

DARANNEWS

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Upcoming events

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End of Term 3

10 October

7:00pm Into the Woods Opening Night

12 October

Students Return

12-13 October

Yr 7 Immunisations, Mc Cowage Hall

18-20 October

2027 Leadership Camp

23 October

Chevalier Day

24 October

Daramalan Dance Showcase

26 October

Music Performance Evening

30 October

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6:00pm Visual Arts Exhibition Opening

From the Principal



Dear Parents/
Carers, Staff and
Students,

As the term comes to an end there has been no shortage of activity and buzz about the College. Over the past few weeks,

students have participated in the Dara 7's, celebrated National Health and PE Day, Science and Book Weeks, checked in with each other on R U OK Day, showcased their artistic talents, embraced the community day that was our Charity Walk and students in Years 8 and 9 participated in their Reflection Days. I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of Term 3, and I am sure if the year so far is anything to go by, we will soon be at the end of another school year, wondering where the time has disappeared to.

As you read this edition of Daranews, I will be in Rome as part of the Australian

Catholic University's International Spiritus program as part of my Principal formation. The program provides an opportunity for Catholic leaders to spend time at the ACU Rome campus, undertake study and collaborate with leaders from all of the world over a two-week period. The Australian contingent will end our program with several days in Assisi. The time in Assisi will be all the more powerful and special given that we will be arriving just after the Feast of St Francis in this the 800th anniversary of his death. I thank **Mr Nathan Groatz** for stepping in as Acting Principal while I am overseas.

This term break, we will have two tours providing unique experiences for our students beyond the classroom. Our thanks are extended to each of the staff members who have given up part of their break to provide these opportunities to our students. Our Musicians and Choir have been travelling this week to the Gold Coast for their annual Music Tour where they will have the opportunity to perform for a range of audiences from primary

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schools to larger outdoor events. Thank you to **Ms Angela Dunn, Mr Michael Jackson, Ms Michelle Coggan** and **Mr Callum Brown** who will be accompanying our students. In the second week of the break the majority of our 2026 Student Leaders along with members of the Environment Group will be travelling to Cambodia as part of our second Sustainable Futures Project. Over the week the group will work alongside a village and a family to build a new home, clean water bore, toilet block and solar battery system. Our thanks are extended to **Mr Ian Garrity, Ms Amy Thomas** and **Ms Sophie Peacock** who will be accompanying the students on this once in a lifetime experience. Our thanks are also extended to all of our students and families who have supported the fundraising efforts that will enable the project to come to fruition. The Daramalan Theatre Company will be undertaking their intensive rehearsals during the second week of the break in preparation for the opening of *Into the Woods Junior* on **Saturday 10 October**. Information as to how to purchase tickets can be found in the later pages of this edition of Daranews.

Last Friday we had the pleasure of announcing our 2027 Student Leaders at our whole-school Leadership Assembly. The Leaders announced join a rich history of outstanding leaders who have served the Daramalan community. I would like to acknowledge all of the students who applied and put themselves forward to be considered for a leadership position in 2027, be it as a Peer Support Leader, House Captain, Portfolio or College Captain. As I mentioned on the day, we are truly blessed as a community to have the depth of talent and willingness of our students who value and take on these roles. To those students who were not successful in obtaining a formal leadership role, know that leadership exists across all facets of our community and you do not need to hold a formal leadership position to lead. The full list of our 2027 Leaders can be found later in this edition of Daranews.

Each and every day I see examples of unassuming, servant leadership, just as Fr Chevalier envisaged when he established the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, through the actions of our students, staff and wider community.

From the House and Social Justice Group fundraising and raising awareness, sleeping out for the Vinnies Sleepout, walking around Lake Burley Griffin as part of the Charity Walk, through to coming along on a weekend to support the College's sporting teams as they reach the Finals in their respective sports, I am constantly humbled by the capacity of our community to live and truly epitomise our MSC ethos and charism.

At our Leadership assembly, we recognised two of our unassuming leaders through the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards. These awards were presented by **Lieutenant Cartrena Bury**. Congratulations to the recipients of the Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork, **Cindy Lucic** (Year 12) and **Abella Young** (Year 10). The assembly also provided an opportunity for the award-winning String Ensemble to showcase their amazing talents for the entire school community including performing an original composition of Year 11 student, **Hannah Chi**. In addition to this, I was able to acknowledge and present two of our students with Principal Awards in recognition of their Australian representation: **Sebastian Czoban** (Football/soccer) and **Sidney Keir** (Polocrosse). We also recognised **Aidan Wunsch**, who has previously been the recipient of a Principal Award, on his selection as a member of the Australian U18 Rugby Union squad.

Charity Walk

On Friday 11 September we were able to hold our annual Charity Walk around Lake Burley Griffin which finished again this year at the College Rowing Shed before students were transported back to the College. The monies raised through donations will be distributed to two charities: MacKillop House and St Nick's Young Carers Program. I would like to acknowledge the work of **Mr Steve Carroll, Ms Yvonne Turnbull** and the **College Maintenance Team** in bringing together the day. We were also joined by a number of parent volunteers who enabled our day to be the success that it was. Our thanks are also extended to the P&F Committee who once again have supported the event through their generous donation to cover the majority of the costs of the day. There is still an opportunity to donate. Donations can still be made through Qkr!. We will



Dara 7's O'Brien v Cuthbert



Dara 7's Staff V Students



Charity Walk

From the Principal

be presenting the monies raised to our two charities at our assembly early next term.

Year 12 AST Examinations

I would like to commend the Year 12 Tertiary students on the manner in which they sat their AST Examinations on Tuesday 25 August and Wednesday 26 August. The feedback from the external supervisors was that they were once again extremely impressed by the maturity of our students. The students were positive and upbeat both before and after the exams. Our thanks are extended to the Pastoral Team who were on hand to provide the traditional breakfasts each morning which contributed to the positive and community feeling amongst the group. I would like to acknowledge the work of **Ms Heike Craig** and **Mr Nic Whatman** in ensuring that the students were well-prepared for the exams. A large number of our students have since received early offers to university, however, it was pleasing to observe that the students still recognised the significance that these exams play in the two-year process towards the calculation of an ATAR. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our Careers Advisor, **Ms Annette Brady**, for all of her work in guiding our students through the ever-changing process of university and CIT applications.

2027 Enrolments

We have a number of families seeking places in each of our year groups for 2027 where there are currently no vacancies. If your child is currently in Years 7-11, and will not be returning to Daramalan next year, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can assist other families. Please do this by notifying the Registrar, **Ms Kris Davis**, via the email 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

