

# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Newsletter

5 May 2023

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### From The Principal, MEGAN EVANS

Dear O'Loughlin Families,

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter and welcome the dry season, we also welcome a new school term. These changes mark an exciting time for growth and change for all of us.

The dry season brings with it a sense of renewal and energy as the weather becomes cooler and more pleasant for outdoor activities. It's often a time for families to explore the natural beauty of our region, from hiking trails to beaches, and engage in activities that foster a deeper appreciation for our environment. As the school term progresses, we will have a number of our students be able to take advantage of this through camps and extracurricular activities such as regional sporting events and community involvement. We are so proud of all of our students who are taking on the additional challenges that this commitment brings.

As a Catholic school, we continue to celebrate the season of Easter. This offers a time of reflection and renewal as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This season presents a unique opportunity for all of us to reflect on their personal growth and values.

As we begin a new school term, we encourage our students to take time to reflect on their academic and personal goals, and to strive towards growth and positive change. The new school term provides an opportunity for a fresh start. It's a time to set new goals, develop new relationships, and take on new challenges. We encourage our students to embrace the possibilities that the new term brings, and to approach their studies with a renewed sense of purpose and determination.

As always, we remain committed to providing our students with the tools and resources necessary to succeed both academically and personally. We wish all of our students a happy and successful new term and look forward to witnessing the growth and accomplishments that this season brings.

Best regards,

Megan Evans



### Upcoming Events:

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| • May 9         | Middle School Home Study Day      |
| • May 9         | Year 6 Open Day                   |
| • May 9         | Year 6 Parent Information Evening |
| • May 17-19     | Stage 1 ODE Camp                  |
| • May 26        | Senior School Beach Volleyball    |
| • Jun 2         | Athletics Carnival                |
| • Jun 6-9       | Stage 2 ODE Camp                  |
| • Jun 12        | Kings Birthday Public Holiday     |
| • Jun 14        | Catholic Cup Rugby                |
| • Jun 15        | Middle School Soccer              |
| • Jun 16        | Senior School Soccer              |
| • Jun 20-21     | Year 12 Retreat                   |
| • Jun 23        | Last Day of Term                  |
| • Jun 24-Jul 17 | School Holidays Semester Break    |
| • Jul 17        | Pupil Free Day                    |
| • Jul 18        | Student Return for Term 3         |

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# COLLEGE PRAYER

## *Lest We Forget*

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.

Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Grant all service persons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.

May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Reflection by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

Anzac Day is rightly a day in which we remember the people who were affected by a battle in Turkey over a hundred years ago and people who were affected by later wars in which Australians took part. We rightly remember those who were killed in war. We remember those who fought and survived, burdened by the memories of war, of its horrors and its companionship. We also remember the people affected indirectly by war – the families whose son, father and brother died in the war, the wives who lost a husband and the young women a fiancé, the families to whom a father returned wounded in body or spirit, the young women who never married for lack of eligible men, the small communities that lost the young men who could have been their future. It is a time for compassion.

Source: <https://catholicoutlook.org/a-reflection-for-anzac-day-2/>



During the First World War, Australia was at war with Germany and Turkey. In 1915 many thousands of soldiers from Australia and New Zealand were in Egypt and Palestine getting ready to attack Turkey. The two armies were known as the ANZACs. This is a name taking the first letters of the words Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

In the cold grey dawn on the 25th of April in 1915, the ANZACs landed on a small strip of beach at Gallipoli, in Turkey's south. They struggled from small boats onto a narrow strip of beach and began to scale steep cliffs. They were attacking the Turkish soldiers who were high up in the rocky cliffs and hills. The Turks fought back with rifles, machine guns and heavy shells – many of our soldiers were killed.

Victory did not come for the ANZACs. Those who survived the first landing fought on against terrible odds, many more were killed and wounded day by day. Eight months later the remnants of that brave army left Gallipoli leaving behind bodies of thousands of their comrades and taking with them many wounded. But the world began to speak with wonder and admiration for those brave men known as the ANZACs who showed that whatever the odds, whatever the price, they would fight for their friends, their country and for freedom.

Anzac Day was originally designed for returned service men and women to come together and share the spirit of mateship that was formed fighting side by side in the trenches overseas. The day means much more than this today, but celebrating the spirit of mateship, the formation of part of the culture of our country, is still central to this day.

