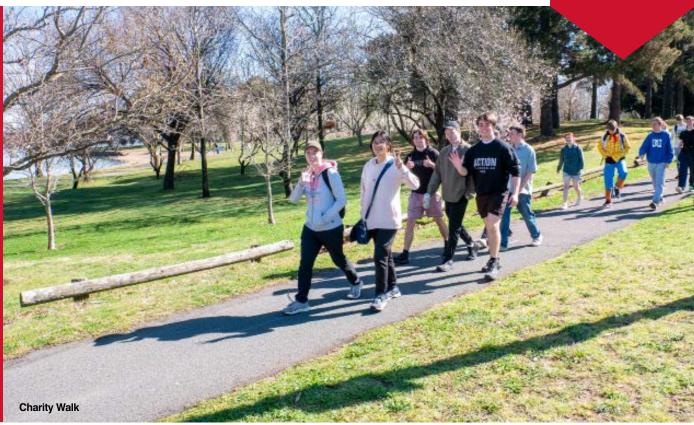
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11 October

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13 October

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19-21 October

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24 October

Chevalier Day

27 October

Music Performance Evening

30 - 31 October

Year 7 Immunisations

31 October

6:00pm Visual Arts Exhibition Opening

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From the Principal



Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As the term comes to an end there has been no shortage of activity and buzz about the College. Over the past few weeks, Years 8, 9 and 10 have participated in

their Reflection Days, the DaraSevens competition was a hard fought and tightly contested intellectual battle in the final between O'Brien and Goolagong, we celebrated National Health and PE Day, as well as Multicultural week with a range of activities, checked in with each other on RUOK? day, and of course, embraced the wonderful community day that was our Charity Walk. I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of Term 3, and I am sure if the year so far is anything to go by, we will soon be at the end of another school year, wondering where the time has disappeared to.

As you read this edition of Daranews,

I will be in London accompanying our Senior Literature Tour alongside Ms Caitlin Semmler and Mr Matt Maggs. This term break, we will have four tours providing unique experiences for our students beyond the classroom. Our thanks are extended to each of the staff members who have given up all or part of their break to provide these opportunities to our students. Ms Heike Craig, Ms Janette Kline and Mr Matt Creswell who are accompanying the German Language students to Germany; Ms Waka Burridge, Ms Katelyn Riepon and Mr Steve Carroll who are travelling with our Japanese Language students to Japan; and Ms Jane Waddleton and Mr Callum Brown who will be travelling with our students to central Australia as part of the Red Earth Immersion.

Last Friday we had the pleasure of announcing our 2026 Student Leaders at our whole-school Leadership Assembly. The Leaders announced join a rich history of outstanding leaders who have served the Daramalan community. I would like to acknowledge all of the students who applied and put

themselves forward to be considered for a leadership position in 2026, be it as a Peer Support Leader, House Captain, Portfolio or College Captain. As I mentioned on the day, we are truly blessed as a community to have the depth of talent and willingness of our students who value and take on these roles. To those students who were not successful in obtaining a formal leadership role, know that leadership exists across all facets of our community and you do not need to hold a formal leadership position to lead. The full list of our 2026 Leaders can be found later in this edition of Daranews.

Yesterday the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn farewelled Bishop Pat Power who passed away on Monday 15 September. Bishop Pat was a remarkable and humble man, not unlike the founder of the MSC Fr Jules Chevalier, who spent his life advocating for those in not only the Canberra community, but the global community, who were marginalised or could not advocate for themselves. Bishop Pat spent his final three years of his secondary schooling at Chevalier College in Bowral, our sister MSC school, and was a good friend of Daramalan and the wider MSC community. Throughout his life there were times when Bishop Pat's advocacy placed him at odds with not only leaders in the Church, but also politicians including Prime Ministers. Graham Downie's article published in the Canberra Times last week provides a snapshot and reflection on Bishop Pat's life which I encourage you to take a few moments to read. Canberra's Pat Power: champion of compassion and change I The Canberra Times I Canberra, ACT . Mr James Keeley, Ms Amy Thomas and our 2025 Mission Captain, Natalie Gordon and 2026 Social Justice Captain, James Clarke, attended Bishop Pat's funeral yesterday on behalf of the College community.

Each and every day I see examples of unassuming, servant leadership, just as Fr Chevalier envisaged when he established the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and were lived by the late Bishop Pat Power, through the actions of our students, staff and wider community. From the House and Social Justice Group fundraising and raising awareness, sleeping out for the Vinnies Sleepout, walking around Lake Burley Griffin as part of the Charity Walk, through to coming along on a weekend to support the College's sporting teams as they reach the finals in their respective sports, I am constantly humbled by the capacity of our community to live and truly epitomise our MSC ethos and charism.

At our Leadership assembly, we recognised four of our unassuming leaders through the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards and the ADF Future Innovator Awards.

These awards were presented by Lieutenant Cartrena Bury. Congratulations to the recipients of the Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork, Sophie Neighbour (Year 12) and Ella Higginbotham (Year 10), and the ADF Future Innovator Award, Samantha Crispe (Year 12) and Ebenezer Arthur (Year 10). The assembly also provided an opportunity for the Jazz Band to showcase their amazing talents for the entire school community and, with this, create a celebratory and upbeat atmosphere in the Sports Centre. In addition to this, I was able to acknowledge and present two of our students with Principal Awards in recognition of their Australian representation: Harry Clark (Hockey) and Zoe Quigley (Oztag).

Charity Walk

On Friday 12 September we were able to hold our annual Charity Walk around Lake Burley Griffin which finished again this year at the College Rowing Shed before students were transported back to the College. The monies raised through donations will be distributed to two charities: MacKillop House and St Nick's Young Carers Program. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Steve Carroll, Ms Yvonne Turnbull and the College Maintenance Team in bringing together the day. We were also joined by a number of parent volunteers who enabled our day to be the success that it was. Our thanks are also extended to the P&F Committee who once again have supported the event through their generous donation to cover the costs of the day. There is still an opportunity to donate. Donations can still be made through Qkr!. We will be presenting the monies raised to our two charities at our assembly early next term.

Year 12 AST Examinations

I would like to commend the Year 12 Tertiary students on the manner in which they sat their AST Examinations on Tuesday 26 August and Wednesday 27 August. The feedback from the external supervisors was that they were once again extremely impressed by the maturity of our students. The students were positive and upbeat both before and after the exams. Our thanks are extended to the Pastoral Team who were on hand to provide the traditional breakfasts each morning which contributed to the positive and community feeling amongst the group. I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Heike Craig and Mr Nic Whatman in ensuring that the students were well-prepared for the exams. A large number of our students have since received early offers to university, however, it was pleasing to observe that the students still recognised the significance that these exams play in the two-year process towards the calculation of an ATAR.





2026 Enrolments

We have a significant number of families seeking places in each of our year groups for 2026 where there are currently no vacancies. If your child is currently in Years 7-11, and will not be returning to Daramalan next year, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can assist other families. Please do this by notifying the Registrar, **Ms Damaris Brown**, via the email enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au

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

Student Leave Requests including School Sport ACT Representation

A reminder for families that should a student need to be away for 5 or more school days for reasons other than sickness, prior approval from the Principal must be sought in writing via a letter or an email. This includes where a student is absent due to their participation in representative sporting teams and competitions. I have been made aware that the email communication from School Sport ACT indicates that the College has provided approval in relation to individual student representation and their associated absences. Whilst the College approves a student as being eligible for selection, we are not provided with a list of students who have been successful in being selected or the dates of competitions. It is important, therefore, for us to best support our students in their assessment and learning, as well as meeting our legal obligations under the Education Act, that families request leave for their student to attend these competitions. The request needs to be submitted in sufficient time so that arrangements regarding missed schoolwork and assessment can be made. The preferred email address for such requests is principal@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Students in Years 11 and 12 should be aware that there are strict requirements for attendance stipulated by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies in order for students to gain credit for a unit of work. Any extended absences from

school may have an impact on the student's ability to be assessed even if all the assessment tasks for the unit are completed. Students should seek advice from the Assistant Principal - Curriculum Years 11-12, **Mr Ben Stein**, prior to making plans to miss any school days.

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

As the term draws to a close, 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 not to park on the nature strips or verges along Morphett 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.

