



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Carlisle Families,

I've just returned from our Year 12 service trip to Saibai, and I'm reminded again that God affirms willing hearts and obedient steps. We saw divinely timed moments, pathways opening, solutions appearing, and purpose confirmed in ways we could never have imagined. This group of students has laid the foundations for a service legacy we believe will continue blessing many. We are deeply grateful for the trust placed in us, the friendships formed, and the generous welcome we received from the Saibai community.

As 2025 wraps up, it feels right to say, WOW, what a full year it has been. Students have learned, grown in resilience, and stepped into leadership through classrooms, camps, and outdoor education. These experiences stretch them beyond comfort and into capacity, guided by staff who walk alongside them with care, structure, expectations, and consistency. I'm grateful for our community who partners with us in shaping young people who serve, grow, lead, and know they are part of something bigger than themselves.

Some plans shifted throughout the year, but God remained constant, teaching us to lead steady, stay flexible, and keep moving forward with wisdom, grace, and conviction. Perhaps this is where resilience and faith intersect most powerfully.

We celebrate the decisions students have made for Jesus, some public, many quiet, all incredibly significant. There is no greater privilege than seeing belief turn into a living, breathing, daily walk. Thank you for your partnership, prayers, feedback, and encouragement this year. We pray your break is refreshing, safe, joyful, and rich in family, rest, and faith. We look forward to seeing you all again soon, hopeful for the good God still has ahead of us.



Dale Skinner

Term 4, Week 8
28 November, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DAY YEAR 10 & 11
Friday, 28 November

AWARDS NIGHT
Thursday, 4 December

YEAR 6 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
Monday, 1 December

WEEK OF SERVICE
Monday, 1 - 5 December

PRIMARY BOOK PACK SALES
Monday, 1 - 3 December

LAST DAY TERM 4
Friday, 5 December

CHRISTMAS IN THE CANE
Sunday, 7 December

OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, 19 December

CARLISLE WAY



EVENTS



CARLISLE
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION



It's hard to imagine, but this Christmas some families in our community will be struggling to meet even their basic needs. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is working to change that by preparing over 100 Christmas hampers for the most vulnerable in our Mackay community. Together, we can make a difference and bring back some Christmas cheer.

To make this possible, ADRA is hoping to collect at least 70 of each item listed below. We've broken it down by class to make donating simple and achievable.

If you are in a position to bless someone else this Christmas, we encourage you to bring your class items to school between 3 – 28 November.

- Prep** – Pancake Mix/Tin Fruit
- Year 1** – Custard and Jelly
- Year 2** – Shortbread and Kantong Sauce
- Year 3** – Cordial and Chips
- Year 4** – Rice and Toothbrushes
- Year 5** – Jam and Shampoo
- Year 6** – Beetroot and Corn
- Year 7** – Muesli Bars and Sauce
- Year 8** – Boxes of Biscuits and Toothpaste
- Year 9** – Soap and Tissues
- Year 10** – Deodorant and Lollies
- Year 11** – Tinned Vegetables and Pasta

An ADRA representative will be present at our morning school assembly on Monday 1 December collect all donated items.



EVENTS



CARLISLE
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AWARDS CEREMONY



Join us for our annual awards ceremony to celebrate our exceptional students outstanding achievements and commitment.

04.12.2025

Doors Open At 5:30PM

JOIN THE CELEBRATION



Northern Beaches High School
30 Rosewood Dr, Rural View



EVENTS

Christmas

IN THE CANE

A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT

7th December 2025

2.30 - 8pm

17 Holts Road Beaconsfield

Rides

Carols

Food vans

Petting Zoo

Market stalls

Live entertainment

Fireworks @ 7:30pm



Scan for early bird
ride tickets

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

BOOK PACKS

Primary book packs will be available for purchase next week from the Chaplaincy Hub in the main quad. Families can drop in on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 7.30 - 9:00AM and 2:00 - 4.00PM.

Book lists for our secondary students have been emailed out through Reception. If you haven't received yours, please get in touch with the office and they'll happily send you another copy.

