

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

As always Term 3 has proven to be an incredibly busy yet productive period in the senior campus calendar. Throw into that mix the recent and ongoing challenges the whole community faces and it is easy to see why we are so proud of the resilience, commitment and effort of all students and staff. It is equally clear our students have ably demonstrated their capacity to rise to the challenge of adapting and demonstrating their commitment to learning during these unique times.

I wish to acknowledge and commend teaching staff for the tireless work that has gone into modifying and moving all final course assessments for Year 12 and Year 11 to an online platform. The overwhelming ability of students to manage and engage confidently in these necessary changes is evident with almost one hundred percent participation and completion of course assessments.

So many of our students continue to excel in many fields and last week I was delighted to watch online a final of the NSW Representative Debating Challenge. Year 11 student Ella Gardiner proved to be an outstanding representative of CCJSC as third speaker for the affirmative team.

Congratulations to Ella on the quality, reasoning and logic of her argument and for her teams well deserved win.

I always look forward to this time of the year as it is during this period that Year 12 complete and submit their HSC Major Projects. This year has been no different. The creativity, knowledge, skill and effort that has gone into the completion of these projects is simply outstanding and we look forward to showcasing and exhibiting these works once the marking process is completed.

Finally, we hope and anticipate being able to welcome all students back onsite early in Term 4 and will continue to update you with details on exactly how that return will look. Best wishes to Year 12, Class of 2021 as you finalise preparations for the HSC Examinations and those eagerly anticipated end of school celebrations.

Congratulations also to Year 11 now ready to commence your HSC year having successfully completed preliminary studies.

Please enjoy the upcoming break, take care and stay safe.

**Mr Roger Macey, Principal
Jesmond Senior Campus**



KEY DATES*

SEPTEMBER 7 - 16
Year 11 final online assessments

SEPTEMBER 19
UAC Schools Recommendation Scheme applications close

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 3
School holidays

SEPTEMBER 30
UAC Undergraduate Early Bird applications close

OCTOBER 5
Start of Term 4 (remote learning)

OCTOBER 28 (5PM-7PM)
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

NOVEMBER 1
Year 11 return to learning on Campus

NOVEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 3
HSC written examinations

DECEMBER 9
Year 12 Formal

*These dates may change as a result of COVID-19. Please keep up to date with school calendar via emails and Facebook.



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COUNTING DOWN TO THE HSC...

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 12 students, who have shown perseverance and commitment in the continuation of their studies in this difficult time.

The school's rapid adaptation to delivering online assessments has seen nearly 100% of students complete their final internal online assessment task in 39 subjects.

Many Year 12 students have also been putting the finishing touches to their major works, and submitting them for marking. We look forward to sharing some of the fabulous creations and performances with you after marking.

With the current Covid19 situation in NSW changing rapidly, the Department of Education and NESA continue to update us about the planned changes to the HSC and the resumption of face to face learning.

The latest advice and planned implementations for the HSC exams and major projects can be found on the NESA website:
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/covid-advice/hsc-exams-and-major-projects>

At this stage, should the lockdown continue in the Hunter, year 12 are scheduled to return to school on the 25th October, with the start of the HSC examinations on the 9th November.

Presently, students are able to access support onsite for 2 hours a day, four days a week.

We are very cognisant of our students needing to celebrate the end of 13 years of schooling and plans are underway to ensure we have a graduation and formal this year. Students and parents will be notified as soon these events can be confirmed.

Good luck to each and every student in their HSC exams. We hope you achieve all of your goals. Stay focused, do your best and get plenty of sleep. Your exams are just a stepping stone to the next stage of your life journey. We wish you every success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents and staff for their ongoing effort, commitment and support throughout this difficult time. I know it has not been easy. Please reach out to us if you need assistance. We genuinely miss our students and look forward to having them onsite soon.

**Ms Sara Pendergast,
Relieving Deputy Principal, Year 12**

College News: well done for adapting together

It has been an extraordinary year for our Senior students, with so many changes to accommodate. The exceptional engagement on the online assessments over the past few weeks from both Year 12 and Year 11 has been incredible.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have been in touch to acknowledge the efforts of our staff across the College to adapt the learning space to this extraordinary time. We appreciate hearing from you, and also appreciate you supporting your child's continued commitment to learning.

This month our staff have also been recognised at a State level, with Callaghan College receiving a NSW Education Secretary's School Achievement Award for our Faculty Leadership Improvement Project.

