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From the Principal



Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,

The end of the semester has come upon many of us very quickly, though I am sure for others it may not have come soon enough, especially

given the cold snap of the past few weeks! It has been another whirlwind of a term filled with events, activities and opportunities for authentic and rich learning experiences, all combined with several long weekends which has meant that we have come to the end of the semester in a blink of an eye. I would like to thank and acknowledge the staff who have provided these opportunities for our students from their preparation of our assemblies, productions and performances, Sacred Heart Day, organisation of overnight camps and excursions, reflection days and retreats, through to our senior examinations. The past few weeks have been busy ones

filled with a focus on assessment and exams for our students and marking and finalising progressive feedback and reporting for our staff. Information outlining how families can access semester reports through Daranet will be provided next week. Even this week, despite being our last week of the semester with our students, a range of excursions, co-curricular activities and competitions, as well as the Year 7 and 8 Cyber Safety sessions and the Year 10 Pastoral presentations have taken place. Daramalan is certainly a very busy and bustling place of learning.

I am sure that both our families and staff are looking forward to the opportunity to relax over the coming break and hopefully shake off some of the lingering colds and flu and the re-emerging Covid-19 and Influenza. For many families, travel will be a key part of the three-week break, be it to warmer climates or to make the most of what we can only hope will be a bumper snow season, or to visit family who live interstate or even overseas. Whatever the break holds, I wish our

From the Principal

families quality time together and for those who are travelling overseas, safe travels especially given the current situation and uncertainty in the Middle East. When we return in July we will still be in the midst of Winter, so I would encourage families to please continue to keep your student/s at home if they are experiencing Influenza, Covid-19, and/or cold symptoms. As I have mentioned in previous editions of Daranews, we have a number of staff and students who are immuno-compromised as well as those in our broader community and families, so it is important that we are not complacent.

Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. A very special day not only for our College but the wider Catholic and MSC communities here in Australia and around the world. The founder of the MSC, Fr Jules Chevalier was totally committed to the cause of Jesus, whom he called "the Sacred Heart". He devoted himself without reserve to the spreading of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart, so that Jesus, the Sacred Heart, would be known and loved, everywhere. We celebrated and acknowledged Sacred Heart Day on Friday 6 June prior to our senior students commencing their exams. On Friday 13 June, I had the privilege to travel to Chevalier College in Bowral with three of our College Leaders, **Tayla Holt, Natalie Gordon and Ruby Gifford**, to join their Sacred Heart Day celebrations. It was wonderful to be able to join them again this year, especially as they had been with us the previous week for our celebrations. From there we continued on to St Mary's Towers at Douglas Park where the students were able to find out more about the significance of Douglas Park to the MSC, explore the grounds, and share lunch with the MSC residents. Our Leaders spent time over lunch speaking with **Br John Walker MSC** who is one of the MSCs who had lived onsite at the College in the MSC Residence until 2019. **Fr Gerard McCormick MSC**, whom some of our community may know from his time at the Charnwood Parish, provided the Leaders with a tour and his personal insights into the importance of Douglas Park to him as an MSC. The students spent time in the cemetery where a large number of MSC priests and brothers are buried, finding the connections with those MSC who made significant contributions to our history.

We were delighted to begin this week being joined by over 200 grandparents, parents and other significant people in the lives of our Year 7 students for our annual Grandparents Day. The day comprised of a Liturgy of the Word which included reflections and prayers from our Year 7 students before touring the College and sharing light refreshments. Our visitors were also treated to a performance from our award-winning Junior Concert Band. Amongst our guests were a number of former

students whose grandchildren now attend the College, along with those whose children attended Daramalan or who have been members of our staff. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many visitors and to watch our Year 7 students proudly showing their grandparents their school. I would like to thank and acknowledge **Ms Angela Dunn, Mr Michael Jackson, Ms Yvonne Turnbull, Ms Heather Chapman**, the Year 7 RE Teachers, the College Maintenance Team, and of course our Junior Concert Band, the Year 9 students who stepped in to assist and our Year 7 students, for their respective roles in making this such a special day.

This term the College's major charity focus has been the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The response from families to this appeal has been wonderful again this year. The generosity of the Daramalan community never ceases to amaze me. I would like to extend my thanks to the Social Justice Group, **Mr Ben McGee**, our College Captain Social Justice **Sophie Neighbour** and all involved in the organisation and collection of the donations. To all of our families who donated to the Appeal, thank you for your generosity and support of those members of our wider Canberra community who are most vulnerable especially during the long cold Winter that we have ahead of us. I am sure that the donations will be put to immediate use given the onset of significant sub-zero temperatures that we have experienced over the past few weeks.

Our Year 12 students will be spending the first three days of Term 3 at their Reflection Camp which will be held at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. The camp's theme, drawn from our MSC charism, is "With Hope in our Heart" and is different from previous Daramalan camps that have had an outdoor and resilience focus, as students will have an opportunity to reflect on where they have come from and where they are going as they carve out a hopeful future for themselves. They will explore the values and qualities they have that will hold them steady as they navigate the future. This will be done through a program that will include outdoor adventure activities, interactive sessions, group work and individual reflection. We wish them a wonderful time as a cohort as they look towards what the future beyond Daramalan will hold for them. Thank you to the staff who will be accompanying the students and **Ms Amy Thomas, Mr Gerard Beattie and Ms Megan Kelly** for all of their organisation.

Staff Changes

I am delighted to announce that **Ms Amy Thomas** has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal Faith and Mission commencing at the beginning of next term. **Ms Tina**



Grand parents Day



Junior Concert Band performing on Grandparents Day

From the Principal

Watson has subsequently been appointed as the Religious Education Coordinator replacing Amy. New staff who will be joining the College next term are **Ms Caroline McCaffrie**, **Mr Aaron Krug** and **Ms Lucy Stonebridge**, whilst returning to take up temporary contracts are **Mr Bill Phelan**, **Mr Jesse Turner** and **Mr Mikey Dimuantes**.

We thank **Ms Helen Steel** for stepping in to take classes while **Ms Urmila Kumar** has been on leave this term. Also returning from leave at the beginning of next term are **Mr James Angus** and **Ms Erin Gustus**.

There are a number of staff who will be taking leave either for a short period of time at the beginning of the term, for the entirety of Term 3 and others who are on leave for Semester 2. I will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 3 and **Mr James Keeley** will be the acting Principal in my absence. Also on leave for these weeks is **Mr Jonathan Hall**. **Mr Shaun Warren** will step into the Director of Pastoral Care Years 7-8 position and **Mr Callum Brown** will become the Phillip House Coordinator during this time. **Ms Waka Burridge** is also taking leave for the first three weeks of the term. **Ms Anne Brown** will be on leave for Term 3. **Ms Ellen Canfield** will move into the English Coordinator role and **Ms Caitlin Semmler** has been appointed as the Assistant English Coordinator. **Ms Gianna Gaspari** will be the Merrick PCA for Term 3 replacing Ms Semmler. Also taking leave for Term 3 are **Mr David James** and **Ms Mary Blythe**. Staff who are taking leave until the end of the year are **Mr Josh Sands** and **Ms Carlie Dwyer**. **Ms Caroline McCaffrie** has been appointed as the acting Lawson House Coordinator while Ms Dwyer is on leave.

Issoudun Performing Arts Centre Architecture Awards

Last weekend the annual Canberra Region Architecture Awards were held. I am extremely proud to announce that the architects who designed and worked closely with us throughout the Issoudun Performing Arts Centre project, Stewart Architecture, received four awards for the project on the night, including the highest award to be presented,

the Canberra Medallion. The other awards that the project received were, the Enrico Tagiletti Award for Educational Architecture, the Award for Interior Architecture, and the EmAGN (The Emerging Architects and Graduate Network) Project Award - Hannah Walsh, Project Architect.

