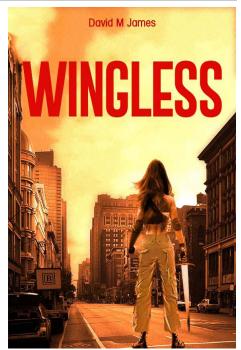


Are you a Daramalan family of three generations? If you, or someone you know, is now the third family generation to attend the College, please let us know! Email details to 60 years@daramalan.act.edu.au





Staff Profile



Staff Profile: David James

Role: Executive Assistant and Digital Technology

Teacher

How long have you been teaching at Daramalan: Since 1993, teaching Physics and Computer Programming

Favourite memory of teaching at Daramalan: That would be a toss-up (pun intended) between the time my senior Physics class came back over the Easter break so we could build a three metre

tall trebuchet and launch watermelons across the oval, and exploring the Virtual Reality games my extremely talented Digital Technology students create.

Hobbies: Computer games (it comes with the territory), Role-playing games and Speculative fiction writing.

Latest achievement: After working on the story for over five years, I have just published my first novel, "Wingless", an urban fantasy that explores the concepts of free will, family and friendship through the eyes of a group of angels exiled from heaven. Wingless is available in paperback or e-book versions and will soon be available as an audio book. More information at https://winglessnovel.wordpress.com/

SCIENCE



We would like to share some fantastic results from the Australian Science Olympiad with you.

Two students achieved an award in the Senior Science Olympiad in Physics and Chemistry, respectively.

Distinction

Physics - Thomas Bridgart (Year 11) Chemistry - Andrew Bridgart (Year 11)

The Junior Science Olympiad is based on Science content up to a Year 10 level, with some questions beyond this level. The following students have achieved an award and should be congratulated for their outstanding achievement: High Distinction

Thomas Konarski (Year 10) Kenneth Le (Year 9)









Distinction
Luke Downey (Year 10)
Credit
Sean Loney (Year 7)
Sebastian Abbondante (Year 8)
Daniel Baraniecki (Year 9), Heath
Eggerton (Year 9), Chloe Parkinson
(Year 9) Ashlee Humphrey (Year 10),
Sophie Wade (Year 10)













SCIENCE CONT...

Daramalan and the 2021 BHP Foundation Science and Engineering Awards

The BHP Foundation Science and Engineering Awards are Australia's national awards for advanced open-ended Science investigations completed by Year 7-12 students. Since 2015 Daramalan has had 16 finalists and 33 semi-finalists in the BHPFSEA, ranking us in the top three schools in Australia over this period.

In 2021 each state/territory could only enter their best five projects. Preliminary judging split the 40 projects into 25 finalists and 15 semi-finalists. From the 25 finalists - 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Engineering and Investigations were then chosen, based on the report, a three-minute video and a presentation.

Four of the five nominees from ACT were from Daramalan College. **Ella Harries** (Year 10) and **Kenneth Le** (Year 9) were semi-finalists and **Abbey Curran** (Year 12) and **Thomas Konarski** (Year 10) were chosen as finalists.

Abbey determined how plant chemical signal molecules, flavonoids and isoflavonoids, impact the nitrogen fixating symbiosis of the legume Medicago truncatula as shown by their nodulation rate. Her study highlighted five flavonoids that significantly increase nitrogen fixation. Abbey's ANU mentor was **Professor Ulrike Mathesius**.

Thomas designed and engineered a quadcopter powered solely by photovoltaic cells. This is an incredibly difficult technological challenge involving lightweight construction, finding and using the power sweet spot of an array of high-efficiency solar cells and numerous tests and refinements. The quadcopter successfully flew in light conditions, similar to a summer's day. Thomas' mentor was **Ryan Locke** (2017).

Abbey and Thomas will be part of the BHPFSEA Virtual Awards Experience that will be held from Thursday 9 December to Sunday 12 December 2021, including the evenings on 9, 10 and 11 December. The Awards Experience will include virtual tours of scientific institutions and facilities, guest presentations with scientists and engineers, a presentation of their project to a panel of professionals and peers, and networking events with fellow finalists, alumni and VIPs. The Virtual Awards Ceremony that will be held on Thursday 16 December. Wish them luck!









'THE FORUM' WITH KENNETH LE

For me, this year has been a year of big projects and equally big ambition. An early entry into College life through two Year 11 courses, and a CSIRO Gold CREST Project have defined 2021 as a year to remember, and 2022 looks set to be equally as eventful. However, before the year's end, one more grand opportunity lies ahead. With the Year 11s gone for the year, and the Year 10s soon to follow, many of my classes have concluded and I have encountered an abundance of unoccupied time on my hands – what a great time to start another project!

