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I am delighted to share this message at a particularly exciting time for Central Australian College (CAC). First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our highly skilled and dedicated staff for their remarkable efforts over the past financial year. Your hard work, commitment, and professionalism have been pivotal to our ongoing success. Despite significant challenges that our industry had faced during the previous financial year, CAC has been able to deliver quality VET to both international and domestic students. During the year, we also had the privilege of working with record number of agents, industry and community partners.

The 2023-24 financial year marked the final year of our Strategic Plan 2021-2025, and I'm proud to report that we have made significant progress across all six strategic pillars. These achievements would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our staff,

Message from the CEO

Welcome to the fourth edition of CAC's bimonthly newsletter!

industry partners, and community collaborators. I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you.

One standout highlight of the year was the successful implementation of the Thrive **Project**, one of the most innovative VET initiatives in CAC's proud history. Funded through the Work Skills Set Funding (WSSF) Program, this project exemplified our ability to deliver responsive and future-focused training. I extend my appreciation to everyone who contributed to its success.

As we prepare to release the fourth edition of our college newsletter, we are also proud to launch our new Strategic Plan 2025-2030, a bold and forward-looking roadmap that will guide CAC over the next five years.

The development of this Strategic Plan was deeply consultative and inclusive. Over the past year, we engaged with internal stakeholders across all campuses and consulted widely with students, agents, and industry partners. Through surveys and focus groups, we listened carefully to understand not only your needs and aspirations, but also the broader policy and economic trends shaping vocational education in Australia.

Our industry and community partners were instrumental in identifying external drivers likely to affect our sector. With their support, we refined our existing VET offerings and began developing new, agile

programs that reflect the needs of a changing workforce. These collaborations help ensure that CAC delivers training that is practical, relevant, and future-ready.

The Strategic Plan 2025–2030 is structured around six key pillars:

- Academic Excellence Enhancing educational quality and driving innovation
- 2. Student-Centred Services Creating supportive, inclusive learning environments
- 3. Sustainable Future Expanding domestic and international student
- 4. Industry and Community Engagement - Building strategic and impactful partnerships
- 5. People and Culture Strengthening organisational capability and sustainability
- 6. Quality and Compliance -Upholding excellence in governance and regulatory standards

This plan is not a static document. It is a dynamic, evolving framework that will be reviewed annually to remain responsive to sector needs and student aspirations. Staff will be informed of review outcomes and invited to participate in ongoing refinements.

At CAC, we are proud to deliver qualifications that make a lasting difference. Our vision, "Preparing our students to be global citizens with the skills and capabilities to succeed in a rapidly changing world", continues to guide all that we do. We're not only

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preparing students for today's opportunities but equipping them to thrive in a future that's still unfolding.

What sets CAC apart is our holistic, studentcentred approach. We understand that each student's journey is unique, and we are committed to providing personalised academic support, tailored career planning, and social integration programs that empower every learner to succeed, in the classroom and beyond.

To our policymakers, industry collaborators, and community leaders: thank you for your ongoing trust. We reaffirm our commitment to quality, compliance, and excellence, operating in full alignment with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

As we embark on this next strategic chapter, I invite all students, staff, partners, and stakeholders to join us in bringing this vision to life. Together, we will build on our achievements, face challenges with resilience, and continue to make a meaningful and enduring impact.

Thank you for your continued trust and support

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Message from the Editor

Welcome to the Fourth Edition of the Central Australian College Newsletter.

This edition comes at a pivotal moment in CAC's journey. As highlighted in the CEO's message, the past financial year marked a significant milestone, the successful conclusion of our Strategic Plan 2021–2025 and the exciting launch of our Strategic Plan 2025–2030.

Over the past year, we've celebrated key developments, including the continued growth of our Hobart campus and the official opening of our Brisbane campus. These achievements have been made possible through the visionary leadership of our CEO and senior management team, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our valued agents.

Within these pages, you'll find stories and updates that reflect CAC's ongoing commitment to excellence, innovation, and impact. From the delivery of high-quality VET programs, benefiting hundreds of domestic and international students, to our deepening collaborations with agents, industry, and community partners, CAC continues to meet sector challenges with strength, agility, and a future-focused mindset.

This edition also introduces the six key pillars that underpin our new strategic direction—each one designed to ensure CAC remains responsive to the evolving needs of our students, staff, and stakeholders.

What makes this new plan truly special is the collaborative spirit behind it. The voices of our staff, students, partners, and agents have shaped a strategy that is inclusive, ambitious, and future-ready.

Whether you are a student, staff member, industry partner, or friend of the College, we hope you enjoy reading about the people, initiatives, and achievements that are propelling CAC into this exciting new chapter.

Thank you for being part of our community. We look forward to shaping the future together.

