

OUR IMPACT

IN 2025

SECOND CHANCES. REAL PATHWAYS. LASTING IMPACT.

Galilee School is a special assistance secondary school providing wrap-around education and care for disadvantaged young people who have struggled in mainstream schooling.

Here, these young people find a second chance (or maybe their best chance) for success in school and beyond.



145

students supported
across Years 7–12

TWO CAMPUSES | **NO MANDATORY SCHOOL FEES** | **WRAP-AROUND CARE**

WHY WE'RE SPECIAL A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

OUR MODEL AT A GLANCE

1:5

Small class sizes
(we aim for 1 to 5
staff-to-student ratios)



Integrated
wellbeing,
education and
career support



Food, transport,
learning resources
and care provided



Authentic real-life
training opportunities
and job-ready support



Flexible learning
programs tailored
to each student



Holistic support for
both students and
their families/carers



Individualised
pathways through to
Year 12 and beyond

WELLBEING & GROWTH

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Strong wellbeing is the most critical element in ensuring a student succeeds in school and life. Our diverse initiatives helped students build confidence, trust, resilience and healthier relationships — essential for learning and life.

KEY INITIATIVES IN 2025 INCLUDED:

- **Halle, our accredited wellbeing dog,** supported the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- **Fearless Women** mentoring for female students
- **Menslink** mentoring for male students
- **Drug and alcohol support** through a Street University on-site counsellor
- **Gratitude Weeks, Affirmation Days and Restoration Weeks**
- **Phone-free weeks** supported focus and healthy peer connection
- **Free youth health care** services on-site



“ You encouraged me to be myself and showed me I wasn't broken —just in the wrong place. **”**

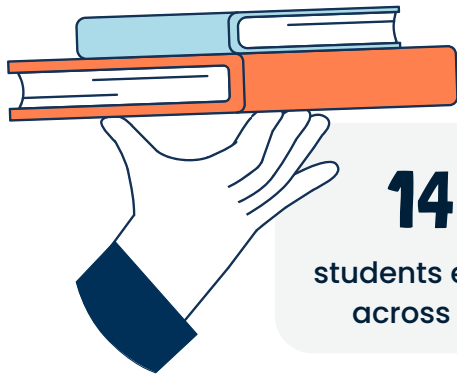
- STUDENT



OUR IMPACT – AT A GLANCE

A YEAR OF MEASURABLE IMPACT

EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT



145

students enrolled across 2025

NEW

Began participation in **DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S BRONZE AWARD.**



HIGHEST NUMBER

of Year 10 and Year 12 graduates

DIVERSE VALUABLE HANDS-ON

learning experiences

Graduates remain connected with us through alumni support, transition pathways, and advice.

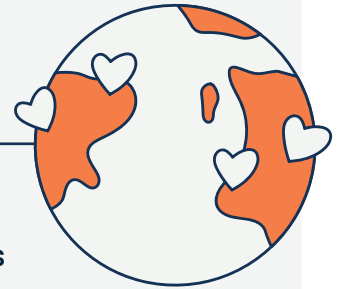
WELLBEING & BELONGING

- Daily wellbeing support through diverse internal and external initiatives.
- Accredited school wellbeing dog supported student emotional regulation.
- Strong partnerships with health and community support services.

COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- monthly markets
- open days



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- weekly coffee chats
- information sessions
- 'Men That Matter' **NEW** peer support group.

NEW

ALUMNI NETWORK to maintain connections beyond graduation.

Inaugural

BLACK FRIDAY BALL

fundraiser

180

guests, sponsors and donors supporting student futures.



Galilee is more than a school. It is a support system for our whole family.

- SCHOOL PARENT

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

\$73,000

raised through our inaugural Black Friday Ball

11

students awarded
Year 12 ACT Senior
Secondary Certificates

vs. **7**
in 2024



28

students awarded Year
10 Certificates

vs. **22**
in 2024

22

students continued
into Year 11 at Galilee

vs. **15**
in 2024

16

students gained
Construction Industry
White Cards



6

students achieved Duke of
Edinburgh Bronze Awards

12

students
participated in
work experience

**HIGHEST
EVER**

ENROLMENTS

28
students

145
students

2015

2025

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

REAL-WORLD LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Hands-on, applied learning prepares students for life beyond school. Students develop confidence, teamwork, problem-solving skills and pride through experiences that connect learning to purpose.

