



Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

As you'd be aware, **Galen Catholic College proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary** this year – a milestone that invites us to reflect on our rich heritage, the strength of our community, and the vibrant future we continue to shape together. Our recent Founders Day celebration captured this spirit beautifully, bringing students and staff together in a day of joy, connection, and shared purpose – a living expression of the values that have guided Galen for half a century.

Founders Day was a vibrant celebration of that rich legacy of family spirit, gentleness and presence. Students competed in House trivia, danced with enthusiasm in Just Dance, and cheered on their representatives in the Galen Great Race – ably refereed by Col McClounan and Pat Arcuri. The day was punctuated by an incredible lunch and we were entertained by our talented musicians and bands. The spirited display of House chants that echoed off the walls of the stadium was a great way to end the day. Congratulations to Glowrey House, who claimed the Founders Day Cup with pride and passion!

At our Founders Day Assembly, we were joined by Monsignor Cris, and we also launched our **new college artwork created by Troy Firebrace**. This artwork, blending Indigenous tradition with digital creativity, serves as a powerful symbol of how we honour the past while embracing the present and imagining the future. It reminded us that tradition is not something fixed in time – it is alive, evolving, and deeply personal.

As one of the newest members of this community, I've been struck by the warmth, energy, and **sense of belonging that defines Galen**. Whether in classrooms, on stage, or out on the oval, our students and staff embody the spirit of a school that doesn't just exist in the community – but for it.

Here's to the next fifty years – and to the legacy we continue to build, together. May it be filled with heart, humour, and hope.

As we head towards the end of Term 3, we keep our Year 12 VCE students in our prayers as they commence planning and preparation for their VCE exams. **Trial exams** commence in the holidays and continue early next term. We pray that they can maintain focus and maintain speed as they begin thinking about the next adventures that await them after their time with us. May they be lifted up and supported during this potentially high-stress time.

Take care,

Shaun Mason | Principal

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Dates to Remember

***whole school event in red**

Sep/Oct

Year 12 Wear Your Pjs Day	Fri 12 Sep
Year 10 Formal	Tue 16 Sep
North East Health Volunteers High Tea	Wed 17 Sep
Italian Camp departs	Wed 17 Sep
RCOW Local Government Careers Expo	Thu 18 Sep
Last day of Term 2	Fri 19 Sep
VCE Practice exams Unit 3/4	Thu 2 – Wed 8 Oct
Start of Term 4	Mon 6 Oct
Elmore Field Days Excursion	Wed 8 Oct
Arts & Technology Exhibition	Thu 9 Oct

Celebrating our Learning Mentors!

From 1-5 September, schools across Australia marked Teacher Aide Appreciation Week – a time to recognise the invaluable contribution of Learning Mentors and Teacher Aides.

At Galen, our Learning Mentors play a vital role in supporting students' learning and wellbeing every day. They offer encouragement, guidance and care, helping to ensure that each student has the opportunity to grow and thrive.

We are grateful for their dedication and commitment, and this week we took the time to acknowledge the difference they make in the lives of our students and staff!



