

DARANNEWS

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Year 12 Reflection Camp

Upcoming events

- 15-23 August
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- 23 September
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- 25 September
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End of Term 3

From the Principal



Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,

A belated welcome
back to Term 3!
It has been a
whirlwind first four
weeks of the term
filled with activities
and events across
each of our year

groups along with our co-curricular activities. I am constantly in awe at the diverse gifts, talents and generosity that exists within our community. Each of the activities that have taken place over the past few weeks, and those that are planned for the coming weeks, have stemmed from the ideas and initiatives of our student leaders, student voice through the DRC and other student-led groups and also our staff. The myriad of opportunities available to our students don't just happen, so I would like to thank all of the staff who have been involved and have given so generously of their time. Thank you also to our families, I am

very aware that without your support there would be no students to take up these opportunities.

One change that you will notice in this edition of Daranews is that we will no longer be sharing the images of our students when acknowledging and recognising their outstanding achievements across a range of activities in the 'From the Principal' section. Over the course of this year, I have attended a number of professional learning events and workshops facilitated by groups such as the eSafety Commissioner, which have highlighted the growing risks to our young people of image misuse in an evolving AI environment. As an Executive team we have been discerning the best approach to balance celebrating the achievements of our students with protecting the images of all members of our community in an ever evolving online environment. I am hopeful that this one small change will begin to mitigate some of the risks to our young people in this area, whilst still being able

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to recognise their amazing achievements with our wider community.

Earlier this week St Christopher's Cathedral Parish and **Archbishop Christopher Prowse** welcomed a major relic of St Carlo Acutis, his heart pericardium. The visit was part of a broader pilgrimage around Australia and New Zealand. As St Carlo is the patron saint of teenagers and the first Millennial saint, it was fitting that a special Mass was held involving schools from across the diocese. Our students played key roles in the Mass and were also part of the Youth Festival which followed the Mass. Tomorrow we acknowledge and mark a significant holy day for the wider Catholic Church as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. We are reminded on this day of the unwavering faith and devotion of Mary as the mother of God here on earth.

Our Year 12 students began the term, as they always do, travelling to Stanwell Tops for their final Reflection Camp as a Daramalan cohort. This was an opportunity for them to spend time together away from school and work together on building stronger connections as a year group as they enter the final semester of their schooling. The positivity that the students took from the variety of the sessions and the manner in which they embraced each of the activities was a testament to the value that they gained from the experience. I would like to acknowledge **Ms Amy Thomas, Ms Tina Watson**, the House Co-ordinators and Pastoral Tutors for creating such a fulfilling and rich experience for our Year 12 students.

On the Friday of the first week of term, we were joined by **Fr Bob Irwin MSC** and **Br Barry Smith MSC**, who visited with seven staff members from Hoa Binh Uxan Loc Catholic College in Vietnam. The Principal of the College, Fr Dinh, who is also a diocesan priest, is a great friend of the MSC. Their school has approximately 3000 students and is located approximately two hours drive north of Saigon. It is the first school of its kind approved by the Vietnamese Communist government. During their visit our guests met with staff, toured the school and visited classrooms

speaking with our students and staff about Australian schools, shared lunch with the Executive team and then joined us for our Assembly. Fr Dinh spoke to the Assembly sharing the opportunity for staff and students to visit their school and to spend time with their students teaching them English. It was wonderful to be able to gather as a community to start the term and to share this with our visitors. The Assembly enabled our College Leaders to provide an update on their Portfolio areas and to showcase our Band program.

We have also been joined this term by the students and staff from our Japanese sister-school Kochi Gakugei School. Thank you to those families who hosted the reciprocal visit following our visit to their school in 2025. This is the 10th year of our sister-school arrangement, and I know that strong bonds and friendships have been developed over this period of time, not just between the students but also between extended families. I would also like to acknowledge **Ms Waka Burrige, Ms Maddie Ward** and **Ms Katelyn Riepon** for overseeing the logistical aspects of the visit and providing the Japanese students and staff with memorable experiences around Canberra and the region.

Already this term, the Daramalan Dance Company have performed in the Wakakirri National Story-Dance Festival for Schools at the Canberra Theatre. The performance by over 70 of our Dance Company students, 'Guided by the Groove', received 6 Awards on the evening, including the coveted Spirit of Wakakirri Award. The feedback from Wakakirri Ambassador, Will Tran, included, "Your performance, seamless, costuming, a celebration and the story was an adventure everyone delighted participating in." Their performance was outstanding and extremely professional, filled with colour, movement and obvious joy. I must admit that I could not take the smile off my face, not only during the performance but during my drive home from the Canberra Theatre as well. I received extremely positive comments from the families who were from the other schools performing on the night and were sitting in the seats around me at the theatre. Thank you to **Ms Jess Haynes** and **Ms Lucy Cronan** for the hours of rehearsals that they



Year 12 Reflection Camp



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Visitors From Vietnam

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have supervised in the lead up to the performance. A huge thank you also to **Mr Matt Maggs**, **Ms Annette Brady** and **Ms Maddie Ward** for accompanying the students on the day and also to our Maintenance team for their transport of the sets and costumes.

Rehearsals are well underway for the next Daramalan Theatre Company production, *Into the Woods Jr.*, following their intensive rehearsal camp over the break. Performances will be held at the beginning of next term, and our musicians are preparing for their annual Music Tour which will take place in Week 10 when they head to the Gold Coast. Our Choir has already had a successful start to the term at the Canberra Eisteddfod where they were awarded Bronze medals in two of their categories. Thank you to **Ms Maria Tolfree** and **Mr Jason Paris** who stepped in to enable the students to perform last weekend.

Our Year 9 and Year 11 students have begun the discernment process as to whether they will put themselves forward for a formal leadership position in 2027. Our Year 11 students participated in their Leadership Day last week, where they came together as a cohort and then in House groups to consider just what they believe are the qualities of a leader in an MSC school such as Daramalan. The day was facilitated by Burn Bright and I would like to commend the students for their approach to the day and their engagement with the activities. I have had the privilege this week to be a part of the group interview process for our 2027 College Leadership positions. To say that I have been overwhelmed by the maturity, discernment and calibre of our Year 11 students would be an understatement.

We have also commenced our Year Group Masses this term, with our Year 11 and 7 students already celebrating the Eucharist together. Year 9 will be celebrating their Mass as part of their Reflection Day with **Fr Rob Galea** next Tuesday, Year 10 will have their Mass in Week 6 and Year 8

will celebrate their Mass in Week 9. I would like to thank **Fr Tru Nguyen MSC** for celebrating our Masses with us, **Ms Amy Thomas** for her preparation, College Mission Captain **Roy Halliday** for his poignant reflection at the Masses, and to all of the students who have volunteered as readers or for other roles during the Masses.

2027 Subject Information Sessions

Information has been disseminated by the Assistant Principals Curriculum, **Mr Ben Stein** and **Ms Lucy Cronan**, in relation to the format of the Subject Information presentations and their location on Daranet and the College website. The buzz in McCowage Hall this week was encouraging as students took advantage of the lunch time sessions where they were able to obtain subject-specific advice from the Subject Coordinators and teachers. Hopefully this will help them discern the many choices available when making their elective choices for next year. Thank you also to those families who attended the Year 11 2027 Information Evening on Tuesday evening to learn more about the ACT Senior Secondary System, Pathway and Subject options here at Daramalan as well as the changing employment and careers landscape. Thank you to **Mr Ben Stein** and **Ms Annette Brady** for their input on the evening.

Scholarship Applications

Application forms for families seeking to apply for a scholarship for the **2027** school year are now available on the College website. They are located under Enrolments/ Scholarships. We have a limited number of scholarships available through the College's Scholarship Fund. All applications are assessed taking into account the financial circumstances of the student's family and they are treated in the strictest confidence. Applications close on **Monday 14 September 2026** and can be emailed to principal@daramalan.act.edu.au or delivered in hard copy to the College Reception. They should be addressed to the Principal who manages the process on behalf of the College Board.



Japanese Sister School Students in Class

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The Board Community Engagement Committee, who oversee fundraising initiatives for the Scholarship Fund, are excited to announce the return of the DaraDozen for 2026. Details of how you can support our Scholarship Fund as well as supporting local wineries, the majority of whom have connections to our College, will be available in the coming months in the lead up to delivery in November.

Enrolments

We continue to have a large number of families on our wait list to secure a place at the College for their student. If families know that their student/s will not be returning in 2027, we ask that you please notify the Registrar, **Ms Kris Davis**, as soon as possible at enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact the College Chief Operating Officer, **Mr Ian Garrity**, 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

Mobile Phone Reminder

Families are reminded that students in Years 7-10 should not be accessing their mobile phones during the school day. This includes at recess and lunch times and school events. Students in these year groups are not able to purchase food from the canteen using their mobile phone, instead they should be using cash or their physical card. Students who may have forgotten to bring their card or cash, should speak with the Pastoral Leader in the first instance so that other arrangements can be made for that day. Students in Years 11 and 12 are reminded that they are not to be accessing their phones during class or at school events. We have also noticed an increase in students contacting their parents prior to attending First Aid. We would ask that students attend First Aid, their Pastoral Leader or Reception should they need to contact their parents.

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.