OUR INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025 INCLUDED:

MY FIRST BUSINESS PROGRAM

Year 7-9 Galilee School students created and ran real businesses, donating 50% of profits to charity.

INSPIRE PROGRAM

Year 10 students explored social enterprises and entrepreneurship skills.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S BRONZE AWARD

Year 10 students built confidence, resilience and lifelong capabilities through volunteering, new skills, sports, and an outdoor camp. Six students achieved their Bronze Award.

HORSES HELPING HUMANS

students gained confidence, emotional awareness and self-regulation skills by working with horses at Pegasus Riding for the Disabled.

OUTWARD BOUND

allowed young people to step out of their comfort zones through positive risk-taking challenges and strengthened team building.

COOKING, GARDENING & NUTRITION

this important program is embedded across our curriculum as cooking, healthy eating, gardening and horticulture initiatives are helping students develop practical skills for life.

COMMUNITY MURALS

at Pegasus and Erindale Leisure Centre gave students opportunities to give back to their local community.



VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

BUILDING FUTURES THROUGH VOCATIONAL LEARNING

Vocational learning is a powerful pathway for many Galilee School students.

We create valuable authentic learning opportunities around

- **career education**
- **transition planning**
- **hands-on learning experiences**

to support students in connecting their interests with real employment pathways.

Our partnership with the Australian Training Company (ATC) is a strong contributor to the success that our students have achieved.



2025 VOCATIONAL OUTCOMES INCLUDED:

16

students completed construction industry training and certifications.

10

students completed Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

14

Year 10 students passed ACT Road Ready licensing tests

12

students participated in work experience placements

HIGHEST EVER

1

student commenced an Australian School-based Apprenticeship

BLACK FRIDAY BALL

On 28 November 2025, Galilee School hosted its inaugural Black Friday Ball at the Corinna Ballroom, Canberra Southern Cross Club. What unfolded was more than an event. It was a powerful expression of community, generosity and shared belief in the potential of young people.

In a season often defined by shopping and consumption, the Black Friday Ball offered something different. Inspired by the idea of **“filling hearts instead of shopping carts”**, the evening brought together **180 guests** from across Canberra to invest in something far more lasting: **the future of young people who need it most.**

The atmosphere was one of connection and purpose. Guests enjoyed an evening of exceptional hospitality, entertainment and shared stories, while also gaining a deeper understanding of the impact of Galilee School.

Thanks to all the sponsors, supporters and guests,

We raised

\$73,000



These funds provide a vital lifeline to vulnerable students facing hardship, helping the school continue to provide the wrap-around care these students need to thrive in school and beyond.





Thank you for being part of Galilee School's inaugural Black Friday Ball.

Your generosity and support help us provide vulnerable young people with the care, connection and opportunities they need to thrive.

At Galilee School, students who once felt overlooked begin to feel safe, valued and hopeful about their future.

In a season focused on shopping, you chose to fill hearts instead of shopping carts.

Thank you for believing in our students and standing beside our school community.

With heartfelt thanks,

TIM McNEVIN

Galilee School Principal



What an extraordinary evening the Black Friday Ball was!

To see over 180 people from across the Canberra community come together with such generosity, warmth and belief in supporting our young people was incredibly moving.

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, OPC, TPC, Parker Wealth, Denman Prospect, Exhale People, Car Mechanical Services, Farah's Liquor Collective, and Canberra Southern Cross Club for your incredible support.

I am equally grateful to all the incredible businesses, organisations, individuals and our amazing team, who supported the Ball through donations, services, auction prizes, promotion and behind-the-scenes assistance.

Without you, the Black Friday Ball wouldn't be possible.

Thank you for helping us create something impactful, and for investing in the lives of young people when they need it most.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you!

