



# Wrap Up



Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

As we reflect on what has been a busy fortnight at Galen, we also remember that we're in the **season of Lent**, a time of preparation, of reflection and pause. Our senior Faith and Leadership students have been guiding our community through their **Gospel reflections**, using the school social media as their channel. These reflections show a deep insight and challenge us to see the powerful scripture stories through our contemporary lens. My congratulations and thanks to this team of students and their teachers.

We recently celebrated our school **Opening Mass for 2026**, and we were lucky to be joined by the Very Rev. F. Dr. Brian Boyle, the Sandhurst Diocese Administrator, to con-celebrate our Mass alongside Fr Nathan and Mons. Cris. During the Mass, I reflected on our 2026 College theme, "Now is the hour. Lead with Grace". **I shared a story of a man, stopping traffic to shepherd an echidna off the road in Everton. Here is an excerpt from that speech:**

*This man had a choice. He could have driven on. He could have said, "Someone else will deal with it." He could have decided that his time was too important or his plans too urgent. But he didn't. He stopped his car. He got out. He found the towel in his boot. And he came to the rescue of one small creature on a relatively busy road. And then I thought about something else, something bigger, something perhaps even more profound.*

*He wasn't the only one who made a choice that day. Every car on both sides of the road, mine included, stopped. No one overtook. No one sped around. No one tried to push through. We all paused.*

*And as I drove the rest of the way into Wang, I kept thinking: Is there something in that moment for all of us at here at Galen. Because I wonder how many times, in our own lives, we don't stop. I wonder how often we "drive past" the people who need us. And especially right now, I wonder how easy is it for us to ignore the horror of war, because it's just too far away? I wonder, instead, what would happen this year if we were more like that man on the road.*

*If we kept our eyes open. If we noticed the ones who are struggling. If we paused our own journey for a moment to walk beside someone else. If we looked around our classes and saw the student sitting alone and chose to sit with them. As we head towards the last few weeks of Term 1, I reiterate my challenge to the community, let's keep our eyes open to the vulnerable in our community. Let's ensure we're looking out for each other and choosing to lead with grace.*

Take care,

*Shaun Mason* | **Principal**

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### Dates to Remember

**\*whole school event in red**

**March/April**

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews (student-free day)	<b>Thu 26 Mar</b>
Athletics Carnival	<b>Tue 31 Mar</b>
Term 1 concludes (2.30pm finish)	<b>Thu 2 Apr</b>
Timor Leste Immersion departs	<b>Sat 18 Apr</b>
GSEP Work Placement starts	<b>Mon 20 Apr</b>
Student-free day	<b>Mon 20 Apr</b>
First day of Term 2	<b>Tue 21 Apr</b>
ANZAC Assembly	<b>Fri 24 Apr</b>

## Seeking Host Families

Students of the World is a registered high school student exchange organisation, and many of our students have participated in their exchange programs.

They are currently seeking local families to welcome exchange students from Europe who will attend school in Term 3 and become part of their family life during their stay in Australia. Host families receive a small, regulated reimbursement to assist with everyday costs.

If your family is interested in learning more, please contact Claudia Bellani at [claudia.bellani@galen.vic.edu.au](mailto:claudia.bellani@galen.vic.edu.au).

**Got a Galen story to share?**

*We'd love to hear it!*

**Send your contributions to [news@galen.vic.edu.au](mailto:news@galen.vic.edu.au)**

## Christ the King Catholic Parish

### *Holy Week Ceremonies*

#### Holy Thursday

St Patrick's: 6.00pm

Our Lady's: 7.00pm

#### Good Friday

St Patrick's:

2.00pm - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm - The Passion of the Lord

Our Lady's

9.30am - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm - The Passion of the Lord

#### Easter Vigil

St Patrick's: 6.00pm

Our Lady's: 7.00pm

#### Easter Sunday

St Patrick's: 8.00am and 10:30am

Our Lady's: 6:00am ("Salubong") and 9.00am

Holy Cross (Moyhu): 10.00am



## PTS INTERVIEWS

»»»» PARENT »»»» TEACHER »»»» STUDENT

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

## Leading the Way in Teaching

Congratulations to our long-standing teacher Jennie Annett, who recently graduated in Melbourne after completing the Highly Accomplished Lead Teacher certification with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)!

Over the past year, Jennie demonstrated her expertise across 37 national teaching standards, showcasing outstanding leadership in teaching and learning. Driven by a passion for continual growth and a love of learning new things, Jennie embraced the challenge to further develop her skills and knowledge.



## Uniting for Project Compassion

Our community has already raised an incredible amount for Project Compassion- a wonderful effort as we come together this Lent to stand in solidarity and help fight poverty around the world.

There's still time to get involved and make a difference as we head into the final weeks. Every contribution counts, let's finish strong Galen!



## VEX Robotics on the National Stage

Our VEX Nationals Junior Team (Charles, Ryan and Mark) are featured in the Australian National Championships VEX Robotics promotional video!

Be sure to watch the clip from the 1:30 mark to catch a glimpse and hear Charles' comments. The video also features Galen alumni Lachie Carboon, now a Mechatronics Engineer with Lunar Outpost Oceania, who served as an Event Judge!

[Check out the video here](#)



[Donate to Project Compassion](#)

## Excursion to Wangaratta Art Gallery

Year 8 Merriwa Woka students visited the Wangaratta Art Gallery to experience Red Flag, an exhibition by Kait James. The exhibition challenged students to think critically about how Aboriginal people have been represented in art and throughout history.

