



2025 - Term 1, Week 5

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

Wed 12/3 - Mon 24/3

NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3, 5, 7, 9

WEEK 7

Tue 18/3

Rite Journey Calling and Departure
Yr 6 Canberra Info Night

Fri 21/3

Harmony Day

WEEK 8

Year 10 Work Experience

Thu 27/3

Street Smart High (Yr 12)

Fri 28/3

P.A.R.T.Y (Yr 11)

WEEK 9

Mon 31/3

Yr 10 Humanities Excursion

Fri 4/4

All Youth Conference
T4Thomas AFL Match

Uniform Shop Hours

Tue, Thu, Fri
7.15am - 10.45am

Holiday hours may differ

The year has begun with great enthusiasm, bringing growth to our College community. We warmly welcome new students and teachers who enrich our learning environment. The introduction of the ACARA curriculum has created fresh opportunities, equipping students with essential knowledge and skills. It is inspiring to see our community evolve, guided by our College values of Community, Service, and Respect. This year's theme, *Living our values every day*, encourages students to embody these principles in all aspects of school life.



Our recent welcome barbecues and information sessions were a fantastic way to strengthen connections. Thank you to the families and students who attended - your support is invaluable in fostering a strong school community.

We also congratulate our College Captains Alice Keating, Joseph Jabour, Milla Foyster, and Gemma Niddrie, who recently represented the College at the Bombing of Darwin commemorative service. Their leadership reflects the respect and dedication we encourage in all students.

On 3 March, students attended insightful sessions by the Pat Cronin Foundation, highlighting the consequences of social violence and the importance of conflict resolution. Such discussions help build a safer and more respectful community.

Looking ahead, we have several significant events that will further support our students' wellbeing and awareness of real-world challenges. Year 11 students will soon be attending the PARTY (Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youths) Program, an eye-opening experience that highlights the consequences of risky behaviours and the importance of making informed choices. Year 12 students will participate in Street Smart High, an essential program designed to educate them on road safety and responsible decision-making as they transition towards greater independence. These initiatives reinforce our commitment to equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of young adulthood safely and confidently.

Thank you for your continued support in making our College a positive and inspiring place for all. We look forward to another rewarding term together.

Jake Barnes

Head of Students 6-12

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Welcome to Adrian, our new Board Chair



We are delighted to welcome Adrian to the Good Shepherd Lutheran College community as our new Board Chair.

Adrian has a deep connection to Darwin, having begun his teaching career here in 1976. With extensive experience as a Lutheran Principal, system director and governance leader, he brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our College. His commitment to ethical decision-making is evident through his ongoing contributions to two national ethics committees.

During his visits to our campuses, Adrian was greatly impressed by our students, staff, and facilities. He looks forward to supporting and strengthening our community as we continue to grow and thrive.

Welcome Adrian - we are grateful for your leadership and service.

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Welcome BBQs and Information Sessions. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and meet so many of our new families!

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and to working together to support our students in their learning journey.



Year 10 White Cards

Reminder! Year 10s who completed white card training on Friday 21 February - Statement of Attainment (which has been emailed) must be taken to Work Safe NT to obtain your white card. This can also be done online through the Work Safe NT website.

You will not be able to attend your work experience without it.

Any issues, please see Mr Lee!



Reminder

Rite Journey Calling and Departure Tuesday 18 March

3:00pm - Students to stay at Good Shepherd Lutheran College
5:00pm - Parents/Caregivers join students at the College
Refreshments will be provided.

Please refer to email for further event details and letter writing.
We look forward to celebrating this significant event!

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Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Ceremony



On 19 February 1943, 83 years ago, Darwin faced a devastating attack - the first of at least 64 air raids on the Top End, which continued for 18 months until November. The Bombing of Darwin left hundreds of servicemen and civilians dead, with countless others injured.

The Bombing of Darwin commemorative ceremony at the Darwin Cenotaph was a time for reflection, and a chance to honour the servicemen, servicewomen, and civilians who defended our country, those who selflessly helped others, those who endured the aftermath, and those who tragically lost their lives.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Captains from all campuses, along with staff, attended the event to pay tribute to those affected by the attacks. As a mark of respect and remembrance, our captains laid wreaths on behalf of the College.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College is proud to participate in this annual event, ensuring that the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten.



College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, please email kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net

But Jesus said, "Those who hear the teaching of God and obey it—they are the ones who are truly blessed."

Luke 11:28 ICB



Year 12 Update

Year 12 students proudly donned their official 2025 Year 12 jerseys distributed last week. It's a great sign of being part of the team and instantly recognisable to the rest of the school and the community.

Congratulations to our Year 12 crew!



Year 12 students enthusiastically carried on the tradition of selling roses and the chance to have an angel deliver a rose and message to friends at school. Students at the 6-12 campus lined up to purchase and rose and many wrote messages to their friends which were delivered by the year 12 angels on Friday morning. Well done to the Year 12 leadership group for coordinating this popular event and for kicking off year 12 formal fundraising for 2025!



Reminder

Yr 12 Formal Parent Committee Monday 10 March

The next Parent Yr 12 Formal Committee meeting will be held Monday 10 March in the SS upstairs area.

All parents welcome!

Come along and share your big ideas for the formal, we would love to see you.

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Be Wise: Learning to rethink anger and reject violence

On Monday, our Middle and Senior students had the valuable opportunity to engage with the Pat Cronin Foundation's Be Wise education programs. These sessions provided deep insight into the impact of violence, particularly the devastating effects of the coward punch, while encouraging students to reflect on their own attitudes toward anger and aggression.

