

DARANNEWS

26 June 2026

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From the Principal



Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,

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

enough, especially as Term 2 has been slightly longer than usual. It has been another whirlwind of a term filled with events, activities and opportunities for authentic and rich learning experiences, all combined with several long weekends which has meant that we have come to the end of the semester in a blink of an eye. I would like to thank and acknowledge the staff who have provided these opportunities for our students, from their preparation of our assemblies, productions and performances, Art exhibitions and showcases, Sacred Heart Day, organisation of overnight camps and excursions, reflection days

and retreats, through to our senior examinations. The past few weeks have been busy ones filled with a focus on assessment and exams for our students and marking and finalising progressive feedback and reporting for our staff. Information outlining how families can access semester reports through Daranet will be provided next week. Even this week, despite being our last week of the semester with our students, a range of activities have taken place including the Year 10 Pastoral presentations and Transition to College program held over three days and Cyber Safety sessions for our Year 7 and 8 students. Daramalan is certainly a very busy and bustling place of learning.

I am sure that both our families and staff are looking forward to the opportunity to relax over the coming break and hopefully shake off some of the lingering colds and flu that have been a feature of the past few weeks. For many families, travel will be a key part of the three-week break, be it to warmer climates or to visit family who live interstate or even overseas.

From the Principal

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

We were delighted to begin this week being joined by over 200 grandparents, parents and other significant people in the lives of our Year 7 students for our annual Grandparents Day. The day comprised of a Liturgy of the Word which included reflections and prayers from our Year 7 students before touring the College and sharing light refreshments. Our visitors were also treated to a performance from our award-winning Junior Concert Band, along with the 'excitement' that inevitably comes with the College's fire alarm activating and the subsequent evacuation that occurred. Amongst our guests were a number of former students whose grandchildren now attend the College, along with those whose children attended Daramalan or who have been members of our staff. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many visitors and to watch our Year 7 students proudly showing their grandparents their school. I would like to thank and acknowledge **Ms Amy Thomas, Ms Angela Dunn, Mr Michael Jackson, Ms Yvonne Turnbull, Ms Heather Chapman**, the Year 7 RE Teachers, the College Maintenance Team, and of course our Junior Concert Band, the Year 9 students who stepped in to assist and our Year 7 students, for their respective roles in making this such a special day.

This term the College's major charity focus has been the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The response from families to this appeal has been wonderful again this year. The generosity of the Daramalan community never ceases to amaze me. I would like to extend my thanks to the Social Justice Group, **Ms Carlie Dwyer**, our College Captain Social Justice **James Clarke** and all involved in

the organisation and collection of the donations. To all of our families who donated to the Appeal, thank you for your generosity and support of those members of our wider Canberra community who are most vulnerable especially during the long cold Winter that we have ahead of us. I am sure that the donations will be put to immediate use given the onset of significant sub-zero temperatures that we have experienced this week.

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

As I mentioned in the last edition of Daranews, we will be hosting a Memorial Mass to acknowledge the enormous contribution of Fr Jim Littleton MSC not only to our College but to the wider MSC and Chevalier communities, on **Saturday 4 July** commencing at 9am in McCowage Hall. Further details can be found at [Fr Jim Littleton MSC Memorial Mass](#). All members of the Daramalan community are most welcome to attend. The Mass will be concelebrated by the **MSC Provincial Superior, Fr Stephen Hackett, Fr Bob Irwin MSC** and our Chaplain, **Fr Tru**.

Staff Changes

Next week we will be farewelling **Mr James Keeley** as he commences his appointment as Principal of St Edmund's



Sacred Heart Day



Sacred Heart Day



Dara's got Talent

From the Principal

College. On behalf of the extended Daramalan community, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank James for his contributions over the past 9 ½ years, and to wish him much success in his new role. I am delighted to announce that **Mr Nathan Greatz** has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal commencing at the beginning of next term. Nathan's appointment has meant that there are a number of role changes within the Executive team for Semester 2. **Mr Ian Garrity** will return from his leave in Term 2 to the Chief Operating Officer role, **Mr Steven Carroll** will move to the Assistant Principal Operations role, and **Mr Ben Stein** will move to the Assistant Principal Curriculum Years 11 –12 position.

Also departing at the end of this semester is **Ms Ellen Canfield**. We thank Ellen for her contributions to our College as an inspirational teacher of English and as the Assistant English Coordinator. We wish her much success in her new role at Marist College. We will also farewell **Mr Jesse Turner** at the end of the semester and wish him much success for the future. New staff who will be joining the College next term are **Ms Sarah Blades** and **Ms Gaelle Pajot**, whilst **Ms Sophie Coutts**, **Ms Linda Goth** and **Mr Bill Phelan** join us on temporary contracts. Next semester we will also be welcoming **Br Hoa Tran MSC** who will be joining our community alongside our College Chaplain Fr Tru Nguyen MSC.

Returning from leave at the beginning of next term are **Ms Suzanne Kiraly**, **Mr Jason Paris** and **Mr Brendan Collis**. There are a number of staff who will be taking leave either for a short period of time at the beginning of the term, for the entirety of Term 3 and others who are on leave for Semester 2. **Ms Waka Burrige** is taking leave for the first two weeks of the term as is **Ms Janette Kline**. **Ms Jessica Heaton** will be the acting Food Technology Coordinator while Ms Kline is on leave. **Ms Anne Brown** will be on leave from Week 8 of Term 3 until the end of the year. **Ms Caitlin Semmler** will

move into the English Co-Coordinator role alongside Anne from the beginning of the semester. **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick** will be the Merrick PCA for Semester 2 replacing Ms Semmler. Also taking leave for Term 3 is **Mr Joe Seckerson**. Staff who are taking leave until the end of the year are **Ms Lucy Stonebridge** and **Ms Jane Waddleton**. **Mr Steven Hackett** will replace Ms Waddleton as VET Coordinator for the semester.

