

GALEN CHRISTMAS

Wrap Up

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

At our final mass for 2023, I spoke to our community about why I enjoy it at this time of the year. For me, this is a time of giving. Advent is an opportunity to thank those who have supported us and consider how we can support those less fortunate than ourselves. For me, this is the heart of Christmas, a time when we give first and focus on the act of giving to make the lives of those around us better. The challenge is there for us to welcome those who are poor and hurting into our hearts and our communities.

This is a way in which we can bring to life the example set for us by Jesus during the final week of Advent. I hope all members of our community will have a happy and holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone at Galen Catholic College in the new year.

Happy days

Dante



Advent Prayer

Advent God, you have come and dwelt.
Among us in the person of Jesus.
We invite you to reign in our hearts as we seek to
Follow the example of Jesus in serving others.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen



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Dates To Remember

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2024

Start of Term 1 – Students

January

Wed 31st

February

2023 VCE Awards Night

Fri 2nd

Brigid Feast Day

Wed 7th

Year 12 Jumper Presentation

Thu 8th

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Fri 9th

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Thu 15th

Office Closure

Wednesday 20th December

Re-open Thursday 18th January



2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31st January – Tuesday 26th March

Term 2

Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 3

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October – Friday 13th December

Save the Date

Friday 2nd February

2023 VCE Awards Night – 6pm

Catholic Identity

~ Jim Samon

END OF YEAR MASS

As the 2023 school year comes to close we reflect on the year that has been and look forward to the holiday break and the Christmas celebrations. For many of us this means time with our families and loved ones including people we may not have seen since last Christmas. Many families travel to different parts of the state or have a house full of visitors. Christmas is a high point in the Christian Calendar that reminds us of the hope that Jesus Christ brought to our world with his birth and the impact that this event has had in changing the world since.

Our End of Year Mass was a wonderful celebration that allowed us to be able to gather as a whole school community with parents and families indoors. It was led by our new Student Leaders and College Captains for 2024 and supported by our choir who once again provide uplifting energy for our spirits with their beautiful singing.

Cultivate in us a spirituality that flows out of your simplicity and humility.

Release in us wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement for your work in which we share.

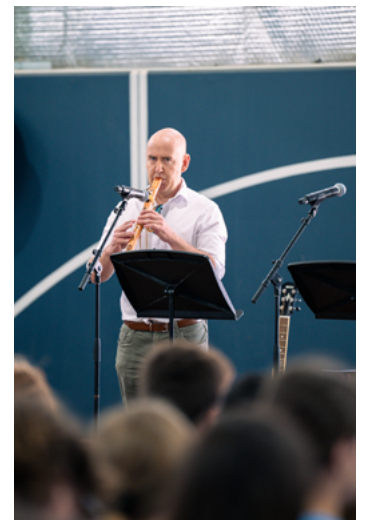
Like Mary, we listen for your invitation,

Like Mary, we set out joyfully and in haste to the hill country of the lives of young people,

Like Mary, we build communities in ways that are Christ-centred.

All Loving God, come and live in our hearts.

Amen





2024 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM AT GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 7 & YEAR 10

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Rural City of Wangaratta Council has transitioned to the state-based Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV) booking system for all our immunisation sessions. Your consent to vaccinate can now be provided via the Department of Health's Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV).

Click here for Year 7: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=854d4587-8489-ee11-be36-000d3ae1a03a&Year7>

Click here for Year 10: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=c44270fb-8889-ee11-be36-000d3ae1a496&Year10>

To provide or update consent for your child to be immunised at school, you will need to create a CIRV account. Once you have an account with CIRV you can enter the session code number for Galen College immunisation session (dates listed below).

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE ON-LINE
CONSENT FOR EITHER 'YES' OR 'NO' BY
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024 FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS.**

The vaccines listed below will be administered on these dates:

VACCINATION DATES AT YOUR SCHOOL

Date	Vaccine	Year
22nd February 2024 (Thursday)	HPV (1 dose only) BTX (1 dose only)	Year 7 only
27th June 2024 (Thursday)	Meningococcal ACWY (1 dose only)	Year 10 only

- * HPV – Human Papillomavirus
- * BTX – Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis [Whooping Cough]
- * Meningococcal ACWY

ABSENTEES:

If your child is absent on the day of vaccinations, you can attend one of the monthly Public Immunisation Sessions held at the Wangaratta Children's Services Centre. Book online through Council's web-site: Immunisations Rural City of Wangaratta Alternatively, you can have the vaccinations at your Doctor.

