



Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

On Thursday night last week, I had the pleasure of attending the **Galen Arts & Technology Exhibition** held at our Resource Centre. It was a delight walking around the space, seeing the students' work and also seeing the pride on the students' faces as they proudly showed off their work/performances to their family, friends and wider staff from school.

I was struck by not only the quality and quantity of the work, but also by the wide range of forms and mediums that our students are exposed to during their six years here at Galen. On the night, I was thrilled to be able to present a number of awards to students whose work and commitment to these subjects has been exemplary across the year. My heartfelt congratulations to all the award winners announced on the evening.

I was also glad to be able to take a moment to publicly **thank the amazing and talented Arts and Design Technology teaching team** we have at Galen. I thanked them for sharing their gifts, their talents, but importantly their passion for their subject areas. We know that this passion is such an important part of the teacher's role in the classroom, because we know passion is contagious. Students pick up on the energy and enthusiasm a teacher brings to their classroom. We are truly blessed to have this energy throughout our school for the benefit of our students.

This week is the **final week of formal classes for our Year 12 students**. On Friday we will celebrate all they have contributed to our community over the past six years. We will reflect on the wonderful times they have had here, the friendships that have been built and the legacy they will leave at our school.

Last week, Mrs Morrow reiterated that there may be many mixed feelings about coming to the end of your formal schooling, excitement, pressure, hope, and maybe even uncertainty. All of them are valid. The Galen staff share these mixed feelings with you. Enjoy this exciting time and we can't wait to celebrate your graduation this week.

Take care,

Shaun Mason | Principal

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Dates to Remember

***whole school event in red**


Oct/Nov

Year 12 Spirit Week	Mon 13 – Fri 17 Oct
Year 12 Graduation Evening	Fri 17 Oct
VEX Robotics Competition	Sat 18 Oct
Choirs in the Cathedral	Sun 26 Oct
VCE Written Exams start	Tue 28 Oct
Year 8 Camp departs	Wed 29 Oct
Cape York Immersion info evening	Wed 29 Oct
Student-free day	Mon 3 Nov
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tue 4 Nov




A PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME: DISCOVER GALEN

Wednesday 29 October | 12pm



Call 03 5721 6322
or book via the link



Join us for a special event where you'll meet our new Principal Shaun Mason, and discover what makes our College a vibrant place of learning and community. The meet and greet will be followed by a student-led tour of the College.

[Book your spot](#)


CURRENT VACANCIES

Resource Centre Technician

Term 4 | Part-Time



work with us!





red earth

Galen Catholic College Cape York First Nations Immersion

A journey into the beating heart of First Nations culture
Monday, 31st August - Tuesday, 8th September 2026
Info Session: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, 29th Oct 2025 [online](#)

Scan the QR code to register



Cape York First Nations Immersion

Invitation to Year 9 & 10 Students (Years 10 & 11 in 2026)

Next Wednesday 22nd October, Harry from Red Earth will join us at the Year 9 & 10 Assembly to share information about the Cape York First Nations Immersion, which will take place from Monday 31st August to Tuesday 8th September 2026.

In addition, students who are interested in being part of this unique and transformative experience are invited to attend an online information session on Wednesday, 29th October at 7pm.

Please use the attached QR code to register your interest and confirm your attendance. If you are unable to attend, please still register your interest using the same link.

Following the online information event, further details - including how to apply will be emailed to those who have registered.