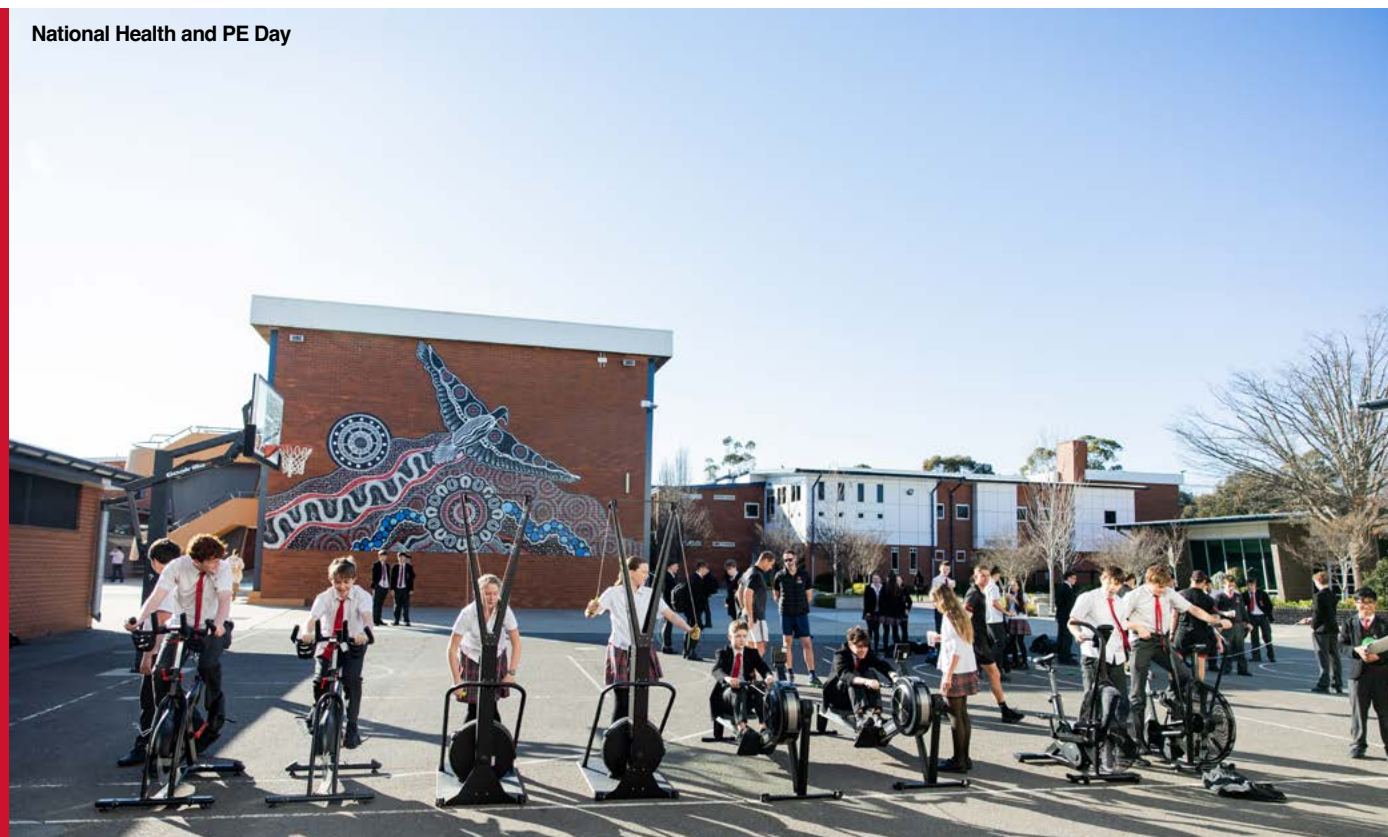
Daramalan App and Appointments

Thank you to those families who have been using the Daramalan App. Creating an entry for a student departure does not, however, create an alert in the College's systems for our teaching staff. Unfortunately, the system does not have this level of connectivity and as families would appreciate, our teachers are focused on teaching their classes and are not monitoring our attendance system once their class roll is marked. An App entry is only visible when a student presents to Reception to be recorded as entering or leaving the College. We would therefore ask that parents/guardians continue to contact Pastoral staff and/or Reception ahead of arrival when they need to collect their student for an unscheduled appointment or early collection. Please also note that during our recess and lunch break times it can be extremely difficult to locate a single student during this time due to the number of activities taking place.

Student Leave Requests including School Sport ACT Representation

A reminder for families that should a student need to be away for 5 or more school days for reasons other than sickness, prior approval from the Principal must be sought in writing via a letter or an email. This includes where a student is absent due to their participation in representative sporting teams and competitions. 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.

National Health and PE Day



From the Principal

Students in Years 11 and 12 should be aware that there are strict requirements for attendance and assessment 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, as under these policies and procedures all the assessment tasks for the unit must be completed. Students should seek advice from the Assistant Principal - Curriculum Years 11-12, **Mr Ben Stein**, prior to making plans to miss any school days.

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

As the term draws to a close, I would again like to reiterate my previous messaging relating to parking and student safety around the College. I have been notified by Access Canberra that mobile parking inspectors have and will continue to monitor parking especially along Morphet 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 Morphet Street once the gates have been closed. This creates a significant safety hazard for our students.

Holiday Hours

During the holiday period from **Monday 28 September – Friday 9 October**, Reception will be staffed from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, except on the Public Holiday. If you leave messages for staff by email or phone, please be aware that these may not be attended to until school resumes on **Monday 12 October** at 8.45am.

Staffing

We will have a small number of staff changes at the end of this term. We extend our thanks to **Mr Bill Phelan** who will once again be resuming his retirement at the end of this term. We also wish **Ms Jessica Tillack** all the best for the future as she returns to a position at Merici College from the beginning of next term. Retiring from her role in the College's Bookhire and Information Centre at the end of Term 3 is **Ms Lee Tye**. We wish Lee all the best for the future and thank her for her contributions to our community over many years. **Ms Eliza Nowlan** will be on leave for Term 4. Returning from his leave in Term 3 is **Mr Joe Seckerson**. Also returning for Term 4 are **Mr David Caton**, **Ms Mathurra Sivapalan** and **Mr Cody Hawkins** who have been on leave during the second half of the term. I would like to thank **Mr Minos Nikolaidis** and **Ms Brooklyn Leslie** who have taken on roles this term in Technology and Design and IET respectively.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to:

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



Mr Unwin's Science Week Show

From the Principal

Parkes, Mr Brendan Collis, Ms Sophie Peacock and Ms Eve Fitzpatrick.

Congratulations to our SnowSports team on outstanding results at the ACT Schools Cup where more than half of the team achieved podium finishes and also at the recent National Championships.

All of the Dance Company performers on their outstanding second performance at the Wakakirri Dance Story Festival where they were presented with an additional State Award for their performance. We will hear later in the year if they are the recipients of the National Award.

The Years 7-9 Drama students who wrote, directed and performed their original one-act plays at the recent FREEDOM performance evening.

Aidan Wunsch (Year 12) on his selection as a member of the Australian U18 Rugby Union squad, which is the highest level of national rugby representation available for players in this age group. As part of the squad, Aidan will be travelling to NZ where they will play a number of international fixtures.

Sidney Keir (Year 11) who has been selected as a member of the Australian Junior Polocrosse team to compete at the Junior International Test Series in WA at the beginning of next term.

Ella Higginbotham (Year 11) who has been competing as a member of the NSW squad in the OzTag Interstate Series on the Gold Coast this week. Ella will then be representing Australia in the OzTag World Cup at the beginning of next term.

Joshua O'Keeffe (Year 11) who was selected as one of the tournament referees for the U23 Asia Pacific Water Polo championships held in Brisbane last week. Josh has also been selected to referee the upcoming National State Championships in Melbourne over the break.

Emma Prail (Year 12) who has been offered a place in the Sydney Dance Company's Preprofessional Year program for 2027.

Ivy Oswald and Imogen Corkhill (Year 7) who have been selected as members of the ACT U12 Hockey squad and

will be competing at the National Championships later next month.

Tiago Garcia (Year 7) who has been competing at the Queensland International and the Australian Open School Judo championships this week.

Jack McLachlan (Year 9) who has been selected as a member of the NSW Pony Club Junior Mounted Games team to compete at the championships in Darwin.

Luke Jenkins (Year 9) on his selection to represent NSW in the OzTag Interstate Series being held on the Gold Coast this week.

Grace Kelly (Year 9) who has been selected as a member of the ACT squad to compete at the OzTag championships in Coffs Harbour next month.

Ruby Holden (Year 12) and **Ruby Jerimenko** (Year 11) who combined their talents to record Ruby Holden's original composition for the Listen Up songwriting finals held in Canberra and were awarded second place.

Our musicians and Choir on another highly successful Wagga Eisteddfod. Congratulations to the String Ensemble who won their section and the Concert Band who were awarded Second Place in their section, whilst the Jazz Band received wonderful feedback on their performance. The Choir won the Folk section with their performance, and **Ruby Holden** and **Laura Green** (Year 12) were awarded First Place in the Duo, Trio section.

I wish our students, staff and families a relaxing and a restful holiday break and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 12 October**.

Best Wishes



Rachel Davies
Principal

Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 Statements will be emailed to parents on **Thursday 1 October**.

Term 4 School Fees are due by **Monday 26 October**.

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

- An administration fee of \$15.00 (including GST) will be charged to any family account not paid by the due date (typically 14 days after the start of term).

- A further \$15 fee will be added each fortnight until the account is fully paid.
- These charges do not apply if the College has agreed to a payment plan and fees are being paid by direct debit.
- The administration fee covers the additional costs incurred due to late payment.
- If a parent defaults on fee payment, they may also be liable for all associated recovery costs, including legal and collection fees.

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

Leadership Assembly

2027 College Captains

Ella Higginbotham
Sam Green



Arts and Culture
Evie Nicholls



Environment
Ruby Jeremenko



Mission
Ebenezer Arthur



Social Justice
Matilda Ward



Sport
Hunter Harrison



Community and Connection
William O'Brien

House	Captain
Cuthbert	Ema-Luisa Finau Anika Oswald
Farrer	Lola White Ryley Power
Goolagong	Josh Jenkins Mia Nguyen
Lawson	Lily Harriden Joshua O'Keeffe
Lyons	Eliza Lawton Tom Foote
Merrick	Ellie Barnes Hayden Erwin
O'Brien	Amy Donaldson Hamish Donovan
Phillip	Neve Luckie Jacob Dau

Peer Support Leaders

Cuthbert

Laura Corkhill
Izzy Jacobasic
Livia Harris
Sebastian Lapworth
Blake Meadley
Will Patterson

Farrer

Ewan Owen
Sebastian Ryan
Lachlan Higginbotham
Amelia Tozer
Charlotte Power
Lucinda Ovin

Goolagong

Brae McGuinness
Harry Harvey
Gerden Meyer
Charlotte Vidler
Evie Clarke
Chloe Wright

Lawson

Jimmy Phillips
Liam Woodes
Gem Tongue
Milla Lane
Eve Halliday
Ashley Fordham

Lyons

Lara Primmer
Summer McClelland
Laurie Miller
Grace Kelly
Tyson Arnold
Lukas Cordova

Merrick

Nik Eskinja
Zeno Pangallo
Alex Jackman-Hale
Lorrelle Reichman
Imi Power
Emilia Venslovas

O'Brien

Manny Kama
Thien Vu
Hamish McCrae
Hannah Boland
Hannah Mitchell
Isabelle Croke

Phillip

Chloe Bauer
Sophie Hannaford
Sidney Luckie
Molly Morse
Charles Peake
Bethany Rainbow

Vinnies Sleepout

On Friday 18 September, just over 50 students from Years 7 to 12 took part in this year's Vinnies Sleepout. The event encourages participants to gain a deeper understanding of homelessness, raising funds and awareness for those in our community who are doing it tough.

This year, we trialed a new location and set up, with students in Years 7 to 11 sleeping inside McCowage Hall and our Year 12 participants embracing the challenge of sleeping outdoors. Participants slept with a cardboard base, sleeping bag and pillow.