MEDICATION COLLECTION - 1 - 5TH DECEMBER

As we approach the end of term, please remember that all student medication must be collected from Student Services on your child/ren's final day of school.

AWARDS NIGHT - 4TH DECEMBER

We were delighted to welcome our Carlisle community to an evening of recognition and celebration, held at Northern Beaches High School. Awards Night was a special opportunity to honour the dedication, growth, and achievements of our students throughout the year.

From academic excellence to service, leadership, creativity, and the embodiment of our CARE values, each award reflected the hard work and heart our students bring to school each day.

A reminder that students are to attend in full school formal uniform. Doors will open at 5.30 pm for a prompt 6.00 pm start. Light refreshments will be available for purchase before and after the ceremony.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CANE

Student performances will begin at 3pm, bringing a great mix of Christmas cheer and talent from across our school. We can't wait to see our students shine as they help set the tone for a festive afternoon at Christmas in the Canes. Further information will be emailed out early next week.

2025 YEARBOOK COMING SOON!

Our 2025 Yearbook is more than just a collection of photos it's a time capsule of an incredible year at Carlisle! with memories of achievements, friendships, laughter, and special moments, it captures everything that made this year unique.

Copies will be available from the very first day back at school in the new year. Don't miss your chance to grab one and relive your favourite memories. From classroom adventures to sporting highlights, performances, and community events, this Yearbook is a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come.

Take a look, remember the year that was, and celebrate all the ways we've grown, learned, and flourished together.

SERVICE



Our service trip began with an early departure from school on a Sunday morning. The trip took approximately nine hours, and we were blessed to have safe travels despite Mrs Blackler's driving. We were dropped off at the airport the next morning by Pastor Levy and Taylor, where we took a flight to Horn Island.

Our group was supposed to leave Horn Island much earlier than we did because not only did it take a long time to load Mrs Blackler's suitcase into the plane, but the left-hand brake also malfunctioned. Our group had to wait for another charter plane to be prepared for departure. Fortunately, another plane was ready sometime before sunset, and we were able to make it to Saibai safely.

At Saibai, we were greeted by children waving excitedly to meet us. After a short walk, we made it to our accommodation, where we were welcomed in by Zoey and Stella, who consistently cooked dinner for us throughout the week.

The next morning, our group assembled in the Adventist Church and organised a schedule for the week that included breakfast club, painting the church, kids club and a Saturday family program. Throughout the week, we woke up early to cook for the breakfast club, spent our mornings volunteering at the school and our afternoons painting the church before running kids club.



Our kids club ran from 4.00 to 5.30 and consisted of sport, games, songs, stories and arts and crafts. The children who attended had an amazing time doing the activities and learning about Jesus in the process, as our theme was connection, which was about connecting with others through good fellowship and connecting with God.

Our group finished painting the church in just three days despite the fact that Mr Skinner was absent during this process.

Our group's final day on Saibai was Saturday, when we ran the Saturday family program, which included a sausage sizzle, games, experiments, drama activities, a Q&A, as well as arts and crafts. A highlight of this experience had to be meeting the community's pet saltwater crocodile, Flinders, on Friday evening. That was before a delicious dinner at the Clarks' house, which proved to solidify the connections we made.

Our experience on Saibai helped us further develop and grow our teamwork skills, understanding of other cultures, as well as our spirituality.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

CHAPLAINCY



Our final MESH evening of the year was a memorable and uplifting time for students and staff alike. With the end of the school year approaching and many students preparing for exams, the evening provided an important reminder to stay focused, finish strong, and support one another along the way.

The night was filled with reflection, encouragement, and connection. Students had the opportunity to share their experiences, celebrate each other's efforts, and be reminded that Christ walks with us through every challenge, providing strength, guidance, and hope. It was inspiring to see friendships strengthen and students actively encouraging one another, embracing the value of community.

MESH also offered a space for students to pause, reflect, and be reminded that they are not alone in their journey. As the year draws to a close, this evening reinforced the power of faith, fellowship, and finishing well—together. It was a wonderful way to leave the year with hearts encouraged and spirits lifted.



