



Howard Springs Campus

Middle & Senior Years

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News



Term 2, Week 5 2023

Upcoming Events



- **Fri 19 May** - MS / SS Aths Carnival
- **Fri 26 May** - Top End Region SS Volleyball
- **Mon 22 - Thur 25 May**, Year 9 Camp Group 1
- **Wed 24 May** - Top End Region MS Volleyball
- **Thurs 25 May** - Parent Workshops
- **Tues 23 - Fri 26 May** Year 9 Camp Group 2
- **Sat 27 May** - College Choir Performance, Fred's Pass Show
- **Sat 27 & Sun 28 May** - Fred's Pass show
- **Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June** - Reconciliation Week
- **Tues 30 - Fri 2 June** Year 9 Camp Group 3
- **Fri 2 June** - Fenton House Day
- **Sat 3 June** - College Tours
- **Mon 5 - Fri 9 June** - ALWS Visit
- **Tues 6 - Fri 9 June** - Year 11 Exams
- **Tues 6 - Fri 9 June** - Year 9 Camp Group 4

Senior Years

We have had some big events at school already this term and it is only Week 5! Our Senior School students were well represented at the ANZAC Day Service, which showcased our Army Cadets in full uniform with artillery. In Week 3, we sent a small number of Senior School students to the AANT Street Smart High Event, held at the Darwin Convention Centre. This was an eye-opening and confronting event. Some of the content involved witnessing a simulated crash scene, including pre-and-post-crash analysis, hearing from people whose lives have been affected by road trauma, interacting with leading community, Territory Government Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel and industry organisations and programs that aim to keep young people safe and learning road safety skills and knowledge. We will most definitely be making this a compulsory event in some way for our seniors in the coming years.

In Week 4 we had a Monster Truck on site and also players from the mens and women's Salties Basketball Team for a meet and greet with some students and a match against some Middle School students.

In between getting ready for our Athletics Carnival on Friday of Week 5 (including the practice of House war cries) our Year 10 students have begun their interviews with our Careers Advisor, Mrs Anita Synnott to start preparing them for Year 11. Year 11 students will begin their interviews in Week 6 to gauge where they are tracking in Term 2 and moving forward in Semester 2.

We continue to challenge students to strive and achieve their best, supporting them on their learning journey. Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students are involved in exams at the end of the term. Year 10 students have Endeavour Week to look forward to in Week 10.

Peta Trahair - Head of Senior Years



Middle Years

Term 2 has so far been jam packed with great experiences, events and opportunities for students across the College. Some of these events included our ANZAC Day Ceremony, Monster Truck visit where students had the opportunity to see close up (and sit in or climb on) a Monster Truck. We had a visit from the Salties Basketball team who played a game against our Middle School students. We hosted a special 'PASCH' Assembly where the College was presented with a plaque recognising our ongoing involvement at an international level in German Language Studies. Our Art students performed at the Seabreeze Festival and we held our Athletics Carnival at Marrara Stadium. At all of these events our students represented the College admirably and their efforts across the board have been recognised and appreciated.

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Upcoming Events

- **Wed 7 June** - VET Careers Expo
- **Mon 12 June** - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tues 13 - Fri 16 June** Year 9 Camp Group 5
- **Tues 13 - Thurs 15 June** - Year 10 Exams
- **Fri 16 June** - Top End Region Inter-school Sports Day, Years 10-12
- **Sun 18 June - Fri 14 July**, Germany Trip
- **Mon 19 - Fri 23 June** - Year 12 Exams
- **Mon 19 - Fri 23 June** - Year 10 Endeavour Week
- **Fri 23 June** - Last Day Term 2
- **Mon 17 July** - Staff PD, student free day
- **Tues 18 July** - First Day Term 3

Middle Years - continued

Students have been very busy within classrooms too, busily learning and honing their craft in all subject areas. I congratulate students on their resilience and encourage them to continue to work to the best of their abilities as we move into the end of semester assessment period.

Later this term we are looking forward to the beginning of our Middle School camps program which sees Year 7, 8 and 9 cohorts head out into the great outdoors across the NT on their experiential learning journeys; which is sure to be fun, challenging and character building for all involved. Middle School students will be involved in social / emotional learning through 'Circle' discussions in year and house groups. They will also be involved in a number of Headspace sessions; healthy relationships, positive mental health and wellbeing and drugs and alcohol education.