This time, I have decided to take on the task of producing my own live event. 'The Forum' with **Kenny Le** – a show inspired by the ABC's own Thursday Q&A show. An expert panel has been curated from far and wide to create a rich and engaging discussion around one of societies great essential questions. The million-dollar question: how has the internet changed the behaviours and capabilities of humanity and individuals?

It's not too often that we realise the immense impact that the internet has had on our lives. It is hard for current students at Daramalan to even imagine a pre-internet world. For me personally, a pre-internet world conjures up mental imagery of dinosaurs and cavemen. For many of us, the internet has become an essential tool, allowing us to revitalise our way of learning – especially during the pandemic. However, the internet has also become notorious for its dangers – addiction, cybersecurity threats, and less obviously, its impact on the ways in which we behave and think. Here is where our panel comes to the rescue, considering the essential questions around the internet.

So, the story goes. But one key component is missing: the audience! We need the very best audience members to drive the discussion: what are YOUR biggest questions and concerns about the internet? All are invited – staff, students, parents, and beyond. The modern era of the internet is calling, and let us all be prepared to meet it.

'The Forum' with Kenny Le premieres 3 December at 11:45am in C1.



Kenneth Le Year 9 Student



Click here to register your interest

'Meet the Panelists'



Lieutenant Colonel Graham Price

Defence Cyber Security Expert



Tim Hyman

Philosophy and International Policy Honors Graduate, And Humanitarian Volunteer



Rita Daniels

Principal of Daramalan College 2009 - 2020



David Gooley

Law and History Teacher



Abbey Curran

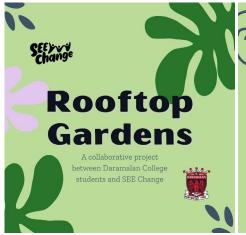
Year 12 Student, Dual Gold CREST Awardee

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Green Roofs "Root-tops" Project

Throughout lockdown, members of the student Environment Group have been collaborating with SEE-Change Canberra on a research project and social media campaign to raise awareness about the benefits green roofs could bring to the Canberra region. They have developed their research, communication and project management skills whilst working closely with **Jahnavi Samprathi** from SEE-Change and **Miss Peacock**. Despite the challenges of lockdown, the group adapted their project and collaborated digitally to schedule a series of informative posts about the different types of green roofs, their benefits, and the engineering logistics involved. Check out the SEE-Change Instagram and Facebook account over the coming weeks to see what they have discovered!









INFORMATION CENTRE

The Information Centre's primary aim is to ensure that its resources support the teaching and learning of Daramalan's school community. Whilst libraries are commonly associated with books and other texts, they can also include technologies such as digital devices and makerspaces to develop students' skills.

In the past couple of weeks, English and Science classes have utilised Lego in order to extend the students' learning experiences. **Mr Capon** and **Mr Dix** collaborated with the teacher librarians to create a Year 7 English unit of work that integrated digital technologies, Lego and picture books. The students were asked to reconfigure picture books into animated videos using Lego. This activity required the students to create a storyboard from a picture book with a clear narrative, so that they could plan their Lego construction for filming. It was fantastic to see the creativity and engagement from the students!

Lego was also utilised by **Ms Colwell** and **Ms Petersen's** Year 10 Science classes as a culmination of their work on biospheres. Students were required to apply their classroom learning to create a Lego biosphere and theorise the consequences of a natural disaster in their biosphere. This learning experience required students to synthesise their collective knowledge and work in collaborative groups.





ENGLISH

We are very pleased to report that our students and English staff have performed very well in the ACT Litlinks Writing competition. This is an annual writing competition run by the ACT Association for the Teaching of English, and supported by the Canberra Writers' Festival, Paperchain Bookshop in Manuka, as well as the ACT Writers' Centre.

There are several categories, and our students submitted stories of up to 1,500 words. This year there was a category for Teachers as Writers for the first time as well.

In the Senior category (Years 11 and 12) Asha

Patterson (Year 12) gained the Highly Commended award for her story, Curiosity Killed the Cat. This is the second year she has been awarded.

Lauren O'Daly (Year 12) gained the Judges' award for her story Before the Dawn. Tanya Singh (Year 11) gained an Achievement Award.

In the Years 7 and 8 category, Angelina Celeske (Year 7), Thomas Greig (Year 7), Alice Livermore (Year 8), and Callum Millea (Year 8) all gained Achievement Awards.