Student Leave Requests including School Sport ACT Representation

A reminder for families that should a student need to be away for 5 or more school days for reasons other than sickness, prior approval from the Principal must be sought



Wakakirri rehearsal

From the Principal

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. Whilst the College approves a student as being eligible for selection, we are not provided with a list of students who have been successful in being selected or the dates of competitions. It is important, therefore, for us to best support our students in their assessment and learning, as well as meeting our legal obligations under the Education Act, that families request leave for their student to attend these competitions. The request needs to be submitted in sufficient time so that arrangements regarding missed schoolwork and assessment can be made. The preferred email address for such requests is principal@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Students in Years 11 and 12 should be aware that there are strict requirements for attendance stipulated by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies in order for students to gain credit for a unit of work. Any extended absences from school may have an impact on the student's ability to be assessed even if all the assessment tasks for the unit are completed. Students should seek advice from the Assistant Principal - Curriculum Years 11-12, **Mr Ben Stein**, prior to making plans to miss any school days.

Staff and Student Achievements

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Australian Council of Education Leaders (ACEL) ACT branch awards evening where one of our staff, **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick** was recognised for her leadership. On the evening, Eve was the deserving recipient of the 2026 Award for Growing in Leadership. The award is a testament to Eve's commitment to improving student learning outcomes and to fostering a culture of collaboration across our College.

Congratulations to:

The members of the **Snowsports team** on their outstanding results in the ACT + Southern NSW Region Interschool Snowsports competition held during the first week of term. 11 of our students have qualified to compete at the National Championships either individually or as a member of a team later in the term. The full list of results can be found in the Sports Section of this edition of Daranews.

Sebastian Czoban (Year 12) on being named the ACT player of the tournament at the recent National Football Championships. Sebastian was also named as a member of the Australian squad following the competition.

Ruby Budd (Year 12) on her selection as an umpire for the National Netball championships.

Joshua O'Keeffe (Year 11) who was selected as a volunteer for the World Cup Water Polo championships held in Sydney last month. Josh was also invited to be part of the referee seminar as part of the tournament.

Sam Shegog and **Mya Lomu** (Year 10) who recently competed as members of ACT squads at the National Basketball championships.

Ella Bradbrook (Year 7) and **Zachary Dyska** (Year 8) on their selections in the ACT team for the 2026 Under 14 Club Championships to be hosted by Basketball Australia in Willetton, Western Australia over the next holiday break.

Jackson Macdonald (Year 10) who will be competing at the National Road Cycling championships on the Sunshine Coast next month.

Elizabeth Duke (Year 10) and **Cooper Evans** (Year 9) who were selected to referee the recent School Sport Hockey championships, and **Charlie Jenkins** (Year 9), **Harry Clark** (Year 10), **Matilda Taylor** and **Isabella McAskill** (Year 8) who competed as members of the ACT squads.

Ivy Dawe (Year 8) who has been selected as a member of the ACT AFL squad to compete at the national championships.

Georgia Roberts (Year 7) who has been selected as a member of the ACT U12 Netball squad for the national championships in Darwin next month.

Tiago Garcia (Year 7) who will be competing at the Jiu Jitsu Australian championships later this month.

Kwame Antwi-Tuffour (Year 7) who was named player of the match in the 2026 Kanga Cup U12 Final. Kwame will travel to Newcastle in October as a member of the ACT squad to compete at the National Football championships. He was also a finalist in the 2026 Male Athlete of the year by Capital Athletics, is the holder of the U12 ACT records in 100m, 200m at Capital Athletics and won Gold and Silver medals at the Little Athletics Championships in Brisbane in the 200m and 100m respectively.

Baaba Antwi-Tuffour (Year 8) was recently awarded a Canberra Netball Association coach's award.

Danica-Zeta Jonathan and **Abella Young** (Year 10) who will be participating in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) being held at Old Parliament House later this month.

Anika Oswald (Year 11) who had her design selected as a finalist in the Transport Canberra Light Rail Safety Week wrap around competition.

Best Wishes



Rachel Davies
Principal



Year 12 Reflection Camp

NAIDOC Week

As part of NAIDOC Week, Daramalan College teachers, School Captains and Indigenous students attended an Indigenous themed Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral. They were greeted with white ochre face paint and a smoking ceremony by Wiradjuri man **Duncan Smith** and his family. The Mass contained a 'Welcome to Country' by **Aunty Selina Walker's** son and a beautiful homily by **Archbishop Christopher Prowse**. In his homily, Archbishop Prowse encouraged students to approach cultural diversity with curiosity rather than fear, highlighting the importance of learning from one another.

"We don't need to be frightened. We need to be curious... We need to learn from each other," he said. Acknowledging that previous generations had often failed to understand First Nations peoples, the Archbishop challenged students to shape a future founded on respect, understanding and reconciliation.



Joe's Program

The Joe's Program was held during the July school holidays with the assistance of **Roy Halliday** (Mission Captain) and **James Clarke** (Social Justice Captain) as team leaders, supported by **Matilda Ward** (Year 11), **Isla Neumann** (Year 12) and **Emily Hall** (Year 10). This year the theme was being part of a team. Fun activities included story time, tie dye, Lego and a trip to Vinnies to learn about their role in our community.

The program ended with a Warm and Fuzzy Circle giving the Joe's an opportunity to tell James, Roy, Isla, Matilda and Emily how much their presence meant to them. Some of the comments from the Joes were:

"We think you are caring, gentle, inclusive."

"You spend time with us and play games."

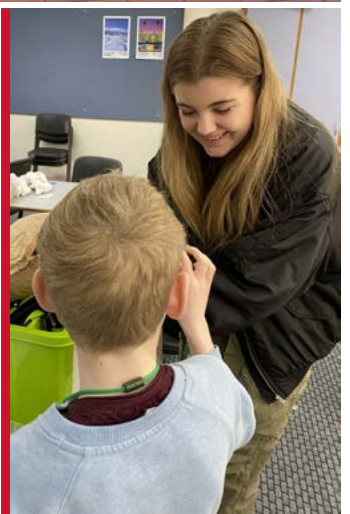
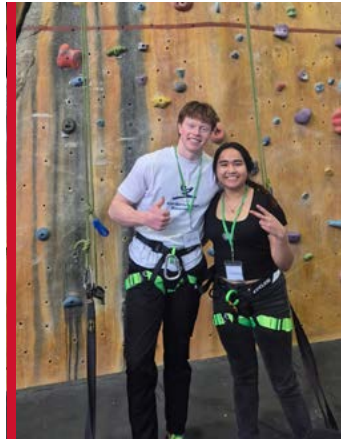
"You are happy and kind."

"Thank you for being here for us."

"You listen to me."

James Clake (Social Justice Captain) and **Chelsea Delteza Patriarca** (Environment Captain) also gave two days of their holiday supporting the St Joe's aged 10-12 Holiday Program.

Thank you to our volunteers, for without you, the Joe's program would not exist. If you would like to be part of the program, please contact **James Clarke**. Our holiday program will run again at the beginning of the next school holidays.



Term 3 School Fees are now overdue.

Term 3 Statements were emailed to parents
Tuesday 7 July.

Term 3 School Fees were due **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 due date).
- 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/>

Charity Walk

Charity Walk

Get excited – it's almost Charity Walk time!! The 2026 Charity Walk will be held on **Friday 11 September**. Please refer to Daranet for all the information you need, including the map, the outline for the day, what to bring and wear, and importantly – donation options.

For parents who would like to assist on the day, please complete the Volunteer Form [here](#). The Charity Walk is a lovely day to be involved with, and your help is very much appreciated.

A reminder that all students in Years 7-12 are expected to take part in this annual event. We are looking forward to a fun community day and the opportunity to support our two charities once again.

[Daramalan College Charity Walk 2026 – Fill out form](#)

FRIDAY 11 SEPT 2026

DARAMALAN COLLEGE CHARITY WALK





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FORTESS IN FIDE

The Charity Walk involves students from the whole school walking around Lake Burley Griffin and raising money for charity. There is no entry fee and the P&F Committee cover all expenses incurred to run the event, including providing a sausage sizzle and a drink to all students at the end. It is anticipated that most students will be able to raise at least \$20 in donations. This year our two beneficiaries are St Nick's Young Carers Program and MacKillop House. Scan the QR code to donate or donate via the Qkr! App.



Social Justice

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Last week, we successfully concluded the Vinnies Winter Appeal, bringing the campaign to a close. The spirit of generosity in our Daramalan community is remarkable, with the response going above and beyond our

expectations. We proudly donated close to 1400 items, including an abundance of socks, beanies, gloves and jackets, to help support people experiencing hardship this Winter. When the donations were collected by Vinnies, they brought the Night Patrol Van for the students to see and learn more about. We have recently trained a group of Year 12 students who will accompany staff on our regular volunteering roster of the Night Patrol. We would like to sincerely thank our community for their generous donations and support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



Social Justice

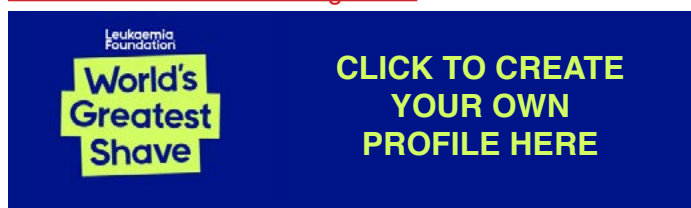
Vinnies Sleepout

Daramalan is once again hosting the Vinnies Sleepout on **Friday 18 September**. The Vinnies Sleepout is an awareness-raising initiative that encourages participants to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage in our community. While the event cannot replicate the realities of homelessness, it provides students with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of secure housing, social justice and empathy. To participate in the event, please access and complete the excursion permission form on Qkr! by **Friday 4 September**. Student numbers may be limited.



