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Holy Week Liturgy

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From the Principal



Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to thank and acknowledge all of our students and staff for how they have embraced the opportunities, events and activities that have occurred throughout the term. As I look back through the calendar, it has certainly been a hectic but an extremely rewarding term for our community. The term and the year began gathered as a community for our liturgical celebrations in this our Year of Forgiveness, and we ended the term as we began, with our Holy Week Liturgy to mark the importance of the season of Easter and Lent as a Catholic community. I would like to acknowledge all of the students who were involved in bringing our liturgy to life today. I would also like to extend my thanks to **Ms Amy Thomas**, Assistant

Principal Faith Mission, and **Roy Halliday**, College Mission Captain, for their vision and planning of such an important liturgical event.

Last Sunday marked Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week and today we have marked Holy Thursday with our liturgy as we move through the most significant week in our liturgical calendar. In his homily on Palm Sunday, Pope Leo reminded us that as Jesus walked the Way of the Cross, he revealed himself to be the King of Peace, and that we should "place ourselves behind him, following in his footsteps. As we walk with him, we contemplate his passion for humanity, his broken heart, and his life as a gift of love". Pope Leo went on to say, "as we set our gaze upon him who was crucified for us, we can see a crucified humanity. In his wounds, we see the hurts of so many women and men today." Pope Leo's words are powerful in these uncertain times of conflict throughout the world and especially in the Middle East. We join Pope Leo and all around the world to pray for peace

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and an end to conflicts around the world, especially in this our Year of Forgiveness.

Over the past 9 weeks we have held our three sporting carnivals, welcomed our Year 7 parents, Year 7 and 9 attended their respective camps and then completed their NAPLAN tests, celebrated Mass with our extended families, and in the past week we have showcased the College to prospective families on our annual Open Evening. In addition to all of this, rich teaching and learning has occurred, our Daramalan Learning Routines have been embedded, and students and staff have been able to enhance their learning through a myriad of incursions, workshops and excursions both within the Canberra region and beyond. It has certainly been a whirlwind of activity and exciting opportunities for our students to be able to experience the rich offerings that we have at the College. I continue to be amazed at the diversity of our expanded co-curricular program which continues to grow year on year and really does offer something for everyone. I would like to acknowledge the staff who have developed these programs after identifying a need amongst our students and worked to put them in place. I would encourage students to check the Daily News for more information about how to get involved and the details of the activities and events that are coming up as we move into Term 2. I would also like to acknowledge our Student Leaders who have created opportunities and initiatives within each of their portfolio areas already this term. I would particularly like to thank and acknowledge all of our students and families who supported our Lenten appeal for Caritas, particularly the Long Walk for Water. Over \$5000 was raised in a short period of time in conjunction with the awareness raising aspect of the Caritas appeal. My thanks especially extend to Social Justice Captain, **James Clarke**, **Ms Carlie Dwyer** (Social Justice Facilitator), and the members of the Social Justice Committee for their work in promoting the important work undertaken by Caritas.

I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank the staff who will be accompanying our Netball Tour to Fiji

over the holiday break, **Ms Sepi Hawke**, **Ms Bernadette Ross** and **Mr Jonathan Hall**. The tour not only provides an opportunity for our players to develop their netball skills but also to experience and be immersed in Fijian culture.

I would also encourage families to support the Daramalan Theatre Company's Production, RHINOCEROS by Eugene Ionesco, which will be taking place at the beginning of next term. Details of how to book tickets can be found on the following pages.

Open Evening and 2027 Enrolments

On Thursday 26 March, we held our annual Open Evening to enable prospective families and our wider community an opportunity to view and experience our facilities and see what we have on offer here at Daramalan. We had well over 1000 visitors to the College throughout the course of the evening despite the rain and not so favourable weather conditions. The displays had a demonstration focus rather than being interactive, and the feedback from families was extremely positive. I would like to commend all of the students who were either Tour Guides or who were helping in the various subject and co-curricular displays. They did an outstanding job of showcasing our College and all the opportunities that are available. A significant number of visitors took the time as they were leaving to comment on how impressed they were with the students they met and how welcomed they were made to feel by both our students and staff. This was great affirmation of the enthusiasm of our students and the commitment of our staff. The manner in which our students conducted themselves was a credit not only to themselves, but also their families and the College. As I have mentioned to our staff, it is evenings such as last Thursday that highlight to me just what an amazing community we have here at Daramalan.

A reminder that applications for Year 7 and Year 11 2027 must be submitted by **Friday 29 May 2026** to be considered in the first round of offers for a place in 2027. This deadline is the same for current families as well as new families. Enrolment forms are able to be completed online via the link on our website, <https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/>. Enquires or questions concerning enrolments should be



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directed to enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au

Information for current Year 10 families in relation to the process for indicating their enrolment intentions for Year 11 2027 will be sent early next term. There is no need for current Year 10 families to complete a new enrolment application.

Mid-Semester Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Mid-semester reports will be available for families to view and download from Daranet from **Monday 20 April**. Parent-Teacher-Student conferences are scheduled to be held in the second week of Term 2, **Wednesday 29 April**. These interviews will be held **online via Teams**. Information about the booking process and how to login to the meetings will be sent at the beginning of next term once we have returned from the break by **Mr Nic Whatman**, Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning.

Staff Changes

We have a number of staff who will be taking leave for part or all of Term 2. **Mr Ian Garrity** will be on leave for Term 2. He will be replaced as the College Chief Operating Officer for the term by **Mr James Keeley** who will be returning from his leave in Term 1 and prior to James departing the College to take on the role of Principal at St Edmund's College from Semester 2. Also on leave for Term 2 are **Mr Jason Paris** and **Mr Angus Balmaks**. **Mr Marty Capon** has been appointed to the role of acting Sports Coordinator whilst Mr Balmaks is on leave. **Mr Matt Cresswell** will step into the Farrer PCA position during this time. Taking leave for the first two weeks of term 2 are **Mr James Hollis**, **Mr John Gale** and **Mr Will Unwin**. **Ms Jessica Tillack** will be the acting Goolagong PCA whilst Mr Hollis is on leave.

At the beginning of Term 2 we will be welcoming **Ms Keeva Mostyn** to our Counselling team and **Ms Becc Morris** will be rejoining our community as a member of the Religious Education department.

P and F

Thank you to those parents who attended the AGM and general meeting of the P&F Association.

At the AGM, the 2026 P&F Committee were elected:

President - **Guy Dimmock**
 Vice President – **Damien Kelly**
 Treasurer – **Georgie Ovin**
 Assistant Treasurer – **Nick Watson**
 Secretary – **Felicity Toohey**



Cross Country Carnival

Assistant Secretary – **Natalie Pooley**
 APFACTS representative - **Kieren Yeo**

I would like to thank the outgoing Vice President, **Jada Abbey**, for her contributions to the Committee and the College during 2025.

There is an email address for P and F correspondence. It is pandf@daramalan.act.edu.au should you wish to contact the Committee with any matter. The next P&F meeting is calendared for **Wednesday 13 May** at 6:30pm.

Winter Uniform

From the first day of Term 2, **Tuesday 21 April**, students will be required to wear their full Winter uniform to school. Can I remind families that hoodies, including Daramalan sports hoodies, quarter-zip sports jumpers, and 'puffer' jackets do not form part of the Daramalan uniform and should not be worn to school, at school or from school. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students wear their uniform, including using the College Backpack for Years 7-10 with pride as ambassadors of the College. Thank you also to those families who have started getting their Winter uniforms organised already. To assist families to be ready for next term, the Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays. The specific dates and times are available on the College website.

