

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S WRAP UP 2021

I want to congratulate all the students for your hard work and success this year, especially in the light of what has been another challenging year for education.

To have had the disruptions and changes to the way your learning has been delivered has required both resilience and perseverance.

At this time of year, I like to acknowledge not only the student achievements, but the many people who have made a significant contribution to support our students.

To our families, your support at home is of paramount importance to the success of each and every student in this community of young people.

Our College is fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them and acknowledge their efforts throughout the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our SRF, who have and continue to make such a valuable contribution to this campus, College and community.

Congratulations to next year's captains: Charlotte Boyd, Griffin Evans, Sophie McGuinness, Liam Phung, Ella Gardiner and Edward Mogg. We will have a formal presentation assembly in early 2022 for our leadership team, hopefully when we are able to have families on site again.

Despite the restrictions, it has been an incredible year for our education community.

We have welcomed our 2022 Year 11 Cohort to the campus with introductory classes and study sessions, and have more than 67 courses programmed for next year's study timetable.

I am very proud of our outgoing students, with 275 students completing Year 12. Many of our students have already received early entry offers to university (including NIDA). I look forward to hearing from our new Alumni on their further studies and career pathways next year.

Have a wonderful holiday break and I look forward to working with our families again next year!

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



KEY DATES

DECEMBER 16
Last day Term 4

JANUARY 20
ATAR results released

JANUARY 21
Changes to University preferences deadline for January Round 2

JANUARY 24
HSC results released

JANUARY 26
Round 2 University offer based on ATAR and IB results

JANUARY 28 & 31
Staff development days

FEBRUARY 1
First student day for Year 11 & 12 Term 1

MARCH 28
Deadline to download ATAR Advice Notice - after this it cost \$60

2021 Year 12 Formal rescheduled date to be confirmed

*Any changes to school calendar will be sent out via email.

Enjoy your break

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contact details change**

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With the final HSC exam for 2021 finishing on Friday 3rd December, student, parents, caregivers and teachers breathed a huge sigh of relief. After the initial 4 weeks delay to the start of the exams this year, 239 of our students sat approximately 1220 individual exams. The demeanor and behaviour of our students were described by the exams presiding officer as exemplary and the "best she has ever seen." Well done, class of 2021!

The night of the 3 December also saw our HSC graduation take place, with many of our fantastic students and young leaders receiving well deserved awards.

Congratulations to all our students on the successful completion of their HSC year. A big thank you to the parents, caregivers, teachers and auxiliary staff who supported them through 13 years of schooling and helped them navigate through their Covid affected senior studies.

Monday the 6th December was the last official school day for our 2021 graduates, and it was with sad regrets that we said goodbye to our students. It has been a true privilege and honour to get to know these students and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Unfortunately due to COVID outbreak in Newcastle this week we have had to postpone the year 12 Formal. We will be in touch with students via email when a new date is set. Refunds will be available for students who are unable to attend on the new date.

We hope they have enjoyed their time at Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus and remember us with fondness as they move on to the next big adventure in their lives.

As one cohort completes the HSC schooling years, another cohort begins and as such we welcomed year 10 from Wallsend, Waratah and Out of zone to the Jesmond campus for the transition weeks. Students participated in a range of lessons getting to know our campus and many of their teachers. The 2022-3 Year Advisers, Mrs Kim Ninness and Mr Reece Fellas were on hand to meet these students and get to know them for the coming years. I hope this new cohort of students will be as successful as the one we have recently farewelled.

I wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Yours Sincerely
Sara Pendergast

Recognising Excellence

We celebrate the successes of our students from across the College at the conclusion of each school year.

I would like to acknowledge the following students who have shown outstanding dedication to their education and our learning community, and have received Callaghan College Excellence Awards at the recent Year 12 and Year 11 presentation assemblies:

Year 12

- Cultural Excellence Award 2021: Ethan Holloway
- Future Learning & Innovation 2021: Cody Bailey
- Sports Excellence Award 2021: Riley Twiss
- Leadership Excellence Award 2021: Jacinta Whiley
- College Principal's Award 2021: Ryan Dowman

Year 11

- Special Education Award 2021: Whytee Clulow
- Sports Excellence Award 2021: Montana Quick
- Future Learning & Innovation Award: Tyga Muir
- Citizenship Award 2021: Sophie McGuinness
- Cultural Excellence Award 2021: Indea Fouracre
- Leadership Excellence Award 2021: Griffin Evans
- Leadership Excellence Award 2021: Charlotte Boyd
- College Principal's Award 2021: Cameron Gould
- 2021 First in Year 11: Sophie Henderson

This year our students have shown amazing resilience and determination across all three campuses of Callaghan, with staff and families instrumental in ensuring a continuity of learning from home during lockdown restrictions, and encouragement for adapting back into campus life, with continued uncertainty.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff across Callaghan for their ongoing commitment to empower our students in their learning, each and every day.