SPORTS AND MATHS COMBINED

A SURPRISING MATHS EXPERIENCE

Our secondary students recently took part in MathX, an exciting maths competition led by Mr and Mrs A that combined sharp problem-solving with bursts of physical endurance. What students didn't expect was just how much fun it would turn out to be.

Teams raced to solve mathematical problems, unlocking clues and tasks that required athletic effort to complete. The mix of strategy, speed, and teamwork had everyone laughing, cheering, and fully engaged throughout the event.

Prizes were awarded to each grade, celebrating their effort and success, making the day even more memorable. MathX was a fantastic reminder that learning can be both challenging and incredibly fun, and our students embraced it with enthusiasm and determination.



PRIMARY

YEAR 6 PORTFOLIOS

As the school year comes to a close, our Year 6 students have taken time to reflect on their journey through their years of primary by creating a special collection of memories from their time in primary. This meaningful project captures the moments, milestones, friendships, challenges, and achievements that have shaped their growth and learning along the way.

Throughout their years of primary, these students have shown resilience, creativity, and a willingness to embrace new experiences. From participating in classroom activities and sports events to building friendships and contributing to the school community, each memory tells a story of growth and perseverance.

The reflections in these collections are more than just memories, they are a celebration of the journey our students have taken, the challenges they have overcome, and the ways they have flourished as individuals.

It has been wonderful to see the students recognise the support and guidance of their teachers, the encouragement of their friends, and the role their families have played in helping them succeed. These portfolios are a testament not only to their own efforts but also to the community that has nurtured them throughout their years of primary.

As they prepare to head upstairs to Year 7, these collections serve as a reminder of just how far they've come and the bright future ahead. It's inspiring to see how they value their time at school, acknowledge the lessons learned, and look forward with excitement to the next chapter of their schooling. We are incredibly proud of each Year 6 student and the unique journey they have created.



PRIMARY

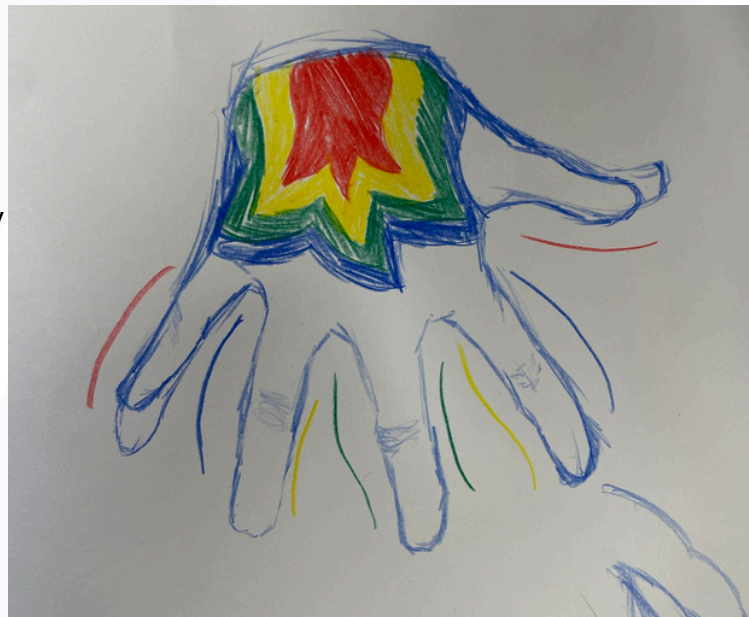
AUSLAN

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the 100-year anniversary of the Deaflympics, currently taking place in Tokyo. The Deaflympics is a significant cultural event for the Deaf community, represented by its unique flag and featuring the colours red, yellow, blue and green, with no text. It brings together athletes from around the world to compete in various sports.

To build understanding of how these adaptations work, students watched a basketball game to observe the use of lights and flags as visual cues, and explored judo, where touch is used to signal and guide athletes. These examples helped students appreciate the diverse ways communication can be used and how this can be applied in different areas.

