

# DARANNEWS

1 November 2024

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## Upcoming events

### 1 November

6:00pm Visual Arts Exhibition Opening  
Joe Woodward Theatre

### 4-5 November

Year 8 PE Camp

### 6 November

P1 Whole School Assembly  
6:30pm P&F Meeting

### 6-8 November

Year 10 PE Camp

### 11 November

Remembrance Day  
6:00pm deGAFF Opening, McCowage  
Hall

### 13 November

PC House Meeting

### 14 November

Year 12 Mass & Awards Practice and  
Farewell Assembly

### 15-22 November

Year 11-12 Examinations McCowage  
Hall

### 29 November

Year 10 End of Academic Classes  
P6 Year 10 Mass and Awards Practice  
Daranews Published



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## From the Principal



**Dear Parents/  
Carers, Staff and  
Students,**

A belated welcome back to Term 4. As we come to the end of the third week of an already short term, the year seems to be passing by very quickly. We have already seen a plethora of activities, events and excursions taking place over the past few weeks. Today marks a significant day in our liturgical calendar as a Catholic school, All Saints Day, which will be followed by All Souls Day, tomorrow. At the recent Archdiocesan Assembly, which **Ms Cheryl Hamill** and I attended, we were reminded of the importance of prayer, listening and silent reflection through conversations with the spirit

to enable true discernment guided by the Holy Spirit. Our Assembly mirrored that taking place in Rome where after a month of discussions, the second assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality concluded its work last weekend. As I observe our students and staff as we enter the busy time of the term, I am reminded of the words of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be". Last week, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter, *Dilexit Nos*, on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. I would urge you, if you have time, to take a moment or two, to read the encyclical. ([Dilexit nos \(24 October 2024\) | Francis](#)) As a Catholic school established in the traditions and ethos of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, there is much to take from Pope Francis' words and how they reflect and reiterate what I see occurring here at the College each and every day.

### Chevalier Day Celebrations



## From the Principal

### Blessing and Opening of the Issoudun building and Chevalier Day

Last Friday we gathered to acknowledge the death and pay tribute to the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, **Fr Jules Chevalier**. Fr Chevalier died in Issoudun, France, on 21 October 1907, 117 years ago, however, his work lives on through those who followed his mission. Before his death, Fr Chevalier would see this mission, one founded in courage and faith, extend beyond Issoudun in rural France to see his 'Family'- the MSC -working in Central and South America, the Philippines, Australia and the Pacific Islands. As an MSC school, we are part of a bigger Chevalier family with whom this mission continues and has grown. Fr Chevalier's charism finds its origins in his great passion for Jesus Christ, who loves with a human heart.

Our day began with the official Blessing and Opening of the Issoudun Building and the Joe Woodward Theatre. Chevalier Day was chosen for the opening in recognition that the site of the building was the former residence of the MSC Priests and Brothers until 2019. We were delighted to have the Provincial Superior, **Fr Stephen Hackett MSC**, officially bless and open the building, alongside our Board Chair, **Ms Adrienne Day**. We were also joined on the day by a number of special guests including **Br Barry Smith MSC**, **Fr Kimi Vunivesilevu MSC**, **Fr Tru Nguyen MSC**, as well as former and current Directors of MSC Education **Mr Mark McGinnity** and **Mr Chris McDermott**, former College Principals **Ms Rita Daniels** and **Mr David Garratt**, Board Directors, members of the P&F Association, along with representatives from Arrow Project Management, Stewart Architecture and Joss Construction. I would like

to acknowledge the String Ensemble for their beautiful performance as part of our blessing and opening.

Many of our guests were also able to join us when we gathered as an entire community for our Liturgy of the Word. The theme of our Liturgy was "So long as you did this to the least of one of mine, you did it to me". Fr Stephen shared with us his reflections on compassion, as our guest speaker, including two examples where he has witnessed compassion in action. As part of our Liturgy, the staff who travelled to Issoudun as members of the Chevalier Institute program, shared with us their journey, enabling us to walk in the footsteps of Jules Chevalier, if only for 10 short minutes. Throughout our Liturgy we heard that to love with a human heart, as Fr Chevalier did, requires us to draw upon both a sense of courage, faith and compassion. We also learned of the impact of the monies raised in 2023 for the MSC Missions Clean Water projects. All of the monies raised throughout the afternoon will again support the MSC Missions.

The weather was on our side which enabled the afternoon to be filled with a shared lunch on the oval followed by performances from our talented musicians, face painting, photo booths and novelty sporting activities. There was a real sense of community both during our Liturgy and throughout the afternoon. I would like to acknowledge the work of **Ms Cheryl Hamill**, **Mr Nathan Greatz**, our College, Portfolio and House Captains, the Pastoral Leaders, **Ms Angela Dunn**, **Mr Michael Jackson**, **Ms Jacqui Dimmock**, **Ms Heather Chapman** and the College Maintenance team for all of their organisation both prior to the day and on the day to make it such a success.



Issoudun Opening



Father Stephen Hackett MSC



2025 College Captains with Father Stephen Hackett MSC



Blessing and opening of the new Issoudun Performing Arts Centre

## From the Principal

I would especially like to further acknowledge our 2024 and 2025 Student Leaders for their commitment on the day.

They were integral to the success of our day, from start to finish, and I extend my thanks to them on behalf of our entire community. They did an outstanding job across all facets of the day.

Chevalier Day is also a day where we recognise those long serving staff members who have completed 20 and 25 years of service at the College. Our thanks are extended to **Mr James Angus, Ms Michelle Coggan and Ms Davina Harris** for 20 years of service; and **Mr Paul McDonnell** for 25 years of service to our community.

### DTC 'The Heart'

I had the pleasure of attending the first major production in the Joe Woodward Theatre, *The Heart*, on opening night. Opening on Saturday 12 October to a full house, the production ran from 17-19 October, following intensive rehearsals over the break. The production incorporated acknowledgement and reflection on the past 25 years of the Theatre Company, in addition to an original script and storyline developed specifically for this production. It was a testament to the depths of the talent at the College, both currently and throughout the past 25 years of the Theatre Company. A large number of staff and former students worked tirelessly to create costumes, sets, lighting and sound, as well as front of house. I would particularly like to acknowledge the set design and show stopping final sculpture created by Visual Arts Coordinator **Ms Jo Howard**. Congratulations to the Theatre Company on an outstanding production to 'christen' the new theatre space.

### Farewell Assembly and Senior Exams

Next week we will be holding our final whole-school

assembly for the year. At this assembly we will be acknowledging and farewelling our Year 12 students and presenting the House Cups for 2024. The assembly will also provide an opportunity to present the proceeds of the Charity Walk to our two charities, MacKillop House and St Vincent de Paul Young Nick's program, and to hear from their representatives about the impact that the donations will have. We will also be joined on Wednesday morning by the Ambassadors of the EU and Germany, who will be presenting the EU Prize of Excellence to one of our Year 12 students who has excelled in learning European languages (including German) or European Studies. We thank the Ambassadors for being so generous with their time in joining us.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise our 2024 College Student Leadership Team: **Patrick Edwards, Ashleigh Nguyen, Lucy O'Neill, Kenneth Le, Gemma Weller, Isaac Arthur, Cushla Donovan and Lara Dau**. They have been an amazing team of leaders and we have been privileged to have had them lead our student body this year. I would also like to acknowledge our 2024 House Captains who have thrown themselves into their roles, encouraging and instilling spirit and belonging within their Houses, helped along by a little friendly House rivalry to spur them on!