In the Years 9 and 10 category, Simon Krupka (Year 10), Lucy O'Neill (Year 9) and Aimee Perrett (Year 9) all gained Achievement Awards.

Finally, in the new category for teachers, Jordan Morris won! Nicole Greer-Collins was runner-up! Achievement Awards were granted to Charlotte Blackley and Suzanne Kiraly.

If you'd like to read the winning stories, you can go to the website here

https://www.actlitlinks.com.au/read-the-2021-winningentries/























Writers Club

The Daramalan Writers' Club entered the Front-Page national newspaper competition earlier this year. The Years 7-9 team produced a newspaper they called 'The Eaglet' and the Senior students in Years 10-12 produced their own newspaper, 'The Eagle'.

We have just been advised that our students' submissions are finalists in both categories of this national competition and we are so proud of all the students.

The newspaper editorial teams were:

Years 7-9

Caitlin Gould (Year 7)

Alice Livermore (Year 8)

Daniel Baraniecki (Year 9)

Aimee Perrett (Year 9)

Jennifer Noveski (Year 9)

Lucy O'Neill (Year 9)

Megan Ratcliffe (Year 9)

Years 10-12

Lauren O'Daly (Year 12)

Georgia Nicholl (Year 12)

Simon Krupka (Year 10)

Charles O'Daly (Year 10)

If your child loves to write and may be interested in joining the Writers' Club, ask them to contact Ms Kiraly in the English staffroom.

LANGUAGES

French News

Year 7 students have been enjoying French classes and learning how to talk about animals and the weather.

Recently, they participated in an Eiffel Tower competition, building impressive monuments with unusual materials.

Years 8, 9 and 10 students have all been participating in a variety of cultural activities and have been learning about food, the value of community, and how to talk about where we live and the places that we can find in our towns. They loved participating in a Crepes incursion at the end of the second semester and were able to select and discuss several special French dishes from the local Breizh Café.

Carina Merritt









Japanese News 日本語二ュース 2021 has been another unusual year, but students studying Japanese have still been very productive and engaged in their learning.

Year 7 students have learned about animals and created beautiful zoo animal booklets this term. They are now delivering presentations on the various Japanese annual events that they have researched.

Year 8 students have been making restaurant role-plays, and students in Years 9 and 10 have been making a video to introduce Daramalan College to our sister school in Japan.

Students have also made **shibori** (Japanese paper dyeing) as a cultural activity in class. Calligraphy paper was folded and then dipped into different coloured inks. Everyone was so excited to unfold the papers!

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 also experienced a traditional Japanese bento. We enjoyed eating together and celebrating the end of year.

Finally, Year 12 student **Laura Shortt** folded a thousand origami cranes over the course of the year and tied them all together. She has kindly gifted this to the school, and it will be displayed in the Japanese classroom. Arigatoo, Laura senpai.







LANGUAGES CONT...

German News

Das Ende ...

German students will be putting their Language skills to the test by viewing a variety of German language films. The movies were part of past German film festivals and are available to us courtesy of the Goethe Institute. 'Too far away' and 'Mountain Miracle' are the two movies which were enjoyed by our Years 8-10 German classes. It was amazing how much German they were able to understand.

Our culinary skills were tested on Thursday, when we swapped the classroom for the kitchen. Apfelstrudel, an Austrian delicacy, was on the menu and the Years 8 and 9 German students did their best to make them look and taste fantastic- sehr lecker! Before we finish the year, on a very hot day there will also be some Spaghettieis to cool down.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Senior students all the best as they step out into the world. Over the last six years they've become part of the German family and expanded their linguistic horizon. We are confident that they will find their place in the world. Viel Glück und alles Gute!







At the end of each school year, the German Embassy was kind enough to gift us with German books to be awarded to the best students in each grade level for their achievement in German. As always, choosing just one student from each grade level was no easy feat, as so many of our students display commitment and talent when it comes to their language studies.

This year, the German Embassy awards go to:

Year 7 - Cindy Lucic

Year 8 - Ruby Gifford

Year 9 - Gemma Weller

Year 10 - Zoe Mitchell

Year 11 - Antonela Simunic

Year 12 - Siobhan Dooley

Year 12 - Willem Hudson Tielens receives a special commendation for his effort to study the German language, history and culture.







Ruby Gifford Year 8











DRAMA

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by William Shakespeare See it live in the studio or streamed to your home computer

Very limited seating is available for attending a live performance of A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM by Daramalan Theatre Company.

The performance takes place on **17 December** at 4.00pm and then again at 7.30pm.