I wish all our families a safe and peaceful holiday, and I look forward to seeing many of you again next year.

Ms Kylee Owen,
College Principal



2022 HERE WE COME...

Our 2022 Year 12 cohort have settled in to the rhythm this term of their final year of schooling with students finalising their HSC courses, taking up extension classes and submitting their first formal assessments towards their HSC.

Year 12 is an exciting year as you hone in on your learning to reach the best pathways for your career goals. You'll get plenty of advice along the way.

- **Find your passion and work on your strengths:** it takes dedication and a lot of practice to be good at something, so concentrating on areas that you are already interested in will help you reach your goals.

- **Work hard, but find a balance with downtime:** many hours of effort and hard work goes into a successful HSC year - and it can come with sacrifice, persistence, disappointments and dedication. Be sure to balance your time with something that gives you down time and peace.
- **Make the most of the opportunities Callaghan offers:** make use of study sessions, work with your teachers to hone your knowledge and get involved in the extra curricular available, including careers advice and work experience opportunities.

I encourage you all to make the most of this summer break, and return recharged and focused for 2022.

Mr James Ostermann
Deputy Principal

The Great Art Robbery takes centre stage in Arts initiative

The Department of Education has called our students "inspirational" for their creation and production of the original play, "The Great Art Robbery".

Earlier in the year, our Lifeskills and Support Unit students worked alongside teacher, Megan West to create, produce and perform this multidisciplinary play. Combining the disciplines of visual arts and drama, it tells the story of a stolen sculpture and the artist's attempt to get it back. The play poses the question: What is art and how do we value it?

Students worked together to create the concept, write the script, select costuming, and create a set design. Skills in organisation, cooperation, collaboration and communication were the focus of the project and students excelled in further developing these.

It was selected for the NSW Public Schools CONNECTIONS program, an initiative of the Arts Unit. Not only was our Jesmond entry selected for the showcase, we were then asked to be the featured school in the promotional video for the 2022 program.

We met a very tight deadline of less than a week to shoot, edit and submit our contribution for the promotional video, which was released on International Day of People With Disability on December 3 this year.

This project has seen incredible outcomes achieved by our students, with full support of parents and carers.

We look forward to being involved again next year! Have a look at the promotional video in the link below and look out for the cheeky cameo at the end!



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The benefits of being present

It has been so nice to welcome all students back this term onsite and to provide them with extra support in person. I would like to recognise the challenges that the students have experienced whilst learning remotely, but also acknowledge the resilience and the adaptability that they have demonstrated. Congratulations to you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the expectations regarding attendance at Jesmond. Regular attendance is imperative for the achievement of quality academic and social outcomes. Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.



A student with an attendance level below 95% is educationally disadvantaged. We seek your assistance at the start of next year as parents/carers to ensure that your child arrives on time and is present every day. We require a prompt explanation to the school if your child is absent. If you require support regarding attendance, please contact the school.

Best wishes for a relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period. Take care and stay safe. I look forward to continuing to provide support in 2022.

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

Annual Sports Awards 2021

Year 12 Sports Awards

Hunter Regional Representatives Special Sports Award

Jane Abu, Kane Bailey, Maddison McGuigan, Hayden Moore, Olivia Moore, Fletcher Myers, Brendan Rutherford, Riley Twiss, Kyah Watters

Sporting Excellence Award: Maddison McGuigan, Olivia Moore, Fletcher Myers, Riley Twiss, Kyah Watters

