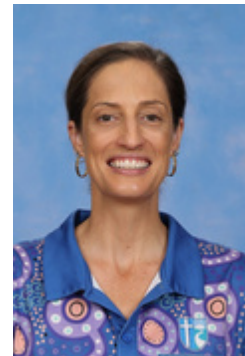




2025 - Term 4, Week 10

As we wrap up the 2025 school year, we congratulate all students on their wonderful achievements. This year has highlighted not only academic success, but also the many ways our students live out our college values of Community, Service and Respect. Term 4 has been filled with memorable moments – some of which include Articulate, Step-Up, Year 6 Swimming lessons, the Year 9 Rite Journey celebration, and the appointment of our 2026 College Captains and Student Leadership team.

We proudly farewelled our Year 12s at their Graduation. Despite Cyclone Fina disrupting our original Formal plans, our community rallied with true resilience, and the rescheduled celebration was a wonderful success and fitting end to their schooling journey.



As we reflect on 2025, we also express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff members leaving our college community. Their dedication and commitment have shaped the experiences, learning and growth of many students. We wish them every success and happiness in their next endeavours - they will be missed. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome new staff members joining Good Shepherd in 2026. We look forward to the fresh perspectives, energy and passion they will bring. Together with our returning staff, we are excited to continue building a supportive, inclusive, and vibrant College community for the year ahead.

Thank you to our students, families, and staff for contributing to an energetic, joyful, and successful year. Keep an eye out for the Monsoon Yearbook early next year, showcasing highlights from across 2025. We wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and refreshing holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting 2026 school year!

Before then, please take note of the following reminders:

**Uniform & Presentation:** Please revisit our Uniform Policy over the break – Further guidelines will be provided at the beginning of 2026. Students require: Fully black shoes with white socks. Jewellery must meet College guidelines, and acrylics, false nails or coloured nails are not permitted. Hair must be kept clean and worn tied back if it is longer than shoulder length.

**Canteen Payments:** From 2026, students will need a physical card for canteen purchases. Mobile phones cannot be used for tap-and-pay.

#### Digital Safety & Device use in 2026

Good Shepherd remains committed to providing a safe, focused, and positive learning environment. Our approach to mobile phones, smart watches and online behaviour aligns with NT Government expectations and our College Cyber Safety Policy.

#### Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

To minimise distraction, protect privacy and support wellbeing:

- Years 6–12 may carry a mobile phone, but devices must be off and away all day and stored securely.
- Smart watches must be on flight mode so calls and messages cannot be sent or received.
- Devices may only be used when approved for a teacher-directed activity, a documented medical need, or during an emergency under staff direction.
- Students needing phone access for personal reasons (e.g. work) may do so at Student Services with permission.



## Office Information

This aligns with the NT policy designed to reduce classroom disruption, prevent cyberbullying, encourage social interaction, and promote a safe learning environment.

**Cyber Safety:** Cyber safety is a shared responsibility across students, staff and families. The College uses a whole-school approach that includes:

- Explicit teaching of age-appropriate cyber safety and respectful online behaviour
- Staff training in digital safety and cyberbullying prevention
- Regular communication with families on current issues and reporting pathways
- Promoting positive online conduct and responsible bystander behaviour
- Monitoring trends and reviewing incidents to strengthen prevention strategies

Our focus is on helping students navigate the online world safely, protecting their privacy, treating others with respect, and knowing when and how to seek help. Together, these measures support a safe, respectful, and digitally responsible school community. Families are encouraged to have regular conversations about safe online practices.

**Peta Trahair | Head of School (6-12)**

## Top End Lutheran Parish



## Christmas Services

Wednesday 24 December 7.00pm  
Christmas Eve Carols and Readings Service

Thursday 25 December 9.30am  
Christmas Day Service

Sunday 28 December 9.30am  
Worship Service - the final one for 2025

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## Holiday Office Hours

CAMPUS	CLOSED	REOPENING
HS - Middle/Senior	MON 22 DEC	MON 12 JAN
HS - Junior	FRI 12 DEC	THU 29 JAN
Palmerston	FRI 12 DEC	MON 19 JAN
Leanyer	FRI 12 DEC	THU 29 JAN

All Campuses closed for Staff Professional Development on  
FRI 12 DEC, TUE 27 JAN, WED 28 JAN



# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

## Holiday Closure and January Trading



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Uniform Shop's final day of trade for 2025 is **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

All orders placed after this date during the holiday break will be dispatched or available for collection from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

We will be open in January on the following dates:

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7:30am - 3:30pm	<i>Appointment Only</i>

### First week back 2026, extended hours

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	7:15am - 12:00pm
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**Regular Trading Hours Resume from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

*We look forward to welcoming you back into the shop in the new year!*

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT



#### Register or Sign In

Visit [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)  
Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register' or 'Sign In'.



