# HOWARD SPRINGS MIDDLE / SENIOR CAMPUS

#### 2025 - Term 2, Week 10

As we approach the end of Term 2 and the halfway point of the academic year, it's a fitting time to reflect on the wide range of learning experiences, events, and achievements that have shaped this vibrant semester. One major highlight was the Athletics Carnival, where students displayed their passion and House spirit- congratulations to Livingstone for the win! A big thank you to all staff involved!! Students also proudly represented the College in various TERIS interschool sports events, showing teamwork, resilience. All four campuses united for our ANZAC Day Service, a moving opportunity to honour the ANZAC legacy and reflect on the freedoms we enjoy today.

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Our focus on student wellbeing has remained strong. Year 9 and Year 10 students attended health sessions on Endometriosis and Period Pain, building understanding around important and often

under-discussed health topics. Students from Years 6-10 also participated in Dolly's Dream workshops, with sessions exploring mental health, kindness, self-worth, bullying and digital footprint. Year 11 Integrated Learning students took their skills outdoors during a Mountain Biking excursion, applying theory in a real-world context while building confidence and resilience.

It's been a creative term for our Arts/Design Faculty, with students performing and exhibiting at the Seabreeze Festival, Fred's Pass Rural Show and the Year 9 Music night. At the same time, our Freaky Friday musical cast has been rehearsing tirelessly under the guidance of Balin Powardy, Harmony Chambers, and Laura Llewellyn. Performances will take place in September, stay tuned for ticket details!

Our College Open Day was a great success, with students proudly guiding visitors and sharing their experiences with prospective families. Year 8 students returned from a successful camp, where they strengthened friendships, developed resilience, and enjoyed outdoor challenges.

Year 10s are currently immersed in Endeavour Week, skiing at Mount Hotham, exploring local and regional activities, and for some, travelling abroad to France and Germany. These overseas experiences are the culmination of classroom learning and cultural engagement—stories we can't wait to hear upon their return. For the German students, this follows a recent visit from German Ambassador Ms Beate Grzeski, where students proudly showcased their language skills and cultural knowledge.

This term also featured Tech Quest where students worked in teams to pitch their own "Me Module" digital solutions to real-world problems, developing creativity, collaboration, and presentation skills. Students also undertook NAPLAN, reinforcing foundational literacy and numeracy. In recent weeks Senior School students have navigated their end-of-semester exams. It was a first for Year 10s, a key NTCET milestone for Year 11s, and a crucial lead-up to trial exams for Year 12s.

As Semester 1 closes, students will receive feedback through academic reports. I commend those who have shown consistent effort and achievement and encourage all students to reflect on their areas for growth. Now is the perfect time to consider strategies for improvement—be it organisation, focus, or seeking support when needed. Support is always available. Our Learning Area Coordinators, Year Level Coordinators, and Homework Club (Monday–Thursday in the Library).

Wishing all students, families, and staff a restful, well-earned break. May it be a time to recharge and reconnect. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 15 July for the start of Term 3.

Peta Trahair Head of School 6-12 | peta.trahair@ntschools.net



#### School Holiday Office Hours

#### **Term 3 Events**

#### WEEK 1

*Tue 15/7* Students Return *Thu 17/7* Meningococcal B Vaccination (Yr 10-12)

#### WEEK 2

*Tue 22/7* Twilight Careers and Curriculum Expo *Fri 25/7* Darwin Show Public Holiday

#### WEEK 3

*Tue 29/7 - Fri 1/8* Yr 9 Rite Journey Camp (Boys) *Wed 30/7* Teachers in Action Excursion

#### WEEK 4

*Tue 5/8 - Fri 8/8* Yr 9 Rite Journey Camp (Girls) *Sat 9/8* College Open Day

#### WEEK 5 (Science Week)

Mon 11/8 & Wed 12/8 Student-led Conferences Fri 15/8 Cross Country Wellbeing Activities Colour Fun Run

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



#### Monday 23 June - Friday 11 July

Howard Springs M/S
- Wednesday 25 June
Howard Springs Junior
Palmerston
Leanyer

8.00am - 1.00pm CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED

Uniform Shop open Friday 11 July 8.00am - 12.00pm

All campuses closed Monday 14 July for staff PD

Wishing all our families a safe and restful break!