Enrolments

As I mentioned in the last edition of Daranews, we received a large number of applications for places in Year 7, 2027 again this year. Our enrolment policy provides a clear guide as to the process that we follow when determining the offers of places. Letters of offers will be emailed to families later today who have secured a place, in line with other ACT Catholic Schools. The Acceptance of Offer forms are due to be returned by **Friday 24 July**.

A reminder to those families of our Year 10 students who have not returned their Year 11 Intentions forms, could you please do so as soon as possible. These intention forms help to facilitate our planning and preparations for the Year 11 2027 cohort.

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

Staff Professional Learning Week and Holiday Hours

During the holiday period from **Monday 6 July – Friday 17 July**, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm only.

Staff will be engaged in Professional Learning from **Monday 29 June – Thursday 2 July** so they will not be available immediately to answer emails or phone calls for a large part of each of these days. All staff will be offsite on Thursday 2 July and the College will be fully closed on this day. Please



Grandparents Day

From the Principal

leave messages for staff who will attend to them as soon as is practicable before they depart on **Thursday 2 July** for the break. If you leave messages for teachers by email or phone after this time, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on Monday 20 July at 8.45am. The College, including Reception, will be closed on **Thursday 2 July** and **Friday 3 July** and will reopen on **Monday 6 July**.

Families are reminded that **Monday 20 July** is a pupil-free day for students in **Years 7-11**. **Year 12** students are reminded that they need to be at the College by **6:45am** on **Monday 20 July** ready to depart for their Reflection Camp at Stanwell Tops.

Scholarship Fund and Applications

Application forms for Scholarships for the 2027 school year will be available from the beginning of next term on the College website. Daramalan Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need rather than on academic, sporting or cultural excellence. Applications for 2027 Scholarships close on **Monday 14 September**.

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

With the 2025-26 Financial Year ending on Tuesday, some families may be interested in giving a donation to the Scholarship Fund as donations are tax deductible. For information about donating to the Scholarship Fund, please contact the College Director of Finance, **Ms Rachael Axford**, on 6163 6509 or email Rachael.axford@daramalan.act.edu.au. There is also the option of making a donation through the Qkr! App/Portal.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact the College Chief

Operating Officer, **Mr Ian Garrity**, when he returns from leave at the start of next term, to make an appointment to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on ian.garrity@daramalan.act.edu.au

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

I would again like to reiterate my previous messaging relating to parking and student safety around the College. I have been notified by Access Canberra that mobile parking inspectors have and will continue to monitor parking especially along Morphett Street for the remainder of the school year in response to complaints that they continue to receive. 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 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.

I would also like to remind our families who attend the College out of hours and on weekends, particularly for sporting events, not to park on the nature strips or verges along 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.



Grandparents Day

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Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

Sebastian Czoban (Year 12) who has been selected as the Captain of the ACT U18 Football Squad to compete at the National Championships early next term.

Tahli Milin (Year 12) on her selection as a member of the ACT Football Squad for the National Championships early next term.

Aidan Wunsch, Pepe Iona and Tom Connolly

(Year 12) who are members of the ACT Schoolboys Rugby Union Squad, coached by **Mr Ben McGee** competing at the National Championships over the break.

Carlo Vaccarella (Year 11) who will be competing at the BMX World Championships in Brisbane in July.

Archer Wynack (Year 11) who following his recent work experience at the ACT Legislative Assembly had his speech on the topic of affordability of sport for young people and families in the ACT read out in the Assembly by Peter Cain, MLA, Member for Ginninderra.

Violet Smith (Year 10) who will be competing over the break as a member of the ACT U16 Rugby League Squad at the National Championships.

Madison Musladin (Year 10) who has been competing at the Queensland International Show Jumping Festival.

Jack Lynch (Year 7) on his selection as a member of the U14 ACT AFL squad competing at the National Championships in July, and as a member of the ACT U15 Touch Football squad who will be competing in October.

Holly Meadley (Year 7) who will be competing as a member of the NSW Squad in the OzTag State of Origin series in September.

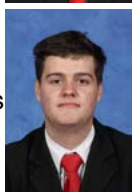
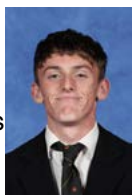
Congratulations to our Choir who travelled to Forbes earlier this week to compete in the Forbes Eisteddfod winning all three of the sections in which they were entered.

We look forward to welcoming back Year 7-11 students on **Tuesday 21 July** for the start of Semester 2 refreshed and well, and we wish Year 12 a wonderful Reflection Camp when they depart on **Monday 20 July**. I wish each and every student and member of staff a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Best Wishes



Rachel Davies
Principal



MyWay+ concessions for students expire **Tuesday 30 June**.

To ensure that you continue to be charged the correct fare, visit the [Transport Canberra website](http://TransportCanberra.com.au) for details on how to renew.

Concessions - Transport Canberra



Sacred Heart Day

It was wonderful to come together as a school community on Friday 5 June to celebrate Sacred Heart Day. This special day in our calendar invites us to reflect on the love of Jesus, shown through His Sacred Heart, and reminds us of the values we try to live each day: faith, compassion, justice and forgiveness, and how we show these in our relationships with one another.

From chocolate hearts shared in PT, to our whole school Mass celebrated by **Fr Bob** and **Fr Tru**, the day was a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a whole school community. The theme of the Mass was "A Heart that Forgives," encouraging us to think about what it means to live with a forgiving heart.

Through an engaging retelling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we were reminded of the power of mercy. The story showed us that forgiveness is not always easy, but it is at the heart of who we are called to be.

The day continued with our annual whole-school heart photo, a BBQ lunch, and a jam-packed afternoon of entertainment with Dara's Got Talent, showcasing the incredible talents within our community.



