



**CALLAGHAN
COLLEGE**

Jesmond Senior Campus

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 6 2024

A NEW WAVE

Welcoming our new students to our senior campus

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Rel. Principal

Dear Families,

We have had a busy start to 2024 at Jesmond Senior Campus. Year 11 and 12 have both settled back into the routine of school very well and are making the most of all opportunities that the College offers.

There have been numerous excursions and events already this year, designed to enhance the learning experience on campus, including Elevate sessions for Year 12.

Both Year 11 and 12 have been busy completing assessment tasks. The Hive has been busy as students make use of the Careers Team, the Learning and Support Team and our Librarian. If your child needs some extra support in their assessment tasks or learning, study sessions now also run on Wednesday afternoon from this space.

The first Year 12 Assessment Report has been issued to parents regarding the first HSC Assessment Task. The next two Year 12 Reports will have detailed comments that outline student achievements in each subject area. It is invaluable for Year 12 parents to connect with teachers in this last year of learning. We encourage families to discuss their child's learning at our upcoming Parent Teacher evening on Wednesday, 13th March. Interview bookings can be made on the Sentral Parent Portal.

Also on the 13th March, we are holding our Year 11 Meet and Greet. This is a great way for parents and carers to meet Year 11 teaching staff, have an informal chat and create connections with other Callaghan families.

The Year 12 SRF group have taken over the formal assembly organisation and are doing a great job of hosting assemblies that align to our CORE values. This week they are also looking at a Student Recognition System to reward students for their hard work and attendance each term.

The Aboriginal Education Team have also been busy this term setting up the new cultural space. I am proud to announce The Maru Ngurraba Centre for Aboriginal Student Success will have its official opening later this term and we will welcome families to join us at this event.

Our aim here at Jesmond Campus is to have all students learning productively and feeling connected to the school. We have devised many new student learning and wellbeing initiatives for 2024, and I look forward to sharing these success stories with you as the year goes on.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require information or support.

Warm regards,

Hayley Macdonald

Principal Jesmond Senior Campus (Relieving)



ACROSS THE COLLEGE

Ms Kylee Owen, Callaghan College Principal

Dear Families,

This year Callaghan College has welcomed more than 2,500 students across our three campuses to a year of learning and growth for staff and students alike.

Our staff kickstarted the year, partnering with industry experts on our Staff Development Day. University of Newcastle, City of Newcastle council, Civic Theatre, Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council and a range of regional businesses teamed up with our faculties to embed current real-world skills within Callaghan's teaching practices.

At Callaghan College, we place a strong emphasis on empowering students in their learning by offering a wide range of curriculum and extracurricular activities to support all our students thrive. Please reach out if you would like to know more about learning, wellbeing, cultural, sporting and creative programs that we offer at each campus.

Waratah and Wallsend have recently invited new families on to campus to find out more about Callaghan's learning environment, how to successfully access and use our technology systems, and understand the real value of engagement in learning for all our students.

We look forward to seeing families next week at Jesmond to meet our senior campus staff. This is your chance to discuss with your child's teachers how families can support students achieve their personal best in their final years of high school with an attainable post-school plan.

We have several College-wide community events coming up this year, starting at 8am this Saturday as our Aboriginal students and staff perform in the opening ceremony for Surfest's Indigenous Classic at Merewether Beach.

We look forward to continuing to partner with our families throughout the year ahead.

Kylee Owen
Callaghan College Principal



OUT & ABOUT

Activities across the campus



New faces and lots of activity across our Senior Campus during Term 1. The Unsent Project, an initiative of the Student Representative Forum gave students an opportunity to send messages of appreciation and thanks on Valentine's Day. Swimming achievements were celebrated with students participating and progressing through Zone carnivals. Cert II Salon Assistant studies are well underway in our on-campus hairdressing salon. We are also proud of our Year 11 cohort who are settling into their learning routines, connecting with their teachers and support networks and making new friends.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Real world learning

Staff Development Days are an opportunity for school staff to engage in learning opportunities to further develop and enhance their skill set.

For our first Staff Development Day of 2024, over 300 staff from Callaghan College partnered with more than 30 industry experts to be inspired by real world application of skills.

Staff engaged in a unique learning opportunity to support the new curriculum, focussing on how we teach and the relevant skillsets required to help our students reach their goals.