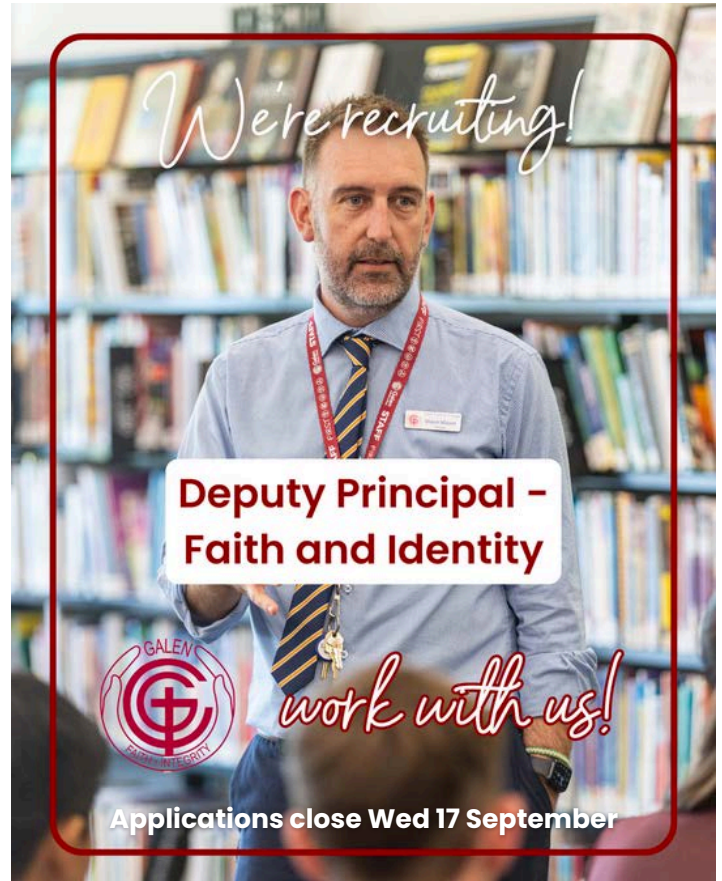
Visit from a Neighbours Star

Our senior Music and Drama students, recently had the exciting opportunity to hear from a special guest speaker with first-hand experience in the entertainment industry – cast member Majella Davis who plays Krista from the long-running Australian television series Neighbours.

Drawing from her own experiences in television and theatre, Majella shared valuable insight about the journey from drama and music education to landing professional roles, and the dedication it takes to build a lasting career in the industry. Students gained insight into looking at the audition process, the importance of resilience, networking, and continuous learning in such a competitive field.

The session was engaging and inspiring, with students asking thoughtful questions and receiving honest, practical advice about how to break into the industry – and stay in it.

Opportunities like this are an incredible way to bridge the gap between classroom learning and the professional world. A huge thank you to Majella for taking the time to visit and share her experience and expertise with our aspiring performers.



**Got a Galen story to share?
We'd love to hear it!**

Send your contributions to
news@galen.vic.edu.au

Measuring Up: Year 10 Mathematics in Action

Year 10 Mathematics students have recently been applying their knowledge of trigonometry to real-world problems involving angles of elevation and depression.

One of their learning tasks was hands-on: students constructed their own clinometer – a tool commonly used by engineers and surveyors to measure angles. Using these devices, they measured the angle of elevation of a building and then calculated its height by applying the correct trigonometric ratios.

This activity gave students the opportunity to see how mathematics is used beyond the classroom and to develop practical skills in problem-solving and measurement.



Artist in Residence

We are delighted to welcome renowned Australian artist Kirrily Anderson to our school community. Kirrily is celebrated for her intricate works on paper and large-scale murals that highlight the delicate beauty of nature. Her art encourages us to pause, observe the often-overlooked, and reconnect with the natural world – an ethos shaped by her upbringing on a farm outside Narrandera, Wiradjuri Country, NSW.

This term, Kirrily will collaborate with our Year 9 Art students to design a nature-inspired mural that will transform the west side of the Science Lab building. Students will be involved in the planning and creative development throughout the term, with the installation scheduled for Weeks 2, 3, and 4 of next term.

We look forward to seeing this exciting project unfold. Keep an eye out for Kirrily around campus and take the opportunity to watch the mural come to life!

TEACHING

Mathematics and/or Religious Education Teacher (Years 7 - 9)

NON-TEACHING

Accounts Payable Officer

Traineeships (multiple positions available)

Applications close Wed 17 September

work with us!

GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Arts & Technology Exhibition

2025

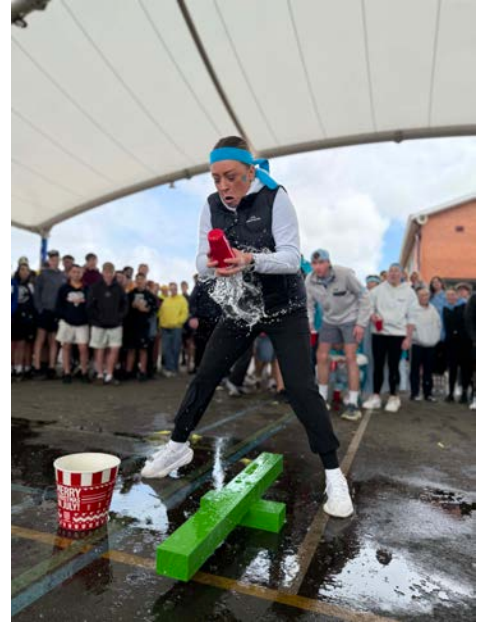


THURS 9TH OCT
GALEN RESOURCE CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING 5-7PM
MEDIA SCREENING 7-9PM

MUSIC & FOOD AT OPENING EVENT

FOUNDERS DAY



A Journey of Music and Memories

This year, our Band and Choir students joined forces for an unforgettable tour to Healesville. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their musical talents and perform for a variety of audiences, including residents at a nursing home, children at a kindergarten and primary school, and shoppers at Knox Shopping Centre.

