



Wrap Up



Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

Well, the heat and humidity have not slowed things down at school, with so much happening in and outside the classrooms! Our **Year 7s** have settled into secondary school smoothly, and their teachers continue to comment on the respectful and attentive manner they are bringing to their classrooms. Over the past couple of weeks, they have completed the PAT Maths and Reading comprehension tests, giving their teachers a great insight into their areas for growth and areas of strength.

Our **Year 9 and 10 students** have been active in their core classrooms and their elective classes. I have witnessed some of the early stages of their technology projects and I'm looking forward to seeing the finished products. I've no doubt the parents and carers will be impressed with the products coming home too!

The senior school is continuing to kick goals, with our **VCE VM students** recently completing their Barista Course and Food Handling certificates. These qualifications are just part of a suite of skills that our graduates will grow and develop over their time in our VCE VM program, in readiness for life beyond the walls of Galen. Our **VCE students** have begun their assessment program, with many subjects completing their first SACs (School Assessed Coursework) over the past fortnight. These results, whatever they are, provide a great early marker for the students to validate their efforts, or to perhaps motivate them further.

Our **2026 Swimming Carnival** went off without a hitch on Friday 20th February on a warm day. Congratulations to all those students who achieved wonderful results, especially our Age Champions, and well done to the Chisholm House community for their definitive victory in the pool. Bravo to all involved!

As we continue through this period of **Lent**, we take the time to pause, reflect and consider how we can better ourselves, our community and our global world. Through prayer, fasting and alms giving, we look to be aware of our own failures and always strive to improve along the way. I encourage all members of our community to take time over this season to pause, reflect and pray in preparation for the **Easter** celebrations.

Take care,

Shaun Mason | **Principal**

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Dates to Remember

*whole school event in red	March/April
Labour Day Public Holiday	Mon 9 Mar
Grade 5 Discovery Day	Wed 18 Mar
Year 7 Immunisations	Thu 19 Mar
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews (student-free day)	Thu 26 Mar
Athletics Carnival	Tue 31 Mar
Term 1 concludes	Fri 3 Apr
Timor Leste Immersion departs	Sat 18 Apr
GSEP Work Placement starts	Mon 20 Apr
First day of Term 2	Tue 21 Apr

The College will be closed

MONDAY 9th MARCH

for

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Got a Galen story
to share?

We'd love to hear it!

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news@galen.vic.edu.au

Christ the King Catholic Parish

Mass Times

St Patrick's

Saturday: 10.00am, 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 10:30am, 5.00pm

Weekdays

Thursday: 8.00am (Delany Chapel)

Friday: 12.05pm

Our Lady's

Saturday: 4.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am

Weekdays

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00am

Moyhu

Every Sunday 10.00am except the first Sunday of the month which is at Whitfield at 10.00am

Boorhaman

First Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

Eldorado

Second Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

Glenrowan

Sunday: 5.00pm (Latin Mass)



PTS INTERVIEWS

»»»» PARENT »»»» TEACHER »»»» STUDENT

Emails will be sent the week commencing March 9th with instructions on how to book.

PTS Interviews will be held on **Thursday 26th March** which will be a **student-free** day.

Captain by Day, Singer by Night

Congratulations to College Captain Maya Humphreys (right), whose vocals feature on "Somewhere Between," now streaming on all major digital streaming platforms. The track forms part of the latest album release by local band Damn'd Sam and the Preachers.

We are incredibly proud to see Maya sharing her talents beyond the College community and pursuing her passion for music at such a high level. We encourage our community to give the song a listen and support one of our own.



Galen Girls Shine in WDJCA Grand Final

A Magpies versus Rovers showdown headlined last weekend's WDJCA Grand Final - a rivalry well known in local sports circles.

We are proud to see a number of our Galen girls representing their respective clubs on the big stage, a wonderful reflection of their commitment, teamwork and talent. It is always pleasing to witness our students contributing so strongly to sport within the wider community.

Congratulations to Rovers on their Grand Final victory in a fantastic contest, and well done to all of our students who competed with determination and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of you all.



Cool Heads Young Driver Program

Come along to a free informative presentation about young drivers and road safety. Cool Heads is a two-hour program that incorporates road trauma visuals, messages and speakers.

Where: Wangaratta High School

When: Wednesday 13 May | 6pm

The event is presented by Victoria Police alongside professionals that have worked with road trauma and families that have experienced it.

Representatives from Victoria Police's Major Collision Investigation Unit, the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, and other emergency services will all share their perspectives and experiences from working on the frontline of road trauma.