To attend in the Old Chapel Studio, you can book here:

https://events.humanitix.com/amidsummer-night-s-dream-live-event

Please be aware there is a limit of four tickets per booking due to the strictly limited seating under the current COVID guidelines.



However, you can book for the live streaming of the show at 4.00pm here:

https://events.humanitix.com/livestream-for-a-midsummer-night-sdream400pm-17dec

and/or the show at 7.30pm by booking here:

https://events.humanitix.com/livestream-for-a-midsummer-night-sdream-at-7-30pm-17-december-2021

Looking forward to sharing this amazing work with you.

Joe Woodward



UNDER THE LIGHT

Daramalan Theatre Company's first feature movie can be accessed on Facebook from the evening of Saturday 27

November.

You can find it here:

https://business.facebook.com/ DaramalanTheatreCompany

ART



Barbie Kardashian **Kaitlyn Zorzi** (Year 10) Barbie Kardashian, 2021 Mixed Media. 175x80x74cm

My sculpture 'Barbie Kardashian' is a conceptual social commentary that explores beauty standards in the 21st century. The colours were influenced by the cover art of Florence Givens 'Women Don't Owe You Pretty'. As children, many girls play with Barbie dolls, which are already influencing their ideas of what a 'normal' body should look like, then as they grow up, they are introduced to social media and a new 'normal' body that's near impossible to achieve. In the modern day with social media being a large part of life, almost every photo is staged and edited to only show what people want to be shown, and bodies are photoshopped to look 'perfect'. Young people are seeing this all the time and it's normalised to where young women are expected to have these unrealistic bodies in real life. The body was shaped using my real body and was then distorted to be like that of beauty influencers, emulating the process of photoshopping bodies.

In Term 4 students in Years 7 and 8 Art classes, studied a range of narrative artworks made by Australian Aboriginal artists. Contemporary artist **Kaylene Whiskey** lives and works in Indulkana Community, Anangu, in Central Australia. Her distinctive narrative paintings populate landscapes that describe life in rural Aboriginal communities with powerful inspirational women and pop culture idols. In this task, students were asked to create a collaborative artwork in response to her original and humorous works.



You can make a difference! Sam Rinaudo (Year 7) James Sherlock Hemming (Year 7) Tahli Milin (Year 7) Lucia McGregor (Year 7)



The Sunflower

Grace Kobak (Year 7)

Charlie Saclier (Year 7)

Charlotte Robertson (Year 7)



Yin and Yang Cooper McNamara (Year 7) Mateo Pelivan (Year 7)



Cityscape with Fireworks and Campfire Hamish Phillips (Year 8) Samantha Rankin (Year 8) Xavier Gonzalez (Year 8) Micheal Casey (Year 8)

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Meals that Matters class tasks perfect timing

Years 9 and 10 Food Technology students have been busy packaging and labelling their prepared recipes for the **Meals that Matters** assessment task. Meals were designed from raw produce recently delivered by **OZ Harvest** and will now be redistributed by the same organisation to over 70 local charities. OZ Harvest employee **Talez Santiago**, who controls the daily logistics of food pickup and drop off stated, 'this donation could not have come at a better time' and that 'due to Covid, many charities are struggling to access ready to heat or eat meals'. With over 300kg of food being turned into meals by the Daramalan students, Oz Harvest welcomed this generous donation.



All the food was packaged according to strict health regulations, dated, and labelled with ingredients before being redistributed by Oz Harvest. Meals such as lamb korma, tuna mornay, chicken and sweet corn soup along with various cakes, were only a few of the menu items that were prepared.

Oz Harvest also distributes to **HOME** in Queanbeyan, a charity Daramalan College supports. This task provided an excellent opportunity for all students involved, allowing them to develop specific skills in the kitchen whilst also helping our broader community.



Vocational Education & Training (VET) courses

ATTENTION! YEAR 9,10,11,12 STUDENTS (& PARENTS)— ARE YOU STUDYING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VOCATIONAL COURSES IN 2022?

Year 9 and 10

- Business Computing

Year 11 and 12

- Business Skills & Practical

- Automotive

- Hospitality

- Fashion

- Furniture

- Metal Engineering

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

The Australian Government requires all students undertaking Vocational Education & Training (VET) courses, to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This ten number and letter identifier will allow students to access their VET training records and results as a transcript from their online USI account. This transcript will be useful when applying for a job or undertaking further study.

It is important that all VET students apply for a USI. If a student does not apply for a USI and register this with Daramalan College, we will not be able to certify this student with any of the vocational competencies they may have achieved.

What will happen to my USI?