This Award celebrates the exceptional work that occurs every day across NSW public education and Callaghan is leading the way.

As you are all very aware, many learning activities, assessments and general school operations have had to change for lockdown. Across the College, our Year 10 students are completing transition activities for Senior learning remotely, and are currently choosing subjects online.

Unfortunately Grease and Madagascar Junior musicals that were scheduled for this year have been postponed until we are in a position to rehearse and work together again. Despite the social distancing, it is wonderful to still see how many students are still engaging in creative ways online together to complete work and stay connected.

Please reach out if there is anything we can do to support you and your family during this time.

**Ms Kylee Owen
College Principal**



YEAR 11 - THAT'S A WRAP

I have been immensely proud of Year 11 working to stay focused and strong during this significant disruption to their schooling and upcoming HSC preparations. Their strength and determination are inspiring, and we acknowledge them for their perseverance.

Year 11 Online Assessments being completed via Canvas are at the halfway mark. At this stage students have complete 1036 online tasks, which equates to a 97% completion rate. Many students are being extremely proactive and accessing the task early in the time frame and just over 50% have utilised the total allocated time.

Completing an 'open book' online task has been a shift in thinking by both staff and students. Staff have working extremely hard to create, develop and re-imagine an alternate assessment strategy for their courses. I sincerely hope that this positive engagement will be reflected in each student's ability to demonstrate what they have learnt.

Year 11 are also being prepared for Year 12 which commences in Term 4, where HSC life through a pandemic is also the reality for the Class of 2022.

This will be the third group of Year 12 students who have experienced their HSC through COVID-19.

As a school, we are determined to support the Class of 2022 to remain motivated, on-track and connected to their senior development at this challenging time while they complete their Year 11 studies remotely. There is a strong likelihood that 2022 will see us continuing to navigate disruption from this pandemic, and so this period is best understood as preparations for any possible further disruptions from COVID-19 into their HSC year.

Staying focused, positive and resilient is a pivotal part of this approach we are encouraging during lock down, while empathetically understanding that this lock down is experienced very differently for every individual and every family.

Mr James Ostermann
Deputy Principal, Year 11

Sports highlights

Although most sports have now had to be cancelled for 2021, there have been a number of stand out performances since our June newsletter.

Both the boys and girls CHS touch titles were held. Jesmond's Kaiden Dan, Tyrese Gordon and Kane Bailey finished runners up to a strong Sydney North Region; and Chloe Allen, Zali Chippendale made the finals, as well as Kyah Waters who was selected in the NSWCHS All Schools team. Unfortunately due to lockdown restrictions, she will miss her chance to represent NSW this year.

Ryley Twiss got the trifecta at the NSW All School swimming titles as he represented NSWCHSSA, receiving gold for 800m Freestyle, silver for 1500m Freestyle and Bronze in 200m Butterfly. He also competed in the 400m Freestyle. He is an outstanding swimmer.

The girls soccer team had a great year, progressing 3 rounds into the competition. Well done girls.

For the second year in a row our athletic team has missed the opportunity to compete at regional level. Our talented female athletes excelled in their Zone events, Tiahna Skelton easily won her 100m and 200m, as well as progressing in the shot put, discus, long jump and relay with Paige Worley, Amber Clark, and Tenaya Marks. Paige also made it through for long jump and 100m. Jane Abu progressed in discus and shot put.

Fletcher Myers continues his sporting successes reaching regional level for the 200m, discus, shot put and long jump. He was also selected to represent NSWCHS in rugby union, however had to pull out due to other commitments.

Callaghan College Open Boys Rugby League Team defeated Maclean High School 36-12. The boys were due to progress to the 3rd round of NSWCHS state-wide knockout finals however Sydney went into lockdown preventing the game from going ahead. Man of the match Bailey Scholes.

Dealing with uncertainty

COVID-19 lockdown is having continued impact on our learning, end of year examinations and school activities. As staff, we are all aware how unsettling it can be for our students when dates change and the exam processes are altered to accommodate safe practices for our community's wellbeing.

it's okay to feel differently during times of uncertainty – in fact, it's completely normal.

We may not have all the information right now, but it's important to remember we are all in this together. The situation is affecting students across all of NSW. NESAs, Universities and TAFE are making special considerations to take into account the impact lockdown is having on senior learning and the HSC.

Take time out from the news - watch a movie, read a book, chill out, go for a walk, have virtual dates with your friends, or simply have an early night. Looking after yourself is one of the best ways to lower anxiety. It's also a great way to manage uncertainty doing regular, ordinary activities that you know you enjoy.