The feedback from audiences was phenomenal – a true testament to the students' hard work, dedication, and talent. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the joy they brought to so many. Alongside their performances, students also enjoyed some well-deserved downtime. Highlights included a visit to the Healesville Sanctuary, a scenic ride on Puffing Billy, and a shopping trip to Knox Shopping Centre. What a fantastic camp – full of music, memories, and fun! Read on for some student reflections.

"Music Camp 2025 was so good, it was filled with lots of laughs, fun games, and funny moments. I really enjoyed Puffing Billy, the Healesville Zoo, all of the performances and the game night. I am definitely going to do Band Camp again and would recommend it to so many people! I feel like it brought Choir and Band even closer together than they already were and is definitely something I will remember!" – Matilda

"This was the best camp I have ever been on. It had everything I love! A ton of music, animals and a group of people I really enjoy the company of. I felt so comfortable and not judged by anyone there and for as long as I can I will hype up this amazing getaway. I bonded with everyone there and felt so supported and welcomed. Highly recommend." – Leila

"Music Camp was a great way for me to connect with friends and make new friendships. I really enjoyed performing to the public and being able to do what I love with other people who love the same thing. Band Camp was a really great experience and I highly recommend joining the Band or Choir." – Tom



Celebrating the Spirit of Sport

School Sport Victoria has introduced a brand-new award in 2025: the Spirit of Sport Award. A Spirit of Sport bannerette is awarded to the school that best exemplifies positive values at each SSV State Final. The award is determined by the event convenor on the day.

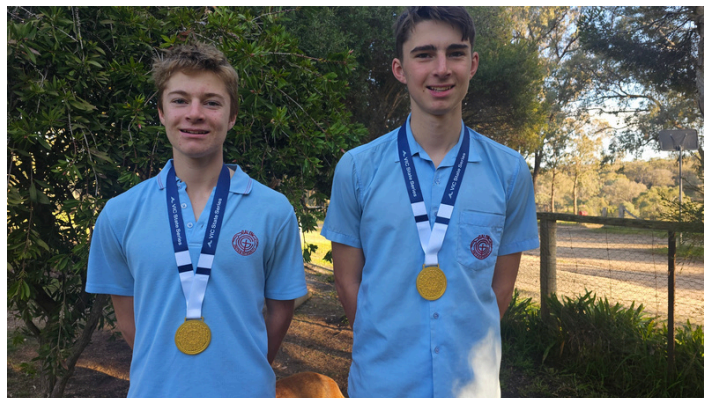
Criteria for the Spirit of Sport Award include:

- **Spirit of Sport:** Positive attitude, love of the sport, celebrating others, and creating an inclusive environment
- **Respect:** For opponents, teammates, officials, coaches, and spectators
- **Integrity:** Fair play, honesty, and accepting mistakes
- **Leadership:** Motivating others, setting a good example, and supporting teammates

This award is a fantastic way to celebrate not only sporting excellence but also the values that make school sport so meaningful.

We are proud to share that Galen's Year 11/12 Girls AFL team were the recipients of this award. Congratulations to our senior girls and coach, Aron Lombardi, who represented Galen with pride and demonstrated our school values on and off the field.

The team travelled to Melbourne on the student-free day, Wednesday 13 August, to compete at the State Quarter Final. While they didn't progress to the Grand Final, the girls displayed outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination. In many ways, those qualities are just as valuable – and just as worthy – as winning the flag.



Pedal Power: Billings Brothers Dominate Mountain Bike Series

Over the past five months, Levi Billings (Year 10) and Jackson Billings (Year 8) have proudly represented Galen in the AusCycling Victorian Interschools Mountain Bike Series.

Across seven rounds held in Dromana, Lysterfield, Gippsland, the You Yangs, Ballarat, Castlemaine and Bendigo, the boys competed against some of the state's top young riders. Each round featured its own challenges – from technical downhill sections to gruelling long climbs – testing skill, endurance and determination.

