

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

Jesmond Senior Campus

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# Principal's Welcome

Mr James Ostermann

Jesmond Senior Campus has had another fantastic start to the year. Our students returned to the campus in great spirits, and we have had a seamless first term. The incoming Year 11 students have transitioned very well and are making their way around the campus confidently and easily. I would like to welcome all of our new families in this cohort, as well as new families, we have had many new enrolments this year.

Congratulations to our HSC class of 2022 who with the outstanding support of their teachers have achieved some exceptional results. We are extremely proud of our class of 2022 as they navigated their final two years of learning. There were 30x Band 6's obtained by 13 students making the Distinguished Achievers list. Congratulations to Sophie Henderson who achieved 5x Band 6s and 1x Band 5 and received the highest ATAR of 96.750. Outstanding success went to Emily Jones for her nomination to Callback for her HSC Major Core Performance. There are many other outstanding achievements, personal bests, and inspiring stories worth noting and we acknowledge all students for achieving success throughout 2022.

We have had a few staff changes. I would like to congratulate Mr Fellas on his permanent appointment as a HSIE classroom teacher to Kotara HS and Ms Pickard on her position to Lightning Ridge Central for 2023. Mrs Phillips from Wallsend Campus will be taking on this role.

Our cross-campus teachers this year are Ms Barron in Drama, Miss Smith in PDHPE, Ms Perry in Special Education and Ms Kempnick in Mathematics. All four staff members bring a wealth of knowledge from both the Wallsend and Waratah campuses. We also welcome a number of wonderful new staff, who you will all get a chance to meet throughout the year.

As the year progresses, I am sure you will find we have plenty of amazing events going on and I look forward to sharing this with you and celebrating our students' successes as we go. You may have noticed that our Facebook page has posted many of the highlights and events already this year. Please 'Like' and join our page to see and read many more celebrations. 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.

To finish, I would like to 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, Jesmond Senior Campus

2022 Jesmond graduate, Arman (pictured third from right) successfully achieved a Ma & Morley scholarship worth up to \$75,000 towards his University degree at Newcastle. A HUGE thanks to Ma & Morley Scholarship program for continuing to support our students achieve their dreams. Arman is indeed a very worthy recipient of this outstanding program.



# Across the College

Mr Roger Macey, College Principal



We have enjoyed a strong start to 2023 across Callaghan campuses!

Our middle campuses have had a busy couple of weeks with NAPLAN testing. Last week we celebrated Harmony Week, acknowledging the importance of inclusion and diversity. We celebrate families from across the world at all our campuses and thank our students for sharing their culture and stories.

Jesmond hosted the inaugural Combined Schools Dance Performance (see pictures below), with students from Hamilton and Plattsburg Public Schools, HSPA and Callaghan performing together in dance, yidaki and song to family and community. This was ahead of our Aboriginal performers opening Surfest on the weekend of the Indigenous Classic.

Congratulations to our swimming team, with students from all three campuses representing Callaghan at the Regional Swimming Competition, this year held at the University.

I am thrilled to be ending Term 1 with Jesmond hosting over 160 student leaders from across our Callaghan Education Pathways, with all our partner primary school student leaders engaged in a one day seminar on leadership, being led by our College student leaders.

Term 2 will be busy for our senior students as they get closer to finalising their HSC assessments and major projects. Wishing you all a safe and restful break.

Students from Hamilton PS, Plattsburg PS, HSPA and Callaghan together, performing for family and community at Jesmond Senior Campus in March in the Auditorium.



# Year 12 Welcome back

## Deputy's update



As we head into the second term, it is important to reflect on the many successes that our students have achieved in the past few months. The swimming carnival was a wonderful day for all involved, with a fantastic turnout and an incredible display of sportsmanship from our students. Several went on to perform well at the city zone carnival and then the Hunter Trials. Congratulations to our two relay teams and Kinnan Newham and Amy Stephensen.

Our students also had the opportunity to attend an Elevate workshop this term, which provided them with valuable skills and strategies to enhance their academic success. We believe that these workshops are an essential component of our commitment to academic excellence, and we will continue to provide such opportunities for our students.

Our Parent Meet and Greet was a huge success, and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers come along and meet our staff. It was a great opportunity to discuss the progress of our students and to answer any questions or concerns you may have had.

Our faculties continue to organise excursions to enrich the curriculum, including Geography and Earth and Environment fieldtrips and an Excursion to Orica for our chemistry students. These have proven to be both educational and enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing our students learn and grow from these experiences.

With Surfest in week 9, our fantastic Aboriginal dances and didgeridoo players performed in the warmup to the Surfest Indigenous Classic. The year 12 Hospitality students worked all week at the Merewether SLSC House, preparing and serving meals to competitors, sponsors and judges. During the week photography students assisted the Surfest Media team to take live action shots and promote the event. Callaghan College is proud to be celebrating 20 years of collaboration with Surfest, and helping to provide opportunities and skills to youth across the region. We believe that these events are an important part of our school culture, and we encourage all students to participate and make the most of these opportunities.

Assessment season is now in full swing, and students have been working diligently to prepare for their exams and assignments. We encourage all students to continue to strive for excellence and to seek assistance when needed. As always, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education and support. We appreciate your support and involvement in the school community, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months.

**Mrs Sara Pendergast**  
Deputy Principal, Year 12

## Important information for HSC

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Year 12 students and their families/carers, and to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 11 students and families/carers for 2023. Some important reminders from the Wellbeing team:

- We encourage high attendance in senior school, as this has been proven to impact outcomes and student success. If a student is absent, we require an explanation.
- Any Year 12 students that have not returned their paperwork for Disability Provisions need to ensure that they follow-up on this (contact Administration for further clarity).
- Minimum Standards testing for Year 11 students begins shortly. Students need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive a Higher School Certificate (HSC) credential. (We support students to meet the HSC Minimum Standard, and if required, students do have multiple opportunities to sit these online tests).