Through the 'Rethinking Anger' and 'Violence is Never Ok' workshops, students explored strategies to manage emotions, support their peers, and take a stand against violence in their communities. The sessions were not only thought-provoking but also empowering, equipping students with the tools to Be Wise, Think Carefully, and Act Kindly.



FIRST PRIZE: EASTER HAMPER
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Musical Rehearsals Underway!



Exciting news! Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's highly anticipated College musical, Disney's *Freaky Friday!* Students have been working hard to memorise lines, learn choreography, and master the music to bring this fun and energetic production to life.

The musical is set to take place towards the end of Term 3, with more details to be shared soon. We can't wait to see the incredible talent of our students shine on stage!

A huge thank you to the dedicated staff who are making this production possible:

Miss Balin Powardy – (Director and Choreographer)

Mrs Llewellyn – (Music Director)

Miss Chambers – (Assistant Director)

Well done to all the students and staff involved - your hard work is truly appreciated! Stay tuned for more updates as we count down to opening night.



As we settle into another exciting year at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, I'd like to take a moment to share some key updates and developments in teaching and learning.

NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9

Our Year 7 and 9 students will soon be undertaking NAPLAN, an important national assessment. Families of students in these year levels will have received correspondence last week outlining key requirements—please ensure you've reviewed this information so your child is fully prepared.

Traffic Lights for Years 10-12

Last week, we sent out our first round of Traffic Lights reports for students in Years 10-12. This initiative is one of the many ways we support students and keep families informed about their current academic progress.

Alongside ongoing feedback through SEQTA, semester reports, and our 3-Way Conferences, these updates help ensure every student is on track for success.

3-Way Conferences This Week

This week, we look forward to welcoming families to our 3-Way Conferences on Monday and Wednesday evenings. These conversations are an excellent opportunity to reflect on student progress, set learning goals, and hear from our dedicated teachers, and our Learning Area, Year Level, Learning Support, VET and Careers Coordinators. Working together in partnership makes a significant difference in student success, and we appreciate your engagement in these important discussions.

A Significant Transition: MYP to ACARA

One of the biggest shifts in our teaching and learning program this year is the transition from the MYP (Middle Years Programme) to the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) Version 9 for Years 6-10. This move has been carefully planned to ensure the best outcomes for our students, aligning our curriculum with national standards while maintaining the high academic quality we value.

The ACARA Version 9 curriculum is recognised for its rigorous international standards, clarity, and alignment with senior pathways such as SACE and NTCET. Families will notice the biggest change in student assessments and semester reports, as we move from the previous 1-8 (assessment) and 1-7 (final grading) scale to an A-E rating system, in line with most Australian schools. This will provide a clearer understanding of student achievement and progress.

While these curriculum changes are significant for teachers, their extensive preparation throughout 2024 has ensured a smooth transition for students. I commend our incredible teaching team for their dedication in shaping this new phase of learning.

A Growing College in 2025

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited about the continued growth of our College across our year levels.

This reflects the strength of our:

- ✓ Quality teaching and learning programs
- ✓ Committed and skilled educators
- ✓ Community, respect and service values infused with our Lutheran ethos.
- ✓ Expansive, green campus
- ✓ Restorative behavioural practices

This growth is a testament to the strong and supportive community we have at Good Shepherd.

Welcoming Our Teachers

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our new and returning teachers, who have made an outstanding start to 2025. In an era where teacher shortages are a challenge nationally and internationally, we are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and skilled team shaping the learning journey of our students.

Staying Connected

I greatly appreciate the conversations I have had with families who are eager to understand more about how we approach teaching and learning at GSLC. If you ever have questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to reach out—I always welcome the opportunity to connect with our College community.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful term ahead.



Shane Rumbold
Head of Teaching & Learning (Years 6-12)

Save the date



Good Shepherd Lutheran College
invites families to our

ANZAC Service

Thursday 24 April 2025
11am start

Howard Springs campus basketball courts

Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl, Howard Springs

The service will run for approximately 45 minutes. Please
be sure to bring adequate water and sun protection.

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning*

We will remember them.

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Streetlighting Upgrades – Whitewood Road

Two intersections on Whitewood Road have been identified to receive street lighting upgrades in the next 2 months. These intersections are Whitewood Road and Westall Road as well as Whitewood Road and Hicks Road Intersections. The works involve the installation of new street lights to illuminate the intersection at night.

Works are scheduled to start on 10th March 2025 and should be completed by the end of April 2025. There will be increased construction traffic through the area and minor delays might be expected.

Traffic management will be required during these works. The contractors will attempt to keep impact to a minimum. To ensure the safety of both the workforce and road users, a **one-lane closure** might be implemented during certain activities of the works

Please drive safely and follow all traffic management. We thank you in advance for your patience.

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4-13th April 2025

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Palmerston Junior Basketball Competitions



Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association

★ Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 17s

★ In these mixed gender league, we've tailored the rules to ensure a level playing field, focusing on skill development and fair play. Every participant, no matter their experience, enjoys equal game time. Our volunteer coaches also cultivate an environment of respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship, providing a space for young athletes to thrive and grow.

Under 11s

Training: Thursdays 5pm
Games: Saturday mornings

Current Term Dates:
Thurs Feb 6 to Thur Mar 27
AND
Sat Feb 8 to Sat Mar 29

Under 13s

Training: Wednesdays 5pm
Games: Saturday midday

Current Term Dates:
Wed Feb 5 to Wed Mar 26
AND
Sat Feb 8 to Sat Mar 29

Under 17s

Training: Wednesdays 5.45pm
Games: Saturday midday

Current Term Dates:
Wed Feb 5 to Wed Mar 26
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REVIEW



Top End Lutheran Parish

We welcome you to come and be a part of our community.
Our Sunday morning church service starts at 9.30am
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Email: darwinlutheranchurch@gmail.com