



**GALILEE
SCHOOL** **Black
Friday
Ball** 2025

28th of November

Corinna Ballroom

Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden

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Be part of something extraordinary!

The Galilee School Black Friday Ball is a night of elegance and impact. Help us raise vital funds to support the education and care of Canberra's vulnerable youth.



About the Ball

Join us for the inaugural Galilee School Black Friday Ball — a glamorous night of celebration, connection, and purpose.

This elegant, black-tie event will bring together local businesses, community leaders, and supporters to raise vital funds for Galilee School so we can continue our unique mission to provide education and holistic support for vulnerable young people in Years 7–12.

The evening will feature delicious cocktails to kick off the night, an engaging MC, live band, exciting auction prizes, and plenty of laughs, entertainment, and activities to keep the energy high. But it's not just a Ball — it's an opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, enjoy premium hospitality, and give back to a cause that changes lives right here in Canberra.

Now it's time to take the next step! Whether you become a sponsor, donate money or an auction prize, it's a chance to showcase your brand and services to a purpose-driven audience while demonstrating your commitment to local impact.

Be part of something truly special!

We're building a new Canberra tradition! This Black Friday, we will be spending with purpose and investing in something that truly matters: our young people. The Galilee School Black Friday Ball will be a night to celebrate giving, where you can stand among changemakers and make a real difference.

**While others are filling carts,
you'll be filling hearts.**

The funds raised through sponsorships and prize donations will help us continue to provide the care our students need to thrive, both in school and beyond.

Why is Galilee School Special?

Galilee School is doing what no other secondary school in the Canberra region is doing.

The school is designed specially to provide a supportive environment for disadvantaged young people in Years 7-12, who have struggled in mainstream environments, and help them find an alternative path to success in school and beyond.

Our students have yet to thrive; feeling lost or left behind because of the complex financial, social, emotional or mental health challenges they face.

We help them feel safe, heard, and ready to build futures they never thought possible.

Here they find a second chance (or maybe their best chance) for success. Because we genuinely believe in each young person's potential.

We work closely with parents and carers to provide a holistic support for their young people, and many say through joyful tears

"It's the first time anyone has said something positive about my child."

We provide so much more than just education...



Our unique wrap-around care philosophy focuses on developing students' educational, emotional, social and career needs.

1:5

We aim for a staff to student ratio of 1:5.



Our dedicated Student Support Team provides high-level individual and customised support.



We don't charge any mandatory school fees.



We provide everything they need for success, including food, resources and equipment.



We transport students to and from school.



We accompany students and families when they engage with other community services.



We help our College students find appropriate housing if they don't have any, and we connect them to essential community services.



Our students find not just a school — but a community that believes in them.

Galilee School is a learner-centred, strength-based, relationship-driven, and restorative school.

Why the School Needs Your Help

Galilee School changes lives.

Even saves lives, say some students.

That shows the deep, personal impact that real care, connection and purpose can have. And that's what we offer - every single day.

But this life-changing education is expensive - and only possible with the support of the Canberra community.

We're deeply grateful for the support we get, but it's not enough to keep up with the growing number of young people who need a school like ours.

That's why we need you!

By supporting the Black Friday Ball, you're doing something powerful! You're telling a young person, "You matter. I believe in you."

I invite you to be a part of our students' life-changing journeys. Whether you become a sponsor, donate prizes, or simply want to give back, your support matters! Every contribution opens a door, creates opportunity, and changes lives.

If you can't donate or support us right now, please share this with someone who might. One referral could change everything. When our community comes together, the impossible becomes possible.

Lisa Hivers
Head of Teaching and Learning

Kylie Whitten
Head of Student Support



Are you going to leave me too?

a reflection from school principal, Tim McNevin



On my first day at school, I sat down with a young student and the first question he asked me was '

'Are you going to leave me too?'

He wasn't ready to give me anything until he knew he could trust me.

We showed him that we were here for him for the long haul - no matter what he threw at us.

That we didn't judge him for anything he did.

He saw we believed in him when no one else did. So he began to trust again - in himself and others. And with that trust came self-confidence and the belief that he **could** achieve success in school and life.

Become a Sponsor

Naming Rights Sponsor \$15,000

Official event sponsor acknowledgment as Naming Right Sponsor.

Prominent table of 10 at the Black Friday Ball.

Extensive branding in primary position across event materials and event program.

Banner displays on stage and at main entrance.

Exposure on all event-related websites and social media channels (see p6 for audience metrics), driving traffic to your website/social media.

Your logo on all photobooth prints taken during the night.