Parking and Supporting Student Safety

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. The roads around the College are extremely busy at all times of the day and the safety of our students, staff and families are our priority. Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility for our students and motorists, 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. Families will have noticed that speed monitoring signage has been placed around the College this term. Mobile speed camera vans as well as licence plate recognition vehicles continue to monitor safe parking and driving around the College.

We also ask that people who are dropping off their students in the morning, and/or picking up students in the afternoon do not park on the nature strips of houses near the College or across driveway entrances. Already this year we have received complaints from our neighbours about damage done to grass and trees as well as access being blocked when they have attempted to exit their property. We wish to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, so we ask that you assist by respecting their space. I would also ask that when collecting students of an afternoon that families do not park in the College driveways or the nature strip on Morphett Street once the gates have been closed. This creates a significant safety hazard for our students.

Student Leave Requests

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

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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 Steve Carroll**, prior to making plans to miss any school days.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact acting Chief Operating Officer, **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.

School Holiday Reception Arrangements

During the school holidays, Reception will be closed from **Friday 3 April to Tuesday 7 April** (inclusive). For the remainder of the holiday period, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday. If you leave messages for teachers by email or phone, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on **Tuesday 21 April** at 8.45am. **Monday 20 April** is a pupil free day for all students. There will be no supervision available on this day as all of our staff will be undertaking valuable professional learning activities on this day. Families are also reminded that the following **Monday 27 April** is a public holiday to mark ANZAC Day, and as such, the College will be closed.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

Ruby Holden and **Aria Wallace** (Year 12) who recently competed in the Braddon Collective busking competition. Ruby placed first in the Youth Division, and Aria (along with her band the Echoes) won the Open Category and also received the People's Choice Award.

Alex Donaldson, **Felix Pentony**, **Kaylee Dyska** (Year 10), **Patrick Curran** (Year 11), **James Barwell** and **Tristian Tierney** (Year 12) who have been selected as members of the ACT Rowing Pathways squad following the highly successful recent rowing season.

Conner Brooks (Year 11) who has been selected to referee at the 2026 World Youth Soccer games in Italy later this year.

Cooper Barker (Year 11) on his selection for the U16 Emerging Socceroos Championships. Cooper was also a member of the ACT Futsal squad who competed at the National Championships earlier in the year.



Jaxen Bentley (Year 9) on his selection as a member of the ACT Baseball team who will be competing at the School Sports Baseball championships in Adelaide and also at the Junior League Australian Championships in Lismore next term.

Sam Blood (Year 11) on his selection to represent the ACT in the U18 100m and 200m Sprints at the National Junior Athletics Championships in Brisbane over the coming break.

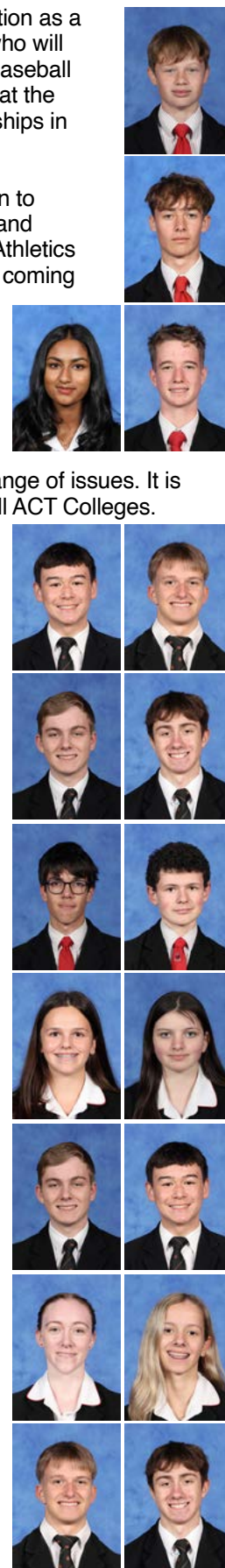
Catherine Rose Babu (Year 12) and **Hayden Erwin** (Year 11) who have been selected as members of the ACTBSSS Student Forum. This forum meets several times over the year to discuss and consider a range of issues. It is comprised of students from across all ACT Colleges.

The two teams of senior students who qualified for the second round (Nationals) of the OzClo (Australian Computational Linguistics Olympiad) competition which was held last Friday afternoon. Congratulations to the Year 12 team members **Sean Loney** and **Roy Halliday** (Year 12) who have made the finals each year for the past four years and to **Thomas Neighbour** and **Tristian Tierney** who have made the finals for the past three years. Congratulations also to the Year 11 team members, **Ben Axford**, **Lachlan Huby**, **Luci Polegubic** and **Amber Stewart**. The final results of the competition will not be known until early next term.

Congratulations also to our Senior Physics students, **Thomas Neighbour**, **Sean Loney**, **Rachel Nicol**, **Hayley Parkinson**, **Roy Halliday** and **Tristian Tierney** on their entry into the Beamline for Schools International Physics competition for high school students. The group have been generously mentored by two ANU particle physicists as part of the project.

I wish all of our families and our staff a very blessed Easter and a relaxing break filled with quality time with family and friends. For those who are travelling over the break, I wish you safe travels. I look forward to welcoming our students back for Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April. Best wishes,

Rachel Davies
Principal



School News

Reception will be closed **Tuesday 7 April** and will re-open **Wednesday 8 April, 9:00am – 4:00pm.**

Uniform Shop School Holiday Opening Hours

Week 1 of Holidays

Wednesday 8 April: 10:00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 9 April: 10:00am to 4.00pm
Friday 10 April: 10:00am to 4.00pm

Week 2 of Holidays

Thursday 16 April: 10:00am to 4.00pm
Friday 17 April: 10:00am to 4.00pm

(Closed for lunch 12.00 – 12.30pm each day)

From Term 2 onwards, the uniform shop will operate on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30am to 4:00pm, with a closure from 12:00pm to 12:30pm for lunch.



Term 2 School Fees 2026

Term 2 statements will be emailed to parents on **Wednesday 8 April.**

Term 2 school fees are due by **Monday 4 May.**

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/>

Transport Canberra Bus changes for Term 2

DARAMALAN COLLEGE - school service 1022

- Arrives at afternoon destinations approx. 2mins later in the PM from the start of Term 2.

The new Woden Interchange is nearing completion and will be operational for customers from the start of Term 2 on **Monday 20 April 2026.**

A platform layout map for the new Woden Interchange is available on the Transport Canberra Website: <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/>

Route Services:

There are timing changes to: Rapid 2, Rapid 3, Rapid 4, Rapid 5, Rapid 6, Rapid 7, Rapid 10, Route 56, Route 57, Route 58, Route 59 and Route 66

We therefore encourage students and families to check updated timetables and new Woden platform

numbers before the start of Term 2 and allow time to adjust during the first week back.

All passengers will be able to plan ahead using the MyWay+ app and journey planner on the Transport Canberra website.

More information on both the timetable improvements and on the new Woden Interchange can also be found on the Transport Canberra website.



Youth Ministry Formation Day

Year 10 Youth Ministry Formation Day

On Monday 30 March, the Year 10 Youth Ministry class travelled to St Mary's Towers in Douglas Park for our Formation Day. This place holds special significance for the MSCs, as it is where they train to become priests and where some members later retire. Throughout the day, we took part in team-building activities and learned about the rich history of the site. We also heard from **Fr Krish** and **Sam**, a novice, who generously shared their stories and the experiences that led them to join the MSCs. Both spoke about being drawn to the idea of becoming God's Heart on Earth and living out these values by slowing down, noticing the people around us and appreciating the present moment. We were also able to start planning the Year 7 Retreats that will take place next term. St Mary's Towers itself was incredibly peaceful, and we were given quiet time to sit in the gardens, reflect and take it all in. It was a great day, and we certainly made some unforgettable memories!