Source:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4229/family-prayer-2-anzac-day-25-april-2020.pdf>





# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

**Acting Deputy Principal  
Miranda Colquhoun**



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Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College community,

Welcome back to what is a busy Term 2 with camps, retreats, competitions and Athletics carnival to name a few.

We had a respectful and reverent ANZAC service following ANZAC day, where we had members of the Australian Defence Force attend and participate in the service. It was great to see our students of defence personal speak so well and proudly as they ran this liturgy.

As we enter the dry season and the cooling weather I would encourage the students to wear the College jacket. Jumpers can be worn to school and during homeroom; however, students will be asked to remove these once period one starts.

During this term the College will be reviewing the College Mobile Phone policy and we will be seeking feedback from families, students and staff into our current policy and a new policy to be rolled out in Semester Two.

Please be aware that all parents need to complete the student absentee form on the College website for student absences. If a student is late or leaving early the form will also need to be completed and this has been updated to include the time a student is arriving or departing. I thank you in advance for assisting us with this process.

For all our mums in our community, I hope that you have a wonderful day and know the important role that you play in your child's continued success, both here at the college and at home.

Kind regards

Miranda Colquhoun



### Study Skills: SET TIMES FOR HOME LEARNING

**PARENTS:** Many students come home from school and end up just waiting until they might 'feel' like doing schoolwork. Or else they drag everything out over the whole night. A much better way is each night have set allocated times for home learning. Many students find that learning in 20-30 minute blocks works well for them. During this time students should do homework first, then work on any assignments or upcoming tests, then use the rest of the time allocated for schoolwork to complete independent learning activities such as reviewing work they find difficult, making study notes or doing practice questions to build their skills. All distractions should be removed during this time, so students learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks of time. It is a great idea to make a timetable of the home learning and place it on the fridge so everyone is clear when students are focusing and when they are doing other activities or having free time.

**STUDENTS:** Some of the benefits for students of having set times allocated for home learning are:

- You are more likely to learn at home if you know when to start and when to end.
- You will be more effective when you remove distractions and learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks.
- In all the times NOT allocated to schoolwork you can do whatever you like without feeling guilty about it.
- Having set times stops arguments between students and parents as everyone has agreed when the timeslots allocated to students will be.
- You know that you are definitely doing enough work for school.
- Keeping your home learning and personal life separate means you will be able to manage

Kind regards

Miranda Colquhoun

# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

**Acting Head of Senior School**  
**Jake Barnes**



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Good afternoon O'Loughlin, it certainly has been a busy start to the new term! There are a number of exciting activities happening at the College at the moment, which means that time seems to be flying by. This coupled with a few short weeks due to public holidays means we are nearly halfway through Term Two already.

On ANZAC day, myself and the Senior Leadership Team were lucky enough to be accompanied by the Year 12 Student Leadership Team to the ANZAC Dawn Service in Darwin City and then to Mass at Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral. It was also nice to see many other members of our College community (teachers, families and students) at the dawn service.

There are several events coming up in the next few weeks for our senior students which include the following:

**Year 10s:**

Street Smart High – Thursday 4th of May

Periods, Pain, and Endometriosis (PPEP) Talk – Friday 19th of May

**Year 11s:**

Pat Cronin Foundation Talk – Thursday 11th of May

**Year 12s:**

Year 12 Retreat – Monday 19th/Wednesday 21st June

We are very lucky as a College to have the chance to be involved in opportunities like these, so please ensure that you make the most of these activities. Also, as the term continues to get busier it is important to manage your time wisely, but also look after yourself and your mates. Please check in with each other and continue to have great conversations with each other.