Grandparents Day

On Monday 23 June, we welcomed close to 200 Grandparents and Grand Friends for our annual Year 7 Grandparents Day celebration. The visit included a Liturgy which featured thoughtful prayers and reflections from our Year 7 students, a video capturing the highlights of their year so far, a tour of the College and the chance to share some light refreshments together. And, to give our guests the full school experience, we even managed to include a fire alarm to keep everyone on their toes.



School News

Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

Thursday 16 July - 10am to 4pm

Friday 17 July - 10am to 4pm

(Closed for lunch 12.00 - 12.30pm)



Term 3 School Fees 2026

Term 3 Statements will be emailed to parents on **Tuesday 7 July**.

Term 2 School Fees are due by **Monday 3 August**.

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

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

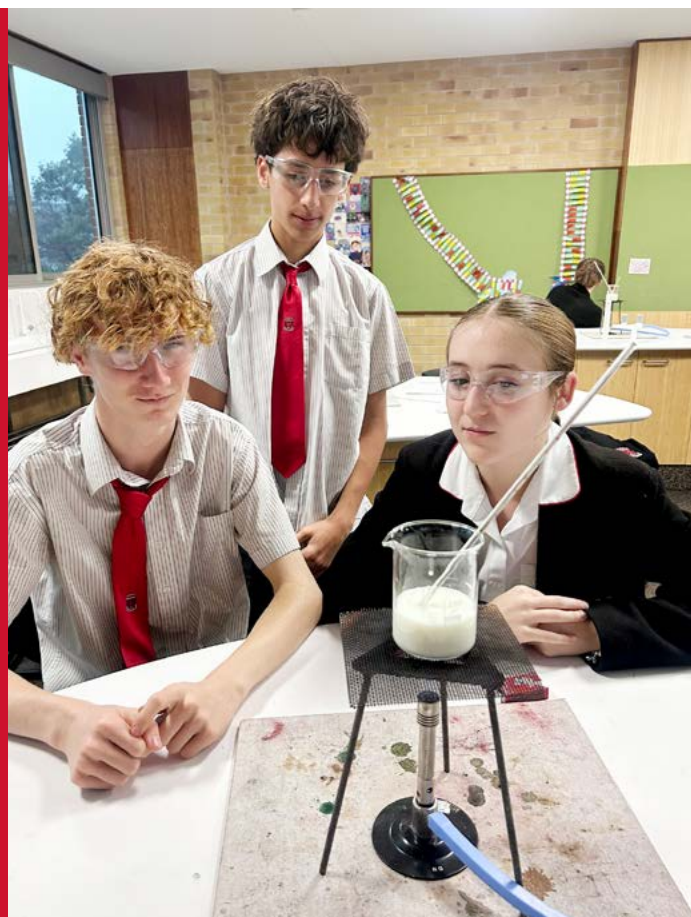
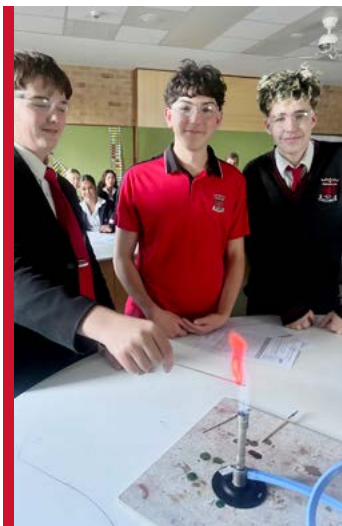
For full details, please refer to our website:

<https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/fee-schedule/>

Science

Year 10 Science

Year 10 students have been finishing off their Chemistry unit with a few practical experiments. They investigated how different elements produce the colours seen in fireworks by looking at electron movement. We have also made a simple plastic from milk to explore polymer chemistry.



Year 10

Year 10 Transition Program to Year 11

This week, Year 10 students have been undertaking a Transition program to support them in the next stage of their educational journey. The Year 10 Transition Program included a number of presentations from various institutions and organisations including Drake International, University of Canberra, CIT, Your Choicez (Respectful Relationships) and Crazy Ideas College (Future Ready Skills). Additionally, there were

presentations on Post School Pathways and Senior Subject Selections facilitated by College staff.

All Year 10 students demonstrated excellent participation and gained valuable information to inform their next steps in their education. A huge thank you to Your Choicez, **Clara Fallon** (Drake International), **Laura Tough** (UC), **Kerry Weiss** (CIT), and Daramalan College staff.

A special thank you to our Careers Advisor **Ms Annette Brady** who organised the various presenters for our Year 10 students.

During the holidays, please take the opportunity to discuss this transition program with your Year 10 student and begin conversations about their future.



Social Justice

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The Vinnies Winter Appeal continues to exemplify the extraordinary generosity of our Daramalan family. Throughout the appeal, students, staff and families have donated a remarkable amount of Winter essentials, including warm clothing, blankets, beanies, gloves and socks, as well as essential food items. PTs were set a goal of providing clothing and food for one person who is experiencing hardship or homelessness in Canberra this Winter, and we are well on our way to exceeding this goal!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Vinnies Winter Appeal so far. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming response and the spirit of generosity shown by our community. We are still accepting donations in the first week of Term 3, after which the items will be donated to Vinnies so they can be used this Winter.





VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Give warmth and food this winter

WHAT WE COLLECT

Winter coats, jackets, jumpers, scarves, beanies, gloves, socks, pantry staples, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, breakfast, snacks, tea and coffee, soup.

DONATION DATES

MAY 25 - JULY 31



Counsellors

Teenagers and Sleep

It is well documented that sleep is the foundation of good health and wellbeing. Especially during the busy developmental stage of adolescence, sleep supports brain development, learning and memory, mood and behaviour as well as physical health. It is recommended that adolescents get 8-10 hours of sleep each night, but you aren't alone if this feels unachievable at times.