Through countless hours of training and impressive race craft, both Levi and Jackson won six of their seven races, securing the overall series win and bringing home gold for Galen.

The series was not only an exciting achievement but also an important step in their preparation for upcoming competitions. Jackson will compete in the NSW State Championships in Wagga Wagga during the school holidays, while Levi is heading to Japan for the 2025 Mountain Bike International Cross Country Junior Development Camp, where he will contest his first international race.



GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2025

Graduation

FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND
THEIR GUESTS

EVENT DETAILS

GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE STADIUM

5:30PM

STUDENTS AND GUESTS ARRIVE

6PM

MASS COMMENCES

7PM

SOCIAL GATHERING

8:30PM

EVENT CONCLUDES



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



Year 11 Students Create Whimsical Fairy Garden

The Year 11 Vocational Major Personal Development Skills (PDS) class recently showcased their creativity and teamwork by transforming a garden space into a whimsical fairy garden. This hands-on project gave students the opportunity to develop key skills in communication, collaboration and problem-solving – all while bringing a touch of enchantment to the school grounds.

More than just a creative venture, the project was a meaningful exercise in real-world learning and community engagement, highlighting the value of student-led contributions to shared spaces.

Over several weeks, students:

- Planned and designed the layout of the garden
- Created handcrafted signs with messages about fairies, dreams and imagination
- Spray-painted tyres and posts to add vibrant colour and character
- Built a wishing well for students to make their magical wishes
- Planted flowers and arranged natural materials to bring the space to life

This inspiring initiative demonstrates the importance of community partnerships and the value of vocational education in developing practical, real-world skills.

A sincere thank you to all the students involved, as well as Wendy Thurtell and Huji Demaj, for their dedication, inspiration and support throughout this project. Your efforts have made a lasting impact, and it has been a privilege to work alongside you.



Eco Dyeing with Year 8 Multiarts

On Tuesday 9 September, the Year 8 Multiarts class took part in an inspiring Eco Dyeing workshop led by renowned local artist Isabel Nina Young. This workshop marked the first step in the class's Organic Art unit, where students will go on to create both individual and collaborative three-dimensional artworks.

Students experimented with natural dyes made from plants collected around the Mullinmur Billabongs, as well as everyday items such as red cabbage and beetroot. Using these dyes, they coloured natural fibres including cotton, jute and wool, gaining hands-on experience with sustainable artistic practices.

The workshop was a creative and engaging way for students to connect with nature while developing new artistic skills, setting the stage for the exciting projects still to come.



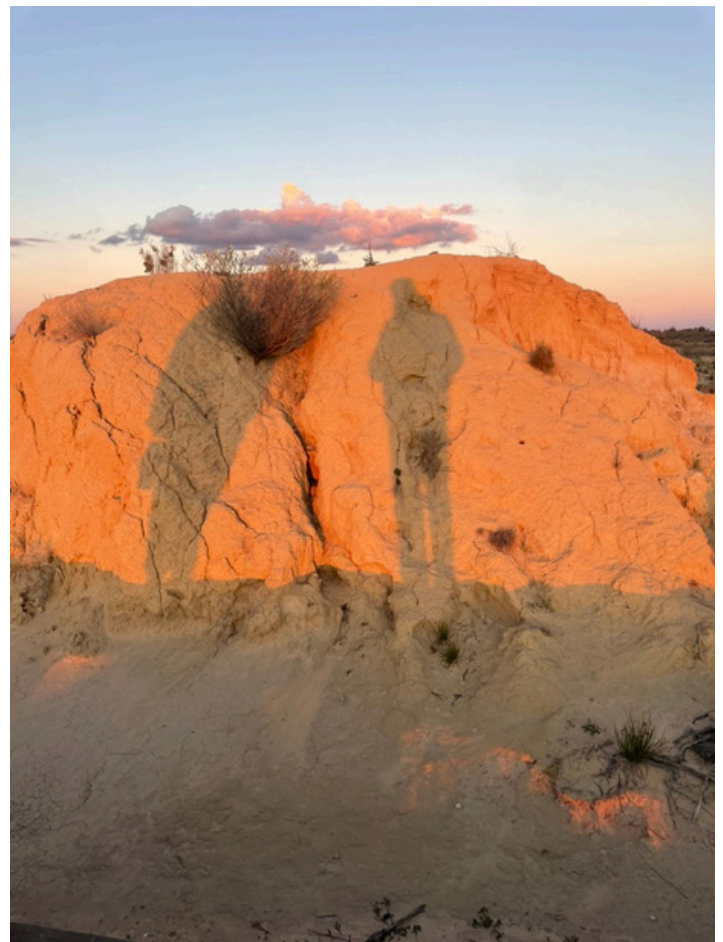
Reflection by Tristan Lenaz and Andrew Sinclair