Mr Barnes



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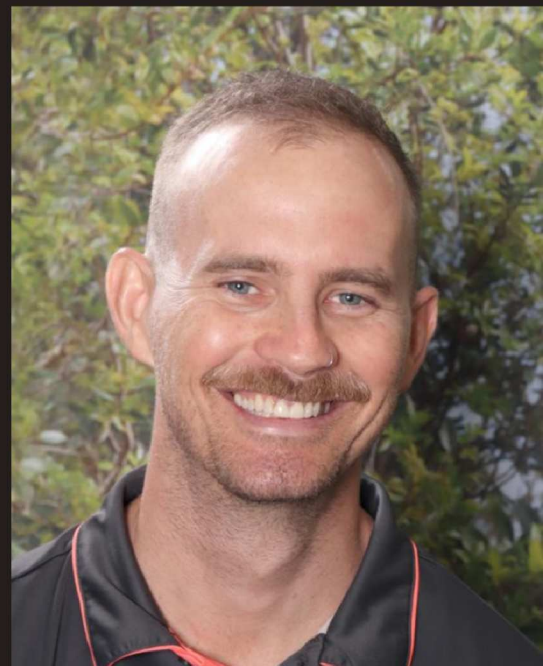
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The Safeguarding Contact Persons are nominated by the school to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. You might talk to a Safeguarding Contact Person if you:

- Are worried about a child, young person or family
- Are worried about the behaviour of an adult in the school toward children or young people
- Are a child or young person who wants help or support
- Want to know more about supporting children and young people
- Want to know more about what your school and Catholic Education Northern Territory have in place to safeguard and support
- Want to know more about children's rights - including those of your own children, or your rights if you are a child or young person
- Have ideas about how our school can make things even better for children and young people - especially if you are a child or young person yourself!



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# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

Acting Head of Middle School  
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We have had a busy start to Term 2. One of our big events coming up is the Year 6 Open Day. Last week and this week, I am visiting the year 6's from St Pauls, Holy Family and Holy Spirit with some of their past students to talk about the day. The schools were so welcoming and keen to see their past students and hear all about life at Middle School and at O'Loughlin Catholic College. The Open Day is fast approaching Tuesday 9th May (week 4) and we have a number of bookings already. Please be aware this is a home study day for all middle school 7-9, except for the 30 students from year 7 who have signed up to be group leaders and help out on the day.

The Year 7 camp was last term, and I was lucky enough to attend this - we all had a great time. Check out Mr Judd's entry for more details. Year 8 Camp is at the end of this term and I am sure in the coming weeks, students will be given more details around this.

In Week 5 all year 7 and 8 students will be audience members for the annual Musica Viva in Schools performance. This year's show is titled WYNISS - they are a TORRES STRAIT SONG AND DANCE group. They are performing at the school on Monday 15th May and throughout the show students will learn and understand how culture and history are passed on through song, dance, and childhood games.

The dry season is not too far away, we have had some cooler days and nights already. Please ensure you purchase a school jacket as these are only permitted to be worn by students in school.

All the best for a great Term 2!

Ms Green  
Acting Head of Middle School.







# *O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE*

# Year 6 Open Day



**9th May**  
**2023**

**8.30<sub>am</sub> - 2.00<sub>pm</sub>**

**'Make us One in  
Christ'**

**Experience a day in the life of  
a year 7 student at  
O'Loughlin Catholic College.**

**BOOK NOW!**

<https://forms.gle/ToDeRHaxF8jG3AqbA>

**Ph: 8945 1277**



# YEAR 12

YEAR LEVEL CO-ORDINATOR

MS. WARD

12.1 HOMEROOM TEACHER

MR. BEATTY

12.2 HOMEROOM TEACHER

MS. KATE

12.3 HOMEROOM TEACHER

MS. PEARSON

## NT NETBALL

Matilda Wilson (12.1) was recently selected in the NT team to compete in the Queensland State Age Championships.



Lest We Forget...



## ANZAC DAY

The Student Leadership team, Year 12 coordinator, and the Senior Leadership team attended the ANZAC Day dawn service at Darwin Cenotaph War Memorial on Tuesday 25th April.

The students laid a wreath on behalf of the College to acknowledge and thank our service men and women. Staff and students then attended Mass at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral on Smith Street

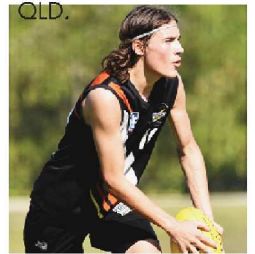


## GOLD COAST SUNS

Kierra Zerafa (12.1) was invited to train with the Gold Coast Suns Academy in QLD and will play in a trial match with them in the coming weeks. Kierra is hoping to enter the AFLW National Draft at the end of the year.

## AFL NT ACADEMY

During May, Brodie Grace (12.1) played in an NT Academy game verse the Gold Coast Suns Football Academy in QLD.



## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023

We had a number of Year 12 students attend the 2023 Youth Conference on Wednesday 5th April.