'Right of First Refusal' for Black Friday Balls in future years.

Branded merchandise and other promotional material on dinner tables for all Ball guests.

Opportunity to set up an information stand at the venue.

Recognition and announcements during the night acknowledging your support.

Opportunity to connect and network with potential new customers.

We have the following sponsorship packages available, offering an extensive range of sponsor benefits to foster quality connections between your business, the Ball guests and the broader community. We are happy to tailor pricing to meet your financial capacity and create unique branding opportunities to showcase your organisation's business.

Gold Sponsor \$10,000

Official event sponsor acknowledgment as a Gold Sponsor.

Prominent table of 10 at the Black Friday Ball

Extensive branding in secondary position across event materials and event program.

Banner displays adjacent to the stage.

Exposure on all event-related websites and social media channels (see p6 for audience metrics), driving traffic to your website/social media.

Branded merchandise and other promotional material distributed in the Ball gift bag for all guests.

Recognition and announcements during the night acknowledging your support.

Opportunity to Connect and network with potential new customers.

Partner Sponsor \$5,000

Official event sponsor acknowledgment as a Partner Sponsor.

Two complimentary tickets to the Black Friday Ball

Branding in tertiary position across event materials and event program.

Banner displays in the venue.

Exposure on all event-related websites and social media channels (see p6 for audience metrics), driving traffic to your website/social media.

Promotional printed material distributed in the Ball gift bag for all guests.

Recognition and announcements during the night acknowledging your support.

Opportunity to Connect and network with potential new customers.



Other ways you can help

Scan the QR code to get involved:



1. Donate a Prize or Auction Item

If you'd like to be involved but not as a Sponsor, you could donate prizes or auction items for our fundraising activities, such as vouchers, art, hampers, experiences, etc. Organisations donating auction items will be featured on our auction portal.

2. Join the Planning Committee

If you have a passion for event planning, or you just want to lend us a hand, you may like to join our Planning Committee. Express your interest by scanning the QR code or email us at blackfridayball@commsatwork.org

3. Refer someone or share this invitation with your network

Increase Your Brand Reach

Through our channels

approximately
250 to 300
guests in attendance



more than **13,700** social media followers

(Communities at Work and Galilee School)



over
46,100
social media followers

(combined reach for Communities at Work, Galilee School and our Black Friday Ball Community)



over
126,000
website visitors

Including

- **community leaders**
- **philanthropists**
- **education supporters**

across the ACT and the broader Canberra community

(over last 12 months)

almost

2,000

local
businesses



government
departments

community
groups

(through our external donor newsletter)



1,000 monthly visitors **300** small business stallholders

through our South Canberra Community Markets



We have over
3,500
social media reach through Facebook ads

27,000
audience reach through Facebook community noticeboards

over
1,000
members on our Facebook Market Group

Plus, radio ads on **104.7, 106.3, 2CA and 2CC.**



What Our Supporters Say

“At Parbery, we believe in fostering a compassionate and inclusive community where every individual is given the opportunity to thrive.

Our support for Galilee School is grounded in our commitment to supporting the school that delivers high-quality education and fosters nurturing environments for young people who face significant challenges. The Galilee School’s dedication to addressing the diverse needs of its students aligns with our core values of authenticity, respect, empowerment, and connection to community. By supporting Galilee School, we are contributing in a small way to the future of these young individuals, ensuring they receive the education and care they deserve and need, to develop into confident and capable members of our community.”

– Kylie Burnett, Founder, Owner, and Co CEO, Parbery

“We have always had the idea of locals supporting locals in a way that is tangible as well as being able to observe the immediate effects of giving back.

We support Galilee School for the amazing work they do for vulnerable young people in the ACT. The school provides the community and space for young people to thrive in what can be a challenging time in their lives. We found that inspiring and wanted to be a part of building a better community through giving. The connections and relationships we have formed with the school are what makes this alliance special and we enjoy seeing the positive outcomes achieved by both the students and staff”.

