



Installation of Bishop Rene Rameriez

Last week, Galen Catholic College joined other schools and catholic organisations from across the Sandhurst Diocese to celebrate the installation of Bishop Rene Rameriez at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. Our Year 9 student, Nicholas composed the reflection on the occasion below:

On Wednesday 29 July, we travelled to Bendigo to attend the Evening Prayer on the eve of the Liturgical Reception of the Most Reverend Rene Ramirez, 9th Bishop of Sandhurst.

I was able to get a taste of what was to come the next day, listening to the cantors and organists at the Evening Prayer. I was fortunate to meet Bishop Ramirez afterwards, who remembered me from serving for him for previous novena masses at St Patrick's here in Wangaratta. I also met Archbishop McKinlay again, who remarked how much I had grown!

Thursday came, and we took our seats in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Fr Nathan took me over to where my school was sitting, and the ceremony began. I was amazed at the number of Bishops that were in attendance, and three Archbishops! Soon came the time for our school to be presented to Bishop Ramirez, and he shook our hands. The atmosphere was full of joy, and you could see the joy on people's faces in the congregation; such a happy event shared by so many.

Outside after the ceremony, when all the bishops were getting their photo taken on the steps, I looked up and saw two drones taking photos!

We went to the celebratory luncheon and met more priests who remembered me from serving for them when they visited our parish. It was such an amazing day for me to witness and be part of, and I will always remember the day.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Rene to Galen in the near future.

Take care,

Shaun Mason | **Principal**

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Dates to Remember

*whole school event in red

August

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Downhill Ski Day	Fri 7 Aug
Italian Day	Mon 10 Aug
Year 12 Information Evening	Mon 10 Aug
Delany House Feast	Wed 12 Aug
Founders Day	Fri 14 Aug
Music Camp departs	Tue 18 Aug
Year 8 Guest Speaker: Helen Haines	Tue 25 Aug
Year 12 Dress Up Day: Back to the 80s	Thu 27 Aug
Year 9 Parish Mass	Thu 27 Aug

A New Chapter for the Diocese of Sandhurst

Last week marked a significant moment for our diocesan community as Bishop René Ramirez RCJ was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. More than 25 bishops, 60 priests and 1,300 guests gathered to celebrate this joyful occasion, including representatives from Galen.

One of the most meaningful moments of the ceremony was when Bishop René was led to the cathedra (the bishop's chair). Taking his seat officially marked the beginning of his ministry as the spiritual leader of the Diocese. The word cathedral comes from the Latin word cathedra, meaning "chair."

The installation was a wonderful celebration of faith, bringing together parishes, schools, religious communities and civic leaders from across the Diocese. We warmly welcome Bishop René and look forward to his leadership and, we hope, welcoming him to Galen in the near future.



Putting Problem-Solving Skills to the Test

This week 51 Galen students took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition, an annual challenge run by the Australian Mathematics Trust.

The 75-minute online competition tested students' mathematical thinking across a range of areas, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, measurement, statistics, probability and problem-solving. Designed to challenge and extend students of all ability levels, the competition encourages participants to apply their knowledge in creative and logical ways.

Congratulations to all students who embraced the opportunity to challenge themselves, and thank you to our Mathematics staff for supporting this learning experience!



ITALIAN DAY 2026

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SPAGHETTI EATING COMPETITION

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Friday 7th August

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send an email to:
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by Friday 7th August

NOMINATE A TEACHER

In front of the Soul Food Cafe

10TH AUGUST 1.10PM



Exploring University Accommodation Options

Year 12 students considering university in Melbourne are invited to attend an information session with Br Frank McIntosh on **Wednesday 19 August (Period 3)** to learn more about Marist House, a university residence for country students operated by the Marist Brothers.

Br Frank will provide an overview of life at Marist House, the application process and the support available to students making the transition to tertiary study. Applications for 2027 are now open, with applications closing at the end of October.

Families interested in learning more before the session are encouraged to attend the **Marist House Open Day on Sunday 9 August**, which conveniently coincides with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Melbourne Campus Open Day.

For further information, please contact Br Frank McIntosh on 0407 943 473, or refer to the attached brochure for more information about Marist House.

[Read the Marist House Brochure](#)

Building Ancient Egypt

Our Year 7 Humanities students recently put their engineering skills to the test as they explored the remarkable design of the ancient Egyptian pyramids.

Using only marshmallows and toothpicks, students worked in teams to construct pyramids that were not only the tallest, but also the strongest and most structurally sound. The hands-on challenge helped students understand why the pyramids have stood the test of time while bringing their study of Ancient Egypt to life.

Congratulations to McKenzie, Gerrich and Joana, whose pyramid impressed the judges with its height and structural integrity to take out the challenge.



Inside Australia's Busiest Port



Our next group of Year 10 Business Studies and Finance & Economics students recently stepped behind the scenes at the Port of Melbourne, gaining a firsthand look at the complex world of global trade, logistics and supply chains.

Throughout the day, students took part in interactive workshops exploring future career pathways and the wide range of opportunities available within Australia's busiest container port. They also heard from an experienced RMIT lecturer with more than 36 years in the industry, as well as Terminal Manager Aaron, who shared his own career journey and insights into the many pathways available in the sector.

The excursion brought classroom learning to life, giving students valuable real-world context while encouraging them to think about future study and career opportunities. Our students are to be commended for their enthusiasm, engagement and the outstanding way they represented Galen throughout the day.

Did you know?

The Port of Melbourne contributes more than \$153 billion to the Australian economy each year.

It exports 9,664 tonnes of grain to destinations around the world.