Jules Gabor (12.2) facilitated a panel  
Geli Vergara (12.3) was a panel member  
Lilla Murray-Govan (12.3) and Frankie Firuini (12.3) performed a dance routine.  
Congratulations to all students who represented themselves and O'Loughlin College so well.



## NTPFES WORK PLACEMENT

Alyssa Caruana (12.1) recently completed a one-week work placement through her Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES). Alyssa was able to partake in controlled burnings to protect the environment. A fantastic experience for a student who would like to pursue a career as an NT Firefighter. Alyssa, along with two other students, Hamish Williams (12.1) and Maria Tserou (12.2) are set to complete their studies shortly.



## HARMONY WEEK

The Year 12 Student Leadership Team hosted a range of activities for Harmony Week during week 8 (March 20th - 24th) including; Filipino cooking, Indigenous Australian Art, Cultural Trivia and an AFL longest kick competition. A lot of students from different year levels participated and enjoyed themselves.



# YEAR 11



Max Jones - Year 11 Coordinator  
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Good afternoon all,

Firstly, I would like to welcome Stephanie Sfouggaristos to our team as 11.3 Homeroom Teacher. Stephanie has previously been an ISA at O'Loughlin and also taught at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. She has fitted back in well and is getting to know the class through Homeroom and PD.

The Year 11 cohort has had a successful start to the year as they make their way through the first half of their Semester 1, 10 credit, SACE courses. The jump up into SACE courses has been a challenge at times, but overall the cohort has adapted to the pace and expectations well. Whenever there are concerns or significant challenges, we always appreciate knowing in a timely manner to be proactive in supporting students. Please feel free to make contact with the student's Homeroom teacher, myself or Mr Barnes (Head of Senior School) whenever possible to address pastoral concerns.

For Personal Development, students have touched on wellbeing, The Resilience Project and cyber safety over the past month. We will continue with the Resilience Project throughout this term and I encourage you to look at their 'at home' resources via: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/home-2023/>. Their 'Imperfects' podcast is also a worthwhile listen – Glenn Robins and Max Gawn episodes in particular.

Thanks,

Max Jones  
Year 11 Coordinator



Year 11 Easter play



Year 11 Humanities and Art students

## the imperfects

hosted by  
hugh van cuylenburg  
ryan shelton  
& josh van cuylenburg





# YEAR 10



Nicholas Lohmeyer - Year 10 Coordinator  
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Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College community,

The past few months have been a busy time at the college. From the many due dates at the end of Term 1 to the many public holidays, students are having their time management skills put to the test as they wade into the depths of Term 2.

In recent news, we were thrilled to be able to welcome Michael Pearson to the college at the start of Term 2 in his capacity as homeroom teacher for 10.3. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge and will be an asset to the school.

The year 10s have just finished their Retreat, which was held across Thursday and Friday of week 2 at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. A huge thank you to Matthew Bourke, Shania Allen, and the NET team for their organisation, their enthusiasm, and their care. The theme across both days was to 'live your life on purpose', which I'm sure resonated with the group.

In week 3 all year 10 students attended Street Smart High – a day of learning about road safety and the daily risk of driving on our roads. It is vital that our young people are defensive, aware, and safe when they start driving on our roads and I feel confident that this program has made some strides towards doing just that.

Coming up in week 5, year 10s will participate in the PPEP Talk (Periods, Pain, and Endometriosis Program). This one hour session will be held during our regular Friday PD lesson and will educate all of our students on what it is like living with pelvic pain. Students who do not have pain will be better prepared should pain develop in the future, and the talk will help all students be more comfortable discussing menstruation and help them learn how best to support the people in their life with pain.

By year 10 our students have many competing priorities and interests, and it is so pleasing to see so many of our students tackle these demands with increasing maturity.

As always, please contact the homeroom teacher or myself with any concerns you may have.

Thanks,  
Nick





# YEAR 9



Maree Hammer - Year 9 Coordinator  
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## Camps

At the end of week 1 all Year 9 students were notified of which camps they will be attending in Term 3. There is a lot of excitement amongst the group and all 3 camps are going to be amazing. Please remember that if your child is attending the New Zealand Camp there is a meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of May at 6pm in OL1 and OL2.