Our senior students will have completed their end of year exams before the next edition of Daranews, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish them much success in the final weeks of their classes prior to their exams and the best of luck for their exams. To our Year 12 students, I urge you to use these final weeks to extend your gratitude to those who have helped you along your schooling journey both here at the College and beyond, and to finish your 13 years of schooling well and in a way that you are proud of.



## From the Principal

### Brave Shave

On Wednesday this week a large number of our students and a member of staff participated in the Annual Brave Shave. Thank you to everyone who supported them through sponsorship or simply encouragement. Thank you to: **Daniel Anderson, Roy Halliday, Archie Edwards, Michael Thurgar, Rory Arneman, Harry Hynd, Jack Gilligan, Kiran Isbister, Tom O'Keefe, Aidan Bagley, Gabe Jasprizza, Troy Jensen, Ari Houlihan, Oliver Smith, Lachlan English, Hamish Boneham, Leo Quigley, Jack Fraser and Mr Ben McGee** for your bravery! Thank you also to Social Justice Captain, **Cushla Donovan** for her organisation and preparations in the lead up to the day. The shave would not have been possible without the expert oversight of **Ms Kirsty Saunderson**.

### Refurbishment of the Sharpe Building

From **Monday 11 November**, we will be commencing the refurbishment works on the first floor of the Sharpe Building. Students and staff will not be able to access this area whilst the works are being completed. Safety barriers and temporary walls will be in place in this area until the end of the 2024 school year. Students will be advised of the changes regarding access to the building via the Daily News next week. The project involves the repurposing of the former performing arts and media spaces into general purpose classrooms and offices. New Dance and Media spaces will also be created as part of the refurbishment, with all of the new learning spaces due to be ready for students to access at the beginning of the 2025 school year. We are delighted to have Pacific Facilities Group working with us on this project.

### 2025 Enrolments

We have a significant number of families seeking places in each of our year groups for 2025 where there are currently no vacancies. If your child is currently in Years 7-11, and will not be returning to Daramalan next year, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can assist other families. Please do this by notifying the Registrar, **Ms Damaris Brown**, via the email [enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au).

### Financial Assistance

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances are encouraged to contact the College Business Manager, Mr Hugh Boulter, to make an appointment to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on [hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au). Families seeking a concession for the 2025 school year are asked to email [fees@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:fees@daramalan.act.edu.au) so that the relevant forms can be sent to you for completion. All requests are treated with the upmost confidentiality.

### Annual Survey

Each year we ask our community to provide feedback on the College and the experiences of our staff, students and families. This feedback is reviewed by our Executive and the College Board and influences the School Improvement Plan and Strategic Directions of the College. We encourage all families to provide feedback by completing the survey below so we can continually improve the College. You can access the survey [HERE](#) and it takes around 10-15 minutes to complete.



## From the Principal

### P&F Meeting

The final meeting of the P&F for 2024 will be held as per the College calendar on **Wednesday 6 November at 6:30pm** in the College Boardroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Staff and Student Achievements:

Friday 25 October was World Teachers' Day. In recognition of this day, the Teacher Quality Institute of the ACT (TQI) held a special breakfast to acknowledge the work of educators in the ACT. At this event, **Ms Mel Cashman** and **Mr Jason Paris** were recognised for achieving their Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) certification. The process to achieve this certification is a robust and lengthy one. Our congratulations are extended to them on achieving this. Also recognised was Science Coordinator, **Ms Nicole Hinton** for her work in partnership with the College Information Centre team to develop and implement targeted professional learning and programs to increase Science literacy across all areas of the teaching of Science at the College. An outstanding achievement and recognition for Nicole.



Our congratulations are also extended to **Ms Natalie Anderson** on her Award in the Teachers' Section of the Litlinks writing competition, a competition involving entries from schools across the ACT and region.

Congratulations to:

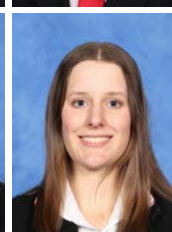
- All of our students who were members of the ACT School Sports Oztags teams who competed in the National Championships at Coffs Harbour earlier in the term.
- Also to all of our students who represented the ACT in Brisbane at the National Touch Football championships. There were a number of our students who participated in both competitions over the two weeks that the competitions were held.
- Cooper Leslie, Imogen Vickery, Evie Walker** (Year 9) and **Thomas Connolly** (Year 10) who will be travelling to NZ later this month as part of the Brumbies 7s squads. We wish them much success in their respective competitions.



- Kobe McInerney** (Year 8) who has recently completed the first part of his professional driving training at Norwell Motorplex in Queensland.



- Ruby Holden** (Year 10) who will be performing later this month as a member of the Australian Girls Choir at the Parliament House Christmas Tree Ceremony. Ruby will also be performing the National Anthem at the State Memorial Service for Hon Gary Nairn AO. In addition to these performances, Ruby also recently came first in the Australian National Busking championships held in Bombala and moves on to the finals at the end of the month.
- Archie Dixon** (Year 8) who set a new record for the 14yrs 800m at the School Sports ACT Athletics championships.
- Elijah Wilson** (Year 11) who set new records in the 17yrs Shot Put and Discus and was named 17yrs Boys Champion at the championships. Elijah also recently competed at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships where he placed first in the 17yrs Discus and Shot Put events. At the Capital Athletics presentation evening, Elijah was the recipient of 7 ACT Resident and All-Comers records and was named ACT junior male Athlete of the Year. Elijah will head to Brisbane in December to compete at the National Championships.
- Gabbie Iglewski** (Year 8) who will be competing as a member of the ACT Schools Sports team at the Track and Field National Championships in December.
- Jillian** (Year 9) and **Sebastian** (Year 7) **Ryan** on their selection to compete in their respective race walking events at the upcoming All Schools and National Athletics Championships.
- Congratulations to **Patricia Sukardi** (Year 8) and **Imogen Hales** (Year 10) on receiving major awards as part of the Litlinks writing competition.



The College will be holding a number of exhibitions and activities over the coming weeks which will showcase the talents of our students and staff. I would encourage families to come along if they can to these events. This evening the Visual Art Exhibition will open at 6pm in the Joe Woodward Theatre (within the Issoudun building) and will be open over the weekend from 10am-3pm. During Week 15 we will be holding the deGAFF exhibition showcasing our Design and Technology students' work in McCowage Hall. On Monday 9 December the College Carols event will be held in Issoudun following the wonderful Music Performance Evening which took place on Monday evening this week. Best wishes,

Rachel Davies  
Principal

## School News

### SCHOOL FEES

#### TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE.

If you have not already paid and are not on a payment plan, please arrange payment by Friday 8 November to avoid being charged a late fee.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Our final P&F meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday 6 November** at 6.30pm in the College Boardroom. If you would like to attend, please email [p&f@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:p&f@daramalan.act.edu.au). Please RSVP before **COB Monday 4 November** and meeting papers will then be forwarded to you. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from our Principal about what has been happening in the school and to be involved in the school community. We hope to see you there.

The P&F Committee.

## CGS Global Challenge

Colleges from across the ACT gathered to join the ANU in the Secondary Schools Global Challenge. Each school was given a different country or non-state actor and had to participate in a diplomatic simulation that culminated in two conferences. The focus of the event was around climate change in the Pacific and the multifaceted

issues that our neighbours face, which include rising sea levels, ocean acidification, increased natural disasters and displacement. Our students exhibited exemplary negotiation skills and positioned themselves as an honest broker, collaborating effectively throughout the day leading to an effective joint resolution.



## 2025 Leadership Camp

On Sunday 20 October, the 2025 Leadership Team embarked on our transition into our new roles by attending a Leadership Camp at Greenhills Centre, Stromlo. This camp provided an invaluable opportunity for us to enhance our strengths and foster unity within our team.