Across the day, activities included a behind the scenes look at The Rocky Horror Show at Civic Theatre, learning about hotel operations and management at Crystalbrook Kingsley, fashion design with High Tea With Mrs Woo and information and learning sessions at The University of Newcastle City Campus.

At Callaghan Senior Campus, we place a strong emphasis on holistic development, empowering students in their learning, whilst also offering a wide range of programs and extracurricular activities to help our learners thrive.



WELCOME TO YEAR 11

New campus, new opportunities

This year, we welcomed over 400 Year 11 students to our campus, each with their own aspirations, expectations and personalities.

In 2023, these students engaged in various programs and activities, assisting their transition to senior learning. Now in 2024, we welcome them full-time to our high expectation, high challenge and high support learning environment.

The Callaghan Jesmond student is underpinned by the following core values -

Commitment
Opportunity
Respect
Excellence

Our teaching and supporting staff will help foster these values, giving students agency in their learning and creating successful outcomes.

Our Year 11 cohort is supported by our Year 11 Deputy Principal, Mr Christopher Lee. As students set their sights on the HSC, there is an

abundance of opportunities available to all students at our Senior Campus. Whether it's engaging in extracurricular activities, accessing support services, or exploring diverse learning pathways, we encourage students to make the most of these offerings. Time spent at the Senior Campus is not just about academic pursuits, but also about personal growth and discovering students' passions.

The journey to the HSC can be a challenging and stressful time. It is important to remember that students are not alone. Our dedicated staff are here to support each student every step of the way. Whether help is needed in academic guidance, emotional support, or simply a listening ear, our staff are committed to providing students with the assistance they need to thrive during their senior studies.

As students navigate the road ahead, they are reminded to lean on the support of their teachers, counsellors, and fellow students. Together, we can create a nurturing and empowering environment where each student can reach their full potential.



JOURNEY TO THE HSC

High Expectations

The Callaghan College journey is wrapping up this year for our Year 12 cohort. With the majority of our students coming from our partner primary schools, then to our Callaghan Junior Campuses and progressing through to our Senior Campus, students have grown, expanded their knowledge and learning, formed life-long friendships and bonded with teaching and support staff. We congratulate our students on this journey and the foundations they have built for their future.

The majority of our Year 12 students will now be starting to work on their second formal assessment for their HSC courses.

Students undertaking a major work should be well underway in our practical courses and students have just completed their next Elevate session on 'Acing your exams'.

The Year 12 Assessment Task 1 Reports have just been sent out, providing students, parents and carers with valuable feedback to reflect on and identify areas for improvement. This presents a great opportunity for students to adjust their study habits and approaches to learning in order to make further improvements.

It is really important for students to stay ahead of tasks, and to remember to seek assistance from the great support network of teachers at Jesmond Campus.

Our teaching staff are ready to work with you to set you up for HSC success. The ability to adapt, seek support, and proactively make changes is key to thriving in the HSC and beyond.

Parents are also encouraged to support your children in utilising the recently released reports to make any necessary adjustments and set a course for success in their student's academic journey.

Our Year 12 Deputy Principal, Ms Megan Bond, and all of our teaching staff are on hand to assist in your final year of high school learning.

Before we know it, we'll be taking photos at graduation and celebrating your learning journey through Callaghan College. However, prior to then, we encourage all students to stay focused, be proactive in their learning, ask for support where needed and forge a pathway to HSC success.



INTERNATIONAL LEARNING

Europe here we come!

We will soon say Bon Voyage to our group of Year 12 HSIE students embarking on their Europe History Tour.

Our travellers will enhance their studies in modern and ancient history, visiting numerous historical sites throughout Europe.

Commencing in Italy, students will see first-hand the archaeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum, witnessing a working archaeological dig and expanding their ancient history knowledge and understanding.

