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Semper Fidelis

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Loving Creator,

You have entrusted us with the gift of Your beautiful Earth. Through the charism of Mercy, help us to see creation through Your eyes of compassion. May we protect the vulnerable—both people and planet—who suffer from environmental harm. Guide our hands to be gentle, our choices to be wise, and our hearts to overflow with mercy for all living things. Like Catherine McAuley, may we respond with courage to the needs of our time. Help us to be instruments of Your healing mercy for our common home. Amen.



Last week, College Captain, Sienna Ross, travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Cattle handling division of the Adelaide Show. Sienna won the individual championship and was part of the Victorian squad that won the team's section. This is great achievement for Sienna who has invested many hours of hard work, training and travelling to competitions around Australia.



Student Achievement

As we come to the end of third term it is good time to reflect on some of the great achievements of our students both within and outside of school. This week I had the privilege to witness the work of our VCEVM students as they celebrated the completion of their project involving the residents of Warrina Aged Care at Yarrawonga Health. The students spoke to an audience of residents and YH staff about their project which captured the interesting life stories of the residents presented in a published book (story next page).

End of Term Arrangements

Families are reminded that students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday the 19th of September. Bus travellers will be supervised until the buses collect them at the earlier time of 2.10pm.

Term four will commence on Monday, the 6th of October.

Good luck to all of our students and family members who are involved in football and netball finals over the next few weeks.

Mr Nagle

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Term 3 Key Dates

Tuesday 16th September

Junior end of Term sports

Thursday 18th September

Inter end of Term sports

Friday 19th September

End of Term – early finish 1.30pm

Term 4 Key Dates

Monday 6th October

Students return for Term 4

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October

Year 9 Camp

Monday 27th October

VCE Exams commence

Monday 3rd November

Student Free Day

Tuesday 4th November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th November

Woka Wala Paddock to Plate Dinner

Thursday 20th November

Graduation Mass & Dinner

Monday 24th November

Student Free Day

Tuesday 25th November

Student Free Day

Thursday 11th December

Students' last day & College Dance



A Call to Mercy for Our Common Home

The Season of Creation, celebrated from September 1st to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), is a time when Christians worldwide unite in prayer and action for our planet. Promoted by Pope Francis, this season invites us to contemplate God's magnificent creation and our responsibility as stewards of the Earth.

As a Mercy school, we are particularly called to respond during this season. The Sisters of Mercy have long recognized that care for creation is an act of mercy—showing compassion not only to our Earth but to the most vulnerable who suffer most from environmental degradation. Our founder, Catherine McAuley, taught us to see the world through eyes of mercy, and today this extends to caring for our common home.

During these weeks, we're encouraged to:

- Reflect on how our daily choices impact the environment
- Practice simple acts of creation care like reducing waste and conserving energy
- Pray for wisdom to be better stewards
- Learn about environmental justice issues affecting the poor and marginalized

Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si'* that "everything is connected." Our mercy must extend beyond human relationships to encompass all of creation. As young people, you have the power to be agents of change, showing mercy to future generations through the choices you make today.

Let us embrace this Season of Creation with Mercy hearts, knowing that in caring for our planet, we participate in God's ongoing work of creation and compassion.

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Warrina Aged Care - Biography and Book Launch Project

On Tuesday, the 9th of September, the VCE VM students went to the Warrina Aged Care for the launch of our book. The book was a biography which we had written about the lives of the residents.

It was an amazing experience to have been a part of, and we hope to do something similar next year. Writing the book and interviewing the residents pushed us out of our comfort zones, and showed us that we can really do something when we put our minds to it. We would like to thank the Warrina staff and the residents.

It was a wonderful experience to see the joy on the residents' faces when they spoke about their lives. It has been an eye-opening experience and I'm extremely grateful for the residents opening their home to us and sharing their life stories with us.

When I first heard we were going down to Warrina, I was unsure what to expect, but that quickly changed once I got to meet the residents and learn about their experiences and hear their advice for life. It has been a pleasure visiting Yarrawonga Health. Learning and talking to the residents was very engaging, seeing how life was for them when they were our age, just makes us appreciate what life is like for us now.

