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ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

FAITH IN *Action*



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From the Principal



Welcome to this Summer edition of *The Garru* – a celebration of community, curiosity and the many moments that make Macquarie such a special place to learn and belong. As you turn these pages, I hope you feel the same pride and joy that our staff, students, and families have experienced throughout a truly exceptional semester.

First and foremost, we celebrate the Class of 2025 and their outstanding HSC results. These results are a testament to hard work, perseverance, and the belief that high expectations – paired with genuine support – open doors. We are incredibly proud that these achievements have firmly positioned Macquarie as the leading school in Dubbo. Congratulations to our students, families and teachers who walked every step of that journey together.

Leadership has been another highlight this semester. From our School Captains and House leaders to our SRC representatives, students across the school have stepped forward with initiative, kindness, and purpose. Their leadership has shaped our culture in visible and meaningful ways, reminding us that leadership is not a title—it's an action.

Alongside celebration, we also honoured moments of reflection. Our Remembrance Day Service was a powerful and respectful tribute, bringing our community together to pause and remember. We also farewelled the remarkable Ms Mary Rathbone after 22 years of extraordinary service. Mary's dedication, care and contribution to Macquarie have left an indelible mark, and we thank her sincerely for all she has given to our students and school.

Our staff continue to inspire, not only in classrooms but across our wider community. This semester has seen teachers and staff recognised for their contributions and fundraising efforts – leading by example and showing our students what service looks like in action. On World Teachers' Day, it was a joy to see our campus filled with mini versions of favourite teachers, as students dressed up to say "thank you" in the most delightful way.

Learning at Macquarie extends well beyond the classroom. Our Outdoor Education program has once again been a highlight – providing students with unforgettable experiences, challenge, resilience, and connection. We truly are fortunate to offer such rich opportunities. That same creativity and enthusiasm shone during Book Week, with students, staff and families going to extraordinary lengths to design, create and parade their costumes. It was imagination on full display.

Our youngest learners also had a milestone worth celebrating. Kindergarten students marked their first 100 days of school dressed as 100-year-olds, reminding us just how far they've come in such a short time—and how much fun learning can be.

The arts took centre stage with the Year 7 Production, *Just In Time*. With winning playwright ideas brought to life, the show did not disappoint and showcased the confidence, creativity, and teamwork of our students. Meanwhile, summer sport brought success across Rugby, League Tag, Touch Football, Cricket, and Netball, with many students representing Macquarie with pride and sportsmanship.

Finally, we celebrate our Alumni and their continued achievements – proof that the Macquarie spirit endures long after students leave our gates.

I hope you enjoy this exceptional edition of *The Garru*. It captures a snapshot of a school that is vibrant, compassionate, and ambitious – and a community we are proud to call Macquarie.

Mrs Alison Mitchell
Principal



Student success! Abigail M. wins top prize in AISNSW Art Competition.

Year 12 student Abigail Medcalf won 1st Place (Secondary) in the 2025 AISNSW Student Art Competition for her photograph *The Stairs*, inspired by this year's theme 'Teachers: Empowering Every Student to Shine.'



Two subjects, one outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to Adam P., Year 9, who accelerated his schooling and completed TWO HSC subjects, achieving outstanding Band 6 results in Chemistry and Advanced Mathematics.

We are incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication and determination. This is an exceptional achievement!

Class of 2025

Congratulations

This year, our cohort of 40 students, 38 of whom were eligible for an ATAR, has demonstrated academic excellence with 16 Band 6 results and 48 Band 5 results attained. 37.9% of all results were either Band 5 or Band 6.

Highlights from the 2025 HSC include:

- Top ATAR results of 93.75, 93.6, 91.9 and 91.45
- Band 6 results were achieved in Agriculture, Automotive Examination, Business Studies, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Legal Studies, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Society and Culture, and Studies of Religion 1.
- **Sampada Chhetri** attained a SHAPE nomination. SHAPE presents outstanding major projects by HSC Design and Technology students in NSW.

Our students have also been successful in a wide variety of co-curricular areas, contributing to their holistic development. 100% of students who applied for Early Entry received offers from 12 tertiary institutions. 9 students gained qualifications in Vocational Education and Training courses and are embarking on exciting career pathways.