World's Greatest Shave

Early next term, Daramalan will support the World's Greatest Shave and help fund life-changing blood cancer support and research. Students are encouraged to sign up to the challenge and can create their own fundraising profile with this link: <https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/daramalancollege2026>



Lyons Fundraising

On Friday 31 July, Lyons came together to raise funds and awareness for Marymead CatholicCare, raising just over \$2700 to support their invaluable outreach work via MacKillop House for homeless women and MINOSA House for men.

On the day, students and staff banded together to host a range of activities, including a raffle with NRL Grand Final tickets up for grabs, a bake sale, BBQ, spiders and fun games during recess and lunch. Thanks to the fantastic donations of baked goods, chocolate, soft drinks and hamper items, by members and family of each Lyons PT group, there was plenty to eat and do, and we were able to create an amazing atmosphere throughout the day.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the staff and students who helped organise, run and support the fundraiser, we are proud to have contributed to such a worthy cause. It was amazing to see Lyons, and the greater Daramalan community, come to together to support those in need, and we hope we can make a meaningful contribution via **Sr Noelene Quinane** at Marymead-CatholicCare.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped and supported on the day to make the fundraiser such a success. A thank you to Sr Noelene who also addressed Lyons prior to the day, explaining why our fundraising is so important.

Joseph Modun (Year 12)



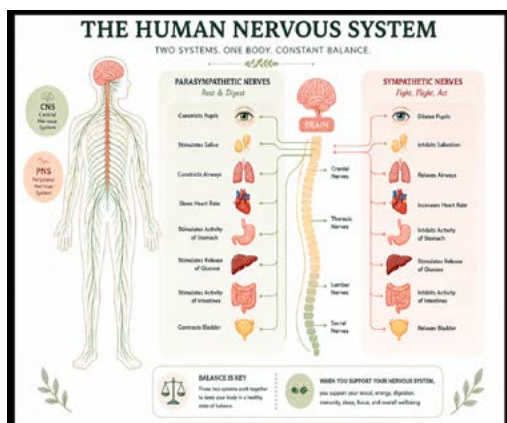
Counsellors

Understanding Your Nervous System: From Stress to Calm

Stress, anxiety and overwhelm all trigger measurable changes in the body - a faster heartbeat, shallower breathing, a mind that suddenly can't focus. Once we know what's happening physiologically in these moments, we have far more options for working with it, rather than being run by it.

The Autonomic Nervous System

In your body, you have two main branches of the autonomic nervous system: the sympathetic nervous system (SNS) and the parasympathetic nervous system (PNS). When the sympathetic nervous system is activated, it triggers the "fight or flight" response, preparing your body to respond to stress, anxiety, panic or danger by increasing your heart rate, breathing and alertness. In contrast, activation of the parasympathetic nervous system promotes relaxation and recovery, slowing your heart rate and helping your body to rest and digest.



The Vagus Nerve

There is a nerve in our body called the vagus nerve, which is a major part of the parasympathetic nervous system. When we learn how to effectively stimulate or activate the vagus nerve, we can help calm our body's stress response and promote relaxation. Research has shown that stimulating the vagus nerve, thereby activating the parasympathetic nervous system, can help regulate emotions, reduce stress and significantly improve symptoms of anxiety and depression. Here are some strategies that can help regulate your nervous system, which in turn supports emotional regulation and reduces stress and anxiety.

Nervous System Regulation Strategies

1) Deep Breathing Strategy

- The process of deep breathing activates your vagus nerve, reduces stress and anxiety and evokes a sense of calmness.

Instructions:

- Inhale. Breathe in slowly through your nose for 4 seconds.
- Pause. Hold your breath for 4 seconds.
- Exhale. Breathe out slowly through your mouth for 6

seconds.

- Repeat this process at least four times, ideally engaging in this strategy anywhere from 2 to 10 minutes.

2) 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Technique

- The 5-4-3-2-1 grounding technique is a powerful tool to calm the nervous system and bring you back to the present moment. It works by engaging your



senses, which helps shift your focus away from anxiety, racing thoughts or emotional overwhelm, and reconnects you to your body and surroundings.

Instructions:

Mindfully identify the following:

- 5 things you can see – Look around and name five visible objects (e.g. "I see a plant, a cup, a phone...").
- 4 things you can touch – Focus on physical sensations (e.g. "I feel my feet on the ground, the texture of my shirt...").
- 3 things you can hear – Tune into ambient sounds (e.g. "I hear birds, traffic, a clock ticking...").
- 2 things you can smell – Try to notice scents around you (e.g. "I smell coffee, or the fresh air...").
- 1 thing you can taste – Notice your mouth or take a sip of water (e.g. "I taste mint from toothpaste..."). Assess if you are feeling hydrated or dehydrated, a good reminder to drink water if you are feeling dehydrated.



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Staff Professional Learning

On Friday 26 June, Catholic educators from across the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese gathered at our College to participate in professional learning focused on the Islamic faith. Presenters from the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy in Auburn led the day, providing an overview of the key beliefs and practices of Islam, insights into the diversity of the global Muslim community, guidance on addressing common misconceptions, and practical suggestions for classroom application and respectful engagement with Islamic perspectives.

Jesus himself taught us in Matthew 7:12: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you". This

golden rule echoes across many of the world's great religious traditions, including Islam. It reminds us that the call to treat every person with dignity, compassion and respect is not uniquely our own, but a truth shared across humanity.

The day was a great success, with staff gaining valuable insights and practical strategies to support their teaching. These learnings will be particularly beneficial in the senior years, where BSSS requirements stipulate that each unit of study must examine a minimum of two religious perspectives.



Clouds

ALL WELCOME

Staff and Alumni Biennale 2026 Inaugural Visual Arts Exhibition

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OPENING NIGHT
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD
JOE WOODWARD THEATRE
5:30 - 8:00 PM

Free Entry

Open
Sat 5th &
Sun 6th
September
10AM - 3PM


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United Nations Youth Evatt Competition 2026

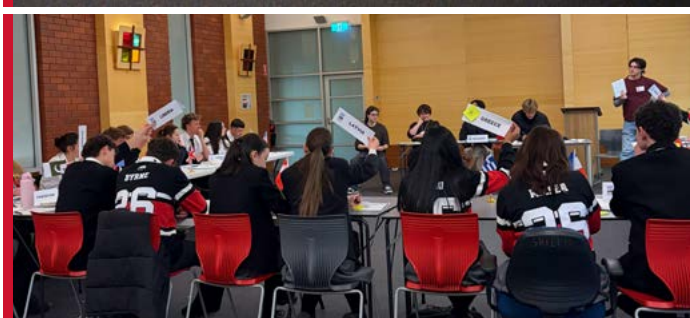
Amidst the busyness of Week 2, Daramalan College hosted a round of the UN Youth Evatt Competition, bringing together Year 11 and 12 Global Studies students alongside keen participants from Years 10 to 12 for a full day of diplomacy, debate and negotiation.

Facilitated by UN Youth representatives, students stepped into the shoes of ambassadors, each representing one of the 15 nations that make up the UN Security Council. The day was structured around two resolutions: the first, a pre-prepared draft addressing the impacts of climate change on small island nations, and the second, an unseen scenario requiring students to respond in real time to a fictional regional conflict centred on Cyprus.

The experience allowed Global Studies students to put their coursework learning into the real world, implementing classroom-learned skills and theories. For Year 12 Global Opportunities students, negotiating solutions to climate displacement offered a hands-on look at how global cooperation and multilateral bodies provide opportunities for growth and positive change. Meanwhile, Year 11 Global Processes students saw global governance structures in action, grappling firsthand with how power, national interest and process shape international decision-making within bodies like the Security Council.

Across both sessions, students worked hard to build consensus, broker compromises and defend their assigned nation's interests, gaining genuine insight into the complexities of international diplomacy along the way. Amid the serious debate, one lighter moment stood out: a motion to refill the lolly bowls, which passed with resounding support!

A huge thank you to **Ms Sophie Peacock**, **Ms Bianca Ross** and **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick** for organising and facilitating such a rewarding day for all involved.



English

English Literature Tour 2027

Next September we hope to facilitate another English Literature Tour to the United Kingdom to explore the context of many great published works. We were so pleased with the tour last year and had great feedback from students and parents. We are inviting all Year 11 and 12 Daramalan students in 2027 to apply for this opportunity; please note that students are not required to study the Literature course.

We will hold an information session to inform you of some of the specifics if your student is interested in being part of the tour. The session will be held in the Garratt Restaurant at 6pm on **Monday 17 August**, please email caitlin.semmler@daramalan.act.edu.au if you would like to attend.



Write a Book in a Day Incursion

Last year, Daramalan College entered the 'Write a Book in a Day' competition against many other schools throughout Australia for the first time. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The competition involves entering teams of writers and illustrators at three different levels: Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10, and Years 11 and 12, who are given one day to collaboratively create a book which will ultimately be shared with children in hospital who are suffering from cancer.

It is a fundraiser for the Kids Cancer Project. Students have an opportunity to fundraise too, if they wish, by getting sponsors and supporters to contribute.

You can see more information on their website at: writeabookinaday.com

We found it to be a very worthwhile activity, a very enjoyable exercise in collaboration, writing, illustrating and book production, not to mention time management!

We are now gathering entries for this year's competition, which will take place on **Wednesday 9 September** in the Seminar Room in the Information Centre.

Students who would like to be part of this worthwhile project, please collect a permission slip from **Ms Suzanne Kiraly** in the English staffroom or **Ms Melinda Cashman** in the Library. Please email suzanne.kiraly@daramalan.act.edu.au or melinda.cashman@daramalan.act.edu.au for more information. But be quick! We need to enter our teams very soon!