James Faraone - Head of Middle Years

Year 6 Canberra Trip



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Staff Installations

A very special morning on Tuesday 18 April and wonderful to have Mr Craig Fielke - Executive Director of Lutheran Education, SA, NT and WA (LESNW) install our outstanding new staff members. Thank you very much for visiting us Mr Fielke.



Year 6 German

Year 6 German Language Acquisition students delivered their 'speaking' assessment on the topic 'Café or Tea' on Tuesday 18 April. The key concept of this unit is communication, and where else, if not in a café, you learn to communicate with people. Within the context of self-introduction and a simple conversation, students talked about themselves and presented a role-play of a café chat in German. Well done everyone!

* The languages offered within the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) at Good Shepherd are German, French and Japanese. The study of these additional languages provides learners with the opportunity to develop insights into the features, processes and craft of language and the idea of culture. This process of learning and acquiring an additional language helps learners understand that there are diverse ways of living, behaving and viewing the world.



Top End Region Sport Education - Cricket

Congratulations to these three brilliant boys who were selected for the NT cricket squad - National Championships. Toby, Ben and Nate! They were selected during the Top End Region cricket event, where 13 students represented Good Shepherd. Well done to all cricketers, we heard it was a great day. Thank you to all teachers involved, Mr Cavanagh (coach) and Mrs Hawkett.



GRIP Leadership Conference

Middle School leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference on Friday 21 April at Darwin's Hilton Hotel. Students from many Darwin schools participated in the interactive sessions; very useful in developing leadership abilities and ways to serve others.

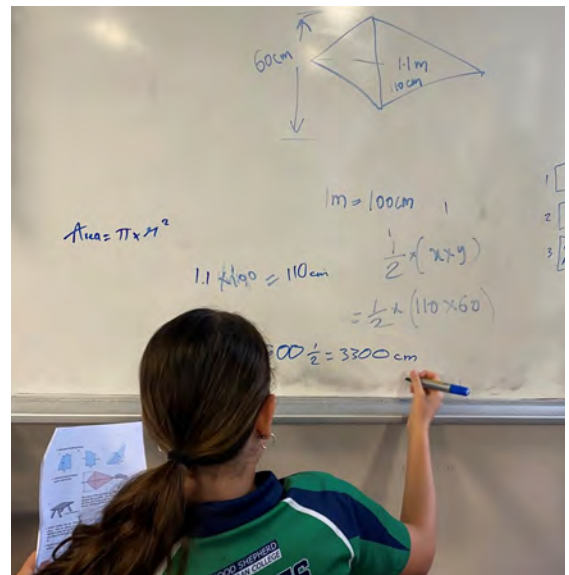
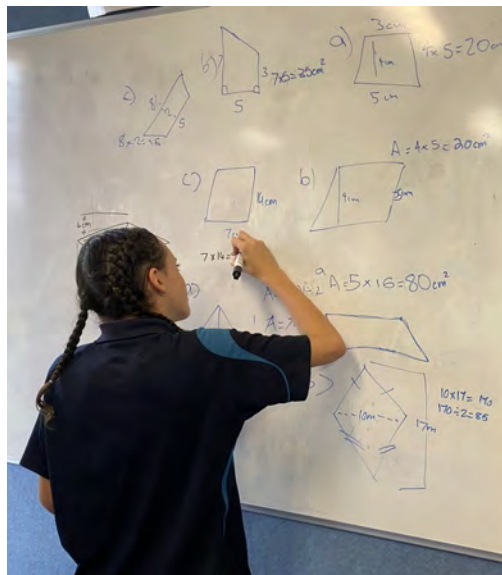
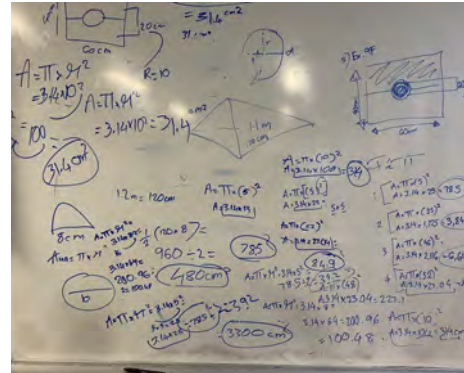


Year 8 and 10 Mathematics

Year 10 and Year 8 Mathematics students accomplished some great things in Week 1.