A highlight of the evening was a powerful workshop led by Vinnies, which encouraged students to reflect on the realities of homelessness and consider the challenges faced by vulnerable members of our community. The experience fostered empathy, gratitude and a deeper understanding of the importance of supporting those in need.

Participants donated clothing and money, raising nearly \$450 for Vinnies. We commend the students for their enthusiastic participation and look forward to welcoming both returning and new participants next year.

We would like to thank the staff who supported the event with supervision in the evening and also cooking our breakfast in the morning! A special thank you also to **Ms Janette Kline, Mr Steve Carroll** and **Ms Carlie Dwyer**, who generously stayed overnight to supervise and support the students.



First Nations Culture Day – Tidbinbilla



A number of our First Nations students, along with some of their friends, recently spent the day at Tidbinbilla for a First Nations Culture Day led by Daramalan alumna **Tiana House** from Brindabella Dreaming and her nephew **Anthony**.

It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity for students to spend time on Country and learn more about First Nations culture. We began the day with a Smoking Ceremony before exploring a range of cultural artefacts and learning about ochre and some of its traditional uses.

A walk on Country gave students the opportunity to learn more about the local environment and connection to Country, with **Tiana** and **Anthony** pointing out different plants and natural elements and explaining their traditional uses for bush tucker, medicine and other purposes. We also visited the Koala Sanctuary and enjoyed a BBQ lunch together.

A big thank you to **Tiana** and **Anthony** for sharing their time, stories and knowledge with us and for making it such an engaging and meaningful day for our students.

R U OK

R U OK? Making room for an honest answer.

School life comes with plenty of things to manage. Assignments, exams, friendships, family expectations, and sometimes, things we don't know how to explain. When someone asks how we are, saying "I'm fine" can feel easier than sharing what is really going on.

R U OK Day reminds us to pause, notice the people around us, and have meaningful conversations. Although it is one day on the calendar, caring for each other is something we can practise every day.

Why does it matter:

We cannot always tell how someone is feeling by looking at them. A student who laughs with friends or completes their work may still be having a difficult time. Asking how they are, and making room for an honest answer, can help them feel noticed and supported.

You do not need to have all the answers. Sometimes, the most helpful place to start is simply listening.

How can we communicate that we are not okay?

Finding the words can be difficult, especially when we are unsure what we are feeling. You do not need a perfect explanation to ask for support. You could try:

- "I haven't been feeling like myself lately. Can we talk?"
- "I'm feeling overwhelmed, and I don't know what to do."
- "I don't need you to fix anything right now. Could you just listen?"
- "Can you help me speak to the school counsellor?"

If speaking feels difficult, a message or a written note is also a good place to start.

What can we do when we are not okay?

- Tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, carer, teacher or school counsellor.
- Think about what would help today. Perhaps it is support with schoolwork, some quiet time, or someone to sit with.
- Make room for meals, sleep, movement and activities you enjoy. These can support your wellbeing alongside getting help.
- If the first person does not understand, try another trusted adult. Their response does not make your feelings less important.

How can we check on others?

R U OK suggests four simple steps: [ask](#), [listen](#), [encourage action](#) and [check in](#).

- **Ask:** Choose a quiet moment. "You've seemed a little quieter lately. How are you going?"
- **Listen:** Give them time. Avoid judging, interrupting, or comparing their problems with yours.
- **Encourage action:** Ask, "What would help?" or offer to walk with them to a trusted adult.
- **Check in:** Follow up another day. A conversation does not have to be a one-off.

Respect their choice if they are not ready to talk. However, if someone says they might hurt themselves or are unsafe, tell a trusted adult straight away, even if they ask you to keep it secret. Call **000** in an immediate emergency.

You can also contact [Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800](#).

Remember, you do not have to solve someone's problems to care about them, and you do not have to manage your own difficulties alone.



Uhr Information Centre

What an incredible second half of the term in the Uhr Information Centre as we continue to buzz along. Our Teacher Librarians have collaborated with department staff to deliver workshops supporting paraphrasing and paragraph writing with Year 7 HASS, Year 8 HASS research on the Black Death, Year 7 and 8 Cultural Dance, and have worked closely with Year 10 English students as they completed their novel studies.

Book Week

We celebrated Book Week a little later due to Year 12 AST exams, but celebrated this year's theme, Symphony of Stories, in a BIG way! On Monday, local author **Scott Woodard** visited to share his new release, *Poster Boys*, and teach students about ways to use their lived experiences to create engaging stories. On Tuesday, we hosted a music-themed trivia quiz, which was won by the Year 11 team. On Wednesday, **Katie Presneill** (Year 10) and **Ruby Holden** (Year 12) gave a lunchtime singing and guitar performance, which was fabulous. Thursday saw students create cute paper crafts using repurposed sheet music from the Music Department, and on Friday students let loose with some karaoke, the jump splits were an unexpected highlight. Special thanks to **Ms Lee Tye** for creating the delightful, felted toy prizes for the Library treasure hunt!

Homework Club 3:30 – 4:30pm daily

- Quiet space to study, do homework or work on assignments
- Teachers available from across Departments to provide homework support

What are you reading?

Ms Mel Cashman - James by Pavel Everett

Ms Emma Cox - We Chase Shadows by Richard Osman

Ms Heidi Horwood - The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Opening hours

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



Dara 7's Grand Final

Dara 7's Grand Final 2026 – Congratulations Cuthbert House

In a tight contest, Cuthbert House overcame O'Brien House in the Dara 7's Grand Final. In a nail-biting contest, both teams were locked after Round 2 and Round 3, and only a tie-breaker question could separate them.

Cuthbert Captain **Sean Loney** (Year 12) praised his team, saying how proud he was of them.

Many thanks to **Ms Gail Mutton** for the scoreboard, **Ms Sonja Tajmer** for record keeping, the House Coordinators and House Captains, and the entire Daramalan community for supporting this event.



Cuthbert House Winners



Dara 7's Students v Teachers

Business and Government

On Wednesday 23 September the Year 10 Law, Politics and Society classes attended an excursion at Parliament House. Following a tour of the House of Representatives and Senate, students were able to attend a Question

Time. The students engaged meaningfully in the day, and we were so pleased with how they participated. They were able to see how people can have alternate visions of the pathway forward for Australia, and the role of politicians and the media in this endeavour. We would like to thank the staff at Parliament House for their knowledge and hospitality.

Ms Bianca Ross and Mr Jason Paris



Science

Year 9

Year 9 students are exploring the properties of chemicals and learning how different substances can be classified based on their physical and chemical characteristics. They are investigating acids and bases, including how to identify them using indicators and the pH scale. Through practical experiments, students develop an understanding of how acids and bases react and how these reactions are used in everyday life and industry.



Year 10

As a part of the Genetics and Evolution unit, Year 10 students studied evidence for evolution. This included looking at structures of living things, looking for similarities that suggest common ancestry. The chicken wing dissection showed students the wing and human arm show remarkable similarities even though they are used for different functions.

Students in **Mr Will Unwin's** class explored evolution by modifying paper model planes and testing how different changes affected flight performance. Through their investigations, they discovered that some variations provided an advantage by improving distance or stability, while others were disadvantageous or had no noticeable effect. This hands-on activity helped students understand how variation can influence survival and success, similar to the process of natural selection in living organisms.



Year 11 Biology

Calculating the volume of an irregular shape is challenging so Year 11 used cubes to model how different sized cells meet the diffusion demands for nutrients and wastes. The data collected was used to show why unicellular organisms are so limited in size and how the development of multicellular organisms has led to such complexity of life.

As part of an assessment task, Year 11 designed investigations about how different factors impact enzyme activity. They will never look at potato and liver again after using them to test how temperature and substrate concentration effect enzyme activity.



Science Cont...

Year 12 Biology

Year 12 Biology students recently participated in an engaging homeostasis modelling activity, where they worked to keep key body conditions stable. Students had to balance water levels, food availability and body temperature while responding to changing scenarios, demonstrating how the body maintains equilibrium. One student took on the role of the brain, coordinating responses and making decisions to ensure all systems worked together effectively, highlighting the complexity of maintaining homeostasis in living organisms.



Year 12 Psychology and Sociology

In Week 8, the Year 12 Psychology and Sociology students travelled to Sydney for a day to visit some incredible venues that support some of the most vulnerable people in the Kings Cross area. We split into 2 groups upon our arrival in Kings Cross and walked to Wayside Chapel and Baptist Care's Hope St. At Wayside Chapel, students were spoken to by Alex who is the Education Coordinator there. She explained the storied history of Wayside, from controversial marriages in the 1970s, to decades of supporting homeless people, to being a safe, compassionate place for anyone to gather. We heard real stories of hardship and the strength of love and humanity from **Adam** and **Andrew**, highlighting the impact of these places on all people.

At Hope St, we got a unique tour of the Woolloomooloo area from **Pastor Ken**, who shared his own stories from working there for the past few decades. We then got to hear from **Nick**, who shared his story with vulnerability, and urged everyone to not feel sorry for him, but to understand how powerful hope is. While it was a long day, everyone had an excellent time and learned some incredible lessons from some amazing people.