Commitment to Sport - Athletics

Jane Abu, Fletcher Myers, Tiahna Skelton, Paige Worley

Outstanding Sporting Team Performance - Rugby League

Bailey Hepplewhite, Jeremiah James, Fletcher Myers, Kurtis Pitt, Lachlan Smith

Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal: Lily Spooner

Callaghan Senior Sportsperson of the Year: Fletcher Myers

Year 11 Sports Awards

Hunter Sporting Representatives - Chloe Allan, Zali Chippendale, Amber Clarke, Preston Conn, Kaiden Dann, Tyrese Gordon, Sophie Henderson, Montana Quick, Bailey Scholes, Arman Zolfaghari

Outstanding Team Sporting Performance - Rugby League

Jordan Blundell, Preston Conn, Kaiden Dann, Tyrone Edwards, Tyrese Gordon, Samuel Guy, Elias Kennedy, Deacon Lewis, Bailey Scholes, Napoleon Sipendi, Jacob West

Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal - Eve Farmer



Lily Spooner



Eve Farmer



FACULTY UPDATES

ENGLISH

The English faculty would like to wish all our students and their families a beautiful Christmas and happy new year.

This term has been very industrious and much of it has been dedicated to supporting our 2021 Year 12 students to revise their English courses to be prepared for their English HSC Examinations. Our teachers have been impressed with these students' resilience and flexibility as learners in this year's unique and difficult circumstances. We wish them well for the future. We are confident that they will contribute actively to their communities and become valued citizens.

2022 Year 12 students have also hit the ground running this term since returning from online learning. All HSC courses began this term, completing the common module Text and Human Experiences which involved them designing a multimodal presentation. This is always a challenging task, but essential in developing the students' 21st Century critical and creative thinking skills.

I would like to finish with a report and photo written by our Extension 2 English teacher, Ms Callaghan, describing an online student study day which she organised to support these students with this academically challenging course. We are pleased to announce that we had record numbers choosing this course for 2022 and these students have already decided upon the directions of their major projects.

We have also written a variety of new teaching and learning programs this term and we look forward to improving English learning opportunities for both our Year 11 and Year 12 cohort in 2022!

Barbara Davis, Head Teacher English

Extension 2 Study Day

On 19 November the English Extension 2 students had the opportunity to attend an Online Seminar organised by the NSW State Library. Students listened to professional writers, professors who specialise in the composition process and a variety of past Extension 2 students who achieved outstanding results when completing this course.

This was a valuable experience where students gained knowledge on the composition process, insight into the level of research required to ace this course and how to research effectively. Students also engaged in a Q&A with past students and highly regarded professionals in the writing field. It was a day filled with academic discussion about literature and the writing journey that they are about to embark on.

Georgia Callaghan (Extension 2 Teacher)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS/COMPUTING

Welcome to the final update for 2021 from the Industrial Arts / Computing Studies Faculty. It has been an incredibly disjointed and stressful year and I would like to thank our staff for their dedication in getting us through unscathed.

Congratulations to the students in our courses for their efforts over the year, especially to those who have completed Major Projects under the most trying of circumstances. The quality on display has been outstanding and is a credit to all involved.

Finally, best wishes to our graduating HSC students. Whether it has been achieving the ATAR you desire or the HSC and /or VET qualification you've earned thank you for letting us be a part of your final two years of school. We wish you well for the future.

Stewart McKinnon, Head Teacher Industrial Arts

HOME ECONOMICS

Hospitality: With the 2021 year 12 group completing the requirements of the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations our focus has shifted to the HSC class of 2022. Students from several classes were involved in the catering required for our school showcase of major works. This involved making and then serving a range of gourmet products to guests. Our dual qualification students in Hospitality Specialisation are also looking at different serving styles and created a pasta bar to test their skills. All classes are rapidly making up time in the kitchen which was lost to lockdown so that they are up to date for next year.

Food Technology: Our food technologists have almost completed their first HSC module: The Australian Food Industry. Students examine Australian food producing companies and discover the industry's value to our society and economy. They research Australian companies both large and small and investigate the products that they create.

Textiles and Design students are commencing their major works. They are discovering the process of design and applying the skills that they acquired in yr11 to their final product. The design folio is a major component of the work and is an area which students are working on to assist in the planning of the project. Many of 2021 major works were displayed at the school showcase evening, serving as inspiration to the new year 12 students of 2022.

Exploring Early Childhood have been creating nutritional foods for young children. Recognising the value in healthy diets for children and how important it is for growing bodies. Students designed healthy options for party food as well as looked at different nutritional benefits of specific foods for infants and expecting mothers.

