



GALILEE SCHOOL Black Friday Ball 2026

27th 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 Canberra's most meaningful Black Friday Event: the 2026 Galilee School Black Friday Ball, an unforgettable evening of celebration, connection and purpose.

This year's theme, **Helping Young People Shine Again**, celebrates young people who have faced adversity, lost confidence, or become disconnected from education, as well as the community that helps them rediscover hope, belonging and purpose.

The Black Friday Ball brings together local businesses, community leaders and generous supporters who believe every young person deserves to feel safe, connected and supported. Together, we'll raise vital funds to help Galilee School provide holistic support that transforms lives, from mental health and wellbeing programs to tailored learning, life skills, vocational opportunities and pathways into further education, apprenticeships and employment.

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring an exquisite dining experience, entertainment, an engaging MC, great music, dancing,

auctions and a variety of prizes. More than a gala event, the Ball is an opportunity to connect with like-minded people who share a commitment to creating brighter futures for young people.

This Black Friday, while others are shopping for bargains, you can invest in something that lasts a lifetime.

Whether you become a sponsor, donate an auction prize or make a financial contribution, your support demonstrates your commitment to local impact while showcasing your organisation to a purpose-driven audience.

Together, we can help more young people shine again!

Why is Galilee School Special?

Galilee School is different from mainstream schools.

The school is designed specially to provide a supportive environment for disengaged 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 holistic support for their young person, 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 make getting to school simple, with convenient transport via major bus interchanges.



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



We help our Senior Secondary 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 not available to all. There's a high demand for a school like ours, but today we find ourselves physically limited to our campus in Kambah and Holder.

We're deeply grateful for the support we get, and we try our best to serve those who need us, 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 helping us build a future for young people.

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 will be a brick of a young person's foundation. Your contribution will open doors, create opportunities, and change many 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



The whole trajectory of my son's life has changed

a reflection from a Year 12 parent

The Galilee experience has been nothing short of life-changing for my son.

I am so proud of what he has achieved, but that could not have been done without the unwavering support of your team: the patience, care and belief in him, the teaching of maths that should be the blueprint for every school in the country with teenage boys, and your Year 12 Coordinator, Natasha. I don't think I can actually put into words the impact she has had on both of us. She cares so much and has fought so hard to make him believe in himself.

The whole trajectory of my son's life has changed for the better because of Galilee.

Many years were spent where people only saw the negatives in my beautiful boy. I have had to fight for years in his corner. But not with your team. They all put their arms around him and saw exactly what I saw.

Thanks to you, he did it. Against all the odds, he successfully graduated.

Become a Sponsor

Naming Rights Sponsor

\$15,000

+GST

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 next year.

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

+GST

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

+GST

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 website, social media and 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 information with your network

Increase Your Brand Reach

Through our channels

approximately
200 to 300
guests in attendance



Almost
16,000
social media
followers

*(Communities at Work and
Galilee School)*

almost
2,000



**LOCAL
BUSINESSES**

**GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS**

**COMMUNITY
GROUPS**

**THROUGH OUR EXTERNAL
DONOR NEWSLETTER**

over
165,320
website visitors



Including

- **local business owners**
- **community leaders**
- **philanthropists**
- **education supporters**

across the ACT and the broader
Canberra community

(over last 12 months)

45,230

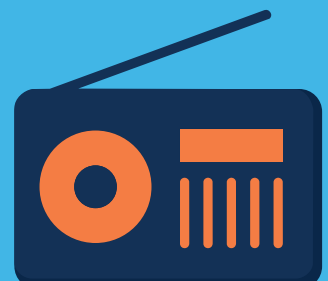
visitors to the Communities at Work
and Galilee School socials pages

5,614,187

views across Communities at Work
and Galilee School social channels



(2025-2026)



Radio ads on

104.7

106.3

2CA

2CC



What Our Supporters Say

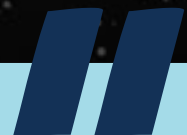


"Total Project Construction has been a proud supporter of Galilee School for many years, and we were more than happy to get behind the inaugural Black Friday Ball in 2025.

For us, it was a great opportunity to continue supporting the fantastic work Galilee School does and the real difference they make to so many young people and families across Canberra. We're proud to support an organisation that's making such a positive impact in our local community and look forward to continuing that support into the future."

Reg Magyar

Total Project Constructions



"Supporting Galilee School is an easy decision.

The school provides young people with opportunities, encouragement and a sense of belonging at a time when it matters most. We're proud to support the incredible work the team does to help students build confidence, resilience and brighter futures."

Antoniette Gomez

Exhale People

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.”

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

“You have always made me feel protected, supported, and safe. You have saved my life, not once, but twice.”





What Our Parents Say



"Galilee is more than a school. It is a support system for our whole family. The staff are knowledgeable, caring and go above and beyond to support our teenager. We are all so grateful to have found you."

"Before Galilee, our brilliant and creative daughter was lost in a system that was never designed for her unique needs. After just one year, she has transformed from feeling locked in and powerless to emerging as a confident, flourishing young lady."



Black Friday Ball 2025

On 28 November 2025, we hosted our inaugural Black Friday Ball at the Corinna Ballroom, Canberra Southern Cross Club, bringing together like-minded businesses, community leaders and supporters to invest **in the future of young people who need it most.**

What unfolded was more than an event. It was a powerful expression of community, generosity and shared belief in the potential of young people.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Guests enjoyed pre-event canapés, a delicious three-course dinner, and an inspiring Q&A session where past and present students and a parent shared the life-changing impact the school had on their lives.

The evening was filled with energy and entertainment, guided by MC Todd Wright (Threesides Marketing) and brought to life by the Capital Club Band, a glittering photobooth, a popular wine toss game, live auction, raffle prizes and an online charity auction.



IMPACT

Thanks to the

180 valued guests

36 prize donors

8 sponsors

12 supporters

We raised

\$73,000



In 2026 we aim to raise

\$100,000



These funds are already making a real difference.

They're helping remove barriers that so often stand in the way of learning by allowing us to provide personalised educational, emotional and social support, transport, meals, uniforms, and learning resources at no cost to vulnerable students and their families.

As a result, we've been able to expand our reach to help more young people.



ENROLMENT GROWTH

2025

140+
students

2026

150+
students

We invite you to read our latest Annual Report, on our website, to see the full extent of the amazing impact our supporters are having.





Can we count on your support this year?

Last year's Galilee School Black Friday Ball brought more than 180 people together with a shared belief in the potential of every young person.

This year, we are asking our community to help us build on that success and create an even greater impact.

You can become a sponsor, purchase a table of 10, donate a prize for our live and online auctions, or connect us with a person or business that may wish to support the event.

Every contribution helps Galilee School provide vulnerable young people with the education, care and opportunities they need to move forward with confidence.

Can we count on you this year?

With gratitude,

LESLEY JORDAN

Communities at Work CEO



Thank you for believing in our students.

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 filling shopping carts, you chose to fill hearts instead.

Thank you for your support and for believing in our students' future.

With heartfelt thanks,

TIM McNEVIN

Galilee School Principal





JOIN US FOR 2026!

This year, we are building on this momentum and inviting sponsors and supporters to be part of another unforgettable night. Connect your brand with a meaningful Canberra event that celebrates generosity, community and lasting impact.

Please save the date for our 2026 Black Friday Ball on **27 November 2026**.

We would be honoured to have you join us!



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