The event is to help young drivers recognise poor behaviour and help prevent further trauma on our roads. The program is not about teaching our youth how to drive; it is about highlighting the real consequences of distraction and risk taking while driving. The death or serious injury of local young people on our roads has had a devastating impact on families and ripples out to friends, local communities, schools and sporting clubs. It is designed to improve the attitude of young drivers towards driving on our roads.

[Reserve your spot](#)

Surf's Up, Skills Up!

Our Year 8 students hit the shore at Sydney Beach last week for Life Saving Victoria's Bush Nippers program – building confidence and vital lifesaving skills in an open water environment.

From survival swimming and rescue strategies to safe boarding and becoming Everyday Lifesavers, it was a hands-on day of teamwork, resilience and real-world water safety learning in our beautiful local environment.



Thursday Morning Footy

Our Year 7 & 8 Football Program, which commenced a few weeks ago, has already made a strong and positive impact. Held as an early morning session, the program provides students with the opportunity to further develop their skills, game awareness and teamwork in a structured and supportive environment.

The sessions are led by Mr Lombardi and Mr Campbell, both of whom bring extensive high-level football coaching experience. Their knowledge, passion and commitment to developing young players is evident in the quality of each session. As a college community, we are incredibly fortunate to have staff with this level of expertise guiding and mentoring our students.

Congratulations to George McCurdy and Sonny Carpenter, who were commended for demonstrating the theme of the week last week – Energy & Effort. Their approach reflects the standards and mindset the program seeks to foster in all participants.



Galen Swimming Carnival

The first major sporting event of the 2026 school year kicked off in style with the Year 12s upholding tradition, bringing energy, teamwork, and colour to the day. The carnival was a fantastic collaboration between students and staff, making it a truly memorable experience. While the oval remained free of water activities and food stalls, the excitement in the pool was the real highlight. Swimmers gave their all, smashing personal bests and the Duathlon and Super Swims always brings an exhilarating spectacle for us all to see!

A Big Thank You

This event would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our amazing staff and students who volunteered as supervisors, timekeepers, PA operators (Linda & Christian), and marshals. Your hard work and commitment made the day such a success.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, it was a fantastic way to kick off the year!

Carmel Annett

Sports Coordinator

Results

DUATHLON WINNERS

1 lap of the oval - 2 laps of the pool

Juniors (Years 7-9)

Patrick Hunter
Judd Campbell

Seniors (Years 10-12)

Levi Billings
Lennie Cashman

SUPER SWIM EVENTS

BOYS

1st Levi Billings 28.35
2nd Archer Coppolino 29.68
3rd Patrick Hunter 30.08
Mitch O'Sullivan
Hudson McKenzie
Owen Dinsdale
Jackson Billings
Declan Baker

GIRLS

Lucy Beavis 31.40
Darby Hunter 31.71
Isla Broomfield 31.98
Phoebe Alexander
Sadie Cashman
Lily Girolami
Lucy Malcom
Matilda Park

AGE CHAMPIONS

13YRS MALES - Nicholas Murphy
FEMALES - Darby Hunter
14YRS MALES - Patrick Hunter
FEMALES - Lucy Beavis
15YRS MALES - Jackson Billings
FEMALES - Isla Broomfield
16YRS MALES - Harry Chandler
FEMALES - Lucy Sinclair
17YRS MALES - Levi Billings
FEMALES - Phoebe Alexander
18YRS + MALES - Owen Dinsdale
FEMALES - Ella Nelson

Final House Points

479 CHISHOLM

298 BRIGID

294 GLOWREY

268 PATRICK

267 CHAMPAGNAT

259 VINCENT

253 DELANY

216 MACKILLOP



FROM THE POOL



Upper Hume Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day in the pool! On Thursday 26 February 20 Galen students competed at the Upper Hume Championships held at Wodonga Waves and what an incredible performance it was!

Outstanding Results

- Galen finished 4th overall
- 14 swimmers qualified (placing 1st or 2nd) for the Hume Region Championships
- Seven students placed in the top three for Age Champions

1st Place – Age Champions

- Darby Hunter (Year 7)
- Patrick Hunter (Year 8)

2nd Place

- Ed Fulton (Year 7)
- Phoebe Alexander (Year 10)

3rd Place

- Lucy Beavis (Year 8)
- Isla Broomfield (Year 10)
- Lucy Sinclair (Year 10)

Beyond the outstanding results, our swimmers showed exceptional camaraderie and encouragement for one another across the entire meet. It was fantastic to see such strong team spirit, with five relay teams also earning progression to the next stage!