Dickson Tradies Club Redevelopment

Families may have read in the media over the past few weeks that the Dickson Tradies Club is looking at redeveloping their site over the coming years to incorporate approximately 600 apartments, underground parking, retail and hospitality spaces, a common green area and an expanded Tradies Club. The details of the development application can be viewed through the following link <u>Development Application</u> no. 202544071 - City and Environment Directorate - Planning. The College has hosted the two recent public consultation sessions held on Wednesday 17 September and Monday

22 September, where the architects for the project, Stewart





Architects and representatives from the Tradies Club were able to answer questions posed by members of the public and the Dickson Residents Group. Information about the project can also be found on the Dickson Residents Group website Public Forums - Tradies Masterplan, Current Stage 1 DA - Dickson Residents Group. Public representations and feedback relating to the DA which has been submitted to the ACT Government for the first stage of the project closes on Wednesday 1 October. Members of the College Executive have had the opportunity to meet with the architects and representatives of the Tradies Club on two occasions to hear how the project may impact the College.

Garratt Refurbishment and Term 4 Uniform Expectations

As was communicated to families previously, work commenced on the refurbishment of the Garratt Sports Centre Changeroom and Staff areas on Monday 1 September. The works are progressing extremely well, and I would like to acknowledge our builders, TPC, for their responsiveness and professionalism. Thank you to those students who have worn their correct sports uniform on those days when they have scheduled PE classes. I would like to remind families when students do not have a scheduled PE practical class, they should be wearing their full Summer uniform. Black, leather, lace-up shoes are to be worn in accordance with subject safety requirements, in Science, Food Technology/Hospitality, Metal Technology, Timber Technology and iSTEM classes. Students will be required to bring the prescribed footwear to school, change into it for the duration of these classes, and revert to PE-appropriate shoes upon their conclusion. Those students who are not studying PE in Semester 2 are expected to be wearing their Summer uniform each day.

A reminder for those students who are participating in afterschool sports training that they will need to access the College bathrooms if they need to change clothing for training.

The College Uniform Shop opening hours for the holiday period can be found on the College Website at <u>Uniform Shop</u> for those families who may need to purchase new items of Summer uniform.

Holiday Hours

During the holiday period from **Monday 29 September – Friday 10 October**, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, other than Public Holidays. If you leave messages for staff by email or phone, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on **Monday 13 October** at 8.45am.

Please note that Reception will also be <u>closed on Thursday 2 October due to a scheduled power outage</u>. This may affect access to some platforms, including Daranet, during that time.

Staffing

We will have a small number of staff changes at the end of this term. We extend our thanks to Mr Bill Phelan who will once again be resuming his retirement at the end of this term. We also wish Mr Mikey Dimuantes all the best for the future as he completes his contract at the College. At the start of Term 4, we will be welcoming back Ms Anne Brown from her leave and thank Ms Ellen Canfield for her work as acting English Coordinator for the term and also Ms Caitlin Semmler for her work as acting Assistant English Coordinator. We will be welcoming back Ms Sally Bunday to our Counselling team following her parental leave. Also returning from their leave in Term 3 are Mr David James, Ms Mary Blythe and Ms Tina Watson who was on leave for the second half of the term. I would also like to thank Ms Gianna Gaspari (Merrick PCA), Mr Gerard Beattie (RE Coordinator) and Mr Matt Creswell (Assistant RE Coordinator) who have stepped into acting positions at various times this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that the College has completed the recruitment process for our Chief Operating Officer (formerly known as the College Business Manager) who will commence in 2026. **Mr Ian Garrity** has been appointed to the position, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Ian back to the College in this role. Ian is currently the Deputy Principal at St Edmund's College and has previously held the Deputy and Assistant Principal positions both here at Daramalan and at St Clare's College. Ian's experience in Catholic and Independent schools make him an invaluable asset to our Executive team and the broader College community.



Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

All of the players, coaches, managers, umpires and volunteers who were recognised at the recent Winter Sport Presentation Evenings. Each of these evenings were a wonderful celebration of the seasons that have just come to a close. I urge you to read more about these evenings in the Sports Section of this edition of Daranews. I would like to thank the Convenors of our Winter sports for their work in ensuring that the seasons were successes: Mr John Gale (Basketball), Mr Stuart Dix (Hockey), Ms Bernadette Ross (Netball), and Mr Ben McGee (Rugby Union). I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their weekends to support our SnowSport students this season: Mr James Keeley, Mr Dean Parkes, Mr Brendan Collis, Ms Sophie Peacock and Ms Eve Fitzpatrick.

Denzel Veikune (Year 12) on his selection as a member of the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union squad who will play Fiji in the coming weeks here in Canberra.

Llandan Vergano (Year 12) who has been selected as a member of the Australian U20 Men's Netball squad to tour Singapore in January.

Harry Clark (Year 9) on his selection as a member of the ACT Hockey Emerging Performance squad in addition to his selection as a member of the School Sport All Australian squad.

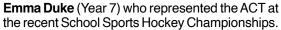
Tomas Spoljaric and Beerworth (Year 7) on their selections as members of the ACT 12&U Netball squad competing at the National Championships in October.

Eli Casey, Lachlan Higginbotham (Year 8) and **Neve Luckie** (Year 10) on their respective selection and recognition as NSW Merit students following the Oztag Champion of Champion tournament.

Ella Higginbotham (Year 10) on her selection as a member of the U15 NSW squad for the State of Origin Oztag series against Queensland this month.

Ruby Budd (Year 11) who has been umpiring at the Masters Games Netball competition.

Olivia Eveston (Year 9) who represented the ACT in Calisthenics at the National competition in Adelaide during the July holidays.



Rachel Giason (Year 8), Eliza Lawton (Year 10) and Oliver Lawton (Year 7) who recently competed as members of the ACT team at the Cross Country Championships on the

Gold Coast.

Maddison Bartle, Stella Pack, Brooke Reardon, Lachlan Eastburn (Year 8), Kobe Walsh (Year 9), Addison Fordham and Ryley Power (Year 10) who will travel to Ballarat at the end of next month to compete as members of the ACT squad at the Combined Touch Football Championships.













Lucas Korab (Year 11) whose team was shortlisted to present their product pitch at the Canberra Innovation Network at the ANU.

Rachel Nicol (Year 10) who recently competed at the Forbes Eisteddfod in the Dance categories.

The Choir who also competed at the Forbes Eisteddfod and received a second place in the Duo-Trio section and were Highly Commended in the Championship section.

The String Ensemble who won their section at the recent Wagga Eisteddfod.

I wish our students, staff and families a relaxing and a restful holiday break and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 13 October.

Best wishes,



Rachel Davies

Principal













Leadership Assembly

2026 College Captains

Ruby Holden Rory Arneman







Arts and Culture Laura Green



EnvironmentChelsea Delteza Patriarca



Mission Roy Halliday



Social Justice James Clarke



Sport Archie Edwards



Community and Connection Allegra Pangallo

| Captain | | | |
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| Sean Loney Tahli Milin | | | |
| Cooper Power Charlotte Allan | | | |
| Max Randall Eloise Smith | | | |
| Liam Inwood Emma Prail | | | |
| Alicia Villena Joseph Modun | | | |
| James Barwell Lucy Blacker | | | |
| Isabelle Baldock Cael Heenan | | | |
| Lucy Field Wilson Tomasz Williams | | | |
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Peer Support Leaders

Cuthbert

Alessandro Agnello Jack Gilligan Alexander Laverty Amelia Matchett Samantha O'Neill Carla Sarri

Farrer

Madeleine Butcher Oscar Haig Gabriella Iglewski Ava Schroedl Ashton Stanhope Claire Woodin

Goolagong

Angus Ferndale Makayla Mapako Kobe McInerney Victoria Seymour Abigail Smith Lachlan Wyeth

Lawson

Esther Adie Cameron Charles Alexander Donaldson Elizabeth Duke Lachlan Holme Matthew Spavins

Lyons

Harry Clark Lily Hynd Victoria Lysenko Ronan Murphy Nicholas Pieratos Esther Sakul

Merrick

Hayden Armstrong Ernest Cuthbertson Yasmin Donelly Zoe Glover Ronan Hobday Georgia Morris

O'Brien

Christian Abbondante May Cuddihy Hamish Eves Danica-Zeta Jonathan Xavier O'Brien Abella Young

Phillip

Kaylee Dyska Bronte English Olivia Eveston Sebastian Knight Neve Roper Joanna Tsakis

Charity Walk









Mitch Tambo Visit

Mitch Tambo, a proud Gamilaraay man, performed and spoke to Year 10 students on Friday 5 September. He shared his story including his journey at school, going to university to study Psychology and becoming the winner of The Voice in 2019. He spoke to students about making choices in life and how the moments that you say 'yes' and 'no' can define the path that you take. He performed his famous rendition of John Farnham's 'The Voice' as well as other songs which the students were encouraged to join in with.







