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## **29 March Family Welcome Night Yr11**

Welcome to all our families joining  
us at Jesmond Senior Campus this  
year. Come along to our Meet and  
Greet night on 29 March in the  
Auditorium, between 4pm-7pm



# Principal's Agenda

Mr James Ostermann, Principal



Jesmond Senior Campus has had a great start to the year. Our students have come back to the campus in good spirits, and we have had a seamless first few months.

Our Year 11 students have transitioned very well and are making their way around the campus confidently and easily. I would like to say welcome to all of our new families in this cohort, as well as the new families that have come with a large number of new enrolments. Our student numbers for 2022 are extremely strong with one of the largest Year 11 cohorts for Jesmond in a number of years.

Congratulations to our HSC class of 2021 who with the outstanding support of their teachers have achieved some great results. We are extremely proud of our class of 2021 as they navigated their final two years of learning. This cohort faced and met disruptions and changes that no other year group has experienced before. There were 15x Band 6s obtained by 13 students making the Distinguished Achievers list. Congratulations to Mitchell Moore who achieved 2x Band 6s, 4x Band 5s and received the highest ATAR in the Year group.

An outstanding course success went to Samantha Howard for her achievement in the Textiles and Design Major Project. Her major project work was chosen "Best In Show" at the Textstyle 2021 exhibition on display at a Sydney Gallery this month, which meant her project was ranked 1st in the state (see Newcastle Herald's article below). There are many other outstanding achievements, personal bests, and inspiring stories and we acknowledge all students for achieving success throughout 2021.

We have had a few staff changes and I would like to congratulate Ms Blanch on her first permanent appointment as a HSIE classroom teacher at a school in the Maitland area and Mr Jennings on his promotion to Head Teacher HSIE at Erina HS. We also welcome back Mrs Kaiser to the HSIE faculty from her parental leave.

Our cross-campus teachers this year are Ms Alchin (English), Ms Maybury (CAPA, Drama) and Mr Densham (Mathematics). All three staff members bring a wealth of knowledge from both the Wallsend and Waratah campuses. New staff members joining us include: Mrs Clements and Mr Foster in the HSIE faculty, Miss Sullivan in Languages and Mr Thorley in PDHPE.

As the year progresses, I am sure you will find we have plenty of exciting events going on and I look forward to sharing this with you and celebrating our students' successes as we go. Our Facebook page has posted many of the highlights and events already this year. Please 'Like' and join our page to keep across many more celebrations and successes this year. Our Senior Campus is great to be a part of.

We encourage Commitment to learning, Opportunities for success, Respectful relationships and Excellence in personal achievements as part of our core values. I look forward to another wonderful year and I thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our campus.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all our families a safe and happy Easter, for those that celebrate this, and a restful school holiday break, ready to have everyone back for a brilliant term two!

**James Ostermann**  
Principal

## Samatha's stylish success

CALLAGHAN College graduate Samantha Howard has been awarded the best textiles piece at the TextStyle 2021 HSC Showcase.

The annual exhibit showcases 40 major works from textile HSC students in Sydney at Gallery 76.

Samantha said she never expected to have her work selected for the showcase.

"When I started to make it I hadn't heard of the showcase before. As the deadline got closer I never thought I would get in it, let alone win it," she said.

Her winning textile project is a medieval gown inspired

by Tudor royalty that consists of five individually created pieces, including a cape, corset, petti coat, skirt and shirt.

"I saw something online and liked the look of the colours and how exaggerated it was with the corsets being so small and the exaggerated hips," she said.

The piece includes 15m of burgundy velvet, 10m of bemsilk lining, and almost four metres of patterned gold velvet. Despite her success, Samantha wants to keep textiles as a hobby, rather than a career. The graduate finished school last year and is now joining the Royal Australian

Navy as a Maritime Warfare Officer while she completes a Bachelor of Science through the Defence Force.

Hunter School of the Performing Arts graduate Jessica O'Reilly also has a pirate-inspired garment on display at the exhibit. "I loved the *Pirates of the Caribbean* films ... so I created a wearable garment that fully showcases all the parts that I love about costuming in those movies like the flowy pieces and all the pleating," she said.

Jessica will study fashion design at RMIT University in Melbourne next year.

— PAIGE BUSH



WINNER: Callaghan College student Samantha Howard has been awarded the best textiles piece at the TextStyle 2021 HSC Showcase. Picture: Supplied

# Across the College

## Mr Roger Macey, College Principal



As most of you may already be aware, I have temporarily stepped into the College Principal role this semester, with Mr Ostermann relieving as Principal at Jesmond.