We commend and congratulate the Class of 2025 for their achievements and character. We wish them all the best as they move forward into their lives beyond school. Their perseverance, loyalty and passion have set them on a path to success, and we cannot wait to see where their talents take them. These results also reflect the support, encouragement, and dedication of our teaching staff, families, and our wider Macquarie school community.

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*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.*

– Proverb 16:3

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To the Class of 2025, we are incredibly proud of you, and we celebrate your success today and always! We trust that you feel empowered to make a meaningful difference in the world, reflecting our shared vision for your future.

Mrs Alison Mitchell
Principal

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Ranked Dubbo School
by success rate

*Sydney Morning Herald

93.75

Top ATAR Result and
HSC Shape Nominee

100%

Early Entry Applicants
received offers

85+

18.4% received
above 85
ATAR with
4 above 90

64

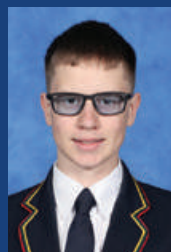
Individual Band 6
and Band 5 Results

234

Ranked 234 in NSW

**NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

We could not be prouder of the Class of 2025 and commend them for their character, resilience, dedication, and leadership throughout their school journey.



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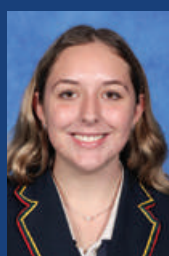
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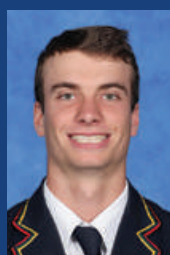
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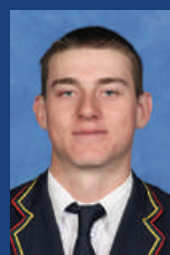
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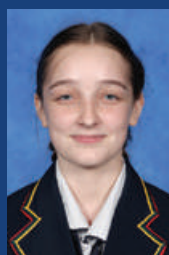
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Jasmine
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Nicholas
Sweeney



Ruby
Szymkow



Jack T
aylor



Charlie
Thomas



Hudson
Thornhill



Lyndsey
Tremain



Lauren
Turnbull



Bridie
Zell

2026 Student Leadership Team Announced

These students have been recognised for their dedication, character, and commitment to serving our school community.

Senior School

Captains:

Sarah Chandler and Edward Porch

Vice Captains:

Calliope Hurford and Sam Luck

Boarding Captain: Tia Allan

Prefects: Nandipha (Precious) Nkomo,
Tabitha Hignett and Annalise Somerville

House Captains:

Flynn Georgia Sweeney
Will Horton

Cuthbert Caison Duncan
Lachlan Murphy

Chisholm Nellie Spencer
Spencer Simcox

Dunlop Alicia Fordham
Max Taylor

Junior School

Captains:

Nayan Duncan and Francesca Wade

Vice Captains:

Lucy Bagshaw and Alistair Boland

Prefect: Alexander Fletcher and
Lily Orford

House Captains:

Flynn Poppy Job
Thomas Chad

Cuthbert Marley Betts
Mia Wright

Chisholm Hope Bailey
Xavier Powell

Dunlop Emilia Luck
Patrick Weekes



Flynn House Captains



Cuthbert House Captains



Chisholm House Captains



Dunlop House Captains



We look forward to seeing these young leaders' step into their roles with passion and purpose as they guide and inspire our school community throughout the year ahead.



CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Farewell to Ms Mary Rathbone

This year, Macquarie bids a heartfelt farewell to Ms Mary Rathbone, who has retired after an extraordinary 22 years of service to our school.

Ms Rathbone commenced at Macquarie in 2003 as a Junior School Teacher and quickly became an integral part of the Junior School community. Throughout her time with us, she taught across all stages, bringing her passion for learning, her calm guidance, and her unwavering commitment to every classroom she stepped into.

Beyond her work with students, Mary has been a generous mentor to early-career teachers, offering support, wisdom, and encouragement that has shaped the professional journeys of many staff. Her kindness, authenticity and willingness to walk alongside others have made her not only a respected colleague but a treasured friend.