Zara Luketic (Year 10)



Social Justice

The Big Water Walk

On Wednesday 25 March, Daramalan students participated in The Big Water Walk. The Big Water Walk was one of the many ways that Daramalan raised funds for Project Compassion during Lent.

Every day, 292 million people around the world walk 30 minutes or more to collect water. They may miss school,

walk in dangerous conditions, or even collect unsafe water for their family to drink. The Big Water Walk aimed to raise awareness of the reality for so many people in our world, and to walk in solidarity for those who lack access to clean water. Our students walked with buckets and jugs of water to the Dickson wetlands and back.

Thank you to the students and families who supported The Big Water Walk in raising \$1200. Thank you also to the staff who assisted on the day.

During the walk, students were asked their insights and reflections:



"It makes me grateful for the society that we live in, the access to things that we consider normal, but for others, they have to put in a lot of effort to get it. We take it for granted. It makes me realise how strong other people are and how good we've got it." - **Tomasz Williams** (Year 12)



"It is heartbreaking how I can get up and I have water right there, but others have to traverse sometimes unsafe areas just to get things that they need to survive." - **Chloe Eaton** (Year 11)

"I feel grateful for the country that we live in and the access to water that we have. To do this every day, to get water, to walk even longer than this, would be such a struggle. It may seem like a part of daily life to them, but it seems so distant to us, and I find that hard to process." - **Archie Edwards** (Year 12)



"At the beginning when I first got the jugs, it seemed really easy. But then after about 5 minutes, my arms started to really hurt. I am not even carrying much, I am carrying 8 litres and my arms are burning. I cannot imagine having to carry 10+ litres to and fro each day." - **Evie Nicholls** (Year 11)



"This has given me perspective about the amount of effort people have to put in every day to stay alive. Getting water is probably not the only thing this walk is important for - people around the world have to do things that we don't have to do in order just to survive. I think that is important." - **Sam Green** (Year 11)



"It has given me an extra layer of sympathy for people who have to go through this every day." - **Ruby Jeremenko** (Year 11)

"It makes me feel grateful for not only the access to water, but the access to clean water that we have." - **Joseph Modun** (Year 12)



"It has made me realise how far some people have to walk every day to get safe and clean water, just to survive." - **Brooklyn Johnson** (Year 7)



Our fundraising for Project Compassion has reached \$4000, halfway to our goal! We are continuing our efforts with our Easter Raffle – tickets are available on Qkr!. A special thank you to members of the Daramalan community who generously donated prizes for our raffle. The raffle will be drawn next term.



Easter Fundraising Raffle

Brumbies home game box (8 people)

by ACT Brumbies

Mini photography session

with Mel Hill Photography

Vouchers (2) to the Safer Driving Course

from Pinnacle Driving School

Easter hamper (1) and fresh donuts (1)

from The Corner Market

Gift vouchers

from Pacific Facilities Maintenance

Cookies

by 'Eat Cookies'

TICKETS: \$5

All proceeds go to Project Compassion

Tickets available on QKR! and in the

McMahon Quad on selected days

The Uhr Information Centre

The Uhr Information Centre (UIC) has enjoyed a busy term. The mornings have been buzzing with students using the space to meet with friends and Homework Club has taken off in the afternoon. Our teacher librarians have collaborated with department staff to deliver workshops supporting assessment for Year 7 HASS on Liveability, Year 8 HASS on the Black Death and Year 9 Food Tech on Nutrition.

New Books: Focus on Biology

The Library is working to update our non-fiction collection and have recently purchased some World Book Science resources. These are suitable for students in Years 7 to 10.

What are you reading at the moment?

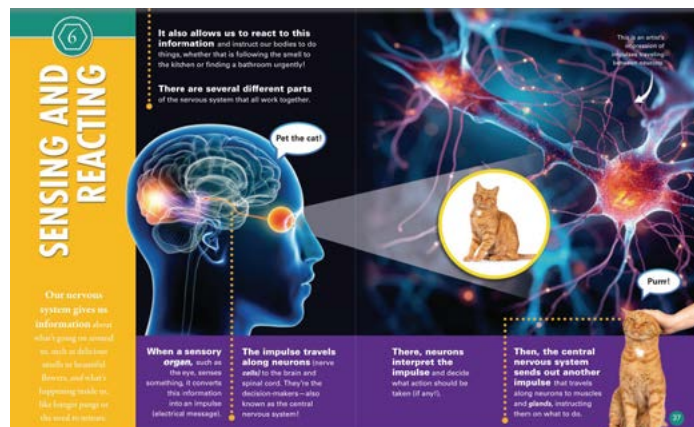
Ms Mel Cashman *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Ms Emma Cox *Atomic Habits* by James Clear

Ms Heidi Horwood *Fight Night* by Miriam Toews

Ms Donna Whitfield *Crooked Kingdom* by Leigh Bardugo

Ms Yang Yang *Wish We Knew What to Say* by Pragya Agarwal



Homework Club

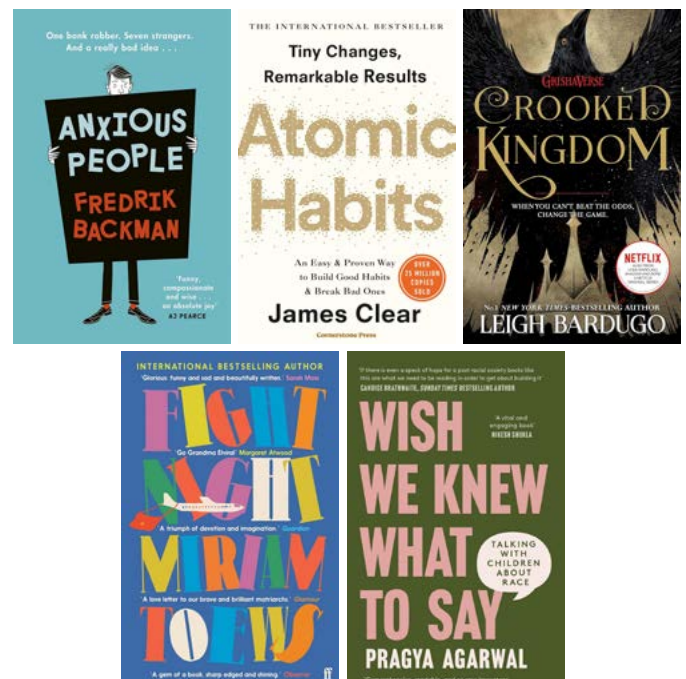
- 3:30 – 4:30pm daily
- Quiet space to study, do homework or work on assignments
- Teachers available from across Departments to provide homework support.

Holiday borrowing

Students are welcome to borrow books over the Autumn break. Come into the Uhr Information Centre and stock up before the end of term.

Opening hours

- 8:25am – 4:30pm daily (closed at 3:30pm on Staff Meeting and event days)
- Recess most days, except the first day of the week (usually a Monday)
- Lunchtime 1:10 – 1:35pm



Calling All Keen Writers

Are you enthusiastic about writing? Why not join **the Daramalan Writers' Club** and join other keen writers from Years 7-12. (A special invitation to Year 7s and Year 9s but all welcome!)

We meet in the Seminar Room in the Uhr Information Centre every even week Mondays after school from 3:45pm to 5:00pm.