Science Show

For Science Week, **Mr Will Unwin** put on a spectacular show that proved to be one of the most popular events of the week. Students were lining up at the door, eager to get a seat and see the action up close. The audience was treated to a range of exciting demonstrations, with liquid nitrogen taking centre stage in many of the experiments. From freezing everyday objects to creating dramatic clouds of fog, Mr Unwin's engaging presentation left students amazed and inspired by the wonders of science – we all think that's pretty cool!



ICQ Results

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the ICQ (International Chemistry Quiz) this year. Taking part in this competition demonstrates curiosity, perseverance, and a willingness to challenge yourself beyond the classroom.

Congratulations to the students shown below who received some very impressive results:

Credit: **Teoman Dagseven, Logan Wildey, James Stein** and **Josie Willsmore** (Year 8)

Distinction: **Will Young, Willem van Galen** (Year 7), **Mason Ha, Samuel Norfor, Raeland Loney, Nathaniel Keeley, Benjamin Tierney** (Year 8), **Thomas Neighbour** and **Sean Loney** (Year 12).

Languages

Years 10 -12 Japanese Sydney Excursion

In Week 9, Years 10, 11 and 12 Japanese Language students were very fortunate as we had the fantastic experience of visiting the Nihongo Tanken Centre in Sydney. We spent the day cultivating our language skills and cultural understanding through invigorating games, language comprehension and live-action roleplay. Furthermore, Year 11 and 12 students were given an amazing opportunity to prepare for our upcoming speaking task, as we had interviews in Japanese and received personalised and valuable feedback on how to improve our Japanese abilities.

After hours of fun at the Nihongo Tanken Centre, we went to Regent Place where we had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in Japanese-inspired culture and cuisine. After we feasted on delicious Gyudon, my friends and I flushed our throats with a variety of succulent matcha-flavoured food and drink items. Ultimately, the day was incredibly exciting and will serve as an active reminder in the minds of all those who went why we chose to do Japanese and all the fun learning a language entails.

Lucas Korab (Year 12)



2027 Language Study Tours

We are excited to offer our 2027 Language Study Tours to France, Germany and Japan during September/October 2027. The tours are open to Language students who will be in Years 9–12 in 2027.

These tours provide students with a wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of the country they are visiting. Students will experience local life and visit our sister schools in Épernay, Dresden or Kochi, where they will have the opportunity to connect with our sister school students and experience French/German/Japanese school life firsthand.

To secure your child's place on the tour, please make the deposit payment by:

- France and Germany: \$1,500 by Friday 9 October 2026
- Japan: \$1,000 by Friday 9 October 2026

Tour organisers are:

France Tour: **Ms Carina Merritt**

Germany Tour: **Ms Heike Craig**

Japan Tour: **Ms Waka Burrridge**

If you would like to have more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms Waka Burrridge - Language Coordinator

Waka.Burrridge@daramalan.act.edu.au



Technology and Design

Year 9 iSTEM

Students have been busy designing and constructing their own pinball machines. Students are developing creative and functional designs that use mechanisms to control different features such as flippers, targets, ramps and obstacles. They are working with a range of materials including timber, metal, perspex and 3D printed components. The project has challenged students to design, build, test and refine their projects while combining creativity, problem-solving and engineering skills.



Year 10 iSTEM

Students have been exploring solar power and electrical circuits through the design and construction of solar-powered boats. Students have been applying their understanding of electrical circuits and solar energy to power a small DC motor while constructing their boat hulls from balsa wood. The hulls will be strengthened and waterproofed using fibreglass before students install their electrical components and solar panels and test their boats on the water next term.



Technology and Design

CIT Woden Opens Doors to Creative Pathways

On Thursday 17 September, a group of Year 12 students studying Fashion, Graphics and Visual Arts attended Studio 26 at CIT Woden. Through a series of hands-on workshops, students had the opportunity to explore creative industries courses, experience campus life, and learn more about future study options.

The day provided valuable insight into one of the many post-school pathways available in Canberra, and students returned with positive feedback about both the workshops and the facilities. Despite some windy weather, it was an enjoyable and inspiring experience for everyone involved.

But don't just take our word for it. **Isla Brazel** and **Benjamin Lewington** attended the event and shared their thoughts:

On Thursday, Week 9, a few students from the Technology and Design subjects got the opportunity to experience a day of being a student at CIT. It was exciting to see what CIT has to offer at their new campus in Woden, from industrial sewing machines to advanced camera equipment, there was something for everyone. Each student was able to pick from different subjects that interest them including Graphics, Interior Design, Visual Arts, Fashion and more. I personally loved being surrounded by many other individuals that have the same interests as me and similar ideas for their career pathway. Overall, the experience was very enjoyable and insightful, giving us the chance to learn new things and spend the day with other creative students.

Isla Brazel (Year 12)

During the CIT excursion the workshops I picked were Graphic Design, Interior Design and Photography. My first workshop was Graphic Design. Even though we'd covered some topics before, hearing a Graphic Designer's real-world experiences made the presentation really relevant. The second workshop was Interior Design and was faster paced than the first. As soon as we entered the room the Designers said "You have inspiration images in front of you and you can use anything of the sample provided to decorate your interior space". The last workshop was Photography which, from my view, seemed to be the most relaxed and fun as we got to take photos and do effects with lighting and light painting.

Benjamin Lewington (Year 12)



Robotics Club

Robotics Club – VEX Robotics

The Robotics Club members have recently competed in two local VEX Robotics scrimmages (tournaments), hosted by Canberra High School and Daramalan College.

Students are currently competing in the 2026–27 VEX Robotics competition, “Level Up”. The competition challenges students to design, manufacture, program and operate a robot capable of achieving the highest possible score across a range of challenges. Success requires students to apply problem-solving, teamwork, engineering and programming skills throughout the design and competition process.

Manny Kama, Logan Lewis and Mikko Taylor (Year 9) demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills in the design and development of their robot. During the first scrimmage, the team achieved a score of 70 points. Following further analysis, testing and redesign, the team made significant improvements to their robot

and achieved an impressive 499 points at the second scrimmage, making them the current ACT leaders.

Other Daramalan College students competing in the scrimmages included **Misha Ishchenko, Ryan McDonald, Alex Moes, James Stein and Ben Tierney** (Year 8). All students demonstrated commitment to developing their robots and applying their knowledge in a competitive environment.

The second scrimmage, hosted at Daramalan College, also provided an excellent leadership opportunity for four of our Year 12 students. **Tristian Tierney, Sean Loney, Thomas Neighbour and Roy Halliday** took on the responsibility of coordinating and conducting the event as the official judging team. They provided feedback and guidance to competitors from St Clare’s College, Canberra High School and Daramalan College, demonstrating leadership, technical knowledge and professionalism throughout the event.

The Robotics Club continues to provide students with valuable opportunities to develop skills in engineering, design, programming, problem-solving, teamwork and leadership through authentic STEM experiences.



Rotary Club

Model United Nations Assembly

This year, we were grateful to represent Daramalan College and The Rotary Club of Canberra Sundowners at the 2026 National Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), with the country allocation of South Africa.

We were lucky to visit the South African High Commission and meet the Acting High Commissioner - **Mr Leonard Khoza**. The Mr Khoza generously shared time with us on South Africa's core United Nations values such as peace, negotiation and regional security.

We stayed at the MUNA camp for two nights in Canberra with schools from around Australia and made friends with every competitor, especially students from Chevalier College, our fellow MSC school. Over the course of two days, we went to the Museum of Old Democracy and

debated real United Nations Resolutions in the House of Representatives Chamber. These included the state of global food security, strengthening democracies, using neutrality as a conflict-solver, strengthening interreligious and intercultural dialogue, education for democracy and lasting peace in Ukraine. It was great to be competing in such a historical place.

We negotiated with twenty other teams from around Australia, each representing different countries, creating a competitive and fiery chamber. Five out of six resolutions passed, and only one resolution did not go in our favour. We both gained so many skills when it comes to international relations, delivering speeches at the United Nations, and the importance of effective negotiation, greatly inspiring us. The experience highlighted to us how lucky we are to live in a democratic and safe country.

Thank you to **Mr David Kurthi** and the Rotary Club of Canberra Sundowners for this astounding opportunity.

Abella Young and **Danica-Zeta Jonathan** (Year 10)



Performing Arts

Into the Woods Jr from your Lounge Room

Daramalan Theatre Company is presenting a particularly intimate and engaging production of Sondheim's famous musical about wishes and dreams. It is as if the cast is presenting a special performance just for you in your lounge room. You will be able to share a drink and snack in the space while being enthralled by the story of people seeking their wishes to come true.

With a very strong cast of singers, Sondheim's beautiful and, at times, intriguing music will be performed to live on as echoes in your memory for a long time.

The Daramalan Theatre Company cast commits to an extraordinary amount of time and processes to achieve high quality theatre. They spent a week of the July holidays and will spend a full week of the October holidays detailing every move and every sound to perfection. With strong teacher support and dedicated students working as crew members, Into the Woods Jr promises fun and a sense of delight in theatrical presentation.

Young children, teenagers, parents, grandparents, family members and people from the general community will find something that is awe-inspiring within the experience. The space, like a large lounge room, will provide the most hospitable environment for theatre in the ACT.

Into the Woods Jr is presented in the Joe Woodward Theatre at 7.00pm on **10, 14, 15, 16, 17 October** and at 1.00pm (matinee) on **Saturday 17 October**.