## The Resilience Project

The Year 9 group have recently started an inquiry based task to learn about the importance of sleep. Students will be taking the information they discover and creating a public awareness campaign for the entire school. I cannot wait to see their creativity and hope that the entire school learns about the benefits of a good night's sleep every night.

## Amazing Year 9 Students

Congratulations Leo Skippings and Niesha Casimiro for representing the Northern Territory in the 2023 Hockey Australia U15 Championships in Darwin.



Congratulations Lily Nicklin, Blade Russell and Deba Yoelu for representing the Northern Territory at the National Indigenous Basketball Tournament on the Gold Coast.



# YEAR 8

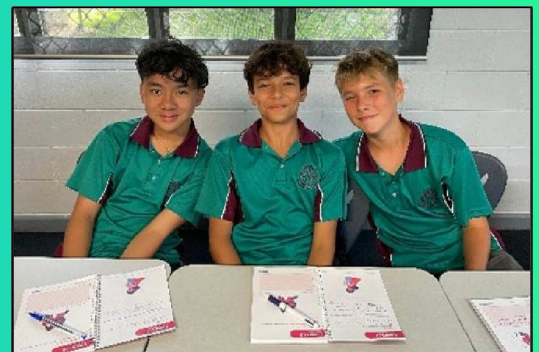


Tara Branco - Year 8 Coordinator  
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Hello Everyone,

What a lovely start to Term 2! Over the last few weeks, during Personal Development lessons, the Year 8 students have dived into 'The Resilience Project' once again, developing gratitude and appreciation for things in their life that they may take for granted. The students have also started exploring 'The Study Skills Program', considering their study spaces at home and what they can do to improve them for greater productivity. The students have participated in class discussions, viewed a few video clips, completed some activities in their journals and played several kahoot games. In the coming weeks, students will continue to build on what they've learnt by looking at ways to improve their organisational and time management skills.

Additionally, we have arranged for the students to see a performance on the 15th of May, coordinated by the Musica Viva in Schools organisation. This year's performance is Torres Strait song and dance group, 'Wyniss'. They will show how culture and history are passed on through singing, dancing and games. "By comparing their own childhood games to those from the Torres Strait, students will come to understand the importance of traditions, and to be thankful to those who teach them." The students will participate in a PD lesson in the lead up to this performance to help them further understand these themes. They are very much looking forward to it.



Lastly, there will be a camp meeting held during the PD lesson next Friday (12/5), for all Year 8 students, where they will receive permission notes and all the details needed relating to camp. Please ask your children for the forms and if you have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Cassie Henderson or I (Tara Branco). It would be wonderful to receive these notes back quickly to finalise group numbers, food, accommodation etc. I know the Year 8's will have an amazing time - this will be all that we hear about from next week! :)





# YEAR 7



Tony Judd - Year 7 Coordinator  
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Term 1 has now been and gone, with students gradually coming to terms with the demands of secondary schooling as compared to the close almost one on one contact of their primary teachers. We can't underestimate how the change has been for most with multiple teachers, timetables, and multiple classrooms to contend with. That said, it has been a fantastic term for all of us to get to know each other. This culminated with an amazing year 7 camp for students in the last two weeks of the term.

The camp had everything, drama, music, cultural activities, and an array of sports most notably archery and fishing. Ms. Cassie Henderson, our Outdoor Education Coordinator at O'Loughlin delivered an amazing camp along with her hired experts Mr. Mud Crab and Colin the DJ. I personally also want to thank the many teachers and inclusion support assistants who gave up their personal time to ensure the students had the best and safest camp they could ask for.

As we move into Term 2, we will continue to provide the Resilience Project program during our personal development lessons. This will have a strong focus on appropriate use of phones and technology and will continue to promote activities that create a safe and inclusive Year 7.

In week four we are having an open day for year 6's from Primary schools around Darwin to attend. It is fantastic to see so many year 7's putting their hands up to volunteer their services to show them around for a day.

We are blessed with so many talented athletes in the year 7 cohort. We have numerous students representing NT in the upcoming months for many different sports. We also had several year 7 students representing the college in the AFL gala day.