Why is it harder for teens to get good sleep?

During adolescence there is a shift in the circadian rhythm so there is a delay in the time when melatonin is released from our brains. Melatonin helps us relax and signals to our body to start winding down. For teenagers, this natural chemical release is delayed later into the evening, resulting in them feeling wide awake when parents are ready to settle into the night's rest. Some experts have linked this to why teenagers may be more likely to want to talk right when we are about to fall asleep. This also means that getting them up in the morning to suit our school and work schedules can be even more challenging.

Teens are also learning to develop their skills of time management and prioritisation of tasks for different subjects, balancing with sport and other commitments as well as the important social connections in person and online. Sleep may not be as valued by these growing young people as it is by parents.

How can we support better sleep during adolescence?

In addition to the well-known avoidance of caffeine, especially in the afternoon, here are some recommended strategies promoted by Black Dog Institute:

- **Get daylight in the morning:** Exposure to natural light especially in the morning helps set your body clock.
- **Have a regular bedtime and wake up time:** Try to be consistent everyday even on weekends. This

keeps your body clock in sync, so you'll feel sleepy and awake at the right times.

- **Establish a bedtime routine:** Before bed, set a routine with regular actions at regular times (e.g. brushing teeth, dimming lights). In time, these activities will signal to your body that it's time for sleep. This includes reducing screen time at least 1 hour before bed.
- **Limit sleep-in time to 2 hours:** When you do have a sleep-in, try not to sleep-in more than 2 hours past your usual wake up time as this can disturb your body clock.
- **Avoid naps:** If a nap is unavoidable try to keep it to a maximum of 20 minutes.
- **Exercise:** Exercise during the day can help create tiredness at night time and will help you to fall asleep at night.

How can I help my teen understand how important sleep is?

[Sleep Ninja®](#) is a free, evidence-based smartphone app shown to be effective in helping young people with sleep problems.

If you are concerned about your young person's sleep habits, your GP is a great place to start.

Other useful information links below:

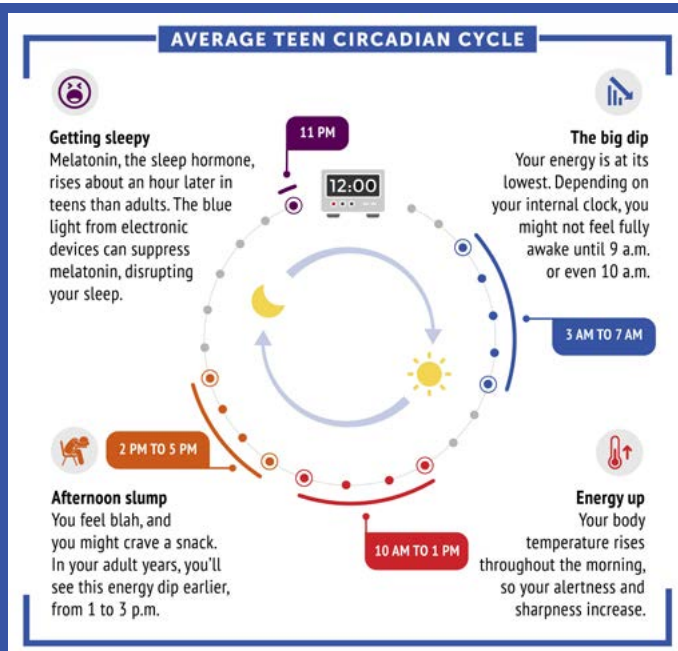
[Sleep Health Foundation.](#)

[Promoting adequate sleep in young people](#)

[Teenagers and sleep](#)

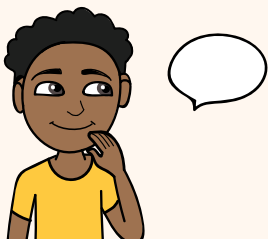
Factsheet: [Get enough sleep for a healthy headspace](#)

Daramalan students have access to four counsellors and one school psychologist employed by the College. We are professionally qualified counsellors, social workers or psychologists who support the emotional, social and educational wellbeing of our students. More information about our services and individual counsellors can be found on the [Daramalan counselling page](#) on the school website and for booking information go to [Daranet](#).

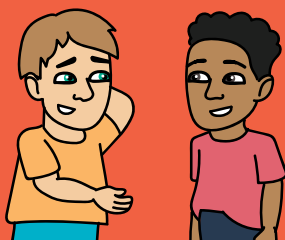


Strategies to help me EXPRESS EMOTIONS

Talk to a trusted adult



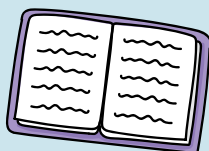
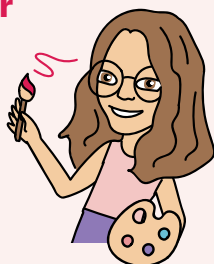
Talk to a trusted friend



Say "I need..."

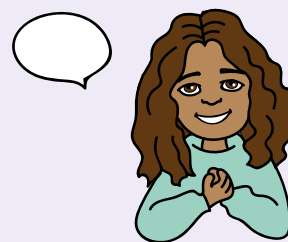


**Draw or
paint your
feelings**



Write in a journal

Say "I feel..."