Tristan and Andrew embarked on a pilgrimage to Mungo National Park, a World Heritage-listed site recognised for its global significance. Mungo is a place that holds some of the oldest known ceremonial burials in the world, including Mungo Woman, a cremation dating back around 20,000 years, and Mungo Man, a 40,000-year-old ochre burial. Standing in such a place was both humbling and deeply moving, not only because of its history, but because of the living story that continues to be carried by the Aboriginal custodians of Mungo.

The importance of the immersion was to hear the First Nations perspective on connection to Country from time immemorial to now. Listening to these stories brought to light a way of seeing that stretches beyond linear time, one that understands Country as alive and continuous. For Tristan, as a First Nations man, and for Andrew, the experience was profoundly shifting. It deepened our sense of what connection means: a knowledge carried by the custodians of Mungo through deep cultural responsibility, and a lived experience for us as we stood in that landscape, listening and reflecting.

One of the most striking impressions of the journey was the wind. The wind that blew when Mungo Man and Mungo Woman walked this place, when the land resembled Kakadu or the Winton wetlands tens of thousands of years ago. The same wind that carried across the world two thousand years ago when Jesus walked, and the same wind that still shifts the sands of Mungo today. In its presence we felt a thread of continuity, a reminder that time, place and spirit remain connected.

We would like to thank Lou, Karen and Michael from CES for their care and leadership in making this opportunity possible and also extend our gratitude to Galen; Shaun Mason, Jim Samon and Deb Doyle for their support in enabling us to take part in such an important journey. This immersion has reminded us that all land is sacred, that every place across this continent holds the presence of Aboriginal people who have lived, died, and carried out ceremony here since time immemorial.



WORLD TOUR TRIVIA NIGHT



Sat 20th Sept: 6.30pm - 10pm
St Pauls Church Hall - Milawa
 \$25 per head
 BYO Food
 Beer, Wine & Soft Drink available for purchase.
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER

Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley  <https://www.trgbooking.com/DDPXJ>

SYNERGY YOUTH HUB

September School Holiday Program

Monday 11am-4.00pm

22ND PIZZAS & PS5 

29TH CRAFT & A MOVIE 


29 Flanagan st, Wangaratta
AGES 12 TO YEAR 12
youth@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Wangaratta Library GEEK CON

Saturday 20th September 2:00pm - 5:30pm
21 Docker St, Wangaratta

COSPLAY COMPETITION
LEVEL-UP GAMING - D&D - LARP
GAMES - ROBOTICS
COMICS - STALLS AND MORE!

  Library

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YOUTH COUNCIL


Are you aged between 12-24 years?
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 Shape decisions that affect young people.
 Create events you want to see.
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When Do We Meet?
 Meetings are monthly on the second Monday of the month at 4:30 pm.
 Meetings are face-to-face at the Corowa Civic Centre or via video conferencing.

To sign up scan the QR code or visit the Council website



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WANGARATTA YOUNG WRITERS AWARD 2025



ENTRIES CLOSE on 19 September 2025

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

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 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

2025
ROUND 4
WANGARATTA SKATE PARK
MITCHELL AVE
SATURDAY SEPT 13TH
REGISTRATION & WARM UP 9:30AM
COMPETITION STARTING 10:00AM
PROUDLY RUN BY AL'S SKATE CO



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

 **CRICKET BLAST**

Junior Come and Try Nights

City Colts is looking forward to the upcoming season.

You are invited to our **Junior Come and Try nights**.

Thursday 11th and 18th September from 4:30-5:30pm @ Barr Reserve nets.

All New Players including **Woolworths Blasters & Girl Power** welcome

Contact via Facebook, Insta or email for further information.
citycoltscricketclub@gmail.com

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Registrations now open

Register now for mixed U12, U14, U16, and All Girls U15 cricket.

Families registering more than one jnr player receive 10% off additional registrations.

Games begin 18 October. Visit the registration page for more information.

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