## Reflections on Term 1.

"We have had a wonderful start to the year at O'Loughlin Catholic College as a new bunch of year sevens, we have made it through one term and in that one term we have had a few delightful experiences such as making new friends from different schools, learning new things from our new amazing teachers, going on an awesome camp with our new friends and getting to do different subjects like cooking, drama, art/visual art, information & tech and learning how to read a timetable". Anha Charan yr. 7



"My favourite memory was camp because it was so fun, and I will always remember my Yr.7 camp. My highlight was the disco because we all had a great time with our mates. Term 1 is a term to never forget". Tallulah Evans yr.7

"My start in year 7 has been great most of the teachers are great and I have made some amazing friends, you always feel included, and the teachers always cater to everyone in the class". Lucas Nixon yr.7



Above: A Camp Classic Catch!

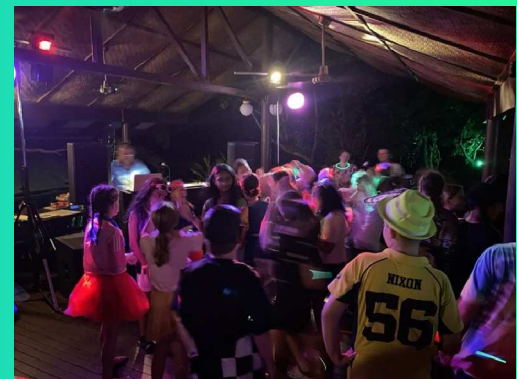
Below: Cultural Awareness activity with Ms. Cashy



Above: Crab Claw fishing

Above Right: The big dance

Right: Whip Cracking





# HUMANITIES



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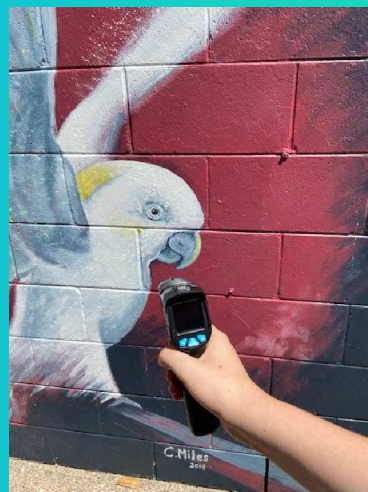
Among the subjects included in Humanities is the study of Geography.

The Year 10 Geography students recently adopted the role of expert field geographers and participated in an excursion focused on urban environments and sustainability.

Led by Mr. Jones, students headed into Darwin city for the Urban Heat Mitigation Field Trip to conduct field work with professionals from the Darwin City Council and CSIRO. As part of the excursion, students were asked to investigate ways to reduce temperatures in urban contexts, pose questions to experts to extend their understanding of classroom content and record data based on field experiments and observations.

The typical hot Darwin day during the field trip only served to underline the importance of reducing urban climates and adopting sustainable cities into our communities!

We are pleased to share with you some of the images from this recent Geography excursion. Next term, a number of excursions will run as part of the study of Humanities including geography and English excursions; relevant classes and parents will be notified accordingly.





# OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Cassie Henderson - Camp Coordinator & Outdoor Education  
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It's been a busy few weeks for the Senior Outdoor Education students. The weather has started to improve so excursions, practical activities and camps are all firing up.

Our Stage 1 ODE students are busy learning to Sail at the Darwin Sailing Club. They have completed their first of three sessions so far. The wind was challenging but the students did well, with one group capsizing. They are also currently learning knots, ropes and rock climbing skills in preparation for their upcoming 3-day rock climbing camp. I look forward to sharing the camp photos with you when we get back later in the Term.

Our Stage 2 ODE students are busy refining their topographic map and navigation skills. They are off on a challenging 4-day remote hiking expedition in Kakadu later in the Term. During class they have been learning about contour lines, topography and bearings to help when it comes time to navigating on their own. As you can see from the photos, we have been making and using kinetic sand to understand terrain features. Again, I'm looking forward to sharing photos of the spectacular Kakadu scenery, waterfalls and secluded campsites after we return from this camp.





# VET

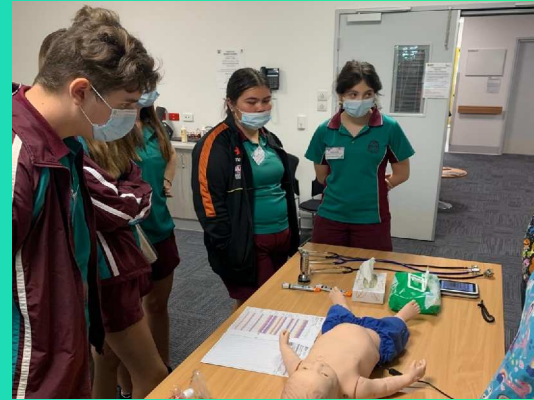


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## HCTT

In week one, five Year 10 students were selected to attend the NCTT Careers day at Palmerston Hospital.

