



# Howard Springs Campus News

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## Upcoming Events



Term 3, Week 5 2021

- **Mon 23 - Fri 27 Aug**, Book Week
- **Fri 27 Aug** - Book Character Day
- **Mon 30 August** - Student-led Conferences
- **Wed 1 Sep** - Student-led Conferences
- **Fri 3 Sep** - Fenton House Day
- **Sun 5 Sep** - Father's Day
- **Wed 8 - Fri 10 Sep**, Duke of Ed Camp
- **Fri 10 - Sat 11 Sep**, Year 12 Retreat
- **Mon 20 - Fri 24 Sep** - Year 12 Trial Exams

### Senior Years

Excellent start to Semester 2 in the secondary years at Good Shepherd. I have been impressed with the pace at which our students have re-engaged with learning from the long break, particularly the Year 12's. Remember it's a marathon not a sprint, but a good pace will get you there and beyond.

Many extra-curricular activities on offer; PARRS events, Cross Country and Curricular excursions. I urge students to make the most of this learning and how it translates to the classroom environment. Learning can look different. We have just completed the student leader's course in the senior years; what a great bunch of aspiring leaders they are. I look forward to seeing some high calibre applications for the student leadership areas of responsibility.

**Dean Cummins - Head of Senior Years**

### Middle Years

Semester 1 and the beautiful mid year dry season break for 2021 is now just a figment of our imaginations! How time does fly by!

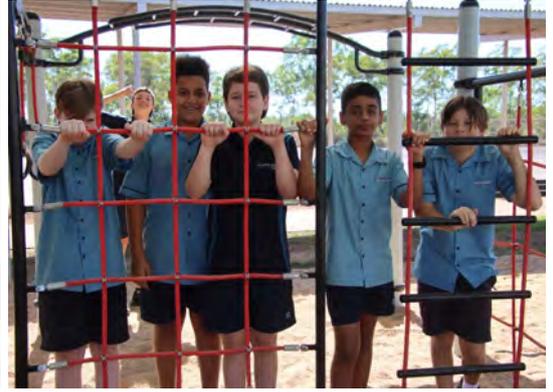
Students have come back very refreshed after the break and well set for a successful second semester with routines and study habits retained from Semester 1 which I encourage all students to maintain.

At this time it is worthwhile for all students and caregivers to reflect on Semester 1 reports and put plans and goals in place to strengthen areas they feel students have not achieved their very best in. A procedure I use regularly with students is to sit and discuss the contents of the report and what areas a student is particularly proud of and areas they feel they could do better. I then ask students to tell me what grade they feel they 'could' achieve for each subject and then I discuss with them what grade I feel they 'should' be able to reach. We then set an achievable grade goal and discuss strategies to assist in achieving this. I base this on a discussion of what factors prevented them receiving their desired grade in Semester 1 and how they can use this reflection to take measures so it does not continue to occur and to allow them to be more successful.

Some simple strategies include asking questions in class, setting a homework schedule and being organised for class. We then identify specific people who can support and assist them which could include teachers, support staff, family members and even friends. Over coming weeks and months it is important to check in with students to ascertain their progress and to also monitor assessment requirements through SEQTA. Please note we have Student Led Conferences in Week 7. They are an opportune time to check in with teachers. Please feel free to contact teachers at any time with queries as well as Year Level and House Coordinators who are valuable resources.

**James Faraone - Head of Middle Years**

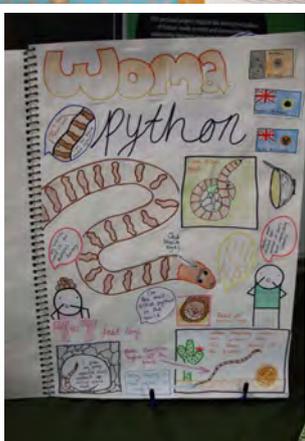
The two new playgrounds at our Middle / Senior Campus are absolute winners!



# Senior Years Expo - Tuesday 20 July



# Year 10 Personal Projects



# Cross Country



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Year 6 Camp



## WWII Army Vehicle 'Back to the Track' Journey

Thank you so much to all who were involved in this epic journey and for stopping off at our Howard Springs Campus on Friday 13 August. Students of all ages loved it so much! 'Back to the Track' involved groups of military vehicle collectors from around Australia converging in Alice Springs and making the wartime journey and travel along the track to Darwin to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VJ Day (15 August 1945) and the end of the Second World War in the Pacific.