Mary's contributions to Macquarie are significant and lasting. She has played a meaningful role in the education and wellbeing of hundreds of children, leaving an imprint that will endure long after her retirement.

On behalf of the entire school community, we thank Ms Rathbone for her dedication and the incredible legacy she leaves behind. We wish her the very best for a joyful, restful, and fulfilling retirement.

Thank you, Ms Rathbone.



STAFF SUCCESS:

Mrs Simcox Honoured with Prestigious Netball Award

We are proud to celebrate Mrs Marina Simcox, Deputy Principal, who was named the Dubbo Netball Association's Harry McDermott Perpetual Trophy Winner.

This award recognises her outstanding commitment to Netball throughout 2025.

Well done Mrs Simcox – this award is a true reflection of your passion, hard work, and dedication to our players and the sport.



Pedalling with Purpose

Ms Jemima Blythe, one of our dedicated Junior School teachers, took part in the 2025 Toyota Tour de OROC, riding more than 800 kilometres across the Orana region to raise funds for Macquarie Home Stay.

Through her incredible effort, every kilometre ridden helped support families who needed a place to stay together while receiving medical treatment in Dubbo. Ms Blythe's commitment to this cause was a powerful demonstration of faith, character, and community in action.

Her achievement was truly inspiring, and we commend her for making such a meaningful difference beyond the classroom.

Macquarie's Got Talent

Our stage came alive as Macquarie's Got Talent brought our school community together for a night of incredible performances and creativity!

With over 100 students auditioning and 36 acts performing, there was a variety of talent on display from music and dance to comedy and original acts.

Congratulations to Abigail M., Year 12, this year's Champion Act, for her stunning vocal solo of Jolene!



HSC SHAPE Nomination

Congratulations to Sampada C., our talented Year 12 Design and Technology student, whose Major Design Project has been nominated for the 2025 HSC SHAPE showcase!

For her major work, Sampada created a website comparing the curriculum of nine different countries to the HSC, providing a useful resource for international students transitioning to study in Australia.

The SHAPE showcase celebrates outstanding major projects from HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, and Textiles and Design students across NSW.



Tabitha's First Solo Flight!

At just 17, Tabitha H., Year 12, has joined three generations of family pilots, completing her first solo flight at Narromine Airfield - the same place her dad, brother and grandfather flew theirs.

Her passion for aviation began early, and after her first Trial Instructional Flight at 16, she was instantly hooked. Supported by an Airservices Flying Scholarship, Tabitha is now balancing flying with her Year 12 studies.

Congratulations on this achievement! The future of aviation is bright with young pilots like Tabitha on the rise.



Remembrance Day Service

Our students and staff gathered for a Remembrance Day Service to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. Through reflection and ceremony, we paid tribute to their courage and dedication.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.



"Last First Day" Celebration

We celebrated our Year 12 students at their "Last First Day" breakfast, joined by family and staff, marking the beginning of their final year at Macquarie.

As part of this cherished tradition, students planted a tree to leave their legacy at the school and proudly received their Year 12 jerseys, symbolising the journey ahead.

We wish our Year 12 cohort every success as they embark on this important and exciting final year of formal schooling.



MILESTONE:

Celebrating First Boarding Graduates

This semester marked a historic milestone, celebrating our first cohort of boarding students to complete Years 7 to 12 since launching the boarding program in 2019.

Five students – Billie Allan, Holly Azzopardi, Julianah Hegarty, Abigail Medcalf, and Charlie Thomas – were honoured at a special graduation ceremony held at the school's boarding facilities on Wednesday, 10 September.

As Dubbo's first and only boarding school, Macquarie has provided students from the Central West and Far West of New South Wales with the opportunity to access high-quality education while remaining connected to their families and rural roots.

Eli Kinscher, Head of Boarding, paid tribute to the graduates, saying, *"these five young people, who joined us from towns across the Central West and beyond including Warren, Gulargambone, Tottenham, Tooraweenah, and Enngonia, have carried the unique*

responsibility of being the first group to journey all the way through boarding from Year 7 to 12. They have set a powerful example of resilience, humour, and determination for every boarder who will follow."

