



Howard Springs Campus

Term 4, Week 5

Upcoming events

Mon 6 - Fri 17 November

Year 12 final exams

Thurs 9 November

ARTiculate Arts Showcase

Fri 10 November

2024 Senior Student Leaders day

Mon 20 - Wed 22 November

Year 12 exit interviews

Mon 20 - Fri 24 November

Year 11 exams

Tues 21 November

Step Up information evening
(Years 6 and 7)

Thurs 23 November

- Year 12 breakfast
- Year 12 final assembly
- Awards Evening & Year 12 Graduation

Sat 25 November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Mon 27 - Wed 29 November

Year 10 exams

Wed 29 November

The Rite Journey information evening
(Year 9)

Fri 1 December

Years 6-11 Awards Assembly

Sat 2 December

Old Collegians 10-year reunion

Senior Years

It is, as always, an action-packed term in the Senior School. It's also the term when so many rites of passage happen for our Year 12 students, who are currently sitting their final exams. I wish them all the best and hope the week of study has paid off!

Earlier this term we had a number of teachers participate in professional development for a new program that is launching at GSLC next year – The Rite Journey. It is a program designed for Year 9 students to deepen their student experience through connection, collaboration and conversation. It aims to support the growth of thriving individuals, equipping them for their own unique journey, armed with skills needed to flourish – not just at school, but in life. Year 9 families will have the opportunity to attend an information evening this term to learn more about this exciting program.

As I write this article, our Arts and Design Department are busy setting up for their annual showcase – ARTiculate. It is shaping up to be a fabulous night, highlighting the hard work and talent of our students. Thank you to Mrs Holland for your efforts in bringing this evening together.

This week will also see our 2024 Senior Student Leadership group come together for a 'Leaders day' where they will work on fostering a sense of belonging, identifying their goals and continuing to improve their leadership skills. This day is being facilitated by Mrs Synnott and we are very excited to also have Amy Hetherington attending to run a session. One of our upcoming leaders, Sophie Bedggood, has been selected to travel to Canberra this month to attend the Country to Canberra Leadership Program, which aims to provide education, leadership and mentorship opportunities to regional, rural and remote girls and non-binary teens. We wish Sophie good luck and can't wait to hear about her experiences.

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Upcoming events (cont.)

Mon 4 - Tues 5 December

Years 6 and 7 orientation

Mon 4 - Thurs 14 December

Step Up

Sat 9 December

Old Collegians 5-year reunion

Thurs 14 December

Student's last day of term



With the end of term fast approaching, good luck to not only our Year 12 students, but also our Years 10 and 11 students for their upcoming exams. Exams can be exciting, exhausting and stressful – make sure you look after yourselves and implement good study habits as well as those all-important study breaks!



Peta Trahair

Head of Senior Years

Middle Years

Greetings to all parents and caregivers. It's hard to believe it is already half way through the last term of the year! So much has been happening for students already, especially in TERIS Sports. Our students have been very successful, bringing home awards and accolades for Volleyball, Middle Touch Football and Junior Australian Rules Football. In Week 2 of this term we also saw our students compete in the College Swimming Carnival. Many qualified for NT representative events, which is a fantastic achievement.

This term has also seen us working towards finalising our group of 2024 Middle School Leaders. The future of the Middle School is looking very promising with so many capable students being nominated for these leadership positions. Our current Middle School Leadership team have been extraordinary – many thanks are extended to them for their great work and positive leadership across the College in 2023.

In Week 3 we had a fantastic visit from the Bell Shakespeare Company who performed Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet to our Middle School students. It was a great opportunity for students to see these works come to life.

As the end of academic year approaches I encourage all students to ensure they maintain their focus on their studies, particularly as final assessments become due. It can be a very busy and stressful time, but if students plan ahead and consult with their teachers they will ensure they receive grades which are commensurate with their abilities on their final report.

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Parents and caregivers are reminded that our 'Step-Up' program will once again run over the final two weeks of the school term (4-14 December). The purpose of this program is to focus on the development of the skills essential for success in the next stage of students' education and to commence learning programs for 2024.

The Step-Up program gives students a valuable opportunity to develop strong relationships with their classmates and teachers, get familiar with a new timetable and build a foundational understanding of the increase in expectations that come with moving up a year level. These weeks are compulsory school weeks and normal attendance and school requirements remain in place. To ensure the best possible environment can be achieved for every student, new class groups are allocated to ensure a culture of learning in response to our tracked student data. I encourage students and parents/caregivers to check their SEQTA portals for their new timetable and classes over the weekend leading into Step Up (2-3 December).