Health Careers to Try" (HCTT) is an annual event hosted by the Clinical Learning Education and Research Service (CLEaRS) of Royal Darwin Hospital. This event showcases the many and varied career pathways within the healthcare sector using an interactive approach to enable secondary students to have real-world world experience in various healthcare occupations and allow them to make informed choices as they graduate from secondary school.



## Uni SA College Visit

University of South Australia attended the college on Wednesday and Thursday of week one Wednesday session was aimed at Year 11 students and their pathways, Thursdays session was specifically for year 12 student and admission requirements and accommodation. The College thanks Hannah and Uni SA for taking the time to assist our students



## James Cook University (JCU).

In term one The College was invited to attend James Cook university as a part of the TeacherX event being held at JCU Cairns.

Day One was spent as spent at JCU Cairns exploring the programs such as Medicine and Dentistry as well as a tour of the student accommodation, Day Two we were extremely lucky to attend the Daintree Rainforest observatory and research facility. We would like to thank JCU for having us and providing us with an engaging and rewarding program, highlighting JCU's teaching, learning and research excellence.



Above: JCU Student Accommodation

Below: JCU Dentistry Lab



## Upcoming events:

BiG Day In Darwin  
May 25, 2023

Join us at Darwin Hilton on 25 May for the 2023 BiG Day In Darwin. Bring your Year 9-12 students to listen to organisations such as Australian Space Agency, Australian Signals Directorate, Defence Force Recruiting, Kinetic IT & more to come talking about where a STEM/STEAM career can take you.



A reminder that I am available for any careers and VET conversation with parents and or students.

Please SEQTA direct message me to organise a time.

Mr Jack



# YOUTH MIN UPDATE

## EASTER PLAY

Last term, our amazing Year 11 youth ministry class prepared, practised and performed an Easter play for the entire school community. They presented the play 5 times in one day to all year levels, a new record for O'Loughlin! They memorized their lines and truly got into character, delivering a moving performance that staff and students genuinely enjoyed!

## ANZAC DAY LITURGY

This year, we had an incredible ANZAC celebration to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and peace. We were reminded of the many lives given, and that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Our school choir assisted to make the celebration extra beautiful, truly blessing us all with their gifts. It was definitely one to remember.

## YEAR 10 RETREAT

Our Year 10s recently had their annual retreat. Run by the Darwin NET team, it was a day filled with games, activities, sharings and reflection, delving into the topic 'Live Your Life on Purpose'. To pause from our usual business of life is a gift, and the Year 10s definitely invested in this time.

## ALPHA

Alpha is a program that allows us to ask and discover the answers to the bigger questions in life. This year, we have begun this 13 week program with the Year 11 and 12 Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning class, sharing in good food and good chats, with much more goodness to come!



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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

## UPCOMING!

### INSTAGRAM

Last week, a list of Instagram names was put out for the staff and students of O'Loughlin to vote on. Many responses have come back and we will soon be launching a youth ministry based Instagram page to showcase the life of the College, upcoming events and youth ministry opportunity.

Above all, it is aimed to be a place of positivity and goodness, to add a little more brightness to the social media feeds of our students, as it can sometimes be filled with comparison and negativity. Watch this space!

### LUNCHTIME HANG OUTS

Coming very soon is a lunchtime opportunity for students to hang out, share food, be inspired by a guest speaker, have the opportunity to ask questions they may have related to life and faith, and to reflect and take action for those in need. It will run on a weekly basis, with different focuses each week. We are very excited to kick this off, and trust it will be beneficial to many!



Thank you for taking the time to read this page!  
There is more to come!  
God bless,  
Shania



# THE LIBRARY

## What's on in the Library?

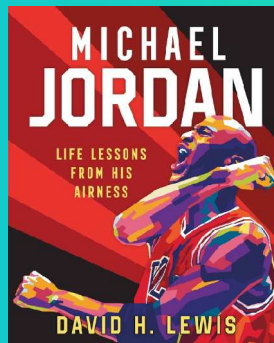
The start of Term 2 has been a busy one! The Library played host to many special guests as part of our ANZAC Day celebration. Following a moving assembly, Defence families were invited to a morning tea in the library space. A special thanks must go out to our Defence students for painting the Library entryway – it looks fantastic!