Languages

Japanese Sister School Visit

In Term 3, we were delighted to welcome students and staff from our sister school, Kochi Gakugei School. We shared a wonderful week of cultural exchange, with our visitors attending classes alongside their host siblings, going on an excursion to Tidbinbilla to see kangaroos and koalas, and celebrating with a memorable farewell party.

It was heartwarming to see our Daramalan students and the Japanese students build such special friendships over the seven-day visit. We hope these connections will continue to grow and last for many years to come.

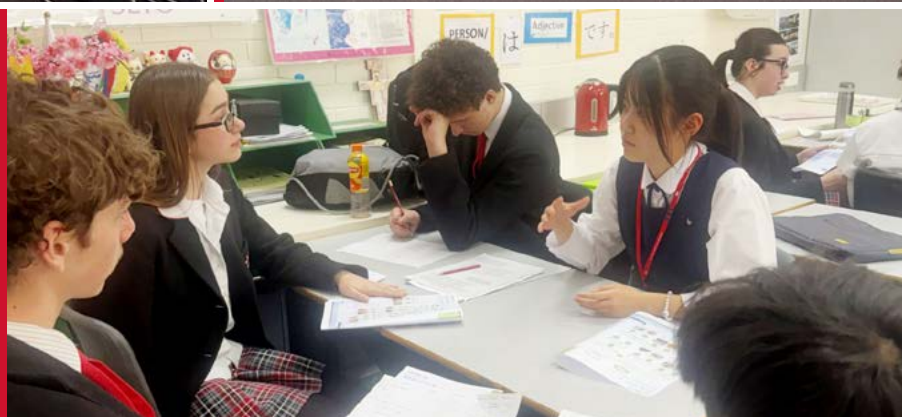
We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Daramalan staff who organised and delivered special lessons, and to the lovely host families who so generously welcomed our guests into their homes. Your support made this experience truly unforgettable.

'I think it is generally underestimated just how much a few days can change your life. The Kochi Gakugei students only joined the Daramalan community for 7

days, but it could've been a lifetime, and it still wouldn't be enough time. On their second day in Canberra, we were taken to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, where we were lucky enough to see potoroos, koalas and kookaburras. Host students also took them around Canberra on the weekend. Popular visiting destinations were places like the National Museum of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin and Parliament House. They also got to try local cuisine, such as fairy bread, vegemite, lamingtons and sausage rolls. Everyone made such lovely connections, thanks to **Burridge Sensei** and **Kochi's Sensei's** amazing work with the pairing. On another note, the connections between Daramalan students in this exchange program were amazing as well. Despite grades ranging from Year 9-12, it truly felt like such a special community to be in. I was lucky enough to meet **Funa**, and I would be lying if I didn't admit just how similar our personalities are. While she was here, she taught me shodō, a Japanese calligraphy, and we went to see an AFL game. I don't know how I am supposed to wait till 2027 to experience our own tour!'

Jessica Bolton (Year 9)

ゆめ - dream



Maths

CAT Competition Results

We have received the results for the Maths Challenge (Years 7-9) and the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition completed earlier this year. Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Credit and above.

Division	First Name	Last Name	Year at School	Achievement
Junior - Year 7	Saxon	Hogg	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Alfred	Nicholapillai	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Isabelle	O'Brien	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Joshua	Quinn	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Toby	Sarks	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	William	Tonkin	7	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Harrison	Kirkwood	7	DISTINCTION AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Rhys	Marsh	7	DISTINCTION AWARD
Junior - Year 7	Rafael	Weinman	7	DISTINCTION AWARD
Junior - Year 8	Margaret	Ferndale	8	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 8	Raeland	Loney	8	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 8	Benjamin	Tierney	8	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 8	Maximus	Wong	8	CREDIT AWARD
Junior - Year 8	Sam	Norfor	8	DISTINCTION AWARD

Division	First Name	Last Name	Year at School	Achievement
Intermediate - Year 9	Benjamin	Carton	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Naomi	Chew	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Jayden	Chi	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Rachel	Giason	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Alexander	Jackman-Hale	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Enzo	Miniutti	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Andrew	Pham	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Jensen	Smithers	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Joshua	Thomson	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 9	Georgia	Walker	9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 10	Lucas	Groves	10	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate - Year 10	Matthew	Spavins	10	CREDIT AWARD

Division	First Name	Last Name	Year at School	Achievement
Senior - Year 11	Hunter	Harrison	11	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 11	Michael	Howlett	11	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 11	Lachlan	Huby	11	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 11	Rachel	Nicol	11	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 11	Tim	Bertram	11	DISTINCTION AWARD
Senior - Year 12	Andrew	Dunn	12	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 12	Sean	Loney	12	CREDIT AWARD
Senior - Year 12	Hayley	Parkinson	12	CREDIT AWARD

MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Division	First Name	Last Name	Year at School	Achievement
Junior 8	Mason	Ha	Year 8	DISTINCTION AWARD
Junior 8	Raeland	Loney	Year 8	DISTINCTION AWARD
Junior 8	Sam	Norfor	Year 8	CREDIT AWARD

Division	First Name	Last Name	Year at School	Achievement
Intermediate 9	Benjamin	Carton	Year 9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate 9	Christian	Carton	Year 9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate 9	Harrison	Harvey	Year 9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate 9	Andrew	Pham	Year 9	CREDIT AWARD
Intermediate 9	Mikko	Taylor	Year 9	CREDIT AWARD

Science

Year 8

Year 8 students have been exploring how heat energy moves through conduction, convection and radiation. Through a series of practical investigations, students gathered and analysed data to identify patterns and explain how heat is transferred in different situations.

As part of their scientific inquiry skills, students also considered what makes a fair test and evaluated the reliability and validity of their results. By reflecting on their methods and sources of error, they developed a deeper understanding of how scientists design investigations and draw evidence-based conclusions.



Year 10 Science

Year 10 Science students have been learning about the structure of DNA and how traits are inherited from parents. Through their study of genetics, students explored how DNA carries the instructions that make each person unique. As part of the unit, students extracted DNA from strawberries in a hands-on practical – it was berry exciting!



Year 11 Chemistry

Year 11 chemists are studying intermolecular forces and their applications in chromatography including forensic science, food and pharmaceutical testing. This includes experiments exploring the properties of different substances and mixtures.



Science Cont...

Year 12

Year 12 Biology students have begun their unit on homeostasis and disease by investigating the many body systems involved in maintaining a stable internal environment. Working collaboratively, students identified and mapped all the body systems they could remember onto a life-sized model. Many were surprised by just how many systems they already knew and how interconnected they are. The biggest challenge was fitting, drawing and labelling them all on the life-sized model!



Competitions

The Science Department is incredibly proud of all students who participated in the Big Science Competition and the Junior Science Olympiad this year. These challenging national competitions require curiosity, perseverance and strong scientific thinking, and every participant should be commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to extend themselves beyond the classroom. We congratulate all students on their efforts and achievements.

The following students achieved outstanding results in these competitions:

Big Science Competition

Credit: **Teoman Dagseven, Nathaniel Keeley, Sam Norfor, Josie Willsmore** (Year 8), **Jimmy Phillips** (Year 9)

Distinction: **James Stein** (Year 8)

Junior Science Olympiad

Credit: **Willem van Galen** (Year 7), **Benjamin Tierney, Mason Ha, Raeland Loney, Samuel Norfor** (Year 8)

Distinction: **Nathaniel Keeley** (Year 8)

Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science

Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science students continued to dig into Earth's history by travelling to the Dinosaur Museum to explore the evolution of life, mass extinctions and, of course, dinosaurs!

We also went on a field trip to Woolshed Creek, one of Canberra's significant fossil sites and where some of Australia's earliest Silurian fossils were discovered in the 1840s by Reverend William Clarke, the 'Father of Australian Geology'.

Students hunted for fossils, including trilobites and brachiopods, while uncovering evidence that Canberra was once covered by ocean around 430 million years ago during the Silurian Period. A great day of fossil hunting and fieldwork!



Performing Arts

Early Bird Tickets for Into the Woods Jr. Now on Sale

Daramalan College gets to see a Stephen Sondheim musical: Into the Woods Jr. It is our first chamber musical production by Daramalan Theatre Company presented in the Joe Woodward Theatre from **Saturday 10 October – Saturday 17 October**.

Presented in a Dinner Theatre style with audiences able to purchase drinks from the bar and consume light meals before and during the show, Into the Woods Jr. offers more than a school production; it is a night out for an event that will zing with its melodies and visual encounters for a long time to come.

The musical has high relevance for young people leaving the security of home and school and venturing into the world; a world of possibility and yet with its dangers.

Introducing **Ms Maria Tolfree** as Musical Director! Our tradition of musical productions takes a new turn as Maria Tolfree works with young actors who possess great voices. The energy of the cast is something to really cherish.

Recently, over the July holidays, the cast spent a full week at Burrill Pines for a Theatre Camp to develop singing skills and learning the intricacies of Sondheim's dexterous music. They took to all the activities with enthusiasm and a sense of significance. Their commitment and dedication to the task of producing an engaging musical is now being baked into an intensely focused performance.

Presented in the Joe Woodward Theatre, we are able to take advantage of its flexibility that no other theatre in Canberra possesses. The intimacy of the venue gives new life to student performances and the music, lyrics and stories contained in the production. Those who saw Rhinoceros recently or Romeo and Juliet in 2025 will have some clue as to the potential of Into the Woods Jr. as dinner theatre for a chamber musical presentation. Yet it will be different again from all previous works!