Thank you to all our families for your efforts during the start of first term to assist our students and staff meet COVID-safe requirements. A special mention to all our SASS staff across the College for distributing the RAT kits to all our families.

It has been wonderful to see students engage so quickly in study this year, with activities and assessments across all cohorts and campuses.

Despite our HSC 2021 Students experiencing two years of disrupted learning as a result of the pandemic, I am very proud to say that last year's student achievements were admirable with many personal bests (and state recognition for some!).

Our College transition team has been working hard behind the scenes for another strong transition program for our students to move seamlessly between junior and senior campuses. Year 10 orientations commence at Jesmond next term, along with a number of joint initiatives with the University of Newcastle.

Our aim across Callaghan remains focused on supporting each student achieve their personal best at school, and to equip our young people with skills for life. On that note, I want to acknowledge and congratulate Alicia Floyer, this year's Hunter Business Person of The Year, and a former student of Callaghan College. Alicia is a proud Callaghan Alumna who now leads her own legal business in Newcastle.

I look forward to seeing what this year's senior students achieve, and working with families to support our young people reach their goals.



Alicia accepting her 'Business Person of the Year' award at The Business Awards, Hunter, in February

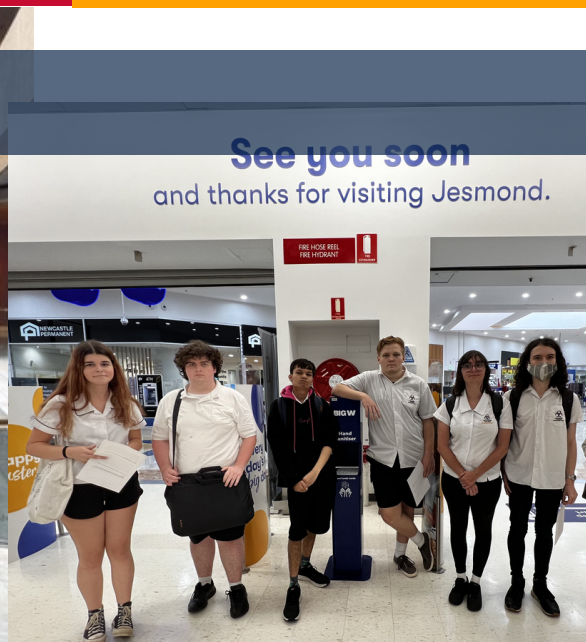
## Introducing our 2022 Captains



L-R: Edward Mogg, Liam Phung, Ella Gardiner, Sophie McGuinness, Charlotte Boyd, Griffin Evans  
Check out their individual videos on our Facebook page for National Youth Week (4-8 April).



# Out and about



See you soon  
and thanks for visiting Jesmond.

**ABOVE: International Women's Day** - our students represented Callaghan at a number of events including, pictured: Ella G, Charlotte B, Sophie McG at Newcastle City Hall with Defence Leaders; and Lucy and Oasis at NSW Parliament House. Top right: Year 12 Retail VET students at Big W learning about latest retail security. **BELOW** Art Master Class in our art studios; Sport Coaching students provide invaluable support at Regional Swimming Carnival in March, Debating team.



**ABOVE:** Year 12 debating team defeated Brisbane Water Secondary College - Woy Woy, in Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. **LEFT:** ADF Careers info session for our students this month. Welcome morning tea for our new students from out of zone. More than 40 students have joined Callaghan this year!

# Year 11 Welcome



**Welcome all our Year 11 student, parents and caregivers to Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus.**

The start of 2022 has been very busy, with approximately 420 new Year 11 students, doing 2,500 individual classes, with 40 students picking up School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships.

We have seen a number of exciting events and excursions already this year, including the students Elevate skills seminar in week 4, fundraising for the flood victims in Lismore with an out of uniform day, the Earth and Environmental science field trip and a Morning tea for our Out of Zone students.

This week we are celebrating Harmony week at school, with various events, including wear an orange ribbon, cultural food and movies.

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Celebrating Harmony day communicates the importance of cultural diversity – encourage values, promote participation and provide some fun ways to learn about other cultures.

In week 8, you would have received an Early Progress Report as an indication of how your child is settling into their new pattern of study.