James Faraone
Head of Middle Years



College Chaplain

Well, it's almost another year down. This semester we have looked at God being a relational God. God is not just up there in the clouds looking down on us, without a care in the world. It is actually quite the opposite. God wants to do life with us. He wants relationships with us. His plan is to journey with us in our highs and lows. God is a God of celebration, love, comfort and joy. He is a source of strength and so much more. As we near the holidays, a time that is usually full of joy, celebration and reflection, remember that God is a God who can meet us where we are at. If you are in a season of joy and celebration these holidays, know that God delights in your joy and celebration. If you are a person who is struggling these holidays, know that you are not alone. God is present. He loves each of us and His love never ceases. God has good plans and wants to bless you.

Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

We are so blessed. I encourage each of us to reflect and acknowledge our many blessings. When we truly reflect about where we live, the food we eat, the things we own, the people we are connected to and the relationships we experience, it can become very hard not to be thankful and see how good life really is.



Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

If you wish to contact Chaplain Kyle, you can email him using the address below:
kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net

Defence School Mentor

Our Defence School Mentor, Mrs Ray-Taylor, is available to meet with children of Defence families at Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

The DSM is a Defence-funded position aimed at supporting children of Defence families enrolled at the College, providing assistance and catering to the unique needs of the military lifestyle.

Please contact the College for more information or to utilise this service. Alternatively, you can visit the ADF website: defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services/support-for-children/defence-school-mentor-program

Mrs Ray-Taylor is available as follows:

Howard Springs Campus
8:30am - 2pm every Friday

Palmerston Campus
8:30am - 2pm Thursdays
on odd weeks
(weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9)

Leanyer Campus
8:30am - 2pm Thursdays
on even weeks
(weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)



Middle Years Program: Spotlight on Physical and Health Education

Year 6

Throughout 2023, Physical and Health Education (PHE) for the Year 6 cohort has been an exciting, enjoyable and rewarding learning experience for all involved. Students have had the opportunity to participate and engage with a range of physical activities including, dance, various fitness programs, athletics events and court sports. Participation in these activities has been great for developing their knowledge and understanding of physical competencies.

In their health lessons students have learnt about respectful relationships, drug and alcohol education and puberty.

It has been a wonderful to watch each individual student grow and develop throughout their PHE lessons over the course of the year.

Year 7

In Year 7 PHE, students have explored cultural diversity and looked at ways in which each country has key features that make up their 'culture'. Students created presentations complete with artefacts, food and posters to showcase their learnings. During practical lessons, students participated in different cultural games from multiple different countries allowing them to experience different movement patterns from around the world.

Year 8

The goal of PHE at Good Shepherd is to promote lifelong health and physical activity. Through a range of practical and theory-based lessons students explore how to build, maintain and promote their own and others health and engagement in physical activity.

This year, Year 8 students have done just that by participating in and coaching sports like lacrosse, exploring different footy codes and delving into fitness and martial arts. Highlights have included watching the students form connections over shared experiences, achieving and succeeding in new and unfamiliar activities and, most importantly, having fun.

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Spotlight on Physical and Health Education (cont.)

Year 9

Year 9 students completed an exciting unit of court sports where they participated, refereed and captained multiple court-based games such as Volleyball, Basketball and Netball. We ran round-robin style events, with winning teams advancing to the grand final. Reflection and improvement were key for this unit; each lesson, each game and each sport was reflected on throughout the term. The Year 9s then had to identify how things could have been improved in preparation for the next round of sport. They explored their individual strengths, and worked on areas they thought could be improved. Clear positive developments were made in student confidence, leadership, encouragement, teamwork, communication and collaboration.

The Year 9s are now preparing for their 'Amazing Race'. Students will be in charge of a stations where Year 9 participants will face challenges. At each station, participants will need to complete the challenge and solve a clue before they can move on to the next station. The participants that complete all stations in the shortest amount of time will be crowned the winners.

Students will then repeat the Amazing Race to see if they are able to improve their challenges and results after receiving peer feedback. What an AMAZING way to finish the term!

Gemma Cusack

Physical and Health Learning Area Coordinator

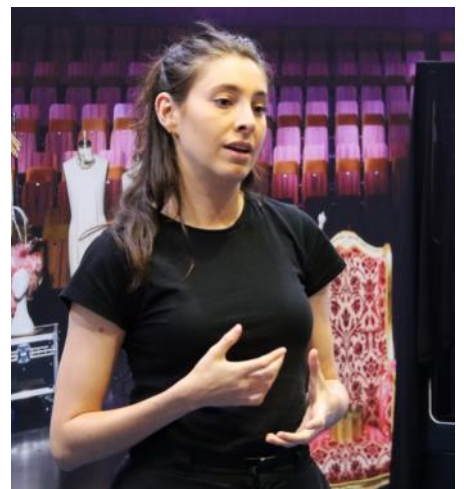


Bell Shakespeare Visit

Good Shepherd recently had the pleasure of hosting 'The Players' from Bell Shakespeare! On Wednesday 25 October our Howard Springs students were treated to live theatre performances including 'Macbeth' and 'Romeo and Juliet' – Bell Shakespeare style.