Inspired by the Deaflympics flag and what they learned in class, Year 5 and 6 were tasked with designing their own flags, celebrating creativity while deepening their awareness of Deaf culture and identity. Students incorporated a range of thoughtful elements into their flag designs, including lines to represent vibrations, vibrant colours to convey energy and diversity, and hand symbols to reflect communication and connection within the Deaf community. These creative choices show an understanding of the visual and cultural importance of these elements and highlight the students' growing awareness of how Deaf identity is expressed through symbolism.

Congratulations to Sophie S from Year 6 and Nicole R from Year 5, who have been chosen as winners. They will receive a \$5 tuckshop voucher.



PRIMARY

YEAR 6 DINNER

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Humphries' home, a special way to celebrate their time together and get a little sneak peek into Mr Humphries' world. Students had a great time making homemade pizzas, playing games and sharing plenty of laughs. The bus trip out to the Humphries' home only added to the fun.

Next week will be just as memorable, with a dedicated Year 6 assembly on Monday followed by a day out at the Wakepark to mark this milestone year.



SECONDARY

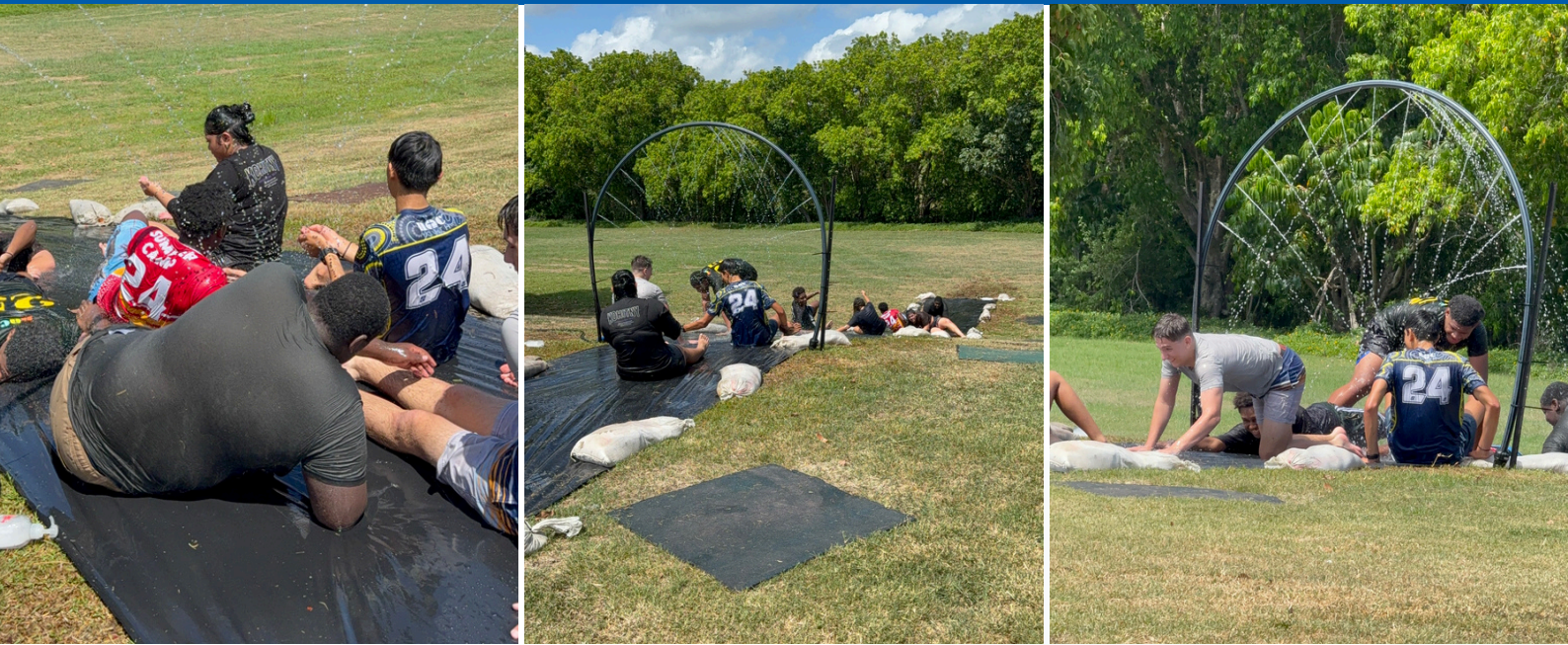


STEM

Our CO₂ car race lesson was an awesome way to wrap up the semester! Students spent the term designing and building their own cars, incorporating science, design thinking, and engineering principles while trying to nail the perfect balance between looking good and going fast. Big congratulations to Justin for hitting an incredible 81 km/h! Well done to everyone - your hard work and creativity really paid off.



SECONDARY



Our Year 11 sleepover proved to be a fantastic way to bring the cohort together as they prepare for the transition into Year 12. The evening created a relaxed and supportive space for students to connect, strengthen friendships and continue developing their leadership as a group.

Students enjoyed a variety of activities including music, team games and plenty of laughter on the waterslide, which was a clear favourite. Sharing a meal together added to the sense of community and gave everyone a chance to unwind and reflect on the year so far.

The positive atmosphere throughout the night highlighted the enthusiasm and maturity of our Year 11 students. We are proud of the way they supported one another and embraced the opportunity to build a strong foundation for their final year of schooling.



SECONDARY



YEAR 10 END-OF - YEAR CELEBRATION

This week our Year 10 students came together for an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and plenty of laughs. The night began with a shared dinner, giving everyone a chance to unwind, chat, and enjoy each other's company after a busy term. From there, the group headed to Timezone, where the energy lifted even higher as students teamed up, challenged one another, and celebrated every win - big or small.

