



# Wrap Up

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Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

The Galen Catholic College Captains, Vice Captains and VCE VM Captain were given the opportunity to accompany Mr Mason to the **CESL Senior Student Leadership Day 2026**, hosted at Notre Dame College, Shepparton. We joined leadership teams from nine fellow Catholic schools across the Sandhurst Diocese, with each school showcasing its unique strengths and qualities.

Darta Hovey and Tim Edwards from Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited were present on the day, encouraging **open discussion about the people and values that inspire us**, creating a safe space for communication among the different schools.

Throughout the day, we discussed matters relating to schools across Sandhurst, as well as **challenges and ideas specific to our own communities**. It was a valuable opportunity to support one another, collaborate, and share new and engaging ideas to strengthen our school communities. **We spoke to many of our peers**, forming new relationships and having fun bonding over our similarities.

We were also fortunate to hear from Kate Fogarty, Executive Director Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited, who shared her invaluable insights and experiences surrounding leadership. Her presentation inspired us, as the next generation of leaders and encouraged us to **lead with purpose, confidence, and authenticity**.

Kate taught us about the **Cultural Covenant** that was developed for students and staff across Sandhurst Catholic Education, ranging from why we exist to how we will succeed. The Covenant draws inspiration from our biblical traditions, affirming that every interaction reflects our commitment to serve and lead with integrity.

As leaders and role models of Galen Catholic College, **we left the day feeling inspired to pave our own path**, drawing on the guidance of past leaders while building a strong foundation that reflects the current needs and values of our school community here at Galen.

*Maya, Eli, Holly, Josh, & Jordan* | **College Captains**

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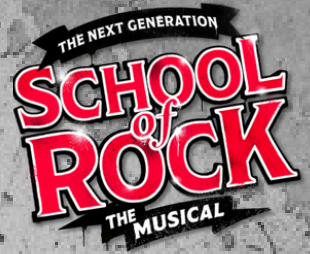
### Dates to Remember

**\*whole school event in red**

**May/June**

School of Rock - School Production starts	<b>Thu 14 May</b>
School of Rock - School Production finishes	<b>Sat 16 May</b>
Year 12 VCE VM Work Placement begins	<b>Mon 18 May</b>
Year 11 Retreat departs	<b>Wed 20 May</b>
Chisholm House Feast Day	<b>Wed 27 May</b>
Food and Fibre Careers Day	<b>Fri 29 May</b>
Year 11 VCE VM Work Placement begins	<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>
Year 8 Parish Mass	<b>Tue 2 Jun</b>
<b>Staff Professional Learning: Student-free day</b>	<b>Fri 5 Jun</b>

**FINAL TICKET CALL**



# SHOW TIMES

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May | 7pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May | 7pm  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May | 1pm & 7pm



CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS!

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



## Big Honour for Judd Campbell

Congratulations to Year 8 student Judd Campbell who has been selected in the Victoria Blue Under 14 Australian Football team for the 2026 National Championships in July! Judd earned his place through a highly competitive selection process, with a record 881 players trialling this year and just 25 selected across two Victorian teams.

Judd's selection reflects not only his football ability, but also his leadership and character. He captained Galen's Year 7 team to the State Finals last year and was voted the Tom Burton Citizen of the Term award recipient for the Year 7 and 8 Football Program.

Congratulations also to Harvey Togolo Hill and Jax Borschmann, who both progressed to the final 130 players during the trial process. We wish Judd all the best as he prepares to represent Victoria on the national stage.

## National Success for Galen Cadets

Cadet Sergeants Lucas Butler (Year 11) and Dylan Cooper (Year 10) represented Galen with distinction after attending the prestigious Regimental Sergeant Major of Army Drill Competition selection weekend at Simpson Barracks in February. Selected as reservists for a nationally combined team, the pair competed at the Royal Military College Duntroon in April, achieving an outstanding second place nationally despite meeting their teammates only the day before the competition.