School News

Attendances and App entries.

At this time we wish to inform families that App entries will no longer work to retrospectively explain absences. This step is being taken due to some technical issues.

Further information will be provided to families at the start of Term 4 but please note that App entries will still work for on the day explanations and future absences. Parents and Carers are asked to respond to the text sent, provide a note to Reception or an email to Student Services to explain past absences. Thank you for your understanding.



Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

Wednesday 8 October - 10am to 4pm Thursday 9 October - 10am to 4pm Friday 10 October - 10am to 4pm Closed for lunch 12 -12:30pm each day.



Chess Club Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Chess Club competition. The event saw over 30 students competing and highlighted the impressive skill and strategic thinking of our players, with **Edward Barwell** (Year 9) taking first place, followed by **Zachary Johns** (Year 11) in second, and **William Knight** (Year 8) in third. Well done to all participants on a successful and competitive tournament!

Chess Club runs every Friday at lunchtime in the Information Centre- new players and drop-ins are always welcome!



Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 statements will be emailed to parents on Monday 29 September.

Term 4 school fees are due by Monday 27 October.

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/





School News Cont...

Upgrades Underway at the Garratt Sports Centre

The renovations have commenced in earnest at the Garratt Sports Centre, marking a significant step forward in enhancing facilities after feedback from our student body to improve the space through the annual student surveys.

The refurbishment will deliver:

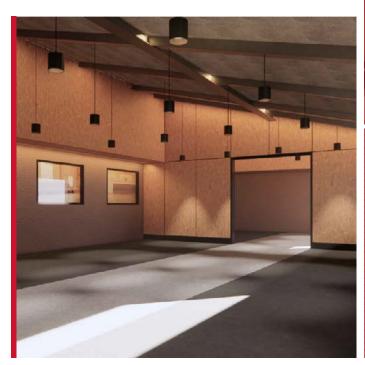
- Individual change rooms and an increase from two to four team change rooms.
- Separation of toilet and change room areas for improved privacy and safeguarding.
- A new meeting room and internal canteen facilities.
- Upgrades to the Health and PE staffroom and the Sports department staffroom.
- A realigned entrance into the Sports Centre and a new awning over the Dempsey Quad entry.
- A significantly improved weights room, with new openings connecting it to the basketball courts.

Demolition works are already ending with construction underway of partition walls and services. The site is clearly marked with temporary fencing, and the students have responded to the changes well.

TPC has been appointed as the main contractor for this project and have a range of buildings at the College that they have delivered over many years, most recently the Dempsey Science wing. We look forward to the improved safeguarding, increased amenity, and greater flexibility the new spaces will offer and are aiming for the works to be finished in time for the 2026 school year.

Mr James Keeley

Deputy Principal - Capacity and Strategy









Social Justice

Vinnies School Sleepout 2025

On Friday night, 19 September, over 80 of our students braved the cold, wet and chaotic weather to take part in the annual Vinnies School Sleepout. This national initiative, run in partnership with the St Vincent de Paul Society, invites schools across Australia to experience just a glimpse of what life is like for those facing homelessness. By spending a night sleeping rough, students not only raise awareness but also learn about the importance of compassion, solidarity and action in supporting our most vulnerable community members.

Armed with cardboard, sleeping bags and plenty of spirit, students set up camp in challenging conditions. Throughout the night, they faced the reality of alarms, sensor lights and the discomforts of sleeping rough, factors that many in our community endure daily. Despite this, the atmosphere remained positive, with students showing resilience and empathy as they gained insight into the challenges of homelessness.

Dinner was a humble sausage sizzle, cooked and shared together, followed by a simple but hearty bacon and eggs breakfast the next morning. Over the course of the night, more than 100 food items were donated by our community for St Vincent de Paul, ensuring direct support to families in need.

A highlight of the evening was the powerful presentation from representatives of St Vincent de Paul, who shared stories, statistics and practical lessons about the root causes of homelessness. Students learned how issues such as domestic violence, unemployment and rising living costs contribute to homelessness, and most importantly, how we can work together as a society to provide support and create change. Many students reflected afterwards on the importance of empathy, service and gratitude for the everyday comforts we often take for granted.

Events like this don't happen without the support of a dedicated team. A special thank you goes to the staff who slept out alongside the students:

- Mr Marty Capon
- Mr Steve Colbert
- Ms Jodie Hardiman
- Ms Jannette Kline

We also extend a massive thank you to all staff who assisted in supervising, setting up, cooking and ensuring the event ran smoothly, as well as our Maintenance staff for providing the equipment needed. Your commitment helped make the event both safe and meaningful.

While the conditions were tough, the lessons learned were invaluable. The Sleepout was more than just a school event, it was a powerful reminder of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness and an opportunity for our students to live out values of compassion, service and justice.









Social Justice Cont...

Daramalan Joins the World's Greatest Shave 2025

On **Monday 3 November (Week 14)**, Daramalan will once again take part in the World's Greatest Shave, one of Australia's most impactful fundraising events. Run by the Leukaemia Foundation, the World's Greatest Shave raises vital funds to support people living with blood cancer and to advance research towards finding a cure. Participants show their support by shaving, cutting or colouring their hair to spark conversations, raise awareness and contribute to life-changing support services.

Our Goal for 2025

The Daramalan College team has already made an outstanding start, raising over \$6,000, with the aim of going even higher this year. Currently, **11 students** and **Mr Dean Parkes** have bravely signed up to shave their heads for the cause. Their commitment highlights not only their fundraising spirit but also the values of courage and solidarity that define our community.

How You Can Help

This event relies on the support of our community, and there are two great ways to get involved:

 Join the team: If you're ready to make the chop for charity, sign up here

https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/join/ DaramalanCollege

Donate: Every dollar makes a difference. Support our participants directly here

https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/st/832/8936

Why It Matters

Every day, 53 Australians are diagnosed with blood cancer. The funds raised through the World's Greatest Shave help provide emotional and practical support to patients and their families, while also funding critical research. By coming together as a school community, we are playing our part in bringing hope to those affected and working towards a future free of blood cancer.

We look forward to seeing the incredible efforts of our students and staff on the day, and we thank everyone for supporting this important cause.





Counsellors Hub

Promise's Guide on How to Relax during the School Holidays

School holidays are finally here after a term of having no public holidays or long weekends. A term filled with stress, assessments and some time and energy consuming extra-curricular activities, it is time to slow down and recharge your energy. Unlike the school term, holidays aren't just about staying busy, they are also about giving yourself time to relax and enjoy the break. Here are some of my recommendations for the next fortnight:

Catch up on rest

Sleep in a little, have lazy mornings and don't feel guilty about it. Your body and brain need time to recover after 10 weeks of being on the go.

Move your body

Relaxing does not mean lying on the couch all day (although this is okay sometimes). Go for a walk, kick a ball around, ride your bike or try swimming. A bit of movement makes you feel more energised and balanced.

Business Geocon Excursion

As part of their Marketing unit, Year 11 Business went on an excursion to Geocon's newest project Grande on London. Whilst on site, they heard from the Development Manager, **Mr Andrew Slavich** and explored the display suites on offer at the Grande. This helped the students understand how Geocon operates and markets its developments. Information learned on this excursion helped them create their marketing proposals for a future build, *the Gateway* on Northbourne.





Do something fun

Use the time off to do things you don't always get time to do. Spend some time painting, cooking, gaming or learning something new like a language (Duolingo is great). Hobbies are a great way to relax whilst keeping your mind busy in a fun way.

Spend time with friends and family

Holidays are the perfect chance to hang out with the people you care about. Plan a movie night, go get ice cream, or even long walks in the evening will create room for connections with friends and family members that we may have been too busy to have.

Take a break from screens

It is easy to spend hours scrolling on Instagram and TikTok, but too much screen time can leave you feeling drained, anxious, unfulfilled and dissatisfied. Try swapping some of that time for outdoor fun or creative activities.

Hot Tip!! Holidays are your time to relax and recharge. Mix rest, fun and connection, and you will come back feeling refreshed and ready to attack the challenges of Term 4.







Mission

Year 8 Reflection Day

On Friday 29 August, our Year 8 students participated in their Year 8 Reflection Day facilitated by **Dave Jorna** from Project Hatch. Here's what one of our students had to say:

Year 8 Reflection Day was a great opportunity to reflect on our experiences and growth this year, while also exploring our values and thinking about the people we hope to become. Our presenter, **Dave Jorna**, guided us through a variety of games and activities that highlighted the key lessons of the day.