If you require any further information regarding the school immunisation program, please contact the immunisation team on 57220888 or by email: r.chambers@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

CIRV on-line consent by 9th February - Thank you!

• OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE •

PERTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to 2024 Year 10 student Callum Bott and the whole Vic team for their outstanding effort at the Australian All Schools Championships in Perth.

Callum was part of the U16 Mixed 4x400 Relay, coming away with gold AND breaking the Victorian Record. He was also very close to his PB in his individual 400m event placing 6th in the final for his age group, fantastic results!

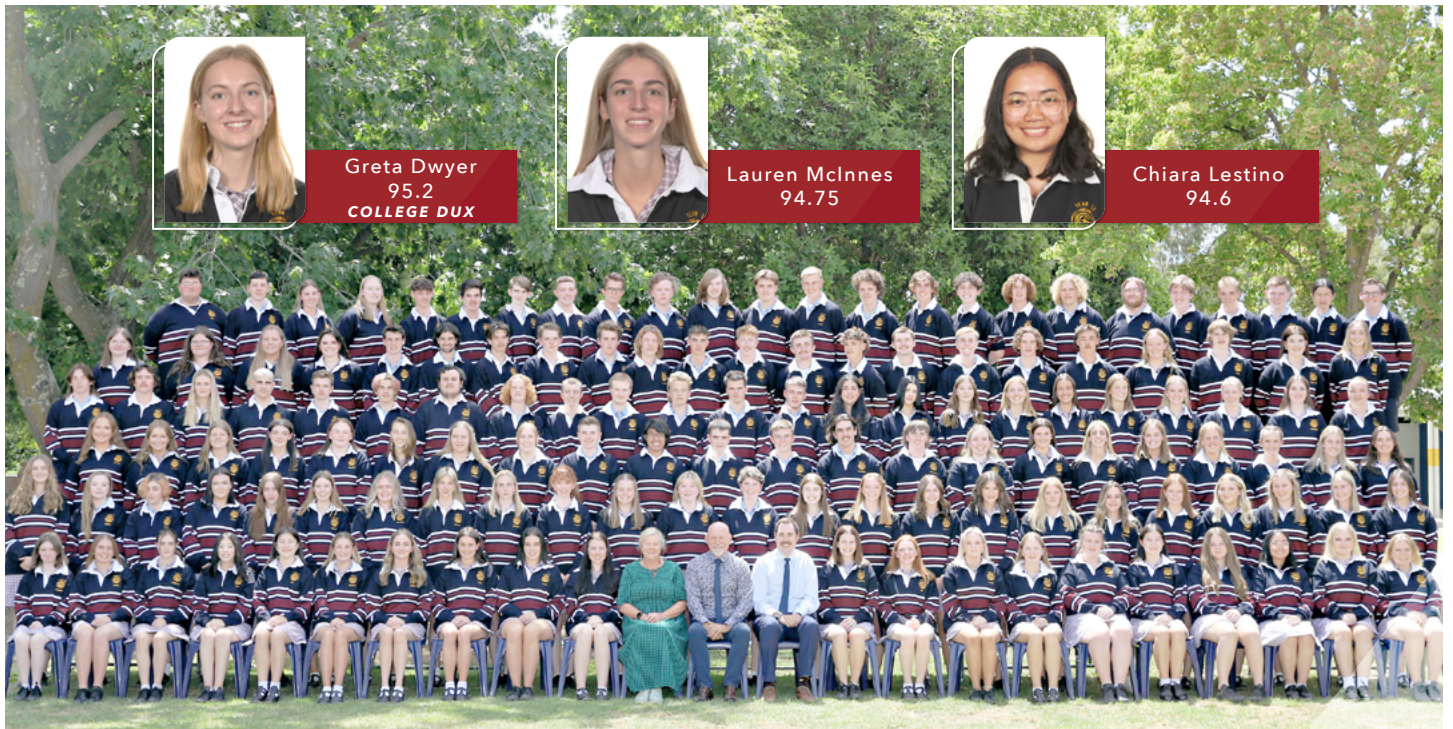


2023 VCE RESULTS

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students for their significant effort throughout the year.

We are pleased to announce Greta Dwyer as Dux of 2023 with an impressive ATAR of 95.2 and is a testament to her diligence and hard work throughout the year.

