

College

Newsletter



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St Mary MacKillop College Canberra



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Coming

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- Pupil-Free Day

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- Term 3 Begins
- Year 11 ATAR Seeker Interviews

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- Electives Information Evening
- Year 11 ATAR Seeker Interviews

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- NAIDOC Mass

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- Year 11 2024 Cooma Parent Information Evening

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- Year 12 Retreat Preparation

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- Year 12 Retreat departs
- Australian Mathematics Competition

THU 0 3 A U G

- Year 9 YAM
- Australian Mathematics Competition

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- Year 12 Retreat returns
- Australian Mathematics Competition



Principal's Letter

Principal's Prayer

Dear St Christopher, guide and protect all in our community who may be embarking on travels in the coming holiday period. Carry us safely to our destinations, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.



Dear parents/carers, teachers and students,

End of Semester Programs

Over the last two weeks of Semester 2, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have engaged in a variety of programs. I had the opportunity to visit all Year 7 students on their Year 7 Camp at Collaroy and Year 8 students who attended a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney and St Mary's Cathedral. Year 8 have also participated in First Aid training and activities to develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Year 9 have spent two days at the St Peter's Campus to aid in their transition into Year 10. This week students in Year 10 have had Reflection and Recreation Days and travelled to Sydney for the "unfolding adventure" that is the Urban Challenge.

Each of these events enabled students to experience valuable learning opportunities outside of the classroom and that add to the sense of community within the College. I am grateful to the many staff who have made these experiences possible through a great deal of planning and for taking time away from other commitments, including their own families, to ensure that our students have access to these activities and the skills and the benefits they bring.

Building Programs

At the start of Term 3 building programs will commence on each Campus of MacKillop. These have been long planned for and will bring necessary facilities and resources to ensure the best possible delivery of the curriculum in Physical Education at the Padua Campus and in Performing Arts at the St Peter's Campus. The current facilities are inadequate and the new buildings due for completion in September 2024 will be advantageous for many generations of students attending MacKillop. The construction has been planned to ensure minimal impact on teaching and learning over the duration of the project. The facilities will include:

Physical Education facility – Padua Campus

- two indoor basketball courts and multi-purpose space
- one outdoor court
- three classrooms
- a fitness centre
- change rooms
- staffroom

Performing Arts Centre – St Peter's Campus

- 376 fixed seat theatre (with possibility for an additional 100 temporary seats)
- dance room
- drama room
- music rooms
- staffroom
- change room and make-up space

There are some images of each building program on the next page that may be of interest.

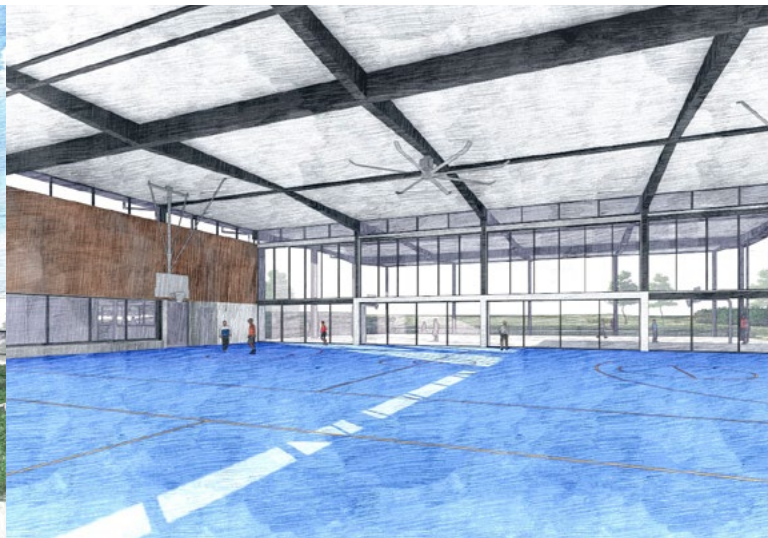
MacKillop Alumni leads the Wallaroos

Past student of the College, Michaela Leonard (Class of 2012), has been a representative of Australia in the sport of rugby union for a number of years, including participating in the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup. Last night, the Wallaroos played the New Zealand Black Ferns, in which Michaela captained her country for the first time. This is an outstanding honour for Michaela and is reflective of her commitment and application to her chosen sport over many years, dating back to when she played rugby union for MacKillop. Michaela is one of many past students of MacKillop to represent their country with distinction. Congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lachlan McNicol • College Principal (Acting)





Building Works

Construction of the PE Facility at the Padua Campus (top two images) and Performing Arts Centre at the St Peter's Campus (bottom images) will commence in Term 3.



Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp was awesome! We engaged in a variety of unique activities and challenges that helped us develop many different skills, and was a great opportunity to form new friendships with people that you would not normally hang out with.

Our PC classes favourite activities were the drop pole, giant swing, rock climbing and abseiling. During these activities we encouraged each other to face our fears and to do our best. We were given the opportunity to develop skills that could be used for our future growth.

We had an awesome view of the ocean from the deck and whilst on the giant swing, if you kept your eyes open at the highest peak, you were able to experience a 360 degree view of Collaroy which included the water and outfacing cliffs. Camp Collaroy challenged us to step out of our comfort zone.

We watched movies, the State of Origin and competed in a games night – the games didn't just challenge the students but our teachers as well. After dinner all Year 7 participated in a Liturgy. This time allowed us to reflect on our Year theme of THRIVE and acknowledge the people in our lives for which we are grateful.

Overall camp was an amazing experience that was fun and filled with new opportunities and friends.

Lily Christian & Stella Taylor • Year 7





Year 10 Urban Challenge

This week, Year 10 took part in the Urban Challenge. We went away to Sydney for three days to complete all sorts of fun and challenging activities while working as a team. We were put into groups with people who we weren't necessarily friends with before this camp, however by working together and using our different roles to help us get to our destinations on time and safely, meant that over the three days we created new friendships that many people will have forever.

As a group, we had to make our own way around Sydney with our Urban Challenge guides and our teachers, catching trams, trains, ferries and buses to complete a range of activities such as scavenger hunts around Bondi Beach where we had to get creative when taking photos, a trip to Watsons Bay where we played ultimate frisbee by the water and explored the amazing lookouts, clue chases around Sydney which required lots of teamwork, and of course finding our own dinners and lunches for our team, which was definitely a highlight! We also spent some time cooking and preparing meals for the homeless, where we worked with a company called Kids Giving Back.

We went to places such as Spice Ally and Chinatown for dinner and explored different restaurants for lunch as well, making sure we had enough money to pay for everyone and looking for deals that could give us left over money so we could treat ourselves with dessert or snacks.

While we were there we also had some fun night activities which included bowling and night ferries sailing past the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House, which was incredible! Not only did these activities bring everyone closer as a group but everyone also got some good laughs out of it as well. Urban Challenge was something that pushed everyone out of their comfort zones to create a stronger bond with different people around us, which helped us have the time of our lives and many memories that we will look back on and have forever.

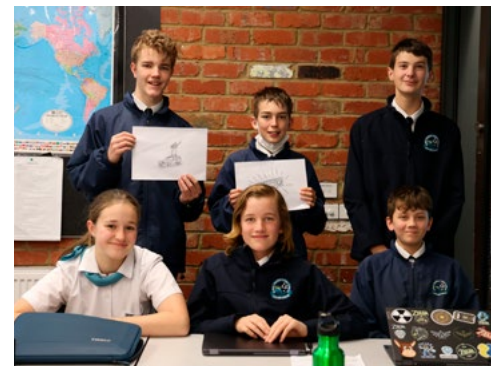




Write a Book in a Day Competition

On Tuesday 20 June, a group of around 140 students arrived at school to write, illustrate, and publish a book of 3500 words in just 12 hours. Each team was given strange and specific prompts, tasked to create a masterpiece. The finished books were sent to kids in hospital, giving them a sense of fantasy and adventure to brighten their days. This competition was also a fun way to help raise funds through sponsorships that go towards childhood cancer research. Needless to say, it was an exciting (if stressful) day, full of creativity and teamwork. Working together and creating something that went to a good cause was a very rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Zara Huber, Freia Huber & Emma Penca • Year 11 & 12





Year 8 Pilgrimage

The Year 8 Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place and St Mary's Cathedral was held last week. We gathered in the gym, boarded buses, and went off to Sydney early in the morning. Although the bus trip was long, it was enjoyable as we could talk with friends and play games together.