In Term Two we will meet on:

Monday 4 May

Monday 18 May

Monday 15 June

We will be entering writing competitions, have a guest author workshop and prepare teams for the "WriteABookInADay" competition. So come along and join in the fun!



Pi Day

Chelsea Delteza Patriarca (Year 12) has won our annual Pi Day competition, successfully reciting an impressive 440 digits of π — a fantastic achievement. Congratulations!

Once again, the event saw a strong turnout, with 201 students participating across all Houses. The competition was well supported by both staff and students, creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere throughout.

Positions	Name	Year	House	Number of Digits
1	Chelsea Delteza Patriarca	12	Phillip	440
2	Sean Loney	12	Cuthbert	187
3	Loretta Pooley	7	Cuthbert	134
4	James Stein	8	O'Brien	112
5	Harrison Kirkwood	7	Farrer	111
6	Chris Nguyen	7	Merrick	111
7	Mason Ha	8	Lyons	110
8	Charlotte Boland	7	O'Brien	107
9	Raeland Loney	8	Cuthbert	102
10	Annabella Cross	7	Merrick	101



Languages

Daramalan College made it through to the OzClo Nationals for the fourth year in a row!

In Week 5, 40 students from the Years 9 to 12 Languages classes took part in the Australian Computational Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO) regional competition and our 2 senior teams made it through to the national stage. Congratulations!

Year 12 Team: **Sean Loney, Roy Halliday, Tristian Tierney** and **Thomas Neighbour**

Year 11 Team: **Ben Axford, Lachlan Huby, Luci Polegubic** and **Amber Stewart**

“We competed in the OzClo National Round at Daramalan on Friday 27 March. We had to decode languages that we have never seen or heard before, such as Rapa Nui and Ethiopian numbers. We used limited information to decode hard questions. My team, consisting of **Sean Loney, Thomas Neighbour, Tristian Tierney** and I, have competed every year since Year 9. We really enjoy this competition as it tests our problem-solving skill while also testing different thinking not just numeracy skills seen in other competitions.” **Roy Halliday** - Year 12 Japanese



Visual Arts

Visual Arts – Coming Soon

Staff and Alumni Biennale Thursday 3 September

Calling all staff and alumni artists! Be part of the inaugural Staff and Alumni Biennale 2026, a new exhibition celebrating the creative practices of our community. This year's theme, Clouds, invites you to explore the theme of movement, literally or symbolically.

We encourage you to develop and submit up to three works for consideration and contribute to this exciting showcase of professional artistic talent. More details on submission guidelines and key dates will be announced soon. Start creating now!



Science

Year 7

Year 7 Science students have been investigating the properties of paper towel, putting their skills to the test as they designed fair experiments and collected first-hand data. This hands-on investigation helped build strong foundations in scientific thinking and data collection. Ask your student what they discovered - you'll never be able to look at your paper towel the same way again!



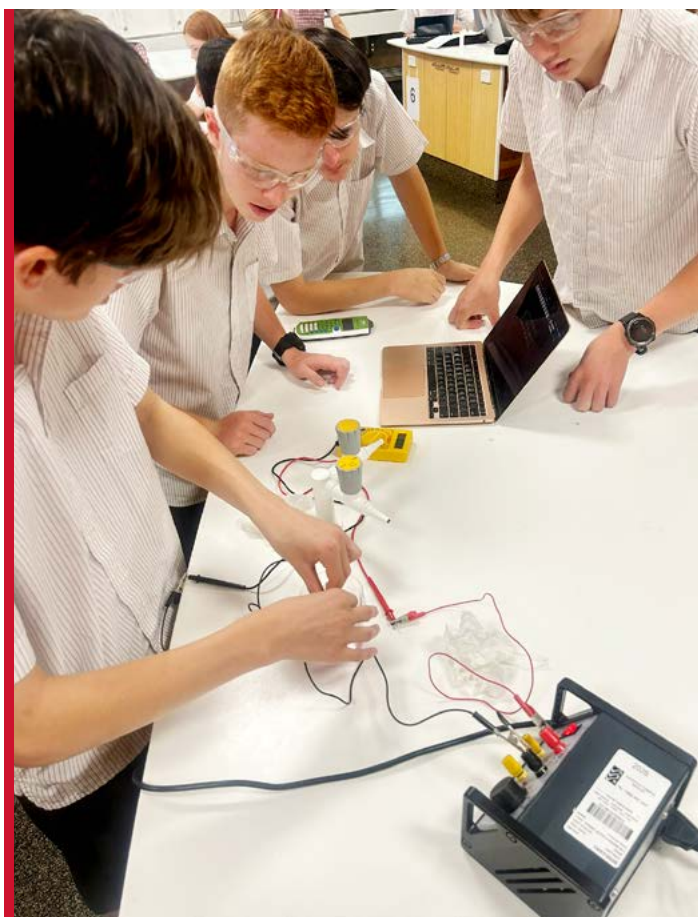
Year 8

Year 8 students have been exploring the circulatory system, learning how the heart, blood vessels and blood work together to keep the body healthy. As part of this unit, students participated in a hands-on heart dissection to closely examine the structure of the heart. This engaging practical helped bring their learning to life and deepen their understanding of how the heart functions.



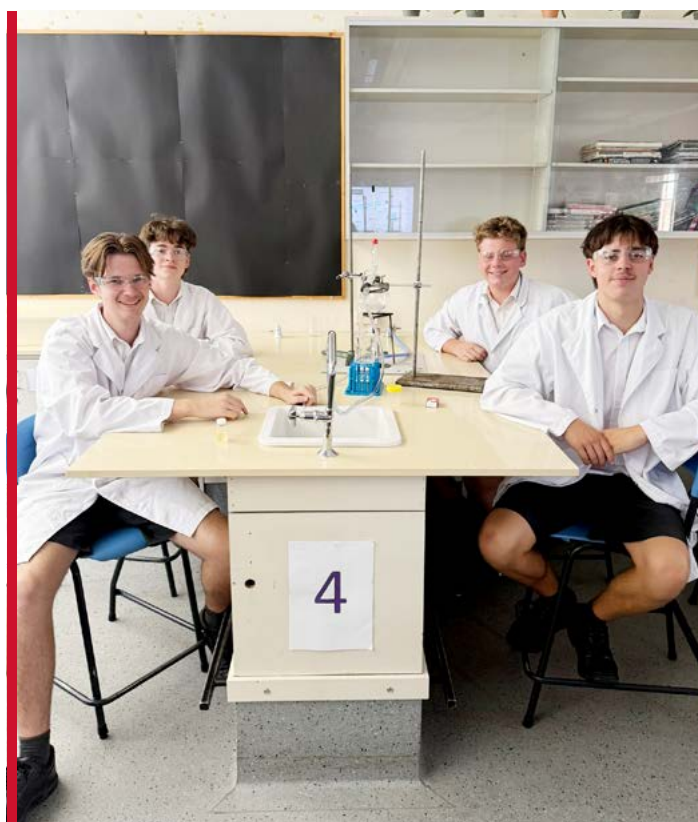
Year 10

Year 10 Science students have been busy designing their own scientific investigations, choosing from four engaging topics. Through planning fair tests, identifying variables and deciding how to collect data, students are developing important scientific inquiry skills. They are learning how to analyse and interpret their results, building confidence in working with data. Ask your student about their topic – electrolyte replacement drinks, reaction time, energy in a ball bounce or water retention of soils....?



Year 11

Year 11 Science students have been working with some truly impressive laboratory equipment to separate substances based on their physical properties. This practical work strengthened their understanding of analytical techniques used by scientists and industry professionals.



Science Cont...