**Come along to our Teacher Meet and Greet on the 29th of March between 4 - 7 pm. This will give you the opportunity to talk to your child's teachers and discuss your child's progress and any concerns you might have.**

Our Student Representative Forum will also be running school tours on the Teacher Meet and Greet night, and examples of student work will be on display.

We hope you are able to pop in on the night and share a light supper/ BBQ with us. We would very much like to meet all of our families and work together with you to maximise the learning opportunities for our students.

**Ms Sara Pendergast  
Deputy Principal, Year 11**

## Year 11 Parent Meet and Greet Jesmond Senior Campus: Tues 29 March 2022

**WHEN:** drop in between 4:00pm-7:00pm, Tuesday 29 March

**WHERE:** The Auditorium, Jesmond Senior Campus (Enter via the lower carpark entrance on Janet Street). Students are welcome to join you at the event.

**Your opportunity to:**

- Meet some of your child's teachers;
- Take a tour of our facilities;
- Enjoy a light supper;
- Get tips on how to support your child in senior study;
- Find out about key school dates.



# Year 12 Welcome

This year's Year 12 are entering a different world post-pandemic. While the goal of Year 12s will be similar to years past, to achieve your personal best in the HSC year, it will require a reconfiguration of perceptions for many, if not all of us, with the world still recovering.

We will all have to redefine our purpose with respect to changes in society, ourselves, and how we view the world. To build a foundation for success by knowing who you are, what you want to achieve, and what you are willing to sacrifice to get there, will be an advantage to help you stay true to yourself and guide you through this year.

Most importantly, your success will be defined by how you navigate your world. Combining your personal strengths, showing grit, and leaning on the support of your family, friends and teachers, will provide you with the strength to overcome the most difficult obstacles.

In all of the haste that will surround you in a HSC year, take time to gain perspective. Take a walk, enjoy music, lose yourself in a book, meet new people and be kind to everyone you meet.

I look forward to being part of your journey in becoming the best you can be in 2022. Remember: "Success is not in what you have, but who you are" (Bo Bennett).

**Mr Cale Wallace**  
Deputy Principal, Year 12



## Student Voice

### Insider's view of debating team

Rarely in our society do you get the opportunity to argue for argument's sake but debating allows you to do just that.

In a two-hour process, you are challenged to construct an argument supporting a topical issue such as Covid vaccinations or drugs in sport. The one-hour preparation time requires the highest degree of cooperation, as team pull together six key arguments, figuring out where the contestable areas are.

The debate itself is overseen by a chairperson who calls forth the six speakers in order, from 1st Affirmative to 3rd Negative.

Each team member has a definite role with all debaters listening intently to the opposition, looking for flawed reasoning.

As first speaker, I have the responsibility of setting up our team's case, outlining the parameters of the debate. Our second speaker, Liam, begins by rebutting the 1st speaker of the opposition rebuttal before advancing our case further. Last and not least, third speaker El masterfully summarises and closes the debate, responding to every point from the opposition, weaponizing them in favour of our argument. Izzy, the hidden heart of our team, is our fourth speaker, orchestrating our time management, and building the wider argument, managing and maintaining the whole process.

**Griffin E, Year 12 student,**  
First Speaker on Debating team

## PARENT INFO SESSION: 5 APRIL

### The teenage brain: why it thrives on risks

As part of National Youth Week (4-14 April), Jesmond will be hosting a seminar for our families with students in Year 10, 11 and 12 on risk taking behaviours during teenage years.

Presented by our Student Support Officers, Jenna Weatherall (Jesmond Senior Campus), Melissa Griffin (Waratah Campus) and Brooke O'Brien (Wallsend Campus), the 45 minute presentation will provide information and resources for parents and carers on how you can support your child as they become young adults.

**When:** 5:30-6:30pm,  
Tuesday 5 April, 2022  
**Where:** Blackbox  
Theatre, CAPA Building,  
Jesmond Senior  
Campus (Enter via the  
lower carpark  
entrance on Janet  
Street).  
**Who:** event is aimed at  
parents and carers.  
Students are welcome  
to attend with family.



# Faculty Updates

## Maths

Maths students have access to a wide range of online learning programs at Jesmond, including Canvas and Edrolo. We also encourage students to check out Khan Academy, Wolfram Alpha, Wootube (Eddie Woo's site) for additional maths support outside of class.

Students have all received a book containing Assessment Practices and Schedules so they know when a Task is coming up. We also place notifications of upcoming assessment tasks on Canvas.