Bookings can be made using this link:

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

In addition, you might like to book a snack (your Savoury and Sweet Grazing Box):

<https://events.humanitix.com/savory-and-sweet-26>

Junior Ensemble - Freedom

On Friday 18 September, the Daramalan Theatre Company Junior Ensemble performed FREEDOM to a full house. This was a student directed, written and staged production that represented a mammoth effort by all the students involved. Directed by our amazing Year 10 students **Jess Buttsworth, Alicia Campbell, Cameron Charles, Millie Jensen, Tessa Pocock, Abella Young** and **Danica-Zeta Jonathan**, and acted by an incredible cast of Year 7-9 students, the show featured 5 short plays written by the cast. The performance showcased a variety of engaging storylines, from a murderous office satire, to an unconventional love story, a future warzone, the importance of pants, and the pressures of family and parents.

Cast: **Cooper de Wiljes, Mackenzie Allison, Eva Baas-Becking, Lydia Crew, Kaija Palombi, Stella Rowley, Abbey Thomas** (Year 7), **Evelyn Henderson, Ella Boland, Mary Collett, Teoman Dagseven, Alexandra Linardakis, Tomas Spoljaric, Tahlia Parkinson, Amelia Wardrop, Josie Willsmore, Louis Damyon,**

INTO THE WOODS JR.

Book by
JAMES LAPINE

Music and Lyrics by
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
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DARAMALAN THEATRE COMPANY 10 -17 OCT

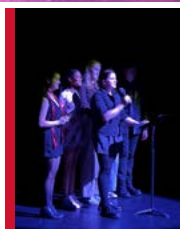


Hal Riches, Rory McCall, Sam Norfor (Year 8), **Lily Howlett, Manny Kama, Lara Primmer, Isla Smith and Addyson Ward** (Year 9).

Lighting: **Jackson Wight** (Year 11) and **Cameron Charles** (Year 10)

Sound: **Henry Cooper** (Year 8) and **Mr Alex Hesterman**

Stage Manager and Poster Image: **Abigail Smith** (Year 10)



Dance

Year 9 and 10 Dance

On Monday 14 September, Year 9 and 10 Dance students showcased their work at Floriade after weeks of rehearsals, choreography and preparation. As part of the project, students took on a variety of production roles. The reflections below were written by the Publicity Officers, who documented their experiences of the performance day.

Year 9 Dancer, Georgia Walker: In Bloom

“For five weeks, In Bloom (a group of Year 9 dancers) had been working hard to prepare for our dance performance at Floriade. Although everyone was nervous and jittery, we were also incredibly excited. When we finally stepped on stage, we felt a rush of adrenaline. It was our best run-through yet!

One of our choreographers said, ‘The piece was a connection between our friendship and Floriade’s values.’ Another choreographer reflected, ‘Our performance brought people together and created lots of new friendships along the way.’

It was such a special experience that we will always remember.”

Year 9 Dancer, Josie Morse: Blossoming

“Our dance piece was called Blossoming. It follows a main character who begins isolated and held back. Throughout the dance, the dancers around her bring joy and support into her world. Slowly, she becomes part of the group and brings the ‘blossom’ into a beautiful flower.

This idea connects to the theme of Floriade because, just as flowers need light and care to bloom, our main character needs the support and positivity of those around her.

Although we were very nervous backstage, we couldn’t wait to perform and show everyone how much time and effort we had put into our dance.”

Year 10 Dancer, Heidi Shugg: The Forgotten Garden

“The Floriade performance day seemed to pass by quickly, filled with sightseeing, preparation and, of course, plenty of dancing.

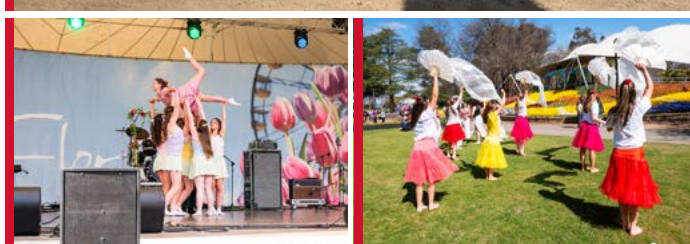
One of the highlights of the day was watching each dance group take to the stage and seeing the different pieces they had spent the semester creating. After weeks of planning, choreographing and rehearsing, The Forgotten Garden was finally brought to life in front of an audience.

The experience gave students the opportunity to develop their own choreography and perform it in the colourful surroundings of Floriade.”

Year 10 student **Tahlia Kelly** reflected on the day:

“The performance was really successful, and I really enjoyed sightseeing at Floriade. Plus, it was amazing to see everyone’s creative dances put together.”

Thank you to everyone who came along and watched our performances. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Dance Showcase

2026 Dance Showcase

For the first time, our Dance department is proud to present the 2026 Dance Showcase, an exciting evening celebrating the creativity, talent and hard work of our dancers from Years 7-12.

This special performance on **Saturday 24 October** will feature a vibrant collection of curriculum dance works developed throughout the year, including both teacher-choreographed and student-created pieces. Audiences will experience a diverse range of dance styles, from cultural dance to jazz, lyrical, and more, highlighting the breadth of learning across our Dance program at Daramalan College.

Join us as we share these inspiring performances with our school community, family and friends, and celebrate the achievements of our young students on stage.

Date: Saturday 24 October

Venue: Joe Woodward Theatre, Issoudun

Time: 6:00pm

Tickets: Free



While tickets are free, we ask that all attendees complete the booking form via the link and QKR code below so we can manage seating and numbers for the event.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting inaugural showcase and sharing an evening of outstanding dance performances. Come along and support our dancers as they take to the stage and bring a year of learning to life!

Book your free tickets here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/dance-showcase-26>



Choir

This has been an especially busy period for the Daramalan Choir.

On Friday 4 September, the Daramalan Choir competed in the Wagga Eisteddfod with outstanding results. The whole choir earned 1st place in their category Folk Songs and their performance of All the Pretty Little Horses – an American folk song that is about the lived experience of their First Nations people. In the small group competition, **Ruby Holden** and **Laura Green** (Year 12) won 1st Place for their performance of Pie Jesu, from the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Requiem. We would like to thank all the students for their exemplary performances and conduct on the day, the gracious feedback from the judges, the staff at Wagga Christian School, also **Mr Steve Hackett** for driving us from Canberra to Wagga Wagga.

On **Wednesday 9 September**, the Choir performed for patients recovering from undergoing reconstructive surgeries at the North Canberra Rehabilitation Hospital. A sizable group of patients and visitors made for a wonderful audience.

Finally, on **Monday 14 September**, the Choir performed beautifully at Floriade on the Tulip Stage. This was a great experience to be part of a vibrant event in the Canberra community.

The students are working on different projects as we close out the year, including the musical and upcoming Christmas concerts for the community.

Choir Master: **Ms Angela Dunn**

Choir Accompanist: **Mr Jason Paris**



Music

A Busy and Successful Season for Music Students

The Music department has enjoyed an exciting and rewarding few weeks, with students representing the school with distinction at several major events.

On **Friday 4 September**, our ensembles achieved outstanding results at the Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod. The Chamber Orchestra earned 1st Place, demonstrating exceptional musicianship and teamwork. The Choir won 1st Place in the Folk Song section and Vocal Duo/Trio. Our Senior Band also impressed adjudicators, receiving 2nd Place, while the Jazz Band delivered a strong and highly regarded performance that showcased the talent and dedication of its band members and vocalists.

Adding to an already busy schedule, students recently performed at Floriade, bringing music to one of Canberra's most celebrated spring events. Audiences enjoyed performances from the Chamber Orchestra,

Choir, Senior Band and Jazz Band, with students representing the school proudly and entertaining visitors throughout the day.

The excitement continues with an upcoming Music Tour to Queensland, which will see approximately 60 musicians travelling together to perform, develop their skills and share memorable musical experiences. The tour promises to be an excellent opportunity for students to grow as performers while building lasting friendships.

We would like to congratulate all students and staff involved in these achievements. Their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm continues to strengthen our vibrant Music program and enrich the cultural life of our school.

Music Performance Evening Reminder

Families and friends are warmly invited to attend our Music Performance Evening on **Monday 26 October** at 6:00pm in the Issoudun Performing Arts Building.

The evening will showcase the talents of our school musicians across a variety of ensembles and promises to be a wonderful celebration of student achievement. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing another memorable evening of music.

Visual Arts

Daramalan College Staff and Alumni Biennale 2026

The inaugural Daramalan College Staff and Alumni Biennale, Clouds, showcased the diversity and creativity in our community. This festive event was opened by the Visual Arts Coordinator, Joanna Howard, and special guest, Dr Sarah Kirkpatrick, Professor of Climate Science in the Fenner School of Environment and Society at Australian National University. Sarah cleverly expanded on the theme of Clouds and bridged the common interests of Art and Science. We now invite you to begin work in response to the theme of the 2028 Biennale, Dream.



Sport

The 2026 Daramalan Sports Awards nominations are open. We have a diverse and talented group of players that are high achievers in a number of sports offered within the Daramalan as well as in the ACT community. See below information on how to nominate yourself/your son/daughter for an award.

2026 Sports Awards

Have you represented the College, the ACT or Australia in 2026?