Firstly, **Ms Waddleton** will verify the USI as being correct, and the Daramalan College Registrar will enter the USI into our Student Management System. It will also be accessible by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies who issue Vocational Certificates and Statements of Attainment for all ACT Colleges, and report to the Australian Government on vocational outcomes.

How do students apply for a USI? 1. Have at least one form of ID ready

- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- · Driver's Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- · Certificate of Registration by Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- ImmiCard

2. Go to the USI website (www.usi.gov.au) and follow the steps under Student-Get a USI.

When your USI has been created it will appear on the screen. Beneath this there is box whereby you can type my email jane.waddleton@daramalan.act.edu.au and a copy will be emailed to me directly. If you send it to me yourself, please include your Year group and your Date of Birth.

3. If you think you may already have a USI Go to the USI website (www.usi.gov.au) and follow the steps under Student-Check if I have a USI and email to jane. waddleton@daramalan.act.edu.au

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Waddleton on 6163 6533 or via email.

N.B. Students may take a photo of the family Medicare card, including expiry date on their phone and bring to Ms Waddleton who will help them set up their USI.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS (ASBAs)

Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBAs) help practical minded students start in their chosen career path whilst studying for a Year 12 Certificate. When the student finishes their Year 12 studies, the ASBA is converted into a full-time apprenticeship with their employer. The types of industry may include carpentry, plumbing, electrical (and refrigeration), landscaping, aged care, childcare, business services, information technology, commercial chef and many more occupations.

Year 10, 11 or 12 students who are considering an ASBA in 2022 should see Ms Waddleton for an informal chat and general information. Parents are welcome to attend a meeting.

It is highly recommended that students commence work experience with a potential employer to see if they have a good working relationship and if this is a trade they wish to follow prior to signing into an ASBA.

Note: It is recommended that students gain a White Card and have completed an Asbestos Awareness Training Course. These courses are compulsory for students who wish to carry out work experience in the field of construction.

Please contact Ms Waddleton on 6163 6533 or email jane.waddleton@daramalan.act.edu.au if you require further information.



Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

Reminders for Year 12 students

- Please make sure you have changed your email address for university applications to a personal address (and not your school one).
- Daramalan Careers website Year 12 students have been sent an email with a link to update their email/ username for their Student Secure Area account. This will ensure that you can continue to access your e-Portfolio, Resume and Cover Letters. Log in to your Student Account and update it in your profile any time.
- Social media is a great resource! Make sure you follow pages such as UAC and the Canberra Jobs Board.

University of Canberra Special January Early Offer Program

Applications are open for the Special January Early Offer Program! This program is designed for Year 12 students pursuing university study who are eager to secure their place at university as soon as possible. Entries are based on Year 11 results as well as a personal statement. Applications close Friday 10 December. Offers will then be released on Thursday 13 January 2022. There is a Special January Early Offer Round webinar on Tuesday 7 December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Register here.

Schools Recommendation Scheme Offers

UAC SRS offers (first round) were made on 12 November. Please see the steps below from UAC for how to receive further offers:

- Once you've received an unconditional offer, you can't be made an unconditional offer to any lower course preferences in the next round unless you change your preferences.
- 2. So, to receive further offers, you first need to accept the course you've already been offered, then move that course down to the bottom of your list or remove it entirely.
- To change your preferences, log in to your UAC application and go to 'Update course preferences'.

Key dates

ANU Change of preference - 1 October 2021 to 4 January 2022 November round 2 SRS offers - 25 November 2021 December round 1 SRS offers - 9 December 2021

December round 2 - cancelled

January round 1 - SRS offers - 13 January 2022 Change of preference deadline for January round 2 - 21 January 2022 (midnight)

ANU Change of Preference (after ATAR release) - 20 to 21 January 2022

(Please note – if you remove the ANU course for which you were made an August offer from your preference list you will lose your early offer)

ANU Offers released - 24 January 2022

January round 2 first ATAR based offers - 26 January 2022 Offer acceptance deadline (accommodation & academic offers) - 31 January 2022

UAC Educational Access Schemes

A reminder that EAS applications and documents must be submitted to UAC by Friday 17 December to be considered in January Round 2 offers and to receive an eligibility letter on Thursday 20 January 2022.

Flight Centre Travel Academy

Thinking of working in travel? Here's how to get your foot in the door. The accredited Diploma of Travel and Tourism is the perfect first step in launching your career, but for those of you with the travel bug now, there are other pathways available! Register here for more information and to keep updated.