The Department of Education has a range of excellent resources to support Senior students to stay healthy, active and connected during the HSC. Go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-hsc?q=>

Students can also access counselling via the Department <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/counselling-and-psychology-services>

And remember, get in touch with our Student Services if you need support. Contact the Office on 02 4952 3922 and we will get back to you.

**Suzie Rich, Head Teacher,
Student Services**



Transition for 2022 Year 11

As part of our introduction to senior learning, we have been working with Year 10 students from Wallsend and Waratah campuses over the past few months.

In July we hosted our Year 10 EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) students for workshops on Senior Learning. The students also got an introduction to the campus from senior students and had a chance to meet some of their teachers for next year.

We were also fortunate enough to get the chance to introduce some of the key learning activities to our Aboriginal students at the campus just before lockdown.

Students were welcomed with a smoking ceremony and dance performance, followed by briefing sessions in the Hub.

We have now sent home packs to all our Year 10 families as a 'virtual induction' and students are in the process of selecting their subject preferences online.

Thanks to everyone for helping us make appropriate adjustments to our programs to make it work as best we can during learning from home periods.

FACULTY UPDATES

ENGLISH

This Term started with a big push to finish final Year 12 modules and prepare students for their final Trial exams. Due to the current lockdown, we have had to come up with innovative ideas to ensure that students were able to demonstrate their HSC English skills and knowledge in an online context. I am very proud that all our English and Language online tasks featured 100% attendance in the recent online assessments that replaced the Trial exams. Our teachers and students rose to the challenge and I am impressed by the quality of online assessments that ensured our students were able to receive valuable feedback. Year 11 have also demonstrated a similar 'can do' attitude, engaging actively online, speaking to their English and Language teachers about the upcoming online assessment tasks.

Please continue to support your student's success in English by encouraging them to engage actively online in every lesson. I know the situation is uncertain, but it is essential that they continue to engage online for their final revision activities. This includes reading all their prescribed texts again, regularly writing under timed conditions to increase their writing speed and taking the opportunity to submit practice tasks to receive feedback on what they still need to do. Strong partnerships between families and school helps ensure all students can achieve their personal best.

Wishing Year 12 all the best as they conclude their HSC studies. They are a lovely group of students who have endured all the changes with resilience and a smile. Please feel free to contact myself or your child's English teacher with any concerns.

Barb Davis - Head Teacher, English and Languages

INDUSTRIAL ARTS/COMPUTING

Well what a Term 3 it has been for all of us. We started out with great expectations of a smooth journey through to the end of each course only to be hijacked by COVID 19 and all its ramifications.

Still "the show must go on", and both staff and students have risen to the challenge.

A big thankyou to my staff for the resources and lessons they have provided through CANVAS and other online learning platforms. The time and effort required to produce and manage this function of schooling is enormous. A big thankyou as well to the students who have taken full advantage of the work provided.

Under strict COVID safe guidelines our teachers have still been working at school with students completing Major Projects. Limits on student numbers and limits on time in contact with students has meant these staff have had to work extended hours to also provide online learning for their other classes. A Herculean effort.

Congratulations to Year 11 on completion of their penultimate year of school and to our Year 12 students, who have had unprecedented adversity to deal with, best wishes for your Higher School Certificate Examinations, and more importantly, for your future.

Stewart McKinnon, Head Teacher Industrial Arts

CAREERS/VET

The Careers and Transition team has continued to support students to make informed decisions regarding work and further study options throughout Term 3.

A weekly Careers Newsletter (prepared by our School Based Trainee, Torah Griffiths) and constant contact with students and their parents/carers through email and/or zoom meetings have kept students up to date with:

- Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities
- University application processes
- University Early Entry Schemes
- Alternative pathways to university
- Support for disadvantaged students
- Scholarship opportunities.

Stephen Ley - Head Teacher, Careers



Collaborating to Empower Learners
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Callaghan College Jesmond
Careers Newsletter
LATEST CAREERS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
TERM 3 - WEEK 8

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2021 OPEN DAYS

Newcastle Open Day on **6th to 8th of September**, this will be an online event. [For more information follow this link](#) [here](#).

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

To find out more about studying with the University of Newcastle next year, we would encourage students and their parents to register for their Open Days Online, which is being held 6-8 September from 5pm each night. [Open Day Callaghan Jesmond](#) has gone live, so students can sign up now and get started. You can register for live webinars, Q&A Study Area Sessions, Live Chat sessions and more. Can also browse our On-Demand Webinars for degree specific content and are able to ask questions directly with students and academics.