We are proud of all our year 12 students, many of whom reached and exceeded their goals. Whether it's entering the workforce, pursuing higher education, or taking a GAP year, our Year 12s have positioned themselves well for their next phase in life.



Second-hand Textbooks and Uniforms

We have partnered with Sustainable School Shop to provide families access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, musical instruments, sports gear and much more!

Sustainable School Shop have preloaded items specific to our school onto their site. This makes it super easy to list your items for sale and to buy items.

See all the second-hand uniform items for sale here:
<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/galen-college>

See all the second-hand textbooks for sale here:
<https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/booklist/galen-college>

So jump onto the site, register and list your items for sale, you will be:

- reusing items rather than adding to landfill
- making money on items you sell
- saving money on items you buy
- providing another family in our school with cheaper items
- helping to create a culture of contact amongst our school community families!

Login or Register here: <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au>





**John
Blake**



JOHN TO TREK KOKODA

2024 Year 11 student John Blake applied, interviewed and was selected as one of the candidates for the Wangaratta RSL Bob Iskov Scholarship for 2024; he will train in preparation, travel to Papua New Guinea and trek Kokoda in July. What a fantastic opportunity, well done John!

TOP DESIGNS 2024

Huge congratulations to 2024 Year 12 student Chloe Clayton!

Building upon her noteworthy achievements in the 2023 VCE/VET Creative and Digital Media, Chloe has garnered further recognition by securing a position in Top Designs 2024, a distinguished component of the VCAA's Season of Excellence. This year, Top Designs witnessed the submission of 1000 entries, out of which a mere 139 were shortlisted. In the rigorous short-listing process, Chloe emerged as one of the exceptional 9 students specializing in VCE VET Creative and Digital Media, chosen for the esteemed exhibition at the Melbourne Museum in 2024.

Chloe's inclusion in Top Designs not only signifies her accomplishment but also highlights her exceptional talent, as she will be showcasing two of her digital designs. The first among them is a graphical masterpiece titled "Makisig the Skater Boy," followed by a 2D Animation titled "sk8." This remarkable feat underscores Chloe's prowess and dedication in the realm of creative and digital media.





PHOTO DAY COMING SOON!

Thursday 15th February 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order
Online orders cannot be placed until
AFTER Jan 1st 2024

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

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Summer Beach Party

AND

SWIM CARNIVAL

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9.15am - 3.15pm @ WSAC Outdoor Pool



*This is your official
notice to get your
wardrobe ready!*

Points for best dressed!



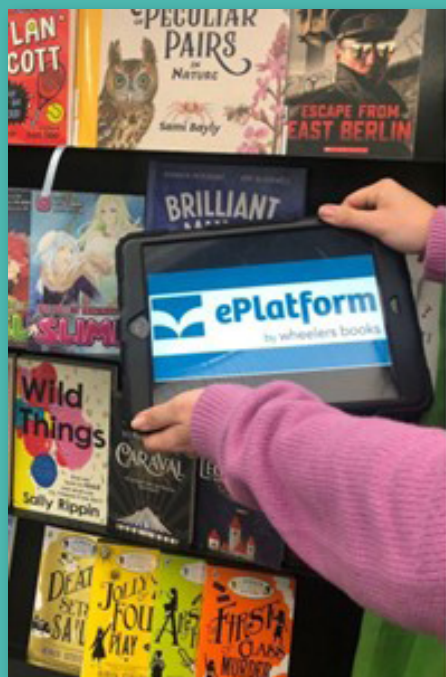
House coloured Hawaiian Shirts!
(suggestion but not compulsory)

GET READY FOR ► Swim Events ► Beach Party Games
► Dunk Tank ► Novelty Activities ► BBQ ► Food Stalls
► The inaugural Year 12 Pool Extravaganza



***Don't forget to sign up for
Swim Events via SIMON**

Click here to watch the video!



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UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

Over the school holidays, Noone will open the following times and dates for fittings and purchases:

Tuesday 16th Jan 8.00 – 4.00pm

Thursday 18th Jan 8.00 – 4.00pm

Tuesday 23rd Jan 8.00 – 4.00pm

Thursday 25th Jan 8.00am – 4.00pm

Monday 29th Jan 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Normal Opening Hours during school term (resume Tuesday 30th Jan)

Tuesday: 8am – 4pm

Thursday: 8am – 4pm

In additional to the shop opening times, families can order directly through the shop or via the Noone website at

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/galen-catholic-college>

Phone: 03 4706 1771