Alison Mitchell, Principal, reflected on the vision and determination that shaped the program, thanking the students, their families, and the staff who supported them.

"Macquarie's 'Boarding Within Reach' philosophy has removed the barrier of distance for rural students – offering a safe, supportive, and values-based living and learning environment. These graduates have been pioneers, and their legacy will inspire generations of boarders to come."

Abigail Medcalf, Boarding Captain, also addressed the community, describing the milestone as both personal and historic.

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"Through the ups and downs, laughs and tears, we stand proud as the first Year 7 boarders to graduate. This is a huge accomplishment for us, our families, and our school. Macquarie Boarding has been our home away from home, and we are grateful for the friendships, opportunities, and support that have shaped us."

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Faith in Action: Connecting Belief with Everyday Life

Our motto *Faith in Action* is more than just words - it's something we strive to live out every day. Semester One has seen our Christian life continue to grow, offering students meaningful ways to explore, express, and live out their faith both in and beyond the classroom.

Students across all year levels have taken part in regular Chapel services and Christian Development classes. These sessions are designed to provide a safe and respectful space for students to engage with the Bible, ask big questions, and consider how faith connects with their everyday lives.

This year we were excited to introduce our new Christian Framework. This tool helps shape our teaching and encourages a genuine, lived-out faith. With a focus on both what we believe and how that belief impacts how we live, the framework is already helping to connect faith with the wider culture and daily life of our school.

Christian life at Macquarie goes well beyond the classroom and Chapel. Around 100 Senior School students have already volunteered through two major service opportunities: *Cook 4 Good*, where students cook meals for those in need, and our regular visits to BaptistCare, where students spend time with elderly residents, building relationships across generations. These acts of service are a practical and compassionate outworking of our faith.

Across Junior and Senior School, we have regular Christian groups that help create a sense of community and spiritual growth. In the Senior School, students gather before school each week for prayer and hot chocolate - a simple but powerful opportunity to reflect, share, and support one another. In the Junior School, Christian lunchtime groups provide a fun and thoughtful space for students to explore faith and care for each other.

In all of this, we remain committed to encouraging students to take faith seriously - not just as something to learn about, but something to live. Our hope is that the Christian life at Macquarie continues to challenge, comfort, and grow our school community in lasting ways.

*Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.*

John 13:34

Rev. Tom Owen

Learning that Works: the 4Rs in Action at Macquarie!

Teaching and Learning at Macquarie is guided by our Teaching and Learning Framework. The four dispositions of Relational, Reflective, Resourceful and Resilient constitute the structure around which our professional practice is built, and our classrooms operate.

In 2026, teachers devised an exciting action research project. Each project was data-driven, focused clearly on one class and one learning disposition. Teachers used CANVA posters and a showcase afternoon to present research results to their colleagues. The learning growth of Macquarie students was structured, monitored, plotted and reviewed in a diverse range of activities. Some examples were:

- Ensemble performance in Stage 1
- Dance routines and group work in Stage 5 PDHPE
- Creative Writing in Stage 6
- Examination preparation and study skills in Stage 6
- Inferential comprehension in Stage 4
- Resourcefulness in personal organisation in Stage 3
- Resilience in adjusting to school routines in Early Stage 1

All Action Research Projects had ONE common and compelling conclusion: that structured and intentional learning, within the framework of our “4Rs”, produced measurable growth and purpose in both teachers and students!

Mrs Lynne Fleming



WELLBEING FRAMEWORK

A Year of Wellbeing, Growth and Connection

2025 was a year filled with connection, growth, and community spirit at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School. Students across the school embraced new wellbeing programs, celebrated important national events, and continued to build a culture shaped by kindness, respect, and belonging.

One of the highlights of the year was the return of the LifeChanger program in Term 3. Students took part in inspiring workshops that helped them build confidence, strengthen relationships, and develop healthy habits and positive mindsets.

Throughout the year, students also engaged with the Wellio and Second Step programs, learning valuable social and emotional skills such as emotional regulation, empathy, problem solving, and how to build strong, healthy connections. Teachers and families supported this learning together, helping students apply these skills both at school and at home.