[Register to attend the Information Session](#)

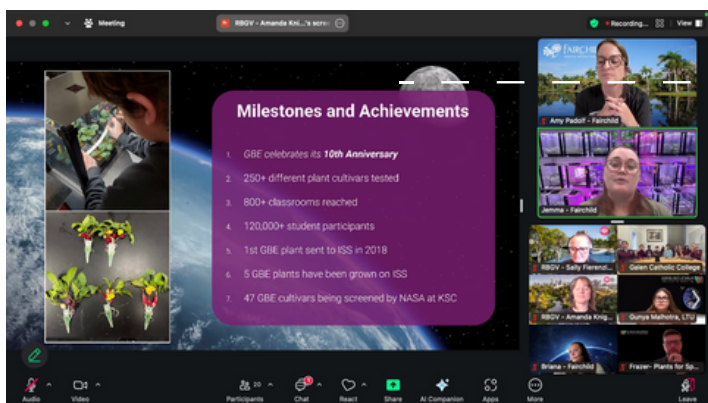
**Got a Galen story
to share?
We'd love to hear it!**

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

Galen Students Reach for The Stars

A huge congratulations to our Growing Beyond Earth – Plants in Space team, who last week presented their research to an international audience including representatives from NASA, La Trobe University, and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Florida, USA.

Galen was one of only seven schools across Australia selected to present their findings – an incredible achievement! The students shared insights from their experiment exploring how plants grow in space (their key finding: “Native plants will not be good space plants!”). Well done to Josh, Jaz, Ruford, Siddhi, Mia, Em, Bonnie, Nicholas, Izzy and Tom for representing Galen with confidence, curiosity and scientific spirit.

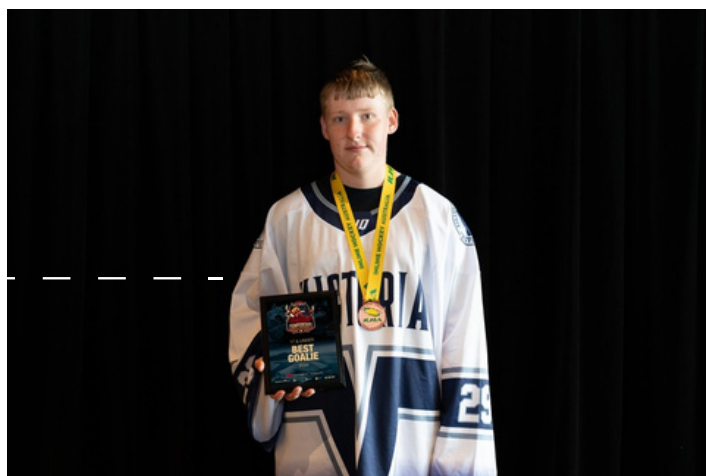


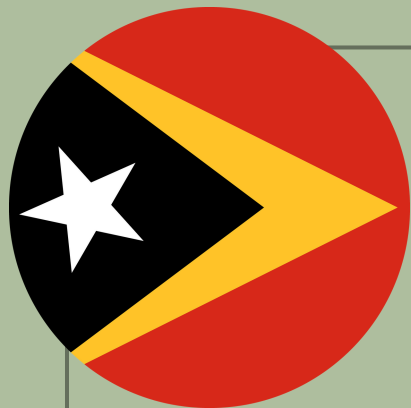
National Inline Hockey Success

At the start of the month, Year 11 student Flynn Ackland proudly represented Victoria at the 2025 Inline Hockey National Championships in Hobart, competing in the Under 17 division.

It was a fantastic week for the Victorian team, who secured third place overall, earning a well-deserved medal. Adding to the excitement, Flynn was ranked the #1 goalie in Australia for his age group – an incredible achievement recognised with a special plaque.

Congratulations Flynn on this outstanding national success!





TIMOR-LESTE WINE DRIVE

SUPPORT EDUCATION IN TIMOR-LESTE

All funds raised will go directly towards rebuilding a school in the remote village of Kulugia, high on Mount Matte Bien in Timor-Leste's Baucau province. Your support helps make a lasting difference!

Sales close: Monday 10 November 2025

Collections: 20–21 November from the Galen Viticulture Shed (next to College Street Drop-Off)

Enquiries: TimorLeste@galen.vic.edu.au



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University of Melbourne: Performance Invitation

Galen is delighted to host a special theatre performance presented by University of Melbourne students of Italian. Each year, these students undertake a major theatre project, performing a one-act play entirely in Italian. This year's production is ***Non tutti i ladri vengono per nuocere*** (Not All Thieves Come to Harm), a witty farce by Nobel Prize-winning playwright Dario Fo.