Bruce Killen, Head Teacher Home Economics

FACULTY UPDATES

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus is proudly committed to supporting Aboriginal students by providing cultural opportunities, academic support, career and transition planning, and this year has seen some exceptional opportunities and outcomes for our students.

News of our Aboriginal students' academic success in terms of HSC completion, university entry and gaining a Ma Morley scholarship for a third year in a row has led to interviews with NITV and Cairns Indigenous radio.

Our cultural programs led by Alex Nean and Haylee Mills enabled our dancers and Yidaki players to perform at the NRL Indigenous round, Anzac Day and numerous school assemblies.

Students from our Junior Aboriginal Consultative Group delivered Acknowledgement of Country and were involved as leaders in the development of our College Acknowledgment video. Our President, Lilly Davies received The Aboriginal Student Leadership Award at the AECG's Make a Difference Awards.

Students also have made successful transitions to trade apprenticeship and received support from the NRL's School to Work program. Students have had meetings with our careers team to ensure their pattern of study matches their aspirations and that they received current information regarding future career pathways.

Bridgette Hey and Tammie Neal provided academic tutoring to support students with assessment tasks and examination preparation.

CAREERS/VET

Our Year 12 HSC students took advantage of individual career interviews to assist in their planning for a transition to further study and/or work. Students were assisted in applying for University and TAFE courses with many receiving early offers through the School Recommendation Scheme. Students were given assistance in finding and applying for scholarships, alternative entry schemes and enabling programs.

Some of our students have also commenced a trade career through gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship at the completion of their school delivered Certificate credential, a School Based Traineeship or through our Apprenticeship Incubator Program. Students took advantage of virtual careers expos, interviews through zoom and interactive websites to help develop their Career and plan.

Students were supported through our network of organisations including Careerlinks and The Newcastle Council's Youth Industry Partnership, JobQuest's Transition to Success and The NRL's School to Work Program.

2022 Year 12 students have had many interviews to assist them refine their pattern of study for their HSC year. A Careers Newsletter has been emailed to students on a weekly basis to ensure they kept up to date on employment, study and scholarship opportunities.

Our team prides itself on meeting the needs of all students and aims to assist in the development of careers goals and pathways.

Stephen Ley, Head Teacher Careers

SPECIAL EDUCATION

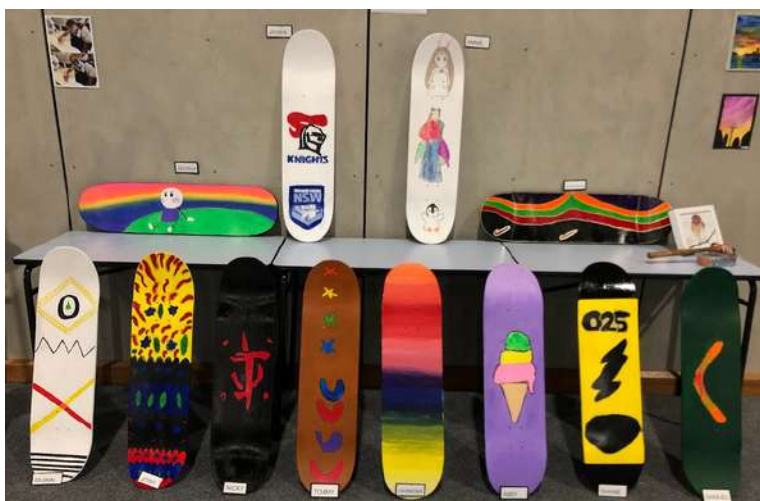
As I'm sure everyone is aware of challenges faced by staff and students in 2021. This has not stopped everyone in Special Education from going above and beyond to achieve some amazing outcomes. I would like to make special thanks to the teachers and SLSO's as the progress made by the students would not be possible without all their effort and commitment they put into each lesson.

On behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to congratulate Special Education Year 12 2021. They have risen above the obstacles faced by them in the past two years and it was a pleasure to celebrate the evening with them at their Graduation dinner. We wish you all the best for your future, whatever that may be.

Jeffrey Riley, Head Teacher Special Education

The Special Education CAPA students have been busy creating skateboard designs and a series of watercolour artworks this term. The artworks were displayed recently at the Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Art Exhibition. Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding creations.