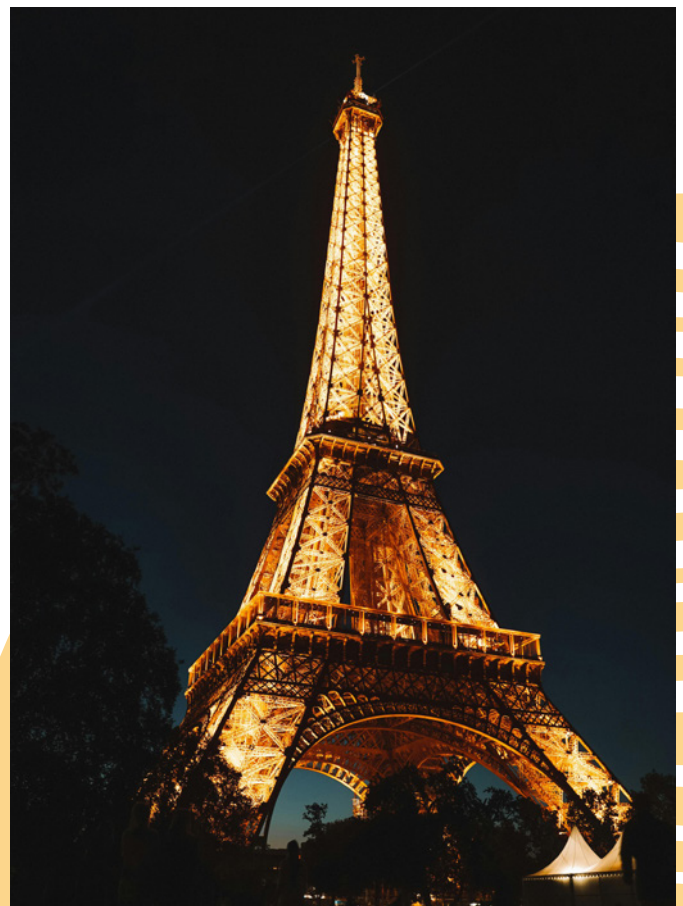
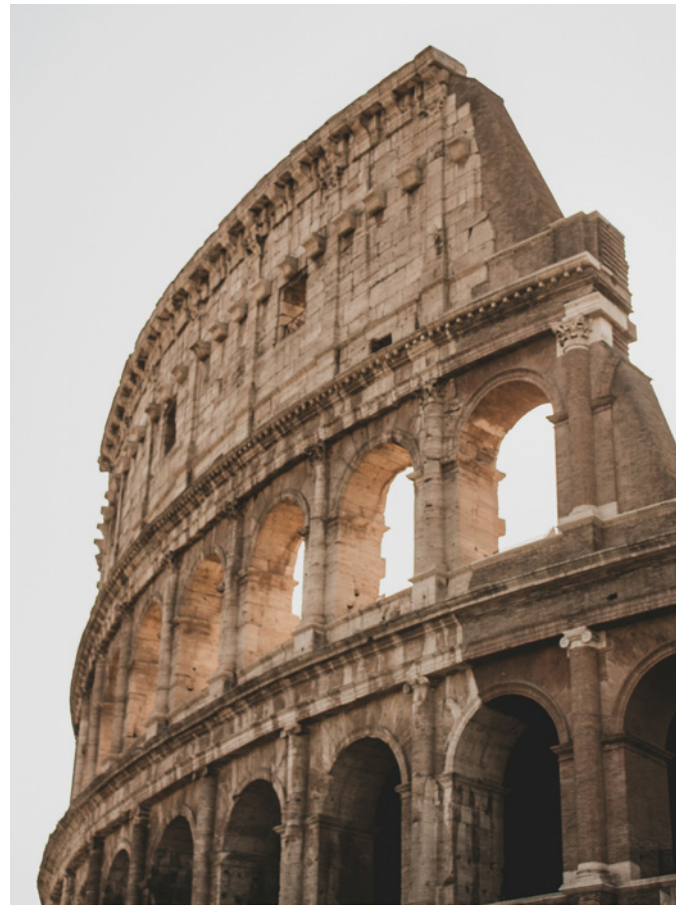
Moving into Germany and Austria, students will then visit Munich, Dachau and Nuremberg. These places are central to the new Modern History syllabus and understanding our world in the 21st Century. Students will explore and develop their understanding around power and authority in the modern world during 1919 to 1946.

France and Belgium are the next stops, with a particular focus on the Battlefields of the Western Front. Students will visit key Australian battlefields including Fromelles, Pozieres and Passchendaele, where they will lay wreaths, as well as attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres and the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Passchendaele. Visiting these locations gives students an opportunity to view evidence for themselves in situ and in museums, enhancing their learning of core modern history.

