



# Wrap Up

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Dear Galen Catholic College Community,

Over the past fortnight, our school community has been filled with energy, creativity and meaningful learning experiences.

A highlight has been our **whole school production of School of Rock**, showcasing outstanding talent across the College - from the performers and live band to the impressive set design created by our VET Building and Construction students. We thank the many staff who generously contributed their time and expertise to make the production such a success.

Our **Year 11** students recently participated in **Retreat in Melbourne**, engaging in a rich interfaith experience through visits to a Catholic Church, Jewish Synagogue, Islamic Mosque and Sikh Temple. **Year 12 Vocational Major** students also completed their **Work Placement**, gaining valuable real-world experience as they prepare for life beyond school.

**Year 9** students took part in important sessions with **Courage to Care** and former staff member Pat Noonan, exploring courage, leadership and future pathways, while a small group of Year 9 and 10 students attended the **CES Justice Matters Camp** in Happy Valley to examine issues of justice and social change.

As we acknowledge **National Reconciliation Week** and this year's theme, All In, we are reminded that reconciliation requires active participation from us all.

Later this week, I will join our Koorie Education Worker, Tristan Lenaz, and a group of students at the **CES Reconciliation Mass** in Shepparton as we continue our commitment to learning, understanding and respect.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to welcome prospective families for our **Year 7 2027 enrolment interviews** next week and look forward to sharing what makes Galen such a special place to learn and grow.

*Shaun Mason* | **Principal**

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### Dates to Remember

**\*whole school event in red**

**May/June**

Food and Fibre Careers Day	<b>Fri 29 May</b>
CES Reconciliation Mass	<b>Fri 29 May</b>
Year 11 VCE VM Work Placement begins	<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>
Upper Hume Cross Country	<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>
Year 8 Parish Mass	<b>Tue 2 Jun</b>
Year 12 Dress Up Day: Duos'/Trio's/Groups	<b>Tue 2 Jun</b>
<b>Staff Professional Learning: Student-free day</b>	<b>Fri 5 Jun</b>
<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<b>Mon 8 Jun</b>
Year 8 Brain Day	<b>Mon 15 Jun</b>

## GSEP Visits Local Gyms

The GSEP students visited local gyms recently to explore the many aspects involved in gym management. During the visit, students learned about gym layout and design, including how equipment is organised to create safe and effective workout spaces. They also gained an insight into daily gym operations such as customer service, memberships, scheduling, and workplace health and safety.

We would like to thank De from Tribe MVMNT, Chantelle from Snap Fitness and Mel from M & M X-Treme for sharing their knowledge and passion, providing students with a practical understanding of how gyms are planned and managed.



## Project Compassion Results

Thank you to everyone who supported our Project Compassion fundraising efforts this year. Together, our school community raised an incredible \$2,140.15, along with a further \$1,139 in personal and direct donations.

The funds raised will support the work of Caritas Australia, helping communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific access essentials such as clean water, food, education and healthcare.

### Galen Catholic College - Wangaratta

We're uniting against poverty this Project Compassion

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Join Us

Please Help Us Reach Our Goal

Raised	Our Goal
\$3,279	\$500

# 2026

## Immunisation Schedule

Thursday 25 June

Meningococcal ACWY  
(1 dose only)