HSIE

Congratulations to the HSC Society and Culture students for successful completion of their Personal Interest Projects (PIPs) in Term 3. Students conducted secondary and primary research, including questionnaires, focus groups and content analysis, to create original hypotheses relating to social or cultural topics of their choice.

Students then used this research to produce a 5,500 word major research project, which will now be externally marked by NESA. A huge thankyou to their teacher, Lauren Clydsdale, whose tireless leadership throughout the year ensured that all 18 PIPs were completed and submitted.

I would like to also congratulate all HSIE staff and students for their commitment to online learning throughout this term. Through use of CANVAS, Microsoft Teams and email, we have been able to maintain our high standards of teaching and learning. HSIE staff will be running a range of online revision meetings across all HSC HSIE courses in coming weeks, to ensure that students are fully prepared for the HSC Examinations.

Mathew Jennings, Head Teacher (relieving) HSIE

FACULTY UPDATES

HOME ECONOMICS

Textiles and Design

Our HSC Textiles and Design students have successfully submitted their Major Textiles Projects that they have been working on for almost 12 months. These projects range from a variety of focus areas including Costume, Furnishings, Textile Art and Apparel. We would like to congratulate the girls on their magnificent efforts to get to this stage. See some photos in Snapshots page.

Many hours have been spent designing and constructing these textile items. Learning new skills, working through challenges and problem solving. The girls have worked extremely hard, hopefully enjoying the process along the way and should be very proud of their achievements.

Hospitality

All year 12 Hospitality students have completed their practical experiences in our Commercial Kitchen. They are now working hard in the final stages of their Certificate II qualification completing the last theory components of the course. Those choosing to do so will then turn their efforts to examination preparation.

Food Technology

Our Food Technologists are in the final stages of study for the HSC course. We have been busily completing the Contemporary Issues in Nutrition module where we look at the nutritional wellbeing of our nation. Health issues such as mental health, diabetes and cardio vascular disease are researched and studied with particular reference to the nutritional intake of individuals. All students are beginning to undertake revision exercises in preparation for their upcoming examinations.

Bruce Killen, Head Teacher, Home Economics

PDHPE

This term has been challenging for both students and staff. Congratulations must go to the Year 12 students who completed their Final Online Assessment recently. Their engagement in the new format has been nothing but amazing. Our Year 11 students are now undertaking the same process, and I expect that they will also engage in similar numbers.

The staff have been providing lesson content online for all courses. We have been using the CANVAS platform as students are aware of how to access this.

Staff have also been conducting regular online meetings to assist with student learning. This has either been through Microsoft Teams or Zoom. It is important that if there are difficulties in accessing information, students should contact their teacher, either through CANVAS messaging or emails.

All Year 12 students are nearing the completion of their courses. With the new date for the commencement of the HSC Examinations, there will be plenty of time for revision of content for ATAR courses.

Year 12 SLR had just enough time to complete their golf practicals. Sports Coaching students are nearing the end of their accreditation and need to focus on fulfilling the requirements of all events.

Year 11 completed course content in the past few weeks online. Hopefully, all have been working on their revision techniques. There have been numerous revision activities placed into CANVAS to assist with their Final Online Assessment.

Wishing all students, a safe holiday period and return to school.

Paul Cola , Head Teacher, PDHPE



FACULTY UPDATES

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

HSC visual arts students have prepared and submitted some wonderful artworks across a range of mediums. Congratulations to the students and teachers for creating such impressive work.

Drama, dance and Music students are preparing to present their performance and elective choices, and have been diligently practicing whilst working from home.

12 Dance were asked to recreate a pose from their prescribed work 'Sarabande' by Jiri Kylian. Students then learnt some of the choreography from the work to gain a deeper appreciation for the concept and movement choices used by the choreographer. Thanks for sharing your photos (below).