Throughout the three dynamic days, we engaged in a variety of team-building exercises, formed lasting connections, and brainstormed exciting initiatives for the coming year. Activities like crate climbing and the rope wall challenged us to confront our fears and strengthen our bonds through mutual support. The team challenges served as our first real test of leadership, requiring us to collaborate effectively to overcome obstacles together, whilst the campfire on the final night was a great way to come together, eat marshmallows and chat.

Leadership camp was an amazing experience, giving us a taste of what is to come next year. Thank you to **Mr Nathan Greatz, Ms Megan Kelly, Ms Cheryl Hamill** and all the other teachers and staff that came down to support us. Next year is in safe hands!

**Harry Labouchardiere & Tayla Holt**  
2025 College Captains



## Social Justice

On Wednesday 30 October, our Daramalan community rallied together for an unforgettable event—the World's Greatest Shave! Nineteen brave students took the plunge and shaved their heads to support the Leukaemia Foundation and cancer research. Thanks to their amazing efforts, we raised close to \$10,000

This event was all about showing care and support for those affected by cancer, and it perfectly embodies our MSC values of love and heart spirituality. The students who participated didn't just show courage; they demonstrated true empathy and community spirit. By sacrificing their hair, they inspired all of us to think about the importance of standing together in tough times.

Here's the awesome lineup of students who faced the shave:

Daniel Anderson (Year 8)	Kiran Isbister (Year 10)
Jack Gilligan (Year 8)	Tom O'Keeffe (Year 10)
Gabe Jasprizza (Year 8)	Aidan Bagley (Year 11)
Oliver Smith (Year 10)	Troy Jensen (Year 11)
Roy Halliday (Year 10)	Ari Houlihan (Year 11)
Archie Edwards (Year 10)	Leo Quigley (Year 11)
Michael Thurgar (Year 10)	Jack Fraser (Year 11)
Rory Arneman (Year 10)	Lachlan English (Year 12)
Harry Hynd (Year 10)	Hamish Boneham (Year 12)

Many students also got in on the fun by colouring their hair in bright colours, spreading awareness and showing off their creativity. The support from everyone in the Daramalan community has been incredible, proving that when we come together, we can really make a difference.

Thank you to everyone in our community who donated to this amazing cause.





## Social Justice Cont...

### Night Patrol

The Daramalan community continues to make a meaningful impact by supporting our local neighbourhoods through the Vinnies Night Patrol. It's heartwarming to see so many volunteers—staff, community members and students—dedicating their time to this cause.

Recently, our Social Justice Captain, **Cushla Donovan**, and Year 12 student **Tom Coote** lent their hands to the Night Patrol one Sunday, exemplifying the spirit of service that defines our community. The clothing, food and essential items we have collected throughout the year are being put to good use, providing much-needed assistance to our most vulnerable neighbours.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and support persons who make this charity work possible. Your commitment truly makes a difference.

### Canteen: Bandanna Day

Bandanna Day took place on Thursday 24 October, and we were able to raise over \$1000 in sales to support cancer research. In an amazing sense of community, our College students nearly cleaned me out of bandannas before I had even left the Senior Quad. Their amazing generosity showcases their empathetic understanding of how cancer impacts our community and their willingness to make a positive change.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a special bandanna on the day.

### St Joe's Program

Another successful Joe's program was held at Daramalan in the second week of the October school holidays.

Thursday was an exciting Spring day as our students took the children on an excursion to Floriade. They travelled on the Light Rail, which was a first for many of them, to Civic to catch the shuttle bus. Once at Floriade, they enjoyed the flowers, particularly the paint palette planting. They made kites and coloured art in "Sprouts Corner", contributed to the reflections wall, visited the gnomes and watched fire juggling. The highlight for most was the Ferris Wheel, where they faced their fears while enjoying views of the city and the beautiful plantings.

Friday was another full day. They visited the Dickson Vinnies to learn about where much of the money for their program is raised and all the work the volunteers do there. The Joe's got to choose books and dress-up costumes, even returning with soft toys, including a very large teddy bear. Back at Daramalan, they made tie-dye T-shirts, played basketball and shared lunch. As before, the highlight of the day was the Nerf game, which wrapped up a fun-filled day.

All this happens thanks to Daramalan students who volunteer their time to spend a couple of days with the Joe's. These students also attend training days and plan activities for the program.

Year 11

- **Sophie Neighbour**
- **Lacie Hill**
- **Elly Collins**
- **Chloe Fothergill**
- **Kristiana Morris**

Year 12

- **Gemma Weller**

Each and every one of these students was proactive, kind and supportive, giving the children a wonderful, positive two days. These students really do Daramalan proud!

### Upcoming in the Social Justice World

As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded of the importance of community, connection and compassion. At Daramalan College, we believe everyone should enjoy meals, good times, and a sense of belonging, especially during Christmas.

This year, we are excited to launch our annual Christmas Hamper Drive in Term 4, supporting Canberra City Care. We encourage all members of our community to contribute the following items:

- Jelly
- Mustards and Relish
- Custard Powder

These donations will then go towards creating hampers for those in our community who may need some support during the Christmas period. We are aiming at collecting 200 items per category – so please, next time you are at the shops, please think of helping out. Your donations will help bring joy and support to those in need, reflecting Daramalan's ethos of heart spirituality. Together, we can make this Christmas a time of generosity and hope for everyone. Thank you for your support!



## Counselling Team

### Preparing for the End of the School Year: How to Access Mental Health Supports and Counselling Services

As we are nearing the end of the school year, the Counselling Team would like to take this opportunity to provide students and their families with important information about accessing external Mental Health support beyond school counselling. Due to the nature of our Counselling Services, we will not be available to provide counselling outside of term time. Therefore, no counsellors will be available between **Wednesday 11 December** until **Monday 3 February**. Referrals will also not be available during this time.

Each year all current counselling students are discharged as clients at the end of Term 4. A new referral form can then be completed at the start of the next school year, which will also provide the Counselling Team with important and updated information about concerns should the student wish to recommence counselling in Term 1 the following year.

We recommend that students and their families access the various Mental Health and Wellbeing resources on the [Daranel Counsellors page](#).

We also recommend accessing the following external services – particularly over the Summer holiday but earlier if required - should a student and/or their parents/carers require Crisis or Mental Health support:

### Crisis Helplines and Support Services in the ACT/NSW



<https://headspace.org.au>



Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800



**Suicide Call Back Service**  
(all ages) – call  
1300 659 467

**REACHOUT**

<https://au.reachout.com>

**HEAD TO HEALTH**

Head to Health: 1800 595 212



Access Mental Health: 1800 629 354



Lifeline ACT: 131114



CAMHS Northside (02 5124 1407) or  
CAMHS Southside (02 5124 3133).

**ACT Mental Health Crisis Assessment and Treatment Team (MHCAAT)**  
Phone: 1800 629 354



1300 22 4636

## Business Studies

### Year 11 Business Students Visit Corin Forest

Year 11 Business students enjoyed an insightful and adventurous excursion to Corin Forest. They met with the Marketing Manager **Ashleigh**, who shared strategies for promoting the business including social media campaigns and targeting specific customer groups. Students were able to connect classroom theory with real-world marketing practices. Students also had the chance to experience the alpine slide, adding a fun twist to the day. This hands-on experience gave students a unique perspective on how businesses like Corin Forest attract visitors and create memorable experiences, enhancing their learning and providing valuable primary research for their upcoming marketing reports.