#### **College Chaplain**

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

"God is working in you to help you want to do what pleases him. Then he gives you the power to do it." *Philippians 2:13 ICB* 



#### **Important Notices**



The meningococcal B vaccine is now free for adolescents aged 14 - 19 years.

### Protecting your teenager against meningococcal B, a rare but serious bacterial disease.

The Northern Territory Government provides a free meningococcal B vaccination program, to protect those most at risk.

The meningococcal B vaccine is free for:

- Infants, aged 6 weeks to 2 years
- Adolescents aged 14-19 years

From 1 January 2027, the vaccine will only be free for infants aged 6 weeks to 12 months and adolescents in Year 9  $\,$ 

#### What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a rare but severe infection that occurs when meningococcal bacteria invades the body from the nose or throat through close prolonged contact. The disease can occur rapidly and may be difficult to diagnose early. The person carrying the bacteria is usually completely well.

Most people with meningococcal infection fully recover but some people can develop long-term health complications including limb deformity, skin scarring, deafness and brain damage. It is fatal in 5-10% of cases.

There are several different strains of meningococcal bacteria. The main strains that cause meningococcal disease are A, B, C, W and Y.

#### Is my teenager eligible for the free meningococcal B vaccine?

Teenagers are at an increased risk of invasive meningococcal disease due to:

- Large gatherings
- · Kissing with multiple partners
- Crowded living and sleeping situations

Students in Year 9 will now receive the meningococcal B vaccine, in addition to the meningococcal ACWY vaccine which is provided as part of the National Immunisation Program. The vaccine is given as two doses at least 8 weeks apart.

#### Are there any side effects following the vaccine?

Common side effects following meningococcal B immunisation include:

- Fever
- Pain
- Redness, swelling or a nodule (small hard lump) at the injection site
- Sleepiness
- Headache and feeling unwell (more commonly reported among adolescents).
- If you are concerned about your child's reaction to the meningococcal B vaccine, please seek medical advice.

#### Where can my teenager go to be immunised?

The meningococcal B vaccine is provided to Year 9 to students through the NT School Immunisation Program. Students will receive two doses of the vaccine. A catch up vaccination program provides students in Years 10-12 with the free vaccine until 31 December 2026.

It is important that you return your vaccination consent form to your school.

The vaccine will also be available from GPs, pharmacies, community care centres and remote health services.

#### Does the vaccine offer any other benefits?

Yes. The meningococcal B vaccine has also shown effectiveness in preventing gonorrhoea amongst adolescents and young adults. This is because gonorrhoea and meningococcal B are caused by similar types of bacteria. For more information, visit the NT Health website. On Thursday 17 July 2025, Year 10, 11 & 12 students will be offered to receive the Meningococcal B vaccine recommended by the National Immunisation Program as part of a free school-based vaccination program.

<u>Meningococcal B disease</u> is a rare but severe infection that occurs when meningococcal bacteria invades the body from the nose or throat through close prolonged contact. Teenagers are at an increased risk of invasive meningococcal disease.

Students in Years 10-12 are eligible to receive the free vaccine until the end of 2026, as part of a two-year catchup program. The vaccine is available from GPs, health centres and pharmacies.

If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, please complete the consent form that was emailed Friday 13 June. Please return as soon as possible to the front office or email to <u>Student Services</u>.



Special group photos (listed below) are available for families to purchase at **20% off** the normal price until **28/06/2025.** 

To order, click <u>here</u> and select the 'Group Photos' tab. Please note that image previews are unavailable in the ordering portal, however all purchases are fully refundable for a period of 21 days. The 20% discount will be automatically applied at checkout.