We began with a brief introduction where we were asked questions about belonging, before moving on to games designed to help us connect and grow as a year group. After recess, we were split into two teams and took part in activities that challenged us to work together, communicate effectively and support one another, such as a group singing activity, and a group game that was a little like charades. We had a pizza lunch before moving on to some guided meditation and a deep reflection period, where we wrote letters to our future selves.

We concluded the day with a session exploring John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full", encouraging us to live life how we want to and in the fullest way possible.





Year 9 Mini Retreats

Last week our Year 9 students took part in their 'Lead the Way' mini retreats. The two days combined games, challenges and moments of reflection, giving students an introduction to Youth Ministry and a chance to think about their own faith journey.

A big thank you to our Youth Minister, **Andrea**, and the senior students who assisted with facilitating across the two days. Their leadership and enthusiasm helped create an engaging experience for our Year 9s, who were also invited to consider applying for the Year 10 Youth Ministry class in 2026. This program offers students the chance to deepen their faith, connect with like-minded peers, and help lead our Year 7 retreats.



Year 10 Reflection Day

This week our Year 10 students enjoyed their Reflection Days with **Chris Doyle** from Karis Ministries. Chris has been a regular visitor to Daramalan for many years, and his energy and creativity always make for an unforgettable experience.

Through music, humour, storytelling and plenty of interaction, Chris encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and think about faith in fresh and practical ways. His sessions challenge students to reflect on their own values and relationships, while also showing how faith can be lived with joy, hope and courage.

Chris' return to Daramalan once again gave our Year 10s the opportunity to laugh, reflect and grow together as a cohort. We are grateful to Chris for sharing his unique gifts with our community and for helping our students see faith as something alive and relevant in their lives today.





Canberra Inovation Network

We are delighted to celebrate **Lucas Korab's** achievement at the Canberra Innovation Network's InnovationACT Entrepreneurship Competition, run in partnership with ANU. Lucas and his team designed Alluvio - an innovative concept for an Al-driven education platform.

Out of 48 teams and 168 participants, they were shortlisted as one of just 16 to pitch their idea to industry leaders. As one of the youngest participants, Lucas impressed with his creativity, confidence and ability to engage alongside experienced entrepreneurs.

Although the team did not take home the final prize, their pitch was inspiring, and the idea has strong potential to be developed further. We are proud of Lucas for representing his school with distinction and embodying the spirit of innovation.





Vocational Education & Training Australian school based apprenticeships (ASbA's)

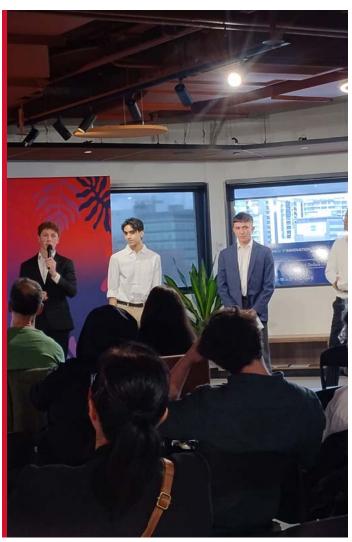
Year 11 and 12 Students

Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASbA's) help practical minded students start their chosen career path in Year 11 (or Year 12 if the employer is registered in the ACT) whilst studying for a Year 12 certificate. When the student finishes their Year 12 studies, the ASbA is converted into a full-time apprenticeship. 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 Students 2026

From next year we will be permitting Year 10 students to start an ASbA. The aim being that students complete any necessary qualifications in Semester One and then find a potential employer by carrying out work experience in their chosen field. At least one week's work experience with the ASbA employer is required prior to a sign-up taking place.

Students are required to demonstrate that they are working to their full potential at school as their grades and engagement in studies will be considered.



Students who are considering an ASbA in 2026 should see **Ms Jane Waddleton** for an informal chat and general information. Parents are welcome to attend a meeting.

Note: It is recommended that students gain a White Card and have completed an Asbestos Awareness and Silica 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.



Languages

Languages Day

In Week 9, Daramalan College celebrated Multicultural Week and our annual Languages Day on Friday 19 September, displaying the rich languages and cultural diversity within our community. Leading up to the event, a Language and Culture quiz was held during PT time and everyone got very competitive! Congratulations to Year 8 Phillip PT!

On the day itself, we sold mochi, freshly baked pretzels and madeleines during recess — and they quickly sold out! At lunchtime, the House Trivia Quiz took place in the FLA, with all eight Houses competing across seven categories: Geography and Demographics, Sports, Word Origins, Flags, Inventions, Famous Personalities, and even "Know your Teacher". The event was full of fun and laughter, with smiles all round. Congratulations to Goolagong House for taking home the win in the House Trivia Quiz!

We would like to thank, Danke, Merci and Arigatogozaimasu to everyone who was involved and made it happen!

Languages Department

















Religious Education

Year 11 Excursion

As part of their Religious Education studies this semester, Year 11 students have been exploring different perspectives on what it means to live a 'good life'. Within this unit, students are undertaking a in-depth study on the Islamic faith.

On Tuesday 26 August, students visited the Canberra Islamic Centre and Mosque in Monash. The excursion began with a lecture from the Imam, who shared an overview of the Islamic faith with particular attention to the process of Islamic Jurisprudence and how Muslims approach contemporary moral issues. Many students found it eye-opening to see the thoughtful and structured way Islamic scholars apply their faith to questions faced in the modern world.

Students were then able to ask their own questions in a Q&A session, which led to some rich conversations about similarities and differences between Islam and other faith traditions. This was a highlight of the visit, as it allowed students to engage directly and respectfully with another worldview.

The Year 11's also toured the mosque and observed the call to prayer. Learning about the rituals of Islamic worship gave students a deeper appreciation of the importance of prayer in daily life and how spirituality is expressed in community.

For many, the excursion was not only informative but also a valuable reminder of the importance of understanding and respecting different faiths and traditions. The experience encouraged students to reflect on how diverse religions contribute to the search for meaning and what it means to live a good life.

















Science

Year 8

Year 8 students explored the law of conservation of mass by burning magnesium in crucibles and observing the changes. They learned that while the theory says mass should stay the same, real-life experiments often tell a messier story - thanks to sneaky sources of error like escaping gases or human error! It was a great reminder that science is as much about learning from what doesn't go perfectly as what does. We like to say that experiments always 'work', you just might not get the expected result!

Year 10

Year 10 students have been studying the world of chemical reactions, exploring how substances change and interact. They got to ignite magnesium in a dazzling display of combustion and perform precipitation tests to spot the formation of a solid. The students really bonded over their love of chemistry!



Year 11 Biology

Year 11 Biology students have been learning about cell membranes and how these vital structures control what enters and exits a cell. As part of their studies, students conducted a hands-on practical investigating how temperature affects membrane permeability using beetroot cells. The experiment revealed that higher temperatures can cause membranes to become more "leaky", allowing more pigment to escape.

As part of their preparation for an upcoming assessment, students conducted hands-on experiments to explore enzyme activity in action. By measuring the amount of bubbles produced, they were able to quantify how effectively the enzyme catalase breaks down hydrogen peroxide. It was a catalyst for learning - science really bubbled to the surface!





Year 12 Biology - Homeostasis

Students put their science skills to the test in a hands-on homeostasis challenge, working to keep the water level, colour and temperature of their cups within strict limits. Just like our brains do every day, they had to respond quickly to changes and maintain balance - but not every cup made it through the chaos! It certainly was a balancing act!





Psychology

Senior Psychology students recently participated in a hands-on brain dissection, gaining a deeper understanding of neuroanatomy beyond the textbook. They explored key structures like the cerebrum, cerebellum and brainstem, linking each to its cognitive and behavioural functions. The experience helped solidify their knowledge of how different brain regions contribute to memory, emotion and decision-making. Students were amazed at how small the brains were, yet they still allow an animal to think, move and feel

Science Cont...

- just like our own do! It was a no brainer - this was one of their favourite lessons this Semester!





Science week

Daramalan College lit up Science Week with its inaugural Science Show, hosted by the ever-enthusiastic Mr Will Unwin. Students were left wide-eyed and buzzing with excitement as they witnessed jaw-dropping demonstrations, from the fiery spectacle of the carbon snake to chemical reactions that looked more like wizardry than science. The crowd favourite? Dry ice, of course - bringing clouds of fog, bubbling potions and plenty of gasps. The show was a thrilling celebration of curiosity, creativity, and the wonders of science. With such an explosive debut, we can't help but wonder - what mind-blowing marvels will next year's Science Show bring?