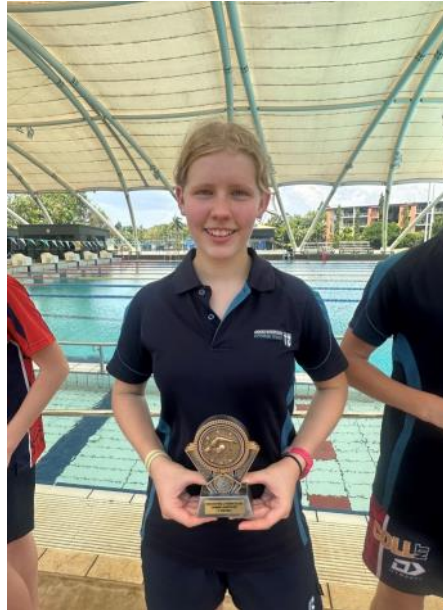
Students were invited to partake in parts of the performances, and at the end of each session The Players opened the floor for questions and discussion.

The Bell Shakespeare performances were a fantastic opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of what goes into live theatre productions, and they helped to develop their understanding of Shakespeare's classic texts. Thanks go to Mrs Martin for organising this fantastic event!



Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20 October students from Year 3 all the way through to Year 12 competed in the annual Swimming Carnival at Parap Pool! Our Junior School students from all campuses kicked things off in the morning, followed by our Middle/Senior students in the afternoon. Well done to all who participated, it was great to see such a fantastic turnout.



Palmerston ELC Now Open!

After much anticipation, our Palmerston campus has officially opened its Early Learning Centre!

Good Shepherd is proud to say that we now offer education to children as young as three years old at all three of our Junior School Campuses – Howard Springs, Leanyer and Palmerston.

This presents the opportunity for families in these areas to send their children to the same school for the entirety of their education, spanning from early learning all the way to Year 12.

College Principal, Mr Qualischefski, said the development of the centre helps to meet the need for more early learning facilities throughout the greater Darwin region.

“We are very excited to be able to provide additional choice for families in the Palmerston area with the opening of our new Early Learning Centre. With the need for more early learning places in the region, we are pleased to be able to provide the opportunity for children to grow and learn in a faith-based environment with a strong focus on learning through inquiry.”

The Palmerston ELC staff have been hard at work creating a beautiful space for the children to thrive in.

“Our team of experienced and enthusiastic educators and teachers are ready to go and excited about the program they have prepared for the students.”

Vicki Trathen, Palmerston Campus Head of School, said the Transition -Year 5 students were ecstatic to be welcoming the ELC children to the Palmerston Campus Junior School.

“We are very excited to welcome the three and four year olds not only to our Early Learning Centre, but also the Palmerston Campus community. The other students were eagerly awaiting their arrival and had lots of questions to ask their new peers!”

Keep your eyes peeled for the continued expansion of the Good Shepherd ELC offering!



2024 Leaders Lunch

As our current Year 12s prepare for their final exams, our future Year 12s are stepping up to the plate! The recently announced 2024 College Leaders along with Mr Qualischefski, Mr Mustin, Mrs Trahair, Mrs Synnott and all of our House Wellbeing Coordinators recently celebrated with a Leaders Lunch in the Howard Springs Resource Centre. Many of the students were already expressing what they intended to implement next year – we can't wait to see what they have in store!



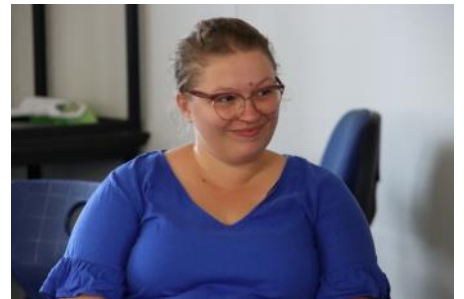
New to Good Shepherd: The Rite Journey for Year 9 Students

Good Shepherd are proud to announce that we will be implementing a new program for our Year 9 students in 2024: The Rite Journey. The Rite Journey is a unique educational program created to help guide students on their journey from children to young adults.

The program is based on meaningful conversations where students feel safe and supported. They will be challenged emotionally and physically, and will learn about how to embody the traits of confidence, courage, commitment, considerate, courteous and compassion.

At the beginning of Term 4 we had the pleasure of welcoming Andrew Lines, one of the founders of The Rite Journey, to our Howard Springs campus to facilitate a staff PD session around the program. It was a very hands-on session in which our staff essentially participated in the program as our students will in order to gain the best possible understanding of student learning experience.

