



Howard Springs Campus Middle & Senior Years News

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Term 4, Week 10 2022

Upcoming Events



- **Mon 5 - Thurs 15 Dec** - Step-up Program (Years 6-11)
- **Thurs 15 Dec** - Last Day of Term 4 (students)
- **Fri 16 Dec** - Staff Professional Development
- **Mon 19 Dec** - SACE / NTCET Results Released
- **Mon 30 Jan - Fri 3 Feb** - Staff Professional Development
- **Mon 6 February** - First Day of the School Year 2023

Senior Years

As the school year wraps up it's been great to see our students step up into their senior years so productively during our yearly Step-up program. This is an important two weeks for our seniors as they get a head start on 2023 studies.

I would like to congratulate our awardees we celebrated last week at our Awards Assemblies. Your hard work and motivation to succeed and better yourselves was evident in your achievements.

Remember here at Good Shepherd, our approach is holistic, academics are just as important as other skills like communicating effectively, self regulating and working collaboratively. These are all things we all can work on, so in 2023 let's do it together! Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy new year.

Dean Cummins - Head of Senior Years



Middle Years

I congratulate all students on their achievements; I have seen first hand the high level of effort and dedication that students have put into their work for which they are to be congratulated and commended. Our recent Awards evening was a fantastic celebration of our community and our collective efforts throughout the year.

The last two weeks have seen all students 'step-up' to the next year level ready for 2023. We welcomed our new Year 6 students and many new Year 7's who came and spent two days on the Howard Springs Campus, familiarising themselves with what is to come. This program provides a fresh energy into the College which is always valued and welcomed.

I congratulate and welcome our new Middle School Leaders for 2023:

- Middle School Captains: Aaron McWilliams, Stella Di Toro
- Fenton Leaders: Jack Trathen and Dhanvi Bhardwaj
- Hughes Leaders: Joshua Harrington and Lara Bedggood
- Livingstone leaders: Georgia Rossow and Aaron Sajan Varghese
- Strauss leaders: Maya Nunn and Lily Murray



I wish all students, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

James Faraone - Head of Middle Years



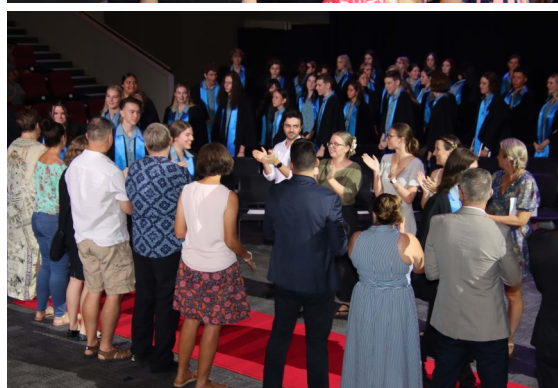
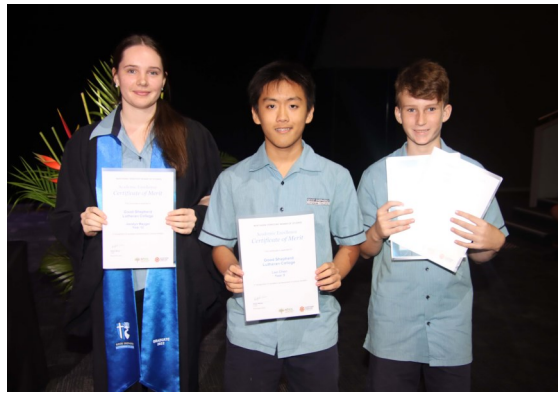
Year 12's Final Assembly - Thursday 24 November



Awards and Year 12 Graduation - Thursday 24 November



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Valedictory Dinner - Saturday 26 November



Learning Enrichment

When I arrived at Good Shepherd Lutheran College nearly seven years ago, mid-term in 2016, I decided to develop a vision for our Learning Enrichment Program.

It was to have a school where Inclusion was a part of the conversation for planning, programming and assessment. It was also to have people in the community talking of our school as a place that understood difference and acceptance of each other with our differences. This is very much in line with the International Baccalaureate Mission Statement.

Our Learning Enrichment teams wanted to grow their knowledge and embarked on a series of courses with Online Learning Training - a blended learning course involving Online and Face to Face training in many different disability areas. Our teaching staff also joined in on the courses offered and learnt with the assistance of the Learning Support teachers at each campus to set up 'Initial Intervention Plans,' and 'Adjustments Profiles' for students.



As I walk around the school on my last days as the Learning Enrichment Coordinator, I can happily say that I see a culture that mirrors these wishes back to me. Our staff have our children with all of their differences at the heart of their planning, programming and assessment and the conversations in the staffrooms are often about ways to better cater through the use of Universal Design for Learning. Our programs, especially in the Enrichment Room centre around the needs of the child with a focus on regulation and wellbeing. We have also enjoyed our team work in Tournament of Minds competitions and the World Scholars Cup both at Charles Darwin Uni and here at Good Shepherd.