Thank you to the Warrina residents and Yarrawonga Health staff, it has been a pleasure to be able to understand your life and experiences. Your stories were inspiring and this project would not have been possible without the support and contributions of Warrina residents.

Written by the Year 11 and 12 VCE VM and VPC Class

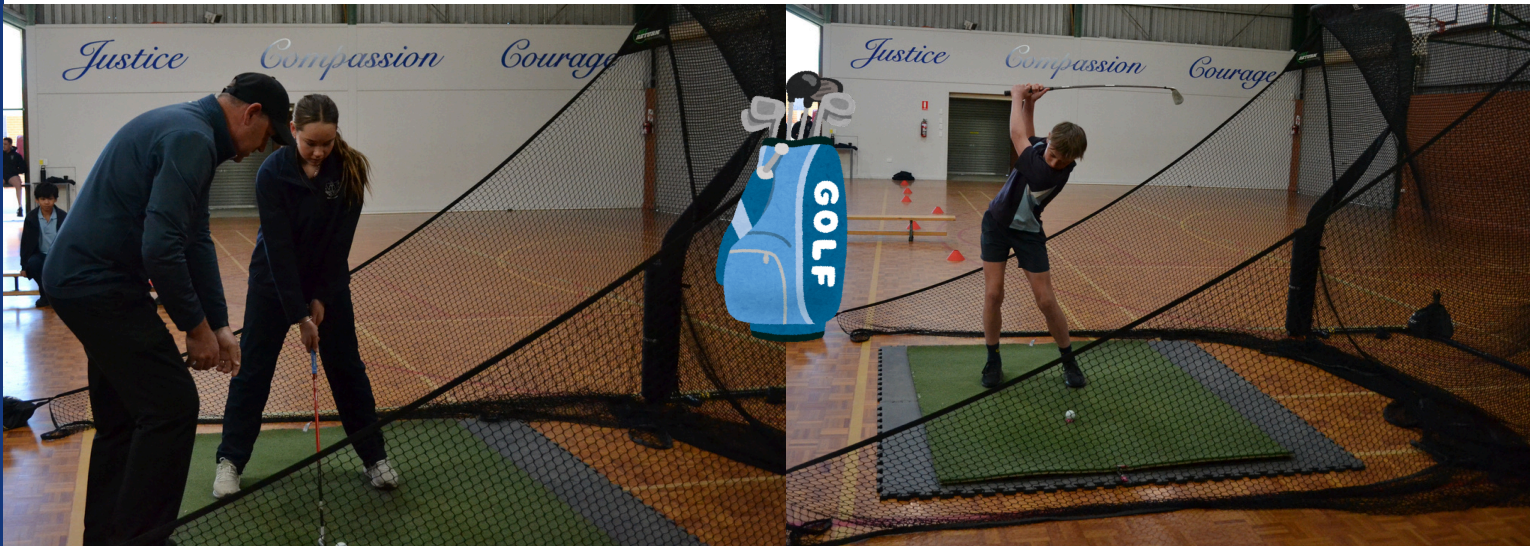
Golf Comes to School: A Visit from Cade Webb at NSW Golf

Last week our school had a special visit from Cade Webb, a representative from NSW Golf, who brought along a virtual golf simulator for everyone to try. The simulator gave students the chance to see just how far they could hit a golf ball while learning some new skills.

Cade spent time with each group, showing students the correct way to hold the club and how to swing properly. He gave valuable tips on balance, grip, and follow-through, helping everyone improve their shots.

The highlight of the day was watching the distance tracker on the simulator – some students surprised themselves with how far they could hit the ball! It was a fun mix of sport and technology, giving everyone the opportunity to experience golf in a unique and engaging way.

Students walked away not only with a better understanding of golf, but also with an appreciation of the skills and focus the sport requires. A big thank you to Cade and NSW Golf for giving our school this exciting opportunity.