Details of the awards and the evening can be found at <https://architectureau.com/articles/2025-act-architecture-awards/> Outstanding recognition for what is a fabulous facility for our community.

Enrolments

As I mentioned in the last edition of Daranews, we received a large number of applications for places in Year 7, 2026 again this year. Our enrolment policy provides a clear guide as to the process that we follow when determining the offers of places. Letters of offers will be sent to families later today who have secured a place, in line with other ACT Catholic Schools. The Acceptance of Offer forms are due to be returned by **Friday 25 July**.

A reminder to those families of our Year 10 students who have not returned their Year 11 Intentions forms, could you please do so as soon as possible. These intention forms help to facilitate our planning and preparations for the Year 11 2026 cohort.

If families know that their student/s will not be returning next semester, please notify the Registrar, **Ms Damaris Brown**, as soon as possible as we continue to have families on our wait list who are hoping for places to become available at the College.

Staff Professional Learning Week and Holiday Hours

During the holiday period from **Monday 7 July – Friday 18 July**, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm only.

Staff will be engaged in Professional Learning from **Monday 30 June – Wednesday 2 July** so they will not be available immediately to answer emails or phone calls for a large part of each of these days. Please leave messages for staff who will attend to them as soon as is practicable before they

College Leaders at Douglas Park



From the Principal

depart on **Wednesday 2 July** for the break. If you leave messages for teachers by email or phone after this time, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on **Monday 21 July** at 8.45am. The College, including Reception, will be closed on **Thursday 3 July** and **Friday 4 July** and will reopen on **Monday 7 July**.

Families are reminded that **Monday 21 July** is a pupil-free day for students in **Years 7-11**. **Year 12** students are reminded that they need to be at the College by 6:45am on **Monday 21 July** ready to depart for their Reflection Camp at Stanwell Tops.

Scholarship Fund and Applications

Application forms for Scholarships for the 2026 school year are now available on the College website, [Scholarships - Daramalan College](#). Daramalan Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need rather than on academic, sporting or cultural excellence. Applications for 2026 Scholarships close on **Monday 15 September**.

Our Alumni website has details of how you can support the Scholarship Fund and includes the inspiring stories of a number of our former scholarship recipients. <https://alumni.daramalan.com.au/get-involved/>

With the 2024-25 Financial Year ending on Monday, some families may be interested in giving a donation to the Scholarship Fund as donations are tax deductible. For information about donating to the Scholarship Fund, please contact the College Director of Finance, Ms Rachael Axford, on 6163 6509 or email Rachael.axford@daramalan.act.edu.au. There is also the option of making a donation through the Qkr! App/Portal.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact the College Deputy Principal Capacity and Strategy, **Mr James Keeley**, to make an appointment to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on james.keeley@daramalan.act.edu.au

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

I would again like to reiterate my previous messaging relating to parking and student safety around the College. Unfortunately, almost every day I witness multiple near misses where students have been dropped off and have alighted from cars in No Stopping areas or have crossed the busy roads in between buses, cars or not at the designated pedestrian crossings when being picked up. To keep our students safe when making their way to and from school, please ensure you drive and park safely and legally around our school. Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard when students cross the road. Please remember not to park across pedestrian crossings, in No Stopping zones, on corners, verges or double parking. Our priority is ensuring the safety of all members of our community on the increasingly busy roads that surround the College.

I would also like to remind our families who attend the College out of hours and on weekends, particularly for sporting events, not to park on the nature strips or verges along Morphet and Challis Streets. I have received complaints from our neighbours outlining their concerns regarding

footpath access and safety due to illegally parked vehicles. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring the safety of our community.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

Bonnie Young (Year 11) who has been selected to compete as a member of the ACT U18 Football Squad to compete at the National Championships early next term.



Frankie Cappello, Makenna Ravouvou, Sara Small, Mini White and Annie Reid (Year 12) who will be competing over the break as members of the ACT U18 Female Rugby League Squad at the National Championships.



BJ Pumpa and Denzel Veikune (Year 12) who are members of the ACT U18 Male Rugby League Squad, managed by **Mr Nic Whatman**, also competing at the National Championships over the break.



Eoin Shrewsbury (Year 8) who will be travelling to Spain later in the year to train with the Real Sporting Gijon Football Academy.



Amelia Amey (Year 7) who has been selected in an U16 NSW Polocrosse mixed team to compete against teams from WA, QLD and the UK over the break.



Congratulations to our Choir who travelled to Forbes last week to compete in the Forbes Eisteddfod winning all three of the sections in which they were entered.

We look forward to welcoming back Year 7-11 students on **Tuesday 22 July** for the start of Semester 2 refreshed and well, and we wish Year 12 a wonderful Reflection Camp when they depart on **Monday 21 July**. I wish each and every student and member of staff a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Best Wishes

Rachel Davies
Principal

School News

Uniform Shop Holiday Hours

Thursday 17 July

10am to 4pm

Friday 18 July

10am to 4pm

Term 3 Fee Information

Term 3 Statements will be emailed to parents **Monday 30 June**.

Term 3 School Fees are due by **Monday 4 August**.

Please be aware of the College's terms regarding unpaid fees:

- An administration fee of \$15.00 (including GST) will be charged to any family account not paid by the due date (typically 14 days after the start of term).
- A further \$15 fee will be added each fortnight until the account is fully paid.
- These charges do not apply if the College has agreed to a payment plan and fees are being paid by direct debit.
- The administration fee covers the additional costs incurred due to late payment.
- If a parent defaults on fee payment, they may also be liable for all associated recovery costs, including legal and collection fees.

For full details, please refer to our website: <https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/fee-schedule/>



Upcoming Webinar – The Resilience Project

Parents and carers are invited to attend an upcoming webinar hosted by The Resilience Project team. It is titled Building Resilience at Home, presented by Whitney on Thursday 31 July, 6.30 – 7.30pm (60 minutes) AEST.

A whole school approach is key to enhancing student wellbeing. This workshop is designed to empower parents and carers by equipping them with practical strategies to practise Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) at home.

Please individually register for the webinar using [this link](#). You will then be sent a Zoom link and a calendar invite.

For more information about Whitney or the wider The Resilience Project team, check out our website: [about page](#).

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Building Resilience at Home Webinar

WHO'S INVITED?
Parents & Carers

DURATION
60 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

A whole school approach is key to supporting student wellbeing. This session is designed to **connect the classroom to home**, providing a consistency and common language for your child and family.

This presentation will promote positive wellbeing and will provide you with:



A knowledge of the TRP program and how it is run in your child's school.



Tips and strategies to support your child's wellbeing at home through the GEM principles.



Ideas on how to support your own personal wellbeing.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT
THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



Social Justice

Social Justice: Winter Appeal – Supporting Our Community

As the cold weather sets in, Daramalan College is once again proud to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Running through to **Week 2 of Term 3**, this important initiative helps provide much-needed warmth and comfort to some of Canberra's most vulnerable community members.

We are calling on the Daramalan community to come together and make a real difference this Winter. Each year group has been asked to contribute specific items that will be distributed directly through our Night Patrol outreach, where we see firsthand the impact of your generosity.

Please donate:

- **Year 7** – Non-perishable snacks
- **Year 8** – Blankets and scarves
- **Year 9** – Socks and gloves
- **Year 10** – Adult jackets
- **Seniors** (Years 11 and 12) – Adult jumpers

Donated items can be brought to your PT group or Reception.

