



# Wrap Up

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Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

## Fifty Years of Galen!

This week we celebrate our 50th Anniversary – 50 Years of being Galen Catholic College!

Did you know:

- That the story of Galen is actually the story of three colleges – St. Joseph's College, Champagnat College, and Galen Catholic College – all coming together?
- The campus now includes 17 buildings across 5,900 square metres?
- Galen Catholic College is named after Father George Devitt Galen, the first Parish Priest of Wangaratta?
- The first Galen classes took place in St Patrick's Parish Hall?
- Max Fletcher was appointed in 1987 as the first lay principal?

We are so proud of our history, so proud of the deep roots that have established the strong traditions we can leap off, and from, into the future. We know that so many of our current community also have deep connections to the history of our school and we look forward to hearing all about these this week. Our heritage tours are fully booked on Friday this week, our Gala Event on Friday evening will be a wonderful celebration of all things Galen, and then we gather to celebrate Mass on Saturday to give thanks to all who have made this thriving community what it is today. I hope to see you at some of these events and hear some of the stories from the 'good ol' days'.

## Dr Jared Cooney Horvath – The Science of Learning

Thanks to those families who joined us online last week for the first of three sessions with Dr Jared Cooney Horvath, a world-renowned expert in the science of learning. A reminder to everyone that the second session will be online on Tuesday 9 September, I encourage you all to join in the learning.

## Orima Surveys

Last week, all our families were emailed an invitation to participate in the Orima Surveys. Your responses provide us with important information about our school culture, learning and environment. I encourage all families to complete the surveys as they provide us with a great insight into where we're doing well, but also where we could be improving. We are a large organisation, made up of humans, and so we know there are always things we could be doing better – the responses to these surveys give us a great guidance to ensure we're on the right track. Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey – we look forward to seeing huge response rates.

Take care,

*Shaun Mason* | **Principal**

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## Dates to Remember

**\*whole school event in red**

Aug/Sep

50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Tours	<b>Fri 29 Aug</b>
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Evening	<b>Fri 29 Aug</b>
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass	<b>Sat 30 Aug</b>
Year 12 Art – Benalla Gallery	<b>Mon 1 Sep</b>
Respectful Relationships Student Forum	<b>Wed 3 Sep</b>
Founders Day	<b>Thu 4 Sep</b>
VEX Robotics Competition	<b>Fri 5 Sep</b>
Year 12 Parish Mass	<b>Fri 5 Sep</b>

Thursday 4 SEPTEMBER



Lunch orders close  
**Thursday 28 August**

Click here to make  
an order



## Galen VEX Junior Teams Shine at Season's First Robotics Competition

On Thursday 21 August, the Galen VEX Junior Robotics Teams had an outstanding day in Albury, competing in the first tournament of the season. For many students, this was their first experience in competition, yet they demonstrated impressive skill, teamwork, and leadership throughout the day.

Our students not only showcased their technical abilities but also their character, stepping up to mentor, support, and encourage other teams. Their efforts and enthusiasm were rewarded, with Galen proudly taking home four of the five awards presented:

- Excellence Award
- Tournament Champions
- Skills Award
- Judges Award

We also extend our congratulations to Trinity College, who earned the Innovate Award.

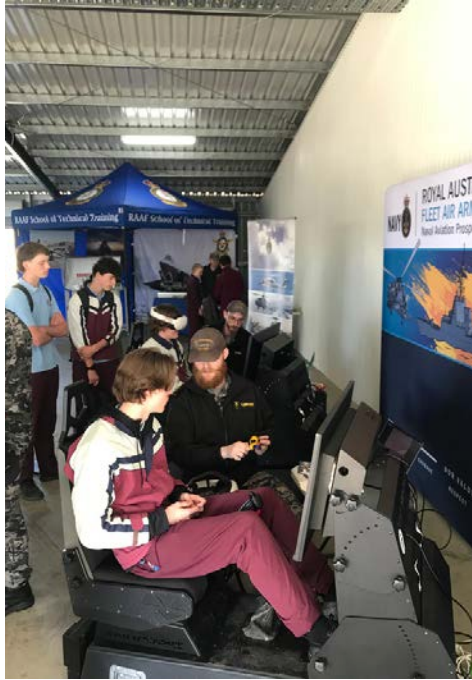
This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication of our students and staff in the robotics program, and we look forward to an exciting season ahead.





## Exploring the Future at Hands On Trades Expo

On Thursday 14 August, students from Galen visited the Hands On Trades Career Expo at Winton. The expo provided an exciting opportunity for students to explore a wide range of trades, speak with industry professionals, and get hands-on experience with different careers.





## Cultural Insights at the Ian Potter Museum of Art

The Year 11 Art students recently travelled to Melbourne to visit the Ian Potter Museum of Art and view the exhibition 65,000 Years: A Short History of Australian Art. Students caught the train to the city and then took the tram to the gallery.

The exhibition framed the key idea that art has been created on this continent for at least 65,000 years – from time immemorial – and that it is Australia's cultural perspective that has shifted to recognise the work by the First Australians as art.