Please be aware, all maths students need a calculator every lesson. You can buy a calculator at school (current FX-82AU Plus II calculators are on sale \$20 until Easter; \$25 thereafter). These calculators retail for \$35.

## English

This year we are introducing new innovative programs for every English course! These were developed last year by our College English staff. Are you wondering how you can support your student to be successful in English? Encourage them to: stick an assessment planner on their wall; read their texts a number of times to develop more depth of understanding; and to seek feedback from their teacher. We are partners with you in your students' learning journey and are always excited to assist!

In the spirit of active education, we will be offering Advanced Year 11 students the opportunity to attend a performance of Shakespeare's 'Othello' in Sydney. If you are able, it would be great if you could support your student to attend this rich learning experience.

## Science

It has been exciting to see the work being done as Year 12 Science students work towards their HSC exam and Year 11 students start their journey. Most classes have begun a depth study in at least one subject and are busily preparing for assessment at the end of term.

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students participated in a field trip to Shortland Wetlands in March, engaging in first-hand investigations. The students used a variety of sampling techniques while examining the wetland ecosystem, and did data analysis on factors affecting species diversity and abundance. Students also investigated how introduced species and human activity have impacted on this wetland in the past, the present and the future.

## PDHPE

**Community and Family Studies** students Year 11 focusing on the skill of resource management, Year 12 are learning about inequities in community by examining the nature of the group, specific needs and level of access to services.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education** Year 11 are examining the meanings of health, the perceptions individuals have about health and the range of factors and behaviours that influence health. Year 12 are investigating the current health priorities in Australia, including the roles that the health system and health promotion play in achieving better health for all Australians.

**Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation** Year 11 have been developing a range of skills through several sports, Year 12 have been learning volleyball and badminton specific skills, including defensive and offensive strategies.

## HSIE

Year 12 Students have been working on consolidating the learning in each of their specialist areas, as our Year 11 students settle in to HSC learning.

The diverse range of interests of our students in HSIE courses reflects the many opportunities offered by this Faculty.

There have been a few unique learning activities including real world experiences: Retail Students have been learning about retail security in a local Shopping Centre; and the Debating Team has had a strong start to the competition.

Over the next few weeks we will continue to focus on active learning as both Aboriginal Studies classes spend time on Country learning with Community and Geography students conduct Fieldwork along the Stockton Coastal area.

## Special Ed

The Special Education Faculty have enjoyed welcoming our new students into Year 11. They have transitioned well and settled into being Senior students at Callaghan College Jesmond. This is something that the students, parents and carers need to be very proud of, especially given the past few years of disruptions to the students everyday school environment because of the pandemic.

The students will be participating in a number of new programs this year, including "GRIT". This is a program run weekly at PCYC Broadmeadow and provides the opportunity for our Year 12 students to develop resilience through physical and educational activities. It will be wonderful to see how the students will continue develop and mature throughout the rest of 2022.

# Faculty Updates

## Industrial Arts / Computing

Classes have made a consistent start to the 2022 school year. Year 12 students have commenced assessment tasks and work on the Major Projects is pushing ahead. At the same time Year 11 are completing initial studies in their Preliminary courses.

Last year's HSC saw some outstanding results in the faculty. A big congratulations to Ella Jones, Ryan Dowman, Cody Bailey, Gardiner Nelson, Thomas Smith, and Mitchell Moore on achieving Band 6 results in their respective subject areas. Many students achieved their personal best results and they and their teachers should be proud of all their achievements in what was a very difficult two years of senior schooling.

## CAPA

Ten motivated Visual Arts students participated in our masterclass with renowned artist Jane Robinson, creating a unique and personalised mixed media series.

Drama students demonstrated their passion for performance at the recent Masterclass held in our Drama Theatre, finetuning their skills in performance, production and critical analysis.

Music and Music Industry students provided live entertainment for 'Vouch for Lismore' in which the Campus raised over \$2000.

Entertainment Industry students recently toured the Civic Theatre, in preparation for work placement in a range of upcoming events.

Preliminary Dance students successfully auditioned for 2 performances in the annual performing arts extravaganza – Star Struck. This year's show 'Iconic' is celebrating 30 years (Newcastle Entertainment Centre June 14-18).

## Careers / VET

We have a number of students who are combining their senior studies with VET courses this year. Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides workplace skills, technical knowledge and qualifications.

For example, Year 12 Retail VET students are working towards a Certificate III in Retail Services, and recently have been learning how to identify security risks in the retail space with the General Manager at Jesmond's Big W.