For those who wish to contribute financially, there is a donation option available on Qkr! All funds go directly toward purchasing essential items for those in need.



Vinnie's Winter Appeal

YEAR 7
Non-perishable snacks: Museli bars, Tinned food, Biscuits etc

YEAR 8
Blankets and Scarves

YEAR 9
Gloves and Socks

YEAR 10
Adult Size Jackets

YEAR 11 & 12
Adult Size Jumpers

Donations can also be made through the Qkr app

Through your support, the Daramalan community continues to live out its values of compassion and service. Thank you for helping us bring warmth, dignity and hope to those doing it tough this Winter.

Business Studies

Year 11 Business Excursion to Cafe Stepping Stone

Earlier this term, Year 11 Business Studies students had the opportunity to attend an excursion to Cafe Stepping Stone. During the excursion, students engaged with one of the cafés founders, **Vanessa Brettell**. Students gained insight into their unique operational model of social enterprise and observed their community impact firsthand. This experience served as a valuable case study, enriching students' understanding of a business which does not align with conventional business practices.



Counsellors Hub

The Truth About Vaping: What Every Student Should Know

Vaping might look cool on TikTok or seem harmless because “it’s just vapor”, but there’s a lot more going on behind that cloud of smoke. As the number of high school students trying vapes continues to rise, it’s time we ask: do we really know what we’re breathing in?

What is Vaping?

Vaping is the act of inhaling an aerosol produced by an electronic device—commonly called a vape, e-cigarette or vape pen. These devices heat up a liquid (called e-liquid or vape juice), turning it into an aerosol that users inhale into their lungs.

The liquid usually contains:

- **Nicotine** – the same highly addictive substance found in cigarettes.
- **Flavourings** – like fruit, mint or candy (which can make it more appealing to young people).
- **Chemicals** – some of which can be toxic to the lungs and body.

Even products that claim to be “nicotine-free” may still contain nicotine or harmful substances. And while they might seem cleaner than traditional cigarettes, vaping devices aren’t harmless—especially for developing teen brains and bodies.

Why it Matters: What the Numbers Say

Recent Australian research has shown vaping is far from harmless:

- A 2023 report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) found that 1 in 6 teenagers aged 14 - 17 have tried vaping, with numbers rising sharply over the last few years.
- Among current teenage users, most reported vaping regularly, not just trying it once.
- The Cancer Council has warned that young people who vape are three times more likely to take up smoking traditional cigarettes.
- Studies have also linked vaping with increased anxiety, poor sleep and concentration issues in school-aged teens.

What’s more concerning is that many students don’t know what’s in their vape. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) audit in 2023 found that over 90% of vapes sold in Australia illegally contained nicotine, even when labelled otherwise.

Why Do Teens Vape?

Many students say they started vaping because of:

- Peer pressure
- Curiosity
- Flavoured products (like mango, mint or cotton candy)
- Stress relief

But what starts as an experiment or a social habit can quickly become a serious addiction.

The Risks You Shouldn’t Ignore

Even if it seems like “no big deal”, vaping can seriously affect your health:

- **Nicotine addiction:** Most vapes contain nicotine, which can rewire your developing brain and make it harder to focus, learn or control emotions.
- **Lung damage:** Some users have ended up in hospital with vaping-related lung injuries.
- **Mental health impact:** Studies show links between nicotine use and anxiety, depression and mood swings.
- **Unknown long-term effects:** Vaping is still relatively new, and scientists are still learning about the long-term health risks.

What You Can Do

If you or someone you know is vaping and wants to stop, you’re not alone. There are resources and people ready to help:

- Talk to a school counsellor, teacher or trusted adult.
- Use quitting apps like “My QuitBuddy” or call Quitline (13 78 48).
- Support each other - quitting is easier when you’re not doing it alone.

Final Thoughts

It’s easy to fall into the trap of thinking vaping is harmless. But your health - and your future - is worth more than a buzz. Whether you’ve vaped before or never touched one, staying informed is the first step in making smart choices.

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Term 3, 2025

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 3 topics:

- **Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding AI Companions: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **AI-assisted image-based abuse: Navigating the deepfake threat (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **The changing face of cyberbullying: Protecting your child in 2025 (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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Term 3 topics:

- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.



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Advanced Enquiry Presentations

Year 9 and 10 students from the Advanced Inquiry elective class impressed their family, friends and teachers with their deep thinking and high-quality academic projects on Thursday 12 June at a presentation afternoon held in the Library.

Throughout the semester, students undertook extensive research and data collection on a subject of their choice. Students chose a diverse array of inquiry topics including R&B and hip-hop music, mental health, airport logistics, naval weapons, ancient politicians and women's sport. They had opportunities to engage with specialists in their field of study such as psychologists, university lecturers, ADF members, local sports people, airport staff and Daramalan teachers.

At the presentation evening, students shared the research and data collection they undertook to deepen their understanding of their topic and develop new knowledge. The confidence and learning were obvious to all from the pride in which they presented their work. Congratulations to the students involved for their excellent projects.



Dara's Got Talent

Dara's Got Talent Shines on Sacred Heart Day

Sacred Heart Day was made even more memorable this year with the much-anticipated Dara's Got Talent - an afternoon talent show that lit up the stage and wowed the crowd.

Students from across the school brought their best to the spotlight, showcasing everything from stunning vocal performances to energetic dance routines. The variety and level of talent on display were nothing short of amazing.

Held in the spirit of fun and celebration, the show provided the perfect entertainment to round out the day. With cheers, applause, and a few surprise acts, Dara's Got Talent reminded us all just how vibrant and creative our school community truly is.

It wasn't just a show - it was a celebration of heart, talent and school spirit.

Acts performed were:

Aria Wallace - "All I Ask" by Adele

Hannah Chi - "Die With A Smile" by Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars

Macie Wilson & Bridie Iglewski dancing to "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift

Chelsea Delteza Patriarca and **Laura Green** perform "Iris" by Goo Goo Dolls

Ruby Holden "That's So True" by Gracie Abrams

Ruby Holden & Aria Wallace - "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohan

Year 10 Rock band When I Come Around by Green Day

Daramalan Student leaders - Eagle People



Religious Education

Old Bibles on Loan to Daramalan College

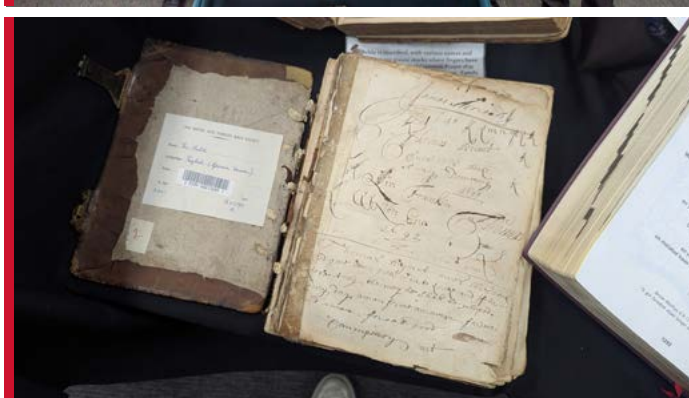
Year 7 and 8 Religious Education students had the privilege of viewing some very old bibles that were borrowed from St Mark's National Theological Library and the Theology Department of Charles Sturt University.

First, we looked at a Latin Bible (Vulgate) which showed the influence of the Roman Empire on the Church. Even though the language of trade was Greek; official documents were written in Latin. Moving to England we saw an image of the Saxon Bible which was a Latin translation with some Saxon words added to make it more understandable. We discussed the Tyndale Bible and the risks people took to make the Bible accessible to people in England.