#### Book your Fitting Appointment

Select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. You will receive an email confirmation once you have made your booking. One fitting appointment per child.



#### Attend your Fitting Appointment

You will be sent a reminder the day before your appointment. You will have the opportunity to place your order at the time of your appointment. We offer lay-by with only 20% deposit required.



0455 955 947



[goodshepherd@alinta.com.au](mailto:goodshepherd@alinta.com.au)



Good Shepherd Lutheran College Uniform Shop @ 8 Whitewood Rd  
Howard Springs NT 0835





## Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation



Our annual Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation featured performances from the combined Junior School, Middle/Senior School choir and our Year 12 band. It was the official graduation of the Class of 2025, who received their certificates and were applauded by a staff guard of honour as they left the stage.

The College wishes to extend their well wishes to all of our outstanding graduates who have worked incredibly hard to complete their schooling journey.

The full gallery of images have been sent to parents via email.





## Year 12 Formal





As we approach the end of the year, students across the College have been engaging in rich and meaningful Christian Studies learning experiences—opportunities designed to help them reflect on faith, service, purpose, and their place in the world.

Year 6 students spent the term learning about our responsibility to care for the environment. Our Year 7 students are concluding their studies by exploring the three major monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Through comparing beliefs, practices, and historical origins, they are gaining an appreciation of both the uniqueness and the shared foundations of these faith traditions.

Across the remaining year levels, the focus has been centred on our College value of Service.

In Year 8, students have continued their service unit by reflecting on why people choose to serve, who in our community most needs support, and what practical acts of service look like in everyday life. They have been encouraged to consider how service can become a natural and purposeful part of their own routines and relationships. A guest speaker was scheduled to present on volunteerism; however, the incursion was cancelled due to Cyclone Fina.

Year 9 students have devoted Term 4 to service through the Rite Journey program. Each week, a different class has volunteered at Foodbank—packing, pricing, unloading goods, and gaining valuable insight into how the

organisation supports those facing hardship. Students also coordinated a highly successful Rite Journey Bake Sale, raising over \$1000 for the RSPCA, with the popular “Guess the Lolly Jar” competition drawing plenty of attention. The year concluded with the Rite Journey Homecoming at the Darwin Sailing Club, where students and families came together to celebrate the cohort’s growth, maturity, and transition toward adulthood.

In Year 10, students have been exploring vocation. The reflected deeply on what it means to live a purposeful life and how future pathways, careers, and personal strengths can align with a sense of calling.

Finally, our Year 11 SRM students have been investigating service organisations around the world. Their research has focused on the origins of these organisations, the needs they address, and the communities they are committed to serving.

As we move toward Christmas, these units of study remind us of the heart of the season: a time of generosity, compassion, and hope. In the Lutheran tradition, we understand Christmas as both a celebration of Christ’s coming into the world and an invitation to reflect His love through service to others. We thank our students for the ways they have embodied these values throughout the term and encourage our College community to continue practising kindness, gratitude, and service as we enter this festive season. May the message of Christmas inspire us all to bring light and care to those around us.





The background of the poster is a vibrant, pixelated Minecraft landscape. It features a large Steve character in the center, a flying Enderman, a pig, and various blocky trees and terrain. The overall style is colorful and blocky, characteristic of the game's aesthetic.

 **THE ARRAY [ ]**

# **MINECRAFT CAMP**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**15-19 Dec 2025**  
**8:30AM - 2:00PM**

Learning Dojo at The Array [ ]  
The Mall, Darwin CBD

**\$90** /day or **\$400** /5 days

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster, which likely links to more information about the camp.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS POTTERY COURSE

2 SESSIONS - 10AM TO 12PM  
15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

This 2 session mini course is a great introduction for kids to hand build with clay. Inspired by "...Wild Things..." they will learn to create, decorate and paint their very own piece of wild monster pottery!

Ages 8+

Use your NT Sports Vouchers towards the course fee.



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Course  
Fee  
\$200

## Holiday Crochet for Kids



4 Weeks starting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
10.00am to 12 noon  
\*Ages 8+  
\$120

Spark creativity these school holidays with fun and easy kids' crochet projects!



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS POTTERY COURSE

3 SESSIONS - 10AM TO 12PM  
THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

This 3 session mini course will introduce your child to the joy of "throwing" clay on the potter's wheel and hand building with clay!

Ages 12+

Use your NT Sports Vouchers towards the course fee.



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Course  
Fee  
\$250

## EXPRESSIVE ART FOR KIDS!

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Join for 1 or all workshops in this series, classes are on the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th of January

9:30am - 12:30pm

A fun, hands-on art workshop where children explore expressionism and create their own artworks inspired by famous artists.