## International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

### - Assessment Policy Focus -

What a whirlwind Term 3! Many events, camps, excursions, incursions and activities have already occurred. With an additional lockdown, students and staff have been on a truly experiential journey. As we are midway through that journey, please make note of our upcoming Student-led Conferences. All parents and students are encouraged to attend; in partnership with the teacher, to reflect on each child's learning journey so far and consider the goals set for Semester 2. This is a valuable learning experience for all, and supports students to gain the most out of every learning opportunity offered to them.

In addition to this as we enter the second half of Term 3, it is also worth noting that our students are currently entering their heavier assessment period. Teachers use assessment to measure and support student learning by designing quality assessment tasks, and consistently and knowledgeably applying the achievement criteria to make valid judgements about student learning and achievement. The primary focus of assessment in the MYP is to promote authentic student learning of the overarching ideas through creativity in design and advocating for student voice, choice and ownership. Driven by an inquiry

mindset, assessment in the MYP provides students with ongoing and timely feedback on the learning process so that they have the opportunity to progress in their thinking and approach. Assessment in the MYP provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their developed approaches to learning skills (ATLs) and build deep understanding of subject content while aiming to encourage positive attitudes towards learning. Evidence of student learning against the achievement criteria is varied and meaningful, and aims to be a celebration of learning achieved.



A reminder that all assessment information is available to students and parents at all times via our SEQTA portal, including due dates, task expectations and the achievement criteria being targeted. If you have specific questions regarding an assessment for your child then please contact your child's teacher directly via SEQTA Direct Message or email.

If you would like further information on our assessment policy, wish to request a parent workshop around our policies or wish to be more directly involved with our policy reviews please contact me: [katie.cummins@ntschoos.net](mailto:katie.cummins@ntschoos.net)

**Katie Cummins - MYP Coordinator**



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### The IB Learner Profile



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## Year 10 I & S Excursion

Another exciting excursion for our Year 10 geographers on Friday 6 August. Miss Battel's Individuals and Societies class explored the Darwin coastline at both Mindil and Nightcliff beaches to gather fieldwork data for their reports.

Year 10 I & S students are able to select Legal, History and Geographical Investigations to introduce them to the disciplines offered in Senior Years Humanities. Our Humanities faculty offers many opportunities for students to engage with the world around them! Great work Miss Battel and Year 10 Geography students.