CAP Students Year 11	Leanyer School Captains	Rock Band
CAP Students Year 12	Leanyer School Leaders	Senior and Middle School Captains
Choir	Livingstone House Captains	Senior Captains
Combined Senior Leaders	Middle School Captains	Senior House Captains
Fenton House Captains	Middle School Combined Leaders	Senior Leaders
Howard Springs Junior Captains	Middle School House Captains	Stage Band
Howard Springs Junior School Choir	Musical Band	Strauss House Captains
Howard Springs Jnr House Captains	Musical Theatre	String Ensemble
Hughs House Captains	Palmerston Junior School Captains	Year 12 Cohort
Leanyer House Captains	Palmerston House Captains	

For any queries relating to ordering photos, please contact the AdvancedLife Parent Customer Service Team: <u>www.advancedlife.com.au/contact</u>



#### German Ambassador Visit



On Monday 26 May, our College had the distinct honour of welcoming the German Ambassador, Ms. Beate Grzeski, to our campus.

Our senior German students led Ms. Grzeski on a guided tour of the campus - conducted entirely in German! This immersive experience provided an excellent opportunity for students to put their language skills into practice while deepening their understanding of German culture.

A highlight of the visit was the presentation of the Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD) certificates to students who successfully earned the qualification in 2024. Ms. Grzeski personally awarded the certificates, marking a proud milestone in the students' academic journeys.

Our College is one of only two schools in Australia to offer the prestigious DSD program. The Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (German Language Certificate of the Education Ministers Conference) is an official German language certificate of the German education authorities and the Foreign Office (Germany) certifying levels of knowledge of the German language in schools worldwide and serves as proof of the language proficiency required for admission to German universities. It is an invaluable credential for students aspiring to study or work in German-speaking countries.

We thank Ms. Grzeski for her visit and for helping to make this a truly special day for our College community.









#### Year 6 Canberra Trip

The annual visit to our nation's capital gave Year 6 students the chance to deepen their understanding of Australian history, government, science, sport, and culture through a range of hands-on and eye-opening experiences.

At Questacon, students were immersed in interactive exhibits including robotics and lightning demonstrations that made science come alive!

A highlight for many was the visit to Parliament House, where students toured the chambers and even stepped into the shoes of our leaders with a fun and insightful roleplay session.

Over at the National Electoral Education Centre, students participated in a mock election (a perfectly timed activity!). The trip also included a tour of the Australian Institute of Sport, where students were inspired by stories of elite athletes and got to test their own abilities in the interactive Sportex zone.

Time for reflection came during a visit to the Australian War Memorial, where students paid their respects and learned about the stories behind the symbols of national service and sacrifice.

Visits to the French and German Embassies allowed students to extend their language learning and global awareness.

Rounding out the experience were visits to the Royal Australian Mint, where students discovered how coins are made, and the National Museum of Australia, where they explored fascinating exhibits on our country's diverse history and heritage.

It was a memorable week filled with learning, laughter, and new perspectives that will no doubt stay with our students for years to come.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. Through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, the government extended financial support to alleviate the costs associated with the trip, underscoring the importance of ensuring all students have access to such invaluable learning opportunities. With a cost of \$1,275.00 per student, this support was instrumental in making the trip feasible for all. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.







#### Seabreeze Festival

Music students recently took to the Banyan Stage at the Seabreeze Festival, showcasing their talent, enthusiasm, and love for music. It was a proud moment for the College community as the students delivered confident and passionate performances!

Earlier that day, Year 10 Certificate II Music students took part in a valuable behind-the-scenes experience as part of their course with Music Coordinator Mrs Llewellyn. They worked alongside Angus Robson, Lecturer in Technical Production at Charles Darwin University, his Certificate IV students, and the Happy Yess production team to assist with the technical "bump-in" for one of the festival stages.

This hands-on involvement gave students real-world insight into live event production and provided essential workplace training in a professional setting. Congratulations to all students involved, both on and off stage!















**Upcoming Events** 



## Twilight Careers & Curriculum Expo

TUESDAY 22 JULY | 4.30PM - 7.00PM HOWARD SPRINGS CAMPUS

**CAREERS / PATHWAYS ADVICE** 

**CURRICULUM DISPLAYS** 

**GUEST SPEAKERS** 

SUBJECT SELECTION ASSISTANC

**AND MORE!** 

Follow our <u>Facebook event</u> as presenters are added in the lead up to this exciting evening!