Nominations for the 2026 Sports Awards are now open. Please complete the form in the following link: [Daramalan Sport Award Nomination 2026](#) to apply for your Sports Award. Nominations close on **Friday 16 October** (Week 11).

Full Colour

This award can only be achieved by gaining Australian representation in a sport offered by Daramalan in 2026.

Gold Honour

This award is achieved by gaining Australian representation in a sport not offered by Daramalan in 2026.

Half Colour

This award is achieved by gaining ACT representation at a national event or at the highest level of competition offered in that sport offered by Daramalan in 2026.

Blue Honour

This award is achieved by gaining ACT representation at a national event or at the highest level of competition offered in that sport in a sport not offered by Daramalan in 2026.

Service Award

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

- Played/Coached/Umpired for Daramalan Core Sport in 2026 (Basketball, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Rowing)
- Representing Daramalan at a sport - One-day gala event
- Representing Daramalan at an ASC Carnival
- Representing Daramalan at an ACT Carnival
- Age Champion or Runners Up for Daramalan or ASC Carnivals



Hockey News

Keith Harding Memorial Trophy awarded to

Cooper Evans (Year 9), Male Junior Umpire who contributed the most to umpiring throughout the 2026 season.



2026 ASC Netball – Tuesday 11 August

A huge thank you to the coaches on the day - **Ms Lucy Jordan, Ella Piestrzynski and Kent Lane.**



Years 7/8 Team – Tied 3rd



Years 9/10 Team – 4th



Years 11/12 Team – Runners Up

2026 ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships

On **Friday 28 August**, six Daramalan teams competed in the 2026 ACT Schools MTB Championships at Stromlo Forrest Park. Congratulations to all students who raced and represented Daramalan!

Well done to our College Girl's Team, **Grace York, Eliza Lawton** and **Anika Oswald** (Year 11) and Junior Mixed Team, **Oliver Lawton, Verity Lawton, James Stein** and **Lachlan Sloan** (Year 8), who finished first in their categories!



Basketball

ASC Boys

The Boys ASC Gala day was held **Monday 17 August** at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. All teams had an impressive run, showcasing the schools talent and skill. Congratulations to the Years 9/10 Boys team for winning their competition. Thank you to **Mr Joel Richardson, Mr John Gale** and **Dion Majstorovic** for coaching and **Ms Heather Chapman** for managing.

Results

Years 7/8 ASC Boys: 5th
Years 9/10 ASC Boys: Champions
Years 11/12 ASC Boys: Semi-Finalist

ASC Girls

The Girls ASC Gala Day was held Monday 24 August at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. The Girls teams performed well during the day, securing some great wins. The Years 7/8 and 11/12 teams were particularly strong going on to the Semi Finals. A big thank you to **Mr Joel Richardson, Mr John Gale** and **Tina Stelzer** for coaching and **Ms Heather Chapman** for managing.

Results

Years 7/8 ASC Girls: Semi-Finalist
Years 9/10 ASC Girls: 7th
Years 11/12 ASC Girls: Semi-Finalist



Basketball Cont...

John Stelzer and Kate Tominac Cup

Daramalan College sent one Boys and one Girls team to this competition on **Friday 21 August** at Belconnen Basketball Stadium. Both teams performed well throughout the day making the Semi Finals. Thank you to **Tina Stelzer, Dion Majstorovic, Mr Joel Richardson, Mr John Gale** and **Ms Heather Chapman** for making the day possible.



Grand Finals

We had 11 teams make the Grand Finals this year with 7 going on to win their competitions. Congratulations to the following teams:

U14 D1A Boys: Marist 32 – Daramalan 45

James Mitchell – 14 points

Tomas Spoljaric – 9 points

Colin Almond – 9 points

U14 D1A Girls: Daramalan 28 – Radford 23

Ella Bradbrook – 16 points

Ainsley Dawes – 4 points

U14 D3B Boys: Daramalan 29 – Dodgers 27

Isaac Chesney – 12 points

Finn Barnes – 6 points

Toby Sarkis – 5 points

U14 D4A Girls: Daramalan 16 – Spartans 18

Sophia Risco – 5 points

Anna Stein – 4 points

Davina O'Donoghue – 3 points

U19 D3 Girls: Daramalan 24 – Rats 10

Reese Tunney – 6 points

Isabella Dawes – 4 points

Indiana Clifton – 4 points

U16 D6 Boys: Daramalan 33 – Grammar 17

Marko Soldo – 12 points

Sachintha Perera – 11 points

Richard Best – 5 points

U19 D2A Boys: Daramalan 58 – Spartans 56 (Double OT)

Mason Hewitt – 16 points

Thomas Canavan – 14 points

Jules Johnston – 11 points



Basketball Cont...

Whole of Club End of Season Stats

GAMES PLAYED

Thomas	Canavan	21
Mason	Hewitt	21
Estelle	Wynack	18
William	Blackwell	16
Lucas	Ceely	16
Xavier	Hawke	16
Jaden	Mapako	16
Samuel	Page	16
Matthew	Scherl	16
Tomas	Spoljaric	16

POINTS SCORED

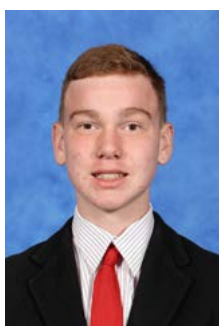
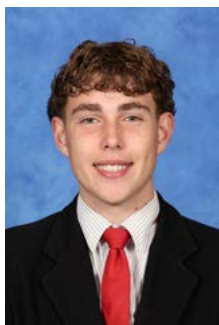
Samuel	Stelzer	229
Liam	Crabb	211
Amalija	Stravopodis	209
Isaac	Chesney	197
James	Mitchell	183
Thomas	Canavan	181
Samuel	Page	162
Alexander	Horacek	158
Sachintha	Perera	145
Emmanuel	Shirley	144

FREE THROWS

Samuel	Stelzer	45
Amalija	Stravopodis	43
Emmanuel	Shirley	30
Mason	Hewitt	27
Xavier	O'Brien	26
Thomas	Canavan	24
Lily	Howell	24
Marcus	Ambler	24
Austin	Steer	24
Matthew	Scherl	23

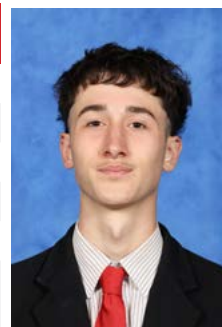
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Liam	Crabb	101
Samuel	Stelzer	89
Isaac	Chesney	88
Alexander	Horacek	70
Thomas	Canavan	68
Sachintha	Perera	67
James	Mitchell	67
Ryder	Coutts	64
Ella	Bradbrook	54
Amalija	Stravopodis	53



3 POINTERS

Samuel	Page	30
Ethan	Gregory	28
Amalija	Stravopodis	20
Chase	Obranovic	16
James	Inwood	13
Isaac	Viana De Freitas	12
Logan	Ramage	11
Marcus	Hunter	10
James	Mitchell	10
Taj	Toohy	9



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:



Rowing

Rowing - From the Boat Shed

It has been a big few months down at the rowing shed, even through the coldest part of the year! From dedicated Winter training, to our newest recruits giving it a go for the first time, our Rowing community has been busy. Here is a wrap up of everything that has been happening.

Winter Rowing Program

A small but dedicated group of senior rowers have trained right through the Winter months, braving early, dark mornings and very cold conditions. The squad spent the term learning to row sweep (working with just one oar rather than two), and put in the hard yards building their endurance through long, tough rows. Their efforts paid off in the Winter Time Trial Regatta series, where they often placed in the top three in their boat class. A big thank you to head coach **Ashley Young** for the time and effort he has put into coaching these athletes all season.

Strength and Conditioning Program

This term, many of our rowers have been preparing for the upcoming season through our Strength and Conditioning Program. Students from all year levels have taken part, training in the school gym to build strength, fitness and skills ahead of the upcoming Summer season. Thank you to **Ms Sophie Dann** for running the program, and to **Mr Brendan Collis** for supervising these sessions.

Come and Try Sessions

We were thrilled to welcome around thirty new rowers from Years 7 to 10 to our Come and Try sessions. Despite some windy conditions, students learned how to safely manage the equipment and pick up the basic pattern of the rowing stroke. None of this would be possible without our wonderful helpers, our current rowers, so thank you to them for giving up their time. Thank you also to the coaches who came down outside their regular coaching hours to support our new rowers. Well done to every student who came down to the sheds and gave it a go.

Works Around the Sheds

There has been plenty happening behind the scenes as well. We are very lucky to have purchased four new rowing sculls to update our fleet, and our tinnies now have new propellers to keep up with our speedy crews! At the end of last season, we held a big clean up so the shed is now shining, and we thank every rower who pitched in during the working bee. Finally, our head coach **Ashley Young** and our Winter rowers have put in a huge number of hours sanding and repainting hundreds of oars. This season we are also launching a new oar design, the red chevron, which will help make our crews easy to spot out on the water at training and on regatta days.

Thank you to everyone, coaches, helpers, families and rowers, who has made this such a positive start to the season. We cannot wait to see the fleet back on the water and to share more updates as the season gets underway.



Rugby

Daramalan Rugby: The End of an Outstanding Season

What a season it has been for Daramalan Rugby!

With all 12 of our teams qualifying for the Semi Finals, 2026 has been an outstanding year of development, success and, most importantly, enjoyment across the Club.