Our first stop was MacKillop Place, where we learnt about St Mary MacKillop's life and how she became a Saint. I enjoyed this stop as there were exhibits of her personal items and interactive displays of key moments in her life. Seeing her tomb and the chapel was very special.

We stopped to eat lunch in Hyde Park and proceeded with a tour of St Mary's Cathedral - where we used our worksheets to look at the features of this amazing Church. We enjoyed seeing the Cathedral as the architecture and history was outstanding and the glass art in the windows were almost unbelievable.

Although it was a long day, we enjoyed the Year 8 Pilgrimage exploring new places and meeting new people.

Jack Titmarsh • Year 8



Coastlife and First Aid

In Week 19, Year 8 participated in a day of activities in which half of the time was spent doing First Aid and the other half was devoted to Coastlife activities.

In Coastlife, we did team building activities based on leadership, communication and working together through approximately 6 rotations. One of the activities we enjoyed was the spider web activity where we had to work together to raise the tennis ball up; we also found the Pipe activity with the golf ball quite challenging

During First Aid, we learnt about what to do as first responders in an emergency situation. We did CPR, anaphylactic training with EpiPens, as well as asthma training with puffers. Some of our favourite parts was the bandaging of pretend wounds where we got to wrap up our friends. The First Aid activities were practical and I enjoyed the hands-on activities we got to engage in.

Eva Tine & Jules Owen • Year 8





Year 9 YLead and Transition Day

On 21 and 22 June Year 9 were able to visit the St Peter's campus and participate in a number of activities including the YLead program and the elective presentations.

The YLead program focused on leadership skills and what we can do to be better leaders. Over the day we experienced leadership activities and an interactive presentation, each giving us opportunities to step up as leaders and express our opinions about different topics. Year 9 loved this day and walked away with more knowledge about each other but also that leaders don't need badges, we should take all opportunities we are given and most importantly support each other in this new chapter of our lives.

The second day was a day for us to experience, explore and familiarize ourselves within the St Peter's campus and what it has to offer. The elective presentations provided information about the different subjects and provided an opportunity to meet the teachers who were very passionate about each topic. Some of the electives we got to experience were PE Pathways, Art, Hospitality and Textiles, Performing Arts, Industrial Design, STEM, Languages and HASS.

We can't wait for the New Year and new campus to have a chance to encounter different aspects of the workforce and a new chapter of our MacKillop journey.

Indi Kildey & Layla Smith • Year 9



SRC Report

As another term comes to an end, I would like to recap the school's fundraising efforts this Semester. We began the year by fundraising for Project Compassion, which we raised \$10,466.86 for across both campuses. The breakdown of this across the houses and campuses was as follows:

	Padua	St Peter's	Total
Mindygari	\$971.23	\$1,823.61	\$2,794.84
Gurabang	\$1,061.83	\$1,229.46	\$2,291.29
Meup Meup	\$1,084.13	\$1,452.13	\$2,536.26
Ngadyung	\$1,194.93	\$1,629.55	\$2,824.48
Total	\$4,312.12	\$6,134.75	\$10,446.87

Year 12 also successfully raised over \$73,000 for Relay for Life. This broke the previous school record and smashed the original goal of \$70,000. This amount was the second highest fundraising total in all of Australia. This was truly an incredible achievement by Year 12!

Meup Meup began House Charity fundraising back in Week 5 of Term 2. They did an excellent job raising money for MacKillop house. Padua raised \$1,072.42 while St Peter's raised \$1,448.03.

We can't wait to see what the remaining three houses have in store for fundraising next term! We will be beginning with Ngadyung in Week 2. Make sure to keep an eye out on social, as well as around the school and in PC for more information closer to these weeks.

I also wanted to thank everyone for the efforts put in so far! I have high hopes for a very successful year in terms of fundraising.

I hope everyone enjoys their break, and can't wait to get started again next term.