## games chess library relax research read

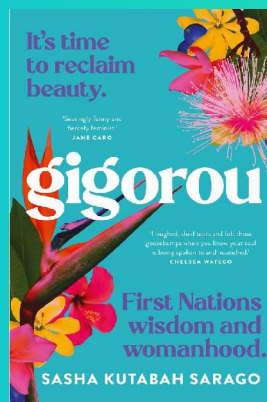
### What's New?

The new books just keep rolling in! Here's a couple from the latest drop.



*Michael Jordan: Life lessons from his airness* by David H Lewis

Michael Jordan defied gravity, transcended the world's expectations, and exceeded the limits of age, soaring to fame as the world's greatest basketball player of all time. Those flying dunks and record-breaking 60-point games have inspired generations. The unseen forces behind his success are the kind we can all harness for our own. M. J. and his accomplishments were founded on discipline, hard work, and knowing how to channel the deep, competitive drive within.



*gigorou* by Sasha Kutabah Sarago

In her 2020 TEDx talk, 'The (de)colonising of beauty', Sasha shares how she reclaimed her femininity by redefining beauty. *Gigorou*, meaning 'beautiful' in Jirrbal her grandmother's language is an extension of this conversation.

In this intimately fierce, funny and reflective memoir, Sasha retraces her footsteps as a beauty assistant, model and magazine editor to where beauty began over 60,000 years ago. *Gigorou* is a coming of age for us all. What lessons can we learn from the oldest living culture in the world? Are you ready to embrace your *gigorou*?

## OCC has a Sister School!

This year we are hoping facilitate communications between O'Loughlin Catholic College and our Sister School in Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby National High School. If you or your family members would like to be involved, please reach out to us in the library.



OCC Library and Resource Centre

<https://oloughlinkarama.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/home/browse/list>

Happy Reading!

Ashleigh Roccisano and Kate Phillips





# OFFICE NEWS

## School Fees

Dear caregivers,

Statements have been emailed to all families.

If you haven't yet received your statement or made a payment toward Term 1 fees, please make contact to our Finance Department via [finance.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au)

Kind regards  
Finance Team

## Homework Centre

O'Loughlin Catholic College operates a Homework Centre on Monday and Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm in the Library (RC 2)

We encourage students to attend Homework Centre to seek help and support to get their Homework and assignments completed with the support of staff.

From Term 2, please be aware that Homework Centre will only be running two days a week. Monday and Wednesday only.

## I.T. News

The way student devices connect to the internet will soon be undergoing an important upgrade.

This will provide increased security and allow for better connectivity.

More information will be released by the IT Department in the next newsletter for when this will be scheduled to occur.

Mr Kushal Gurung  
IT Manager



## AMADEUS MUSIC SCHOOL

### Sign up

Email Lilla Wellington  
[musicwithamadeus@gmail.com](mailto:musicwithamadeus@gmail.com)

'Where words fail, music speaks'

Amadeus Music is in partnership with O'Loughlin Catholic College to provide private music tutoring to students

### INSTRUMENTS

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical  
Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training  
Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching  
Drumming lessons now available!

### Music Tutoring

Amadeus Music School are happy to provide private music tutoring to O'Loughlin students. Lessons are held two days a week on campus.

### Instruments

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical  
Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training  
Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching

Drumming lessons are now available!

Expressions of interest can be emailed through to Lilla at [musicwithamadeus@gmail.com](mailto:musicwithamadeus@gmail.com)



### Disruption to school and urban bus services

Due to driver shortages, some school and urban bus services may be cancelled or experience changes at short notice.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is working with CDC Northern Territory (NT) to limit these disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

For the latest updates and changes to routes of travel, go to the CDC NT Facebook page or call 08 8944 2444.  
<https://www.facebook.com/cdcnorthernterritory/>

Kind regards

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# Enrolments 2024



**Enrolments  
are open for  
Year 7  
2024**

**'Make us One in  
Christ'**

**Enrolment packs are  
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