Hume Athletics



On Tuesday last week, our school proudly took 46 students to compete at the Hume Athletics Carnival held at the Les O'Brien Athletics Precinct in Albury. It was a fantastic day of competition, showcasing the talent, determination, and sportsmanship of our students. Every participant gave their absolute best, demonstrating great commitment and effort across a wide range of track and field events. From sprints to long-distance runs, throws, and jumps, our students represented the school with pride and energy.

We are thrilled to share that we had many outstanding results and event winners, with several students now qualifying for the next stage of competition. Their achievements are a credit to their hard work and dedication.

A big thank you goes out to our staff, families, and supporters who helped make the day possible and cheered our athletes on. We are incredibly proud of all students who took part.

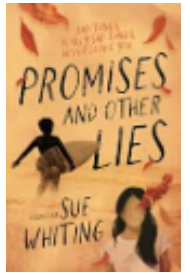
Your efforts and enthusiasm made it a memorable day for everyone involved.

We now look forward to seeing our qualifiers continue their journey at the next level of athletics competition. Congratulations to all!

Great new reads in the Library #12

Promises and other lies by Sue Whiting 2025

With a setting that strongly reminds us of the devastating 2019 fires this novel revolves around the small town of Wangaroo. One year on from the fires the coastal town is not very advanced on recovery or rebuilding. When an anonymous tip off says the fire was deliberate and points the finger at a local as the arsonist the mood turns ugly. Fletch and Immie are best friends and have a lot to lose during the investigation. Can they solve it and save their families?



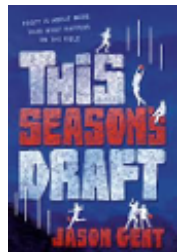
Flip by Rebecca Fraser 2025

Denim Davis is sick of living in a caravan and moving from town to town whilst his father finds work. His only interest is 'flipping'. He has an eye for vintage collectables and is trying to earn enough money so he and his father can finally stay put in a rental. He never bothers to make friends as he never stays long enough. He finally does make a friend but then a vintage find goes horribly wrong. A quick read teenage novel.



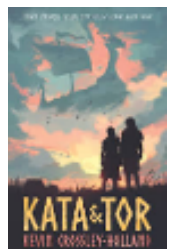
This seasons draft by Jason Gent 2025

We follow five players and one girlfriend through the process of the AFL draft season. Elias is a team player and running keeps him calm. Zac and Fletcher are best mates and both touted to be top 5 picks. Mason with strong family connections and a dying father. Then there is Dane. A great footballer but a terrible boyfriend. Beth has always been part of the Dane and Beth story but has lost herself in the process. A quick read verse novel.



Kata & Tor by Kevin Crossley-Holland 2025

Tor is the youngest son of Harald Hardrad, King of Norway and leader of the Viking fleet. When Tor is sent out to scout for the Viking invasion of England, he Kata, a caring and capable young woman whose fierce nature sets Tor's heart alight. But these are troubled times and even though Kata believes he is not a spy others do not. Eventually they must decide if they are loyal to the homelands or hearts.



Visit the Library to borrow any of these books.

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Don't forget
your hat in
Term 4

Student Arrivals and Early Departures

To help maintain a focused and uninterrupted learning environment, we kindly ask that parents communicate any early pickup plans with their child before the school day begins.

We understand that unexpected situations can arise. If an early pickup becomes necessary during the day, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience so we can make arrangements with minimal classroom disruption.

Additionally, if a student arrives late to school, they **must sign in at the office** before heading to class. This ensures accurate attendance and helps us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school day run smoothly!

Advisory Council Parent Representatives

The College is seeking two parent representatives to join the College Advisory Council. A letter will be sent home shortly to all families outlining the roles and responsibilities of the position. I encourage parents and carers to consider this opportunity to play an important role in the strategic direction of the College.