As the staff and students and families continue to grow this culture of inclusion, I am sad to be leaving. I personally want to thank the families, my Learning Enrichment staff, the school staff in general and the wonderful students for entrusting me with your precious time and shared dreams and plans. Good Shepherd will always have a piece of my heart.

Marie Robertson
Learning Enrichment Coordinator



Science Awards

On Monday 20 November, the Territory Young Scientists Awards were held. The Territory Young Scientist Competition recognises excellence in Science in scientific inquiry, scientific communication (poster, model, video, multimedia), innovation and invention and STEM in the NT across the whole of the Northern Territory.

Good Shepherd students made quite the impact. Congratulations to all our award winners in both the Primary and Secondary sectors: Hashir, Aidan, Elijah, Andrew, Mia, Bailey, Calista, Ella, Imogen, Shawn, Rhys, Stella, Benson, Jack, Alana, Maddy, Jorja, Bailee, Subhneet, Eliza, Dhanvi, Daniel, Aaron, William, Jocelyn, Sopon, Lara, Dallas, Lachlan, Fraser, Stella, Abbey-May, James, Zach, Nicholas, Mitchell, Yi-Zong and Patrick.

Particular congratulations to Year 2 student Patrick, for receiving the Rowe Scientific Early Childhood Student Award, Subhneet for receiving the Rowe Scientific Middle School Award, and Jocelyn for winning the Rowe Scientific Senior Student Award.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College were also recipients of this year's Rowe Scientific Middle School Award.



Awards Assembly - Years 8-11



Awards Assembly - Years 6 & 7





Australian Government
Department of Defence

More information about the program as well as Defence Member and Family Support can be found here:

<https://defence.gov.au/members%2Dfamilies/>

Defence School Mentor

Good Shepherd warmly welcomes Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Kathleen Cobban to our wonderful community.

Mrs Cobban has four children at Good Shepherd and her husband is a current serving member of the Royal Australian Navy.

The DSM is a defence-funded position, aimed at supporting children of Defence families, enrolled at Good Shepherd. The DSM provides assistance for Defence students and their families, and raise awareness of unique needs of these families to the military lifestyle.

Mrs Cobban is based at the Howard Springs Campus every Thursday and alternates between our Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses every Friday.

Please contact the College if you would like your child to utilise these services or wish to know more about the program. 8983 0300 / admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au



Year 9 Individuals & Societies

Year 9 students visited the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly last week. They had a guided tour and witnessed the Members of Parliament sitting in the Chamber discussing various issues. One group witnessed a division on whether forming a corruption commission in the Territory should be discussed.

The Chief Minister Natasha Fyles, the Leader of the Opposition Lia Finocchiaro and Howard Springs MLA Gerard Maley all spoke with the students. Students participated in an interactive session with the NT Electoral Commission where they learned about democracy, voting and how to count votes in a preferential voting system.

A special thanks to Alison, Leanne and Karen for their time and enthusiasm to ensure this was an interesting and engaging learning experience for our students. Thank you.



Year 6 Orientation Days

Year 5 students 'stepped-up' to Year 6 on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December. Students enjoyed the chance to experience Middle School life, participating in numerous activities and a wonderful BBQ lunch. New students to Good Shepherd also attended the day. We look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 6 February 2023**.



Spelling Bee for Orientation Students

What an exciting day for new (2023) Year 6 students! They experienced an array of engaging activities on day two of their Year 6 immersion days. One activity was the 'GSLC-style' spelling bee. In preparation for the competition next year, each class learnt that spelling can not only be active, but also fun. Well done to all who participated and to Ms Bell's class for winning the trophy.



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College Website, App, Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website and App regularly:

www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

College App

[Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT](#)

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/>

Careers Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gslccareers/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/>



2023 Middle School Leaders

Our new Middle School Captains and House Leaders were acknowledged during their Middle School assembly on Monday 12 December. Congratulations to these wonderful Middle School Leaders:

- **Middle School Captains - Stella and Aaron**
- **Hughes Captains - Joshua and Lara**
- **Fenton Captains - Jack and Dhanvi**
- **Livingstone Captains - Georgia and Aaron**
- **Strauss Captains - Maya and Lily**



Good Shepherd and St Andrew Lutheran Church

- Worship Services -

* St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff - Sunday, 8.30am

* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Campus Chapel - Sunday, 10.30am

For further information, please call: **8932 4444** or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

<http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au>



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"For by grace you have
been saved through faith."
- Ephesians 2:8-10

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Parade

Wishing everyone in our
Good Shepherd community
a very **Merry Christmas**
and a most enjoyable,
safe holiday break.



We look forward to
seeing you all again on
Monday 6 February 2023.