Students encountered significant works by Albert Namatjira, who, during the 1930s and 1940s, painted in a colonial Western style in order to be accepted as the first Aboriginal to be given citizenship. They also viewed landmark Papunya Tula paintings from the 1970s, where artists used discarded building materials to depict Dreaming stories, creating works that became internationally renowned and celebrated, living culture.

The visit deepened students' understanding of how art is viewed through a cultural lens, and how historical and social contexts shape the way art is created, received, and valued. The experience provided inspiration and critical insight into the continuing legacy of First Nations art and its central place in Australia's cultural story.



## Creative Writing Comes to Life with Scot Gardner

As part of Book Week last week, 24 students from Years 7–12 took part in a half-day creative writing workshop with award winning author Scot Gardner. Known for his engaging young adult fiction, Scot led students through writing exercises, group discussions and lively Q&A, encouraging them to explore their voice beyond the classroom. He praised the group for their focus, curiosity, and respect, describing them as a joy to work with. Students left inspired, proud of their writing, and keen to continue reading and creating.







# YEAR 10 FORMAL

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER  
6-9PM

## DETAILS

**Location:** Galen Stadium

**Tickets:** \$5 per person (two guest tickets per student)

**Dress code:** Formal attire

*Students and guests to arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start*

SCAN QR CODE TO  
PURCHASE TICKETS  
OR CLICK HERE





## A Tree of Prayers and Hope

If you've walked past the tree between Room 4.10 and Building One, you may have noticed the colourful cards hanging from its branches. These are the heartfelt creations of our Year 11 Faith Leadership class.

The cards carry many forms of prayer - prayers of gratitude, prayers of supplication, prayers for self, for others, and for the world.

It has been wonderful to see students from different year levels pausing by the tree, reading the prayers, and reflecting on the messages shared.



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Photo credit: Eloise Sheridan









## WANGARATTA CLINICS

WANGARATTA SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

PREPARING FOR REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER - \$60

- 2026 11/U 9am-10:30am
- 2026 13/U 10:30am - 12pm
- 2026 15/U 12:30pm - 2pm
- 2026 17/U 2pm-3:30pm

COMMUNITY CLINIC

TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER - \$45

- 7-10 years 9am-10:30am
- 11-13 years 10:30am - 12pm
- 14-16 years 12:15pm - 1:45pm



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You are warmly invited to celebrate

**The 150th Anniversary**

of

**Holy Cross Catholic Church,**

2335 Whitfield Road Moyhu

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Thanksgiving Mass 10am

To be followed by a Light Luncheon and Historic Display  
at the Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall

Please RSVP by Wed. August 27 for catering and planning purposes.

Julie - 0458293572

Vicki - 0488 177 713

Joan - 0427 276 392

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13 September at 10.00am  
in St Joseph's Church Whitfield as part of the celebration

## WANGARATTA YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE on 19 September 2025

## Wangaratta Youth Art Exhibition January 2026

# EOI open now

Scan here to register

For young people aged 12-25 who work, live,  
school & play in Wangaratta

## N.E. BATTLE OF THE BANDS WANGARATTA HEAT

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SUNDAY OCT 26TH  
VINE HOTEL NTH WANG

REGISTER HERE

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Are you aged 10 to 19 and passionate about writing?

We invite you to explore your creativity and showcase your talent by submitting an original piece of writing.

This is your chance to develop your craft and imagination. Be heard and be celebrated.

Let your words make an impact—enter now!

### ENQUIRIES

Wangaratta Library  
21 Docker Street, Wangaratta 3677  
Phone: 03 5721 2366  
Email: library@wangaratta.vic.gov.au  
Entry form: facebook.com/WangarattaLibrary

### ABOUT THE AWARD

The Wangaratta Young Writers Award is run by the Rotary Club of Appin Park Wangaratta and Rotary Club of Wangaratta and is supported by Wangaratta Library.

The award recognises writing in two categories for which there is a first, second and third prize.

The award categories:

- Story (2000 word limit)
- Poetry OR song lyrics (50 line limit)

### AWARD NIGHT

An award presentation will be held on  
Thursday 9 October 2025 at Wangaratta Library



Download the entry form: facebook.com/WangarattaLibrary

## WANGARATTA LAWN TENNIS CROQUET & PICKLEBALL CLUB

# JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAY

## SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Come down to Merriwa Park  
and give tennis a try

Coaching & Competition  
information available

## FREE ENTRY

For more info contact  
Michelle on 0412 326 611

## Wangaratta FARMERS' MARKET

### with a special YOUTH MARKET

## Coming in November

Are you aged between 12 & 18?  
Would you like to have a stall  
at the November Wangaratta  
Farmers Market?

Register  
your  
interest  
here!

for more info youth@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

## Training, Placement & Transport

Help shape smarter transport for training and education.

We are investigating if transport is a major challenge for young people, job seekers  
and adult learners in accessing education and training opportunities.

The goal is to determine if a mobility program is needed and, if so, how could it work,  
and what models would be sustainable?

Visit Connect Wangaratta to have your say!  
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