Our community also united to celebrate Harmony Day, R U OK? Day, and Bullying. No Way! Week – events that fostered inclusion, encouraged meaningful conversations, and promoted respect and safety for all.

Across all areas of school life, students contributed to making 2025 a warm and welcoming year at Macquarie. Whether through buddy programs, House events, lunchtime clubs, or simple acts of kindness in the playground, our students continued to show what it means to be part of a caring and compassionate community.

Mr Wade Richardson
Head of Wellbeing



Presentation Day 2025

Held on Wednesday 10 December at the Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre.





Year 6 Graduation





100 Days of Kindergarten

On 25 July, we celebrated 100 Days of Kindergarten!

From dressing up as 100-year-olds and wearing shirts with 100 stickers – it was a celebration full of colour, creativity, and joy.

Throughout the day, students took part in all things 100, with fun and engaging activities marking this exciting milestone.



SRC Morning Tea

We were thrilled to welcome parents and families to our SRC Morning Tea. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, connect, and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our Student Representative Council.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us and continues to support our students as they grow in leadership and service.

World Teachers' Day Celebration

Students celebrated World Teachers' Day by dressing up as their favourite teachers, highlighting the incredible work educators do every day in supporting, guiding, and inspiring their students.

The event was a fun and creative way for students to show their appreciation, sharing what they value most about the amazing teachers in their lives. It brought laughter, smiles, and a sense of community to the school, honouring the dedication of our teaching staff.



BOOK WEEK





CAMP ADVENTURES:

Year 5 Highlights!

Our Year 5 students participated in a memorable two-night excursion to CRU Camp in Galston, NSW, from Monday 25 August to Wednesday 27 August 2025.

Throughout the camp, students engaged in a range of activities designed to build teamwork, resilience, and confidence. From outdoor challenges to reflection sessions, the experience encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones, develop leadership skills, and foster new friendships.

The camp provided an exciting opportunity for hands-on learning, personal growth, and connecting with the natural environment, leaving lasting memories for all participants.



Valedictory *Celebrations*



Just In Time Year 7 Production

*The year is 2225, technology is amazing,
but the pressures of school are still significant for the students of
the Olympic Academy of Future Arts and Sciences.*

*With time running out, they will take some extreme
measures to get the help and inspiration they need to
meet the challenges of growing up.*

*Their journey will lead them to meet new friends, face
some very old challenges and race against time (and the
occasional dinosaur) to be ready for the final test.*

*Just in Time is a story of learning, facing challenges and
depending on your friends.*

2025 marked Macquarie's fourth annual Year 7 Production, a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and storytelling. More than a play, *Just In Time* was the culmination of a year-long project that began with students writing their own stories in English, then continued through design, production, and performance. Every student on stage challenged themselves, and the results were extraordinary.

Just In Time was inspired by the stories Year 7 students wrote about remarkable people of character, excellence, and skill – both from the recent and more distant past. Researching and imagining life through the eyes of these figures built empathy, understanding, and broadened the general knowledge of our students.

Congratulations to Milla A., Lucy P., Joshua M. & Holly S. for their Playwright awards.

The result was an epic adventure brought to life on stage – a celebration of creativity, learning, and the power of storytelling.



Presentation Day 2025

Held on Wednesday 10 December at the Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre.





Year 12 Charity Initiative Launches with Community and Colour

Our Year 12 students launched their 2026 Charity Initiative with energy, compassion and a whole lot of colour.

The cohort began their project with a visit to their chosen charity, the Sing Out Choir in Dubbo, officially marking the start of their fundraising efforts. Students shared their plans for the year ahead and joined choir members in a heartfelt singing session – an uplifting opportunity to connect across generations and experience the joy that music brings.

Following the visit, Year 12 students maintained their momentum by hosting a vibrant whole-school Colour Run. Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 took part, racing through clouds of colour and celebrating community spirit while supporting the initiative.



Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort. Their commitment to supporting the Sing Out Choir has already brought our school community together in a meaningful and positive way.