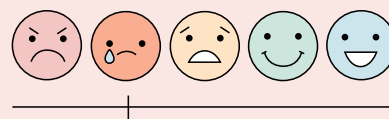


Share a song

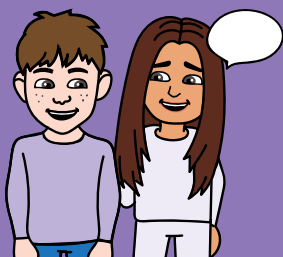


Write a letter

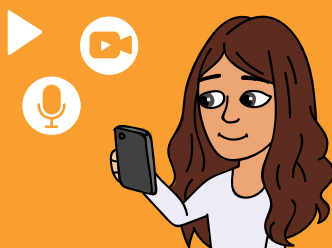
**Use an
emotion chart**



Tell a story



Record a video



Use an emotion wheel



English

Twelfth Night Comes to Life: Epiphany Feast and Wassail

Last week, to celebrate the conclusion of our unit on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, we held an Epiphany Feast and Wassail celebration. While these traditions are usually observed in early January, on the twelfth day after Christmas, students embraced the chance to experience some of the customs and flavours from Shakespeare's time.

In the lead-up, we explored the history behind these festivities and created decorations using paper and apple tree branches. One group even created a small 'fireplace', complete with 'marshmallow' toasting!

On the day, students sampled traditional caraway-infused jumbles - sweet-savoury knotted treats made from flour, egg and sugar, then boiled and baked. Following tradition, and with no regard to social status or gender, a "king" and "queen" were chosen by finding a hidden trinket.

We also enjoyed warm, non-alcoholic apple cider spiced with cloves, cinnamon, ginger and citrus. As part of the Wassail tradition, we then visited the (crab) apple tree on campus where cider was poured at the roots of the tree, and bread soaked in the cider was placed among its branches as an offering.

We played music to the tree and decorated it with colourful yarn and handmade ornaments - wishing it health and a fruitful harvest in the year ahead.

It was a joyful and memorable way to bring literature, history and hands-on learning together!

Ms Jules Lumbers - Year 8 English Teacher



Languages

World Cup Fever Hits the Language Classroom!

With the FIFA World Cup currently captivating fans across North America, our Year 10 French and German classes have been getting into the spirit of the beautiful game. As part of a mini-unit celebrating the tournament, students learned football-related vocabulary in their target language, revised the names of countries from around the world, and explored the fascinating variety of words different languages use for football. From enthusiastic cries of "Tor!" in German to "But !" in French, there was no shortage of World Cup excitement in the classroom.

The unit culminated in a highly anticipated football match between the two classes, giving students the chance to put their competitive spirit, teamwork and sporting skills to the test while representing their language teams.

Despite a spirited effort from the French side, the German team proved too strong on the day, securing a convincing 4–1 victory and earning local bragging rights until the next showdown.

While the French team may be disappointed with the result, they can take comfort in the fact that footballing success is never guaranteed. After all, even on the world stage France has only lifted the World Cup trophy twice, compared to Germany's four titles. Some traditions, it seems, are hard to break!

Congratulations to all students who participated and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the event.



The French Team



The German Team

Year 8 German – Taste of German Cuisine

On Wednesday 24 June, the Year 8 German class visited the German Harmonie Club to experience authentic German cuisine. After exploring German food and drinks in class, it was exciting for students to taste some of these dishes in real life. The schnitzel was a popular choice, though a number of students were adventurous and tried the Spätzle, a traditional German pasta dish. For several students, this excursion marked their first visit to the German Harmonie Club, making it a memorable experience.



Languages Cont...

Year 8 Japanese Bento Box Incursion

Our Year 8 Japanese students have been eagerly anticipating this exciting incursion all semester. As part of the "School and Food" unit, they explored a typical Japanese school day and learned that lunchtime is considered an important part of education, not just a break, with students eating in their classrooms. In preparation, students practised Japanese table manners, chopstick skills, and phrases such as "Itadakimasu", while also learning about environmental education through sorting rubbish and sustainable habits. The highlight was enjoying a delicious bento box together, making this a memorable milestone in their Japanese learning journey.



Year 9 Bento Lunch and Dickson Asian Supermarket Excursion

Our Year 9 Japanese students recently enjoyed an engaging and immersive excursion to Dickson. The day began with a shared lunch at Kagawa Japanese Restaurant, where students had the opportunity to try a variety of authentic Japanese dishes. Many students commented on how much they enjoyed the experience. Some discovered new favourite foods, while others appreciated the chance to step outside their comfort zones.

After lunch, students visited two Asian supermarkets to explore the wide range of Japanese products available. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they examined unfamiliar ingredients and popular items such as mochi, Ramune soda, and even Pokémon cards. It was a highly enjoyable and enriching day that brought classroom learning to life.



Languages Cont...

Year 10 Japanese Class Excursion to UJIN Matcha Tea House

Recently my Japanese class went on an excursion to Ujin Matcha Tea House in Civic. It was a really fun excursion because we got to experience more aspects of Japanese culture. The atmosphere at the café was welcoming and relaxing, creating a positive space for us. I enjoyed trying all the different matcha-flavoured items and drinks, and I enjoyed trying the unique flavour profile that was quite different. It was also exciting to spend time with my classmates outside of the classroom. Overall, the excursion was enjoyable and helped me learn more about Japanese culture in a practical and memorable way!

Molly Jarratt (Year 10)



Performing Arts

Year 9 and Senior Dance Excursion to Canberra Theatre

On Wednesday 27 May, our Year 9 and Senior Dance students attended a special excursion to the Canberra Theatre to see *Sheltering* performed by Bangarra Dance Theatre. The experience was particularly meaningful as it took place during Reconciliation Week, deepening students' understanding of First Nations perspectives, including themes of connection to Country, identity and cultural storytelling.

Following the show, students had the valuable opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with members of the company. This allowed them to gain insight into the creative process behind the work, including how movement, music and symbolism were developed to tell powerful stories.

Students were especially captivated by the rich symbolism throughout the performance and the immersive quality of the choreography. For many, this excursion marked their first time seeing a professional dance company live, making it a memorable and inspiring experience.