National Press Club Excursion

Daramalan College Science students visited the National Press Club of Australia, where they had the opportunity to hear from **Dr Vanessa Pirotta**, a 2006 Daramalan alumna.

In her speech, Dr Pirotta called for a national rethink of Australia's science investment, placing people at the centre of its purpose. Drawing on her personal journey as an Australian scientist and prominent media voice, she outlined three key pillars to help reverse Australia's brain drain and reignite national curiosity about the environment: education, science communication and investment.

She also advocated for strengthening STEAM literacy from the ground up—empowering not only students, but also educators, parents and guardians to foster a more scientifically engaged society.



Competition Results

The Science Faculty is incredibly proud of all students who took part in external Science competitions this year. These events are challenging and require dedication and resilience. We're especially thrilled to celebrate those who achieved outstanding results as shown below for the International Chemistry Quiz:

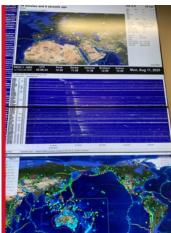
Credit: James Stein, Nate Keeley, Sam Norfor (Year 7), Joshua Thomson, Harry Harvey (Year 8), Rafael Paredes (Year 11) and Sebastian Abbondante (Year 12)

Distinction: Joe Komoroth (Year 8), Thomas Neighbour and Sean Loney (Year 11)

Senior Earth and Environmental Science Excursion Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science students had an engaging trip to Geoscience Australia. They heard first-hand from scientists about natural hazards and disasters, explored seismometers in action to see how earthquakes are tracked, and toured the Seismic Hazard Alerts Centre.

They also learned about the Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre (JATWC), which provides 24-hour tsunami monitoring and warnings. Students even put their skills to the test, using satellite images to plan and manage bushfires - real-world science in action!







Food Technology

A Night to Remember: Daramalan College Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner

On Wednesday 3 September, Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes hosted a fundraising dinner in support of the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund, bringing together 80 guests for an evening of fine dining, entertainment and community spirit. Styled in classic black and white, the event offered a sophisticated atmosphere, with **Ms Kirsty Saunderson** as MC guiding the evening's festivities.

Year 11 Hospitality students led the kitchen team, preparing the meal for the evening. Guests enjoyed an entrée of confit of salmon with pickled fennel salad, dill hollandaise, and lime caviar. For the main course, guests chose between a supreme of chicken roulade with spinach and goat cheese mousseline, or a tenderloin of beef served with horseradish emulsion, braised leek and

red wine jus. The highlight of the evening was a springinspired rose and raspberry chantilly dome prepared by guest **Pastry Chef Damika Hatharasinghe**. To finish off the evening with coffee, **Cakes by Kasey** donated delicate vanilla biscuits.

Meanwhile, Year 12 students managed front of house service, ensuring a seamless and professional dining experience. Guests were welcomed with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and enjoyed a lively program of raffles, games, trivia and live music performed by the Daramalan College String Quartet.

The event raised an impressive \$5,000, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors: FishCo, Bidfood, Simply Fresh, Cakes by Kasey, Long Park Meats and Eden Hair, who donated a \$350 voucher and a basket of hair products. Additional prizes included a Questacon family pass and a Messina Gelato gift card.

This memorable evening was a true celebration of student talent, teamwork and the strong community spirit that defines Daramalan College.















Performing Arts

Floriade Dance Performances 2025

In Week 9, the Year 9 and 10 Dance classes had the exciting opportunity to perform at Floriade. This year's theme, Science and Nature, inspired students to express their creativity not only through movement but also through behind-the-scenes roles. Each student contributed to the production, taking on responsibilities such as costume design, hair and makeup, choreography, and even music composition.

A special mention goes to the choreographers Olivia Eveston, Bronte English, Catarina Mesquita-Hennessy (Year 9), Hollie Darragh and Ashley Fothergill (Year 10) whose leadership helped bring each piece to life.

Below, the publicity officers from each year group share their reflections on the process and the day:

Zara Luketic (Year 9)

"Our group's dance was called Melting Moments, and it explored how global warming is causing icebergs to melt. We used expressive music and movement to highlight the importance of climate change. Performing to such a big audience who cared about the message made it even more powerful. The dance helped people connect with the issue and think about it in a new way."

Riley Brandson (Year 9)

"Going to Floriade was an incredible experience and one we will never forget. We were so proud of our performance and all the effort that went into it. The costumes, hair and make-up looked amazing and complemented the theme well. Performing in such a vibrant environment was inspiring, and it gave us a glimpse of what future years in Dance might look like if we continue through to Year 12."

Sophie Moes (Year 10)

"In line with Floriade's 2025 theme, 'Science and Nature,' the Year 10 dancers collaborated to develop the dance's elemental concept, focusing on the societal and environmental impacts of natural disasters. In particular, the dance highlighted nature's ability to recover from destruction and the importance of reconciliation with the uncontrollable.

Through movement, dynamics, music, costumes, props and design, students were able to contribute individually, putting their own personal flair and ideas into the dance. In full costume and makeup - designed to represent each disaster and element - the dancers artistically expressed their interpretation of earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and bushfires in their five-part production.

On the day, Dance students also enjoyed the festival attractions, gaining meaningful and fun experiences with one another. Overall, Nature's Fate has proved to be a production not just about exploring natural disasters and lyrical dance, but also one of self-expression and bonding!"









Performing Arts Cont...

Year 7 and 8 Dance

As part of our Magic of Dance unit, Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity in Week 10 to learn Afro dance from our special guest Tutor, **Kagiso Ratlhagne** (Ausdance ACT). This vibrant and energetic style encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and explore a new cultural dance style from South Africa. The class learnt foundational skills and a mini-Afro routine.

It was fantastic to see all students fully engaged, embracing the challenge, and giving something new a go!

Thank you KG!













Performing Arts Cont...

DON'T WE ALL NEED HOPE ...

HOPE opened to an enthusiastic audience of over 80 people on the evening of Friday 19 September. The applause at the finale was thunderous and demonstrated the true value of the student initiated work. This was very significant because of how the project was developed and managed by **Ms Maddie Ward** and Year 12 student, **Alexandria Best**.

Ms Maddie Ward, the Project Facilitator, had this to say of the students' work:

"HOPE was a fully student-led production, written, directed, managed and performed by our talented Junior Drama Ensemble students. Five groups have each created an original vignette exploring the theme of hope, with every piece offering its own unique perspective.

"Our Year 9 members have taken on the role of directors, guiding and supporting their younger peers. Under the overarching creative vision of our Supervising Director, Alexandria Best, this project has flourished into a collaborative celebration of student creativity.

"From the first idea to the final performance, this production represents a remarkable achievement and an entirely student-driven work brought to life through dedication, teamwork and imagination."

The Supervising Director and host for the evening, Alexandria Best, demonstrated the very best qualities of Arts Leadership at Daramalan. Alex's support for the younger students and her application of her theatrical knowledge and skills was of the very highest order. She supported the students and the whole project culminating in her calling the show while also hosting it with enthusiastic humour and a good will towards the audience. Daramalan Performing Arts activity has benefitted greatly from Alex's investment of time and commitment as demonstrated on Friday night.

The depth of investigating the concept of 'hope' from such young students was simply amazing. This was truly an authentic task. The writing showed a depth of penetrating into the divergent meanings of 'hope'. In many ways, it displayed the very best qualities outlined by Jules Chevalier and the MSC ethos. Art and Spirituality linked closely in their process and application. This was all the more noteworthy in that so much of the project was implemented by Year 7 students; most of whom were totally new to Drama and theatrical performance.

HOPE was a presentation of the Daramalan Theatre Company Junior Drama Ensemble. The Ensemble is the latest manifestation of a group that was initiated in 2003 by a then Year 7 student, Lloyd Allison-Young. It began as The Comedy Club, becoming the Drama Club in 2015 and much more recently as the Junior Ensemble for the Theatre Company. While Lloyd went on to become an internationally based actor for the stage and screen. others, such as the 2015 convenor Oliver Levi-Malouf, have gone on to become professionals in various other areas of performance. Coincidentally, Maddie Ward was in the same class at Daramalan with Lloyd Allison-Young and was present on the night Lloyd, as a Year 7 student, took the world by storm and held an entire cohort in the palm of his hands through performance at a Year 7 camp in 2003.







Performing Arts

It has been a busy and productive time in the Music Department. This term we have been on Music Tour, performed at Floriade, attended a Music Careers Day in Sydney, competed in the Wagga Eisteddfod, and played at the Leadership Assembly – all while many students are also involved in rehearsals for Midnight the Musical.