The final part of the tour will take students to the City of Lights - Paris. Here, students will gain a brief overview of the city and its history, expanding their understanding and appreciation of revolutionary France, the world at the beginning of the 20th Century and the opportunity to recognise the role of this city in the development of social, cultural and political trends and ideologies that have had such a dramatic effect on the world today.

Our Principal, Mr Macey, will guide our travellers through their journey, supported by three additional Callaghan Jesmond staff. The tour is shared by students from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, providing further opportunities for students to explore ideas and perspectives from others.

We wish our students a safe, wonderful, exciting and fulfilling journey and we look forward to hearing your stories and findings on your return.



WALKING TALL

Crossing the country to benefit others

One step leads to another. And for former Callaghan captain Bailey Myers, those steps have led him from Callaghan College to an amazing cross country trek.

On March 1, Bailey commenced walking from Perth to Newcastle, all in the name of raising money and awareness for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This foundation is built on the goals of fostering a love of reading from an early age, investment in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities with literacy tools and resources and elevating our future Indigenous leaders.

With stops at schools and communities along the way, Bailey will be spreading the message of the importance of literacy and education and how this is the basis for opportunity and success in life.

Bailey's journey will also lead him back to Callaghan Jesmond where we are looking forward to him participating in our charity 24-hour bike ride.

To follow and support Bailey and the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, check out Intrepid Australia on social media.

We wish you a safe and successful journey Bailey and look forward to seeing you at Callaghan Jesmond soon.



PLPs & HSC

Aboriginal student success

There have been many developments so far this year to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Across our campuses, Callaghan College is committed to strong positive relationships with our community, our staff, students and families. Our Aboriginal Culture and Learning team help drive and foster these relationships, creating great outcomes for our students.

Our transition process moving students through our Junior Campuses to Senior Campus enables more informed subject, class and teaching decisions in creating learning success.

This is supported by each Aboriginal student having the opportunity to develop a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Each PLP is created by students working with a mentor and members of our Aboriginal Team to set their own goals and strive to achieve them by regular check-ins throughout the year.

Through these initiatives and the support of our Aboriginal team, we look forward to seeing our students achieve their goals and complete their HSC.

OUR ABORIGINAL TEAM

Support for students

This year, our Aboriginal support team have an exciting space to engage with our students across learning, culture and support.

After consultation with students, staff and the community, we are proud to announce the name of this space will be The Maru Ngurraba Centre for Aboriginal Student Success. We look forward to celebrating the naming of this room with families and students soon.

Based in this room are our Aboriginal Culture and Support Team who work with our students across learning, goal planning and cultural activities.

As part of this team, we are thrilled to welcome back Bailey to our campus. Being a recent former student of Callaghan College, Bailey is well versed in our College structure and procedures and will be a valuable asset in supporting and helping our students achieve their goals.

NRL ART

Cultural creativity

Callaghan Jesmond is an active partner of the NRL's School To Work program, an education and employment program supporting Indigenous youth.

Students Amelia and Helen are part of this program and recently created their own artwork on football boots to present to NRLW Knights player Tamika Upton.

Our school's involvement in this program gives our students great opportunities to interact with sporting greats, industry professionals and our greater Callaghan community.



MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Support for English as an Additional Language / Dialect students

Jesmond and surrounds have supported new migrant arrivals for many years, enriching and broadening the benefits of the area. At Callaghan Jesmond, we have one of the most culturally diverse student populations in region.

Our school welcomes students, families and community members from all cultural backgrounds and we appreciate the valuable diversity that these cultures bring. Our aim at Jesmond Campus is to create a safe and inclusive environment that benefits all students in their senior studies journey.

Callaghan College embrace teaching and learning programs that develop intercultural understanding, promote positive relationships and enable all students to participate as active Australian and global citizens.

Students that have English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) are supported by our EAL/D specialist team. The experienced, passionate and bilingual EALD specialist team support students and their teachers throughout class and in one-to-one tuition. Extracurricular English literacy sessions are also facilitated weekly. This specialist support enables each student to better meet their learning goals and succeed in their study.

The compulsory HSC English Curriculum also provides specific English EAL/D Courses that cater to students with various levels of English language ability and needs. The English courses at Callaghan Jesmond range from beginner level to advanced level, helping to build overall academic language skills for success in the high school curriculum.