Overall, the excursion not only supported students' learning in Dance but also encouraged a deeper appreciation of First Nations culture and contemporary dance.



Sport

Sports Report

As we edge ever closer to the midway point of the Winter sporting season, and a well-earned break over the upcoming holidays, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our students who proudly represent Daramalan College each week.

Whether competing in Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Rugby or any of the many representative pathways available to our students, your commitment, effort and sportsmanship continue to make our College community proud.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many staff members, coaches, managers and volunteers who give generously of their time to support our sporting programs. The opportunities available to our students simply would not be possible without your enthusiasm and commitment.

This term has been another busy one, with students participating in numerous gala days, carnivals, representative events and weekly competitions. It has been particularly pleasing to see strong participation levels across all year groups and a genuine sense of pride in wearing the Daramalan colours.

As we move into the second half of the year, I encourage all students to continue embracing the opportunities that sport provides, not only to develop skills and fitness, but also to build friendships, leadership and teamwork.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to Daramalan Sport so far this year. I hope all students, families and staff enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday break, and I look forward to seeing our teams back in action next term.

Mr Marty Capon
Acting Sports Coordinator

Match of the round

Ben McGee- Rugby Convenor

The Daramalan 3rd XV has shown significant improvement in recent weeks, with the commitment and effort displayed at training beginning to translate into strong performances on the field each weekend. Come along and watch them take on the Uni Norths Owls tomorrow.

3rd XV v Uni North Owls U18's
Saturday 27 June - 1:30pm @ ANU North Oval (Field 1)

John Gale- Basketball Convenor

The U14 D3 B team are currently undefeated and having a great season. Led brilliantly by coaches **Allegra Pangallo** (Year 12) and **Zeno Pangallo** (Year 9), the boys are firing on all cylinders. **Isaac Chesney** (Year 7) is topping the points tally for the competition with 78 points so far this season, then followed not far behind is **Jaden Mapako** and **Colby Bear** (Year 7). Keep up the good work boys!

Under 14 D3 Pool B Boys v Dodgers
Saturday 4 July - 3:40pm @ Belconnen Basketball Centre- Court 4

Stuart Dix- Hockey Convenor

Come along and support our U14 Div 1 Girls this weekend! The girls take on Uni Juniors in Tuggeranong in what promises to be a tough contest. With Uni Juniors currently sitting second on the ladder, the team is looking forward to a strong challenge. The girls would love to see some black and red on the sideline!

U14 Div 1 Girls v Uni Juniors
Sunday 28 June - 8:00am @ Tuggeranong Hockey Centre

Marty Capon- Acting Sports Coordinator

Coming off the back of a hard-fought 34-29 victory over Trinity in Goulburn, our U15 Girls are looking to avenge their loss to the Vikings in Round 1. Good luck girls, tackle hard!

Daramalan U15 Girls v Vikings U15 Girls Red
Saturday 27 June - 11:30am @ Daramalan College

Bernadette Ross- Netball Convenor

The Netball season is on hiatus through the school holidays, with games resuming in late July.

Sean Connochie- PE Staff Member and Gungahlin Eagles Assistant Coach

Come along and watch some of our Daramalan alumni represent the Gungahlin Eagles as they take on the Queanbeyan Whites - **Jack Huckstep** (2013), **Sam Hyland** (2017), **Tom Haddad** (2018), **Sam Chapman** (2023), **Denzel Veikune** (2024) and **Brad Patmore** (2024).

John I Dent Cup- Gungahlin Eagles v Queanbeyan Whites
Saturday 27 June - 3.05pm @ Campese Oval, Queanbeyan



Rugby at Daramalan College over the weekend



Basketball

As we reach the halfway point of the season and head into the semester break, it's been a fantastic start. We currently have four undefeated teams and have seen many other impressive results across the competition so far. Enjoy the well-earned holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on the court in Semester 2 as we build towards an exciting finals series.



Grade	Home Team	Home Team Score	Away Team	Away Team Score
U14 Boys Division 1A	Daramalan	50	Marist Aqua	21
U14 Boys Division 2B	Daramalan	23	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers White	35
U14 Boys Division 3B	Ginninderra Burley Rats	40	Daramalan	46
U14 Boys Division 4A	Daramalan White	43	Norths	35
U14 Boys Division 4B	Gungahlin Flames	31	Daramalan Black	42
U14 Boys Division 6A				
U14 Girls Division 1A	Daramalan	33	Ginninderra Lake Rats	25
U14 Girls Division 4A	Gungahlin Flames	11	Daramalan	26
U16 Boys Division 1A	Daramalan	35	Radford Hawks	28
U16 Boys Division 3A	Ginninderra Bush Rats	22	Daramalan	59
U16 Boys Division 3A	Norths Blue	12	Daramalan White	35
U16 Boys Division 3B	Marist Steel	52	Daramalan Black	33
U16 Boys Division 4A	Marist Marine	45	Daramalan White	30
U16 Boys Division 4B	Daramalan Black	27	Spartan Lightning	27
U16 Boys Division 5C				
U16 Boys Division 6	Daramalan Black	25	St Edmund's College Pink	16
U16 Boys Division 6	Marist Sky	36	Daramalan White	31
U16 Girls Division 2	Daramalan	16	Spartan Crusaders	21
U16 Girls Division 4	Daramalan	21	Spartan Ravens	36
U19 Boys Division 1A	Daramalan Black	64	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Red	38
U19 Boys Division 1B	Vikings	33	Daramalan White	24
U19 Boys Division 2A	Daramalan Black	39	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers	45
U19 Boys Division 2B	Daramalan White	38	St Edmund's College Black	56
U19 Boys Division 3A	Ramblers Gold	34	Daramalan Red	42
U19 Boys Division 3B	Spartan Vanguards	50	Daramalan Black	30
U19 Boys Division 3B	Canberra City Stallions	43	Daramalan White	29
U19 Boys Division 5B				
U19 Boys Division 6	Daramalan	18	Vikings	44
U19 Girls Division 1	Daramalan	44	Ginninderra Lake Rats	19
U19 Girls Division 2	Daramalan	21	Queanbeyan Roadrunners	34
U19 Girls Division 3A	Daramalan	16	Ginninderra Creek Rats	28



**THURSDAY 9 JULY
& FRIDAY 10 JULY**

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Netball

Daramalan Netball Reaches the Halfway Mark!