The success we have seen on the field is a credit to the tireless work of our volunteer coaches, managers and supporters. However, the real strength of the season has been the commitment from everyone involved to creating positive training environments, strong team cultures and a genuine enjoyment of playing rugby with friends.

Grand Final Weekend

Saturday saw our U13 Black, U15 Red, U15 Black and U15 Girls teams compete in their respective Grand Finals.

The U13 Black side went down narrowly in an incredible contest. While the result did not fall their way, their performance was a fitting end to a fantastic season from this wonderful group of players.

The U15 Red side entered the weekend looking to secure back-to-back premierships. They fought hard throughout their Grand Final but fell just short of repeating last year's success.

Our U15 Girls have experienced tremendous growth over the past 18 months, and it was fantastic to see that development rewarded with a brilliant Grand Final victory over a very well-drilled Kinross side. The result was a wonderful reflection of the commitment of the players and coaches who have continued to build our Girls' Rugby program.

The U15 Black side stepped up into the U16 Division 1 competition this season and capped off an outstanding year with a convincing Grand Final victory over St Edmund's. It was an excellent achievement for a group that embraced the challenge of playing up an age division throughout the year.

Sunday was another special day for Daramalan Rugby, with all three of our U18 Boys' teams competing in Grand Finals, believed to be the first time this has occurred in the Club's history.

The day began with the 3rd XV securing a joint premiership, before the 2nd XV and 1st XV both went down to strong Marist sides. The 1st XV Grand Final in particular was an incredible contest and has been described by many who watched it as one of the best Under 18 Schoolboy Rugby matches they have seen in many years.

Congratulations to every player who represented Daramalan Rugby this season. It has been an absolute pleasure watching our teams compete with respect, integrity and enjoyment throughout the year.

With the season now complete, we also say goodbye to many of our Under 18 players across both our Senior Boys' and Girls' programs. We wish them every success in their next adventures and hope they continue to carry with them the friendships, memories and connections they have created through playing rugby at Daramalan.



Rugby Cont...

Representative Rugby Continues

While the club season may be finished, Representative Rugby continues for a number of our players.

Last weekend saw Daramalan players from our U16 Girls and U15 Boys age groups competing in representative fixtures, while **Pepe Iona** (Year 12) continued his outstanding season with selection in the Brumbies Under 19 program.

Pepe's representative selection caps off a huge year after being named Player of the Grand Final following the 1st XV decider and receiving the 1st XV Best Forward Award at Presentation Night.

Congratulations to the Daramalan players who represented at the next level over the weekend:

Under 16 Brumbies:

Chartazz Alofipo, Lacey Ayers, Annie Campbell



Under 15 Brumbies:

Hamish Eves, Will Patterson, Mokoha Dean, Connor Burneikis, Zander Clarke, Malakai Tu'Ifua, Ollie Tawake, Jack Gilligan



Under 16 Brumbies:

Luke Cullen and Ryley Power

Under 19's Brumbies:

Pepe Iona.

It is fantastic to see so many Daramalan players continuing their development through the representative pathways.

Australian Gold – Aidan Wunsch

This weekend, 1st XV Captain **Aidan Wunsch** (Year 12) departed for Sydney as part of the Australian Under 18 squad.

The Australian team will play the Australian Schools team this Friday at Knox College in Sydney before travelling to Wellington, New Zealand.

This is an outstanding achievement for Aidan and a wonderful reward for the dedication he has shown to his rugby development. We wish him all the very best and look forward to following his progress.

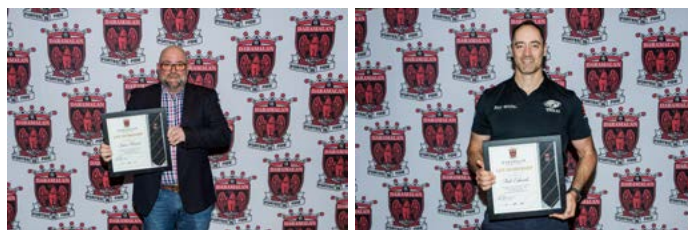


Presentation Night

Our 2026 Rugby Presentation Night was a fantastic celebration of another memorable season and provided an opportunity to recognise and thank the players, coaches, managers, families and volunteers who make Daramalan Rugby what it is.

Congratulations to all players who received awards on the evening and to every player who contributed to their team throughout the season.

A particularly special moment was the presentation of Life Membership of the Daramalan Rugby Club to **James Wunsch** and **Nick Edwards**.



Both James and Nick have provided years of dedicated and selfless service to Daramalan Rugby, giving countless hours to coaching, mentoring, volunteering and supporting our players and wider rugby community. Their contribution extends well beyond the teams they have coached, and the Club is incredibly grateful for everything they have given over many years.

Finally, thank you to every player, coach, manager, volunteer, parent, supporter and sponsor who contributed to Daramalan Rugby in 2026. The results on the field have been fantastic, but the friendships, enjoyment and sense of community created throughout the season are what make our Rugby program truly special.

Congratulations on a wonderful 2026 season, and we look forward to doing it all again in 2027!

Oztag

NSW Schools Oztag Tournament

The NSW Schools Champion of Champions Oztag Tournament brings together the winners and runners up from regional tournaments across the state to compete for the title of the best school Oztag team in NSW. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves against some of the strongest teams in the state, build confidence and teamwork, and represent Daramalan with pride.

On Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September, Daramalan was proudly represented by two teams:

- Years 7/8 Boys team
- Years 7/8 Girls team

The Years 7/8 Girls team had an outstanding tournament, progressing through to the Quarter Finals. In a thrilling match, the girls finished level at the end of regular time and continued into extra time, where they drew again. Unfortunately, they missed out, only one team could progress to the Semi Final. Their determination, teamwork and never give up attitude were a credit to Daramalan.

The Years 7/8 Boys team also competed strongly throughout the tournament, facing some tough opposition and gaining valuable experience competing at a high level. Although they did not progress to the Finals, their

effort, commitment and sportsmanship throughout the tournament were fantastic.

Congratulations to all our students for representing Daramalan with pride, enthusiasm and determination. It was a wonderful opportunity for both teams to test themselves against strong opposition and experience the excitement of competing at a state level.



Waterpolo

Canberra Schools Cup Water Polo

Daramalan's Years 7–9 Girls Water Polo team has been making a splash in the Canberra Schools Cup Water Polo competition at CISAC.

Played on Friday nights, the competition sees the girls take on school teams from across Canberra, with two games each week. It has been a fun, fast-paced and highly social competition, providing a great opportunity for the girls to develop their Water Polo skills, enjoy plenty of game time, and represent Daramalan in the pool.

The team has embraced the competition with plenty of enthusiasm and has certainly looked the part, proudly rocking the new Daramalan Water Polo swimmers!

Team:

Imogen Corkhill, Mabel Adie (Year 7), Leilani Harrison, Caitlyn Hornby, Ashlea Williams, Layla Bentley, Ella Boland (Year 8) and Laura Corkhill (Year 9).

A big thank you to Year 10 students **Olivia Beerworth** and **Esther Adie**, who volunteered to take on the coaching duties. It has been fantastic to see our older students giving their time and sharing their knowledge while supporting the younger girls.

Well done to everyone involved in a great season of Daramalan Water Polo!



Snowsports

ACT Schools Cup Snowsports Competition

On Sunday 23 August, a dedicated group of our students headed to Perisher to compete in the ACT Schools Cup Snowsports competition, held at Perisher on the Front Valley course.

The day began early, with students departing school at 4:40am, ready for a full day on the mountain. Their enthusiasm was rewarded with glorious conditions - sunny skies and warm temperatures made for a perfect day of racing.

Throughout the competition, our students represented the school with great credit. They conducted themselves with maturity and sportsmanship, and the positive energy and camaraderie among the group was fantastic to see. Every competitor should be proud of their efforts, with impressive runs and attempts from all involved, regardless of experience level.

A huge thank you goes to **Mr Dean Parkes** and **Ms Eve Fitzpatrick**, who gave up their Sunday to support the team and drive the bus, ensuring everyone arrived safely and made it home again after a big day.

Results

- Div 1 Alpine: **Andy Dunn** (Year 12) – 2nd place
- Div 3 Alpine: **Joey Pratt** (Year 8) – 1st place
- Div 1 Snowboard GS (team): **Roy Halliday** and **Ben Thornton** (Year 12) – 3rd place
- Div 2 Snowboard GS:
 - **Olly Miller** (Year 9) – 2nd place
 - **Will Stewart** (Year 10) – 3rd place
- Div 3 Snowboard GS: Paddy McDonald (Year 7) – 1st place

Well done to all who took part – another fantastic result for the Daramalan Snowsports crew!



Roy Halliday (Year 12)



Olly Miller (Year 9)



Joey Pratt (Year 8) Winning gold



Andy Dunn (Year 12) and Ollie Stephenson (Year 11)



Andy Dunn (Year 12) winning silver



Alpine racing



Ben Thornton (Year 12)

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

September

Tuesday 22 September 6pm

UAC webinar: UAC applications, equity schemes, adjustment factors, course preferences and offers.
 Watch live on the [UAC Digital YouTube channel](#)

Saturday 26 September

NSW Police Academy Open Day - Goulburn

Wednesday 30 September

UAC Undergraduate (domestic and international students): Early bird fee deadline

Wednesday 30 September

ANU deadline for accepting early offers

October

Friday 16 October

Coffee Basics Course at CIT (FULL)
 Next course Friday 20 November

Monday 26 - Tuesday 27 October

Construction Course set (NEW)
 – now available on Qkr!