The play offers a humorous critique of morality and hypocrisy within society, while giving audiences a taste of contemporary Italian language and culture. With creative strategies to support audience understanding, the performance is perfect for Italian, Drama and Literature students in Years 9–12.

Two final dress rehearsals will take place at Galen's Arts Centre on Tuesday 28 October at 12pm and 5pm. Each session will run for less than 90 minutes and include a short discussion after the performance.

It's a wonderful opportunity for students to experience live theatre in Italian and gain insight into what studying languages at university can look like.



TIMOR DINNER FUNDRAISER

Tuesday 28th October | 6pm
King River Cafe, Oxley

Enjoy a 3-course meal + wine tastings featuring wines from our Galen Wine Drive collection.

Meet the Makers – chat with winemakers as they share insights and stories behind their wines.

Tickets: \$80 per person
Over 18s only (no under 18s permitted)



Secure your tickets through the QR Code





Ticket sales close
Wednesday 22nd October

ONLY 80 SEATS AVAILABLE

Elmore Field Days

Earlier this month, our VET Agriculture students had the exciting opportunity to attend the 2025 Elmore Field Days – one of regional Victoria's largest and most respected agricultural events. The annual field days provide a unique, hands-on learning experience, showcasing the latest innovations in farming technology, livestock management, machinery, and sustainable agricultural practices.

As part of the excursion, students took part in an Industry Sticker Challenge, designed to encourage meaningful engagement with exhibitors and deepen their understanding of the agricultural industry. Each student (or pair) received an envelope containing at least ten industry stickers and was tasked with finding businesses that sold or promoted the industry listed on each sticker. Students introduced themselves to exhibitors, explained their task, and requested business cards – an activity that helped them step outside their comfort zones, practise professional communication, and make valuable industry connections.

Throughout the day, students explored a wide range of exhibits, from precision agriculture technology and livestock displays to fencing, machinery, and agronomy demonstrations. They gained valuable insights into emerging trends shaping the future of farming and saw firsthand the diverse career pathways within the agricultural sector.

It was a rewarding and inspiring day filled with learning, networking, and real-world discovery – a perfect example of how the VET Agriculture program combines classroom learning with practical experience. A big thank you to the students for representing Galen with enthusiasm, curiosity, and pride.



Year 11 Real Care Baby Simulator Experience

Last term, all students completing Unit 2 Health and Human Development participated in the Real Care Baby Program, an immersive learning opportunity that offered a realistic insight into the challenges of early parenthood. Each student took home an infant simulator for a 24-hour period, stepping into the role of a young parent.

Throughout the experience, students were responsible for responding to their baby's needs, including feeding, burping, rocking, changing nappies, and ensuring the infant's general wellbeing. The simulator responded unpredictably, mimicking real-life infant behaviour and requiring students to always be attentive and responsive.

The program provided valuable insights, such as:

1. **Individual Needs:** No two babies are the same—each requires consistent care, patience, and emotional availability.
2. **Demanding Schedules:** Infant care is unpredictable and often interrupts regular routines, demanding constant attention.
3. **Lifestyle Adjustments:** The commitment of parenting dramatically alters daily life, reinforcing the importance of readiness and responsibility.

This program emphasised how parenting influences a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development. It also prompted meaningful reflection on the realities and responsibilities of becoming a parent.

A big thank you to the parents who helped supported the program at home and to the teachers who were accommodating within their classes. With most students enjoying their experience as temporary caregivers, the program offered powerful, hands-on learning experiences that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Mrs Hunter

Health and Human Development Teacher



CHOIRS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 26 October | 2pm

Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta

Choral singers from Wangaratta and Melbourne are joining voices for something truly special!

This free concert will feature the Galen Catholic College Choir - students from Years 7 to 12 and staff members - performing alongside the vibrant Excelsis Choir from Melbourne.