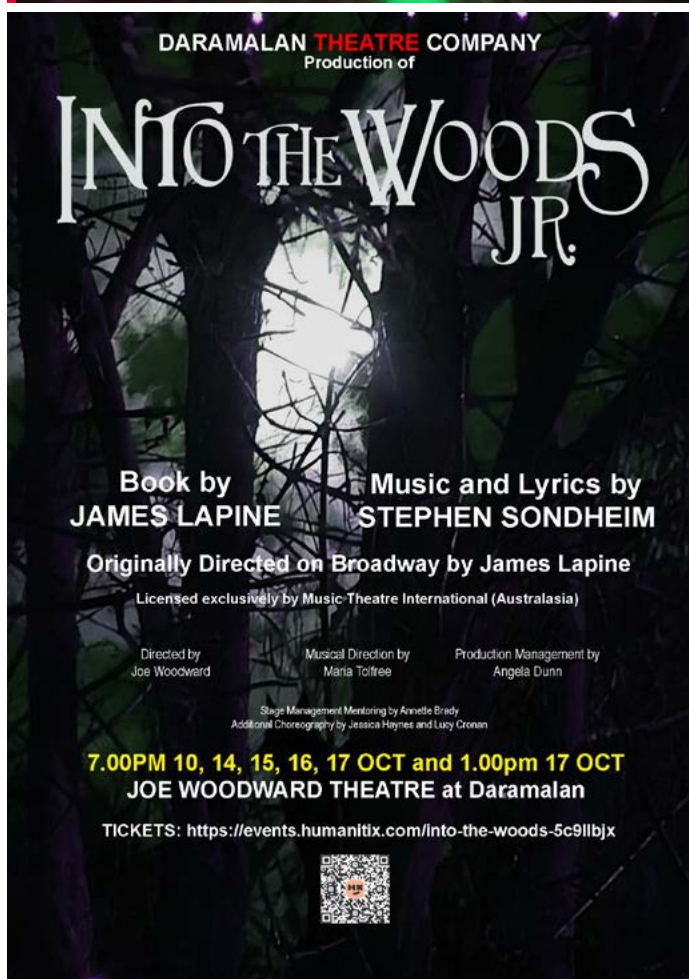
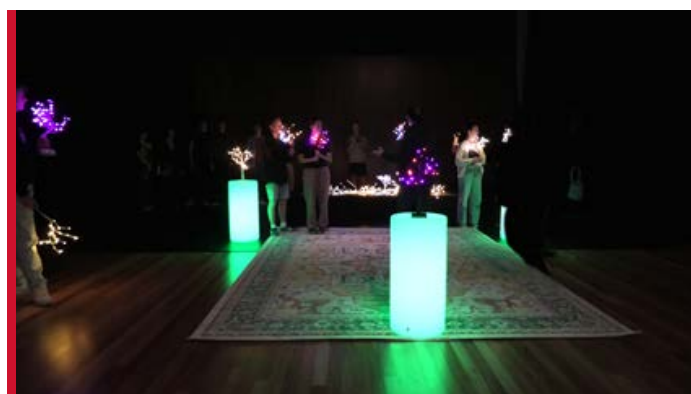
Daramalan College has a very enviable record of Musicals going back a long way. These include:

- Dave Clark's ground breaking musical Time directed by **Mr Jim McMullen**,
- **Ms Anne Smith's** production of Oliver and other innovative works,
- **Ms Angela Dunn's** productions of Gilbert and Sullivan musicals The Gondoliers, The Mikado and HMS Pinafore through to
- **Ms Jo Howard's** amazing Little Shop of Horrors and
- multiple productions from **Ms Lucy Cronan** including The Little Mermaid Jr., Alice and Shrek Jr. and more, and then
- **Ms Angela Dunn's** recent wonderful production of Midnight, a Cinderella Musical ...

Book your tickets for our latest musical: Into the Woods Jr. with Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and Book by James Lapine.

Early Bird tickets with a 15% reduction in price are available until **Monday 31 August**:

<https://events.humanitix.com/into-the-woods-5c9llbjx/tickets>



Wakakirri

Daramalan Dance Company Wakakirri 2026: Guided by the Groove

On Thursday 6 August, the Daramalan Dance Company proudly presented a moving performance at the Canberra Theatre Centre, where more than 70 students from Years 7-12 took to the stage with our story dance, Guided by the Groove, for Wakakirri.

Our piece, Guided by the Groove, took the audience on a journey through different decades of music and dance. Starting in the 1920s with jazz, it moves through rock 'n' roll, 70's disco, 80s dance and modern pop, showing how each era inspired people to express themselves, connect with others and find their own voice.

Throughout the piece, the main characters, Year 12 students **Emma Prail** and **Bridgette Dickens**, are guided by the Guardians of the Groove, who represent the influence each generation has left behind.

In the finale, the past and present come together as the main characters realise that, while every era helps guide us, our true power comes from embracing who we are and having the confidence to step forward as the next generation of leaders.

Overall, it was an amazing day and a celebration of hard work, teamwork and the powerful stories our students can tell through movement.

We were thrilled to receive multiple awards for the piece:

- Storytelling Award for a Great Story
- Storytelling Award for a Great Blockbuster Production Style
- Ensemble Award for Dance Performance
- Production Award for Sets, Props and Costumes
- Lead Cast Award for Performance in Dancing and Acting.

Ambassador Comment

"Excellent and professional work conducted on stage! Your performance, seamless, costuming, a celebration and the story was an adventure everyone delighted participating in. It is evident you all are exceptional performers, what is a triumph is how you pulled your strengths into the story dance format. It was high energy, electric and an absolute showstopper! "

Will Tran - Wakakirri Ambassador

Stay tuned for the next round!



Canberra Choir Eisteddfod

On Saturday 8 August, the Daramalan College Choir competed at the Canberra Choir Eisteddfod at the Snow Concert Hall. The calibre of competition was impressive and our students demonstrated great skill and poise, despite their much smaller numbers compared to the other choirs.

The Daramalan Madrigals, conducted by **Mr Jason Paris** and accompanied by **Ms Giselle Roberts**, earned a Bronze Award in a close contest. They performed 'Since First I Saw Your Face' and 'Walking in the Air'.

The full Choir, conducted by **Ms Maria Tolfree** scored high praise for the contrasting styles of their pieces 'Pretty Horses' and 'Stitches'. The musical arrangement for the latter was rewritten and performed live with the Choir by **Mr Jason Paris** and **Ruby Holden** (Year 12), drawing special compliments from the adjudicator.

Conducted by **Ms Maria Tolfree** and accompanied by **Ms Giselle Roberts**, the Choir also earned a Bronze Award in the Gospel section. Their performances of 'Hallelujah Pela Tsa Rona' and '10,000 Reasons to Praise the Lord' demonstrated the contrast between cultural aspects of this category.

We were so proud of how our students performed and conducted themselves on the day, as well as their support of the other choirs. We thank **Ms Angela Dunn** and **Ms Michelle Coggan** in particular for their extensive work in preparation for the competition.

Mr Jason Paris and **Ms Maria Tolfree**
Choir Masters



Technology and Design

If you enjoy designing, building, problem-solving and working with technology, iSTEM and Design and Emerging Technologies offer exciting opportunities to turn ideas into real-world projects!

Year 9 iSTEM – Robotics

In Year 9 iSTEM, students explore the exciting world of robotics and automation. In Semester 1, students use VEX robotics kits to design, build and program their own robots. They tackle a range of challenges that require creative thinking, problem-solving and teamwork, using coding and autonomous actions to control their robots.



Students then explore prosthetics and the mechanics of human movement. They apply this knowledge to design and produce their own prosthetic arm, combining engineering, materials, mechanisms and problem-solving.



Year 11 Design and Emerging Technologies

Year 11 Design and Emerging Technologies is ideal for students who enjoy designing, creating and developing their ideas. Students investigate the design process and then apply these skills to their own lighting project, developing a product from an initial idea through to a finished product. Throughout the project, students consider design elements and principles, aesthetics, usability, functionality and sustainability to create a product that responds to a specific need or client.



Year 10 iSTEM – Electricity, Lighting and Prosthetics

Year 10 iSTEM gives students the opportunity to explore electricity, design and engineering through hands-on projects. Students investigate how electrical circuits work before designing and constructing their own ecolamp. They solder an LED lighting circuit and design and build a timber base to create a functional lamp.



Sport

Sports Report

As our Winter sporting season draws to a close, it has been fantastic to see our students embrace the challenges, opportunities and excitement that school sport brings. We now look forward to celebrating the achievements of our teams at the upcoming Presentation Nights (dates below).

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff, students and parents who have given their time, energy and enthusiasm to coach and manage teams throughout the season. School sport simply does not happen without our incredible volunteers, and we are grateful for the role they play in creating these opportunities for our students.

As we turn our attention to Summer sport, we are excited for another great season ahead, with Basketball, Cricket and Rowing on offer, along with Oztag for our 2027 Year 7 cohort. We look forward to welcoming plenty of new and returning students to our teams.

As the saying goes, "sport is a great metaphor for life." Sport teaches us resilience, teamwork, perseverance and the importance of supporting those around us. These qualities have been on display across our teams throughout the Winter season, and we are extremely proud of the way our students have represented Daramalan.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another fantastic season of Daramalan sport. We look forward to celebrating our Winter athletes and getting ready for an exciting Summer season!