Students were then shown the Geneva Bible (1633) which had a Book of Common Prayer bound into the front, followed by a Polyglot Bible (1602) which had German and Latin on one page and Greek and Hebrew on the opposite. We viewed a copy of the King James Version that had obviously been taken great care of, with family signatures in the front dating back to 1755 and several generations added later, plus a Scottish Book of Common Prayer from 1633.

Then to Australia. We saw a bible that was one of many issued to convicts. We heard that convicts did not always cherish their bibles as much as the family heirloom bibles elsewhere. Later we saw a Dutch Bible. We heard a Boer War story of a wounded Afrikaner fighter who gave his precious (and big and heavy) bible to an enemy Australian soldier so that it could be preserved. That soldier kept the bible for some years before donating it in 1911. There was also a 1906 miniature bible that women would carry in their glove. We also saw bibles given to Diggers in the two World Wars and a current print version. Finally, we saw some bibles written in Indigenous languages along with some artwork of biblical stories made by Indigenous people – one with an MSC connection.

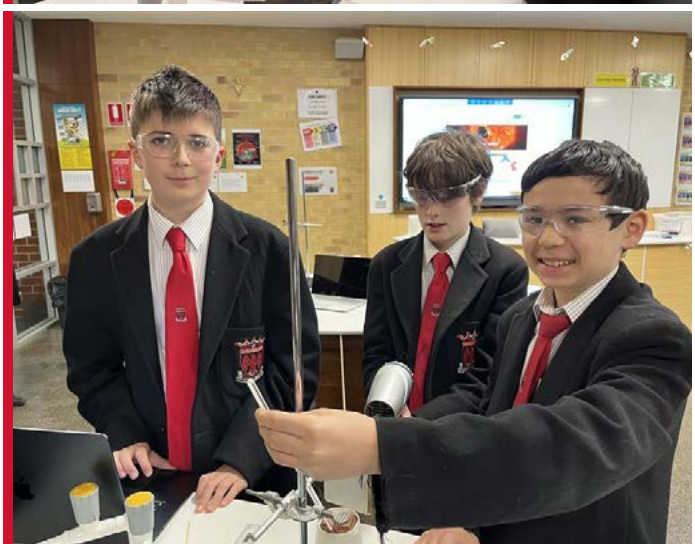
We are grateful to CSU for sharing these precious books and giving our students a deeper appreciation of our history.



Science

Year 7s Heat Shield

Year 7 students took on a red-hot space engineering challenge, designing heat shields to protect a very important cargo — a chocolate “space probe”! The goal was to prevent the chocolate from melting under intense heat, simulating the extreme conditions of atmospheric entry. Using creative materials and teamwork, students put their designs to the test in a fiery trial of science and engineering. It was a heated competition, but their cool-headed problem solving really stole the spotlight!



Year 8s Have a Ball with Physics!

Our Year 8 students have been bouncing with excitement as they explored the science behind bouncing balls. In a hands-on experiment, they investigated why some balls bounce higher than others, learning about energy transfer, efficiency, and how different materials affect performance. It was a high-impact lesson in potential and kinetic energy, with students discovering that not all energy makes it back into the bounce - some is lost as heat or sound.



Year 9

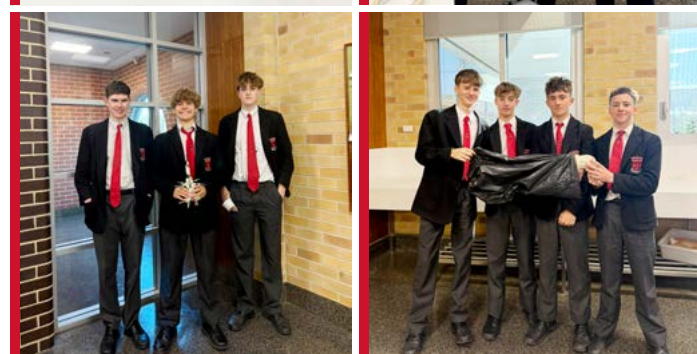
Year 9 students are really balancing their way through science this term as they explore homeostasis—how the body keeps things like water and glucose levels just right. They have also been learning about disease and immunity, discovering how our immune system protects us like tiny superheroes. It's an exciting topic that shows just how clever our bodies are at keeping everything in check.

Year 10s Tackle Science with Skills, Smarts and STEM!

To finish off the term, our Year 10 students have been sharpening their science skills across a wide range of

Science Cont...

activities. From interpreting real-world data on disease trends, to understanding the digital footprint we leave behind, students have been learning how science connects to everyday life. They loved the classic egg drop challenge—designing and building structures to protect an egg from a high fall - combining creativity with physics and engineering know-how was very eggciting! Students have also competed in science-themed escape rooms, where teamwork and problem-solving were key to cracking codes and escaping in time.



ICAS and ICQ

Exciting opportunities are coming up for students to challenge themselves in science through the ICAS Science competition and the International Chemistry Quiz. These respected external competitions allow students to apply their knowledge, think critically and gain recognition for their science skills. Encourage your students to register using the links in the Daily Notices – these will close in Week 1 of Term 3.



Parent Quiz

Think you've still got what it takes to survive High School Science? Put down your coffee, dust off those brain cells, and see if you can tackle the kind of questions your kids are facing in today's Science tests. Warning: side effects may include sudden respect for your teenager's homework!

Year 7

1. State the names of all the planets in our Solar System.
2. Describe the difference between the Geocentric and the Heliocentric models of the Solar System.
3. Explain why a solar eclipse occurs.

Year 8

1. What is the unit of measurement for energy?
2. Name 2 substances with stored chemical energy.
3. Describe the energy transformations that occur throughout a roller coaster ride.

Year 9

1. What is the role of the endocrine system?
2. Recall the organ and hormone responsible for reducing blood sugar levels.
3. How do white blood cells perform their job as part of the second line of defence?

Year 10

1. What is the difference between distance and displacement?
2. Which has more inertia – a bowling ball or a tennis ball? Why?
3. Finish this statement associated with Newton's Laws of Physics 'Every action has an.....'

Languages

Year 7 Japanese – Culture, Celebrations and Onigiri!

Over the past few weeks, our Year 7 Japanese students have been diving into Japanese culture through a fun and interactive classroom project. In pairs or a group, students researched and created presentations on traditional annual events in Japan, with each group focusing on a different month of the year.

From January's temple visits and fortune-telling during the New Year, to the colourful festivals and seasonal traditions that take place throughout the calendar, students enjoyed learning about - and teaching - the unique customs that shape life in Japan. One example included the tradition of tying up bad fortunes at the temple to ward off misfortune, a popular practice during the New Year period.

To celebrate the end of the semester, students also had the chance to get hands-on in the kitchen by making onigiri - a popular Japanese rice snack. It was a fun and delicious way to finish the term, with lots of smiles (and sticky fingers) all around!

Great work, Year 7 - いただきます and よくできました!



The Year 8 Japanese Bento Box Incursion

The Year 8 Japanese Bento Box incursion is one of the most interesting and delicious experiences Daramalan offers to its students. The incursion included learning how to properly, and respectfully, use chopsticks, setting up and watching how Japanese lunch times are operated, and of course, eating a bento box of your choice.

The food itself could be described as 'to die for', as even if the food alone wasn't to your taste, the smell was divine and was an extraordinary event. Thank you to **Baker Sensei** and **Burridge Sensei** for organising such a wonderful milestone in our Japanese learning journeys.