\$60 per  
class

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## School Holiday Style Alert!

Got sewing machine skills? Ready to design your own look?

Join our 4-Day Fashion Skills Workshop for ages 12+  
from pattern making to strutting the runway!

Limited spots – enrol now!

from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
January  
to  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
10.am to 12.30pm



Cost is \$200 per  
student  
All materials included!

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## School Holidays - Cooking Classes for Kids!

Chef Jenny has a variety of kids cooking classes during the school holidays. Keep them busy and learning to have fun with food!

Use your NT Sports Vouchers to pay for the classes.

**Ages  
8 +**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm to 4.30pm

**\$60 per  
class**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am to 12.noon**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2.30pm to 4.30pm**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2.30pm to 4.30pm**



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## After-School Language Classes



Darwin  
Languages  
Centre



**CLASS  
FEES  
\$180  
PER TERM**

**EXTRA SERVICES:**



**BUS PICKUP**



**BBQ SAUSAGE**

**Students welcome from Year 1 - Year 12**

**We offer the following after-school language classes:**

**Monday: Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish**

**Tuesday: Auslan, Indonesian, Italian**

**Wednesday: French, German, Mandarin**

**Saturday: Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)**

**Mon-Wed - 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Sat - 10:00am - 12:30pm**

**Sports Vouchers welcome**

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now**

**Contact: 08 8997 7000 | [dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au)**

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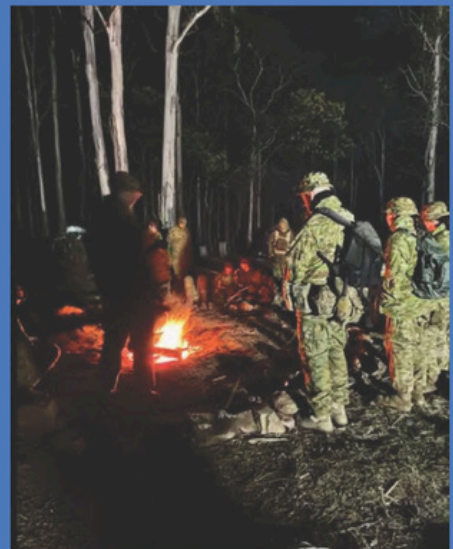




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## NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS



**Looking for an innovative youth development opportunity?  
Want fun, adventure and new experiences in field-craft,  
survival, leadership, team building, and mateship?**

**Army Cadets is for young adults (turning 13) to 17 years old.**

*We are also looking for volunteer adult leaders (no experience - full training provided).*

For more information – visit [www.armycadets.gov.au](http://www.armycadets.gov.au) or email Headquarters  
Northern Territory Australian Army Cadets Battalion: AACHQ-NT@armycadets.gov.au

### Training Calendar

- **Early February** ..... Start of AAC Term 1 (Info & enrollment nights 17/18 Feb 26)
- **Mid-March**..... ACU induction bivouac (weekend camp)
- **Term 1 School Holidays** ..... 7 day Courses Camp (held in Darwin)
- **Term 2 School Holidays** ..... 7 day Annual Field Exercise (NT AAC AFX)
- **Term 3 School Holidays** ..... 7 day Courses Camp (held in Darwin)
- **December** ..... Senior Leaders Courses (NT & Interstate)

**ARE YOU UP  
FOR THE  
CHALLENGE?**

*Parade nights/times are conducted at Army Cadet Units (ACU) under local arrangements.  
Eg: 70 ACU (Darwin) it is on Wed 6:30 to 9:00 & 71 ACU (Palmerston) is on Tue 6:30 to 9:00.*



**No Fees apply – It's Free!**



# HEALTHY DARWIN

## 2025-26 Wet Season Healthy Lifestyle Workshops & Short Courses

### Darwin Social Smash - Cricket

Darwin Social Smash is a fast-paced, social cricket game, designed to promote active lifestyles and community connection.

Inspired by backyard cricket, matches run for 60 minutes and feature 8-a-side teams, simplified rules, carbon-fibre bats, and dynamic scoring zones.

The inclusive format welcomes all abilities, offering a fun, flexible way to play - whether participants join solo or with friends.

Non-cricket players are encouraged to join in!

**Tuesdays x 4** 10 February to 03 March  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
For 12-17 year old girls and boys  
Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Road, Marrara



★ **Bookings required! Scan QR Code to book**  
Contact: Megan Harris - NT Cricket  
E - [megan.harris@ntcricket.com.au](mailto:megan.harris@ntcricket.com.au)

To find out more about this activity,  
contact NT Cricket directly

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Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl  
Howard Springs

## **Leanyer Campus**

94 Leanyer Dr  
Leanyer

## **Palmerston Campus**

Cnr Temple Tce and Emery Ave  
Palmerston

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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

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