Mr Marty Capon

Acting Sports Coordinator

Upcoming events

Monday 17 August	Boys ASC Basketball
Monday 24 August	Girls ASC Basketball
Monday 31 August - Wednesday 2 September	NSW Schools Oztag, Tuggerah NSW
Wednesday 9 September	Hockey Presentation Evening
Wednesday 9 September	Basketball Presentation Evening
Thursday 10 September	Rugby Presentation Evening
Thursday 10 September	12 & U ACT Athletics @AIS
Wednesday 16 September	Netball Presentation Evening
Tuesday 22 September	13 & O ACT Athletics @AIS

Daramalan Water Polo

Following the recent success of our Aussie Stingers at the Water Polo World Cup, a team of Daramalan girls are keen to emulate their heroes!

You can catch our Year 7-9 Girls in action at the Canberra Schools Cup. Games are at CISAC on Friday nights. Expect fast-paced, exciting Water Polo as our teams take on schools from across Canberra.

Match of the Round

Basketball Convener- Mr John Gale

U14 D6 Pool A Boys v St Edmunds- (Saturday 15 August 11:45am Tuggeranong)

What a season it has been for the U14 D6 Pool A team. After starting the year in Pool B, the boys' outstanding performances during the grading rounds earned them promotion to Pool A, where they have continued their excellent form.

Under the outstanding leadership of student coaches **Xavier O'Brien** and **Isaac Viana De Freitas** (Year 10), the team is currently sitting second on the ladder and preparing for a huge challenge this weekend against the undefeated St Edmund's College side.

Liam Crabb (Year 7) has been a standout performer, leading the team's scoring with an average of more than 10 points per game. He has been well supported by a number of teammates who have all contributed strongly throughout the season.

Keep up the fantastic work, boys, and best of luck for this weekend's top-of-the-table clash!

Rugby Convener- Mr Ben McGee

U14 Div 1 Boys v Owls- (Saturday 15 August 11.00am @ ANU North Oval)

This week's Match of the Round features our U14 Div 1 side as they take to the field for the final game of the regular season.

Coming off a narrow loss against a very strong St Edmund's College side, the Under 14s can be incredibly proud of the growth and development they have shown throughout the season. Week after week, the team has continued to improve, building their skills, confidence and teamwork.

This weekend they take on the Owls at ANU North, looking to finish the regular season on a high with a strong performance and, hopefully, a win.

Best of luck to all the players and coaching staff this weekend. It has been wonderful watching the journey and development of this group throughout the season, and we look forward to seeing them finish the regular season strongly.

Hockey Convener- Mr Stuart Dix

Daramalan Black v CGGS- (Friday 14 August 7.15pm CGGS)

Hockey 'Game of the Round' sees Daramalan Black take on Canberra Girls Grammar School at CGGS this Friday at 7.15pm. Both teams will be looking to finish the season strongly, with the Daramalan girls heading into the match full of confidence after a strong 2-1 win against Tuggeranong Vikings Hockey Club.

Summer Sports



**DARAMALAN
SUMMER
SPORT**

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OUT SOON

Basketball

Winter Basketball

School Competitions

Term 3 is always a very exciting time for school Basketball. We have both the Boys and Girls ASC Gala days and the John Stelzer and Kate Tominac Cup in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all students selected and best of luck for the competition.

Last Weekends Results

Division	Team	Score	Team	Score
U14 Boys Division 1A	Marist Aqua	17	Daramalan	38
U14 Boys Division 2B	Ginninderra Desert Rats	31	Daramalan	22
U14 Boys Division 3B	Daramalan	51	Ginninderra Burley Rats	25
U14 Boys Division 4A	Bye		Bye	
U14 Boys Division 4B	Ginninderra Rats	27	Daramalan Black	20
U14 Boys Division 6A	Daramalan	40	Ginninderra Creek Rats	15
U14 Girls Division 1A	Ginninderra Lake Rats	32	Daramalan	36
U14 Girls Division 4A	Daramalan	19	Gungahlin Flames	22
U16 Boys Division 1A	Ramblers Gold	44	Daramalan	60
U16 Boys Division 3A	Ginninderra Bush Rats	31	Daramalan White	30
U16 Boys Division 3A	Gungahlin Flames	32	Daramalan	51
U16 Boys Division 3B	Norths White	18	Daramalan Black	22
U16 Boys Division 4A	Daramalan White		St Edmund's College Black	
U16 Boys Division 4B	Ginninderra Stats Rats	26	Daramalan Black	24
U16 Boys Division 5C	Canberra City Stallions	30	Daramalan	25
U16 Boys Division 6	Daramalan Black	35	Gungahlin Flames	16
U16 Boys Division 6	Bye		Bye	
U16 Girls Division 2	Ginninderra Creek Rats	13	Daramalan	23
U16 Girls Division 4	Daramalan	8	Wests	37
U19 Boys Division 1A	Daramalan Black	53	Queanbeyan Roadrunners	35
U19 Boys Division 1B	Marist Blue	39	Daramalan White	34
U19 Boys Division 2A	Ginninderra River Rats	48	Daramalan Black	35
U19 Boys Division 2B	Daramalan White	25	Radford Falcons	31
U19 Boys Division 3A	Marist Indigo	39	Daramalan Red	32
U19 Boys Division 3B	Daramalan Black	30	Marist Navy	32
U19 Boys Division 3B	Daramalan White	21	Norths	35
U19 Boys Division 5B	Daramalan	21	Canberra City Stallions Creed	24
U19 Boys Division 6	Daramalan	17	Ginninderra Burley Rats	25
U19 Girls Division 1	Daramalan	46	Radford Hawks	34
U19 Girls Division 2	Daramalan	10	Ginninderra River Rats	18
U19 Girls Division 3A	Ramblers Black	36	Daramalan	18

Summer Basketball

Whether you are an experienced player, love shooting hoops with friends, or are looking to try something new, the Daramalan Summer Basketball Program has something for everyone.

The BACT Summer Social Competition is all about having fun, staying active, and enjoying Basketball in a relaxed environment. With optional training sessions, flexible commitments, and the chance to play alongside your friends, it's the perfect way to spend your Summer.

Season Details

Season: **Saturday 17 October 2026 – Saturday 20 March 2027**

Cost: \$350 (includes Basketball Australia and BACT registration fees)

Age Groups

- Under 14: Born 2014–2015
- Under 16: Born 2012–2013
- Under 19: Born 2009–2011

Games are played on weekends at Belconnen and Tuggeranong Stadiums.

One of the best parts of the Summer Social Competition is that you get to create your own team!

Gather your friends, come up with a team name, organise a coach and manager, and bring your team nomination to **Mr Joel Richardson** in the Sports Centre during Week 6 (**Monday 24 August – Friday 28 August**).

Don't have enough players? No problem! Individual registrations are welcome, and we'll help find you a team.

Students are also welcome to play up an age group if they would like to play with their friends.

Want to Know More?

For team nominations, registrations, or any questions about the Summer season, please contact the Summer Basketball Coordinator, **Mr Joel Richardson**, at joel.richardson@daramalan.act.edu.au.

DARAMALAN BASKETBALL

2026

PRESENTATION EVENING



WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, DARAMALAN COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE

**5-7PM: BBQ, MUSIC,
FUN AND GAMES**

**7PM ONWARDS:
PRESENTATIONS**

**FREE NBA JERSEY
GIVEAWAYS AND RAFFLES**

BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP 2026



WEDNESDAY 7 & THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

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 Morphet 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

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

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

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

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

8.30-9am – Arrival/ Casual shootaround
 9.00-9:20 – Introduction/ warm up and group allocations
 9:20-10.00 – Session 1
 10.00-10.30 – Recess
 10.30 – 11:10 – Session 2
 11.10 – 11.20 – Drinks break (instructors game)
 11.20 – 12.00 – Session 3
 12.00-1.00 - Lunch
 1.00 – 1.40 – Session 4
 1.40 – 2.10 – Afternoon Tea
 2.10 – 2.50 – Session 5
 2.50 – 3.00 – Warm down/ tidy up
 3.00 – 3.30 – Pick up

SESSIONS (order may vary on the day)

Session 1: Shooting clinic using our Dr Dish Complete Trainer
 Session 2: Fun basketball games
 Session 3: Non active session - NBA games on the big screen/ board games/ card games etc
 Session 4: Ball Handling and passing workshop
 Session 5: Small sided games

PAYMENT

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



\$70 EARLY BIRD SALE IF YOU
BOOK BEFORE 31 AUGUST

Cricket

Cricket 2026/2027 Season

We are currently gearing up for our big Summer Cricket season! Registrations are already open if you would like to get a head start on the season: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/208690>

Of course, we are always on the lookout for players who would be interested in joining for the upcoming season. We welcome all players new or experienced. Please reach out to Mr Callum Brown if you have any questions: callum.brown@daramalan.act.edu.au.

Indoor Cricket

Even through the Winter, our cricketers have been keeping up their skills by participating in the Kaleen Indoor Cricket competition under the Daramalan banner. This has provided an opportunity for a few Summer cricketers to keep their eye in over the cooler months. The Daramalan Redbacks are made up of students from Years 7-10 and notably from all of the Summer seasons' Cricket levels. The team, made up of students **Toby Sarks**, **Harvey Yeo** (Year 7), **Blake Joost** (Year 8), **Tyson Arnold**, **Lucas Gresham**, **Enzo Miniutti**, **Hamish McRae** (Year 9) and **Nicholas Rose**

(Year 10), have been playing some competitive Indoor Cricket and showing great attitudes to each other and their opposition. The team regularly rotate their batting partners and captaincy and self-manage the game. Being a school-based team, this has been a source of pride for the boys' parents. Notably, only one of the 8 players had previously played competitive Indoor Cricket, so it's been a learning experience for all players this season. Whilst not all results have gone their way, they have had some excellent wins against very strong sides. The boys still have several games to go this season, and we are confident they will continue to enjoy their Cricket.