Jobs Board

Year 12 Graduates – Free Hospitality Training and Employment Opportunity with ClubsACT

An opportunity exists for Year 12 graduates to undertake fee free training in hospitality, via CIT's JobTrainer program with graduates being introduced to ClubsACT members for employment opportunities. It is a fantastic opportunity for graduating students to undertake free training and over 60 positions are available. For more information or to apply contact cit.edu.au/jobtrainer.

Software Engineering Internships – Applications close for Stile's 2022 internships on 30 November! We're offering two paid internships to young women and non-binary Year 12 graduates. This internship is based in Melbourne, but any successful regional or interstate applicants will receive travel and living from home support. Follow this link for more information: https://stileeducation.com/jobs/software-internship-2022/

DJ Homes – Are you a school-leaver looking for a full-time apprenticeship? Opportunities are available in plumbing, electrical and carpentry to start ASAP or in the new year. To find out more, get in touch with Ryan by calling 0488 787 894 or email ryan@dihcanberra.com.au.

Metal Roof Plumbing – Full-time apprenticeships and Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA) available. Join the **Vertec Roofing** Team today. We recognise and reward your achievements - Receive a \$500 bonus on successful completion of probationary period. Email your resume to careers@vertecroofing.com.au

AVC Roof Plumbing – apprenticeship to start in January or February of 2022. We are roof plumbing specialists, so this is different to regular plumbing. It differs in the sense we do gutter cleaning, roof leaks and colourbond roofing etc. This is a four-year apprenticeship accompanied by 18 months at CIT to become a fully qualified roof plumber. Everyone is open to apply, all abilities and genders are welcome. Any questions or concerns you can contact us on avcroofplumbing@gmail.com or give Miah a call on 0491733324.

Electrical apprenticeships - Liz from liz@

<u>electrairconstruction.com.au</u> is looking for a full-time electrical apprentice. Tel: 040 206 3432

Careers News cont...

AFL SportsReady Traineeships – Applications close 5 December

2022 AFL Canberra young leader traineeship – Game Development/Football Operations

Don't settle for a boring job, when you can kick-start a career in an industry you love. We are currently recruiting for two Young Leader roles with the team at AFL NSW/ACT – Canberra. https://aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/2022-afl-young-leaders-program-act/

Warehousing and Logistics industry – Storeperson and Delivery Driver Trainee/Internal Sales Trainee Exciting positions are available with our host employer, John R Turk (part of the Rexel Group)

As the successful applicant, you will:

- Be employed by AFL SportsReady
- Work on-site with John R Turk Fyshwick
- Study for an accredited qualification: Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations – Warehousing (Storeperson role)/Certificate III or IV in Business (Internal Sales role)

https://aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/

Apprenticeships – Mechanics, Plumbing, Painting and Hospitality

Civil & Civic are looking for 2022 apprentices in the field of mechanics, plumbing, painting and hospitality. Contact <u>simone</u>. <u>hunter@civilandcivic.co</u> for more details.

ReadySteadyGoKids - Coach/Instructor

We're looking for extroverted, super-enthusiastic, energetic people who love small children. A very loud voice is a bonus! You need to be comfortable performing in front of a crowd. The position is Coach/Instructor for our kids' indoor multisports program. Our classes cater for kids aged 1.5 years-6 years. Shifts available from February 2022. Classes operate indoors, during school term time. You'll be trained on the job with our experienced coaches. You will need: experience with young children, an outgoing, energetic personality and a loud voice, to be active and physically fit, reliable and professional, and have a current (or be willing to obtain) a working with vulnerable children card, and a willingness to obtain a sports coaching certificate (free online course). Resume not required. but please send an email to let us know why you think you'd be an awesome addition to our team. www.readysteadygokids. com.au Expected Start Date - 1 February 2022

Apprentice – Horticulture – As a Yarralumla Nursery apprentice, you will undertake a range of duties and studies over four years to complete the requirements of the apprenticeship. The role requires a person who wants to take their interest in horticulture to the next level by gaining experience across all aspects of a wholesale nursery including, seed collection, propagation, production, plant maintenance, and sales. For more information check here - https://www.jobs.act.gov.au/jobs/transport-canberra-and-city-services/temporary/49876



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SPICE UP YOUR CAREER

with a qualification in hospitality

The Career Pathway Program is a collaboration between local industry, CIT and the ACT Education Directorate. This program offers a fee-free Statement of Attainment in Hospitality Compliance SITSS00052 through CIT's Job Trainer program to provide you with the skills to join the hospitality industry.

The Career Pathway Program (Hospitality) is designed to:

- support school leavers from ACT schools to pursue a career in the hospitality industry and gain paid employment
- provide hospitality training and career opportunities for 2021 Year 12 school leavers
- support the hospitality industry to address industry skills shortages across a range of occupation areas in the ACT.