At Callaghan College Jesmond, the shared goal of learning binds our students with purpose and enables individuals to flourish in a supportive, progressive and empowering senior high school educational environment.



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Incredible career pathways

What do you want to do when you leave school? It's one of the most commonly asked questions of our younger generation.

Working with our students, we help them formulate ideas and answers to this question, work out pathways to achieve requirements, create and achieve goals, explore school based traineeships and apprenticeships and assist in making their chosen career a reality.

Through interview processes for subject selections, effective subject packaging and goal setting for high expectation career pathways, we actively plan for each student's future in creating a successful transition to post-school education and employment.

At the end of 2023, we bid farewell to Mr Stephen Ley, who led the Careers Team for many years at Callaghan Jesmond. His invaluable knowledge, contacts and hard work translated to many successful career outcomes for our students.

This year, we are guided by some new and some familiar faces –

Ms Pam Long – A familiar face, Pam is now the Relieving Head Teacher VET / SBAT Coordinator.

Mr Mark Thornton – Mark has been with Callaghan Jesmond as the SBAT Coordinator/ Career Advisor for the past 7 years. Mark has now been appointed as Career Advisor.

Ms Annemaree McGirr – Annemaree is relieving in the administration role in The Hive.

Mia W – A Callaghan Jesmond student, we welcome Mia W who is completing an SBAT in business administration with us.

The Careers Team welcome families to make private appointments to discuss specific course and career choices and to make sure students are on track to achieve work and study goals.

We look forward to bringing many career success stories in our newsletters to come!

Contact details for our Careers Team are as follows –

Mr Mark Thornton
mark.thornton@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Pam Long
pamela.long@det.nsw.edu.au

SPORT REPORT

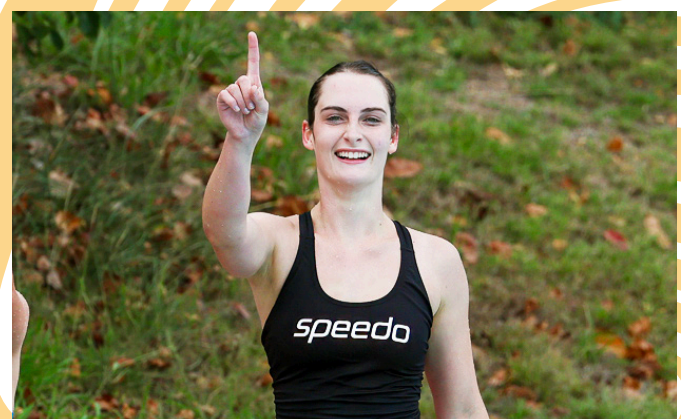
Sporting success

Sport is off to a great start at Callaghan Jesmond this year.

We congratulate our Open Boys Basketball team who recently competed in the Hunter Region finals series. The team narrowly went down by one point to Cardiff however, they progressed through to the quarter finals. Our team placed in the top 8 teams in the Hunter and we thank Mr Kilham for his support in coaching the team.

We also had Alyssa and Cooper representing the College and the Hunter Region at the CHS Baseball Championships, taking place in Lismore in this week.

Also a big shout out to Jessica for her achievements in swimming, reaching City Zone.



NSWEduChat

Using technology for good

This term Callaghan Jesmond has been presented with an exciting opportunity that has the potential to shape the way students and teachers use technology in learning.

Across our campuses, Callaghan College has for many years had a keen focus on using technology and software in innovative ways to improve the way we teach, learn and communicate. As an example, we were one of the first schools to introduce online learning practices as part of everyday learning, well before COVID lockdowns.