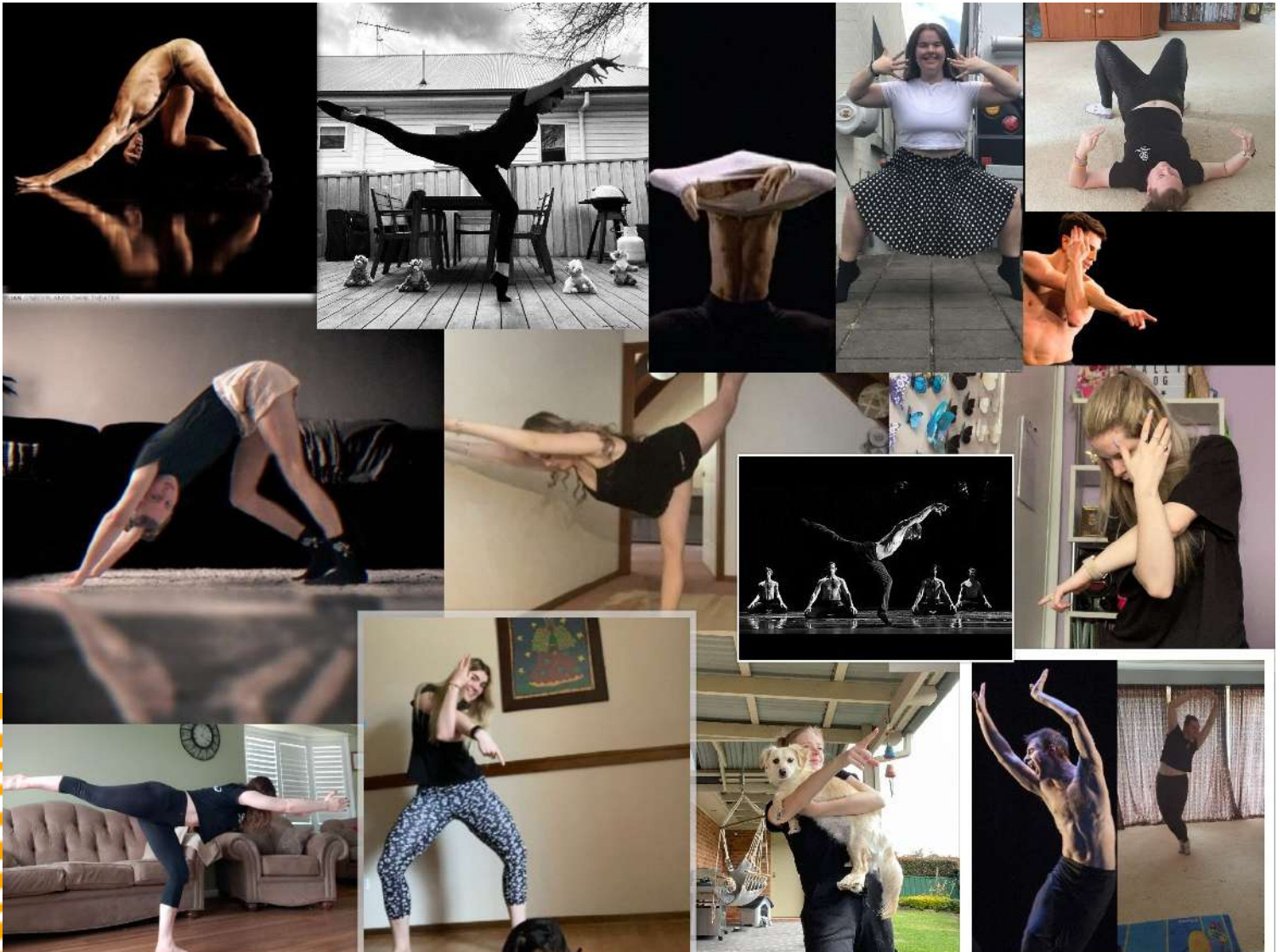
Congratulations to Jayden Swan of year 12 dance who has successfully auditioned for Brent Street Performing Arts school in Sydney.

Drama students submitted their HSC drama projects online at the end of August. Ms West said "The circumstances under which they have had to complete them with only online support was extreme, but they all got over the line! I was online with the whole class during submission day and the messages of inspiration to each other was mind-blowing.

They have grown even closer during lockdown and have constantly been building each other up in a way that I have never seen in 25 years of teaching. They are a very special cohort - supporting each other with kindness, compassion, resilience and laughter."

I am in absolute awe of this cohort of Year 12s!" (and we are in awe of you as well Ms West!)

Jamie Mitchell, Head Teacher, CAPA



FACULTY UPDATES

MATHS

The Faculty would like to congratulate Year 12 in this most difficult of situations. We anticipate to have ALL courses finished before the end of Term, with our staff continuing online lessons.

Students should be focused on Revision of all topics covered throughout the last 2 years - both Yr11 & Yr12 content will be examined.

All students should continue to access resources such as Canvas including Calendar & Announcements, Edrolo our online Senior Student program for this course, but most importantly stay in contact with your teacher.