Our Music Tour departed Thursday 28 August and was a fantastic experience. We performed at St Peter and Paul's Primary School to an energetic and excited audience of students. In Sydney, we gave performances at the Botanic Gardens and in Manly, with all ensembles playing beautifully. We received many positive comments from appreciative audiences along the way.

The Daramalan String Ensemble and friends also competed in the Wagga Eisteddfod, earning 1st Place in their section. They sounded wonderful. Congratulations to all members, and a special thank you to **Ms Heather Roche** for her outstanding leadership and tuition.

Last week, the Choir and Jazz Band performed at Floriade. Stage 88 always provides a special atmosphere with its excellent acoustics, and the groups rose to the occasion, performing with great energy and excitement. We look forward to having even more ensembles perform there next year.

A heartfelt thank you to **Mrs Michelle Coggan** for her organisation and support - we would be lost without her! Thanks also to all the staff and students who contribute to making these opportunities possible. We are excited about more musical highlights to come next term.













Technology and Design

MUNA Report

Ruby Gifford and Caden Skinner (Year 12) were selected to represent Daramalan College at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) held in August. MUNA is a youth project promoted by Rotary International by clubs throughout Australia. The student selection came after successfully debating a United Nations resolution, which earned them an invitation to participate in the event. Ruby and Caden were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin.

MUNA is a three-day immersive camp, where official debates are held in the House of Representatives Chamber at the House of Australian Democracy. During the event, Ruby and Caden represented the Netherlands. Their preparation included a visit to the Kingdom of Netherlands Embassy, which helped them better understand their country's position. Over the course of the weekend, they engaged in and successfully debated six United Nations resolutions.

Caden Skinner:

The MUNA experience is hardly a forgettable one for all the right reasons. It's multilayered structure and emphasis on socialisation ensures that there is always something for delegates to find engaging.

The social events, such as the dinners, give you ample time to converse with your fellow participants in an informal setting. The dorm rooms provide an open space for you to discuss intrigue and negotiate policy without the pressure of an audience (and trust me, there will be intrigue!). Finally, you will then take part in the crown jewel of MUNA, the mock United Nations General Assembly, hosted at Old Parliament House. There, you can put to practice your speaking skills and react to passionate, and often fiery statements issued by your fellow delegates.

MUNA is not just for aspiring diplomats, politicians and negotiators, but seeks out anyone who has the will to care; to care about global problems, to care about seeing from another perspective, or even if it's just the care for self-improvement and the desire to engage in public-speaking and conflict resolution.







Alumni



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DARAMALAN COLLEGE HOMEWORK CLUB

3:30pm-4:30pm Monday - Friday

INFORMATION CENTRE

Please take the opportunity to try, join or visit Daramalan College's Homework Club!!!!



Sport

The 2025 Daramalan Sports Awards nominations are open. We have a diverse and talented group of players that are high achievers in a number of sports offered within the Daramalan as well as the ACT community. See below information on how to nominate yourself/your son/daughter for an award.

Nominations close on Friday 17 October (Week 11).

2025 Sports Awards

Have you represented the College, the ACT or Australia in 2025?

Nominations for the 2025 Sports Awards are now open. Please complete the form in the following link: 2025 Sports Awards Nomination to apply for your Sports Award.

Full Colour - This award can only be achieved by gaining Australian representation in a sport offered by Daramalan in 2025.

Gold Honour - This award is achieved by gaining Australian representation in a sport not offered by Daramalan in 2025.

Half Colour - This award is achieved by gaining ACT representation at a national event or at the highest level of competition offered in that sport offered by Daramalan in 2025.

Blue Honour - This award is achieved by gaining ACT representation at a national event or at the highest level of competition offered in that sport in a sport not offered by Daramalan in 2025.

Service Award - Points for this award can be accrued from a range of Daramalan sports within a single calendar year, for all Year 7-12 students. This includes:

- Played/Coached/Umpired for Daramalan Co-curricular in 2025 (Basketball, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Rowing)
- Representing Daramalan at a sport One-day gala event
- Representing Daramalan at an ASC Carnival
- Representing Daramalan at an ACT Carnival
- Age Champion or Runners Up for Daramalan or ASC Carnivals



Year 6 Oztag Program 2025/26

The Year 6 Oztag program continues to grow, with 114 students, across 10 teams of future Eaglets ready for another exciting season!

Two training sessions in Week 9 gave students a chance to meet new teammates and build energy for the season ahead. The Wednesday night competition at Kaleen runs through Term 4 and Term 1, 2026, with a strong focus on friendship, fun and teamwork.

A big thank you to the staff for managing teams and to the amazing student coaches, many of whom played Oztag in Year 6 themselves.

Coaches: Grace Kelly, Mia Lane, Charlotte Power (Year 8), Annie Campbell, Lucy Beard, Esther Sakul, Georgia Morris, Jack Gilligan (Year 9), Imy Vickery, Evie Walker, Emily Reid, Addison Fordham, Zoe Buckman (Year 10) Lara Breen and Riley Wyeth (Year 11).



Daramalan Water Polo Teams Dive into Schools Cup Action

Daramalan College made a splash in the 2025 Canberra Schools Cup Water Polo competition with two teams entered in the Years 7–10 Boys and Girls divisions. Held on Friday nights at CISAC, the fast-paced "Fast Five" format gave players the chance to showcase their skills in short, high-energy matches, with two 14-minute games played each week.

The emphasis was on fun, competitiveness and open play—and both Daramalan squads delivered. The Girls' team combined determination with plenty of energy in the pool, while the Boys' team showed grit and teamwork under the guidance of two dedicated Year 11 coaches, **Max Randall** and **Liam Osborn.**

Both teams are quickly earning a reputation for their enthusiastic style and team-first spirit. Parents, friends and supporters have been treated to thrilling Friday night contests, with Daramalan proudly represented in every game.





Basketball

ASC Boys

The Boys ASC Gala day was held Monday 25 August at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. All teams had an impressive run, showcasing the schools talent and determination. The Boys team's performance throughout the tournament has set a solid foundation for future successes. Big thanks to Jack Gest (Year 12), Mr John Gale and Dion Majstorovic for coaching!

Results

7/8 ASC Boys: 7th

9/10 ASC Boys: Semi Finalist 11/12 ASC Boys: 5th







ASC Girls

The Girls ASC Gala day was held Monday 18 August at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. The Girls teams performed well during the day, securing some great wins. The 11/12 Girls were particularly strong going on to win the Grand Final. Big thanks to **Chloe Fothergill**, **Ruby Di** Petta (Year 12) and Mr John Gale for coaching!

Results

7/8 ASC Girls: 6th 9/10 ASC Girls: 7th

11/12 ASC Girls: Champions









Basketball Cont...

Grand Finals

We had 9 teams make the Grand Finals this year with 6 going on to win their competitions. Congratulations to the following teams:

U14 D6 Boys: CGS 21 - Daramalan 35

Josiah Presneill – 16 points Elijah Shirley – 6 points Joshua Harding – 5 points



U14 D4 Boys: Daramalan 46 - Stallions 35

Jack Thorn – 15 points Mason Ha – 13 points James Stein – 10 points



U16 D1 Boys: Daramalan 36 - Rats 30

Ben Collett – 10 points **Sam Stelzer** – 8 points **Sam Page** – 7 points



U19 D4 Boys: Daramalan 33 - Rats 18

Knox Petrovic – 9 points Thomas Carton – 6 points Travis Minihan – 5 points



U19 D3 Girls: Daramalan 24 - Rats 10

Reese Tunney – 6 points Isabella Dawes – 4 points Indiana Clifton – 4 points



U19 D2 Boys: Daramalan 34 – St Edmunds 25

Lucas Ceely – 12 points Hugh Almond – 11 points Matt Scherl – 3 points



Basketball Cont...

Whole of Club End of Season StatS

| GAMES PLAYED | | | |
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| Lily | Howell | 30 | |
| Will | Blackwell | 28 | |
| Benjamin | Collett | 27 | |
| Logan | Ramage | 27 | |
| Austin | Steer | 26 | |
| Knox | Petrovic | 25 | |
| Wesley | Milczarek | 24 | |
| Mason | Hewitt | 23 | |
| Josh | Jenkins | 23 | |
| Grace | Tansley | 18 | |

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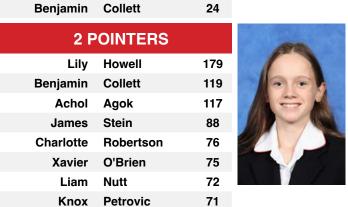
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TOPING COMP

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

LOCATION: Daramalan College Canberra, 121 Cowper St, Dickson

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

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

ARRIVAL & PICK UP TIMES

- Arrive: Between 8.30am 9am
- Pick up: 4pm sharp

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

- Basketball training attire, rubber soled shoes
- A basketball
- Packed lunch. (similar to school, please bring your own lunch and snacks every day in a clearly named lunch box or bag. Lunch shouldn't include any nuts or nut products)
- Drink bottle. (Please make sure it is named)
- A small amount of cash. A small canteen will be set up to sell lollies and soft drink.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Avoid bringing items that you wouldn't want to get dirty, lost or broken. These items include iPad's and other electronic devices, watches and jewellery.