Physics

What if a group of Daramalan students could help answer one of the biggest mysteries in the universe – Dark Matter?

This year, a team of Year 11 and 12 students became the first from Daramalan to enter the annual [Beamline for Schools \(BL4S\) competition](#). Run by CERN, BL4S is a global physics competition where students design real experiments that could be carried out at world-class particle accelerator facilities. The competition attracts submissions from around the world and provides students a rare opportunity to engage in physics research and gain skills that will be applicable to their future careers.

The prize for 5 winning teams is equally remarkable – a fully funded trip to CERN in Switzerland or DESY/ELSA in Germany, where students work alongside professional physicists to carry out their experiment on a real particle beamline.

For several months (since September 2025), our team – Team TimTamTau – has been developing a strong proposal while collaborating with experimental physicists from ANU. Our proposal focuses on dark matter, which makes up most of the universe but has never been directly detected, making it one of the great scientific mysteries. We proposed irradiating sodium iodide crystals with tiny particles known as muons in an attempt to help find dark matter.

Although highly technical, the project pushed us to think critically, apply advanced physics concepts, and effectively communicate in a professional scientific format.

You can read our full submission here:

<https://beamlineforschools.cern/wp-content/uploads/fluentform/ff-9a2b30e16e733eeb7422ee7e238cd014-ff-BL4S-Final-Submission-Team-TimTamTau.pdf>

Regardless of the outcome, participating in BL4S has been an incredibly rewarding experience. We look forward to sharing our results and inspiring other Daramalan students to take on unique opportunities like this in the future.

We would like to profusely thank our incredible coach, **Ms Joanne Cheong**, for her support and encouragement throughout the entire process – it wouldn't have been possible without her. We are also grateful to **Dr Yiyi Zhong** and **Dr Lindsey Bignell** from the ANU for their guidance.

Team TimTamTau Members: **Rachel Nicol** (Year 11), **Thomas Neighbour**, **Sean Loney**, **Tristian Tierney**, **Roy Halliday** and **Hayley Parkinson** (Year 12).



BL4S

DARA STUDENTS SEARCHING FOR DARK MATTER!



beamline for schools
CERN/DESY/ELSA

WHAT IS BL4S?

Beamline for Schools (BL4S) is a global competition where students design real physics experiments to be completed at some of the largest science facilities in the world.



Find out more at the BL4S website!

THE PRIZE

- A fully funded trip to CERN (Switzerland), or DESY/ELSA (Germany)
- Access to the world-leading particle accelerators
- Work alongside professional physicists







DARA'S 2026 PROPOSAL

- Dark matter makes up most of the universe - but we still haven't found it
- Scientists search for it by using crystals that detect particles from space
- Our team (TimTamTau) wants to help find dark matter by testing how particles, called muons, interact in the crystals

WHAT NEXT?

- This is just one example of how student ideas at Dara can develop into real scientific research



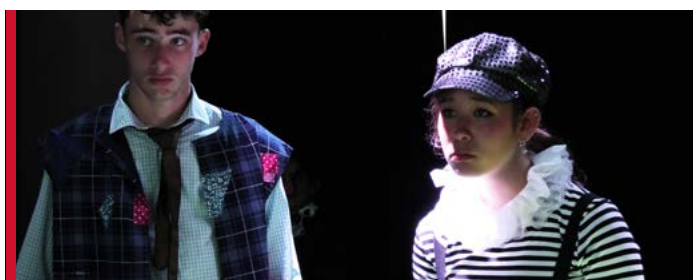


Performing Arts

Fun Times at Rhinoceros Rehearsals

The production of Rhinoceros is drawing near. Show and meal tickets are available through the link below. Come along and make a night of it. There is pre-show entertainment from 6.00pm when the bar and café open. Rhinoceros is an iconic play written by Eugene Ionesco in 1959. It is a comedy; an absurd comedy! Yet there are some serious observations made through it; perhaps some thought-provoking material.

There is a strong student cast and crew who are striving to make this a truly significant event. They are:



CAST LIST

Conner	Brooks	Proprietor
Louis	Carrasco	Botard
Lily	Clark	Musician Composer
Teoman	Dagseven	The Grocer
Archie	Edwards	Berringer
Olivia	Eveston	The Waitress
Skylar	Farrugia	Mrs Boeff
Bella	Fraser	The Housewife (with the cat)
Ayansa	Gamage	Puppetry and Mask Maker Rhino Dancer
Thomas	Hunter	The Logician
Kiran	Isbister	Jean
Millie	Jensen	Rhino Dancer
Ruby	Jeremenko	Musician Composer
Catarina	Mesquita-Hennessy	Dudard 2
Evie	Nicholls	Daisy
Will	O'Brien	The Old Gentleman
Chelsea Delteza	Patriarca	Dudard 1
Jimmy	Phillips	Mask Maker, back stage crew, Rhino
Tessa	Pocock	The Grocer's Wife
Abi	Smith	Assistant Movement Coordinator and Mask Maker, Make-Up and Rhino Performer
Rebecca	Spinks	Papillon and Musician



STUDENT CREW LIST

Jackson	Wight	Lighting Assistant Designer and Operator
Cameron	Charles	Assistant Director
Danica-Zeta	Jonathan	Marketing and Promotions
Abella	Young	Marketing and Promotions
Matthew	Spavins	Sound and Tech Assistant and Stage Hand
Lachlan	Holmes	Rehearsal Assistant and Stage Hand
Tahlia	Parkinson	Sound and Technical Assistant and Media Operator
Joshua	Brice	Mask Maker
Chloe	Eaton	Mask Maker, Make-Up
Jake	Wullaert	Back Drop Images and Promotional Image
Jenna	Di Mezza	Drama Intern / Dramaturgy Study
Ruby	Livermore	Rehearsal Assistant
Oscar	Skipper	Pre-Show Pianist

RHINOCEROS

BY EUGENE IONESCO
TRANSLATED BY DEREK PROUSE
DIRECTED BY JOE WOODWARD

By Arrangement with ORIGIN™ Theatrical
On Behalf of Samuel French
A Concord Theatricals Company



Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionesco performs **Saturday 18 April – Saturday 25 April.**

Tickets for the show and for show and dinner are available here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rhinoceros-cnbc99wn>

Performing Arts Cont...

Music News

Private Music Lessons – Unlock Your Musical Potential!

Personalised one-on-one instruction builds confidence, develops technique, and inspires a lifelong love of music. Whether you are a beginner or looking to refine your skills, private lessons provide tailored guidance for faster progress.

We offer lessons with experienced teachers in guitar, drums, vocals, violin, cello, bass, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, clarinet, flute, saxophone and piano.

Calling All New Year 7 Musicians!

If you play an instrument or sing, we have an ensemble for you! Joining a group is a fantastic way to improve your musical skills and make new friends. All instruments can be hired from the Music Office for only \$50 per Semester.

Old Narrabundah Community Council Festival

A big thank you to Chelsea Delteza Patriarca, Seth Hyland and Aria Wallace (Year 12) for donating their talent and time to perform at the festival on Saturday. The music created a great atmosphere and was a good opportunity for these young musicians to perform.

Contemporary Rock Band – It's happening!

The Daramalan rock band program will be starting early next term. We have 4 – 5 bands that have shown interest. This will be run by Mojo guitars after school. I'm excited to see where this goes. I look forward to having bands perform at school celebrations throughout the year.

For more information on any of the above, please see **Ms Michelle Coggan** or **Mr Michael Jackson** in the Issoudun Building.