Toby Barber • Communications and Connections Captain

HopeFull Institute Presentation

On Tuesday 27 June Year 8 and 9 listened to a presentation by Glen Gerreyn, the founder and CEO of the HopeFull Organisation. Glen speaks to over 300 schools a year about the importance of taking action on a passion or talent. Glen's story began with two dollars in his pocket and a dream. After five years of his life were taken away by Ulcerative Colitis, Glen could finally begin his journey to success.

Throughout Glen's talk, he touched on the importance of staying committed to our passions. Commitment comes from our passion for our hobbies and interests, and although along the journey you may lose motivation, with time, you will gain the strength to remove the negative aspects which are causing your motivation to fade. Glen told us "No storm lasts forever. You need the rain and clouds to help you flourish". From this talk we were encouraged to go home and create a vision board that gave us the drive to begin our success journey. Glen stressed that we must pursue the smallest glimmer of passion in our soul and to never ignore it. In pursuing passions, he reminded us to not confuse commitment with routine, so that we can show up as a part of our routine, however continue our focus to training to the best of our abilities. We are beyond grateful to have had listened to Glen.

Laura Del Bianco & Matilda Viljakainen • Year 9



'AI-Robust' Assessment Design



The past three weeks have been a tremendous finish to a semester of learning. We saw the concentration and dedication of student as they completed their Senior exams and Junior assessment, as well staff, in collaborative discussion and ensuring timely, accurate and reliable grading of work – and in between all that, time for reporting, mod-packs, excursions, information nights, drama performances, camps, AST trials, course previews, transition days, Catalyst & High-Impact Teaching in classes, course counselling, camps and pilgrimages. I think it is fair to say that staff and students alike have earned their coming semester break!

Consistent with the ongoing discussion about academic integrity in the age of AI, on return from that break we will be implementing some new assessment strategies.

In previous newsletters the first two parts of our strategy to foster effective student learning in an AI-enabled world were discussed:

1. to promote intrinsic academic integrity by educating students about the value of their own thinking and their own academic voice.
2. removing opportunity and incentive for academic misconduct via the use of leading, reliable, AI detection tools, and following robust, fair, and consistent investigation processes and consequences.

However, our goal is not to catch students, but to provide them with opportunities to create their own high-quality work. Thus, the third part of the strategy is 'AI-robust' assessment design which allows for students to complete take-home style tasks while promoting academic integrity, supporting time management and giving students tools to defend the authorship of their work.

To achieve this, assessment templates will be adjusted embedding some practices which will help students organise their assessment time and defend the authorship of their work:

1. From the date of issue, students will need to share a cloud-based version of the document in which they will construct their assessment
2. In Year 11-12, there will be some mid-assessment check-in processes where they can demonstrate the development of work (in addition to the existing optional drafting process).
3. All tasks to be submitted via Turnitin for plagiarism and AI detection.
4. There will be a short, supervised validation component to all tasks – an opportunity for students to demonstrate they have learned the knowledge/skill of the task.

Many of these processes are already in place and they should not add any additional time and burden to teachers nor students. However, if there is an AI flag raised on tasks submission that starts an investigation process, students who have acted in good faith in this process will have clear evidence to demonstrate their academic integrity.

There will be more to discuss and explore as we learn more about the capabilities and opportunities and applications of AI in education. Our plans for Semester 2 are to ensure we all start this journey with academic integrity, student thinking and student learning and the heart of all we do in this emerging space. Thank you all for a wonderful semester of teaching and learning!

Tristan Burg • Assistant Principal Academic Care (acting)



Corpus Christi Feast Day Celebrations

On Friday 16 June, the Year 10 and senior Youth Ministry students participated in the Corpus Christi Feast day at Corpus Christi Parish. The students celebrated mass with Year 6 students from Holy Family Primary, St Clare of Assisi Primary and St Francis of Assisi Primary and led a range of games on the oval. The students demonstrated excellent leadership skills and were glad to have an opportunity to connect with some of their old primary schools.

Elsbeth Richardson • Year 10 CSYMA teacher





NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is celebrated in the first week of the holidays from the 3rd to the 10th of July with this year's theme being "For Our Elders".

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones. Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today.