Year 10 only

## Upcoming student-free days

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

▶ STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

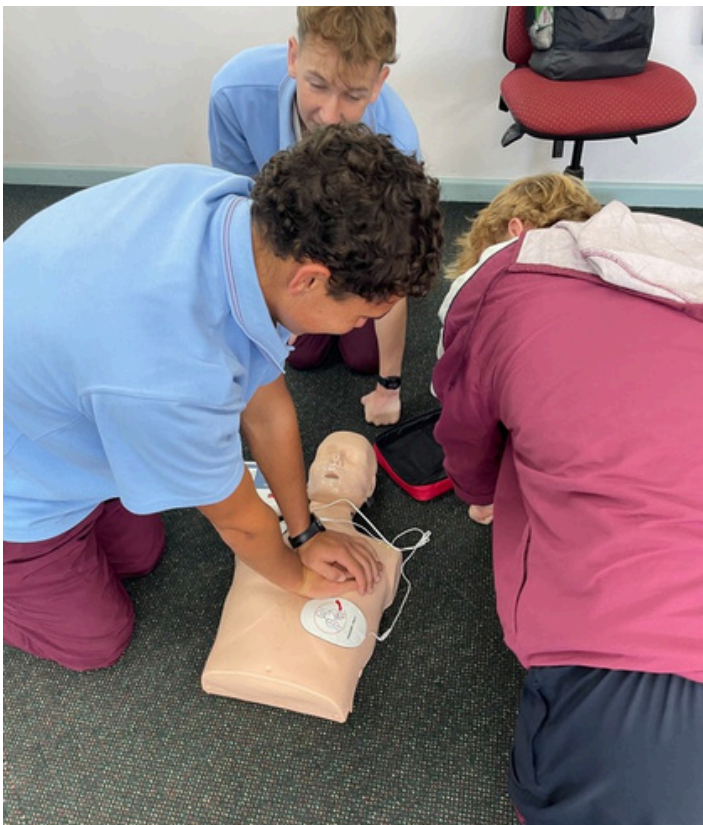
MONDAY 8 JUNE

▶ KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

## Life-Saving Skills in Action

VCE VET Sport and Recreation students recently undertook practical assessment with an external instructor to achieve their Level 2 First Aid qualification. Throughout the training, students developed important life-saving skills and knowledge, including performing CPR on adults and infants, using a defibrillator, and responding to a range of medical emergencies.

Students also learnt how to manage situations involving fractures, bleeding, burns, asthma, anaphylaxis and diabetes, while building confidence in responding effectively in emergency situations. Congratulations to all students on completing this valuable qualification.



## 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)



## Understand and Support Your Teen's Mental Health

Join the Black Dog Institute for a free Teen Mental Health Matters webinar to gain practical tools for starting supportive conversations about mental health with your teen.

The next webinar is on Tuesday 25 June at 7pm.



[Click here to register](#)

**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)

## Year 11 Retreat

Last week our Year 11 Cohort travelled to Melbourne where we explored and immersed ourselves in different religions and connected with others. A highlight of the Retreat was visiting a Turkish Islamic Mosque, which was a very peaceful and intimate experience where we learnt about their culture and customs.

Participating in activities such as rock climbing, a cinema visit, escape rooms, chocolate tours, shopping and spending time with friends was also a highlight.

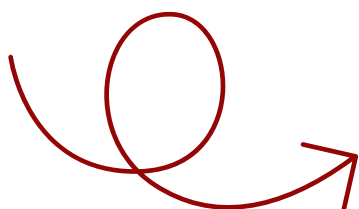
*Matilda Dean | Year 11 Student*



## Justice in Action

Recently, a group of our Year 9 students travelled to Valley Homestead in Ovens for the Justice Matters Camp, exploring issues of injustice and how they can advocate for and support disadvantaged groups in the community.

A highlight was hearing from keynote speaker Moe Turaga, who shared his powerful story of being trafficked from Fiji to work in regional Victoria. Inspired by the experience, students have now developed action plans they will work alongside school leadership to implement over the next year.



## Year 7 AFL

The Year 7 Football Team enjoyed a fantastic day on Tuesday 19 May, going through undefeated with a strong focus on teamwork, resilience and bringing an “enthusiasm unknown to mankind.” The team opened with impressive wins over Wangaratta High School and Wodonga Middle Years College, showcasing both their football skills and Galen values.

The toughest challenges came against fellow undefeated sides Cathedral College and Wodonga Catholic College. Galen held on to defeat Cathedral by one point, with Amelliah kicking two crucial goals, before producing a resilient four-point win over Wodonga Catholic College to claim the championship.