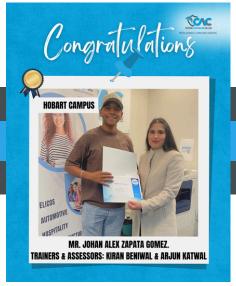




Celebrating Excellence:

CAC's Student of the Term Awards







At CAC, student achievement is at the core of everything we do. In the financial year just passed, we proudly continued one of our most valued traditions, celebrating excellence through the Student of the Term Awards.

The Student of the Term initiative recognises outstanding individuals across our Melbourne, Hobart, and Brisbane campuses who consistently demonstrate commitment to their studies, positive engagement with peers and staff, and a genuine drive to succeed both academically and personally.

Each term, trainers and staff nominate students who have gone above and beyond, whether through academic excellence, leadership, teamwork, or their contribution to campus life. These students often represent the very best of CAC's values: integrity, respect, perseverance, and inclusion.

The award ceremonies are a highlight of our calendar. Held at the end of each term, they bring together students and staff in a spirit of celebration and community. Each winner is acknowledged with a certificate, a small gift, and most importantly, the recognition of their efforts and achievements in front of their peers.

Over the past year, dozens of students have been recognised as Students of the Term. Their stories are as diverse as our campuses, international students adjusting to a new culture while excelling in their studies; domestic students balancing work and education; and those who show incredible personal growth and resilience in the face of challenges.

These celebrations not only honour individual accomplishments but also reinforce CAC's strong commitment to a student-centred culture, one where success is nurtured, recognised, and celebrated.

They also inspire others in the college community to strive for excellence, contribute positively, and embrace the opportunities that education can offer.

As we move forward into a new strategic cycle under the Strategic Plan 2025-2030, we remain committed to initiatives like the Student of the Term that celebrate the journey, effort, and success of our learners. Because at CAC, we don't just educate, we recognise, empower, and celebrate the individuals who make our college community so vibrant.

To all our Students of the Term, congratulations and thank you. You remind us of the power of education to transform lives.



Honouring Excellence in Training:

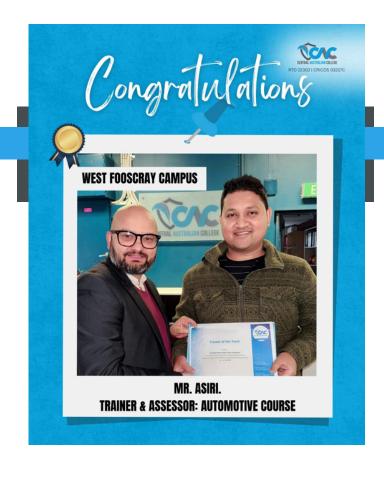
Trainer of the Term Celebrations at CAC

At CAC, we know that outstanding training is the foundation of student success. That's why the Training Department proudly launched the Trainer of the Term Awards, recognising and celebrating the dedication, expertise, and impact of our exceptional training staff across all campuses.

The Trainer of the Term initiative was introduced to acknowledge trainers who consistently go above and beyond to deliver high-quality education, foster inclusive learning environments, and inspire students to reach their full potential. Each term, the Training Department invites nominations from peers, students, and managers, ensuring that recognition reflects a broad view of the trainer's performance and contribution.

Award recipients are selected based on a range of criteria, including student engagement, adoption innovative approaches to training delivery, professionalism, and their commitment to continuous improvement. Trainers who demonstrate exceptional mentoring, student support, and a deep commitment to CAC's values are highlighted through this program.

The award ceremonies are a warm and celebratory occasion, often taking place during staff meetings or professional development sessions. Trainers are publicly acknowledged for their achievements, presented with certificates of recognition, and celebrated by their peers and leaders. It's a moment of pride not only for the individual trainer but for the whole training team, who share a collective passion for excellence in vocational education and training.



Throughout the past financial year, the program has helped shine a spotlight on the vital role trainers play in shaping CAC's student experience. From Melbourne to Hobart to Brisbane, awardees have shared inspiring stories of student transformation, innovative training practices, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

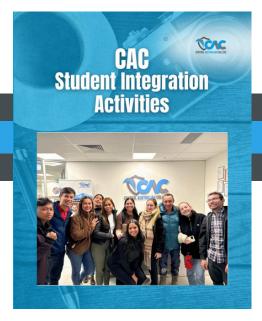
As we embrace the goals of our Strategic Plan 2025-2030, CAC is committed to investing in trainer capability and professional growth, and fostering a culture where excellence in teaching is recognised and rewarded. The Trainer of the Term Awards are a key part of that vision, honouring those who consistently deliver learning that is not only effective but transformative.