## Social Justice Class

### Year 9 Excursion

On Friday 18 October, **Mr Andrew Digan** took his Year 9 Social Justice Class to the National Gallery of Australia. The class was able to participate in the Made to Order programme where two Art Educators formed the class into groups and went to view and discuss the works that related to the issues they have researched. Then, in a first for the NGA, students were allowed to sit and develop their ideas in the Gallery itself. The Art Educator guided them during the workshop component of the excursion in how they can add depth to their initial ideas. I look forward to the final submissions that come from the class.



## Science

### Year 7

Our Year 7s recently enjoyed an enlightening talk from **Aaron Chatfield**, who shared his expertise on ecology and Indigenous culture. Aaron captivated the students by exploring the vital connections between the environment and Indigenous knowledge. He emphasised the importance of biodiversity and sustainable practices, illustrating how Indigenous Australians have harmoniously lived with the land for thousands of years.

The highlight of the session was his discussion on bush tucker, where he introduced native foods and their cultural significance. Students were fascinated to learn about various plants and animals, as well as their traditional uses for nourishment and medicine. Aaron even brought samples for the students to examine, sparking lively questions and discussions.



### Year 8

Year 8s have been learning about physical and chemical changes through hands-on experiments. They loved burning magnesium - the bright, white flame illuminated the room. They observed the magnesium ribbon changing from solid to a brilliant light, producing magnesium oxide as a new substance.



### Year 9

In Year 9, students delved into the fascinating world of hydropower dams, focusing on energy generation and its environmental impacts. They gathered data through hands-on experiments, examining how water flow is converted into electricity. This practical exploration allowed them to understand the mechanics behind hydropower while emphasising its renewable nature. As they compiled their findings for a practical report, students not only honed their scientific skills but also developed critical thinking about sustainable energy solutions.



## Science Cont...



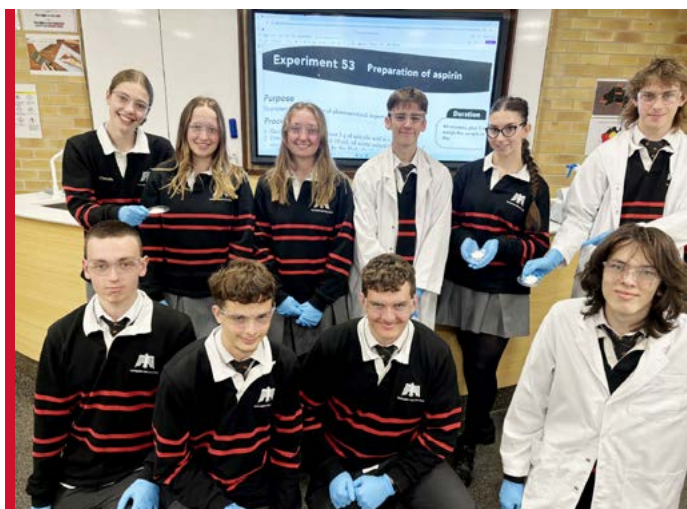
### Year 11

Year 11 Biology students investigated why cells are small by studying diffusion efficiency using cube agar models. They prepared cubes infused with a pH indicator, then immersed them in a solution. As the dye diffused into the agar, students measured the rate and extent of colour change over time. This hands-on experiment highlighted the relationship between surface area and volume, illustrating how smaller cells optimise nutrient and waste exchange. By gathering and analysing data, students gained a deeper understanding of cellular limitations and the significance of cell size in maintaining efficient biological functions.



### Year 12 Chemistry

Year 12 Chemistry students recently delved into the principles of green chemistry, focusing on how industrial processes can be optimised for sustainability. As part of their studies, they conducted an experiment synthesising the common pharmaceutical, aspirin!



### Competitions

Students participating in Science competitions often achieve remarkable success. These competitions provide a valuable platform for young Scientists to apply their knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and gain confidence in their abilities. The Science faculty is really proud of all our students who give these a go and would like to congratulate the students below for their achievements:

#### Junior Olympiad

High Distinction: **Sean Loney** (Year 10)

Distinction: **Joe Komoroth** (Year 7)

#### ICAS – Science

Distinction: **Kenneth Le** (Year 12) and **Joe Komoroth** (Year 7)

Credit: **Rachel Nicol** (Year 9)

#### ICQ

Distinction: **Sebastian Abbondante** (Year 11), **Kenneth Le** (Year 12) and **Heath Eggerton** (Year 12)

Credit: **Samuel Bethune** (Year 12)

## Technology and Design

### Year 8 STEM Challenge

The Year 8 STEM Challenge engaged students in an exciting hands-on learning experience through designing, building and racing Helicar and CO2 Racers. This event provided an excellent opportunity for students to apply concepts of physics, engineering and teamwork in a competitive yet educational environment.

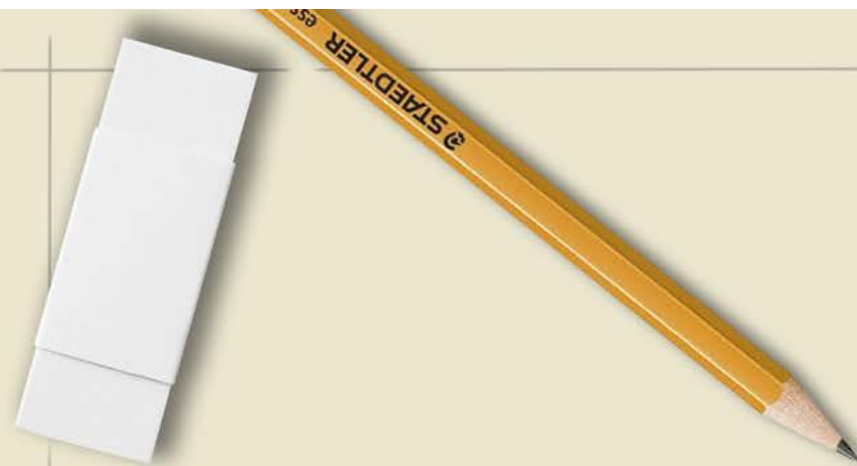
Students were tasked with designing and constructing either a Helicar (powered by propellers and small motors) or a CO2 Racer (powered by carbon dioxide canisters). Both vehicles then competed in separate races, where the goal was to achieve maximum speed and efficiency. Prizes were awarded for the fastest cars, best designs and innovative engineering solutions.

### Robotics Regionals Finals

Daramalan College hosted the VEX Robotics - Canberra/ Goulburn Regional Finals on Tuesday 22 October.

Four schools were represented from the area including Snowy Mountains Grammar School, St Clare's College, Goulburn High School and Daramalan College. Fifteen teams competed in the three competition elements where they designed, built and operated robots in the 2024 VEX competition field. Former Daramalan teacher **Mr Michael Brady** was involved as a judge on the day. Four of our Year 10 students, **Thomas Neighbour, Tristian Tierney, Sean Loney** and **Roy Halliday** maintained a smooth flow of games whilst refereeing the different competition elements. Unfortunately, our three teams did not qualify for the Nationals but were involved in some engaging competition games. Students involved: **Sammy Bolitho, Ethan Fattore, Manny Kama, Logan Lewis, Mikko Taylor, Rylan MacFarlane, Zach Rawlins** (Year 7), **Micheal Howlett, Lachlan Huby, Dylan Johnston, Lachlan Sprague** and **Daniel Watson** (Year 9).





# deGAFF

official opening:  
**6pm monday 11 november.**

open recess and lunch  
**tuesday 12 and wednesday 13 november.**

location:  
**mccowage hall**

deGAFF is an annual exhibition and celebration of projects completed in design and engineering, graphics, automotive, fashion, and furniture.