What an incredible first half of the season it has been for Daramalan Netball!

As we head into the school holiday break, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the year. The commitment shown by our players has been outstanding, with training attendance consistently strong throughout the term. The effort put in at training is clearly shown on the court each Saturday, and it has been wonderful to watch our teams grow and develop over the past 10 weeks.

One of the highlights of the season has been seeing players come together as teams. New friendships have been made, confidence has grown, and every team has shown improvement, regardless of results. The positive culture across our Netball program is something we should be proud of.

A huge thank you to our Coaches and Managers for their dedication, patience, and countless hours of volunteering that make Daramalan Netball possible. Your commitment to our students is greatly appreciated by players, families and the College community.

We would also like to acknowledge our Umpire Coaches and Umpires. Their contribution is essential to the success of our program, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort they give each week. A special thank you to **Ella Piestrzynski** – Daramalan Umpire Coordinator.

Last week, our shooters had the opportunity to participate in a specialised Shooting Workshop led by Daramalan's own netball talent, **Ms Sepi Hawke**. The session focused on shooting technique, movement, and creating strong positioning in the goal circle. It was fantastic to see so many players eager to learn, and we thank Sepi for sharing her knowledge and experience with our students.

As the season reaches its midpoint, there is plenty to look forward to in Term 3. We wish all our players, families, coaches and managers a safe and relaxing holiday break and thank you for your continued support of Daramalan Netball.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for training in Term 3 and seeing our teams return to the court for Round 8 on **Saturday 25 July**.

Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Ms Bernadette Ross – Daramalan Netball Convenor



Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee- Dara Drift Autumn 2026 Season Wrap-Up

The Autumn 2026 Ultimate Frisbee season concluded on Wednesday 17 June, bringing to an end another successful campaign for our Daramalan team. The season featured a strong mix of returning stalwarts and exciting new talent, with players continuing to develop their skills and confidence throughout the competition.

Despite several rain-affected rounds and the addition of a bonus round to finish the season, the team showed remarkable resilience and consistency. Their efforts were

rewarded with an impressive record of 7 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw, representing a significant improvement on previous seasons and highlighting the growth of the group as a team.

A special congratulations to **Bella Want** (Year 12), who was recognised as the competition's League MVP. This prestigious award is a testament to Bella's outstanding skill, leadership and commitment throughout the season. Bella's achievements were well deserved and reflect the dedication she has shown to both her own development and the success of her teammates.

Congratulations to all players involved in the Autumn season and thank you to the supporters who contributed to another successful year of Daramalan Ultimate Frisbee.



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

July

Monday 20 July	ACU Guarantee opens
Tuesday 28 July	NSW Police Academy excursion to Goulburn – registration details have been emailed to students. FULL
Wednesday 29 July	SRS and UAC PT assembly for Year 12 students

August

Wednesday 5 August	CareersXpo excursion for Year 10 students
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JOBS BOARD

Intravision – Telecommunication Technology Trainees

We have exciting opportunities for several Telecommunications Technology Trainees to join our team. Trainees will undertake a Certificate III in Telecommunications Technology through JB Hunter and work within a strong, supportive team.

Please email a cover letter outlining your interest in the traineeship and your resume to sharyn.mcgerly@intravision.com.au

Applicants must have or be willing to complete mandatory certifications including White Card, Asbestos Awareness, Asbestos Containing Materials and Silica Awareness.

Form1 Fire – Administration Traineeship

This role would be a great opportunity for a Year 12 student looking to begin their career in a professional business environment while continuing to learn and develop practical skills. We are offering ongoing training and mentoring, opportunities for long-term growth within the business, and support in completing a Certificate III in Business.

The position would involve a range of administrative duties and would suit someone who is organised, motivated, willing to learn and has good communication skills. We are looking for someone with a positive attitude who is eager to grow within a supportive team environment.

Contact – **Brett Leighton** (Operations Manager)
 (02) 6260 2673 / 0438 825 462
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Have you considered a Cabinet Making apprenticeship?

Consider Cabinet Making as a career path! CIT have sent through a list of employers who are looking for 1st Year Cabinet Making apprentices. Contact **Ms Annette Brady** for more information.

Are you interested in a Hairdressing Apprenticeship?

Axis Salon would welcome the opportunity to connect with students who have a passion for hairdressing and are looking to begin their career in a supportive, high-performing salon environment. Contact **Ms Brady** for details.

TRANSGRID Apprenticeship Opportunities

Transgrid operates and manages the high voltage electricity transmission network in NSW and the ACT, connecting generators, distributors and major end users. Apprenticeship applications opened Tuesday 9 June, either navigate through the Transgrid webpage via the 'Career's' option, or directly via <https://www.transgrid.com.au/careers/apprentice-program/>

Discover ACU Canberra

Explore your future at ACU. Join hands-on workshops from a range of study areas, campus tours and a parent information session. Open to Years 10 – 12.

Wednesday 8 July – Canberra – Nursing, Paramedicine, Social Work, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Education
[Register now](#)

CIT Studio 26 – Thursday 17 September

Studio26 at CIT is a unique opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to participate, gain invaluable hands-on experience, explore their creative passions, and experience what it's like to study a creative course in a real-world setting. Studio26 allows participants to select up to three engaging, one-hour workshops including Photography, Graphic Design, Visual Arts, Fashion, Interior Design, Music & Sound Production, and Screen and Media. Talk to your Visual Arts/Tech and Design teacher if you are interested! Registration is essential.