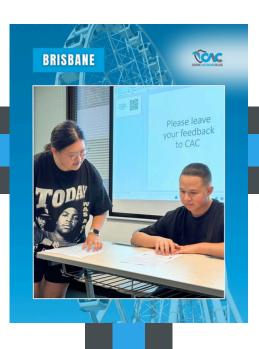
To all our past and future awardees, thank you for your passion, your professionalism, and your profound impact on our students and our college. You make CAC a leader in quality vocational education.



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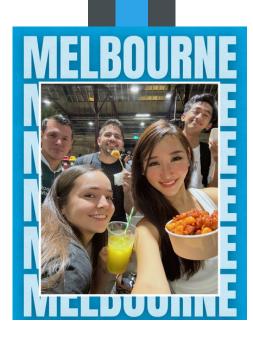






















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Beyond the Classroom:

Creating Cultural Connections at CAC

CAC's commitment to student success goes far beyond the classroom. We believe that a truly transformative education is about more than gaining qualifications; it's about shaping confident, capable individuals ready to thrive in a global world. That's why we are dedicated to providing our students with a rich and holistic experience that blends academic excellence with cultural engagement, personal growth, and community connection.

One of the ways we bring this vision to life is through our vibrant program of extracurricular activities, which form an integral part of the student journey at CAC. Whether it's a day trip to a local cultural festival, a guided tour of iconic Australian landmarks, or an interactive session exploring Indigenous heritage, these experiences allow students to step outside their comfort zones and immerse themselves in the vibrant, diverse world around them.

These activities are carefully curated to reflect our values of inclusion, belonging, and crosscultural understanding. They not only support students in adapting to life in Australia but also in forming friendships, building confidence, and discovering new perspectives. We love creating meaningful experiences and unforgettable memories that will stay with them wherever they go.

Over the past year, students across our Melbourne, Hobart, and Brisbane campuses have taken part in a wide range of cultural outings and events. These activities aren't just fun; they're formative. They help our students develop a deeper appreciation of Australia's multicultural identity, enhance their communication, teamwork, and leadership skills, and foster a genuine sense of belonging in their new environment.

Expanding Our Horizons: Recent Highlights and Upcoming Initiatives

At CAC, we're always looking for new ways to enrich the student experience, and our recent activities perfectly illustrate this commitment. We extend a special thank you to our ELICOS trainers, Arianne and Reia, for creating wonderful spaces for integration and cultural immersion for our English students. Their recent excursions to the Queen Victoria Market saw both morning and evening students coming together to share experiences, embrace diverse cultures, enjoy delicious food, and revel in a fun atmosphere. These outings are invaluable in helping students connect with their new environment and with each other.

Our commitment to student success also extends to providing practical support for their academic and career aspirations. Our marketing department regularly implements events throughout the year not only to promote CAC but also to equip our current students with useful information and skills. Recently, we hosted a highly beneficial PTE and IELTS Seminar. This comprehensive session provided an in-depth overview of IELTS vs. PTE, covering their formats, scoring, timing, and structure. Key topics included choosing the right test based on individual learning and communication styles, practical tips for test preparation, and common mistakes students make during exams. These seminars are crucial in allowing our students to prepare effectively for their future paths, offering academic support and contributing to their post-graduation success. Such initiatives strengthen CAC's reputation by demonstrating our proactive, studentfocused approach, and they significantly increase student engagement while enriching our support services.

We are continuously excited to provide engaging spaces and environments that foster opportunities for connection, networking, and knowledge. Keep an eye out for more exciting upcoming events designed to support your journey at CAC!

At CAC, we recognise that the student experience is about the whole person, their aspirations, their wellbeing, and their sense of connection. That's why our commitment to quality education includes supportive services, engaging learning environments, and enriching co-curricular programs. Every activity we organise is designed with purpose: to inspire curiosity, build resilience, and equip students with the tools they need to succeed, both personally and professionally.

As we move into the implementation of our Strategic Plan 2025-2030, CAC remains more dedicated than ever to enhancing the student experience. Our strategic priorities include creating stronger pathways for student success, fostering inclusive learning environments, and increasing opportunities for real-world engagement through cultural, industry, and community partnerships.

Because at CAC, our students are not just learners, they're explorers, leaders, and contributors to the world around them. And we are proud to walk alongside them on their journey.

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Thursday 10 July

SIT Department

- Location: Expert office
- Workshop: Painting, Wine & **Culinary Delights**
- **Agency: EXPERT Education**
- Approved by Bikash and Khim

Wednesday 16 July

SIT Department

- Location: CBD Campus
- Hospitality workshop in collaboration with Davide **Apreda**
- Agency: EGALI
- Approved by Bikash

Thursday 17 July

AUR Department

- **Location: WF Campus**
- **Automotive workshop**
- Agency: GAMBA
- Approved by Bikash

Thursday 31 July

AUR Department

- **Location: WF Campus**
- **CAC Masterclass Tips to buy** your first car in Australia and change a Tyre
- Agency: Grasshopper
- Approved by Bikash