Over the school holidays, **Cael Heenan** (Year 12) competed in the Indoor Cricket Nationals representing the ACT. While it was not the most successful campaign for the ACT, Cael showed great resilience in continuing to score runs, take wickets and provide energy in the field. We congratulate Cael for his achievements and his outstanding representation of the College.

UC Cup

From **Wednesday 30 September – Friday 2 October**, Daramalan will be participating in the UC Cup. This is a T20 competition that serves as an excellent pre-season warm up or a great introduction for those who haven't played before or are returning. If you are interested, please reach out to **Mr Callum Brown** for further information.



Hockey

As we get closer to the most exciting part of the Hockey season, it is a good time to have a look at how Daramalan Hockey has been going so far this year.

At the recent School Sport ACT competition, a number of Daramalan students were selected to represent the ACT. Congratulations to **Cooper Evans** (Year 9) and **Elizabeth Duke** (Year 10), who were selected as umpires. **Isabella McAskill** and **Matilda Taylor** (Year 8) were selected in the ACT Girls team, with **Emma Duke** (Year 8) named as a shadow player. **Harry Clark** (Year 10) and **Charlie Jenkins** (Year 9) were selected in the ACT Boys team, which went on to win the competition. A fantastic achievement for all of our students involved.

As we head towards the business end of the season, three of our teams look to have almost cemented their spots in the Finals. The JSL 1 Girls, Daramalan Red,

are currently sitting on top of the ladder and remain undefeated, while the JSL 1 Boys and U14 Girls are both sitting 4th and looking like strong Finals contenders.

The JSL 2 Boys and Girls have both shown great improvement throughout the season and will be looking to finish the season strongly. Across all teams, it has been great to see our players enjoying their Hockey and showing great commitment each week.

With Finals now not far away, there is plenty to look forward to. Good luck to all our teams for the remainder of the season.

A reminder that the Daramalan Hockey Presentation Evening will be held at 5:30 pm on **Wednesday 9 September** in the Issoudun Building. We look forward to celebrating the season and recognising the achievements of our players.

Go Dara!

Mr Stuart Dix
Daramalan Hockey Convenor



DARAMALAN COLLEGE HOCKEY PRESENTATION EVENING



WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

**5:30PM START
JOE WOODWARD THEATRE
BBQ BEFORE PRESENTATIONS FROM 5PM**



Netball

Only Three Rounds to Go!

With just three Netball rounds remaining before Finals, the excitement is building! I have spoken with our coaches, and everyone is focused on making one final push towards the Finals.

It has been fantastic to see several of our teams holding strong in the top one or two positions on the ladder. It's also been wonderful to watch other teams steadily climb the ladder throughout the season through their hard work and commitment to their team.

One of the highlights this season has been the outstanding attendance at both training and games each week. The dedication and team spirit has been exceptional. Keep up the great work as we head into the final rounds. It could be our most successful season yet!

Tutu Tuesday – Final Training Before Finals!

Let's finish the regular season with some fun and team spirit!

Our final training session before finals will be on Tuesday 25 August, and we are celebrating with Tutu Tuesday.

We encourage everyone to:

- Wear a tutu (any colour!)
- Bring a small plate to share with your team for afternoon tea.
- Enjoy a fun afternoon together before the Finals begin.

Let's bring plenty of Finals spirit and celebrate the wonderful season we've had so far!

Date Change – Daramalan Netball Presentation Night

Due to a Year 11/12 excursion being scheduled on our original presentation date, we have changed our Presentation Night to:

- **Wednesday 16 September**
- 5:30pm – 7.00pm
- McCowage Hall

Please update your calendars.

Important Dates

- Last Round: **Saturday 29 August**
- Semi Finals: **Saturday 5 September**
- Preliminary Finals: **Saturday 12 September**
- Grand Final: **Saturday 19 September**

Best of luck to all our players, coaches, managers and families as we head into the final three rounds and the Finals series. Let's finish the season strong!

Ms Bernie Ross

Daramalan Netball Convenor



Congratulations to **Tomas Spoljaric** (Year 8), **Ruby Budd** and **Eloise Smith** (Year 12), who were selected to represent the ACT at this week's School Sport Australia Championships – Netball.

Tomas proudly represented the ACT as a member of the Under 15 Boys Netball team, while Ruby and Eloise were selected as student officials.

Daramalan College **NETBALL** *Presentation* **EVENING**

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
5:30 - 7PM



McCOWAGE HALL
BBQ FUNDRAISER AVAILABLE

Rugby

As we head towards the pointy end of the season, we have arrived at Round 12, the final round of the regular season. With Semi Finals now firmly on the horizon, our teams have been putting together some fantastic performances and results as they push towards the Finals.

A Huge Few Weeks at Home

Rounds 9 and 10 were particularly special for Daramalan Rugby, with an incredible 23 home games played across the two weekends. It was a fantastic showcase of what our Rugby program is all about, great rugby, strong community spirit and plenty of people willing to contribute to make it all happen.

Hosting that many games takes an enormous amount of work, and we couldn't do it without the support of our coaches, managers, players, parents and volunteers. From setting up fields and running scoreboards to helping in the Canteen and packing everything away, the contribution of our community has been outstanding.

A special thank you must go to **Chloe Holmes**, who took on the role of managing our Canteen this season. Chloe has been a wonderful asset to the club, giving up countless hours to ensure the canteen has run smoothly throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done.

Finals Are Coming!

Daramalan is currently looking at the possibility of hosting six Semi Finals at home, which would make for another outstanding day of Rugby at the College.

Once the Finals fixtures are confirmed, we encourage the entire Daramalan community to get behind our teams, whether they are playing at home or travelling away. Finals Rugby is always a fantastic occasion, and having plenty of red and black support on the sidelines makes a huge difference.

Full Semi Final details will be shared once they are confirmed.

Presentation Night – Thursday 10 September

The Daramalan Rugby Club Presentation Night will be held on **Thursday 10 September** in McCowage Hall at Daramalan College.

Our Junior Teams will celebrate their season from 5:00pm - 6:15pm, followed by our Senior Teams from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. It will be a great opportunity to recognise the achievements of our players and teams, thank those who have contributed throughout the season and give a warm farewell to our graduating players.

We are also excited to have a special performance from the Pasifika Group before the Junior Presentation.

From 4:30pm, we will be running a fundraising BBQ

supporting the 2027 Daramalan Rugby Tour to Japan. Come down early, grab something to eat and help support our touring players.

Coaches, Managers, Volunteers and Sponsors Event – Save the Date

Our Rugby program simply wouldn't operate without the incredible people behind the scenes.

On **Sunday 13 September from 12:00pm**, Daramalan Rugby will host a special event to thank our coaches, managers, volunteers and sponsors for the hard work, support and sacrifices they have made throughout the season.

Save the date – more information will follow.

Domino's Teammate of the Week

Just as exciting as the results on the field this season has been the teamwork and mateship we have seen across our teams.

Our Domino's Teammate of the Week award has helped recognise players for much more than simply playing well. It celebrates those who support their teammates, put the team first, demonstrate great sportsmanship and contribute positively both on and off the field.

Congratulations to all the players who have received the award this season. You continue to set a fantastic example of what it means to be a great teammate and a positive member of the Daramalan Rugby community.

Stay Connected with Daramalan Rugby

Want to keep up with everything happening across Daramalan Rugby? Download the Daramalan Rugby app and follow along with the journey throughout the season. Keep up to date with fixtures, results, news, team information and everything happening around the club, all in one place.

Head to daramalanrugby.com.au to get connected and stay up to date with all things Daramalan Rugby.

Good luck to all our teams heading into Round 12 and the final stages of the season!



DARAMALAN RUGBY UNION PRESENTATION NIGHT



THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER



**McCOWAGE HALL,
DARAMALAN COLLEGE**



**JUNIOR
PRESENTATION**
5:00PM – 6:15PM



**SENIOR
PRESENTATION**
6:30PM – 8:00PM



FUNDRAISING BBQ

From 4:30pm the Japan Tour group will be hosting a BBQ to raise funds for their Japan tour in 2027.



SPECIAL EVENT

The Pasifika Group will have a special performance at the opening of the junior presentation.



Snowsports

ACT–Southern NSW Interschools Snowsport Championships

In the first week of term, 28 students from the Daramalan Snowsports team competed in the Interschools Snowsport Championships at Perisher, joining over 2,500 entries from more than 150 schools across the region. It has been a challenging start to the season, with low snow conditions meaning many students were getting on snow for the first time heading into the event. Despite this, the team represented the College with determination and skill with 11 students qualifying for Nationals, a record result for the program!

Congratulations to **Oliver Miller** (Year 9), who claimed a podium finish with 3rd place in the Division 2 Snowboard Giant Slalom. Furthermore, a special mention goes to **Joseph Pratt** (Year 8), who had an outstanding week, qualifying for Nationals in both Alpine and Ski Cross, and qualifying for State in the technical Moguls discipline.

For many of our students, this was an invaluable racing experience, with several competing at Interschools for

the first time. The event has set the team up nicely for the upcoming ACT Cup, giving our racers a platform of confidence to build on.

Adding a memorable touch to the trip, our students had the chance to meet Olympic halfpipe snowboarder **Valentino Guseli** and gold medalist mogul skier **Cooper Woods**.