Elders provide guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world. We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

As NAIDOC Week is in the holidays, activities have been conducted throughout Term 2 and more are planned for Term 3. As wonderful as it is to celebrate events like NAIDOC Week I would like to think that we are both celebrating and integrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and heritage all year round as part of our cross curriculum perspectives. Planned activities still to come this year include learning and playing Buroinjin, artwork and storytelling, bush tucker and an Archdiocesan Cultural Day. We look forward to sharing and celebrating culture and encourage you all to connect with all the different cultures represented in our community.

MacKillop Mob

Just a reminder that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to attend the annual NAIDOC Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka on Friday 21 July 2023 (Week 1 of Semester 2).

A permission note and information has been posted on the MacKillop Mob Canvas page and all students from Years 7-10 also received a permission note which was placed in PC folders.

Please return the note as soon as possible (by the end of Semester 1 is preferable) if you are intending on coming so we are able to let organisers and the bus company know approximate numbers. This can be done in person or the note can be scanned and emailed to: jeremy.margosis@mackillop.act.edu.au

Please note that although this is not a compulsory event, however, all students are encouraged to attend.

Jeremy Margosis • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Contact Teacher





INSPIRE 2023

Each year St Mary MacKillop College holds an art competition with the theme 'Inspire.' This competition is open to students in Years 7 to 12 and prizes are awarded in a number of categories. **Minimum size for artwork is A4** and the due date for **entries is Friday 25 August**. More information is available on the [College Website](#).

Francesca Miller • Visual Arts Coordinator (acting)

Variety Night Auditions

Can you sing, dance, act, do acrobatics, read a poem, are really funny, maybe do magic, or maybe even fit yourself through a tiny hoop? We have the opportunity for you!

Auditions for Variety Night will be coming up in the middle of Term 3, so get practising over the holidays and prepare for the audition!

More information to come, but get excited and get ready for a whole lot of Variety!

Katie Bissett • Performing Arts Captain

Music at MacKillop

Students can participate in our in-school instrumental tuition through the College. If you would like to take part or for further information, please speak with Ms Boulton or Mr South.

Instrumental tuition that is available:

- Woodwind** – Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
- Brass** – Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
- Percussion** – Drum Kit and Orchestral Percussion
- String** – Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Piano**
- Voice**

Our Ensemble Program:

Mon	MacKillop Choir	St Peter's	3:45-4:30pm
	PCoPA	St Peter's	4:30-5:30pm
Wed	Guitar Ensemble	Padua - Music Room	8-8:45pm
	Senior Wind Ensemble	St Peter's - Music Room	3:45-5pm
	St Peter's String Ensemble	St Peter's - ARC Theatre	3:45-5pm
Thu	Junior Band	Padua - Ensemble Room	8:15-9am
	Junior Strings	Padua - Music Room	8:15-9am
	Musical	Padua - Theatre	3:45-5:30pm
Fri	Padua Concert Band	Padua - Ensemble Room	8-9am
	Padua String Ensemble	Padua - Music Room	8-9am

Veronica Boulton
Director of Music & Performance

Semester 1 Sport

Students have been out to represent the College in a number of different sports in Semester 1. Individuals and teams have been out and competing in the following sports: Tennis, Water Polo, Touch Football, Rugby League 9s, Swimming, Athletics, Golf, Australian Rules Football, Volleyball, Football (Soccer), 3on3 Basketball, Cross Country and Rugby Union 7s.

Congratulations to the following teams on their successes:

- 7/8 Girls Union (winners of the ACT Girls Rugby Union 7s Competition)
- 9/10 Girls Touch Football (winners of the ASC Competition and runners up in the ACT Competition)
- 7-9 Girls and Boys Australian Rules Football teams (winners of the Southside Competition and will play in the ACT finals in Term 3)
- 11/12 girls 3on3 Basketball College Cup (winners)

Cross Country

Congratulations to Millie McCabe for becoming the 17+ Girls Champion at the ACT Cross Country and will compete at the National Championships in Canberra in August.

Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who placed first at the ASC Athletics Carnival:

- Maily Ngo in the 12 Girls 200m, 100m, Discus, Long Jump and Overall Age Champion
- Lily Christian in the 13 Girls Javelin
- Preston Redman in the 13 Boys Shotput
- Elise Swoboda in the 14 Girls 1500m, 800m
- Martina Flajnik in the 14 Girls 400m
- Mia Keen in the 14 Girls 200m, Long Jump, Javelin, Triple Jump and Overall Age Champion
- Nicholas Christian in the 14 Boys 200m
- Millie McCabe in the 17+ Girls 1500m, 800m



Student Achievement

Lucas Murray (Year 12) has been selected into the ACT School Sports Swimming team which will be attending the 2023 School National Swimming Championships in Sydney in late August.

Nicholas Christian (Year 8) has been invited by Little Athletics to attend a National combined events camp on the Gold Coast in October which has been coordinated by Heptathlon Olympic gold Medalist Glynis Nunn.

Laura Tarrant (Year 9) is recognised for her selection in the ACT U16 Indoor Cricket Team to compete at the National Championships in Ipswich.

Willow Kildey (Year 8), Ariella Paterson, Jade Paterson, Alana Fraser, Indiana Kildey, (Year 9), and Charlotte Cotter (Year 10) and have all been selected into the U15s ACT AFL Girls team to play at Nationals in late July.

Riley Masters (Year 8) will be representing the ACT in the U15's School Boys AFL in Ballarat in late July.

Charliese Virtue (Year 9) will be competing in the ACT U15's School Sports Netball Team Competition in Perth in August.

Olivia Maher (Year 7) has been selected to represent ACT in the School Girls Basketball in Perth in August.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

For 2023, the SHUS has supplied students with 522 uniform items (and still have Semester 2 to go). This is a fabulous achievement given that the total uniform items supplied in 2022 was 566. Together, we are making a positive and real contribution towards environmental sustainability. Well done 'Team SMMC'.

Remember, if you have need for a button, zipper pull, or jacket cord, the SHUS has a some supplies of these. Please email uniforms@mackillop.act.edu.au your requirements and I can get these to you.

Judy • Uniform Shop Coordinator

Census Privacy Collection Notice

The Australian Government Department of Education would like to advise all staff, parents and guardians that it will collect certain information about the College, its staff and student body as part of the 2023 Non-Government School Census collection. To view the full collection notice, [click here](#).

Fees

Term 3 2023 fee statements will be sent electronically in the upcoming holidays. Camp credits for students on approved leave have been processed and will be reflected on your Term 3 statement.

It is most important that you notify the College regarding any changes to your email address as this is our primary form of communication. Thank you to the families who have paid Term 2 fees. Any outstanding fees should be paid immediately unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved arrangements.

If you require more information regarding Direct Debit arrangements or other approved payment methods or are experiencing difficulty paying the fees please contact the Fees Office.

Michelle Predovan • Fees Manager

AST and Senior Exams

We would like to remind families of our senior students that AST will be held on 5 and 6 September and senior exams will be held between 13 and 17 November. We ask that families do not plan to have students out of school during those events.

Community News

Lowes 2 Day VIP Event

On Thursday 29 and Friday 30 June Lowes is having a 20% off everything VIP event both instore and online.

YWCA Holiday Program

The YMCA Canberra Youth Programs Team provides a free school holiday program for young people aged 10 to 25 in Tuggeranong.

If you are interested [click here](#) to read more.

Holiday Happenings

The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the programs, activities and events happening these holidays [click here](#).

AAS Cricket Holiday Camps and Skills Clinics

Catering to ages 6-17+, ACT Winter Holiday Cricket Camp will be held on 11-13 July at Reid Oval from 9am-3pm. Camp includes coaching from qualified and experienced coaches, a structured and enjoyable program delivered in a fun, team-based learning environment, with daily and weekly prizes up for grabs.

AASC Skills Clinics will run on Monday 10 July as 2-hour master classes suitable for intermediate to advanced players. Spots are limited. [click here](#) to book.

For any enquiries, please contact AAS Cricket Coaching's Head Coach (Holly Halford-Smith) on 0400 125 342 or activeallsports@outlook.com



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Disney **FROZEN** JR.



**At the Moira Najdecki Theatre
Padua Campus, Wanniasa**

**STUDENTS: \$20
ADULTS: \$30**

**Monday 7 August, 6pm
Wednesday 9 August, 6pm
Friday 11 August, 6pm
Saturday 12 August, 1pm
Saturday 12 August, 4pm**

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