The port handles around 2.6 million shipping containers annually.

More than 20,000 jobs are supported directly and indirectly through the Port of Melbourne.

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Vinnies Winter Appeal

2026

Year 12 <u>Winter Woolies</u> Gloves Beanies Jackets Socks Earmuffs Scarves Hankerchiefs	Years 10 & 11 <u>Non-Perishable</u> <u>Foods</u> Pasta Dry Biscuits Cooking Oil Long Life Milk Rice Cereal Noodles Coffee	Years 7, 8, & 9 <u>Canned Food</u> Soup Beans Spaghetti Vegetables Fruit Tuna Lentils Diced Tomatoes
Staff <u>Hygiene Products</u> Toothbrush Toothpaste Deodorant Hairbrush Soap Shampoo Conditioner Hand Sanitiser Lip Balm	<u>Other</u> Winter Shoes Sleeping Bags Money Blankets Tents Glassware Cutlery	Bring donations to the Main Office. Each donation goes in the draw to win a canteen voucher! 



Nothing But Net

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Basketball team, who have secured their place at the State Finals after an outstanding performance at the Hume Championships in Shepparton last week.

The team's skill, determination and teamwork saw them progress through the competition and earn the opportunity to compete against the best school teams in Victoria.

We wish the boys all the best as they take centre court at the State Finals on 17 September.



Region Champions Bound for State

Congratulations to our Senior Mixed Hockey team, who were crowned Hume Region Champions after an undefeated performance at the Albury Hockey Centre on 31 July.

Led by captains Owen and Ollie, the team showcased outstanding teamwork, determination and skill throughout the tournament to secure a place at the Victorian State Championships in Melbourne on 31 August. A special thank you to Marty for his time and commitment in coaching the team.

The celebrations continue beyond the school competition. Earlier this year Henry, Owen, Ollie, Noah and Caleb represented the Albury Spitfires Under 18s at the NSW State Championships, where the team finished runners-up in their division.

Congratulations also to Owen, who was recognised at the Southern Sports Academy Awards with both the 2026 Hockey Athlete of the Year and 2026 Indigenous Athlete of the Year awards. Owen will now progress as a finalist for the NSW State Awards in February 2027.

We wish the team all the very best as they prepare for the State Championships!



National Glory for Victorian Navy

Congratulations to Year 8 student Judd, who recently represented Victoria Navy at the School Sport Australia Under 14 Australian Football Championships in Melbourne.

This year's tournament marked a significant milestone, with the competition changing from an Under 15 to an Under 14 age group for the first time in its 103-year history.

The week began with a spectacular opening ceremony at the Melbourne Showgrounds, attended by approximately 10,000 spectators and more than 3,000 athletes competing across a range of sports.

Victoria Navy enjoyed an outstanding championship campaign, playing five games in seven days before defeating Western Australia 88–26 in the Grand Final. The team also recorded the largest average winning margin in the competition's history, averaging an incredible 90 points per game.

We also congratulate Galen staff member Aron Lombardi, who coached the Victorian Navy team throughout the championship. It was a remarkable achievement for both coach and player, and we thank them for representing Galen with such pride and dedication.



FOUNDERS DAY



FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

Activities, Showcase,
House Gatherings
and more!

Bon Appétit!

Our VET Hospitality students recently showcased their growing culinary skills through an exciting exploration of classic French cooking techniques and dishes. This practical learning experience challenged students to apply precision, patience, and creativity while preparing a range of French-inspired recipes.

One of the highlights of the session was the creation of a decadent Chocolate Crème Brûlée, produced using the bain-marie technique. This traditional French method of gentle water-bath cooking ensures a smooth, silky custard with a perfectly delicate texture. Students finished their dessert with a crisp pecan brittle and a rich crème anglaise, demonstrating their ability to balance flavours, textures, and presentation.

Students also mastered modern culinary techniques by preparing sous vide lemon chicken. Cooking the chicken sous vide allowed it to remain exceptionally tender, juicy, and full of flavour. To complement the dish, students prepared a luxurious Dauphinoise potato gratin, a classic French side dish known for its layers of thinly sliced potatoes baked in cream until golden and delicious.

A key focus of the practical lesson was sauce-making, an essential component of French cuisine. Students prepared a Sauce Suprême, a refined sauce derived from Velouté, one of the five classic French mother sauces established by French chef Auguste Escoffier. By learning how a foundational sauce can be adapted into a more complex and elegant accompaniment, students gained valuable insight into the building blocks of professional cookery.

Through this hands-on experience, students developed a deeper understanding of both traditional and contemporary French cooking methods. From mastering the bain-marie technique and sous vide cooking to refining their skills in sauce preparation, they demonstrated dedication, attention to detail, and a commitment to culinary excellence.



A Fairy Tale Brought to Life

Last week, our Year 10 Theatre Production and 11 Drama students attended Shake & Stir's exciting production of GRIMM at the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, followed by an engaging Q&A session with the cast.

Students were captivated by every aspect of the production, from the clever, multi-purpose set that immersed the audience in the world of fairy tales to the impressive pyrotechnics, striking costumes, and elaborate wigs. The performance received glowing reviews from our students, with comments including, "It was AMAZING!" and "The best thing I've seen this year!"

It was a fantastic opportunity to experience high-quality live theatre and gain insight into the creative process behind the production. We can't wait to see what Shake & Stir brings to the stage next!



YOUTH 12-25YO OPEN MIC



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24	Pride cookies. WIP day	
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Submissions open: 1st June 2026
Submissions close: 5th September 2026
Presentation date: 13th September 2026
from 10am - 4pm

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