November

Friday 20 November

Coffee Basics Course at CIT

Thursday 26 November

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Australian Government Teaching Scholarships

The [Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships Program](#) offers up to \$40,000 for undergraduate initial teacher education students, and up to \$20,000 for postgraduate initial teacher education students, to assist with study costs.

Scholarship recipients commit to teaching in government schools or government-run early learning settings for a period of time after graduating from their degree.

Find out more about the range of [scholarship programs](#) for future teachers.

Tertiary Health Study Subsidy Program (THSSP)

The Tertiary Health Study Subsidy Program (THSSP) provides financial support to students studying an eligible health qualification. These payments can help with fees, technology, travel, or other study-related costs. Recipients must commit to being part of the NSW Health workforce, the largest health system in Australia, offering a variety of roles and locations across NSW.

Two types of subsidies:

- Students commencing study can receive up to \$12,000 paid over three years (\$4,000/year), if they are studying an eligible health qualification and intend to work for NSW Health for at least 5 years after they finish their course.
- Students graduating study can receive a one-off \$8,000 payment if they have completed an eligible health qualification, have an offer of employment with NSW Health in a role that requires that qualification, and are

committed to working for NSW Health for at least 5 years.

For eligibility and application information, please visit - [More Information](#)

Let's Locate 2026

Calling all Year 10–12 students interested in Geography, Science and Maths! Let's Locate is a surveying and geospatial STEM school holiday program for Years 10–12. See the flyer for details [Term 3 week 10 Lets Locate.pdf](#)

Holiday Tech Days at UC - Python for Beginners

Just in time for the October school holidays, the ICC team is proud to present a hands-on, one-day Python workshop designed especially for students in Years 9–12 who are brand new to coding.

Program Details

- When: Tuesday 6 October, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Where: Innovation Central Canberra, University of Canberra, Building 27 - Level A
- Cost: \$95 per child (excluding booking fee), snacks and pizza lunch included

This program is open to students in Years 9–12 only with little to no coding experience.

Spots are limited, [register by 5pm Wednesday 30 September](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via innovationcentral@canberra.edu.au

Careers News Cont...

2026 Youth Dance Festival – Work Experience Opportunity

Ausdance 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 on **Tuesday 27 October – Thursday 29 October**.

The Youth Dance Festival Work Experience (WEX) Program offers students a unique, first hand experience of working in live theatre on a major theatrical event.

Students will gain practical experience in coordinating and managing a large scale show, and will observe key theatre departments including lighting, sound, crewing, stage management and marketing. Apply through the link below and read carefully the included information letter about what to expect.

Work Experience Student Application Form SEDA Group Sport and Business Programs – Information Sessions

Are you interested in a Business or Sport Traineeship? These information sessions will give students and parents the opportunity to:

- See the facility
- Meet the teacher
- Network with staff
- Hear from current students
- Learn more about the program and
- Ask questions

Students can register (for free) at: [Information Sessions - SEDA Group](#)

Each sporting partner will run their own event, with details listed below:

Western Sydney Wanderers

Date: **Tuesday 29 September**

Time: 9am – 11am

Venue: WSW Fives, Blacktown International Sports Park

Website: [Western Sydney Wanderers Sport & Business Program - SEDA Group](#)

St George Illawarra Dragons

Date: **Wednesday 30 September**

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue: Bruce Gordon Centre, UOW Innovation Campus

Website: [Dragons - SEDA Group](#)

Netball NSW

Date: **Thursday 1 October**

Time: 9am – 11am

Venue: Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park.

Website: [Netball NSW - SEDA Group](#)

Basketball NSW

Date: **Thursday 1 October**

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Venue: Basketball NSW Head Office, Homebush

Website: [Basketball NSW Sport & Business Program - SEDA Group](#)

Penrith Panthers

Date: **Monday 12 October**

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Venue: Panthers Rugby League Academy

Website: [Panthers - SEDA Group](#)

Women in Construction Pathways Program (WICPP)

The Australian Training Company (ATC) is preparing for the next intake of the Women in Construction Pathways Program (WICPP). WICPP provides students with a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of careers within the construction industry while continuing their school studies. Through workplace rotations, students gain hands-on experience, develop industry skills, build professional networks and gain valuable insight into potential career pathways.

Compulsory Information Session

Students and their parent/guardian are required to attend an information session before being considered for the program. During the session, ATC will outline the program structure, student commitments, workplace expectations and selection process.

Date: **Wednesday 14 October**

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Master Builders ACT, 1 Iron Knob Street, Fyshwick ACT 2609

Contact **Ms Annette Brady** for application details

ANU College of Business and Economics – School Holiday Programs

Visit the Australian National University (ANU) and experience what the ANU College of Business and Economics has on offer. Engage in workshops, meet our current students and tour the vibrant campus to get a taste of what it's like to study here! These events are completely free and fully catered.

For details:

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September - Business and Economics [School Holiday Program](#)

Wednesday 30 September - [Actuarial Studies Experience Day](#)

[Term 3 week 9 CBE-Experience-Day-flyers-2026.pdf](#)

Lawand Education Webinar – Studying Medicine Overseas

Tuesday 29 September, 6:30pm

Online zoom webinar (free) - To register [click here](#)

For more information about Lawand Education see their [website](#).

Topics:

- International medical study options available to Australian students
- Accreditation and regulatory considerations when choosing an overseas medical school
- Clinical training pathways
- The pathway for International Medical Graduates returning to Australia
- Internship and medical practice in Australia and abroad
- Practical considerations when assessing the quality and suitability of an international medical program

Veteran-descendant Scholarships - Applications Close Saturday 31 October

Students with a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent who served in the Australian Defence Force can qualify for scholarships worth up to \$18,000. AVCAT applications opened Tuesday 18 August and close **Saturday 31 October**. Digger Scholarships ([diggerscholarships.com.au](#)) has a free searchable database of all 67 veteran-descendant scholarships and grants, with eligibility, closing dates and application links, plus a map of scholarships near your school.

Women of STEM Scholarships

Advance notice – the Women of STEM Scholarships are for women aged 17–20, who are commencing an applicable STEM related university degree in 2027. Applications open

Careers News Cont...

Friday 18 December and close **Sunday 31 January 2027**.

[More details here.](#)

ACT Courts and Tribunal (ACTCT) Work Experience Opportunities

The ACTCT offers a limited number of unpaid work experience placements twice a year. Students spend five consecutive business days rotating through various areas of the organisation under staff supervision.

Interested students are invited to submit an expression of interest through the official EOI form, which will be available on the ACTCT Work Experience webpage from **Tuesday 1 September to Friday 9 October**.

JOBS BOARD

Belgravia Leisure at Gungahlin Leisure Centre, also representing Dickson Pool

Casual Lifeguard Positions

Lifeguards are responsible for day-to-day pool operations and for keeping the pool and surrounds safe and enjoyable for everyone who visits. We are after people who are reliable, friendly, energetic, and confident communicating with patrons of all ages, abilities, cultures and needs. See the flyer for application details or contact **Ms Annette Brady** for more information. [Term 3 week 10 Job Details GLC belgravia.pdf](#)

Woolworths Dickson

Now hiring junior team members (ages 15–17). Earn your own money, build real-world skills and gain independence with competitive junior pay and flexible shifts designed around your school schedule! See the flyer for details - [Term 3 week 9 Woolworths Dickson Junior Hiring Flyer.pdf](#).

mycar Tyre and Auto - Apprentice Mechanic

Start your automotive career with mycar. At mycar, we're passionate about helping students explore rewarding career pathways in a fast-paced and ever-evolving industry. Whether you're a student or parent, our Careers website is a great place to start.

mycar Canberra are currently looking for a full-time apprentice Mechanic – [more details here](#).

EY Casual Work Opportunity

EY is looking for motivated Year 12 graduates to join our Canberra Assurance team while they study at university. This is a paid, flexible opportunity that allows you to gain real workplace experience, earn an income and build valuable professional skills from your very first year of university.

You will work two days per week alongside experienced professionals, with flexibility during exams and busy study periods. By the time you finish your degree, you'll have years of professional experience behind you.

For more information contact **Ms Annette Brady**.

AFL SportsReady

[Traineeship Expression of Interest - ACT](#)

AFL SportsReady is now accepting expressions of interest for a range of traineeship opportunities across Australia.

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!



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1996 YEAR REUNION

SAT 7
NOV

2016 YEAR REUNION

Fundraising

Dara Dozen

The [Dara Dozen](#) has become a much-loved tradition, and after a two-year break we are excited to announce the 2026 edition!

We are offering a delicious selection of wines from local wineries connected to the Daramalan community, with prices held at 2022 levels. Seriously!

This year, we have a few exciting new additions. First, we are introducing a range of non-alcoholic wines from Altina Wines. We have also welcomed several new local wineries to the initiative, including Mount Majura Vineyard, Selecta Wines and Vineyard 1207. And of course, many of our loyal supporters are back!

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the 2026 selections.

- Treat yourself to some well-deserved deliciousness!
- Support the Scholarship Fund and help students in need.
- Get your Christmas gifts sorted early this year!



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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