Both students were also awarded Gold Commendations in recognition of their efforts, resilience and professionalism. Congratulations to Lucas and Dylan on this remarkable achievement.

## Hip Hop Success in Sydney

Congratulations to our Galen students who recently performed with Pulsate Dance Force's Almighty Force Hip Hop Crew at the HHI Nationals in Sydney, earning a silver medal in their category against some of the country's best crews.

Representing Galen were Kyle Tyers, Matilda O'Brien, Bridget Wathen, Indigo Peruzzo, Evie Anderson, Amelia Dews, Violet Turner and Darcie Cowton, alongside Galen alumni Taylah McCully, Isabelle Wathen and Bella Charlton-Evans.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to the group's talent, commitment and teamwork, and we congratulate all involved on their success.



## Opera, Culture and a Night to Remember

On Tuesday 12 May, students studying Italian in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the wonderful opportunity to attend an unforgettable evening at the Opera in Melbourne.

The excursion provided students with a valuable cultural experience and a chance to immerse themselves in the beauty of Italian language, music and performance.

The evening began with dinner at Southgate, where students enjoyed spending time together and taking in the vibrant atmosphere of Melbourne's arts precinct. Following dinner, the group made their way to the magnificent Regent Theatre on Collins Street to watch *La Traviata* by Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi.

The performance was truly spectacular. Sung entirely in Italian, the Opera captivated students with its powerful music, dramatic storytelling and stunning costumes and staging. It was especially rewarding for students to experience authentic Italian culture beyond the classroom and to hear the language come to life in such a meaningful and artistic way.

Students represented the school exceptionally well throughout the evening, dressing elegantly for the occasion and embracing the experience with enthusiasm and maturity.

Although it was a very late night, it was certainly worth it, with many students describing the excursion as a memorable night.

A sincere thank you goes to Ms Bellani, Ms Pietropaolo, Miss Bosnich and Mr Espinel for organising and supervising this fantastic excursion. Their effort and dedication provided students with a unique opportunity to engage with Italian culture and create lasting memories.



## Walking for Truth

On Sunday 3 May, staff members Tristan Lenaz and Andrew Sinclair met with Travis Lovett during the Wangaratta leg of his Walk for Truth, presenting him with a poster featuring letters from our Year 8 Merriwa Woka students.

Travelling from Victorian Parliament House in Naarm (Melbourne) to Parliament House, Travis' journey aims to raise awareness and encourage conversation around truth-telling, healing and reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Our students contributed thoughtful reflections and messages of encouragement, showing a genuine willingness to listen, learn and stand in solidarity with First Nations communities. It was also wonderful to see a number of current and former Galen staff joining the walk in support of this important initiative.



## Sandhurst Switches Off

On Wednesday 6 May, students and staff across Galen took part in Sandhurst Switches Off, joining Catholic schools throughout the diocese in a shared commitment to caring for our common home. During Periods 5 and 6, classrooms reduced energy use by switching off non-essential lights, heating and cooling, laptops, and screens wherever possible.

The initiative encouraged students and staff to pause, reconnect with one another, and engage more intentionally with the world around them through conversation, reflection, and unplugged learning activities. While simple in action, the day served as an important reminder of the impact small choices can have in promoting sustainability and caring for creation.

