



**CALLAGHAN  
COLLEGE**

Jesmond Senior Campus

Newsletter

Term 2, Week 7 2024

# COMMUNITY

Learning and living in our Callaghan Communities



# PRINCIPALS' UPDATE

Dear Families,

Today I can officially share the news with our community that I will be bidding farewell to our school community at the end of Term 2.

After six wonderful years as a principal at Callaghan College, the time has come for me to move on to new challenges and opportunities. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead both Waratah and Jesmond campuses, and I am grateful for the support and dedication of you all.

I will shortly be relocating to Richmond High School as their principal, where an exciting new adventure awaits my family and I.

When I first arrived at Callaghan College I was met with warmth and enthusiasm, and I have been continually inspired by the passion and commitment of our students, the hard work and dedication of our staff, and the support of our parents and community members. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am immensely proud of the progress and achievements we have collectively made.

I have seen our school community come together in times of celebration and in times of challenge, demonstrating resilience, kindness, and empathy. I have had the privilege of working with an exceptional team of educators who have shown an unwavering dedication to our students' success.

I would also like to thank my collegial Principals Ms Kylee Owen, Mr Paul Taylor and Mr Roger Macey, Mr James Ostermann and Mrs Nicole Avard, for their support and friendship over the years.

While I am sad to say goodbye, I know Callaghan College's strong foundation will continue to support and propel the school community forward.

It has been a privilege to serve as your principal, and I will carry the memories and experiences with me wherever I go. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this incredible community, and I wish you all the very best in the years to come.

Kind regards,

Hayley Macdonald  
Principal, Jesmond Senior Campus (Relieving)

Dear Callaghan Community,

On behalf of Callaghan College staff, I take this opportunity to wish Ms Hayley Macdonald, substantive principal of Waratah Campus and current relieving principal of Jesmond Senior Campus, all the best in her next Principal position at Richmond High School. As she has announced, this will be her final term with us.

Ms Macdonald has been a pivotal part of our College community since 2018, during which time she has led with dedication, wisdom, and a commitment to excellence in education. Under her leadership, we have seen an array of positive changes in our academic programs, which have enriched our learning environment and enhanced our students' educational experiences.

While we are saddened by Ms Macdonald's departure, we are grateful for the hard work and passion she has contributed to Callaghan, and we are confident she will continue to achieve wonderful things in her new role.

Please join us in expressing our thanks to Ms Macdonald and wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

I am working closely with our Director, Educational Leadership, Mr Matt Freeman, regarding a successor for Ms Macdonald's position, and this will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this transition period.

Kind regards,

Kylee Owen  
College Principal, Callaghan College





# OUT & ABOUT

Activities across the campus



Our students did an amazing job at the Combined Multicultural Expo. Thanks to the students who worked behind the scenes in our auditorium on the audio visual set up, along with those that worked in Cali's Cafe. Check out more details on page 6. We welcomed students from Callaghan Wallsend and Waratah to our on-campus salon for beauty learning. Congratulations to Tom, Riley and Jayden for your achievements at the Hunter Bocchia Competition. The team placed 6th - an amazing result with the team only learning the game at the start of this term. Congratulations also to Ruby, Isaac, Bridget and Shaye for reaching the semi-final of the Australian Theatresports Challenge. The Young Leaders Conference was also held this term. Thank you to all our current and future leaders for your attendance, organisation and participation in this event. Check out the extended article on Page 5.



# RECOGNISING TEACHING EXCELLENCE

## Celebrating Mr Mitchell

Across all Callaghan College campuses, our teachers encourage students to develop a love of learning and a desire to succeed. As students move into senior learning at Callaghan Jesmond, learning can be more demanding and students work closely with our senior teachers for additional technical support and guidance.

As Head Teacher for CAPA, Mr Jamie Mitchell has taught and guided students in order for them to reach their full potential for many years at our campus, providing hands-on, tangible skills development in the arts, music and entertainment industries.

As a result of Mr Mitchell's commitment to teaching and delivery of curriculum, we are proud to announce that Mr Mitchell reached the finalist stage in the 2024 NSW VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award.

This award recognises innovation and excellence by a teacher/trainer providing nationally recognised training to students. Both staff and students agree that Mr Mitchell is entirely worthy of this recognition.

We congratulate Mr Mitchell on this wonderful achievement.





# YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Inspiring our future leaders

Each year, Jesmond Senior Campus welcomes students from our partner primary schools and Callaghan campuses to participate in our Young Leaders Conference. This is an important event on our school calendar, bringing together current senior school leaders to inspire, develop and motivate the next generation of Callaghan leaders.

With over 80 students attending, this is a big day of learning and interacting. Students participated in a number of workshops to enhance their leadership skills, including: preparing an Acknowledgement of Country, team building, appropriate technology use, interview etiquette, writing and speaking skills for presenting.

With this increased knowledge and confidence, our young leaders returned to their schools with a range of new skills to share.