Local hospitality businesses, including ClubsACT members, will be matching program graduates into available employment opportunities.

Subjects:

- Provide responsible service of alcohol (SITHFAB002)
- Provide responsible gambling services (SITHGAM001)
- Participate in safe food handling practices (SITXFSA002)
- Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA001)

For more information or to apply contact:

cit.edu.au/jobtrainer (02) 6207 3188 infoline@cit.edu.au

Initiative of





JobTrainer is a jointly funded initiative of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, offering free vocational education and training to young people (17 to 24 years, who have finished school), and job seekers across Canberra. Places are limited and you must meet eligibility requirements.



APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY CARPENTRY

DJ Homes is the leading custom design new home builder in Canberra and the surrounding region. A local family owned and operated business, DJ Homes offers and opportunity for young people to learn a trade that will set them up for their future. A carpentry apprenticeship with DJ Homes offers an individual to learn all parts of the carpentry trade, as well as the wider residential building industry. Working with us will mean that you get to experience a build right from the initial planning stage, right through construction and then to the handover and post construction period, meaning you will become a tradesman with a well-rounded knowledge and skillset.

DJ Homes are a Certified Best Practice Builder. Most simply, Best Practice is the pursuit of excellence in all areas of your work and personal life. These principles are adopted with a view to raising standards within our business to ensure our dealings with others within our business, clients, sub-contractors and suppliers are always first class. By joining our team, you will be part of our 16 points of culture that should act as a guide, inspiring your every action and ensuring you stay on a path of constant and never-ending improvement.

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- INTEGRITY
- SYSTEMS
- FUN
- ABUNDANCE
- GRATITUDE
- COMMITMENT
- BALANCE
- EDUCATION
- RESPONSIBILITY
- CLIENT OBSESSION
- COMMUNICATION
- EXCELLENCE
- TEAM WORK
- CONSISTENCY
- STRONG WORK ETHIC
- HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

To find out more about DJ Homes, our passion for construction and discuss our 16 points of culture in more detail, get in touch with Ryan by calling 0488 787 894 or email ryan@djhcanberra.com.au

Sport News and Player Profiles

Name: Patrick Edwards

Year: 9

Sport: Rowing and Rugby

Position: Middle

Pre-game ritual or superstition: Left boot on before the

right boot.

Best thing about your sport: Pushing yourself to your

limits.

If you could play sport with one person who would it be and why? David Pocock. He works really hard and has a big impact on the game.





Name: Genevieve Montefiore Gardner

Year: 10

Sport: Cricket and Soccer

Pre-game ritual or superstition: Left glove on before the right glove (cricket) and left boot on before the right boot (soccer) **Best thing about your sport:** I enjoy the mental side of

cricket just as much as the physical side.

If you could play sport with one person who would it be and why? My sister (Alessia Montefiore Gardner) because it's really competitive but we have a great time.

Name: Mr Ben McGee

Role: Lawson Pastoral Care Advisor, Religious Education

Teacher and College Rugby Coach **Department:** Religious Education

How long have you been involved in Dara Sport: Player

1998-2003 and Coach 2013/15 and 2021

Favourite thing about Dara Sport - Having the support of a whole community to give our players the best opportunity

to succeed and grow.

Favourite professional sports person and why - Mack Hansen, because there is no better bloke on this planet!



Rowing

CGGS/Marist Regatta

The first Regatta of the 2021/22 season was hosted by CGGS and Marist at Lake Burley Griffin on Saturday 20 November. This was the first opportunity for our rowers to race since late last season and for many, this was their first experience of racing in a Regatta. The rain was light but constant throughout the day but importantly - the wind stayed away.

1st Place

School Boy Year 10 Coxed Quad Scull Division 1
Daramalan - Joachim Ashen, George Bowditch, Ben
Rickard, Pat Edwards, cox Will Poels (Year 9)
Women's Grade E Coxed/Coxless Quad Scull Final
Daramalan - Diella Jagoda, Ronja Staerker-Ashby, Lilly
Steinman, Molly York, cox Lilly Jahne (Year 8)