DARAMALAN  
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# WORDS UN BOUND

*Visual arts  
exhibition*

OPENING NIGHT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

2024 AT 6PM

JOE WOODWARD THEATRE

SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD 10AM-3PM

Free entry

Artwork by Rowan Owen





# Daramalan Theatre Company

## THE HEART

Daramalan Theatre Company's first production in the new Joe Woodward Theatre, **The Heart**, had a most successful opening on Saturday 12 October and followed up with two further performances on Friday 18 October and Saturday 19 October.

The production was designed specifically for this occasion to give special value to the Issoudun space at Daramalan and its lineage. Drawing on the Jules Chevalier precepts for journeying to the heart of ourselves and our cultural heritage, **The Heart** incorporated actors in dramatic roles, dancers creating new works, a band and vocalists, a choir, a visual artwork and media presentations along with hospitality offered via a café and bar for audience members. We also saw specific footage from some DTC productions offered over the past 25 years and some testimonials of Performing Arts alumni who spoke of their industry careers since leaving school.

The cast, musicians, choir, dancers and crew worked tirelessly to create a most original work to focus our community on the value and need for creative investment in the Arts and cultural expression. This focus will no doubt inspire and draw critical attention to future productions and utilisation of the Issoudun complex and the theatre.

Our next major theatre production is **Romeo and Juliet** in 2025.



## AUDITION NOTICE FOR ROMEO AND JULIET

Daramalan Theatre Company Auditions for **Romeo and Juliet** in 2025 are on **Sunday 10 November** 10.00am to 1.00pm. There will be an interview follow up in the following week. Potential cast **MUST** be available for an intensive at Burrill Pines on Monday 16 December – Friday 20 December. Furthermore, rehearsals will be conducted over five days: Mondays 3.45pm - 5.45pm, Tuesdays 3.45pm - 5.45pm, Thursdays 3.45pm - 5.45pm, Saturdays 10am – 5pm and Sundays 10am – 5pm ... Though not all cast will be needed for all those times. Tempted? Click on the link and complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/z0BH9vzDmJ>

## Wakakirri

### Daramalan College Receives Major Award in National Wakakirri Festival

I am thrilled to share that Daramalan College has received a National Award for Excellence in storytelling, raising awareness and the Performing Arts for our 2024 Wakakirri Story-Dance Festival performance, *Belonging to Broadway*.

Wakakirri is Australia's largest performing arts event for schools, with 180 schools participating this year. Inspired by Wakakirri's ethos that "great stories inspire change", schools are encouraged to create story-dances that reflect students' thoughts, ideas and aspirations.

Wakakirri Festival Director **Adam Loxley** praised the performances, stating, "The standard this year was exceptional, so Daramalan College should be very proud of their award. This acknowledgement reflects the high quality and creativity that Daramalan College brought to their participation in the Wakakirri festival".

Our piece, *Belonging to Broadway*, depicted the journey of a passionate individual striving to find a place where they truly belong — both in the world of Broadway and within themselves. Through perseverance, passion and resilience, they ultimately realise their dreams. The story ends with a powerful message of perseverance and the realisation that hard work, passion and resilience can lead to achieving one's dreams.

Wakakirri Ambassador **Danielle White** called the Dance Companies performance "a spectacular and polished celebration of the journey *Belonging to Broadway*".

I'm incredibly proud of the 40-plus students from Years 7-12 who dedicated their time and talents to making this production such a success. Their commitment and creativity shone through every aspect of the performance, and it was a real testament to the talent we have at Daramalan College. It was a joy to watch our story come to life on stage.

The entire process not only allowed us to put on an amazing performance but also brought our Dance community closer together. We can't wait to do it again next year!

**Ms Jessica Haynes**



## Music

It has been a busy time for the Music department. In late September, all the ensembles had the opportunity to perform at Floriade. The weather was beautiful and the crowd was appreciative. All the groups played exceptionally well, making it a wonderful preparation for our next adventure—the Music Tour to Melbourne.

On the last Friday of Term 3, 55 excited students boarded the bus to Melbourne for a five-night stay. A great time was had by all as we performed three concerts, watched *Beauty and the Beast*, and enjoyed a thrilling experience at the Royal Melbourne Show!

Last Monday, we held our first Music Performance Evening in the Joe Woodward Theatre. It was a privilege to perform in such a beautiful space. All the ensembles played brilliantly, the audience enjoyed the variety of music and the enthusiastic performances.

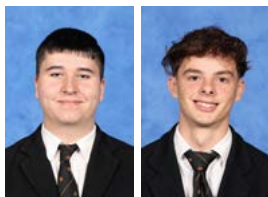
This is a great time to learn an instrument! Come and enjoy the amazing Issoudun Building. Our drum teacher is looking to build his numbers. Places are also available for flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, electric and bass guitar, vocals, violin and cello. Please see **Mr Michael Jackson** or **Ms Michelle Coggan** for further details.



# Basketball

## Most Games Played

Tom Brazel	17
Sebastien Shirley	17
Zac Tyrie	17
Elliott Barnes	16
Alex Beake	16
Jacob Eaton	16
Isla Lane	16
William Paterson	16
Amalija Stravopodis	16
Lucas Ceely	16



## Most Point Scored

William Paterson	305
William Canavan	298
Edward O'Brien	251
Sebastien Shirley	218
Achol Agok	214
Charlotte Robertson	208
Thomas Inwood	200
Emmanuel Shirley	198
Cooper White	196
Logan Ramage	193



## Most 3 Pointers

William Paterson	31
Ethan Gregory	26
Ishveer Gosal	18
Noah Evertsen	16
Carlos Patriarca	16
Cooper White	14
Zac Tyrie	14
Thomas Inwood	13
Matthew Scherl	10
Ryan Mitchell	10



## Most 2 Pointers

William Canavan	126
Edward O'Brien	96
Charlotte Robertson	96
Sebastien Shirley	92
Achol Agok	89
William Paterson	81
Emmanuel Shirley	79
Logan Ramage	76
Tom Brazel	72
Alexander Clarke	71



## Most Unsportsmanlike Fouls

Vincent Fabjanowski - 3

## Most Technical Fouls

Zac Tyrie - 2

## Most Foul Shots

Cooper White	52
William Paterson	50
Amalija Stravopodis	49
Edward O'Brien	38
William Canavan	37
Emmanuel Shirley	37
Thomas Inwood	31
Chase Obranovic	29
Sebastien Shirley	28
Mya Lomu	28



## The Dennis Rodman Category for Foul Based Awards

### Most Personal Fouls:

Tom Brazel	46
Isla Lane	45
Edward O'Brien	44
Amalija Stravopodis	44
Elizabeth Hearn	44
Joel Kennedy	42
Josie Anderson	41
Hugh Almond	40
Jake Hinder	37
Sunday Minerds	37



## Boys Player of the Year:

For the second year running, it is hard to go past **Wil Paterson** (Year 12). Wil has only been at Daramalan College for two years, however he has transformed our Boys U19 JPL team. Wil has taken this team to the next level and had them competing for the title both seasons. Throughout the season for all Daramalan students, Wil finished:



- First in most points scored (305)
- First in three pointers (31)
- Most amount of points in a single game (39 in the Grand Final)
- Second in most foul shots (50)
- Second (tied) in games played (16)

Congratulations on a fantastic season Wil, we are extremely proud of everything you have accomplished during your time at Daramalan College.