We now look ahead to the Hume Region Championships on March 13, back at Wodonga Waves, with our sights set firmly on the State Finals next term.

A big thank you to Bridget Flint-Chapman, Phil Hunter and Cody Johnson for your support and efforts on the day. Congratulations to all involved on a wonderful team performance!



Year 9 Benefit from Inspiring Workshop with Andrew Jobling

On Monday 23rd February, our Year 9 students were treated to an energising and thought-provoking full-day workshop with guest speaker Andrew Jobling in the Galen Performing Arts Centre.

Andrew's message centred on personal development, positive habits, resilience, and goal-setting: essential tools for young people navigating a pivotal stage of their secondary schooling.

Throughout the day, students were encouraged to reflect on who they are now and the type of person they aspire to become. Andrew's warm and relatable approach engaged the entire cohort, prompting honest conversations, moments of self-discovery, and plenty of motivation.

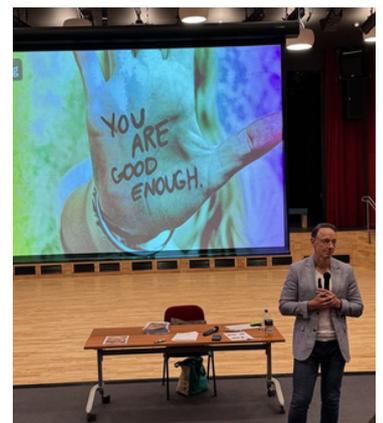
Students left the workshop with a renewed confidence and a clearer sense of direction, supported by the practical booklet and materials Andrew provided.

A huge thank you goes to the WASP (Wangaratta Area Suicide Prevention) group, whose generous funding enabled Andrew to spend the day working with our students. Their support continues to play a vital role in promoting wellbeing and positive mental health within our community.

This workshop is not a one-off experience. As a school, we will continue to work closely with our Year 9 students over the coming weeks and months, revisiting Andrew's material to help them set meaningful goals, sustain their motivation, and continue developing the skills needed to grow into their best selves.

It was also wonderful to see 30 Year 9 parents attend the parent session with Andrew later that evening. Their engagement highlighted the strong partnership between home and school - an essential foundation for supporting our young people through the challenges and opportunities of adolescence.

We extend our thanks once again to WASP and to Col McClounan who contributed to the organisation of this valuable experience. Most importantly, we recognise our Year 9 students for the positive and mature way they engaged with the day.



Year 7 Girls Cricket

The Year 7 Galen Girls Super 8's cricket team proudly represented the school at the one-day Upper Hume Round Robin Competition, showing determination, teamwork and resilience across both of their matches.

In Round 1, Galen took on CCW and delivered a strong performance. The girls were impressive with both bat and ball, finishing on 190 runs to CCW's 96 to secure a well-earned win. It was a fantastic team effort, with confident batting and disciplined fielding setting up the result.

Round 2 saw Galen face WHS in a much closer contest. In a competitive and hard-fought match, the girls battled until the final overs but were defeated 145 to 124. Despite their efforts, finishing the day with one win and one loss meant the team narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

There were several standout individual performances throughout the day. The top bowlers were Ivy with 2/12 (2 overs), Zara with 2/18 (2 overs), and Layla with 2/19 (2 overs). With the bat, the highlight partnership came from Morgan and Elsa, who combined brilliantly to score 50 runs from just two overs in an exciting display of attacking cricket.

Although the team did not progress to the final, they should be proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school. The experience gained will hopefully inspire them to develop their skills and confidence in future competitions. Well done, girls!



Year 8 Girls Cricket

The Year 8 Galen Girls Super 8's cricket team proudly represented the school at the Upper Hume Round Robin Competition, displaying outstanding determination, teamwork and resilience across a full day of matches. Guided by coach Amanda White, the girls were well prepared and ready to make their mark.

Match Results

- Round 1: Galen 89 defeated WHS 63
- Round 2: Galen 200 defeated Victory 62
- Round 3: Galen 152 defeated CCW 144
- Round 4: BYE
- Round 5: Galen 146 defeated Cathedral 125

After an impressive series of performances, the girls finished the day undefeated, a fantastic achievement! The team will now progress to the Hume Region competition. We wish them the very best of luck as they take on the next challenge!



Year 8 Boys Cricket

The Year 8 Boys team took on WHS on Tuesday 24th February and delivered a strong performance to come away with an impressive win. Their teamwork, effort and determination were on full display throughout the match.

A big thank you to Coach Shane Welch for his guidance, preparation and support of the team



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Directed by **Abbie Hough & Bec Carta**

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