We actively provide opportunities for our students to learn more about career options and further study while at Jesmond. ADF personnel presented to more than 100 students and their families in our Auditorium this month, providing information about career options in the Defence Force. Check in to The Hive to find out what else is available.

## Home economics

Year 12 Hospitality students are at Surfest for work placement. Year 11 Hospitality classes start cooking in our commercial kitchens. In their new Chef uniforms, the year 11 students, under the tutelage of Mrs Balzer, learn about safety in a commercial kitchen environment, and begin developing essential knife skills. Year 11 Food Technologists are researching a wide variety of food, Year 12 are developing their own food product. Year 12 Textiles and Design are well underway in their major work construction; year 11 are developing skills in readiness for their first assessment. Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood in year are completing a Pregnancy and Childbirth unit; Year 12 students have completed a first aid certificate as part of their training. This is seen a valuable addition to the course, providing young adults with tangible real world skills.

## KEY HSC DATES

### Friday, 8 April

Last date to apply for disability provisions for the 2022 HSC examinations

### Term 2, 2022

#### Friday 29 April

2022 HSC written examination timetable released (via Students Online and Schools Online).

### Term 3, 2022

#### Monday 15 August - Friday 26 August (week 5 and 6)

Trial HSC examinations

### Term 4, 2022

#### Wednesday 12 October

HSC written exams start.

#### Monday 7 November

Written exams will finish no later than this date.

\*see your Assessment booklet for individual dates for HSC Major Projects and Performances.



# Swimming success at Regionals

15 Callaghan students made the Hunter team to compete at Regional on 15 March, with 7 students now through to CHS Swimming Championships next term. Congratulations to Amber C, Jakob T, Kinnan N and Neeson A through to State, along with Taylen M (Wallsend Campus), and Amie S and Jack S (Waratah).



Swim photos by Mr Paul Cohlo, HT PDHPE

See more Photos on our Facebook page, by HT PDHPE, Mr Colla.

This term, College Basketball teams at the City Zone Knockout Carnival. The Netball team was also highly competitive at the Netball Gala Day on 2 March.





# Class of 2021: HSC celebrations



**Former students back together earlier this term  
to celebrate their HSC achievements at City Hall**

All the professional photos are now available for 2021 students.



# DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Disability Provisions are available for a range of medical and learning conditions. These are practical arrangements to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in an assessment situation. Disability Provisions recognises that some students are better able to perform to the best of their ability in examinations when adjustments are made to their examination conditions.

For example :

- Students with diabetes may need to monitor blood glucose levels and eat during an assessment so require extra time
- Students with a diagnosed anxiety disorder may need to be seated in a smaller group

In Year 12 students must have approval for Disability Provisions from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). NESA requires medical confirmation to approve the provisions.

Students need to discuss their needs with Mrs Kaul (Learning and Support Teacher) if they believe they may require a provision. This needs to be followed up by the end of this Term to allow enough time to gather the relevant reports and evidence to submit an application, and time to lodge an appeal where appropriate.

For further information go to <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/disability-provisions/hsc-disability-provisions-guide-for-teachers-and-parents>

**Suzie Rich**  
Head Teacher, Wellbeing

## OFFICE NEWS & DIARY DATES

Statement of accounts for school fees have been emailed to families. families can pay online, or via our Administration Office. Pay by 1 July 2022 for a chance to win a mini ipad.

### MAR

**Tues, 29:** Year 11 families welcome to Jesmond evening

**28-31** - Surfest work experience for a number of Jesmond students

### APR

**4-14:** National Youth Week

**Tues 5:** Family Seminar at Jesmond for Year 10 - 12 on support at school

**Fri 7-8:** SRF 25-hr Bike Challenge raising money for Got Ya Back Sista

**Fri 8:** Last day of term

**Wed 27:** First day term 2

**Thurs 28:** ANZAC Service at Jesmond

### MAY 22

**Wed 11:** Newcastle Uni Future Students Webinar

**Thurs 26:** National Sorry Day



Once again, Jesmond is teaming up with Surfest to provide our students with work experience at an International event. Students from Jesmond Senior Campus will be onsite supporting the logistics of Newcastle's premier surfing event between 25 March - 3 April.



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# Community notices

## Adjustments to timetables from Monday 4 April 2022

Some minor adjustments have been made to school service and regular route timetables to better reflect congestion and actual travel times to and from schools around the Newcastle Transport area.

We encourage all parents and students to plan ahead and check their trip.

Visit [newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services](https://newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services)



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