SENIOR SCHOOL



Luka Lesson Inspires Macquarie Writers

Our Year 12 and Year 10 English students were privileged to participate in a series of workshops with internationally renowned poet Luka Lesson – a writer whose work features on the HSC Prescribed Text List and whose performances have captivated audiences across the globe.

For Year 12, Luka delivered an intensive double workshop focused on his celebrated poem “May the Pen Grace Your Page.” Students explored the artistry behind his craft and engaged in discussion about how language can become a vehicle for empowerment and self-expression. Luka worked with Year 12 on their own writing craft in preparation for the HSC year. Extension 2 students then had the unique opportunity to speak with Luka about developing their Major Works, discussing how to sustain creative voice and depth across extended compositions.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students experienced the joy of writing their own poetry under Luka’s guidance, discovering how rhythm, imagery and emotion can transform the written word into something deeply personal and alive.

It was an extraordinary opportunity – one that left both students and staff inspired to let the pen, indeed, grace the page.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE:

Thomas Lawson and Edward Porch receive Victor Chang School Science Award

Congratulations to Thomas Lawson and Edward Porch, two of eight exceptional Year 11 students recognised with a 2025 Victor Chang School Science Award.

This prestigious award celebrates students who demonstrate outstanding achievement and passion for science, highlighting their potential to make a real impact in the scientific community.

Thomas and Edward, along with fellow awardees from Dubbo Christian School, Dubbo College Senior Campus, and St John's College Dubbo, was presented with his award at a special ceremony. Mayor Josh Black and Lauren Cook, a scientist from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, personally acknowledged each student's achievements, inspiring them to continue pursuing excellence in science.





YEAR 10 CAMP

Year 10 students travelled to the Snowy Mountains for an unforgettable Snow Camp experience, where they had the opportunity to spend time on the slopes and embrace the alpine environment.

YEAR 11 CAMP

Year 11 students travelled to Cairns, engaging in learning about the geography, science and culture of this area. Students visit the Daintree Rainforest, an observatory and snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef. They took part in additional challenge and adventure activities, such as canyoning and scuba diving, and learnt about the rich Aboriginal Culture of Eastern Cape York.





CENTRAL WEST RUGBY 7'S CARNIVAL

Our students showcased skill, determination, and teamwork at the Central West Rugby 7's Carnival, competing against schools from across the region at Apex Oval.

The U14 Girls team overcame an early setback to go undefeated, culminating in a thrilling Grand Final victory. Their success has earned them a well-deserved place at the State Finals, highlighting their resilience and teamwork.

The U14 Boys battled hard throughout the day to secure 3rd place, while the U16 Boys finished strong in 5th place, demonstrating growth, commitment, and sportsmanship.

Across all teams, the carnival highlighted not just skill, but the values of dedication, collaboration, and pride in representing Macquarie.

NRL WESTERN NSW LEAGUE TAG GALA

Our Under 14's team had an outstanding day at the NRL Western NSW League Tag Gala, going undefeated with strong wins over St John's 1, St John's 2, and Nyngan High School.

Congratulations to the team on an excellent result.

RHILEY L.'S OFF-SEASON TRIUMPHS

Although the footy season had wrapped up for most, Rhiley L., Year 12, maintained his dedication and hard work throughout the off-season, achieving remarkable success on the field.

Highlights of his season included selection in the Western Rams Laurie Daley U18 Train-On Squad, an undefeated 2025 season with Dubbo CYMS U18s culminating in a Grand Final victory, and participation in a trial game with the Penrith Panthers and Western Rams against the Warrington Wolves U19s at St Dominic's College.

We congratulate him on these outstanding achievements and look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next.

CIS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Lucy D., Year 9, proudly represented Macquarie as part of the CIS 15&U Girls Touch Football Team at the NSW All Schools Touch Football Championship.

Across two action-packed days of competition, the team showed incredible skill and determination, finishing strong with a Grand Final win!

Well done, Lucy, on this outstanding accomplishment.

CAISON'S COOK ISLANDS RUGBY TOUR

Congratulations to Caison D., who was selected as co-captain of the Pacific Nomads for their recent rugby tour to the Cook Islands.