**DARAMALAN DANCE
COMPANY 2026**

**WAKAKIRRI
AUDITIONS**

**DANCERS AND
ACTORS!**

Years 7 and 8

Week 10: Wednesday, 22nd of April

Years 9 and 10

Week 10: Thursday, 23rd of April

Where: C1 (DANCE ROOM)

When: Start of lunch, Term 2

***No change of clothes needed**

***Any questions email Ms Haynes**

Sport

House Cross Country Carnival

The 2026 House Cross Country Carnival has continued the participation growth trend from 2022 with over 300 students taking part. Having access to the state-of-the-art Stromlo Forest Park running track provided a course that allows students to participate to the best of their ability. A highlight was the Open Boys champion, **Patrick Clark** (Year 12), running a time of 20:34.7 at a 3:39 min/km split. All Houses were well represented leading to healthy competition on the course. House Cup points were decided based on the top 10 finishers in each age group and Spirit Plate by the number of participants that completed the course. Thank you to all of the House Captains that helped set up and pack down the House tents and to **Mr Stuart Dix** for running a great carnival.



Spirit Plate Results

1st: O'Brien and Goolagong

3rd: Lawson and Lyons

House Cup Results:

1st: Cuthbert

2nd: Lyons

3rd: Goolagong



ASC Swimming

The annual ASC Swimming competition took place on Wednesday 25 April at the AIS. Daramalan took 42 swimmers across 50m and 100m disciplines. Some great team results took place in the Girls 12-13 years and Boys 16 years & Over 4x50m Freestyle events. A number of students have progressed onto the ACT Swimming Carnival taking place at the start of Term 2.

Overall Results

Girls 4th

Boys 7th

Combined 3rd

Relays

Age Event Place

Girls 12-13 Years 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay 3rd

Boys 16 Years & Over 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay 1st

Individual Results

Name	Age	Event	Place
Grace McGregor	12 Years Girls	50m Breaststroke	5th
Annika Scherl	13 Years Girls	100m Freestyle	5th
		50m Breaststroke	5th
Aoife O'Keefe	14 Years Girls	100m Freestyle	3rd
		50m Breaststroke	4th
		50m Backstroke	3rd
		100m Breaststroke	4th
		100m Backstroke	2nd
		50m Butterfly	4th
Macie Wilson	13 - 19 Years Multi Class Girls	100m Freestyle	1st
		50m Breaststroke	2nd
		50m Backstroke	1st
		50m Freestyle	2nd
		50m Butterfly	2nd

Riley Bransdon	15 Years Girls	100m Freestyle	1st
		50m Breaststroke	3rd
		50m Backstroke	1st
		50m Freestyle	1st
		100m Backstroke	1st
		50m Butterfly	1st
Eliza Lawton	16 Years Girls	100m Freestyle	4th
		50m Breaststroke	3rd
		100m Breaststroke	3rd
		50m Freestyle	5th
Carla Sarri	16 Years Girls	100m Freestyle	3rd
		50m Backstroke	4th
		50m Freestyle	3rd
		100m Backstroke	4th
		50m Butterfly	4th
Mason Brown	12 Years Boys	100m Freestyle	4th
		50m Backstroke	5th
		50m Freestyle	3rd
Hunter Harrison	17 Years & Over Boys	100m Freestyle	4th
		50m Breaststroke	3rd
		50m Backstroke	2nd
		100m Breaststroke	3rd
		50m Freestyle	4th
Sean Loney	17 Years & Over Boys	50m Breaststroke	2nd
		100m Breaststroke	2nd
		50m Freestyle	3rd
		50m Butterfly	3rd
Rylan Campbell	17 Years & Over Boys	100m Butterfly	3rd
		50m Butterfly	5th
Joshua O'Keefe	17 Years & Over Boys	50m Freestyle	5th
Oliver English	17 Years & Over Boys	100m Backstroke	4th

Basketball

Summer Grand Finals

Well done to all of our teams who played in their Summer season finals recently. We had nine teams make the Grand Final with an impressive seven teams going on to win.

Grand Final Results

U16 Boys Division 3B	Daramalan College	54	Norths White	24
U16 Boys Division 4C	St Edmund's College Red	33	Daramalan College	27
U16 Boys Division 5A	Spartan Power	36	Daramalan College Black	33
U16 Girls Division 4A	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers	13	Daramalan College	15
U14 Boys Division 2B	Daramalan College	36	Ginninderra Desert Rats	21
U14 Boys Division 5B	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Red	15	Daramalan College	27
U19 Boys Division 1B	Daramalan College	71	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers	65
U19 Boys Division 2B	Norths White	32	Daramalan College	39
U19 Boys Division 4B	Daramalan College White	47	CGS Timberwolves	26



Daramalan Basketball Pre-season Carnival

On Saturday 28 March, the Daramalan College Basketball community came together for our annual Basketball Pre-season Carnival.

The carnival saw all of our teams take to the courts in a series of friendly yet competitive matches against other Daramalan teams. The day offered a valuable opportunity for players to test their skills, build team chemistry and get a feel for the season ahead. Thank you to St Edmunds College who came and joined us for the last two games against our U16 and U19 D1 teams.



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**WEDNESDAY 8 &
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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: 3:30pm sharp

PAYMENT

\$80 per day, payments can be made using the QR code

Cricket

Cricket Season Summary

On Tuesday 24 March, we held the 2025/26 Cricket Season Presentation Evening in the Issoudun Performing Arts Centre and Joe Woodward Theatre. It was a great occasion bringing together the whole Daramalan Cricket community and celebrating the achievements of all our players, parents, coaches and volunteers from throughout the Summer season. Special thanks to **Ms Yvonne Turnbull** and the Maintenance team for their help with setting up and packing up the event and to **Ms Bernadette Ross** for organising the awards.

Together, we were able to recognise excellent performers within each of the teams, along with the MSC Award winners – **Zac Steller** (Year 7), **Logan Lewis**, **Sebastian Lapworth** (Year 9) and **Lachlan Holmes** (Year 10). These players demonstrated exceptional MSC values such as respect, compassion and hospitality throughout the season and are a true testament to what it means to be a Daramalan student.

Congratulations to those who achieved Milestone Awards: **Xavier O'Brien**, **Lucas Groves**, and **Angus Ferndale**

(Year 10) for Outstanding Batting; **Mitchell Power** (Year 9), **Nic Rose** and **Alex Laverty** (Year 10) for Scores of 50+; and **Harvey Yeo** (Year 7), **Mihail Ishchenko** (Year 8), **Tyson Arnold** (Year 9), **Lucas Gresham** and **Angus Ferndale** for Outstanding Bowling. **Mihail Ishchenko** was also recognised for taking a Hat-Trick throughout the season. **Harvey Yeo** was awarded the Daramalan Cricketer of the Year for scoring 223 runs at an average of 55.75, taking 9 wickets at an average of 14.33, and always demonstrating the MSC values of the College.

While we did not have any finalists this season, our players are commended for their commitment and resilience throughout the season. Despite some tough games, each of the teams pulled through to get some close wins and supported their teammates throughout. The spirit of our players was a real highlight of the season, and something that will only continue to grow.

Finally, I would like to thank **James Yeo**, **Sean Knight**, **Adam Gresham**, **Jamie McRae** and Year 12 student **Cael Heenan** for coaching teams this season. The work of our coaches is vital to improving the games of our players, and they work tirelessly to ensure the needs of their players are fulfilled. An extra special thank you to **Jamie McRae** for his invaluable contribution to Daramalan Cricket for a number of years, including organising the first Parents v Players match.