With gratitude,

LESLEY JORDAN

Communities at Work CEO

NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR



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WINE TOSS SPONSOR



VENUE SUPPORTER



BALL SUPPORTERS

- **Canberra Southern Cross Club** – Venue providers
- **Osby** – Ball donation webpage development
- **Parbery** – Management consultants
- **Synergy** – Management consultants
- **RSM (Financial consultants)** – Supporter
- **Sanfrancesco family** – Supporter
- **The Aurosokwo Project, a Pacifika social enterprise** – Supporter
- **Total Calibration (IT consultants)** – Supporter
- **Duncan's Plumbing (Plumbing Services)** – Supporter
- **Lexus of Canberra (Canberra Toyota)** – Supporter
- **Marq Property (Real Estate)** – Supporter
- **PSC (Insurance Brokers)** – Supporter

AUCTION PRIZE DONORS

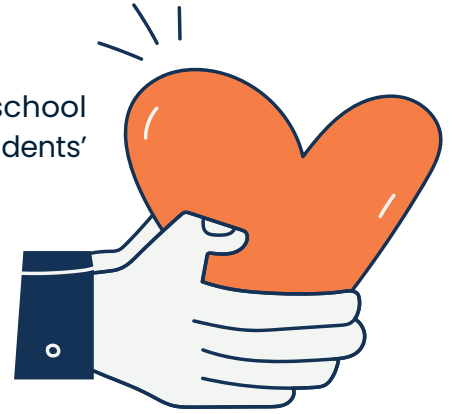
- **ACT Brumbies** – Jersey
- **Akiba** – Dining voucher
- **AON Insurance** – Contribution to Wine Toss game
- **Assoc of Parents & Friends of ACT Schools** – Luggage
- **Belgravia** – 3-month Gym membership
- **Brindabella Hills Winery** – 12 bottles of wine
- **Canberra Art Gallery** – Wildflowers pack
- **Canberra Raiders** – 2 autographed jerseys
- **Canberra Southern Cross Club** – Dining voucher
- **Capital Radio** – 2CA and 2CC Radio advertising vouchers
- **Car Mechanical Services** – Multiple prizes and Partner Sponsor
- **Cupitt's Estate Wines** – 6 bottles of wine
- **DIMI Gym** – Personal Training voucher
- **David Jones** – Shopping vouchers
- **Edii** – Young entrepreneur workshops
- **EdVirtus** – Pamper pack
- **Epic Hair Woden** – Voucher
- **GoBoats Canberra** – Voucher
- **King O'Malley's** – Dining voucher
- **Littlelite Creations** – 6 Artworks
- **Lizzy Smith** – Permaculture voucher
- **Made With Love By Me** – Guest cookies
- **McCann Properties** – Home ad package voucher
- **OPC** – Bar fridge and Naming Rights Sponsor
- **Pacific FM** – Fire safety pack
- **Parbery** – 2 Canberra Raiders jerseys
- **RICOH** – \$2,500 projector and 6 bottles of wines
- **School parent** – Westfield shopping vouchers
- **Scott Leggo Gallery** – Photobook
- **Sneddon Hall and Gallop Lawyers** – Dining voucher
- **Sydney Swans** – AFL jersey
- **Tara Florence Artistry** – Makeup voucher
- **Technique Muscle and Movement** – Wellbeing voucher
- **The District, Crace** – Dining voucher
- **The Isla** – 2 Nights accommodation
- **Waves CarWash** – 3 months voucher

PARTNER WITH US

PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Galilee School provides far more than just education: food, school supplies, transport, small class sizes and wrap-around care for students' educational, emotional, social and career needs.

This life-changing work is expensive and requires community support. That's why partnerships with local businesses are so integral to our success. We invite you to be part of our journey through sponsorships, donations or services.



BECOME A SPONSOR

Sponsor the Black Friday Ball on 27 November 2026 and showcase your organisation's commitment to youth development and education.



DONATE SERVICES

Consulting, earthworks and building services, educational workshops, mental health programs, etc



SUPPORT A FUNDRAISING APPEAL

We run several fundraising appeals throughout the year including the Hands Across Canberra's 'Canberra Day Appeal', our Winter and Christmas appeals, and more.



DONATE MONEY

We gratefully welcome financial donations.

To donate, scan the QR Code below or visit



DONATE RESOURCES

School supplies, hospitality resources, outdoor equipment, gardening plants and supplies, woodwork tools, fuel for our school transport vans, etc.

THANK YOU

Every outcome in this document represents a young person who was believed in – and a community that stood beside them.

**SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL!**



This publication is a summary of our 2025 Annual Report.

We invite you to read the full version of our Annual Report and dive into our programs and stories. Learn more about Galilee School, our students, staff and partners – our stories of connection, collaboration and breakthroughs will inspire you!

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Financial Statements

Copies of the full audited Financial Reports for Galilee School are available on the Communities at Work website or from the School Principal on request.


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