Patrick Colman and Rafferty Lyster each kicked two goals in the final, while Ryan Allan stood tall in defence with several crucial marks late in the game.

We are incredibly proud of the way the team handled pressure throughout the day and look forward to the Regional Finals at the end of June.



## Bill Turner Cup Round Two

The Galen Year 9 Girls Soccer team enjoyed a thrilling victory over Xavier Catholic College in the second round of the Bill Turner Cup on Tuesday 19 May, progressing to the next round after a dramatic penalty shootout. After trailing 1-0 at half time, Galen fought back strongly in the second half with two goals from Sibel Primerano to level the scores at 2-2.

Extra time could not separate the two teams, sending the match to penalties where Galen held their nerve to win 3-1. Sibel Primerano, Daniella Antonello and Shailla Temwake all converted their penalties in the shootout.

Best players for Galen were Sibel Primerano, Shailla Temwake and Daniella Antonello. We congratulate the team on their determination and resilience and wish them all the best for the next round on 29 May.



## ● PANCAKES ON POINT! ●

Our amazing Year 7 students took on their major assessment task for the semester in class this week – and transformed into talented little chefs for the day!

The challenge? To design and create their very own brunch pancakes from scratch! From carefully choosing flavours and toppings to cooking and presenting their creations, the students showed off plenty of creativity, teamwork, and impressive kitchen skills.

There were stacks of fluffy pancakes, colourful toppings, sweet treats, and lots of smiles all around. The classroom was filled with delicious aromas and excitement as everyone plated up their masterpieces.

We think they did an absolutely fantastic job... and honestly, don't they look delicious?



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**NAIDOC WEEK  
COMMUNITY GATHERING**

Join us in celebrating culture this NAIDOC week!

Welcome to Country  
Smoking Ceremony  
FREE BBQ  
Stall holders  
Food vendors  
Kids activities

**THURSDAY 9 JULY**  
10am-2pm @ Apex Park, Wangaratta  
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**Vaping, young people and you**

Vaping information evening

Why do young people choose to vape? How can you recognise if a young person in your life is vaping? And what can you do to help?

Join an insightful session on young people and vaping led by Charles Sturt Associate Professor in Nursing Jessica Biles. You'll come out armed with the facts and practical tools needed to begin tackling the conversation around vaping in your youth communities.

We're also really pleased to be partnering with Gateway Health and headspace Wangaratta at this event. They'll help chat you through what they're finding at the coalface, what local services are available and where we go from here.

When: Wednesday 10 June, 5:30 - 7:00pm  
Where: Wangaratta Regional Study Centre, 218 Tone Rd, Wangaratta

Book your spot  
→ [study.csu.edu.au/vaping-info-night](http://study.csu.edu.au/vaping-info-night)

**2026 ZOOS VICTORIA CAREERS EXPO**

9 & 10 July 2026

9am - 2.30pm

Melbourne Zoo (Elliot Avenue, Parkville)

Are you passionate about wildlife and interested in a career with animals, conservation or the environment?

This event is recommended for students in Years 9-12 who want to explore diverse careers in zoology, wildlife conservation, environmental science, animal welfare and more.

Hear from experts, including zoo specialists, who will share advice and insights into their careers. Connect with leading scientific, conservation, and education organisations and discover the wide range of courses and career pathways available to young people.

Learn more at  
[zoo.org.au/zoos-victoria-careers-expo/](http://zoo.org.au/zoos-victoria-careers-expo/)



Calling Victorian School Students!!

**YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION 2026**

Eligibility: Grade 10 - Grade 12

Topic: Sustainability

Submission opens on: 01<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Submission Closes on: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Presentation Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026  
From 10AM to 4PM

Venue:  
Building 16 ( Storey Hall), RMIT University,  
336/348, Swanson St, Melbourne, VIC 3000  
Public access from 1.30pm onwards

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