## Girls Player of the Year:

**Achol Agok** (Year 11). Achol plays in our 19 JPL team and had a stellar season yet again winning the MVP award. Achol finished the season with the highest points scored amongst all our girls and the second most field goals. Due to her exceptional performances this year, Achol was selected in the ACT team to play at the National Championships earlier this year and played a key role for the ACT team. Achol has also been training with the Canberra National Basketball team throughout the year. Thank you Achol for all you are doing for Daramalan Basketball, you were a big part of our success this year in the Girls JPL division. We all look forward to seeing how you go in Year 12 in the Winter 2025 season.



## Basketball Cont...

### Student Coach of the Year:

**Tom Foot** and **Knox Petrovic** (Year 9) have both done an incredible job this year. The boys coached our U14 D3 Boys team and they brilliantly led this team onto the Grand Final. This was Tom and Knox's first year coaching Basketball and they have done an outstanding job. Not only did they offer the boys in these teams fantastic advice and guidance in relation to developing their Basketball skills, but they forged an extremely strong bond with all the boys and have been exemplary role models. Thank you to Tom and Knox for all your hard work this year!



### Team of the Year:

The U19 D1 Boys had an incredible year, with a strong season finishing in third place. The Semi Final against Marist was an extremely hard fought game, with the boys winning with a close result. The boys then went on to play a strong Queanbeyan team who finished in first position in the Grand Final. The boys started the game well and built a solid lead which Queanbeyan could not come back from, and the boys ended up winning the Grand Final 43-31. Well done!



### Grand Final of the Year:

The U19 D2 Boys Grand Final was an absolute epic! This was a Dara v Dara Grand Final and was always going to be a bittersweet game. Both these teams had played each other numerous times throughout the year with results going both ways so the Grand Final was always going to be close. The Daramalan White team went out to an early lead and managed to hold on for the vast majority of the game. The game came down to the wire and with only seconds left on the clock – **Vincent Fabjanowski** (Year 12) managed to get the steal and run away and score a last second winning lay-up! Congratulations to both teams on an epic Grand Final played in great spirits.



### Visit from the UC Capitals

The Daramalan College community recently enjoyed an inspiring visit from members of the UC Capitals, Canberra's premier women's Basketball team. The Capitals, renowned for their success and commitment to promoting women in sports, led two memorable days filled with insights and hands-on learning for students passionate about Basketball.

On Wednesday 23 October, Capitals players **Chantel Horvak** and **Meg Jefferson** come in for a Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to engage directly with the players, learning about their journeys, challenges and the dedication required to succeed at an elite level.

Questions ranged from training routines and nutrition to mental resilience, providing students with a holistic view of what it takes to compete at the top.

On Wednesday 30 October, the Capitals players led a skills session on the court, allowing students to work closely with professional players. Dribbling drills, shooting practice and agility exercises gave students a taste of the intensity and discipline needed in professional Basketball. For many, this was a chance to learn from their role models and refine their techniques under the guidance of seasoned athletes.

The UC Capitals' visit left a lasting impression on Daramalan students, who gained invaluable insights and motivation from their interactions. As the Capitals continue to empower the next generation of players, the Daramalan College community looks forward to cheering them on in their upcoming season. Best of luck for the season!



### U14 National Championships

**Milla Lane** (Year 7) and her U14 ACT Girls' team had a very successful week in Melbourne at the National Club Championships at the end of last term. They played 9 games in total and came away as Champions of the Shield Division, convincingly beating the Warwick Senators from WA in the Grand Final. This is the best performance of an ACT U14's team at the National Championships in a number of years.



### BACT Summer Season

Basketball is back to being a year-round sport at Daramalan College and last weekend we saw the commencement of the BACT Summer season. The highlight of the weekend was seeing our Year 7 2025 students don the Daramalan singlet for the first time and represent their new school. Most impressively, all of our U14 teams (which is largely made up of Year 7 2025 students) went through the weekend undefeated, with one draw and all the other teams winning. Best of luck to all of our teams in the Summer comp!

## Cricket

The 2024/25 Cricket season is now officially underway! The Stage 2 Gold and Colts teams played their first round at the end of the school holidays with some great success. Stage 2 Black and Red were finally able to take the field in Round 2 after the first games were washed out, achieving one win and one loss. So far, there has been some real excitement at training with new and returning players all enjoying the first few rounds of the competition.

The Daramalan First XI has had a blinding start to the season winning 4 of 5 games, including a massive score of 3/274 in a T20 match, beating the Melbourne Stars Big Bash League record of 2/273 by one run! A massive congratulations to the two centurions so far – **Llandan Vergano** (Year 11) scoring 106 off 51 balls including 14 4s and 3 6s, and **Cael Heenan** (Year 10) scoring 104 off 49 balls including 16 4s and 3 6s. Also, congratulations to **James Harmer** (Year 12) who has scored two rapid fifties in the season so far.

It is not too late to join for the season if you are or were considering playing! If you would like some more information, please contact Mr Callum Brown [callum.brown@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:callum.brown@daramalan.act.edu.au)



## Rowing

Daramalan Rowing embodies a profound commitment to discipline and dedication, as athletes rise early to embrace the serene beauty of the lake, gliding over its surface in the crisp morning mist or under the warm glow of the afternoon sun. Each training session, whether amidst the peaceful quiet of dawn or the tranquil embrace of late-day reflections, fosters not only physical strength but also a deep connection to nature and the camaraderie that begins to form among teammates. These shared experiences lay the foundation for strong friendships and bonds, reinforcing the spirit of teamwork and resilience that defines the Daramalan community.

With much anticipation, our rowers look forward to the first regatta of the season, a highlight that excites not only the athletes but also their families. As we host and compete, this event brings everyone together, creating lasting memories and a strong sense of community, where the hard work of early mornings and after-school trainings culminates in a celebration of teamwork and achievement on the water. We wish our rowers, families and affiliated schools the best of luck as we embark on this exciting journey together!



## Oztag

Round One of the ACT OzTag Wednesday night competition kicked off at the Kaleen Playing Fields on Wednesday 23 October. Daramalan has a total of nine teams entered in the competition, with seven of the teams comprising of students from the Year 7 2025 cohort. The focus of participating in the Oztag competition is to help the current Year 6 group meet new faces ahead of the transition to the College next year.

It is great to see some of our current students also choosing to represent the College, many of whom have played in the Year 6 teams in previous years.



Congratulations to the following Daramalan students who were selected to represent ACT Cougars Oztag at the Australian Nationals in Coffs Harbour, held from Friday 18 October -Monday 21 October. The following students played games against teams from across NSW and QLD:

### ACT 12 Boys

Lachlan Higginbotham  
Eli Casey

### ACT 13 Girls

Charlie Southwell  
Charlotte Power  
Grace Kelly  
Mia Lane  
Ruby Sheehan

### ACT 13 Boys

Brody Press  
Bryson Hopman  
Cohen Morey  
Jack Gilligan  
Lachlan Wyeth  
Luke Jenkins  
Will Patterson

### ACT 14 Girls

Addison Fordham  
Ella Higginbotham  
Millie Henderson

### ACT 15 Girls

Emily Reid  
Hayley Reardon  
Isla Lane  
Zoe Quigley

### ACT 15 Boys

Charlie Ravouvou  
Cooper Leslie  
Eroni Camaivuna  
Harry Craft  
Lewis Jones  
Riley Wyeth  
Thomas Connolly

### ACT 16 Girls

Abby Jones  
Frankie Cappello  
Georgia Patterson

### ACT 16 Boys

Cooper Power  
Luke Grocott  
Mitch McGrory

### ACT 17 Girls

Annie Reid  
Billie Withers  
Lily Quigley  
Sara Small

### ACT 17 Boys

Ilija Scerba  
Samuel Murray



## Rugby Union

As the season draws to a close for all Daramalan teams, we're proud to spotlight a few exceptional students who have continued to represent our region through their selection in the ACT Brumbies Under 16's.