Jessica Bolton (Year 8)



The Year 9 Bento + Dickson Asia Supermarket Excursion!

We went to Dickson shops to アジアスーパー (Asian supermarket) and got lots of yummy traditional foods. Mochi, ramune soda and gummies! Afterwards, we returned to school and ate a bento lunch together. The bento had sushi, miso and kaarage (deep fried) chicken. It was very fun!

Patricia Sukardi (Year 9)

Languages Cont...

A Visit to the German Harmonie Club

On Monday 23 June, we went to the German Harmonie Club to try some German food. We had 5 dishes to choose from. I decided to get the schnitzel with mashed potatoes and red cabbage. It was interesting trying the cabbage for the first time, but I'm happy I tried something new. Lots of people got the schnitzel with chips and salad, but one of my friends got the Spätzle (pasta) with cheese and speck. She said it was good but very cheesy. The sausage plate looked really good, and I heard lots of good things about it. Overall, I really enjoyed my lunch! **Charlotte Vidler** (Year 8)

Yoga – to End the Semester on a Relaxed Note

As part of their Health and Wellbeing unit this term, Year 11 and 12 Languages students took part in a rejuvenating yoga session designed to promote mindfulness, relaxation and physical wellbeing.

The session, led by **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick**, introduced students to basic stretching and breathing exercises. With calming music and a serene atmosphere, students were encouraged to be present, reduce stress, and connect mind and body—themes explored in their language studies relating to health and wellbeing.

For many, this was a first-time experience, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Students appreciated the break from traditional classroom learning and gained practical insight into the importance of self-care

and stress management, especially with the exam period only a day away. It was a meaningful way to end the term, leaving everyone more grounded and relaxed.



Mathematics

Students from Daramalan College took part in the 2025 Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition, which builds problem-solving and algorithmic thinking skills. Designed by experts, the CAT features multi-stage tasks and requires no coding experience. It is open to all Maths students and supports interest in programming. Congratulations to the following students who received awards.

First Name	Surname	Year	Award
Ricky	Best	7	CREDIT
Amy	Han	7	CREDIT
Nathaniel	Keeley	7	CREDIT
Emily	Laverty	7	CREDIT
Alexandra	Linardakis	7	CREDIT
Ellie	Mair	7	CREDIT
Sam	Norfor	7	CREDIT
Jessica	Thadyus Raja	7	CREDIT
Benjamin	Tierney	7	CREDIT
Harrison	Harvey	8	CREDIT
Blake	Meadley	8	CREDIT
Andrew	Pham	8	CREDIT
Jensen	Smithers	8	CREDIT

Thomas	Anderson	9	CREDIT
Angus	Ferndale	9	CREDIT
Benjamin	Cowan	9	CREDIT
Daniel	Goodwin	9	CREDIT
Matthew	Spavins	9	CREDIT
Patricia	Sukardi	9	CREDIT
Thomas	Beeton	10	CREDIT
Thaineo	Chamtaprieo	10	CREDIT
Sam	Green	10	CREDIT
Alexander	Hargreave	10	CREDIT
Hunter	Harrison	10	CREDIT
Thor	Hauberg	10	CREDIT
Michael	Howlett	10	CREDIT
Evelyn	Nicholls	10	CREDIT
Rachel	Nicol	10	CREDIT
Luci	Polegubic	10	CREDIT
Kiran	Isbister	11	CREDIT
Thomas	Neighbour	11	CREDIT
Hayley	Parkinson	11	CREDIT
Alexander	Charles	12	CREDIT
Lidia	Swiderski	12	CREDIT
Ben	Carton	8	DISTINCTION
Augie	Walsh	10	DISTINCTION
Sean	Loney	11	HIGH DISTINCTION

Hospitality

Hospitality Parent Dinner

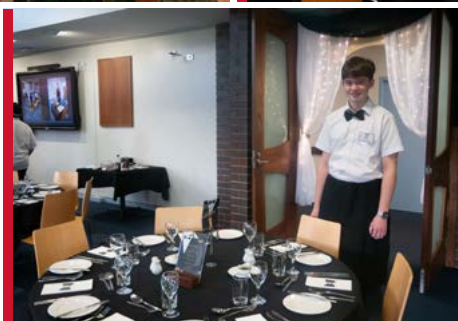
On Thursday 15 May, our Year 12 Hospitality students hosted the annual Parent Dinner. This year's theme was James Bond Casino Royale. The restaurant space was styled to match the theme and welcome guests for an evening of good food and entertainment.

The event formed part of the student's assessment, they came up with different theme ideas, from Winter Wonderland to Formula One Racing, and then voted on the final concept. The winning theme was Casino Royale. Year 12 students were responsible for planning the menu, decorations and entertainment, developing their leadership and teamwork skills along the way.

Our Year 11 students played a key role in preparing and cooking a three-course meal, supported by three of our Year 12 students. The menu featured twice-cooked pork belly with seared scallops, supreme of chicken with sautéed mushrooms, fillet of beef with café de Paris butter, and a lime and vanilla petit gâteau for dessert.

The evening wasn't just about great food and good service, guests also enjoyed James Bond themed trivia and live music performed by our very own singing waiter, **Gilbert Almond** (Year 12), who played guitar in between table service. A huge thank you to Gilbert for entertaining our guests.

The evening was a chance for families, staff and students to come together and recognise the efforts and achievements of our Year 12 students.



Visual Arts

Specialised Visual Art and Photography Sale

On Thursday 5 June, **Isla Brazel** (Year 11), **Samantha Rankin**, **Ted Krupka**, **Michael Casey**, **Abigail Kenna**, **Alessia Montefiore Gardner** (Year 12), and I had the opportunity to participate in an Art Sale in McCowage Hall as part of our study in the BSSS Specialised Art unit, Entrepreneurship in Visual Arts/Photography.

The event was the result of months of experimentation, development and refining of our artworks, created with the intention to sell. For the day, I produced a hand-

thrown ceramic stall titled **Chloe's Tableware**, showcasing the work I've developed this semester while learning to use the pottery wheel.

The event not only allowed us to celebrate each other's growth, either learning new skills or developing current ones, but also gave us the chance to share our art with a wider audience, including family, friends and staff. I would like to thank all the Visual Art staff who helped with the sale, especially **Ms Jo Howard** and **Ms Emma Durant**, for their guidance and support with producing everyone's works, and **Mr Simon Van Meurs** for all his work helping me with my ceramics.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Art Sale!

Chloe Fothergill (Year 12)



Visual Arts

Year 10 Art Exhibitions: In Another Life and Stages of Life

As their final semester one assignment, Year 10 Art students presented two dynamic exhibitions in McCowage Hall. Based on their individual interests and research, the class divided into two groups, each creating a unique exhibition: In Another Life and Stages of Life. This unit is designed to immerse students in the broader arts industry, offering hands-on experience with the various roles involved in bringing an exhibition to life.

Inspired by the Modern art period, In Another Life explored themes of emotions, false reality, metaphorical situations and the reality of the student's world. The successful and constructive collaboration between the two curators, **Abby Thompson** and **Hugo Pochi**, led to a large and exciting exhibition that was interested in

reflecting the concerns of the Modern art period. Each student artist engaged in the theme by incorporating challenging concepts and aesthetic aspects while communicating ideas relevant to today's world. Their artworks tackle contemporary issues viewed from the students' perspective and, through their lens, show how these issues affect them, their everyday life and their inner emotions.