2nd Place

Men's Grade C Double Scull Division 1
Daramalan - Joachim Ashen (Year 9), Ben Rickard (Year 9)
Women's Grade E Coxed Quad Scull Final
Daramalan - Maddie Balogh, Lucy Enright, Brianna
Patmore, Sophie Neighbour, cox Emily Olive (Year 8)
Women's Grade C Single Scull Division 2
Daramalan - Ksiena Paramonov (Year 9)
Women's Grade C Coxed Quad Scull Division 1
Daramalan - Phoebe McAuliffe (Year 11), Sophie Howlett (Year 11), Abigail Mitchell (Year 12), Claudia Bowditch (Year 11), cox Emily Erwin (Year 11)
Men's Grade C Coxed Quad Scull Final
Daramalan - Joel Bird (Year 10), Tom Russell (Year 10), cox Will Poels (Year 9)

3rd Place

School Girl Year 9 Coxed Quad Scull Division 1
Daramalan- Lilly Jahne (Year 8), Lilly Steinman (Year 8),
Diella Jagoda (Year 8), Molly York (Year 8), cox Sydney
Dormer (Year 11)

Men's Grade A & B Double Scull Final Daramalan- **Matthew Rickard** (Year 12), **Ryan Rickard** (Year 11)

Men's Grade C Double Scull Division 2

Daramalan- **Brad Reichman** (Year 10), **Thomas Konarski** (Year 10)

Men's Grade D Double Scull Division 2

Daramalan- Matt Philp (Year 9), Will Poels (Year 9)

Men's Grade B Single Scull Division 4 Daramalan- **Ryan Rickard** (Year 11)







Basketball

The Basketball ACT winter season was put on hold for over three months due to the lockdown. Over the past two weekends, we have seen the recommencement of this competition. It has been great to see so many of our students back out on the Basketball courts having fun with friends playing the game they love. There is one more regular season game before we head into the final series. Good luck to all teams for a successful finish to the longest season of Basketball ever!

Team of the month

Our U19 Division 1 Boys team has had a great start since the recommencement of the competition. They beat the team coming second in a tense battle and had a narrow loss to the undefeated team coming first. Super coach, Rod Kildey, has said his team's performances have been nothing short of heroic. 'The boys are playing some great Basketball and have really come together as a team in their first season of U19s.' The inclusion of Basketball superstar and Daramalan legend Max Majstorovic (Year 12) to finish the season with the boys has taken this team to the next level. Coach Kildey added 'Max has brought his level head and long playing history to the team and he has been a great asset'. With the finals approaching faster than Max Berry (Year 10), the boys are ready to give it everything to bring home the trophy.



Presentation Evening

Please come and join us for the 2022 Daramalan College Basketball Presentation evening. Students and families welcome.

When: Thursday 2 December

Where: Dempsey Quad (outside the Sports Centre)

U14 Boys and Girls: 4.00pm - 4:30pm U16 Boys and Girls 4:30pm - 5.00pm U19 Boys and Girls 5.00pm - 5:30pm

Name and number

Dana Martin (Year 8) #8

What team do you play for?

Daramalan U16 Division 1 Girls

What position do you normally play? Utility

How has your team been going this season?

We are going extremely well. We are coming 3rd on the ladder and have been playing outstandingly.

What has been the highlight of the season?

Getting closer to my awesome teammates and my amazing coach - 2022 School Captain Lani DiPetta (Year 11) What is your favourite **Basketball team?** Philadelphia 76ers Who is your favourite player? Julius Erving



Name and number

Troy Jensen (Year 8) #7

What team do you play for?

Daramalan U14 Division 2 Boys

What position do you normally play?

How has your team been going this season?

We have had a really good season. We are coming 4th and I'm really looking forward to playing the

finals.

What has been the highlight of the season?

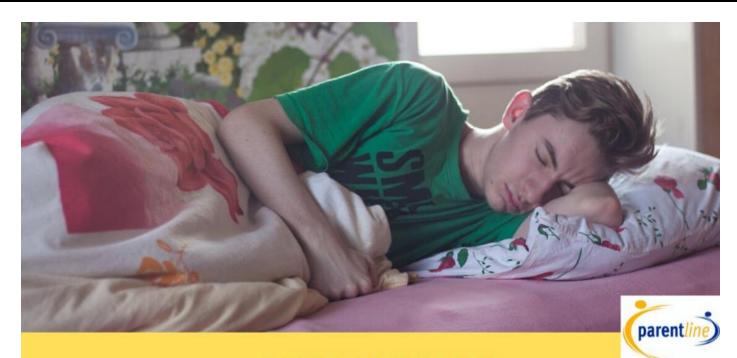
We beat the top team one week which was outstanding.

What is your favourite Basketball team?

LA Lakers

Who is your favourite player? Kobe Bryant





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If you would like to advertise your business in our Directory in 2022, please contact Yvonne Turnbull on 6245 6334 or yvonne.turnbull@daramalan.act.edu.au



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