The mix of friendly competition, light-hearted moments, and genuine connection made the evening one to remember. It was a wonderful way to reflect on how far this cohort has come throughout the year. Their growth has been evident not only in the classroom, but in the way they continue to support one another, show leadership, and build a positive culture within their year level.

We are incredibly proud of this group and look forward to seeing them carry this momentum and maturity into their senior years.



WELLBEING MATTERS

With exams now behind us, the last weeks of school are a time to pause, reflect, and focus on wellbeing, no matter where our students are learning from. For our remote learners, finishing the year can feel different from being on campus, but it is just as important to prioritise connection, self-care, and celebration.

These final weeks are an opportunity to look back on all the hard work, achievements, and growth from the year. It's a chance to acknowledge the challenges you've overcome and the progress you've made, whether it was mastering new skills, taking on leadership roles, or simply showing resilience in a changing learning environment.

Wellbeing isn't just about physical health, it's about emotional, social, and mental wellbeing too. We encourage our remote students to maintain routines, take breaks, stay active, and connect with friends and teachers. Simple actions, like sharing a laugh over a video call, reflecting on your successes, or finding small moments of joy each day, can make a big difference in ending the year positively.

At Carlisle, we want all our students, on campus or remote, to finish the year feeling proud, valued, and supported. These weeks are about more than finishing tasks. They are about celebrating growth, nurturing wellbeing, and embracing the journey we've all shared. Remember, flourishing is about feeling strong in mind, body, and spirit, wherever you are.

Let's finish this year well, cherishing what we've achieved and looking forward to all the opportunities that lie ahead.



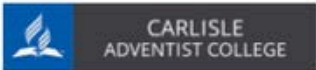
PARENT & FRIENDS AGM – YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

We are excited to announce that our annual Parent & Friends (P&F) AGM is coming up soon! This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to get involved, hear about the great work happening at our school, and help shape the future of our community.

The AGM will provide updates on past initiatives, upcoming events, and how funds raised have been used to support our students. It's also your chance to nominate for P&F roles, share ideas, and contribute to discussions that help make our school an even better place for everyone.

We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend – your participation makes a real difference! Stay tuned for the date, time, and location details.

Together, we can continue to strengthen our school community and support our students to flourish.