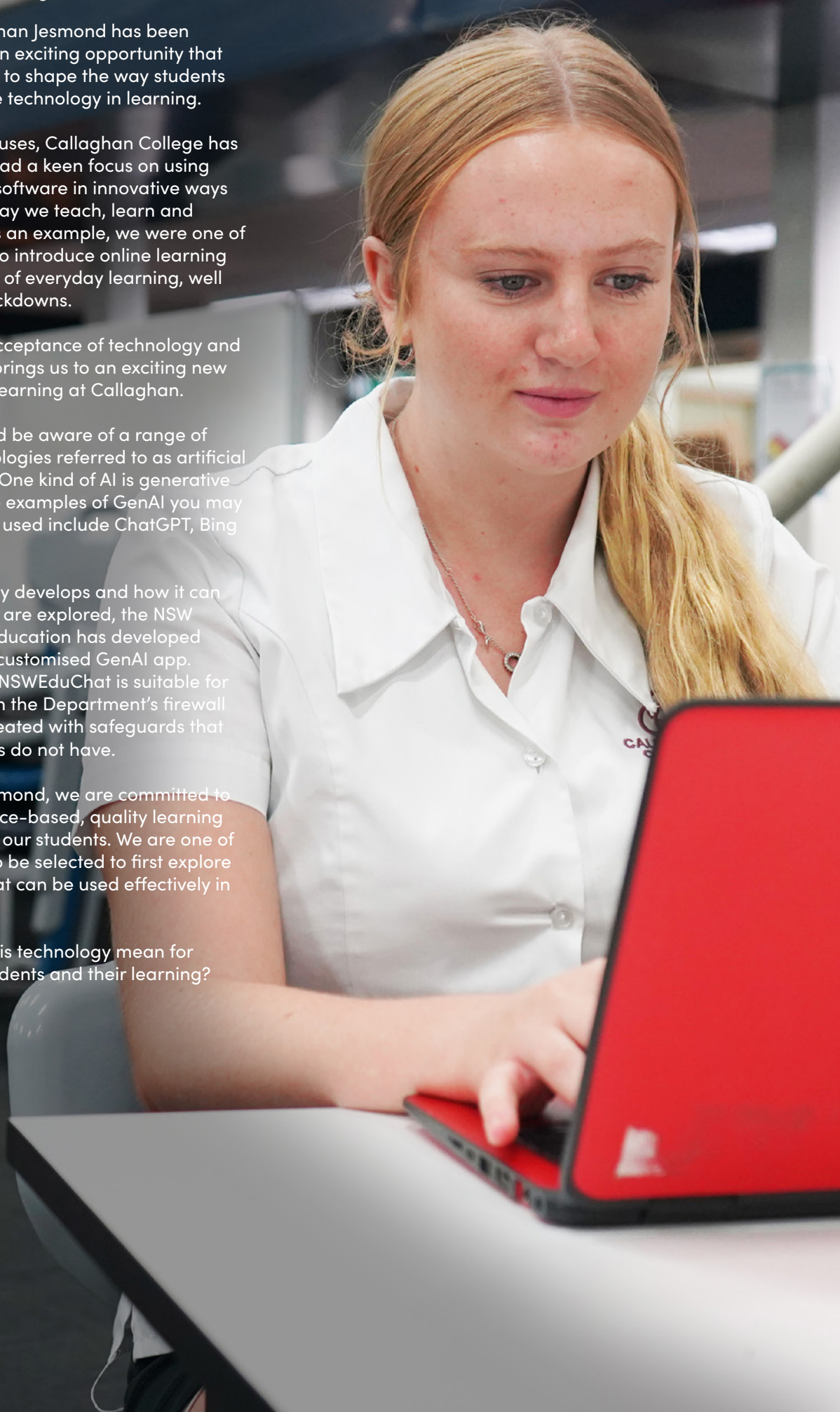
This focus and acceptance of technology and innovation now brings us to an exciting new development in learning at Callaghan.

Many of us would be aware of a range of emerging technologies referred to as artificial intelligence (AI). One kind of AI is generative AI (GenAI). Some examples of GenAI you may have heard of or used include ChatGPT, Bing and Bard.

As this technology develops and how it can assist in learning are explored, the NSW Department of Education has developed NSWEduChat, a customised GenAI app. Unlike ChatGPT, NSWEduChat is suitable for students, is within the Department's firewall and has been created with safeguards that other GenAI apps do not have.

At Callaghan Jesmond, we are committed to providing evidence-based, quality learning opportunities for our students. We are one of only 16 schools to be selected to first explore how NSWEduChat can be used effectively in classrooms.

But what does this technology mean for teachers and students and their learning?



NSWEduChat will provide a safe and secure environment for teachers and students (Stages 3–6) to use GenAI in teaching and learning.

Students can use the app to help develop their writing skills, or to help them generate a scaffold for essay writing. They can use the platform to assist them in studying for a test or exam, or for creating a tailored study schedule around their work and school commitments.