Inspired by the Postmodern art period and its diverse movements, such as Pop Art and Photorealism, Stages of Life was successfully and beautifully curated by **Lola White**. The artworks in this exhibition engaged with ideas of personal growth, memory and identity. The students' aim, to capture a singular quality or moment in the journey of life, from self-discovery to introspection and celebration.

Together, these exhibitions highlight the creativity, insight, and technical skill of Year 10 Art students, marking an impressive culmination of their learning journey thus far.



Performing Arts

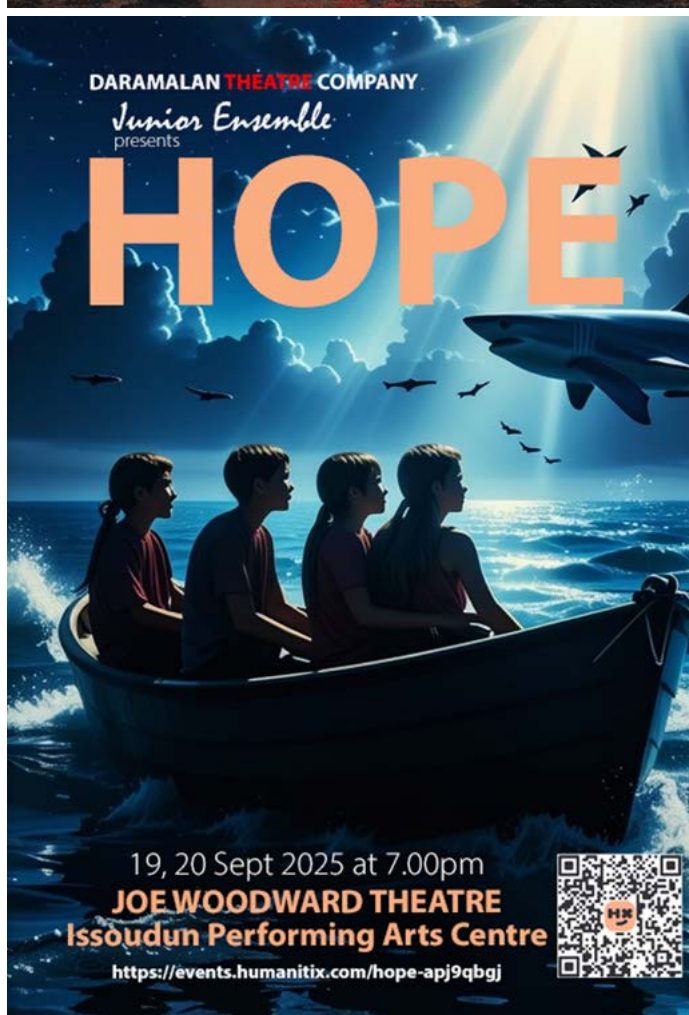
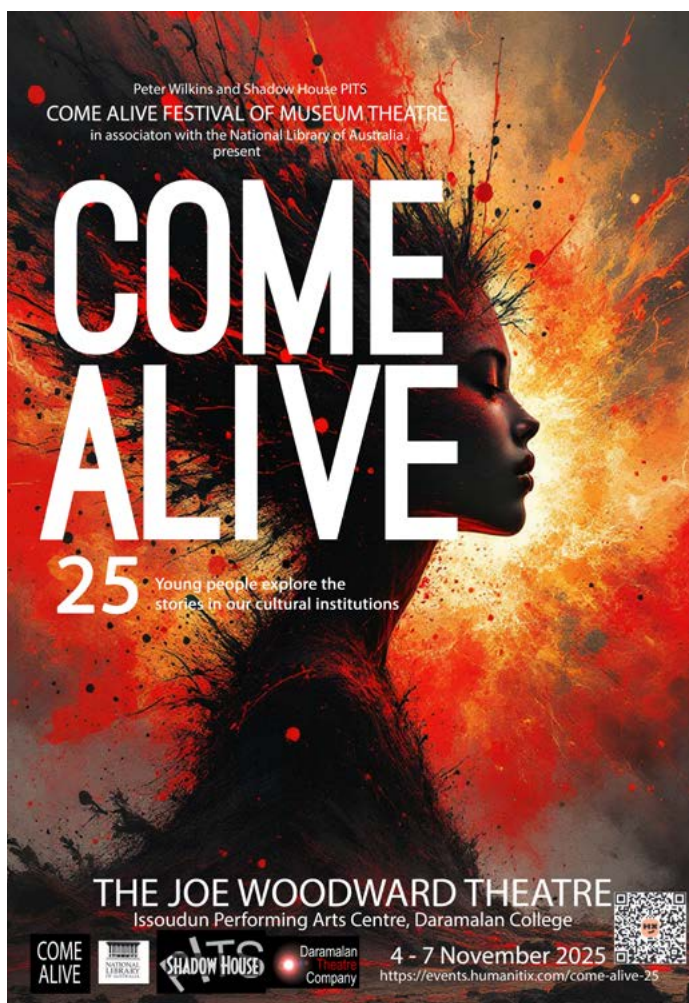
Auditions and Drama Intensive Camp

After our highly successful production of *Romeo and Juliet* in May, Daramalan Theatre Company is now full steam ahead for some great performances of three new works.

The Daramalan Theatre Company Junior Ensemble had auditions over a weekend for their soon-to-be production of *HOPE*, playing in the Joe Woodward Theatre on **Friday 19 September** and **Saturday 20 September**. This is a student created work by young people in Years 7 and 8 with assistance from some talented Year 9 students and under the Production Direction of **Ms Maddie Ward** and facilitation from Year 12 student, **Alex Best**.

MIDNIGHT, The Cinderella Musical had auditions over the weekend. Over 25 students will be engaged in this fun and exciting musical with its ACT premiere at Daramalan. The auditions showed just how much diverse talent there is at Daramalan. **Ms Angela Dunn** will be taking the helm as Director and Musical Director with **Ms Jessica Haynes** as Choreographer, **Ms Hilda Visser-Scott** as Lead Musician and **Ms Annette Brady** as Production Manager. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of next term. Keep an eye out for this as I am sure they will sell fast.

The COME ALIVE Festival of Museum Theatre will be held at Daramalan in the Joe Woodward Theatre this year in November. At least 10 schools from the ACT and southern NSW areas will be presenting works based on research and cultural significance. Because we are hosts this year, we are placing more emphasis on the development of high-quality theatre. Our casts for the three short works to be developed are attending an intensive Drama camp at Burrill Pines over the holidays. Teachers and students show amazing commitment at Daramalan in devoting down time and holiday time to creative and artistic development. We welcome **Ms Maddie Ward** to be part of our team along with **Ms Annette Brady** and **Mr Joe Woodward**.



Choir

Choir Success at Forbes Eisteddfod

Seventeen brave members of our Choir set off for Forbes with a frosty start on Wednesday 18 June. Not all members could attend due to the exam period. Accompanied by **Ms Hilda Visser-Scott** and chauffeured by **Mr David Kurthi**, the Choir entered three sections. Each section required the Choir to sing two contrasting works. The Daramalan Choir won the High School Championship and sang confidently. The smaller vocal ensemble sang in the 3 to 9 Voices Category and also received a First-Place score. We were the only participants in the Open Choir section to finish off the competition and managed to sing well enough to qualify for the First-Place in this section also.

The students conducted themselves very well and were a credit to the College.

Ms Angela Dunn – Daramalan Choir Conductor

1000 Voices for Reconciliation – Choir at Parliament House

The Daramalan Choir had the honour of participating in the 1000 Voices for Reconciliation event in the Great Hall at Parliament House on **Friday 30 May** during Reconciliation Week.