The same comments could be made to our Year 11 students as they complete Online Assessments. The number of notifications of students completing Edrolo quizzes as they prepare for these Assessments has been extremely encouraging.

Students completing Mathematics Standard in Year 11 have the choice of choosing Mathematics Standard 1 and Standard 2 as they enter Year 12.

I will be posting more information regarding these 2 options on Canvas and plan to run a quiz to collect student intentions.

Neil Wright, Head Teacher, Mathematics

SCIENCE

The term for Science at Jesmond started fantastically. The Year 12 students were sharpening their skills for the upcoming Trial assessments and finishing off the last content for their courses. The Year 11 students were beginning to see the finish line and enjoying the thought of starting their final year of schooling. Year 11 Biology students were eagerly looking forward to travelling to the Hunter Wetlands Centre for a full day excursion as part of their third assessment. And then overnight the term changed!

Despite this, the students have showed great resilience to continue on with their studies. Year 12 students have just completed their online assessments and were able to show an awesome level of understanding of the Science courses. Year 11 have continued to learn remotely and are preparing for their own online assessments.

All of the Science teachers are looking forward to having students back in classroom as soon as it is safe to do so. Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or myself if you have any questions or inquires.

Jivvel Kilham, Head Teacher, Science

THE GREAT ART ROBBERY IS A RUN AWAY SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our Life Skills and Support Unit students who produced an outstanding short film "The Great Art Robbery"! The film was submitted for the 2021 Connections Program Digital Showcase and will feature as part of the 'Found Objects' collection.

Our students' work has been selected as part of a resource package that will highlight the creativity and innovation of students as well as inspire teaching practices for teachers, support staff and parents. The showcase is expected to be available from Term 4.

"Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus has been admirably represented and this demonstration of excellence is a fine achievement and a testament to the strength of quality public education", said Brooke Paulley, Arts Unit at the Department of Education. Well done team, I am absolutely thrilled and so proud of you all.

Megan West, Drama



JESMOND SNAPSHOTS

Incursions, excursions
and other online
learnings...



IMAGES: L to R
 1 Virtual Choir during lockdown
 2. Callaghan College Boys Rugby League team
 3. Hospitality students
 4 & 5. Textiles students
 6. Ms West with drama students at Sydney camp
 7. Mr Woodhouse and Ms Towers from Waratah with netball pads created for the Newcastle Knockout
 8. Our PDHPE teacher, Ms Pickard keeping active during lockdown
 9. Textiles still in progress

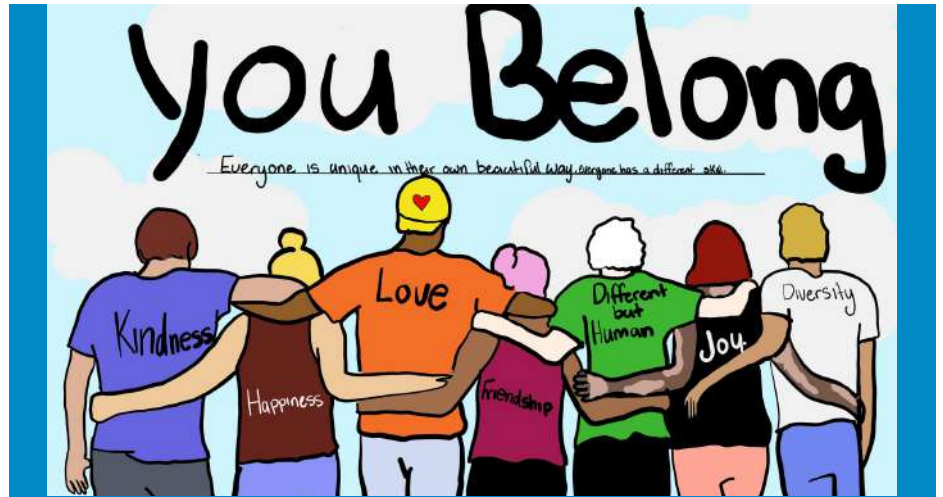
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 2. English excursion
 3. Emily C for CAPA Hub comp
 4 & 5 Major works Industrial Technology- Timber in progress
 6. Students enjoying Golf practical
 7. Major works Industrial Technology- Timber in progress
 8 Matilda with Mrs Clydsdale at UoN for lecture on post-COVID world (pre-COVID lockdown!)
 9. Major works Industrial Technology - Timber in progress

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