Mrs Tamara Valentine and Mrs Nicole Powell



FACULTY UPDATES

PDHPE

12 Community and Family Studies: Students have been working hard on their Independent Research Project (IRP). This has started as a group task with a topic chosen. Students have been creating their questioning tool to gather data to analyse. The aim is to have their questioning tool out for early next term to collect data. Keep an eye out for invitations to complete the questioning tool in the near future.

12 Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education

Students have just completed their first Assessment Task which was based on the Sports Medicine Option. There were some outstanding responses given in the take home research and in class components. Classes have been given substantial feedback. Advice for future tasks would be to submit drafts for critical feedback. This will ensure that the response is aligning itself to the relevant syllabus content. Seeking guidance from staff will ensure success in their writing.

12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

Volleyball has been the main sport studied in the later stages of this term. Students have been developing their skill set across all facets. They are developing their teamwork skills to create some exciting game play. The level of improvement in their digging and setting is allowing time to set an attacking shot with success. Defensively, students have now developed stronger anticipation skills to repel potential attacks.

12 Sports Coaching III

This term students have designed coaching sessions that cater for athletes with specific needs. The focus has been to develop fundamental motor skills of students with specific needs. The class have been programming sessions with the Support Unit students who have been placed into mainstream classes. This has been a rewarding time to see the growth of our future coaches.

With the long summer break, it is advisable to have all of Term 4 content summarised. This will take the pressure off when school resumes in 2022 and will also serve as revision to consolidate the learning.

From the entire PDHPE faculty, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all back in 2022.

Paul Cola, Head Teacher PDHPE

HSIE

Our dedicated year 12 Modern and Ancient History students volunteered their Saturday to travel to the University of Sydney to participate in the HTA Study Day. They attended university style lectures on their HSC history topics in preparation for their upcoming examinations.

Jessie Blanch, HSIE Teacher



Term 4 has proven to be a source of great strength for both staff and students of the HSIE Faculty. We all witnessed the inevitable turning point between online and face-to-face learning, and staff and students have handled this with an impressive degree of composure, perseverance and enthusiasm.

To the current year 12 on behalf of the HSIE Faculty, I say thank you! Thank you for giving your best in an era of dynamic change that may never be repeated or at the very least, seen on a scale quite like this. You have held yourselves well and the key to your future journey lies in your hands. If you truly believe it, you can achieve it!

To the new year 12, you have all settled in and commenced your journey on what can be a great 12 months of your life. Learning is about more than numbers, ranks and specific subjects. It really is about how you harness your strengths, accept and develop your vulnerabilities, and learn to navigate the world in which you live. Your biggest strength is your youth and your character. Find what excites you and run with it. This time is precious, you will make mistakes, you will have successes, but all in all, ride the wave and never give up. They say that grit is the number one characteristic in defining who will be successful or not. So, embrace the change that comes with each day, be kind to one another, and try to be the best version of yourself every day.

Have a fantastic break and we all look forward to a great year ahead in 2022!

Cale Wallace, Head Teacher HSIE

FACULTY UPDATES

MATHS

All students have recently completed their first HSC Assessment Task. It is essential that students gain the maximum from this experience.

The Assessment Task should give you an overall feel for how well you are progressing in your course. Be honest with yourself. If your results were not as you expected, then now is a good time to find the cause.

Even though the next task may seem a good way off, now is the time to plan your strategy. Feedback from the task will disclose the concepts with which you are having difficulties. These topics should form the core of any review you undertake. When revising do not fall into the trap of concentrating on topics you already know well and ignoring those you find hard.

Many HSC students have purchased the Past Papers booklets. These are an excellent source of study and practice material. The 2022 booklets will be made available for purchase in early Term 1.

Students are encouraged to begin the process of producing chapter summaries for all topics studied in Year 11. All levels of Mathematics will examine some of the Year 11 course in the HSC Exams and students must be prepared for this – our most recent HSC Exams have again reminded us of this paradox.

To participate fully in class activities students need to come to class equipped with appropriate materials, including a calculator (\$20, Maths Staffroom).

Best wishes for the Season,
Neil Wright, Head Teacher Maths

SCIENCE

What an incredible year this has been for all students at Callaghan College Jesmond. A year of challenges, lockdowns and anxiety but also one full of success, achievements and joy.