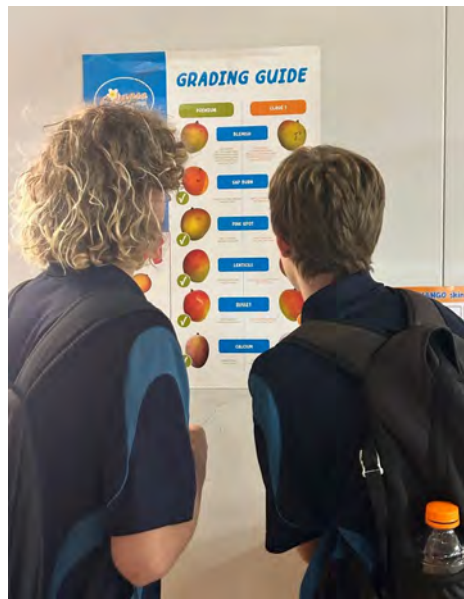
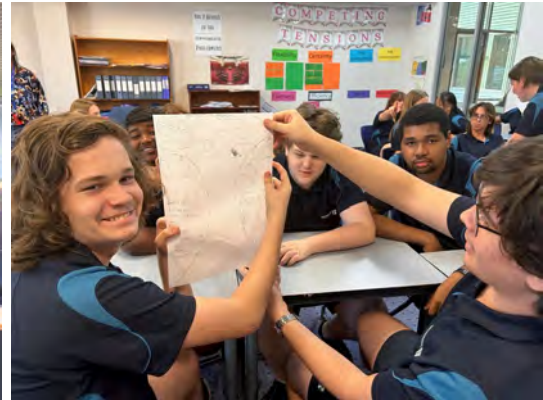
Year 10 students were involved in a statistics investigation. They measured their arm span vs height to make analysis of the data and then used Excel to show the trends.

Year 8 students were involved with measurement - finding the area of parallelograms, kites and circles, which they presented on the class whiteboards.



Year 10 Science

CQ University Agri-tech education facilitated a day for our Year 10 Science students in Week 2. They explored careers in Agriculture by visiting Acacia Hills Mango Farm. Students will use this connection to industry to deconstruct and design their practical investigations this term. Well done everyone and thank you Acacia Hills Mango Farm.



ANZAC Day - Whole School Service



ANZAC Day Whole School Service - continued



Celebrating 25 Years

Good Shepherd Lutheran College is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2023 and what a great way to do it with a whole school photo. This was executed superbly after the whole school ANZAC Day Service on Monday 24 April. Happy 25th Anniversary Good Shepherd!



ANZAC Day - Darwin Services

It was just marvellous having many students attend ANZAC Day services across Darwin on ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25 April, with College leaders laying wreaths at each. The first was the dawn service in Darwin, followed by 9.00am march and services in Palmerston and Humpty Doo. Thank you so much to our students for attending the various services, as well as College staff. Lest We Forget!



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

The Dry has arrived here in The Top End. There is a notable change in the humidity and our outdoor assemblies are far more pleasant. In terms of what is occurring inside our classrooms, students have all worked through at least one Unit of Inquiry and are at least midway through another.

Teachers are beginning to plan for our **Semester 1 Academic Reports** published at the end of Term 2. Year 10

students should be well into the research and creation component of their Personal Project and Year 6 and 7 students are gearing up for their **annual Spelling Bee**. Many teachers have already undertaken intensive International Baccalaureate professional development courses this year in relation to teaching and learning within the Middle Years Programme. **NAPLAN is over for another year**; results will be available soon. **There is some news I would like to address here in more detail:**

MYP Semester 1 Academic Report

This Semester 1 Report **heralds a revised format**. The new format is the result of teacher, student and parent feedback from the previous year. **The new format is designed to be more reader-friendly**. It is important to note that the report is a summation of student progress through the semester. **It is not the only way student progress is shared**. Ongoing achievement grades and written feedback for subject assessments (**available through our online learning management system, SEQTA**) is also a valuable source of ongoing reporting throughout the year. Of course, arranging contact with individual teachers when there are particular learning issues can also provide useful and immediate feedback. **Please let me know what you think of the new report format when it is published toward the end of this term.**

Year 6 National Assessment Program Science Literacy Study

The National Assessment Program (NAP) Science Literacy Study is an online test that informs schools, education ministers and the community about the **levels of achievement in science literacy among students across Australia**. This year some of our Year 6 students will be participating during Week 5 of Term 2. This is a small group of **20 students selected at random** by the government. **Those selected students and their parents will be contacted separately.**

Bring Your Own Device Problems?