This event was attended by Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn, Australia's Governor General, who gave a very moving speech. Other Senators attended. Many choirs from Canberra's Colleges and adult choral groups participated, plus a choir from the Northern Territory. Members of the online OZY Choir also came from all over Australia to participate in this event.

Two First Nations speakers gave heartfelt messages of their strong desire for true reconciliation. Two reconciliation songs were sung beautifully by the complete yarning circle which we participated in and the event was covered by ABC media. Thank you to all of our students who participated so well and to **Ms Hilda Visser-Scott** and **Mr Michael Jackson** for accompanying us on this day.

Ms Angela Dunn - Daramalan Choir Conductor



Dance

Wakakirri 2025 - Beyond the Mirror

Over 60 Daramalan actors and dancers from Years 7-12 have been working hard throughout Term 2 preparing for this year's Wakakirri performance. With rehearsals now taking place in the Joe Woodward Theatre, students are bringing the final touches to their performance as we approach show night at the Canberra Theatre on **Tuesday 5 August**.

This year's Wakakirri theme is **Mind Over Matter: Tales of Inner Strength**. Our performance, titled **Beyond the Mirror**, tells the story of a young girl navigating the emotional weight of bullying and personal struggles. In a dreamlike world she encounters Mulan and Princess Fiona, two iconic fairytale characters, who represent courage, resilience and self-acceptance. Their stories help her confront her fears and realise that true strength comes from within. We can all learn to look beyond the mirror to see what we are really capable of!

Tickets go on sale **Friday 27 June** at 10am via the Canberra Theatre Centre website or [Tickets | Wakakirri](#). Please come and support our amazing students in this inspiring performance!



Basketball

Best of luck to **Chase Obranovic** (Year 9), who will be representing the ACT at the 2025 U16 National Championships, hosted by Basketball Australia in Bendigo, Victoria. The tournament will run from **Sunday 6 July to Sunday 13 July**, bringing together some of the best young Basketball talent from across the country. We wish Chase the very best of luck as he takes on this exciting challenge—we'll be cheering him on every step of the way!



Closer to home, our Daramalan Sports Centre was a hub of activity last weekend as we hosted a series of Basketball games. The atmosphere was fantastic, with great energy from players, coaches and supporters alike.



Rugby Union

Daramalan Shines at ACT Schools Rugby Union 7's Gala Day

Daramalan College proudly represented at the ACT Schools Rugby Union 7's Gala Day, fielding four strong teams across various age groups. It was a day full of exciting matches, outstanding performances, and three teams returning with silverware.



Years 7 - 8 Girls

It was a milestone moment for the College as we entered a Year 7-8 Girls team made up entirely of current Under 14 players. The team has shown remarkable growth over the past few months, and their performances on the day highlighted their enormous potential for the future of girls' Rugby at Daramalan.

Years 7 - 8 Boys

The junior boys' team went undefeated throughout

the day. **Mr Sean Connachie** praised their skill, determination and composure under pressure. Several come-from-behind victories demonstrated the boys' resilience and growing Rugby IQ.

Years 9 - 10 Boys

The Year 9-10 team dominated their competition, with many of their tries coming from long-range efforts after multiple phases. Their cohesion and teamwork stood out, and it was fantastic to see the group come together to produce such impressive Rugby.

Senior Boys

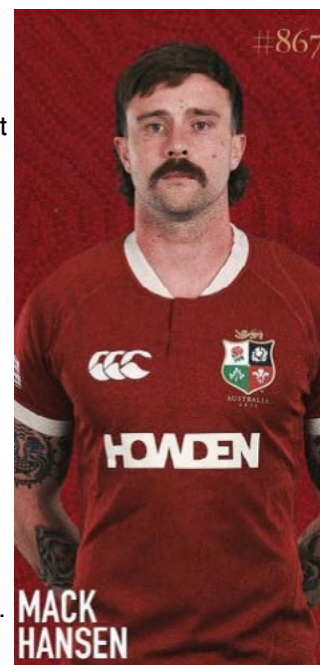
Despite starting the day with a few players short, the senior boys rallied together and won all their games, including a thrilling Grand Final victory over Erindale College. Composed of players from various senior teams, they displayed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship, representing the College with pride.

Overall, it was a hugely successful day for Daramalan Rugby. The College now looks ahead to defending its titles at the upcoming Regional Championships in August.

Daramalan Graduate Mack Hansen Debuts for the British and Irish Lions

Daramalan College is proud to celebrate the extraordinary achievement of former student **Mack Hansen (Class of 2016)**, who was named in the British and Irish Lions squad, wearing the number 23 jersey to take on Argentina last weekend. This marks a major milestone in Mack's already impressive Rugby career and a moment of immense pride for the Daramalan community.

After graduating in 2016, Mack continued to pursue his passion for Rugby, playing for the Gungahlin Eagles, where his talent and commitment quickly stood out. He soon earned selection in the Australian U20s squad, showcasing his skills on the international stage.



In a bold move that changed the course of his career, Mack relocated to Ireland to join Connacht Rugby, one of the four professional provincial teams in Irish Rugby. His electric pace, creative flair, and fearless approach to the game earned him a place in the Irish national team, where he made an immediate impact. Mack represented Ireland at the 2023 Rugby World Cup, becoming a fan favourite and a standout performer.

Now, Mack has reached another elite tier of Rugby excellence: selection for the British and Irish Lions, one of the most prestigious honours in world Rugby. His inclusion in the Lions' match-day squad to face Argentina is not just a personal triumph but a moment of inspiration for students, staff and alumni at Daramalan.

Mack's journey—from school fields in Canberra to the world's biggest Rugby stages—serves as a reminder of what dedication, resilience and belief can achieve. His story continues to inspire current students to dream big and pursue their goals, both on and off the field.

Rugby Union Cont...

The entire Daramalan community extends its congratulations to Mack and wishes him every success as he embarks on this exciting new chapter in his career.

Halfway Through the Season – Plenty to Celebrate!

As we wrap up Round 7 of the ACT Junior Rugby Union competition, we mark the halfway point of the season with plenty of wins, valuable lessons, and a great deal of fun. It's been fantastic to see the joy and enthusiasm at training sessions and on game days, with players continuing to develop both on and off the field.

Looking ahead, we've got a few exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss. Make sure to mark these special days in your calendar:

Round 9 – T.A.T Building Group Charity Round



DARA RUGBY CLUB

MID-SEASON WRAP UP

TRIES SCORED: 358
TOTAL CLUB POINTS: 2196
LEADING POINTS: EVELYN WALKER 16G (74)
LEADING TRY SCORER: LACEY AYERS 14G (11)

(Saturday 26 July)

We are proud to once again host the T.A.T Building Group Charity Round, featuring our much-loved Try Tally and a day of fundraising for a selected local charity. Over the past two years, the club has raised over \$6,000 to support important causes, and this year we're aiming to go even bigger and better. Let's come together as a community to make a difference.

Round 12 – Volunteers Round (Saturday 16 August)

In our first-ever Volunteers Round, we'll be celebrating the incredible contributions of the people who keep our club running – from coaches and managers to BBQ crews and first aiders. Please join us on the day to recognise and thank all those who give so generously of their time and energy to support our players and the wider Rugby community.

As we head into the break, thank you for being part of what continues to be a fantastic season. We look forward to seeing you all back on the field, refreshed and ready to finish the season strong!

Photos from State Championships



Snow Sports

Daramalan Snowsports Kicks Off the 2025 Season

Daramalan College's Snowsports program launched its 2025 season with a fantastic day trip to Perisher on Saturday 14 June. A group of 28 enthusiastic students and parents hit the slopes, joined by staff members **Mr Dean Parkes**, **Mr James Keeley** and **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick**.