Students can also use it to implement teacher feedback, to check their understanding of specific key terms and to assist in clarifying any content questions they may have in relation to topics they may be studying.

One of the exciting features of the platform is its ability to translate English into many different languages, which is of great assistance to our students who are studying with English as a second language.

NSWEduChat can be accessed through each student's online portal and uses conversational style questioning to guide students in their learning journeys.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to participate in this trial during Term 1 and Term 2. Students will be able to provide feedback on the app as they explore and use the technology, helping shape the app's future structure, capabilities and use.

At all times the current school rules, policies and procedures will apply for everyone involved. Parents/carers will be sent a data privacy notice to read. If a parent/carer decides to have their child opt out of the NSWEduChat trial, this can be communicated to the school.

If you would like to discuss NSWEduChat in relation to your child's learning or broader school experience, please contact our school.

We are looking forward to seeing how NSWEduChat can enrich teaching and learning at Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus and help our students achieve their learning goals.



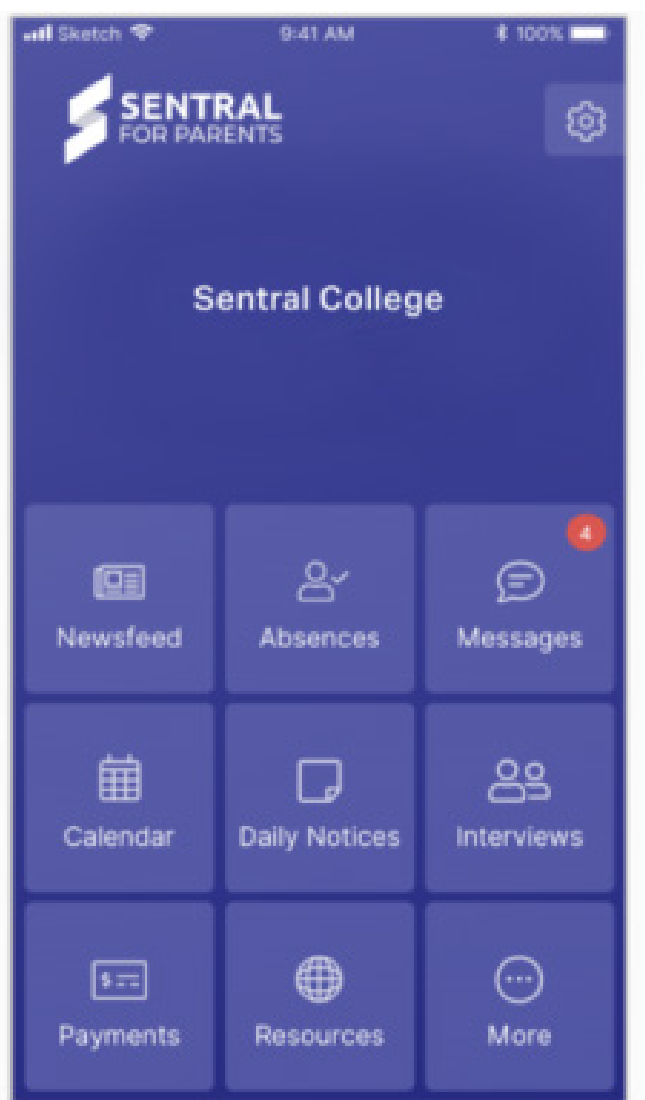
SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

Accessing timetables, attendance information and school reports

The Sentral Parent Portal is a secure online platform that provides parents and carers with access to their child's timetable, attendance information, school reports and daily messages from teachers to students. The platform is also used to book times for Parent Teacher evenings.

For families that are not already connected to the Sentral Parent Portal, gain access by following the below steps -

1. Go to the Callaghan College Jesmond Campus [website](#).
2. Scroll down on the homepage and click on the blue Sentral Parent Portal link under '[Parent Access](#)'.
3. Enter the preferred contact email address you provided the school as your username.
4. If you don't already have a password, click forgot password and reenter your email address. You will be sent an email to reset or create your new Sentral Parent Portal password.
5. Return to Student/Parent Portal [login](#) and enter your new Sentral Parent Portal password.
6. Once in the portal you will need to enter a family key. This also links you to your child/ren in our online learning platform Canvas. Family keys have been issued via email.