Get ready for an afternoon of soaring harmonies, shared joy and uplifting music that celebrates community and connection in a beautiful setting.

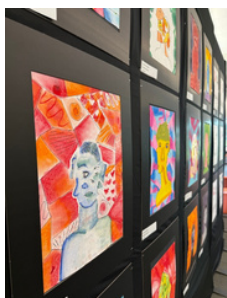


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or scan the QR Code
to register your
attendance*



● ARTS & TECH EXHIBITION ●

Enjoy these snaps of a few of the incredible student pieces on display at last week's Arts and Technology Exhibition!



What a fabulous day Galen had at the Hume Athletics on Thursday 9th October in Albury!

A team of 41 students and three staff proudly represented the College against strong competition from other schools. Our students conducted themselves with pride, displayed outstanding sportsmanship, and were always willing to step up and assist when needed – a true reflection of the Galen spirit.

We proudly finished 5th overall out of 40 schools in the championship with 295.5 points. Students who placed in the top two will now progress to the State Athletics Championships on Monday 20th October at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

A special mention goes to our Year 12 students, Declan O'Sullivan and Corey Petersen, who have been consistent contributors to Athletics throughout their time at Galen.

State Championship Qualifications

Galen is thrilled to announce an outstanding set of results:

Age Champions

- 3rd Place – Declan O'Sullivan (18/20 Boys)

Relays – 4 out of 6 teams qualified

- 1st Place: 14 Girls, 15 Girls, 16 Girls, 18/20 Boys

Individual Events – 1st Place

- Declan O'Sullivan – 18/20 Male 110m Hurdles & 200m (+ relay)
- Lily Lyster – 16 Female High Jump (+ relay)
- Archer Gray – 16 Male 5kg Shot Put (Record broken)
- Lainey Draper – 18/20 Female High Jump (+ relay)
- Corey Petersen – 18/20 Male High Jump (+ relay)
- Callum Bott – 17 Male 400m
- Dexter Hill – 17 Male 1500m (2nd Place)

In total, 25 students will progress to the next stage – an outstanding achievement and a credit to the hard work, dedication, and team spirit of all involved.

A heartfelt thank you to staff members Amanda White, Clare Whitten, and Harry McMonigle for their support and commitment on the day.



Term 4 Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

[Click here to Register](#)

In Term 4 we'll cover:

1. **How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
- 29th October @6:30 (AEDT)
2. **How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**
- 12th November @6:30 (AEDT)
3. **How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**
- 26th November @6:30 (AEDT)
4. **How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success**
- 10th December @6:30 (AEDT)




READY, SET, PADDLE!

Beechworth Golden Serpents Dragon Boat Club

Love being outdoors? Like teamwork, water, and adventure?

Make new friends, learn new skills, and be part of an awesome team that trains on beautiful Lake Sambell.

No experience needed, and all equipment and coaching are provided.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR SPOT IN THE BOAT

YOUTH PADDLE 25TH OCT 10:30 AM



We welcome new paddlers aged 10 years and over!

Where: Lake Sambell, Beechworth
When: 8:30 am every Saturday
More info: find us on [facebook](#) or
Phone Ros on 0491 723 381



Parents — Good News! The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is back!

You can use your \$200 voucher to help cover your child's Golden Serpents membership or activity fees.

Applications open 10am, 15 October 2025
for more information visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers





Angie's Angels Charity Dinner Dance

Join us for a night of entertainment with band, Legends of Oz, and a 3 course Italian meal inspired by Aroma Deli Cafe!

Date: 22/11/2025
Time: 6pm
Location: Davinci Club Wangaratta
Tickets: \$75 each or \$500 for a table of 8.
Contact: Tony 0412 354 126
Lou 0427 358 901
Julian 0422 825 699



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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TRAIN UNDER ACCREDITED LFC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY COACHES IN A WEEKLY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DURING TERM 4!

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- Embody our core values and feel inspired
- Receive an individual progress booklet
- Build skills and confidence





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