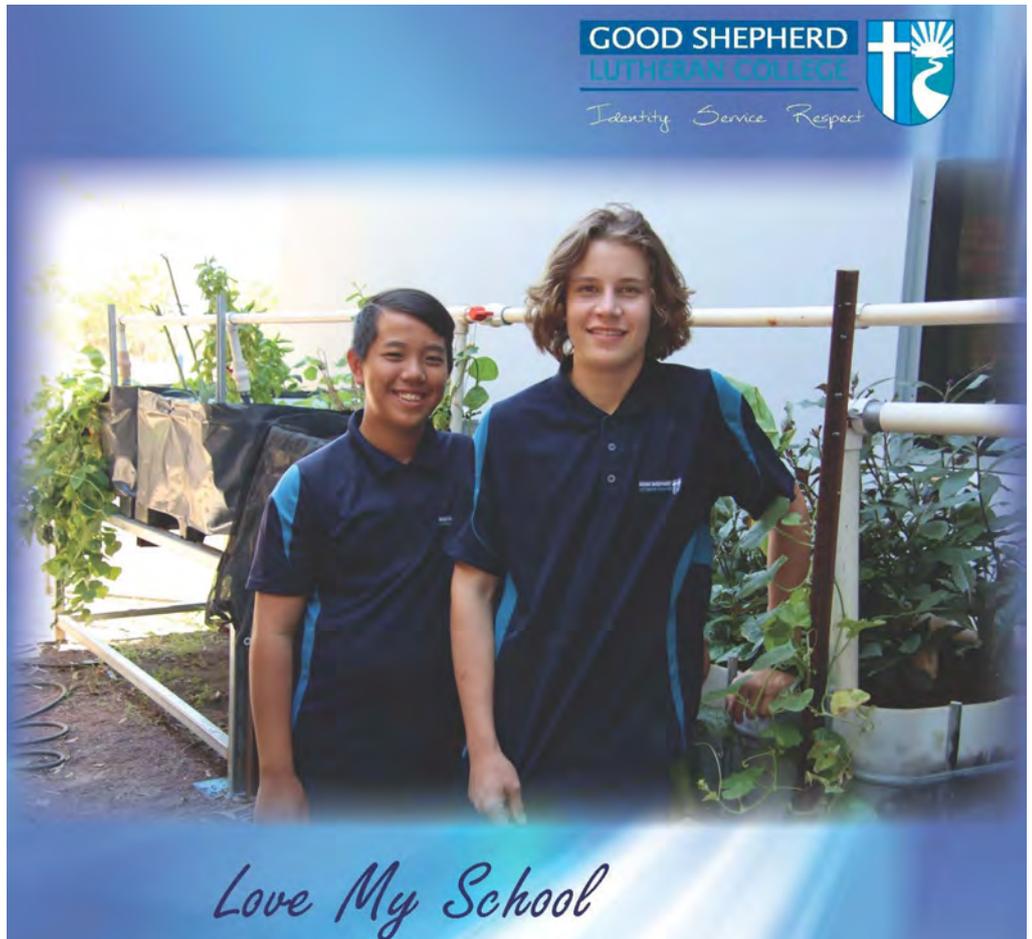


I have made you and  
I will carry you;  
I will sustain you  
and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4

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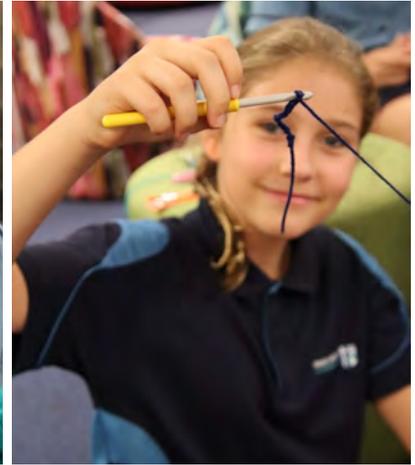


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## Lunchtime Learning - Crochet



## Tree Donations For Good Shepherd

Thank you so much to Litchfield Council and Mayor, Maree Bredhauer for the donation of Maranthes and Syzygium trees. These will be planted at our Howard Springs Campus asap and are greatly appreciated. This was to celebrate National Tree Day, Sunday 1 August.





## College Website, App, Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website and App regularly:

[www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au](http://www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

### College App

[Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT](#)

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/>

### Careers Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gslccareers/>

### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/>



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## Welcome Polly

A huge welcome to our new Uniform Shop Assistant, Polly. Some of you have met her already. We wish you all the very best in your new role Polly, it is lovely having you on board.

Thank you so much boys for your willingness to be involved in this photo shoot.



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## A Lighter Lockdown Lesson



## Colourful Chem Class



# Good Shepherd and St Andrew Lutheran Church

## - Worship Services -

\* St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff - Sunday, 8.30am

\* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Campus Chapel - Sunday, 10.30am

For further information, please call: **8932 4444** or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

<http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au>



**Connect** is the course for staff in Lutheran education. It explores Lutheran education, its beliefs and spiritual life.

*'Connect has helped me to grow upon my faith journey, by helping to support my initial understanding, challenge my thinking, encourage deeper thinking and help to formulate questions.'*

And give thanks for everything  
to God the Father in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Ephesians 5:20

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# CLASS OF 2011 10 Year Reunion

Saturday 4 December 2021, 12.30pm

Please join us to reconnect with **Good Shepherd's very first graduating class - Class of 2011**, over lunch and drinks. A school tour will follow.

**Howard Springs Campus**  
Senior School Building

**\$15 per person**

Partners/families welcome  
*Children free*

**RSVP and payment**  
by Wednesday 1 December

08 8983 0300

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*Registration & payment must be made prior to the event*

Class of 2011 - 10 Year Reunion! This was our very first graduating class - a wonderful group of young people who are now wonderful adults! We look forward to seeing them again on Saturday 4 December 2021 and their children as well. Happy days.



# CLASS OF 2015 & 2016 Reunion

Saturday 11 December 2021, 12.30pm

Please join us to reconnect with the Classes of 2015 & 2016 over lunch and drinks. A school tour will follow.

**Howard Springs Campus**  
Senior School Building

**\$15 per person**

Partners Welcome

**RSVP and payment**  
by Wednesday 8 December

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We are also greatly looking forward to reconnecting with Old Collegians from Class of 2015 and 2016 - sadly, last year's catch-up with our Class of 2015 was postponed. We already have quite a few RSVPs - thank you! We look forward to seeing many of you again.