KEY CONTACTS

Communicating with our school

This year we welcomed over 400 students to Callaghan Jesmond Senior Campus. Our students are settling in well, have adjusted to new routines and have had many of their questions answered.

In supporting each student, we encourage families to communicate with our school, whether that be for learning, wellbeing or careers guidance or for general administration questions or procedures.

The key contacts listed opposite are recommended as your first contact point for any questions or issues. These contacts will follow through with any further action that may be required.

ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS

Phone: 02 4952 3922

Email: jesmondcc-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

LEARNING KEY CONTACT

For any conversations around learning, speak to the subject teacher first.

WELLBEING KEY CONTACT

For any conversations around wellbeing, contact your year advisor.

CAREERS KEY CONTACT

For any conversations around careers, contact Mark Thornton.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day counts

A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much however, absences do add up.

Missing as little as 1 day per fortnight can equate to missing 4 weeks of school per year. Turning up late or skipping classes also means you'll miss out on important learning opportunities.

What you learn in each class, on each day, builds on what you learnt the class before. Make school attendance a priority, along with getting to school on time.

If students arrive after the 8.24am bell, they are to go straight to the Admin Office to sign in. A late note will be issued and students are to take this with them to class.

If students need to leave early for an appointment, a note is required from parents stating the reason and the date and time for early dismissal. Parents can also phone the school to confirm details. Students will be issued with an early leavers pass once details are received and confirmed.

If a student misses school due to illness, family circumstances or religious reasons, parents/carers are required to explain the absence.

EXPLAINING ABSENCES

All student absences must be explained.

Parents/carers can do this in one of three ways:



CALL OR TEXT

Call our Admin Office or reply to the text you receive from the school.



EMAIL OR NOTE

Email our Admin Office or provide a written note.



SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

Login to the Sentral Parent Portal to record absence details.

MOBILE FREE

Keeping phones off and away

Mobile free learning areas were implemented by Callaghan Jesmond to support the NSW Government's ban on mobile phones in NSW high schools.

At our campus, all students are to have their own mobile pouch. This pouch remains the property of the school however, students are responsible for its care.

Pouches should be locked for the duration of the school day, except for making canteen payments or directed by teachers for class or library use.

By removing the distraction of mobile phones, a supportive environment is created for students to immerse themselves more fully in learning and be more present in their interactions with teachers and peers.

UNIFORMS

Looking our best

Our Callaghan College uniform is a big part of our College's identity. It reinforces our sense of community and helps students take pride in our school.

A reminder that Callaghan Jesmond shirts can be purchased from our Jesmond Admin Office.

All other items can be purchased from -

Our Junior Campus Uniform shops, located onsite at Wallsend and Waratah. Check each campus's website for opening times.

Online at [The School Locker](#) and [Country Feeling](#).

The School Locker shop located at -
The University of Newcastle
Shop 1, Floor 2
Shortland Union Building
130 University Drive
CALLAGHAN NSW 2308

PARENT NIGHT

We look forward to welcoming our Callaghan families to our Parent and Carer Night on Wednesday, 13th March.

From 4pm to 5.30pm, a meet and greet will be held in our auditorium. This is the perfect opportunity for Year 11 students to introduce their parents and carers to their teachers and gain further insights into learning at our Senior Campus through informal discussions.

This will be followed by Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. We encourage families to book interview times with your student's teachers to learn more about their learning and ways to support them through to their HSC.

Bookings for the Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews can be made via the Sentral Parent Portal.

We look forward to seeing our Callaghan families soon.

OUR SOCIALS

A great way of keeping up-to-date with the activities, celebrations and achievements of Jesmond Senior Campus is to follow us on our social media pages.

Our [Facebook page](#) celebrates our campus, along with providing general information on school events and important dates.

Our Instagram page is under development with our Student Representative Forum, giving a student voice back to our community, capturing the day-to-day activities of Senior Campus life.

We encourage families to join us on our social media journey, become more familiar with our campus and support our students in their learning and achievements.



CALENDAR DATES

MAR

4

Year 12 construction work placements

MAR

11

White card training

MAR

13

Year 11 Parent Meet & Greet Evening - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

MAR

13

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

APR

12

Last day of Term 1

YEAR 12 SAVE THE DATES

SEPT

24

Year 12 Graduation NEX

NOV

11

Year 12 Sign Out Day

NOV

13

Year 12 Formal