Rowing

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March concluded the Daramalan Rowing racing season for 2026 with the NSW Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Head of the River. This regatta was a fantastic outing for our rowers with many qualifying for A-finals for their final race of the season.

Throughout the season, our athletes have demonstrated their dedication, drive and tenacity. Whilst we have a small program, the athletes this season have performed at their best – recording PBs in regatta after regatta, and regardless of results, the true measure of success lies in the effort, teamwork and growth each rower has experienced over the year. This season, in both local and interstate regattas, we had over 100 top 3 placements, and in the overall ACT Men's point score for this season, the Daramalan boys ranked 8th.

Our NSW Championships team was comprised of our Year 10 and Senior Rowers competing against other schools at one of the highest levels. On the Saturday, our U19 Women's quad – with **Grace York**, **Emma Williams** (Year 11), **Olivia Spurrett**, **Kaylee Dyska**, with **Zoe Glover** (Year 10) coxing, had a strong and comfortable heat, placing third and progressing to the Semi Finals. Unfortunately, the conditions rapidly deteriorated with a storm rolling in, and so they didn't get to race their Semi's, nor did the U19 Men's quad get a chance to race

their heat. On the Sunday, Year 10 sculler **Felix Pentony** earned a hard-fought Silver in the Championship Schoolboy Single Scull.

At ACT Championships, we finished 4th in the Schoolboys Point Score, and 5th in the Schoolgirls. With had a number of A Finalists, we saw standout performances from Silver medallists – **Olivia Spurrett**, in the U16 single, and **Felix Pentony**, in the U19 single. The U19 Women's quad finished 6th overall in the ACT Head of the River, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our rowers, and our best performance in a number of years. Among our many achievements, we saw strong performances across various events – in particular our single sculls with our senior scullers achieving 5 medals in the first 5 races, including Gold for **Felix Pentony** in the Schoolboy Div 1, and **Emma Williams** in Schoolgirl Div 2. We also had medals from **Laura Corkhill** (Year 9) and **Astrid Pentony** (Year 8). To round out our medal tally, the Schoolgirls quad fought for their podium finish and earned Bronze. These successes are made even more impressive considering that many other programs dedicate significantly more time to their training.

The Head of the River was an even tougher challenge, pushing our rowers to dig deep against some top-tier crews. Despite the intensity, our athletes held their own, proving that determination and teamwork can go a long way in high-pressure races. This weekend saw the squad decimate their PBs, by up to 15 seconds in some cases! Our Year 8 Girls quad achieved a Silver,



Rowing Cont...

our Schoolgirls quad a Bronze, and our Year 10 Boy's quad of **Alexander Donaldson, Sam Keeley, Hudson Warren, Jimmy Allison**, and cox **Nate Keeley** (Year 8), had a phenomenal race, putting their training to work to achieve Gold.

Ten Daramalan athletes put their training to the test in a trial for the ACT Pathways State Team, and I am pleased to say that 6 were selected for the squad – **Alexander Donaldson** (Year 10), **Patrick Curran** (Year 11), **Kaylee Dyska, James Barwell, Felix Pentony** and **Tristian Tierney**. They will be racing up in Sydney against other states and territories from Sunday 12 April, in the Rowing Australia U19 Pathways Selection Regatta.

For two of our rowers, this is their last season rowing for Daramalan. Congratulations and thank you to our Year 12 rowers **Tristian Tierney** and **James Barwell** for their service to Daramalan rowing and we wish you well in your future crews – we will see you on the lake!

We recognise that rowing fast requires immense dedication, and while some choose to pursue it at the highest level, others balance their passion for the sport with other commitments. Daramalan Rowing Club takes pride in supporting all our athletes, no matter their chosen path. What truly matters in the long run are not the medals or podium finishes, but the friendships formed, the lessons learned from disciplined training, and the camaraderie built through teamwork and shared experiences. Congratulations to all rowers and coaches on a successful season and enjoy some well earned sleep ins over Winter.



Rugby Union

Daramalan Rugby: A Strong Start to 2026

The past few weeks have been a great start to the 2026 Rugby season at Daramalan, with plenty of activity across the program and a real sense of excitement building within the community. Our Senior Boys opened their campaign with matches against Barker College, St Gregory's College and Marist College Canberra. These games were a valuable opportunity to test combinations, build confidence and set the tone for the season ahead.

One of the standout moments so far was the opening weekend against St Augustine's College. With all Boys teams in action across Daramalan and RMC, it was a full day of rugby that really showcased the strength of the program. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day, with strong support from families and a clear sense of energy around the start of the season.

The Senior Girls program also had a really positive experience in their hybrid match with Erindale College. With teams made up of players from both schools, the game provided a great opportunity to build connections, develop confidence and continue to grow depth within the program. It was a really enjoyable and valuable experience for everyone involved.

A highlight for many was the opportunity for our Under 13 Girls to play at GIO Stadium during half-time of an ACT Brumbies match. For a number of the girls, it was their first experience of rugby, and to do it on that stage made it even more special. It was a great way to introduce them to the game and give them something they will remember.

Back at school, the Senior Boys reconnected with Chevalier College in a lunchtime fixture played in front of the College. Despite the cold and wet conditions, the game was played

in excellent spirit and created a fantastic atmosphere. It was a great opportunity to strengthen our MSC connection and is something we hope to continue into the future.

We were also fortunate to welcome members of the Wallaroos into the College, where they spent time with students and used our refurbished gym. Their visit was a great way to highlight the growth of Women's Rugby and provided a strong source of inspiration for our players.

Looking ahead, there is plenty coming up. Our Senior Girls and Boys will take on Canberra Grammar in upcoming trial matches. The Senior Boys will also finish their pre-season against St Kevin's College on **Thursday 16 April** at the Nicholls enclosed ovals, home of the Gungahlin Eagles. On **Saturday 18 April**, many of our teams will be involved in the Vikings Gala Day. Players should check in with their coaches and managers for details around this.

Registrations are still open for anyone interested in joining the Daramalan Rugby Club. It has been great to see so many new players already involved this season, and we encourage anyone thinking about giving rugby a go to get involved.

For all updates, fixtures and information, visit www.daramalanrugby.com.au.

It has been a really positive start to the season, and we're looking forward to building on this over the coming weeks.



Snowsports

Winter is Coming: Daramalan College Snowsports Program 2026

As the cooler months begin to roll in, Daramalan College is gearing up for another exciting Snowsports co-curricular program for the 2026 snow season. This program offers students a fantastic chance to get outdoors, step away from screens, and be part of a fun, active experience in the snow.

Students interested in participating are encouraged to contact **Mr Dean Parkes** at dean.parkes@daramalan.act.edu.au or **Ms Sophie Peacock** at sophie.peacock@daramalan.act.edu.au to find out more and register their interest.

An Information Session for both parents and students will be held in Week 12 on **Wednesday 6 May** at 5:30pm in the FLA. This session will outline how the program operates and provide families with an opportunity to ask questions.

Don't miss the chance to be part of an exciting snow adventure and discover what's on offer for the 2026 season.

We look forward to seeing you there!
The Daramalan Snowsports Crew



Careers News

Please contact **Annette Brady** on 6245 6394 or careers@daramalan.act.edu.au
[Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor](#)

DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

April

Wednesday 8 April	UAC applications for study in 2027 open
Wednesday 8 April	UAC PIN emailed to Year 12 students
Wednesday 22 April	NEW Provide First Aid course – now open on Qkr!
Thursday 30 April	6pm Presentation – From Daramalan to the USA: College Sport Scholarships & Pathways Night with Platform Sports

May

Monday 11 May – Sunday 17 May	2026 National Careers Week National Virtual Careers Expo
Monday 18 May – Tuesday 19 May	NEW Construction Course Set – now open on Qkr!