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

8.30-9am – Arrival/ Casual shootaround 9.00-9:20 – Introduction/ warm up and group allocations

9:20-10.00 - Session 1

10.00-10.30 - Recess

10.30 - 11:10 - Session 2

11.10 - 11.20 - Drinks break (instructors game)

11.20 - 12.00 - Session 3

12.00-1.00 - Lunch

1.00 - 1.40 - Session 4

1.40 - 1.50 - Drinks break (instructors game)

1.50 - 2.30 - Session 5

2.30-3.00 - Afternoon tea

3.00 - 3:45 - Full court games

3.45 - 4.00 - Warm down/ tidy up

4.00pm sharp - Pick up

SESSIONS (order may vary on the day)

Session 1: Shooting clinic using our Dr Dish

Complete Trainer

Session 2: Fun basketball games

Session 3: Non active session - NBA games on the

big screen/ board games/ card games etc

Session 4: Ball Handling and passing workshop

Session 5: Small sided games

PAYMENT

\$80 per day, payments can be made using the following link:



Cricket

Cricket

Registrations for the upcoming 25/26 Cricket season with Daramalan are open! It is not too late to get involved in the program, and we have had some excellent sessions throughout the pre-season so far. We welcome players of all experience levels, whether new to the game or a seasoned professional.

Following the successful season last year, our talented, hard-working and friendly teams are taking shape and beginning their preparations towards another great season. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and parents who make the season possible and allow our players to enjoy their cricket.

If you are keen to get involved in Dara Cricket, come on down to the nets on the ovals on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, and register using the following link: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/23246b

If you have any questions, please contact **Mr Callum Brown**: callum.brown@daramalan.act.edu.au



Snowsports Success

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ACT Schools Cup for Snowsports, held at Perisher in August. It was a windy day with some excellent results, in particular, a huge congratulations to **Roy Halliday** (Year 11), **Oliver Miller** (Year 8) and **Joey Pratt** (Year 7), who each brought home Gold medals in their respective events. **Roy Halliday** and **Oliver Miller** dominated the snowboarding events with **Joey Pratt** participating in skiing, earning top honours in a highly competitive field.

Their success at the ACT level was matched by strong performances on the national stage, where they competed against some of the best young athletes from across Australia:

Oliver Miller - Snowboarding

Snowboard Cross: 19th out of 40
 Giant Slalom (GS): 17th out of 38

Slope Style: 9th out of 16

Roy Halliday - Snowboarding

Giant Slalom (GS): 16th out of 31Snowboard Cross: 24th out of 35

Joey Pratt - Skiing

Alpine: 18th out of 65Ski Cross: 42nd out of 56

These results reflect not only their talent but also their dedication and resilience in challenging conditions. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school and the ACT community.







As the Snowsports season comes to an end, excitement is building for our January Snowsports trip to Hakuba, Japan. Our students will have the opportunity to ski in one of the world's premier destinations and we look forward to sharing these experiences with the community in 2026.

Hockey

The 2025 season saw three of the Daramalan Hockey teams through to the Finals. Congratulations to all players in the U14/2 Girls, JSL2 Girls and JSL1 Girls. Thank you to all Coaches, Managers and parents for their work throughout the season.

JSL2 Girls Daramalan/Wests

The JSL2 Girls had an impressive season, performing strongly despite frequently being short on players. Their determination and teamwork earned them a fourth-place finish on the ladder, securing a spot in the Semi-Finals. After a closely contested first half, OCHC/CGS managed to pull ahead in the second, ultimately defeating Daramalan 4-0. Congratulations to the team on a solid season and commendable effort throughout.







U14 Girls Daramalan/Wests

The U14 Girls had a very strong season throughout 2025. With only 9 players officially in their team they were often short on players. The girls were incredibly lucky to have a couple of U12 players who filled in each week to meet numbers. After a strong season the girls finished second on the ladder. A hard fought 1-0 win over OCHC/CGS in the Semi-Final saw them progress to the Grand Final, where they faced United. Despite dominating possession for much of the match, the girls narrowly went down 1-0 in a very tight contest. Congratulations to the U14s on finishing as Runners-Up. An excellent result!

JSL1 Girls Daramalan/Wests/United

The JSL1 Girls had a phenomenal start to their season, going undefeated through the first eight rounds. They maintained strong form throughout and finished in second place in what proved to be a very competitive competition. After a tough Semi-Final, the team advanced to face the minor premiers, TVHC, on a wet and wild Friday night. Despite a torrential downpour early in the game, the girls battled through the conditions and came away with a 1-0 victory. Congratulations to the JSL1 Girls on a well-deserved Grand Final win!







Netball

Daramalan Netball Finals

It was an incredible final series for Daramalan Netball, with seven teams making it to the Semi Finals - Dara Garbin, Dara Austin, Dara Bassett, Dara Watson, Dara Pratley, Dara Dwyer and Dara Weston.

Preliminary Finals - Dara Garbin, Dara Bassett, Dara Pratley.

Grand Finals - Dara Watson and Dara Dwyer - dominating the ladder all season.

Dara Watson v Radford

Coached by **Tayla Cobb** (Year 12), Dara Watson played with confidence from the first whistle. Their ability to move the ball seamlessly down the court set the tone early, with every player contributing to a complete team performance. Shooting was particularly impressive, with the team converting opportunities with consistency and precision. It was clear from the start that Dara Watson had their sights set on victory and they didn't disappoint. Claiming a convincing win 34 – 14.

Dara Dwyer v Brindabella

Coached by **Mikaili Van Blerk** and **Sophie Howlett** (both proud Daramalan alumni), Dara Dwyer entered the Grand Final down one of their top shooters due to injury. Despite this setback, the team came out firing. Their defensive pressure was outstanding, and they set the pace early with strong direction and control through the midcourt. The shooters stood tall, proving a key advantage in the circle. It was a dominant display across the court, with the team finishing the match winning 37–21.

Congratulations to both teams, coaches and supporters on an exceptional season and a fantastic Grand Final weekend.















Rugby

Daramalan Rugby - Season 2025 Wrap-Up

The 2025 Rugby season is officially complete, and what a year it has been! After a long and rewarding season, we have seen significant growth across the program, translating into exciting results on and off the field.

A total of 11 Daramalan teams reached the Semi-Finals, with 7 advancing to the Grand finals, a testament to the commitment of our players, coaches and supporters.

Grand Final Highlights

Under 13s - Daramalan Ross vs Daramalan Hansen Both Under 13 teams met in the Division Grand Final, creating a special moment for our club. In a fantastic display of skills and sportsmanship, Ross secured the win. From the sidelines, it was one of the games of the weekend.

Score: Hansen 21 - Ross 36







Under 14 Red – Champions

In a thrilling come-from-behind victory, the Under 14 Red team defeated St Edmunds White. Trailing for much of the match, they kept the ball alive and scored after the final siren. After sharing the premiership last year, they were determined to make it theirs outright – and they delivered.

Score: Daramalan 19 - St Edmunds 14





Under 16 Boys

After a season of ups and downs, the Under 16s peaked at the right time to earn a Grand Final spot. In a tough, low-scoring battle, St Edmunds edged them out. Despite the result, the team's growth sets a strong foundation for their senior Rugby careers.

Score: Daramalan 8 - St Edmunds 10



Rugby Cont...

2nd XV - History Makers

For the first time since the club system began in 2004, the 2nd XV reached the ACTJRU Grand Final. In a nail-biting match, Mitch McGrory's (Year 11) late penalty sealed a famous victory over Marist. The boys made Daramalan history in an unforgettable performance.

Score: Daramalan 15 - Marist 14





1st Girls

Closing a remarkable era for Daramalan Rugby, the 1st Girls team faced Kinross College in their Final. After storming home with three tries in the second half, the girls looked destined for victory, but a late Kinross try stole the result. While not the fairy-tale ending, this group leaves a lasting legacy of inclusion, passion and excellence.