The Year 12 cohort have completed their HSC exams, with some very challenging papers for Science subjects. As a faculty we wish all our students the best, and hope they achieve everything they hope for from their HSC year. It was a great joy to see all students graduate with special mention to students who achieved awards for Science.

The new Year 12 students have settled into their HSC year. Our teachers have all commented on how well this cohort is travelling and look forward to this continuing next year.

We would like to wish all the families, friends and former students of Callaghan College Jesmond a safe and happy holiday. 2022 is shaping up to be a big year for Science!

Jivvel Kilham, Head Teacher Science

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

After a long journey through online learning it has been fantastic to spend the last 6 weeks with students face to face in our wonderful CAPA classrooms. The place has been a buzz with student activity, and while it is nearing towards the end of a very long year our students' motivation and creativity has been at an all-time high with top quality work happening across all of our subjects areas.

Visual Arts and Photography

Congratulations to all students who had their work included in the 'Reflections' exhibition at Stockland Jesmond and the 'HSC 2021 Showcase'. The feedback from the community was extremely positive, it was wonderful to see so many acknowledging the exceptional talents of our students. For those students who would like to collect their artworks and prints, please make contact with your classroom teacher.



Dance and Music

2022 Dance students completed their first HSC assessment for Core Performance.

A technical dance based on Modern Contemporary Dance Technique. Well done to each and every student who gave their personal best – a great way to start off your HSC Year.



2022 HSC music students have just completed their first elective performance, demonstrating some amazing talent across a range of instruments and genres.

A special mention to our 2021 Performing Arts students being recognised at a national level, with Tessa B awarded an Onstage nomination for her HSC drama project, and Sarabi G invited to the coveted NIDA for 2022.

Congratulations to the class of 2021, you have survived a very unique year and you've all come out stronger and wiser! Good luck for your future endeavours and we can't wait to see what you all get up to!

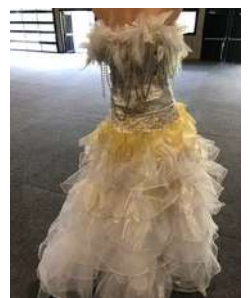
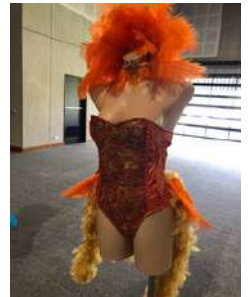
Bec DeSouza, Jamie Mitchell, Head Teacher CAPA

HSC MAJOR WORKS EXHIBITION 2021

This term we recognised all our hard working major work students with our Major Works Exhibition for families to experience and celebrate the large number of outstanding projects submitted for 2021 HSC.

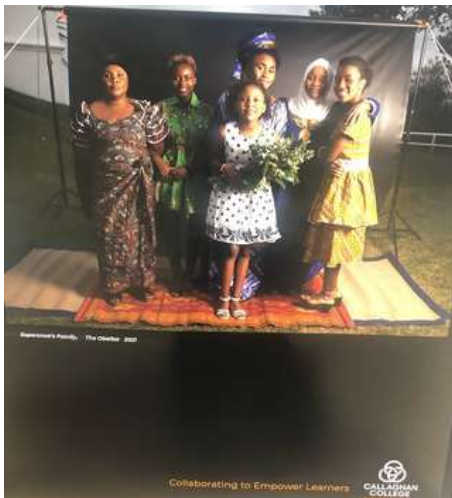
A massive congratulations to all major work students, and for their supporting teachers. See video of the exhibit:

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JESMOND SNAPSHOTS



IMAGES: L to R
 1 Hospitality Specialisation students serving at Major Works Exhibition
 2 Charlotte and Ella, part of new leadership team
 3 Maths Formulas
 4 Construction Accelerated students - Pergola on Jesmond grounds
 4 Photography from Jesmond Centre Art Exhibition
 6. Special Education Skateboard designs
 7. Alex Nean, Bailey Scholes and Stephen Ley playing Didgeridoo
 8, 9. Hospitality Students cooking up a storm



JESMOND SNAPSHOTS CONT...



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 1 Construction students Cubby House
 2. Dance and Yadaki group
 3 Transition Days for Year 11, 2022
 4 Hospitality students whip it
 6 Entertainment Industry students at Civic Playhouse work experience
 6 Outgoing Captain, Jacinta W
 7Ms Ninness setting up Major Works Exhibition