With clear blue skies, mild temperatures and solid early-season snow coverage, the group made the most of the great conditions across both skiing and snowboarding. Spirits were high all day as students carved up the terrain, reconnected with friends, and built confidence on the mountain.

This first trip of the season set a positive tone, with plenty of excitement building for upcoming day trips. For those competing in the Interschools Snowsports Championships in Week 1 next term, it was a great opportunity to refresh and begin sharpening their skills.

Thanks to everyone involved for making it such an enjoyable and memorable day — a brilliant start to another season on the snow.



Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

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

Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor

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

Course Guides

2025 course information guides for most institutions are available in the Careers Hub. Students can drop in and help themselves. These are continually updated throughout the year as they become available.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 28 June UOW Open Day – see UOW website for details
Monday 21 July ACU Guarantee applications open
Wednesday 30 July UOW lunchtime presentation
Thursday 31 July ACU lunchtime presentation
Thursday 31 July CSU Early bird Round 1 applications close
Sunday 17 August UC Early Offer applications close

Let's Locate Canberra 2025

Monday 14 July – Friday 18 July

Calling all local Year 10, 11 and 12 students. If you're interested in geography, mapping and getting outdoors, check out the 'Let's Locate' school holiday program! Over 5 action-packed days, you'll dive into the world of geospatial, mapping and urban planning. You'll get hands-on experience with the latest technology, learn fascinating mapping skills, and discover the diverse career paths for geospatial professionals and urban planners here in the ACT. Registrations close on **Sunday 29 June**. [For more info, or to register your interest visit the website.](#)

First Aid for Teens Courses Running These School Holidays!

St John Ambulance ACT are excited to be running two First Aid for Teens courses during the Term Two school holidays. St John ACT believe in the importance of everyone feeling prepared and confident to act in an emergency, and young people are no exception. The course is available to students aged 13-17 and is fully accredited. Students will finish the day with a new set of life skills, as well as a tangible qualification they can add to their resume.

Date: **Tuesday 8 July or Monday 14 July**

Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm

Location: 14 Thesiger Court, Deakin

Cost: \$190.00

Students from Daramalan College are able to access a 15% discount when booking the course by using the code SCHOOL15.

Courses can be booked online using [this link](#).

UC Early Offer Scheme – Now Open

If you are a current Year 12 student applying to UC for undergraduate study next year, you could receive an early admission offer under the Early Offer Scheme using criteria other than your ATAR. [See here for more information.](#)

NECA School Holiday Program January 2026

Please see attached the flyer for the next NECA School Holiday Program which will be delivered **Sunday 19 January - Thursday 23 January 2026**. This is for the information of students aged 16 and over. Year 12 students leaving school this year will be considered.

ACU EVENTS 2025

Discover Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy at ACU Canberra is a special event for 2025 – 9:00am - 12:00pm, **Wednesday 9 July**.

Students interested in these brand-new courses at the Canberra campus can attend this event to try these courses with hands-on workshops and opportunities to chat with staff and current students.

Bookings are also open for our other future student events including campus tours and discipline guided visits on campus, and for our webinars online. Students and their families can find out more at <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events>

ACU Open Day on the Canberra campus will be 11am - 2pm on **Saturday 13 September**. There will also be Open Day events on all our campuses from July to September 2025. Students can register their interest to receive updates from the university about these events and other important information at <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/register-your-interest>

Charles Sturt Advantage (Early Offer) Applications Now Open

Round 1 - Early bird applications close **Thursday 31 July** and offers will be made from Monday 1 September. [Students Apply Here](#)

Southern Cross University

The SCU [Early Offer](#) program applications are open for 2026. This program allows students to gain entry into a Southern Cross University degree before their final Year 12 results are released.

UAC 2026 Applications

Domestic UAC applications for 2026 are now open. [Download application key dates](#)

Educational Access Scheme

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) helps UAC applicants who have encountered significant educational challenges. It gives them the opportunity to have their circumstances taken into account when institutions select applicants for courses. For assistance with EAS applications please contact **Ms Annette Brady**.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Information on the Schools Recommendation Scheme will be provided in Term 3.

WEP Australia Student Exchange

WEP Australia is pleased to announce a special promotion for all students enrolled in ACT schools. Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Work Experience

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

Careers News Cont...

Contact careers@daramalan.act.edu.au for more information.

News and resources from Work Study Grow

Guides for students and families

[Early Entry Guide 2025](#)

[Gap Year Guide](#)

[Open Days Guide](#)

[High school subject selection – A guide for parents](#)

[Why work experience matters for your future](#)

Work experience can show you what careers actually involve, helping you make informed decisions about your future.

[The 7 best time management apps for students](#)

Struggling with juggling multiple commitments? We've put together a list of the 7 best time management apps for students.

[10 jobs for people who love reading](#)

Love getting lost in a good book? There are heaps of jobs out there where your love of reading can really pay off. Here's 10 of the best.

Free Money

[Bond University Sport Scholarships](#)

Among the most generous in Australia, these scholarships provide a combination of tuition remission and cash bursaries to help students balance their sporting goals with their university studies.

[Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition 2025](#)

For almost a decade, Australia Zoo's Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition has encouraged the conservation of wildlife and wild places through photography.

[Horizon Academic Essay Prize](#)

The objective of the Horizon Academic Essay Prize is to push young students to critically engage with the world around them.

[Macquarie Cooperative Education Program in Actuarial Studies](#)

Macquarie's Actuarial Studies Co-op Program is a highly competitive full-time honours degree.



NECA TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS
National electrical and communications association

NECA Electrical Apprenticeships Electrical Industry Holiday Program

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) is running a **FREE** Electrical Industry Introductory Program in the 2025/26 Christmas Holidays.

Thinking of an Electrical Apprenticeship in 2026?

This Program may be your head start into an electrical industry career...

- Theory & Practical Training
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When: 19–23 January, 2026
Where: NECA Centre, 49 Tennant St, Fyshwick
 02 6280 6533 or Courses-act@neca.asn.au
Award: The Program includes nationally accredited Units of Competency. Students who successfully complete the Program will receive a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment for the Units of Competency completed.

You can pay and pick up your cards at Reception or [order online!](#)



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

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Australian National Character Check	Hamza	www.australiannationalcharactercheck.com.au
CBR Recruitment	Adam Kowalski	www.cbrrecruitment.com.au
Cedar Husk Café	Nathan	https://www.instagram.com/cedarhusk/
Corver and Co Chartered Accountants	Trevor Corver	www.corverandco.com.au
Element Building Projects	Dennis and Aldona Stravopodis	www.elementbuildingprojects.com.au
Feisty Fox Security	Anna	www.feistyfoxsecurity.com
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
OAUM Securities	Obieze (Obi) Moneke	www.oaum.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 Canberra		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	www.snowdropsocialmedia.com.au
The Athlete's Foot	Ashleigh Hogan	www.theathletesfoot.com.au
The Corner Market	Katherine Olmos	kvolmos@bigpond.com
The Energy People	Alex Morrison	www.energypeople.com.au

Do you own a business and want to support the local community?

Consider advertising your services to the larger Daramalan community.

We are excited to announce our Term 1 Special! For just \$70, your business will be featured on the school and Alumni website until the end of the financial year. Additionally, your business will be highlighted in Daranews, the school's monthly newsletter, and on our Alumni social media platforms, which have over 5,000 followers.

All funds raised from annual subscriptions will be donated to the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund to support eligible families whose situation would exclude them from giving their child an MSC education.

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