Score: Daramalan 29 - Kinross 33





1st XV

Back in the Grand Final for the second consecutive year, the 1st XV battled an undefeated Marist College. Down 26–0 at halftime, they mounted a strong fightback but fell just short. Congratulations to the Class of 2025 players for their leadership and commitment to the program. A special mention to **Denzel Veikune** and **BJ Pumpa** for their heartfelt post-game speech, recognising both teammates and opponents.

Score: Marist 29 - Daramalan 19





Thank You

With the season now complete, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our coaches, managers, volunteers and staff. Your tireless efforts have created a positive, welcoming club environment where players could grow, compete and form lifelong friendships.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026. If you're interested in joining next season, please contact **Mr Ben McGee** for details.

Careers News

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

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

Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor

Upcoming Events Tuesday 30 September

UAC Early Bird Applications close (11.59pm)

Wednesday 1 October

ANU deadline for accepting early offers

Friday 17 October

Responsible Service of Alcohol course (FULL)

Saturday 1 November

ANU portal reopens for change of preference (exclusions apply) and document upload

Thursday 6 November

UAC deadline to change preferences for SRS offers

Thursday 13 November

UAC First SRS offers released

ANU Business and Economics School Holiday Program

Visit the ANU campus during the upcoming holidays and experience what the ANU College of Business and Economics has on offer.

ANU Key Dates and Processes

Students who received an ANU offer in September must accept by **Wednesday 1 October** to retain the offer. The application portal will reopen on **Saturday 1 November** for change of preference and to upload supporting documents. The accepted offer must remain in the preference list to be valid.

Early Offers

Students are advised to read carefully the instructions and conditions set out in their offer letters from individual universities. There are often different dates and requirements for each institution.

Construction Induction course set

Students who completed the recent Construction Skill Set courses in September with QTIC are reminded that they should have now received their certificates via email. Students have 60 days from the certificate date to apply for their White Card through Access Canberra (this must be done individually, not through the College).

UAC 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**.

NECA School Holiday Program January 2026

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

News and resources from Work Study Grow

Writing your elevator pitch

So, tell us about yourself... don't stumble through these moments or undersell yourself when opportunities arise.

How social media affects your job prospects

Learn about the pros and cons of social media and how your online presence can impact future job prospects.

How to nail your job application video

Learn how to create a video job application, with tips on planning, filming and what to include to stand out to potential employers.

7 reasons to get a holiday job

Wondering why you should give up some of your holidays to work instead? Here are some reasons why you should consider a holiday job.

Free Money

Explore ways to fund your life and study plans Snow Scholarships and the University of Canberra

These scholarships are one of Australia's most generous and transformative undergraduate programs, designed for students in Canberra and regional or rural NSW who face barriers to higher education. Applications are now open and close on **Sunday 12 October**.

2026 AVCAT Scholarships Applications opened Monday 18 August.

AVCAT scholarships are tertiary scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Australian ex-serving veterans. Scholarships are \$4,000–\$6,000 per year, for up to three years.

C.A.S Hawker Scholarships

These privately funded scholarships are available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$75,000 over three years. The 2026 C.A.S Hawker Scholarships online application form opens on **Monday 3 November** and closes on **Tuesday 2 December**.

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 Annette Brady** to discuss the timing, legal requirements and documentation. Students may only attend work experience for one week during the semester. The completed 4-Way Agreement must be received by the College at least 7 days prior to the placement commencing. Contact careers@daramalan.act.edu.au for more information.



Discover the world with student exchange!

WEP Student Exchange Term 4 Online Events

WEP Talk

Join one of our info nights to learn about going to **high school overseas with WEP**. Ask any questions & find the right program for you!

WHEN?

September 23rd, 3pm October 9th, 6pm November 12th, 6pm December 8th, 6pm

Christmas Special

Discover how **Christmas is celebrated in other countries** and ask returned students about their experiences!

WHEN?
November 25th, 6pm

These times are listed in AEDT (daylight saving), which applies to VIC, NSW, TAS, and ACT.



wep.org.au







Dive Into the World of Books!

BOOKFAIR



26 OCTOBER 10AM-4PM

GOOD SHEPHERD
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
99 BURDEKIN AVENUE,
AMAROO





SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

29 SEPT - 10 OCT 2025



Northside Communty Service provides free school holiday programs and events for young people aged 12-25.

First Aid/CPR - Course and Qualification First Aid & CPR certificate (HLTAID009 Provide CPR & HLTAID011 Provide First Aid). This course is recommended for those aged 14yrs +. Gunners Place. No transport options available

Movies TBC

Come along and enjoy a movie with our friendly Youth Workers, drinks and snacks on us! Transport included - meet at Gunners Place. (We will be sending through a poll/vote option for the movie, so you get to choose the movie.)

Outdoor Sports

Join us at Yerrabi Pond, Gungahlin for a fun-filled day of activities and outdoor sports in collaboration with our friends at Yerrabi Yurwang. Enjoy a free BBQ provided by Northside!

Spring Fling

Facilitated by Woden Youth Engagement Team (YET), join us for a Pool Competition and Music Bingo at Woden Youth Ce

Pre-Learner Licence

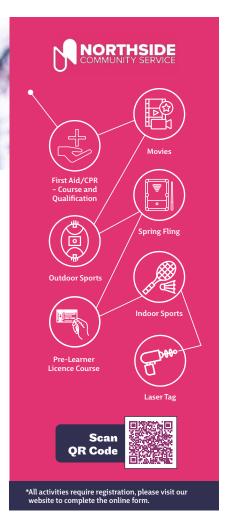
Open to young people aged 15 - 25 years. The ACT Pre-Learner Licence Course is a mandatory course for ACT residents who wants to obtain their L's. Our friendly Youth Workers will deliver the course, including testing and all resources, free of charge over

Indoor Sports

Join in on the fun at **Belconnen Youth Centre** in a collaborative school holiday program, with a variety of activities and sports throughout the day. Lunch included! Transport options available from Gunners Place.

Laser Tag

Hosted by $\mathbf{mHub}, join us for an exciting outdoor laser tag event at Glebe Park. A collaborative$ event with groups from other youth organisations coming together to play laser tag in the park.



SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

29 SEPT - 10 OCT 2025

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Monday

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29 September

Tuesday

First Aid/CPR Course and Qualification

9:00am - 4:00pm

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Movies TBC

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Outdoor Sports

Spring Fling

Gunners Place

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HOYTS, Belconnen 11:00am - 3:00pm

Yerrabi Pond, Gungahlin 11:00am - 2:00pm **Woden Youth Centre** 3:00pm - 5:00pm

> Meet at Gunners Place 2:00pm

6 **Public Holiday** Closed

Pre-Learner Licence Course Day 1

> **Gunners Place** 9:00am - 4:00pm

Pre-Learner Licence Course Day 2

> **Gunners Place** 9:00am - 4:00pm

Indoor Sports

Belconnen Youth Centre 11:00am - 1:30pm Meet at Gunners Place

10:00am

10 Laser Tag

> mHub 11:00am - 1:00pm Meet at Gunners Place 10:00am

In Partnership with:















- All activities are free for young people aged 12-25 years
- Registration is required and places are limited
- All activities are drug and alcohol free
- Registration forms are available online on the Northside website
- Any questions or concerns please email engagement@northside.asn.au



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COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

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

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

Thank you for supporting our community!



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Red Shed is Canberra's community hub for rowing, fitness, and fun. Whether you're new to rowing or already on your journey, we have programs designed for every stage: School holiday, Learn to Row & Continue to Row, Junior Gym programs, Family & Parent Programs, Wellness, Café & Functions

45 John Cardiff Close, Acton, 2601

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Riteway Cleaning Services

Commercial cleaning. 10/5 Gregg Pl, Queanbeyan, NSW, 2620

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| CBR Recruitment | Adam Kowalski | www.cbrrecruitment.com.au |
| Corver and Co Chartered Accountants | Trevor Corver | www.corverandco.com.au |
| Eat Cookies | Lisa Jansen | www.eatcookies.com.au |
| Element Building Projects | Dennis and Aldona Stravopodis | www.elementbuildingprojects.com.au |
| The Energy People | Alex Morrison | www.energypeople.com.au |
| Griffin Legal | Claire Carton | www.griffinlegal.com.au |
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| Leader Security | Troy Cassell | www.leadersecurity.com.au |
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| Pinnacle Driving School | Lisa Murphy | www.Pinnacledrivingschool.com.au |
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| Red Shed | Monique Gassan | www.redshed.org.au |
| Riteway Cleaning Services | Alan | www.ritewaycleaningcanberra.com.au |
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