Congratulations to every student who competed. We wish our State and National qualifiers the very best as they prepare for the next stage of competition! Thank you **Ashleigh Pratt** for volunteering on course throughout the week, and **Mr Dean Parkes**, **Mr Brendan Collis** and **Ms Sophie Peacock** for their attendance and preparation in the lead-up to the Championships.

If you are interested in being a part of the program next year, please contact **Mr Dean Parkes**.

A big thank you to the parents who also volunteered to support the program and assist with the marshalling during the events.

National Qualifiers			
Discipline	Student(s)	Year	ACT Ranking
Alpine	Andrew Dunn	12	6th ACT
Alpine	Eve Halliday	9	4th ACT
Alpine	Joseph Pratt	8	1st ACT
Alpine (Div 3 Male A Team)	Joseph Pratt	8	1st ACT
Alpine (Div 3 Male A Team)	Ryder Coutts	7	10th ACT
Alpine (Div 3 Male A Team)	Jamie Pratt	7	11th ACT
Ski Cross	Joseph Pratt	8	1st ACT
Snowboard GS	Oliver Miller	9	2nd ACT
Snowboard GS	Patrick McDonald	7	1st ACT
Snowboard X	Roy Halliday	12	1st ACT
Snowboard X	Oliver Miller	9	2nd ACT
Snowboard X	William Stewart	10	3rd ACT
Snowboard X	Kobe Walsh	10	4th ACT
State Qualifier			
Discipline	Student	Year	ACT Ranking
Moguls Qualifier	Joseph Pratt	8	1st ACT



Snowsports Cont...



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

August

Saturday 15 August	ADFA Open Day 9:00am – 4:00pm
Monday 17 August	ACU Guarantee Round 1 applications close
Monday 24 August	Years 8-11 2027 Elective Subject Selections due
Tuesday 25 August	Year 12 AST
Wednesday 26 August	Year 12 AST
Monday 31 August (all week)	UOW early offers released

September

Thursday 3 September	ANU early offers released ACU Round 1 offers released
Friday 4 September	CIT Coffee Basics course FULL – next course Friday 16 October
Saturday 5 September	CIT 2027 Applications open
Monday 7 September	UC early offers released
Friday 11 September	Schools Recommendation Scheme applications close for Year 12 students
Saturday 12 September	UC Open Day 10:00am – 3:00pm ACU Open Day 11:00am – 2:00pm ANU Open Campus #1 11:30am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 15 September	Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA). Now open on Qkr! You must be 16 years or older for this course.
Wednesday 16 -Thursday 17 September	Construction Course Set. Now open on Qkr!
Saturday 19 September	ANU Open Campus #2 11:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday 26 September	NSW Police Academy Open Day



Careers News Cont...

Year 10 students had the opportunity to explore the 2026 Canberra Careers XPO on Wednesday 5 August. More than just a free pen, they gained insight and information,

made contacts, asked questions and learnt more about what pathways are available to them during and after school.

In our aim to upskill students and help them to become job-ready, a group of students from Years 10 to 12 attended CIT on Tuesday 4 August for a Coffee Basics course with **Peter Redfern-Elliott**. They learnt how to tamp, texturise and pour, making over 35 coffees on the day. The next available course is on **Friday 16 October**.



AFP Information sessions

PSO Online Information Session - Gain insights into the role of a Protective Service Officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the AFP.

[Register now for Thursday 20 August, 6 pm AEST](#)

Women in policing and protection - Attend our free online session on women in policing and protection. Hear from female officers across national policing, ACT policing and protective service, as well as our recruitment team. Be inspired and get excited about a job with the AFP.

[Register now for Wednesday 16 September, 6 pm AEST](#)

Summer Camp USA Program Applications Now Open

This hands-on, high-energy program is a great fit for graduating students looking for a fun, structured and career-building overseas experience after school.

Special Event:

BUNAC Summer Camp USA Sydney Camp Job Fair.

WHEN: **Sunday 4 October**, 11:00am–2:30pm

WHERE: The Grace Hotel - 7 York St Sydney

Year 12 students considering a gap year or post-school overseas work can meet up to 15 American camp directors, interview and walk out with a 2027 camp job.

Students can register now to attend: [BUNAC Camp Fair](#)

[Sign Up Form 2027](#)

Work Canada/Japan 2027 Now Open

Our fully supportive placement program offers a great opportunity for your seniors who are looking for a gap year in 2027 and beyond.

2027 Canada placement program - Summer and/or Winter placements in Hospitality resorts, Food/Beveridge, Retail positions and more.

2027 Japan program - Winter resort placements in Hospitality, Food/Beveridge, Retail positions and more.

[For more information see the website.](#)

Indigenous School-Based Traineeship Opportunities with CBA Now Open

AFL SportsReady, in partnership with Commonwealth Bank Australia (CBA), is offering [Indigenous School-Based Traineeship](#) opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander secondary school students across Australia. 2027 intake is now open!

Future Doctors Australia Program

For Years 9-12 students considering a career in Medicine.

The [Future Doctors Australia Program](#) offers students aged 14–18 a unique opportunity to explore whether Medicine could be the right career path for them.

During the four-day program, students take part in a range of hands-on clinical activities and spend time with doctors who share firsthand insights into medical careers and daily life in

Careers News Cont...

the profession. Students also participate in communication skills workshops, explore what a future in healthcare may involve, and learn about pathways and admission processes for studying Medicine in Australia, including an introduction to the UCAT and medical interviews. All details are available at niecareers.com.au

Ethos Sports and Education

Learning about Sports Pathways - Uni, Pro and Career Pathways

Join a webinar with Ethos Sports and Education to find out more about University, Pro and Career pathways in any sport. We also discuss the various options for success as students look toward their future in sport at universities or beyond in the US, Canada or the UK. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

When: **Wednesday 19 August**, 6:00pm Sydney, Canberra

New Courses - Open now on Qkr!

CIT Coffee Basics – Friday 4 September FULL (next course **Friday 16 October**)

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) – **Tuesday 15 September** (must be 16 years and over)

Construction Set (White Card) – **Wednesday 16 – Thursday 17 September**

Please pay on Qkr! and instructions will be emailed with enrolment details.

UAC and Schools Recommendation 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. Information was provided on the Schools Recommendation Scheme at the Year 12 PT Assembly on Wednesday 29 July. A copy of this presentation has been emailed to all Year 12 students.

Australian Government Career Starter and the ATO School Leaver Program

Graduating Year 12 students are invited to apply for the Australian Government and ATO school leaver programs. Details and links are on the Jobs Board above.

Early Offer schemes (local) closing soon!

[ACU Guarantee – Round 1 closes Monday 17 August](#)

Work Experience Opportunities in Dance

2026 Youth Dance Festival

YDF are looking for motivated and reliable Year 10, 11 and 12 students (aged 16 years plus) to join the backstage crew for Youth Dance Festival at The Playhouse, Canberra Theatre Centre in October.

Dance Northside

Dance Northside is a dance studio in Kaleen with around 350 to 400 students a week. They are especially keen to hear from students with an interest in Dance, Design, Business Administration or Digital Media, or any other subject area a student feels is relevant. Students will work alongside the Studio Coordinator on real studio operations, including social media content, Canva design work, administration and enrolment systems, costume and wardrobe sorting, customer service and leadership skills. Placements are supervised throughout and do not involve teaching or unsupervised contact with children. Please contact **Ms Annette Brady** if you are interested.

Do you want to study in the UK?

Join Nathan Lamb from the University of Cambridge and Chloe McClean for a presentation introducing undergraduate study in the UK and the application process. [REGISTER HERE](#)

- What it is like to study in the UK?
- What grades do you need?
- How do you apply?
- Which degree programmes are on offer?
- How much will it cost?

When: **Friday 14 August**, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Snow Concert Hall, Canberra Grammar School, 40 Monaro Crescent Red Hill

JOBS BOARD

Keane Consulting – ICT role (Part time to transition into full time.)

Keane Consulting provides recruitment and workforce solutions to Commonwealth Government and industry clients. They are looking for a student who is studying/is interested in working in the field of ICT to support their IT operations. Applications are welcome from all students, traineeship and cadetship opportunities may be available for female students through the Women in ICT organisation.

<https://www.keane.com.au/>

Please contact **Ms Annette Brady** if you are interested in this position.

Australian Government Career Starter Program

As a career starter, you will develop your skills and gain valuable, hands-on experience across the Australian Public Service. Applications close on **Monday 31 August**. See the website for details.

ATO School Leaver Program – Applications open Wednesday 12 August, close Friday 28 August

Jobs for recent Year 12 graduates including a Certificate III qualification in IT or Business. See the website for more details.

Alumni

Former students celebrating a milestone graduation anniversary this year, your reunion tickets are now on sale. Click on your year group below to find out more details and secure your ticket. We look forward to celebrating with you!

2026 REUNIONS BOOK TICKETS



CLICK TO BOOK

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OCT

1976 YEAR REUNION

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SAT **31**
OCT

2006 YEAR REUNION

SAT **7**
NOV

2016 YEAR REUNION

SAT **21**
NOV

2025 YEAR REUNION
MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

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

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Jacko's Pizza	John Howlett	www.jackospizza.com.au
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Join our Daramalan College Community Business Directory!

For just \$150 per year, your business will be featured on alumni social media with more than 6000 followers, plus promotion in our newsletter and Year Book - and every dollar raised goes directly to the Scholarship Fund.

Interested? Email us at alumni@daramalan.act.edu.au.

With your support, the Directory will continue to grow and become an even more powerful tool for the entire Daramalan family.



Running a business?



Let the Daramalan Community know about it!