Please be reminded that **every lunchtime our IT technicians are available** to assist students with their tech issues. Check with your child if there are any issues involving their laptop, apps, email access, internet connectivity, etc. Encourage them to get the issue resolved immediately at the Tech Foyer at lunchtime. Teaching and learning using personal laptops is a sizable part of every day and **we do not want any student to miss out on learning** due to personal device tech problems.



IB Middle Years Programme News - continued

Learning Area Spotlight

Most days I make time to walk around our Middle School. I get to see what's happening with teaching and learning across our Learning Areas. **Every day there are quality teaching and learning moments occurring.**

What makes quality teaching and learning? It could be humour, it could be research, it could be the 'a-ha' moments, it could be storytelling, it could be quiet and calm or rowdy and seemingly chaotic, it could be individual work or group work, it could be beginning a new statement of inquiry or submitting an assessment, it could be team-teaching or Learning Enrichment assistance, it could be a trip to the Library or an outdoor classroom; **teaching and learning is complex!**

That is why we are now giving the **spotlight to our Learning Areas through this newsletter.** These spotlights are a sharing of a small part of what makes our complete MYP teaching and learning curriculum here at Good Shepherd. We begin with an insight into two Learning Areas: **Digital Design and Language & Literature.**

Please contact me through the school for support or suggestions about the Middle Years Programme at Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

Shane Rumbold - Middle Years Programme Coordinator

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MYP Learning Area Spotlight - Design

Year 9 Design - Materials

Across two Materials classes, Year 9 students have been tasked to create functional stools (zaishus) and a textiles bag, that **communicate a message of community and change**.

Students used Criteria A and B to investigate the origins of the Zaishu and analysed existing similar products. They drafted and refined design options, justifying their choice in the design they believe to be most suitable for production.

Workshop skills have been built through a number of tasks and experiments, including the use of a variety of hand tools, power tools, workshop machinery and a variety of decorating techniques. Student projects will be evaluated through peer surveys and feedback in the coming weeks.

Ms Bonnie Short - Design Teacher

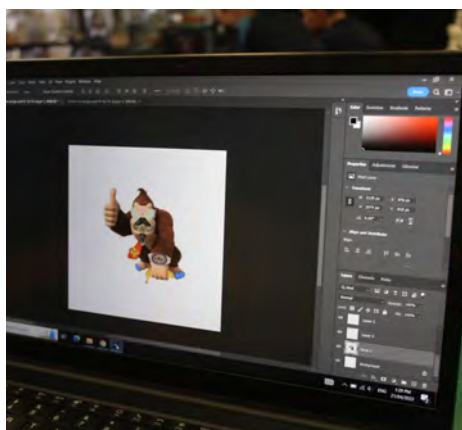


Year 8 Digital Design

Year 8 Digital Design students surveyed peers to **justify choosing only one design** to make as a solution to a design problem based on the gaming industry. Criteria B in MYP 4 Design is about **developing skills and justifying your decisions** so you can create a relevant solution. Students developed skills by designing three characters using tools and filters of Adobe Photoshop. They surveyed peers, collated data, created graphs to represent their findings and summarised data before choosing a final design to animate.

Animations will be created as part of Criteria C where **students construct a logical plan, demonstrate technical skills, follow the plan and list changes made to the plan**. We look forward to seeing their final solutions and **journals that back up their learning journey**.

Mrs Cassandra Holland - Arts / Design Coordinator



MYP Learning Area Spotlight - Design (continued)

Year 8 Textiles

Year 8 Textiles' students are **developing knowledge and skills** in a number of areas, including **design development, machine sewing and hand sewing**. With a focus on **changing technologies**, and imagining that they have been employed by Officeworks, students have been tasked to design and create functional laptop sleeves.

They have developed skills by creating and analysing three design options and selecting and justifying their best design. Through a number of practical tasks, including learning how to thread and operate a sewing machine, practicing measuring, cutting, pinning and ironing, **students are building on transferrable and life-long knowledge and skills**.



Year 7 Textiles

Students are imagining that they have been employed by Sheridan, to design and create a range of tea towels that communicate relationships. They have used Criteria A to investigate and analyse existing products, with a **focus on using the ACCESS FM design framework** throughout.

Further moving through the design process in Criteria B, students have drafted, refined and justified design options. Through a range of practical tasks, students have now begun producing their tea towels. This has required the **acquisition of skills in measuring and cutting, pinning, ironing, hand sewing and machine sewing**. We are excited to see students complete and evaluate their products as the term wraps up.