Careers News Cont...

UOW Early Admission

Apply Now - <https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/>
UOW Early Admission is our early entry offer program for students completing Year 12 (HSC, BSSS, or other Australian equivalents) during 2026.

When students apply for Early Admission, UOW considers their unique skills and experiences, alongside Year 11 results, so they can earn an offer to university before they sit their first exam!

UAC Applications Now Open!

UAC applications for Year 12 students for study at university in 2027 have opened.

Year 12 student number and UAC PIN: an email with a UAC PIN was sent to ACT students on Wednesday 8 April using the email addresses ACT BSSS have on file.

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.

University of Canberra Early Offer Scheme

UC applications are open for study in 2027. [See here for more details](#), including eligibility and course exclusions.

Bond University

Students are invited to visit the Gold Coast for Bond University's Open Day Interstate Experience on **Saturday 25 July** and enjoy a VIP experience, including a complimentary night's accommodation for two and an exclusive breakfast with fellow future Bondies. This is a great opportunity for students to experience the Bond difference, explore our campus, meet students and academics, and gain real insight into university life. [Find out more here](#).

UNSW Portfolio Entry Scheme

The [UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme](#) is an alternative undergraduate admission pathway.

2026 Careers Expo – Online

Daramalan has extended access to the 2026 [National Virtual Expo](#). For a limited time, you can watch on demand the sessions from the expo. Use the code cyu2604.

News from Work Study Grow

[Student placements at university – Everything you need to know](#)

Student placements are a practical, course-required component of many university and vocational degrees, where you work in a real professional setting to build the experience your future career needs.

[How to study through the year vs how to study for exams](#)

Studying throughout the year and studying for an exam look different, and treating them the same is where a lot of students get unstuck. Understanding the difference makes both approaches more effective, and exam time a lot less stressful.

[Busting myths about hiring people with disability](#)

There's a lot of outdated thinking floating around when it comes to hiring people with disability.

[Where the performing arts can take you](#)

Performing arts covers a wide range of disciplines, from drama and music to dance, and develops skills in communication, collaboration and creative thinking that carry well beyond the stage.

[What working hours look like across different careers](#)

Most people picture the same working day when they think of a job, but the reality is that people work in all kinds of patterns across different industries and careers.

[3 interesting careers in the alpaca industry](#)

The alpaca industry is one of Australia's quieter success stories, producing premium natural fibre, meat, and stud genetics for both domestic and international markets.

Scholarships

University of Canberra Snow Scholarship

Thinking about starting university in Semester 1, 2027? Applications for the University of Canberra's Snow Scholarship program are now open. With scholarships valued at up to \$30,000, the program is designed to support students who may face barriers to starting university. Applications close Sunday 12 July. Find out more and apply at canberra.edu.au/snow-scholarships

[BizCover Tools of the Trade Grant](#)

The BizCover Tools of the Trade Grant helps apprentices and trainees get the equipment they need to start their careers with confidence.

[The NickIreland.com Scholarship for Aspiring Creatives](#)

At NickIreland.com, we are dedicated to nurturing the talents of tomorrow's jewellery designers and visual artists.

[Australian Seniors Aged Care Futures Grant](#)

Australian Seniors believe in supporting the aging community of Australia in a number of ways, and a big area is healthcare. So with that in mind, we are helping to encourage the best people into the aged care industry by providing the Australian Seniors Aged Care Futures Grant.

[Real Futures Grant](#)

The Real Futures Grant is an annual one-off \$5,000 prize, awarded to a student studying for a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship in one of the following fields: healthcare, medicine, business or finance.

[A Start In Life Tertiary Program](#)

Supporting university and TAFE students in NSW and the ACT with financial assistance, check-ins and practical help to stay on track.

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Griffith University is proud to be the exclusive Australian Olympic Pathway University. In partnership with the AOC, Griffith offers scholarships to support elite athletes competing internationally in Olympic sports.

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As our world becomes more digital and globalised, the need for IT workers is increasingly important.

[Buddy Pet Insurance Future Animal Carer's Grant](#)

We know that great care starts with passionate people, which is why we're proud to back the next generation of animal carers.



UC Explore Day 2026

Alumni

Our latest Alumni Newsletter is out!

Catch up on everything that's been happening in our community over the past six months and take a look at our upcoming events. [Click here.](#)

The latest Alumni Newsletter is out!



We invite you to consider supporting the Daramalan College Scholarship Fund. Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps provide life-changing opportunities for students facing financial hardship.

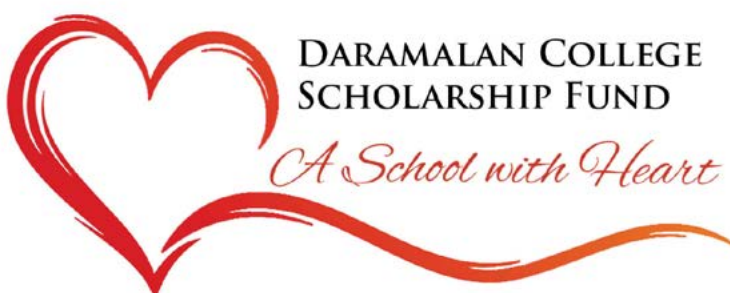
If you are able to make a contribution before **Tuesday 30 June**, you will receive a tax benefit for this financial year.

Find out more details here: <https://alumni.daramalan.com.au/get-involved/>

Or simply donate \$20 or \$50 here: <https://events.humanitix.com/daramalan-college.../tickets>

We are grateful for your continued support!

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