### Congratulations to our Daramalan stars:

- **BJ Pumpa** (Year 11) – Named Captain of the Under 16's
- **Aidan Wunsch** (Year 10)
- **Ethan Armstrong** (Year 10)

In a competition that mirrors the fierce competition of the Australian Super Rugby teams, the ACT Brumbies Under 16's showcased their skills, putting up a valiant fight against powerhouse teams like the Waratahs and Queensland Reds.

The games held at Viking Park provided an excellent opportunity for the Daramalan Rugby community to come together and cheer on our talented players.

We commend the outstanding efforts of all involved in the program. The skills and experiences gained during this season will undoubtedly enhance the rugby abilities of our young athletes.



## Touch Football

### Touch Football School Sport Australia Championship

Students represented SSACT U12 and U15 Boys and Girls teams from Sunday 20 October to Friday 25 October at the Touch Football School Sport Australia Championship in Queensland. U15 Girls and U12 Boys won Bronze medals, U15 Boys teams finished 4th and the U12 Girls team finished 5th. **Zoe Quigley** (Year 9) received the encouragement award for her individual efforts.

#### U15 Girls:

Lily Pickering  
Hayley Reardon  
Zoe Quigley  
Neve Luckie  
Sophia Dawe

#### U12 Girls:

Brooke Reardon  
Maddison Bartle

#### U12 Boys:

Lachlan Eastburn

#### U15 Boys:

Charlie Ravouvou  
Eroni Camaivuna  
Liam Beeten  
Ryley Power  
Lewis Jones





## DARAMALAN CAREERS WEBSITE

**Please contact Annette Brady on 6245 6394 or [careers@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:careers@daramalan.act.edu.au)**

On Thursday 24 August, a small group of Year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to visit the Canberra City Police station and talk to members of ACT Policing about careers and policing roles. This was a unique opportunity and we are very grateful to ACT Policing for their time.



### Book an Appointment with the Careers Advisor

Students can now book a meeting time online through the [Daramalan Careers website](https://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/careers). If parents or guardians would like to attend for appointments before or after school, please email [careers@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:careers@daramalan.act.edu.au)

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

#### Friday 1 November

- ANU change of preference window opens
- UAC SRS: course preference deadline for round 1 SRS offers

#### Friday 8 November

- Excursion: CIT Skilling for Renewables
- UAC SRS: November Round 1 (SRS) offers released

#### Sunday 15 December

ANU change of preference window closes (some courses have earlier deadlines – please check [here](#))

#### Wednesday 18 December

UAC Undergraduate: change preferences for December Round 2 (ATAR) offers

### Excursion – CIT Skilling for Renewables

#### Friday 8 November

Interested students in Years 10 to 12 are invited to come to CIT for the opportunity to sample hands-on experience in selected renewables (solar, battery and electric vehicle technology, as well as cyber security). Information has been emailed to students. Contact **Ms Brady** for more information.

### ANU Key Dates and Processes

For students who received an ANU offer in September - The application portal will re-open on 1 November for change of preference and to upload supporting documents. The accepted offer must remain in the preference list to be valid.



## Careers News Cont...

### University Early Offers

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

### Year 12 2025 – ANU Applications

Current Year 11 students who are interested in applying to the ANU are encouraged to have a look at the ANU website and course offerings. Applications for the ANU open in March 2025. Please note – the ANU has removed the Co-curricular and Service requirement for 2025 applications.

### University of Wollongong Discovery Day

Year 11 students (Year 12, 2025) who are interested in applying to the University of Wollongong are invited to attend the UOW Discovery day in February. Please contact **Ms Brady** for more information and to register your interest.

### Women of STEM Scholarship Program - 2025 Applications Open Wednesday 18 December

The ACS Foundation has launched the Women of STEM Scholarship Program for women aged 18-20. These scholarships are open to female students entering their first year of a relevant\* STEM degree in 2025 at an Australian University (\*please check the website to ensure that the degree you are undertaking qualifies for the Women of STEM scholarship program). The Women of STEM Scholarship program is a national program and provides the successful candidates with financial grants of \$5,000 per year for the life of their university degree (maximum of 5 years). See [here](#) for more details.

### University of Sydney – Webinar: Discover the Journey to University

[Wednesday 13 November 5 – 6 pm](#)

Follow a High Schooler's steps to uni – explore the crucial decisions, gain an inside look at what drives aspirations, discover the support available and gather the practical insights needed to navigate the road to university.

### University of Sydney – Webinar: Bachelor of Wildlife Conservation (Taronga)

[Wednesday 6 November 4 – 4.30pm](#)

Designed for students who have a passion for animals and dream of making an impact in the wildlife conservation sector, this degree will provide highly sought-after skills and interactive, practical experiences in the field and onsite at Taronga Zoo.

### The Fashion Institute – Summer School

If students want to get more hands-on and creative, The Fashion Institute is launching a TFI Summer School in January 2025, which is a fantastic introduction to life at The Fashion Institute and an insight into what the industry has to offer. For students aged 16 and over.

**Date: Monday 20 January – Friday 24 January**

**Time:** 10am – 4pm AEST

**Location:** Sydney Campus, 55 Regent Street, Chippendale NSW 2008

**Cost:** \$500

[See here for more information.](#)

### University of Melbourne National Indigenous Business Summer School

The Faculty of Business and Economics is excited to announce that they will be hosting the [National Indigenous Business Summer School \(NIBSS\)](#) program once again in 2025! The program will run from **Sunday 12 January – Friday 17 January** and will be held on campus at the University of Melbourne. NIBSS is an exciting week-long program developed for Indigenous High School students entering Years 11 and 12 who are thinking about studying Business, starting their own business, becoming an entrepreneur or are simply curious about university study. All expenses of the program are covered (including travel/ flights, accommodation, meals, activities, gala dinner and merchandise). Students will also have the support of Indigenous student mentors throughout the week. For more information or to apply see [here](#).

### CIT Taster Programs – Introduction to Make-up/ Introduction to Lash and Brow

CIT is excited to let you know about 2 short taster programs available to College students in 2025 Term 1. Both taster programs are made up of a single Unit of Competency each. Please see attached a flyer with further information. If you are interested in the program, please register your interest by using the QR code provided on the flyer or by emailing [infoline@cit.edu.au](mailto:infoline@cit.edu.au)

### Certificate III in Arboriculture

Climb High Training is offering the course AHC30824 - Certificate III in Arboriculture to Daramalan College students who will be finishing their studies at the end of the year. This course is set to begin on **Tuesday 14 January**. There is a drop-in information session at the training yard at 880 Federal Highway Watson ACT on **Tuesday 12 November**, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Contact **Ms Brady** for more information.

### White Card course

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

### 2025 NECA School Holiday Program Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) is running a FREE Electrical Industry Introductory Program in the 2024/2025 school holidays. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### ADF Careers and Work Experience

[See here for upcoming events and info sessions.](#)

[See here for information on available Defence Work Experience opportunities.](#)

### Daramalan Work Experience Program

Students in Years 10 to 12 can undertake work experience placements with the approval of the College. Finding an employer is the responsibility of the student and there must be a meeting with **Ms Brady** to discuss the timing, legal requirements and documentation. Students may only attend work experience for one week during the semester. The completed 4-Way Agreement must be received by the College at least 7 days prior to the placement commencing. Contact [careers@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:careers@daramalan.act.edu.au) for more information.