Mrs Brooke Bannan
Arts & Design Teacher





MYP Learning Area Spotlight

Language and Literature

Our Year 6 and 7 Language and Literature students have been engaging with the concepts of **perspective and communication** in their classes. **Units of Inquiry are valuable guides to develop the learning journey of our students.** From our Units of Inquiry utilising short stories and poetry, students have delved into the wonderful world of the English language and storytelling.

Alongside the conceptual content, we are also **focusing on our spelling and reading skills!** At Good Shepherd, we love making learning fun. We are preparing for our renowned Spelling Bee. Students will spend the next seven weeks learning new and challenging vocabulary. They will work together and engage in the event of the term: an obstacle course featuring many active components. The Year 6 and 7 class with the highest accuracy level will win the Spelling Bee Trophy!

We are also **developing our reading skills through a dynamic reading program.** The students' teacher will check in with them to **increase their confidence and build their vocabulary and love of reading.**

Could we give a student a prize for the most read novel over a semester? Yes, we can - so, let's get reading!

Mr Paulo Abrantes - Language and Literature Coordinator



SCHULEN: PARTNER DER ZUKUNFT (PASCH) INITIATIVE

Good Shepherd held an extraordinary assembly at the Howard Springs Campus on Friday 12 May. Distinguished guests acknowledged the achievement of the College, presented Diplomas to students and acknowledged our current Diploma students: Mr Hoch - Head of Culture and Press Section of the German Embassy in Canberra and Mr Gruja - German Language Advisor for Australia for the Central Office for Schools Abroad of the Federal Office for Foreign Affairs.

The "Schools: Partners for the Future" (PASCH) initiative was launched in February 2008 by Germany's Federal Foreign Office. PASCH is coordinated by the Federal Foreign Office and implemented in cooperation with the Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA), the Goethe-Institut, the German Academic Exchange Service and the Educational Exchange Service of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Federal States in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Good Shepherd is a PASCH School; a distinction given by the Federal Government of Germany to schools with outstanding German language programs and achievements. It is the first and only school in the NT and only the fourth school in Australia to be invited to join the network of more than 1500 partner schools worldwide. The objective of this partnership is to promote German language education in schools, intercultural meetings and the development of an international learning community.

As part of the PASCH network our students and teachers will receive excellent teaching resources, scholarships to Germany for top students, study-abroad programs, professional development for teachers in Germany, access to projects, competitions and many other events.



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Monster Truck Visit

Students were delighted to receive a very special Monster Truck visit in Week 4. Thank you so much for visiting us Monster Trucks WA.



Year 11 Music

Year 11 music students, Harry and Jessica have been accepted into the Darwin Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Program. They are dedicated to developing their skills and will participate in weekly rehearsals, performances and masterclasses. We wish Harry and Jessica every success in this new chapter of their music journey.



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Year 11 Modern History

Wow! What an awesome day for our Year 11 historians! Early hours on Thursday 4 May, Year 11 Modern History students and teachers, Mr Abrantes and Mr Faraone embarked on a trip to experience the culture and history of the Tiwi Islands. They visited the museum and recorded many primary sources which will assist students complete their assessments - based on traditional Tiwi culture, the history of the missions and WWII.

The most powerful parts of learning, as always, is through experience and they greatly enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people on the way. Students were invited by the 'Strong Women' group to observe intricate basket weaving. They travelled to various sites across the island. Thank you Mr Faraone, Mr Abrantes and the Modern History class, what an extraordinary experience for you all. Strong Women and Strong Girls!





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

The College's Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Kathleen Cobban is available to meet with children of Defence families at Good Shepherd.

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 Monday and alternates between our Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses every Tuesday.

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



Chess Club

Chess: the game of focus, concentration, and undeniable skill. Students from both the Middle and Senior School have opportunities to go head to head with each other in this wonderful game during lunch times every Tuesday and Friday.

Chess is a game known to develop memory, planning and problem-solving, super important skills! Well done to all participants - either in their Care Groups or in chess club. We look forward to many more exciting games!