Congratulations to Jesmond's Student Representative Forum for organising and leading the entire day's activities. The feedback from our partner primary schools has been full of praise for our students leading this program.





# WORLD ON SHOW

Brining our community together to celebrate and educate

The world was on show in Callaghan Jesmond's Auditorium in late May, as we hosted the Community Multicultural Expo for 2024.

This wonderful annual event showcases cultures and communities from around the world through performances, food and information stalls, along with bringing together community organisations and service providers assisting families to live, work and settle into the Hunter's communities.

With Callaghan College having the largest multicultural student population in the Hunter Region, our cultures and traditions are widely diverse. For many families and students arriving in Australia, this event helps them navigate their way in a new community and a new way of life, by providing access to information about our local services in one location. It's also a great way families can make new friends!

Thank you to The Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre at Lambton for organising this community event, along with our students and staff that participated in formal proceedings, behind the scenes as part of the audio visual team, our Aboriginal dancers and those that prepared and served food and drinks in Cali's Cafe.





# CAREER CHOICES

Exploring opportunities at the Careers Expo

This year's Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Career Expo was the biggest yet. With a record number of exhibitors and our largest student cohort to ever attend, more than 500 Jesmond students explored almost endless career opportunities.

From across the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region, more than 4,000 students converged on Broadmeadow Racecourse for the Expo, gaining information, ideas and options from over 125 exhibitors on the day. Our students were supported on the day by our Callaghan College Jesmond Pathways Team, ensuring students are well placed to make informed subject, studying, training and career decisions that will shape their future.

The Careers Expo is always an important event in our school calendar. Thank you to our Pathways Team for your organisation around the event, along with parents and carers for your timely response to our new online permission notes.

## PATHWAYS TEAM

The Pathways Team, located in the Hive, are here to support our students find their own unique study and career pathway. This commences even before they start Year 11, with incoming Year 10 students supported in their transition to senior learning with Jesmond's annual Subject Expo, taster lessons and one-on-one interviews in preparation for next year. This process will soon commence with incoming Year 11 students for 2025.

If you haven't done so already, get to know our Pathways Team, pictured below (L-R) - Annemaree McGirr, Administration  
Karen Allen, Head Teacher, VET/Transition  
Mark Thornton, Careers Advisor  
Megan Bond, Year 12 Deputy Principal  
Pam Long, SBAT Coordinator





# RISING FROM THE EMBERS

## Our local land

During National Reconciliation Week, The University of Newcastle and the Wollotuka Institute held the 2024 Rising from the Embers Festival. This unique festival aims to increase community access and knowledge to local land and water management best practices.

Students and staff from Callaghan Jesmond were proud to attend this festival, learning about culture and land.

Our participation in the event brought us together with individuals and local organisations who share a passion for environmental sustainability and innovation, along with land and water management.

Students were able to learn about these developments and issues, along with celebrating culture, community and the land that we all share.



## NAIDOC WEEK

### Save the date!

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held at Jesmond Senior Campus on Friday 28th June.

Keep the fire burning with a Smoking Ceremony, performances, community

workshops and Blak, Loud and Proud awards for Wallsend, Waratah and Jesmond students.

Celebrations will run from 9.30am to 1.30pm. See you there!



## NAIDOC WEEK

### KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

#NAIDOC2024  
#BLAKLOUDPROUD

Instagram: @naidocweek

X: @naidocweek

Facebook: facebook.com/NAIDOC

Urapun Muy by Deb Belyea  
SAMUAWGADHIALGAL, TORRES STRAIT

Urapun Muy, from the Kalar Kowee Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. After all, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.  
Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok



naidoc.org.au





# SPORTS REPORT

Great results in sports and studies

Some amazing achievements in sport these past few weeks, not only in sporting results, but also our sports coaching students working on the sidelines across various events.

Congratulations to Matty M who has been selected for the 18 Boys Combined High Schools Rugby League team. Well done also to Abby S for making the 18 Girls NSW Rugby 7s team - an amazing achievement.

Our Open Girls Soccer team made the quarter finals of The Hunter Schools Open Knockout after winning in a thrilling penalty shootout. The team unfortunately went down to Kotara 2-1. What an awesome achievement by all the girls!

The Open Boys Rugby League competed in the Hunter Finals of the University shield. Although they went down to Lambton High School in the finals, the boys still progressed to the next phase of the statewide knockout competition.

Tennis was a hit with our Open Boys and Girls Tennis teams competing in the first round of

the schools knockout competition. Thank you to Mrs Pulsford for organising and coaching the students.

Congratulations also to Phuoc N, Harmony E and Danielle R who have progressed to the City Zone Athletics Carnival.

We also wish Bobby H all the best as he competes at the Hunter Region Cross Country Championships in June. Bobby qualified after an excellent run at the city zone carnival held at Blackbutt Reserve in May.