Before and after school supervision:

Please note that supervision for students commences at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 8.40am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga

Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
GRADUATION
MASS

&

VALEDICTORY DINNER
THURSDAY 20 NOV 2025

GRADUATION MASS

Sacred Heart Church
Cnr Murphy & Witt St
Commences at 5:00pm

VALEDICTORY DINNER

**Yarrawonga & Mulwala
Golf Club**
Function Room
Arrival at 6:00pm
Commencement 6:30pm

DRESS: SEMI FORMAL

TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON (Yr12Student - No charge)

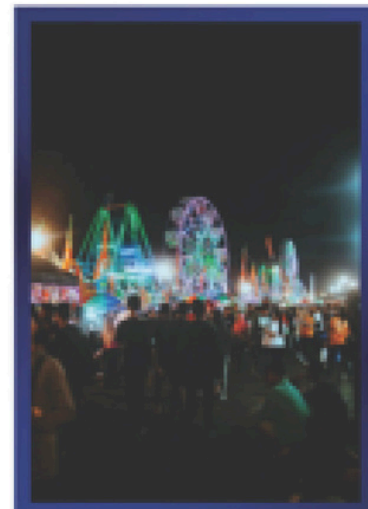
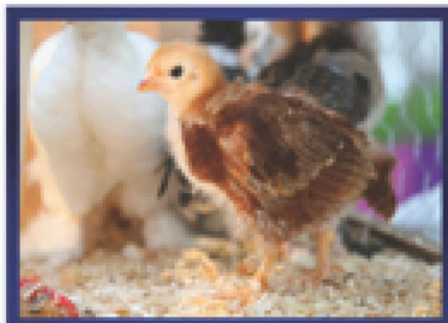
Up to 4 tickets per family (not including student ticket)

TICKETS INCLUDE:

2 Course Meal & Soft drink
DJ & Music

Professional Photography available
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BOOKINGS CLOSE:
FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER



- HORSE COMPETITIONS
- ARTS, CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND LEGO COMPETITIONS
- ANIMAL NURSERY
- FLOWER DISPLAYS
- TRACTOR DISPLAY

- CARNIVAL RIDES
- FOOD VANS
- PET PARADE
- HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES

- DOG JUMPING
- WILD ACTION ZOO
- SHEEP, POULTRY AND WOOL DISPLAYS
- FACE PAINTING
- DAN THE MAGICIAN

ClubMulwala

YARRAWONGA
-MULWALA

AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2025

SINCE 1883

OCTOBER 2025

FRIDAY 3RD

4.30pm - 9pm &

SATURDAY 4TH

9am - 5pm



FIREWORKS - FRIDAY 8PM

PURCHASE TICKETS OR REGISTER AT:

WWW.YMSHOW.COM.AU

HORSE DATES:

**SATURDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER -
RINGS 1, 2, & 3**

**SATURDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER - PONY
CLUB & FUN RINGS**



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Are you aged between 12-24 years?
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JOIN THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

What can you do?

Shape decisions that affect young people.
Create events you want to see.
Learn great leadership and team building skills.

When Do We Meet?

Meetings are monthly on the second Monday of the month
at 4:30 pm.
Meetings are face-to-face at the Corowa Civic Centre or
via video conferencing.



To sign up scan the QR code
or visit the Council website



www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



Expressions of Interest – Community Representatives Community Advisory Committee

Yarrawonga Health is seeking Expressions of Interest for Community Representatives to join the Health Service Community Advisory Committee. The Community Advisory Committee has a key role in advocating for the community, facilitating positive community engagement between the health service and local community and advising the health service on community needs.

Yarrawonga Health is seeking gender, cultural and age diversity representation. Interested community members may include:

- Young parents
- Males involved in various community activities and initiatives
- People who have a lived experience of family receiving aged care
- People from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Young adults.

For all enquiries please contact:

Jo Spence Community Engagement Manager

Email: joanne.spence@yh.org.au Mobile: 0460 033 416

Please provide a letter detailing your background, why you would like to join the Committee and what skills you would bring to the Committee. Please address your expression of interest in writing to:

Robin Haberecht Chief Executive Officer

Yarrawonga Health

Email: c/o Jo Spence joanne.spence@yh.org.au

Expressions of Interest close: Monday September 15, 2025.