UAC Applications Open in Two Weeks

UAC applications for study at university in 2027 will open on **Wednesday 8 April** for domestic students. International students can apply from Wednesday 22 April. Details of hundreds of Semester 1, 2027 courses offered by UAC's participating institutions will be available on the website when applications open. More will be added over the next few months. Students should log back in to their application in August to take another look at the courses being offered and review their course preferences.

Year 12 Student Number and UAC PIN: UAC will email UAC PINs to ACT students on **Wednesday 8 April** using the email addresses ACT BSSS have on file. Please do not delete this email!

Early Entry for Study in 2027

[Early Offer Schemes for Year 12 Students](#). Please check the institution's website for the most up-to-date information.

ANU Direct Applications for Study in 2027

[ANU Direct Entry scheme applications](#) are currently open. Applying to the Australian National University (ANU) directly covers admission, [scholarships](#) and [accommodation](#). It is a free application, which gives students five program preferences and allows them to apply for the prestigious [Tuckwell Scholarship Program](#) before **Friday 10 April**.

University of Canberra Early Offer Scheme

UC applications open on **Friday 27 March** for study in 2027. [See here for more details](#), including eligibility and course exclusions.

Charles Sturt Advantage Applications Now Open

The Charles Sturt Advantage (early offer) program is a direct application program for Year 12 students. [See here for more information](#).

UCAT ANZ – Registration Now Open for 2027 Admissions

Students interested in pursuing Medicine and Dentistry may need to sit the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) in July/August 2026. For more information, please [visit www.ucat.edu.au](http://www.ucat.edu.au).

From Daramalan to the USA: College Sport Scholarships and Pathways Night

Thursday 30 April, 6pm

Platform Sports will be presenting information for students interested in pursuing a sporting scholarship in the US. They will go through the key elements of the U.S. college pathway. You'll hear from a former Daramalan student-athlete who pursued the opportunity firsthand.

This session is ideal for:

- Daramalan student-athletes in Years 9–12
- Parents exploring university opportunities through sport
- Athletes competing at school, club or representative levels
- Families wanting clear guidance before making decisions

Please register to attend here - [From Daramalan to the USA: College Sport Scholarships & Pathways Night](#)

Charles Sturt University Online Information Sessions

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 7 May, 6.00–7.30pm

Where: Online information night via Zoom

As your teen starts thinking about their future, this online session is here to help you support them through one of the biggest decisions they'll make – choosing a university. Hear from experts as we guide you through key topics and processes, share tips for navigating Year 12 and highlight the unique opportunities available at Charles Sturt. Register: info.csu.edu.au/2026-online-parent-info

Careers in Agriculture, Animals and Environment

Tuesday 26 May, 5.30–7.00pm

Where: Online information night via Zoom

We have been cultivating the next crop of Ag innovators for over 120 years. When you study with us, you'll gain hands-on skills and industry knowledge for the future of diverse and rewarding careers in agriculture and the environment. Register here: <https://study.csu.edu.au/ag-animals-enviro>

Animal, Equine and Veterinary Sciences Online Information Night

Wednesday 27 May, 5.30–7.00pm

Where: Online information night via Zoom

Careers News Cont...

Passionate about animals? Curious about a career in the animal health sector? Our information night is the perfect place to start. Register here: <https://study.csu.edu.au/ag-animals-enviro>

Digital Art Holiday Workshops

[Digital Art Holiday Workshop for Students Aged 14+ at CDW Studios – Adelaide & Online](#)

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios, Online

Date: **Monday 13 April – Friday 17 April**

Academy of Interactive Entertainment

[Games and Animation Workshop Day](#)

Wednesday 15 April

Learn how to create 3D animation, design and code games with a day of hands-on workshops using industry software.

Film Production Workshop

Friday 17 April

Discover the film production process and get hands-on with cameras and lighting by making a fast film in teams!

University of Melbourne Residential Colleges Open House – Saturday 16 May

Are you looking to attend the University of Melbourne and thinking about Residential Colleges? The ten Uni of Melbourne Residential Colleges are holding an Open House event of tours on **Saturday 16 May**, 12noon-4pm. There are also two Uni of Melbourne Course and Admissions Overview Information Sessions, at 12noon and 3.30pm. Event details and register online [Register: Open House 2026 - Colleges University of Melbourne](#)

2026 National Virtual Expo – Choosing Your Uni

The 2026 Choosing Your Uni [National Virtual Expo](#) will be taking place during National Careers Week (Sunday 10 May – Saturday 16 May). The expo will feature presentations from the Commonwealth Department of Education and

Services Australia about things like HECS, the new Commonwealth Prac Placement Payments, and other support for university-level studies. Students and families will have access to:

- Official guidance on funding, HECS-HELP and government support
- Alternative entry pathways and VET routes
- Apprenticeships and trades
- Student-led transition experiences

News from Work Study Grow

[What it really means to be an entrepreneur](#)

Think entrepreneurship is only for tech geniuses or business moguls? Think again, anyone with an idea and a bit of drive can be an entrepreneur.

[Your gap year questions answered](#)

Thinking about taking a gap year after school? Here's what it actually is, what you can do, and why it could be the best move you make.

[So you love animals? Here's how to volunteer](#)

Passionate about animals? Discover how volunteering with wildlife, shelters and conservation groups can build real skills and boost your future.

[10 questions to ask your future self](#)

Not sure what direction to head in? These questions can help you figure out what you actually want and what to do about it right now.

[Careers in the Food, Fibre and Timber Industries](#)

Did you know the food, fibre and timber industries include careers in racing, fashion design and ecosystem conservation? Here's what's on offer.

Scholarships

[ANU Changing Futures Scholarship](#)

[Redkite Dare to Dream Scholarship](#)

[NCWQ Young Woman from a Refugee Background Bursary](#)



Alumni

Trivia Night

Thanks to popular demand (and because we all love a good laugh and a chance to show off our smarts), Daramalan Community Trivia is returning!

So gather your year group friends, fellow parents, colleagues, and anyone who loves a good night out, and join us for a trivia event supporting a wonderful cause!

Enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival from 6:30pm, and then the legendary **Ben McGee** will take the mic at 7pm.

You can register as an individual — we'll match you with a team — or sign up as a group. Tickets and more information is [HERE](#)

All proceeds go to the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund, helping families who may not otherwise have access to an MSC education.

Places are limited — and this time we really mean it!

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

DARAMALAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY

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FRIDAY 15 MAY 6:30PM

TICKETS: \$25 SINGLE \$200 TABLE

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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
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
Griffin Legal	Claire Carton	www.griffinlegal.com.au
Holly Komorowski – home.byholly	Holly Komorowski	www.homebyholly.com.au
Leader Security	Troy Cassell	www.leadersecurity.com.au
Loop Booth	Michael	www.loopbooth.com.au
Mel Hill Photography	Mel Hill	www.melhillphotography.com
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
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Red Shed	Monique Gassan	www.redshed.org.au
Riteway Cleaning Services	Alan	www.ritewaycleaningcanberra.com.au
Sentinel Security & Technology Group	Ellena	www.sstg.com.au
T.A.T Building Group	Toby Ward & Ancke Ward	
The Athlete's Foot	Ashleigh Hogan	www.theathletesfoot.com.au
The Corner Market	Katherine Olmos	
The Energy People	Alex Morrison	www.energypeople.com.au

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Promoting your business on the Daramalan College Community Business Directory costs \$130, including GST, and is an annual subscription renewable at the end of each advertising year.

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