#### **Upcoming Events**

**REGISTER NOW** 

## EVENT DATE

Friday 15 August

Term 3, Week 5

## REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.MYPROFILEPAGE.COM.AU

#### **Community Notices**



### June and July School Holiday Fun for Kids

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Parent and Child - Headdress Workshops 10.00am to 12.00pm \$30 per person

> Thursday 3rd & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July Pottery Short Course - 2 days 10.00am to 12.00pm \$200 per child

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3rd July Mosaic Short Course - 2 days 10.00am to 12.00pm \$120 per child

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Block Printing 10.00am to 12.00pm \$60 per child

Contact us for more details m:0452 135 400 www.adultshortcourses.com





### June and July School Holiday Fun Cooking Classes for Kids

Wednesday 25th June - Baking Sweet and Savoury treats 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Making Bread, Doughnuts and Pizza 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July - Cake and Biscuit Decorating 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Sushi! 2.30pm to 4.30pm



Each cooking class is \$60 per child

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MONDAY, 7 JULY

Venue: Skyring Rugby Park Address: 71 Abala Road, Marrara Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 9 - 12 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person



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#### WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY

Venue: Swampdogs Home Ground Address: 20 Bees Creek Rd, Freds Pass Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon

#### THURSDAY, 9 JULY

Venue: Swampdogs Home Ground Address: 20 Bees Creek Rd, Freds Pass Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 13 - 17 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person



FOR MORE INFORMATION E: junior.poching@nt.rugby



#### **Community Notices**



# Attention singers, songwriters, dancers, schools and communities!

Join us in the Caring for Country Music Competition to showcase your talents while raising awareness of the importance of biosecurity.

This is your chance to make a difference through the power of music and performance!

All QLD, NT and WA residents are invited to submit their original song and dance entries for a chance to win!

## Open 14 July-5 October 2025

#### Visit the website to find out more

Schools

\$2,500

envirosongcomp.musicnt.com.au

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Individual

\$1,500



Group

\$2.500

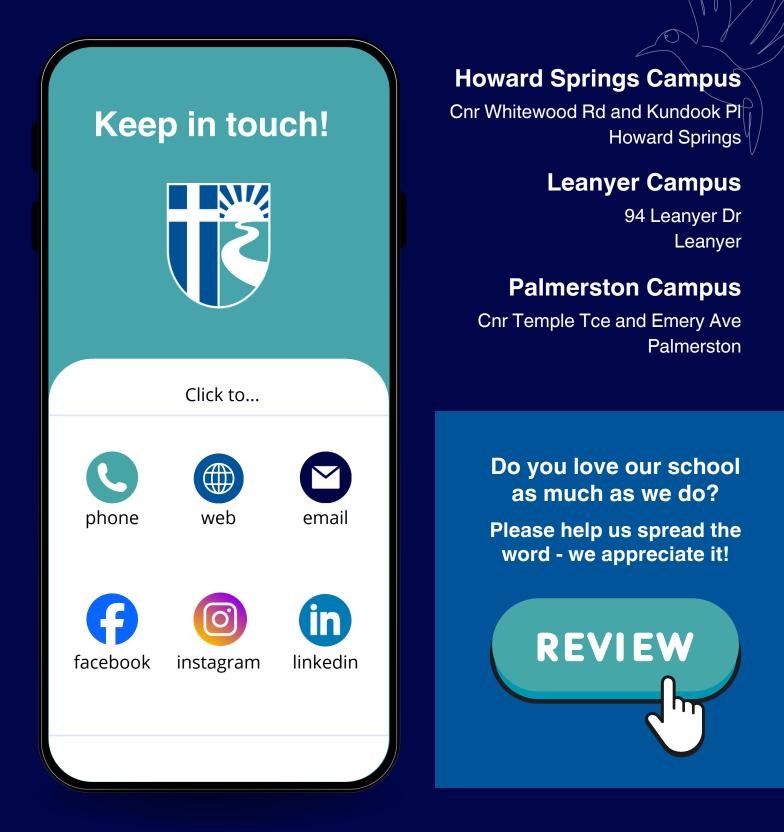
\$2,500

Dance Video People's Choice

\$2,500

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### **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** 14 Trower Road, Milner

Phone: 1300 TELP 00 (1300 8357 00) Email: darwinlutheranchurch@gmail.com