We're really excited to be implementing this program in the new year! For more information please visit The Rite Journey website: <https://theritejourney.com/>



Year 12 Last Day of School

Friday 27 October was the official last day of school for our Year 12 students! They said their house farewells and had a special 'fun' assembly. Here are some snaps of them and looking back at a photo slideshow of themselves dating all the way back to Transition, which was lovingly put together by Year 12 Coordinator, Mrs Synnott.

Good luck in your final exams, Year 12s!



You're invited to the
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Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation



Thursday 23 November
Arrive 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Darwin Convention Centre Auditorium
10 Stokes Hill Rd, Darwin City

Join us for the presentation of

T-11 College Values Awards
T-11 Academic Excellence Awards
Year 12 Awards and Graduation

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Details regarding individual Campus Awards Assemblies to come.

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You're invited to the
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Howard Springs Campus 6-11 Awards Assembly

Friday 1 December
Years 8-11: 10:50am | Years 6-7: 1:50pm

Cornerstone Church
85 Whitewood Rd, Howard Springs

Join us for the presentation of
6-11 Service and Subject Awards
Lions Club of Litchfield Service Awards
Gerard Maley All-Rounder Award
and more!

*All remaining Howard Springs Campus Middle and Senior School awards
will be presented at the Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation on
Thursday 23 November at the Darwin Convention Centre.*

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Early Learning Educators – We Want You!



Are you an educator seeking a transformative career shift from childcare to preschool? Perhaps, you are a preschool educator looking to elevate your career in a stimulating school setting? Look no further! Good Shepherd invites dedicated individuals like you to be a part of our dynamic team at the Howard Springs Early Learning Centre.

Supportive Environment

Immerse yourself in an environment that prioritises your wellbeing and growth. We understand the demands of the field and provide a safe, supportive space for you to thrive.

Nature-Inspired Learning

Our centre is nestled in a serene natural setting, providing a unique backdrop for engaging education. Surround yourself and your students with the beauty and wonder of the outdoors.

Career Progression

Elevate your career in a stimulating school setting. Your skills, knowledge, and professionalism will be recognised, valued, and nurtured.

Mentoring and Collaboration

Join a passionate team of educators who champion children's rights and foster a love for learning. Benefit from mentorship by seasoned professionals within our wider school community.



We offer permanent full-time and part-time positions, ensuring flexibility in your career journey. If you're working towards or possess a Certificate III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, we want to hear from you.

Good Shepherd values its team members and offers competitive salaries, recognising your dedication and contribution.

Interviews may begin prior to the closing date.

Applications close: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Commencement date: Immediate start as available

For more information and to apply, visit:

goodshepherd.nt.edu.au/contact/employment

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**Give glory to God in
heaven, and on earth
let there be peace.**

- Luke 2:14 ICB

College and Community Notices



Christmas Donation Drive

Would you like to make someone's day this Christmas? Good Shepherd is teaming up with The Salvation Army Australia and collecting donations for those in need this holiday season. We are seeking all sorts of gift-worthy items such as toys, food, vouchers, soaps and shampoos – anything new and nonperishable that will bring joy on Christmas morning.

You can donate to Chaplain Kyle directly, or to the front office at any of our campuses in Howard Springs, Leanyer and Palmerston. Donations will close in Week 8 of Term 4.



McHappy Day

Saturday 18 November

Our very own College Principal, Mr Qualischefski, will be supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities by working a shift at McDonald's Johnston on McHappy Day! Pop in between 10am-12pm to see him in action and show your support.



Top End Lutheran Parish Worship Services

St Andrew Lutheran Church

14 Trower Rd Nightcliff

Sundays at 9:30am

For further information please contact Noel Due:

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Lutheran Education Australia

Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) represents the Lutheran schools and early childhood centres of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA).

LEA is responsible for the leadership, theological formation and accountability of Lutheran education across Australia and for the future of the schools and early childhood services of the LCA.

Visit the LEA website for more information:

lutheran.edu.au



'Afternoon Delights' – Darlington String Quartet Live Concert

The Arafura Music Collective are hosting a Chamber Music Weekend featuring a live concert performed by the Darlington Quartet at the Gray Community Hall in Palmerston. The concert will take place on Saturday 11 November, starting with afternoon tea at 2pm. Tickets \$20 for adults and free for anyone under the age of 17.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit: trybooking.com/events/landing/1126580



Darwin School of Ballet Presents 'The Sleeping Beauty'

The Darwin School of Ballet will be performing 'The Sleeping Beauty' on Saturday 25 November at the Charles Darwin University Theatre. There are two show times available: 10:30am and 6:30pm. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit: trybooking.com/events/landing/1122066