## Have Your Say

**Disabled young people in Victoria: here's your chance to influence change.**

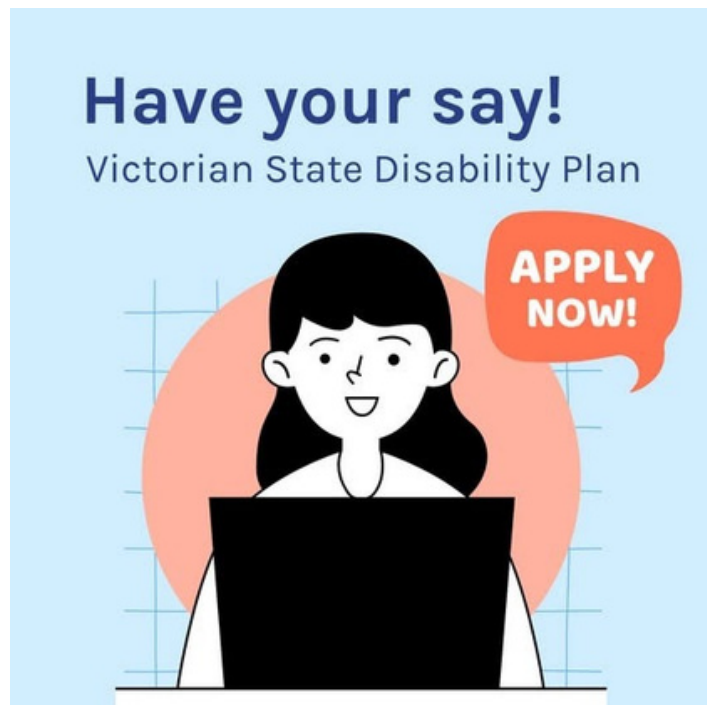
Youth Disability Advocacy Services are working with the Victorian Government to help shape the next State Disability Plan, and they want to hear from you!

If you're aged 12–25, live in Victoria, and identify as disabled, this is your chance to share what matters most to you and what needs to change.

There are paid and unpaid ways to get involved, including an online workshop, interviews, and a survey.

Expression of Interest closes Sunday 17 May at 11:55pm

[Apply here](#)





## Alpine MDF Excursion

On Tuesday 5 May, our Year 12 Business Management students visited Alpine MDF in Wangaratta to gain firsthand insight into local manufacturing and business operations. Students toured the factory, explored the particle board manufacturing process, and learned about key business concepts including quality control, waste minimisation and leave management.

The excursion provided a valuable opportunity for students to see large-scale manufacturing in action within a regional setting, highlighting the important role local industry plays beyond major cities.



### 2 x Full-Time Ongoing Teaching Positions

Methods include:

- Physical Education
- Health
- Outdoor Education



## Understanding Attendance Issues

### Lateness



Even a few minutes late can:

- Result in missed instructions
- Disrupt the flow of learning for others
- Reduce a student's ability to fully engage with the lesson
- Frequent lateness quickly adds up to significant lost learning time.

### Truancy/Wagging



Truancy refers to intentionally missing school or classes without a valid reason. This may involve missing part of the day or specific subjects. When it becomes a pattern, it can lead to serious academic, social, and emotional challenges.

### Consequences of Missing School



- Lower achievement and grades
- Difficulty keeping up with assessments
- Weakened relationships with peers
- Reduced connection with teachers and school
- Increased anxiety and stress
- Reduced engagement and motivation

● FROM THE KITCHEN ●





## Spirituality in the Pub

Join our local parish community for a relaxed evening of conversation and reflection.

**Wednesday 27th May | 6pm**  
Pinsent Hotel Wangaratta

Following a meal, Monsignor Crisologo Manongas will lead a discussion on "Organ Harvesting from Dead Donors: Is the Donor truly dead?".




Scan the QR code to register!  
Registrations close Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Future dates:  
Wed 29th of July  
Wed 30th of September  
Wed 25th of November

### 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)

## Saturday, May 30th

# MARKET

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Hall,  
Ford St, Wang  
Email: [marketsinthehall@outlook.com](mailto:marketsinthehall@outlook.com)  
FB: Market in the Hall

## CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB

### COME & PLAY



**AFL PLAY**

An opportunity to be involved in a FREE ALL-GIRLS clinic with the Carlton AFLW players while they visit Wangaratta/Wodonga as part of their Community Camp!

<b>WHO</b>	Calling all girls!! 5 - 12 years of age	
<b>WANGARATTA</b>	<b>WODONGA</b>	
18th May 2026 4:00pm - 5:00pm WJ Findlay Oval Wangaratta	18th May 2026 4:30pm - 5:30pm Martin Park Wodonga	
<b>REGISTER:</b>		
		

**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)