The excursion began outside the cathedral, where students examined local war memorials, including the cenotaph commemorating the wars Australia has fought in. This provided an important framework for their current studies on the Australian Wars - particularly the conflicts fought by First Australians in defence of their land, loved ones, and Country. Students reflected on the absence of memorials recognising these histories.

Students also heard from Tristan Lenaz and Michael Chisholm, who shared personal perspectives on what it means to see only one version of history represented in public spaces. Their insights prompted thoughtful discussion and reflection.

Inside the gallery, the Red Flag exhibition extended these ideas. Through humour and sharp visual commentary, Kait James' work highlighted the limited and often stereotypical ways Aboriginal people have been portrayed - such as on kitsch objects like tea towels or as garden ornaments, rather than being recognised and commemorated through monuments or authoritative narratives.

This excursion provided a powerful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of representation, history, and whose voices are heard, encouraging them to question and reflect on the stories that shape Australia's national identity.



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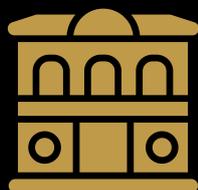


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Junction Moama  
(set menu with beverage pairing. 18+ only)



Get your tickets by scanning  
the QR or [click here](#)  
Tickets close 26 March unless sold out prior

## VET Hospitality Students Excelling in the Kitchen

Our VET Hospitality students have been demonstrating impressive skills and enthusiasm in the kitchen this term as they continue to develop their culinary knowledge and practical techniques. Students have been rising to the challenge of preparing complex dishes, including producing a range of classic sauces and cooking meats using the precise sous-vide method.

Throughout their practical lessons, students are gaining valuable experience working with professional kitchen equipment. They have confidently been using food processors, the salamander grill, meat slicers and sous-vide machines, developing the technical skills expected in commercial kitchen environments.

It has been fantastic to see students approach their learning with curiosity, focus and a willingness to challenge themselves. Their commitment to mastering new techniques and working collaboratively in the kitchen has resulted in some outstanding dishes and a high standard of work.

We are very proud of the way our VET Hospitality students are embracing the opportunities provided in the course and continuing to grow their confidence and capability in the kitchen.



## Strong results in the pool

On Friday 13 March, our Galen swimmers travelled to Wodonga to compete in the Hume Swimming Carnival, enjoying a fantastic day in the pool.

Our students represented the College with great enthusiasm and determination, with all competitors returning home with a medal! A highlight of the day was our Girls 17 Relay team, who have progressed through to the State Championships.





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The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 420 Squadron in Wangaratta are now recruiting for their 2026 intake.

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**PARADE NIGHT:**  
Fridays 1800–2115

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Commanding Officer FLTLT (AAFC)  
Chrissy Hobbs  
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**Students Attend Military Exhibition Opening**

On Thursday 12 March, three Galen students, Lucas Butler, Cara Broady and Bridgette Cook, had the honour of attending the official opening of the Keith Payne VC AM Exhibition at Puckapunyal Military Area.

The exhibition celebrates the extraordinary life and service of Keith Payne, who was awarded the Victoria Cross, Australia's highest decoration for gallantry "in the presence of the enemy." His lifelong commitment to the Australian Army stands as a powerful example of courage, leadership and service.

The event was attended by a number of distinguished guests, including Keith Payne and his wife Florence Payne OAM, Brigadier Matt Campbell of the Australian Army, and Ray Martin AM. The evening also marked a significant milestone, celebrating 125 years of the Australian Army.



# OUT AND ABOUT



**Shots from our recent Outdoor Ed adventures!**



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Schoolcamps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you hold

a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





**Family Fun Day!**  
COME & TRY

**Sunday**  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026  
9.30am - 12pm  
Wangaratta Showgrounds

FREE Play...FREE Food...Giveaways

Bats & Balls Provided

For enquiries please contact Julie 0422321456

**FREE**

# Easter Family Night

26th March 2026

Bunnings Wangaratta

Activities and fun for the whole family

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Don't miss out, register now!

Hop into the Easter fun with us. Join us & the community for our FREE Easter event. Its going to be egg-stra special. With games, face painting, take & make crafts. Sausage sizzle & a door prize. Easter Bunny will be hopping into the store to say Happy Easter.



**BUNNINGS** warehouse

# AMP'D

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Stage Craft

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Scripted Scenes

AMP'D is a 5 day music and theatre workshop for high school students.

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Galen PAC, Wangaratta

For more info contact us at leftofcentretheatreco@gmail.com OR soundgardenma@gmail.com



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## River Guardians Day

### Platypus Conservation & Carp Fishing Competition

Friday 27 March | 4 – 7pm | Ovens River, Apex Park

- Hands on learning and family fun
- Platypus education and nature activities
- Carp fishing competition with prizes!
- Learn about local waterway conservation efforts
- Free BBQ
- Protect our waterways and wildlife

Local fishing guru **Robbie Alexander** MC on the day!

**FREE EVENT**

# YOUTH PHOTO COMP

THEMES: MACRO/CLOSE-UP & NATURE

Now is your chance to show your photography skills and you could also WIN a \$100 Platypus shoes voucher!!



Competition Closes 16 April 2026  
Visit [connect.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://connect.wangaratta.vic.gov.au)



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## Learn to X-COUNTRY SKI

Wangaratta Snow Sports Youth Development  
Years 5 to 12  
No experience needed  
Come and try free of charge

**Term 2 & 3 Roller-skiing**  
Mon & Thursday 3:45-5:30pm  
Starts 23rd April @ Barr Reserve netball courts  
All equipment supplied  
\$125 per year, \$200 per family

**Term 3**

- XC ski camps at Mt Hotham & Falls Creek \*
- Introduction to biathlon & competitions\*

\*additional costs

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