Caison demonstrated outstanding leadership and teamwork, guiding his team to a strong 4th place finish. Beyond the field, he embraced rich cultural experiences, visiting local villages, donating school supplies, and connecting with the Cook Islands community.



ORANA ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL: CHAMPIONS ON THE FIELD

A spectacular achievement on the sporting field saw our Years 7/8 Girls Touch Football team crowned champions at the NSW Orana All Schools Touch Football Competition. Going undefeated throughout the tournament, the team clinched the title with a thrilling Grand Final win over Mudgee High, showcasing skill, determination, and unshakeable teamwork.

NSWCIS GIRLS CRICKET SELECTION

Congratulations to Evie P., Year 9, and Georgia A., Year 8, on their selection for the NSWCIS Girls Cricket Team.

The pair competed at the NSW All Schools 15&U Cricket Championships in Maitland.

NETBALL CHAMPS: MACQUARIE MILKSHAKES TAKE THE GRAND FINAL

A huge congratulations to our U11 Macquarie Milkshakes, who clinched the 2025 Grand Final in a thrilling season finale! The team showcased incredible teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the season, culminating in a well-deserved victory.

Special recognition goes to Lainey S., who was awarded MVP for her outstanding performance and leadership on the court. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of the players, their coaches, and the support of the school community.

The Macquarie Milkshakes' success highlights the school's commitment to nurturing sporting talent from a young age while instilling values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

2026 WESTERN REGION ACADEMY OF SPORT NETBALL SQUAD

Congratulations to Lucy D. and Ruby I., Year 9, who were selected for the 2026 Western Region Academy of Sport Netball Squad!





DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are proud to congratulate Erin K., Year 10, for achieving her Bronze Award and Annalise S., Year 12, on completing her Silver Award.

This outstanding achievement reflects their commitment, initiative, and perseverance.

HICES MUSIC FESTIVAL

Five of our talented musicians, Adam P., Lila A., Slohne W., Jay L. and Lachie T., travelled to Stanwell Tops to take part in the HICES Music Festival camp.

Over three days, our students rehearsed intensively with their ensembles before performing in the grand concert at Sydney Town Hall. Adam played with the Wind Ensemble, while Lila, Slohne, Jay and Lachie all performed in the Concert Band.

Conducted by leading music specialists – including the renowned Guy Noble OAM – and joined by over 430 students from 38 schools, this festival gave our students the chance to make new friends, collaborate, and further develop musical skills.

HAMISH W. HONOURED AT RUGBY PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Hamish W., Year 10, on receiving the Rivwest Perpetual Trophy at the Dubbo Kangaroos Rugby Club annual presentation ceremony!

Hamish also captained the Dubbo Blues Under 16s team, who finished runners-up to Forbes in this year's Peter Veenstra Cup.

HICES ATHLETICS





DANNY BARBER

Success on the World Stage

Congratulations to Danny Barber, Class of 2020, on winning bronze at the UCI Track World Championships alongside teammates Ryan Elliott and Leigh Hoffman!

The trio edged out France by just 0.25 seconds, finishing with a time of 42.611 to claim third place. Competing in his Track Worlds debut, Danny showed incredible composure and determination to help secure the medal for Australia.

We're so proud to see one of our alumni achieving success at the highest level of sport – an inspiring reminder of where hard work and dedication can lead.



JACOB STIFF

From SBAT to Winning Ways

Since beginning his professional riding career, Jacob Stiff has continued to make his mark in the racing world with a string of impressive efforts in regional racing circuits.

The Macquarie Anglican Grammar School alumnus, who completed a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) while still at school, has now not only competed in his first races but is recording wins and placings across multiple events.

Jacob's journey has seen him secure victories including his first win aboard *Dawn County* at Narromine in September 2025, and additional competitive performances in early 2026. Most notably, he crossed the line first on *Vicious Rumour* at Dubbo in February 2026, marking another important career milestone. His results reflect consistent growth as he gains experience in the saddle against seasoned competitors.

As Jacob continues to build his profile in the racing industry, his blend of hard work, resilience and passion for the sport shines through. It's an inspiring continuation of the success he first began at school, and we are proud to watch his career unfold with enthusiasm and support.



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