Our Year 11 and year 12 sports coaching students have also been out and about accruing work placement hours and supporting a number of Hunter and Zone sporting events, including primary sport carnivals, Callaghan College Waratah's Athletics Carnival, City Zone Swimming Carnival and PSSA State Championships. All students have represented the Campus in a responsible and mature manner and have positively contributed to the school sporting culture in the Hunter Region.





# HIVE OF ACTIVITY

## Learning Help in The Hive

For all students at Callaghan Senior Campus, help and support is at hand for them to create their own successful learning outcomes. We encourage parents to continue to support your students in taking advantage of our initiatives, for them to make the most of their study time and achieve their educational goals.

The Hive is a great resource for learning support and we are excited to share information regarding several new programs that are available throughout each school week. We encourage students to embrace the opportunity to support their learning and time management skills during study sessions.

Opportunities available include – access to borrow fiction and non fiction books, past HSC and Year 11 Examination papers, HSC work samples and exemplars and language support Wednesday afternoons.

Maths Tutoring – Available throughout the week, including before and after school. This is delivered by peer tutors from Year 12, who have displayed exceptional mathematics skills

in their selected courses of Extension 1 and 2, Advanced and Standard Mathematics.

**Tutorial Sprints** – During sessions 2, 3 and 4 on many days of the week, Tutorial Sprints in writing skills, time management and organisation, note taking and creative writing will be offered. The timetable for these Tutorial Sprints will change every 2 weeks.

Please encourage your students to access these supports and learning opportunities. Working together, we can create great outcomes for our students.

These opportunities are available to students in their study sessions and before and after school. Students can access schedules that include a detailed breakdown for these sessions from Ms Pickard in The Hive. A reminder that students must attend all their regular timetabled sessions at all other times.

For further information, students and families can contact Ms Jennifer Pickard, Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning.





# COMMUNITY CONDUCT

## Respecting and embracing our Callaghan Community

Across Callaghan College, we know that positive relationships make us stronger and better as individuals and as a community. We should do everything we can to nurture and protect these relationships, both on school grounds and in our surrounding areas.

Callaghan College Jesmond benefits from our close proximity to Jesmond Central, with its retail stores and services. For our students, it can be a transport hub, an after school stop for food and supplies or to access casual work and essential services.

Students and families are reminded that Jesmond Central should only be visited by students outside of school hours. And during those times, students should only visit the centre if they are actively engaged in shopping, eating, working or accompanied by an adult guardian. Students should not linger in the centre without purpose and may be asked to leave by management if they do so.

As representatives of Callaghan College, the expectation of all our students is that they uphold the highest standards of behaviour – in school, at Jesmond Central and our extended community.

## REMINDERS



Our uniform is a big part of our College's identity.

Wear it with pride, remembering it reinforces our sense of belonging and identity, both on school grounds and in our surrounding community.



Visit Jesmond Central with purpose – food, shopping, work or accessing essential services.



Only visit Jesmond Central outside of school hours.

## SAFE TRAVELS

### A reminder about car and driving safety

Convenience comes with extra responsibility.

As many of our students enjoy independent car travel to and from school and events, it's important to remember that rules and procedures are in place around our students to promote safe car travel.

All families must complete forms for students to travel in their own cars to and from activities and excursions, along with students who are passengers in those cars. Families and students can access these forms from our Admin Office.

### CALLAGHAN'S CAR USAGE EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to conform to road rules at all times.
- The number of passengers must not exceed the number of fitted seatbelts. Drivers are also reminded about the number of passengers for their individual driver's licence restrictions.

- Student drivers must have a valid driver's licence that a representative of the school has sighted.
- No student may travel as a passenger in a car without the written consent of a parent/carer of both the passenger and the driver.
- Vehicles driven by students must be registered and have comprehensive or third party property insurance.
- At all times, drivers must conduct themselves in a way that is safe and protective of other students and property.
- Students should not be in or visit cars during school hours.

For students travelling with teaching staff in their private vehicles to events, permission must be granted for a student for this travel within the activity's permission note, along with accompanying form.



## STAR STRUCK

It's almost showtime!

A reminder that students from across the region take to the stage this June for Star Struck 2024 - Love It!

With students featured from all three Callaghan campuses, this will no doubt be a wonderful show, full of amazing performances.

Star Struck is on at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on the 14th and 15th June. Tickets are available from Ticketek.

Love it

## 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

<b>JUN 4</b> Year 11 Virtual Parent Teacher Night	<b>JUN 10</b> King's Birthday public holiday	<b>JUN 14-15</b> Star Struck Newcastle Entertainment Centre
<b>JUL 2</b> Student Celebration Assembly	<b>JUL 4</b> University of Newcastle Open Day	<b>JUL 5</b> Last day of Term 2

## YEAR 12 SAVE THE DATES

<b>SEPT 24</b> Year 12 Graduation NEX	<b>NOV 11</b> Year 12 Sign Out Day	<b>NOV 13</b> Year 12 Formal
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