– A&P Leemhuis Builders

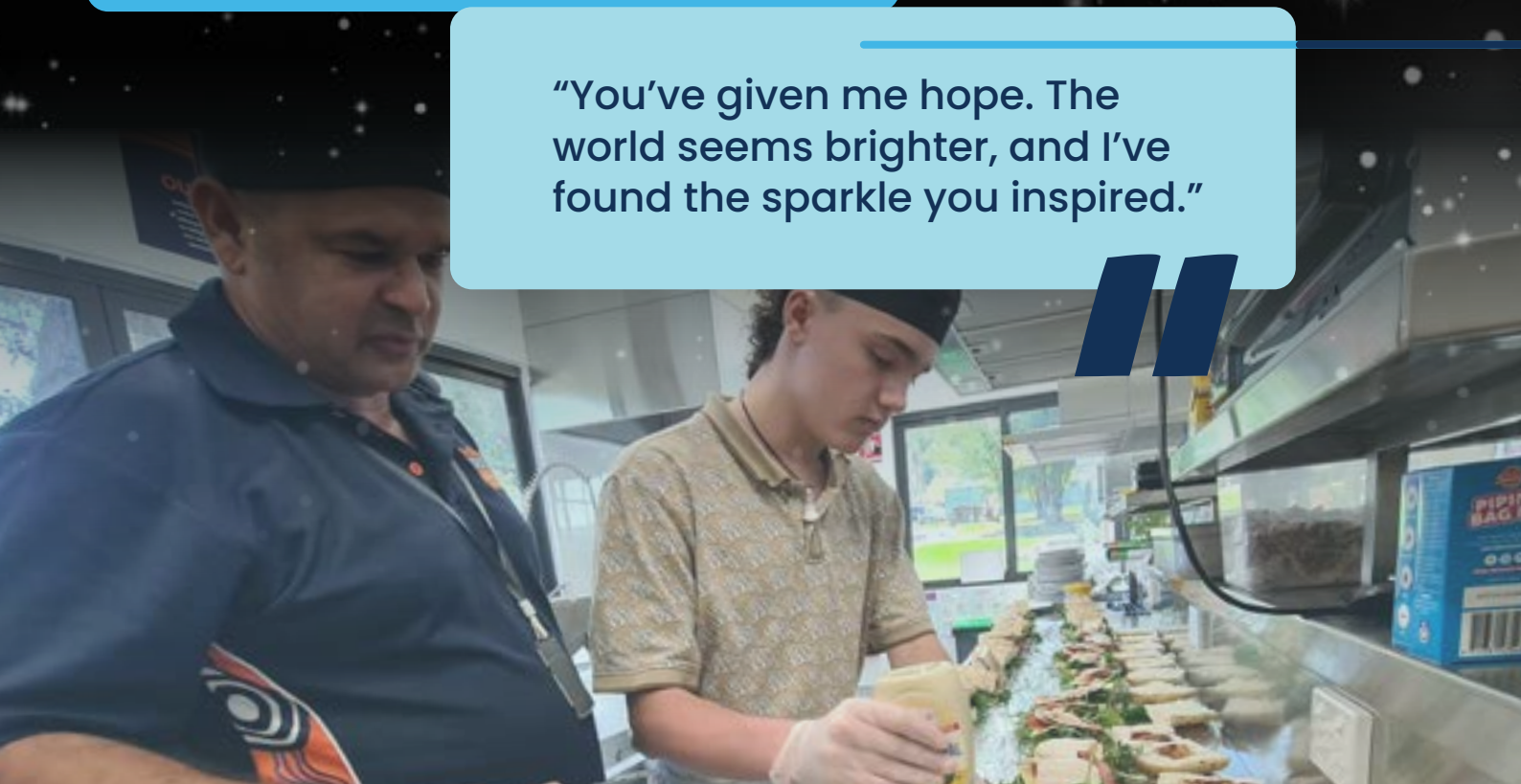
What Our Students Say

“I’m not only **alive** because of you ... but **truly living.**”

“I realised I’d never truly had a home until I felt entirely safe and cared for here at Galilee.”

“Galilee is like no other school I’ve ever been to. It’s made me a better person.”

“You’ve given me hope. The world seems brighter, and I’ve found the sparkle you inspired.”





What Our Parents Say



“At Galilee, education is about more than just academics. It’s about providing children with the right skills to navigate life with respect for themselves and others. It’s about teaching empathy and attention to students’ individuality. This is unparalleled anywhere else we have been.”

“Our son has struggled with anxiety and bullying at other schools, and we couldn’t find a place where he felt safe and supported. Where he could focus on learning rather than avoiding adversity. That changed when we were welcomed into Galilee.”



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Many thanks to the Canberra Southern Cross Club for providing the venue for this inaugural event.

The Club has been one of the school's longest ongoing supporters – with us since our humble beginnings in 1986. Each year, the Club provides discounted venue hire for our events. Its multiple venues support our Christmas Appeals. We receive financial donations through its Community Rewards Program. In 2022, the Club generously gifted the school with large commercial shade sails for our new amphitheatre following the renovation of its Snapper Restaurant. We are deeply grateful for their invaluable support.

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