# JOBS BOARD

## Surveying Cadetship 2025

Ellipse Surveying are offering a cadetship for 2024 Year 12 school-leavers. They are able to help with the costs related to cadetship studies, offer flexible working hours to fit around coursework, and provide wages that are higher than standard apprentice rates. Please see the attached flyer for more information or go to their [website](#).

## Accounting Cadetship 2025

Bonsella is a chartered accounting firm in Canberra. They are offering an undergraduate opportunity to the 2024 graduating class that have an interest in Commerce/Accounting and may be looking to further their studies in these fields. Please contact Ms Brady for more information or email your interest directly to: [Kirstie@bonsella.com.au](mailto:Kirstie@bonsella.com.au).

## ASBA Program with DEWR 2025

ATC (on behalf of DEWR) are seeking applications for the 2025 school-based IT apprenticeship. This program has been in place for over 8 years and has seen a significant number of young people progress to full time ongoing roles with DEWR and other Federal Government Agencies post Year 12. Students will undertake either a Certificate II Digital Media Information Technology qualification, or a Certificate III Information Technology qualification.

Students currently in Year 10 or Year 11 should register at: <https://austrg.workforceone.com.au/job-board/#/jobs/10>

The positions are identified as:

- Women in IT (2024 female students in Year 10 and Year 11)
- First Nations students (Indigenous students in Year 10 and Year 11 in 2024)

## Job opportunity – Broadcast Scheduler (7 REGIONAL)

7 Regional is currently recruiting for entry-level administration positions within the Scheduling Operations team in the Canberra Office. This is a fantastic opportunity for school leavers who are interested in pursuing a career in the media industry, offering an in-depth understanding from the ground up of how television is broadcast across the country. With extensive on-the-job training for accurate data entry, fast paced deadlines and collaborative teamwork, it is also a positive introduction for those looking to enter the workforce but unsure where to start.

Location: Watson, Canberra ACT  
 Category: Client and Sales Administration (Administration and Office Support)  
 Work hours: Full time 38 hours per week – Monday to Friday

Email: [traffic.managers@seven.com.au](mailto:traffic.managers@seven.com.au)

## Carpentry Apprentice for 2025

Pichelmann Custom Building Services, and Pichelmann Maintenance and Minor Works

Staff work across the two businesses, giving apprentices a unique opportunity to learn a much wider range of construction skills than most get exposure to through an ordinary Carpentry apprenticeship. For more information, check out the website - [www.pichelmann.com.au](http://www.pichelmann.com.au) or their Instagram @pichelmannCBS and @pichelmann\_maintenancecanberra. Alternately apply by sending your resume to Eugene Haigh via this email address - [eugene@pichelmann.com.au](mailto:eugene@pichelmann.com.au).

## Full-time Traineeships – St Clare’s College Administrative Assistant Traineeship - Griffith – AFL Sportsready

## Inclusive Education Assistant - Griffith – AFL Sportsready

- Work on-site with St Clare’s College
- Supportive team environment
- Fully funded qualification
- Support from a dedicated AFL SportsReady Field Officer to help you achieve your goals
- If you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, you will also receive one-on-one mentoring support and networking

Applications close **Friday 8 November**

## Cabinet Making or Wood Machining Apprenticeships

We are a local award-winning cabinet making company, seeking to recruit Cabinet Making or Wood Machining apprentices. Our company is one of the largest manufacturers of custom joinery in this region and as such, we cover a large range of work. From detailed commercial projects to high end architecturally designed homes. We feel this presents a great opportunity for our apprentices as they get exposed to a broad range of skills.

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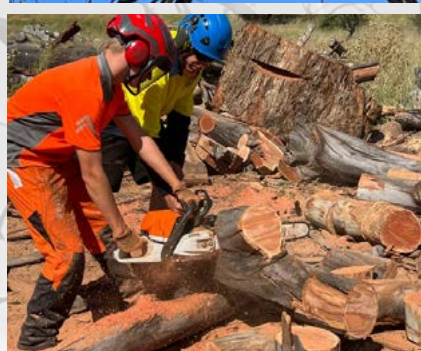
Enrol now for the AHC30824 Certificate III in Arboriculture, starting January 14, 2025, and finishing December 16, 2025.

Individuals with this qualification perform a range of arboriculture activities including, shaping and canopy management, tree health and remediation, environmental and habitat development, to tree dismantling and removal.

An **pop-in information session** will be held between **3:30pm - 4:30pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024** at the Climb High Training Facility at 880 Federal Highway WATSON. Feel free to pop-in at any time!

For further information, please contact us via email [ClimbHighTraining@gmail.com](mailto:ClimbHighTraining@gmail.com) or phone 0407 921 667

[www.ArboristsDontGrowOnTrees.com.au](http://www.ArboristsDontGrowOnTrees.com.au)





## Introduction to Makeup: A Taster Program

This six week Introduction to design and apply makeup course is the perfect opportunity for high school students interested in the beauty industry to explore essential skills in make-up application and customer interactions. This program offers hands-on experience and a strong theoretical foundation, designed to prepare students for entry-level roles in a salon or to pursue further education in beauty therapy.

- **Design and apply make-up:** Master the techniques for applying make-up for various occasions, tailored to meet clients' individual needs. A professional makeup brush kit will be provided to you as part of this course.

In addition to these specialised skills, students will cover key foundational topics, including:

- **Customer service skills:** Understand how to create a welcoming and professional environment for clients.
- **Preparing clients for services:** Gain knowledge on how to prepare clients for make-up and beauty services, ensuring comfort and quality.

This taster program offers a comprehensive introduction to beauty therapy, allowing students to explore a potential career path in the beauty industry. Join us and take the first step towards a rewarding future.



**Location:**  
CIT Reid



**Delivery mode:**  
Face-to-face

<b>Duration:</b>	Classes will run on Wednesdays for 6 weeks Week 5 – Week 10 of semester 1, 2025. 9:30am – 3pm
<b>How to apply:</b>	Students from years 11 - 12 will be selected to participate in this taster program by way of expression of interest (EOI). This program will commence once minimum enrolment numbers are met. Please follow the QR code link at the bottom to apply for this course. Please title your email: <b>EOI – Introduction to Makeup</b> Please also include your full legal name, age and college name along with a paragraph expressing your interest in this course. After submitting your expression of interest you will be contacted and invited to attend an information and enrolment session, which will be held at 4:30pm on <b>Monday 2 December</b> at CIT Reid.

### Units of competency

National ID	Unit of competency	Costs
SHBBMUP009	Design and apply make-up	\$250.00
<b>Total per student</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>



**For more information:**  
[cit.edu.au](http://cit.edu.au)  
[infoline@cit.edu.au](mailto:infoline@cit.edu.au)  
(02) 6207 3188

Prices are only valid for this taster program  
for semester 1, 2025

**To register your interest in the  
program, please apply here:**





# SURVEYOR cadetship



## WHAT IS SURVEYING?

A surveyor measures and maps land, property boundaries, and other physical features for various purposes.

## FIELD WORK + OFFICE WORK

Surveying offers a balance of outdoor and indoor work

You can decide whether you want to complete your surveying education at

**TAFE** or **university**

## SURVEYING ALLOWS YOU TO CHOOSE

# 70%



We conduct about 70% of our work on construction sites



# 30%

We conduct about 30% of our work on the computer



we can offer wages that surpass the typical apprentice rates

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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](mailto:arina.yakovtseva@daramalan.act.edu.au) or phone 6163 6523 for more information. Your small fee will go a long way to supporting our Scholarship Fund and your business will be promoted to the wider Daramalan College Community.

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

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### Corver and Co Chartered Accountants

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