The P&F committee welcomes
parents and friends to come
along to our next meeting
Monday 1 December 2025

5:30 - 6:30PM
Chaplains Room



**CARLISLE
ADVENTIST COLLEGE**

Cost: \$60.00 per day

Excursion/ Incursions \$80.00 per day

Child care Subsidy available for Eligible families.

Join the festive fun
and let your creativity
run wild, crafting
Christmas decorations!

Vacation Care December 2025

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Monday, 8th

Incursion

Sweep N' Hoops
Basket ball skills
taught by Cube
sports.



Tuesday, 9th

Excursion

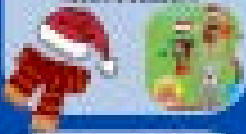
Let's go to the movies
to watch *Jackie & J*
and have popcorn with
our friends.



Wednesday, 10th

Incursion

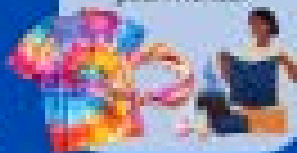
Engage in a heart-instilling
activity featuring a
Christmas hat, scarf,
candy cane, and a jingle
bell to celebrate the
festive season.



Thursday, 11th

Incursion

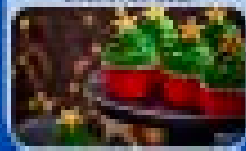
Join us for a day where
you can create a new
tie-dye shirt alongside
your friends!



Friday, 12th

Incursion

Christmas cupcakes
Come and bake
cupcakes and enjoy
them for tea.



Monday, 15th

Incursion

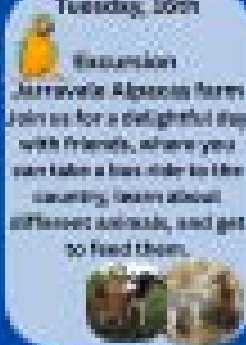
We will explore
traditional Aboriginal
resources, such as
animal skins and their
uses, and create
cordage from tree-
fibers, with Auntie Mei
from Younga Yarns.



Tuesday, 16th

Excursion

Jarraville Alpaca farm
Join us for a delightful day
with friends, where you
can take a bus ride to the
ranching, learn about
different animals, and get
to feed them.



Wednesday, 17th

Join us to unleash your
creativity with beads,
bag charms and origami



Thursday, 18th

Incursion

League of Legends
Join us for touch
football! The goal is to
score touchdowns by
reaching the opponent's
field and placing the ball
in the touchdown zone.
It's a fun activity for
children that provides a
great workout!



Friday, 19th

Incursion

Join in the fun with water
slides and bring a healthy
plate of eats to share with
your friends to end
December vacation care.



[Parent Portal](#)



This month, our Wallabies room was alive with colour and Christmas cheer as children explored a range of festive art and craft experiences. A table filled with bright papers, sparkly sequins, glue and Christmas-themed materials invited our little makers to dive in and create. The children loved experimenting with handprint and footprint Christmas trees, decorating with ribbons and sequins, and sharing the excitement of the season together.

The room was filled with joy, curiosity and teamwork as the Wallabies watched each other's ideas, shared resources and proudly celebrated their finished creations. It was a wonderful reminder of how capable and creative our young learners are.

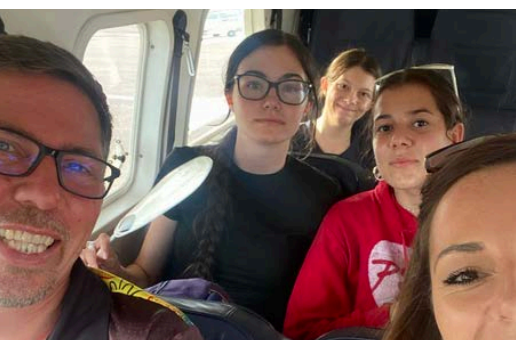
Learning Highlights:

Children strengthened fine-motor skills, explored creativity, and developed social skills through turn-taking, sharing space and celebrating each other's work.

What's Next:

We will continue offering open-ended festive experiences to encourage teamwork, imagination and joyful Christmas exploration.





"I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13