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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/>



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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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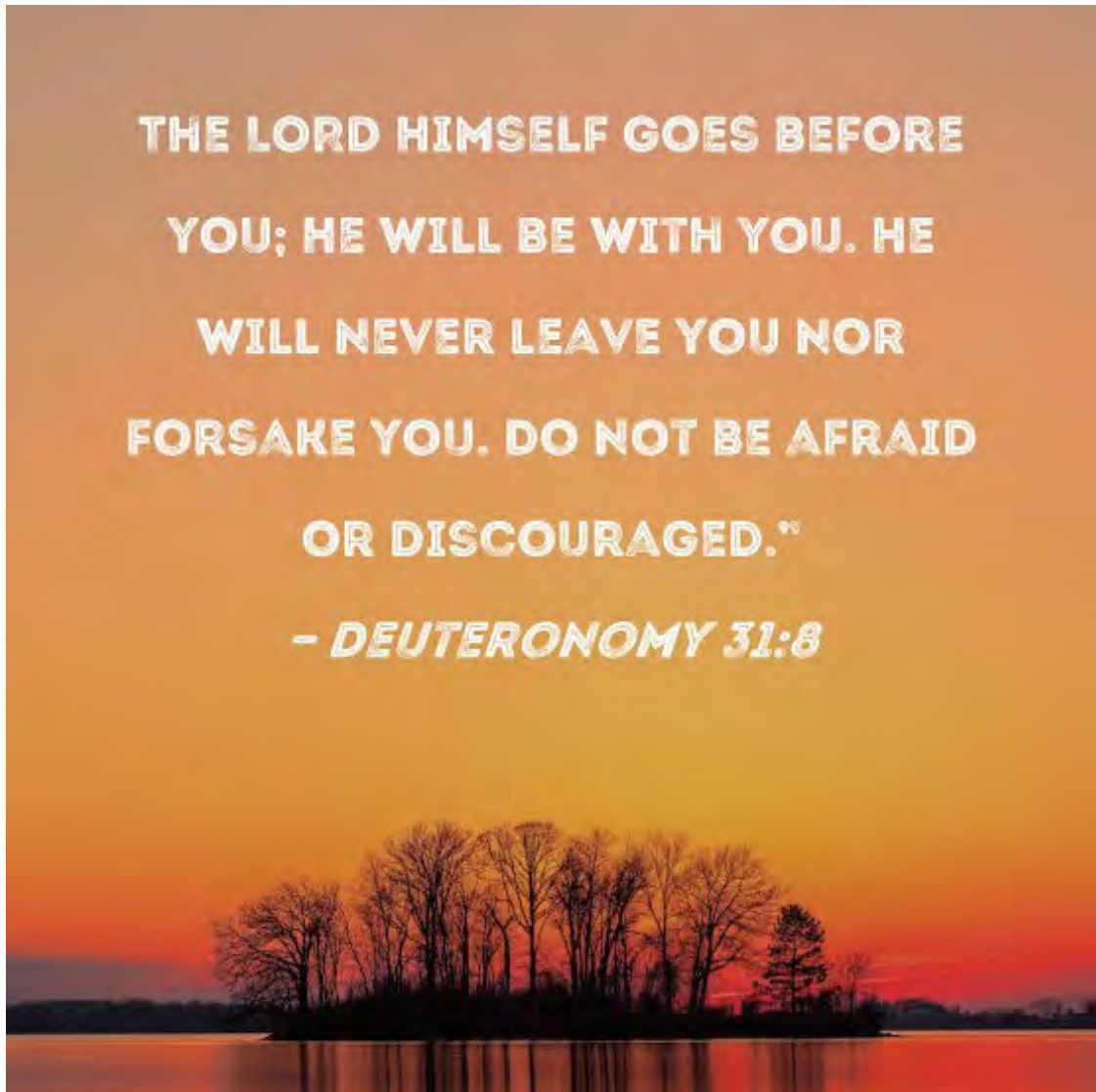


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YOU; HE WILL BE WITH YOU. HE
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College Tours

Saturday 3 June, 10-11.30am

Howard Springs, Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses

Good Shepherd provides quality education for students aged 3-18 / Early Learning to Year 12.

Join us to experience the excellent facilities and programs that set Good Shepherd apart.

Meet the Principal, Heads of School and key staff and find out more about the enrolment process.

We look forward to meeting you.

- **Howard Springs Campus** – Early Learning to Year 12
- **Palmerston Campus** – Early Learning to Year 5
- **Leanyer Campus** – Early Learning to Year 5

New **Early Learning Centre** at Palmerston Campus

Please register: 8983 0300 or
enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

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PALMERSTON CAMPUS – Corner Emery Avenue & Temple Terrace

LEANYER CAMPUS – 94 Leanyer Drive

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