Please feel free to contact the Wellbeing Team at any time if there is a question or situation you would like to discuss in person.

**Mrs Suzie Rich**  
Head Teacher, Wellbeing



# Year 11, find your spark

## Deputy's update



In this first newsletter for 2023 I would like to welcome all of the students, parents, carers and community members who are so valuable in our day to day business: nurturing children to do their very best in their chosen fields of endeavour. At the time of writing, assessments have begun and the school year is in full swing, so students are now well and truly on their way.

As a student of Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus there are expectations upon you which you will undoubtedly enter either with a positive mindset or with trepidation. Collectively we understand (as best we can) that setting the right standard early does not come easy – but its not impossible. Now is the time to get into a good routine, practise good study habits, and learn to let go and enjoy your surroundings – the world really is there for the taking.

But it is the three elements of success below that I want you to take particular note of:

1. Chance – we all need luck along the way and as they say 'fortune favours the brave'. So take a chance, try something new, do a good deed, and empower others. You will be surprised at where it takes you.
2. Challenge – embrace all new challenges that you face with grit. One step at a time is all it takes, and you will be surprised at what you can achieve through Gradual Relentless Improvement.
3. Commitment – the best commitment that you will ever make is the commitment to yourself. Now is the time to be true to yourself and forge ahead to chase the dreams that you have always wanted. Life is there for the taking but you are the commander of the ship – there is no better time than now.

To all students, I wish them the very best for 2023 and may you all find that spark that sets you on the path to greatness. Remember, the magic lies within you!

**Mr Cale Wallace**  
**Deputy Principal, Year 11**

## Harmony Week

Harmony Week at Jesmond was a week long celebration during Week 9, with orange ribbons and stickers adorning students; Year 11 Assembly focusing on this year's theme "Everyone Belongs", and our celebrated annual Harmony Day morning tea "Peace on a Plate" with students and staff sharing plates of food from each other's cultural backgrounds. Some of our students also painted our Wonder Wall Peace Mural, located near the Canteen.





# Out and About



12 of our students attended QandA in the live audience at ABC's Ultimo studio last Monday. This was a phenomenal opportunity to experience some of our politicians debate critical questions of the day, including The Voice referendum, and Australia's Submarine deal. And, yes, meet journalist extraordinaire, Stan Grant!!!



**Above left:** Master Class with local artist, Jane Eleanor Robinson for Year 11 Visual Arts students.

Year 12 Geography students visited Taronga Park Zoo (Week 8) to learn about the nature and characteristics of a Tourism business, including locational challenges and the impact of COVID on conservation programs. In between lectures, students enjoyed the exhibitions; including the Sumatran Tigers and the Capybaras.

Year 11 team (Tesla M, Barirah K, Chelsea Y, and Dexter B) kicked off the season with a huge win over Smiths Hill Selective HS, debating "abolishing student leadership positions at school".

Year 12 team (Evelyn P, Caitlyn D, Lucy M and Ammar K) defeated Gorokan HS on the issue of vocational education in schools - should it be mandatory? Nay said Year 12 and took the points.

Year 12 defeated Orange HS in Round 2, arguing that we shouldn't ban poker machines.

## Debating teams





# Out and About

Amazing Race, run by our Sports Coaching students, putting our teachers through their paces.



Boys Open  
Soccer - Huge  
Round 2  
Winners against  
Lake Munmorah  
HS 20-0!!  
College Netball  
team, second in  
Zone Gala Day.



College Swim  
team: Congrats to  
Amie S, Jarrad N,  
Jack S, Franki R,  
Kinnan N, Cooper  
M, Issac H, Logan F,  
Cohen U, Taj L,  
Matthew C, Sanne  
D, Moet G, Jemima  
K and Amelai W  
who competed at  
Regional in March.



## SPORT REPORT

A big start to 2023:

- Kinnan Newham and Amie Stephensen performed well in their individual events at Regional swimming. Jakob Thompson will compete at CHS swimming in the multiclass division.
- College netball team came second in zone gala day progressing to regional finals, unfortunately going down in their first game.
- Boys and girls basketball had tough early round matches. The girls making it to round two and the boys only being narrowly defeated by Hunter Sports High.
- Jonas McLean was a member of the boys cricket team.
- The boys and girls touch teams competed at the zone gala day. The boys were undefeated and the girls finished in 2nd place.
- Currently still competing in their respective competitions are the boys softball, and boys soccer.

Upcoming College events include:- Girls College softball, soccer, hockey rugby league, AFL, rugby union, volleyball, tennis as well as boys baseball, volleyball, tennis and rugby league. BIG thank you to all College coaches!!

Successful athletes at Hunter Region Trials include:

- Volleyball- Raymond Moncrieff, Corey Rutherford, Ella Serwach, Mia Stamatelatos, Dakota McRae, Letitia Nairn, Ruby Duff, Georgia Baldwin-Stuart.
- Soccer- Maison King
- Softball- Jackson Frame
- Baseball- Jackson Frame and Thomas Karnaghan
- Rugby League- Jack Haylen
- Rugby Union- Mitchell Balzer and Abby Skehan
- Baseball NSW CHS team- Thomas Karnaghan and Jackson Frame

**Students are advised to keep up to date with College sport on canvas and to see Mrs Atkins for any sport information.**



## Out and About



Evelyn representing Jesmond at the District Lion's Youth of the Year, presenting "the importance of performing arts on our communities".

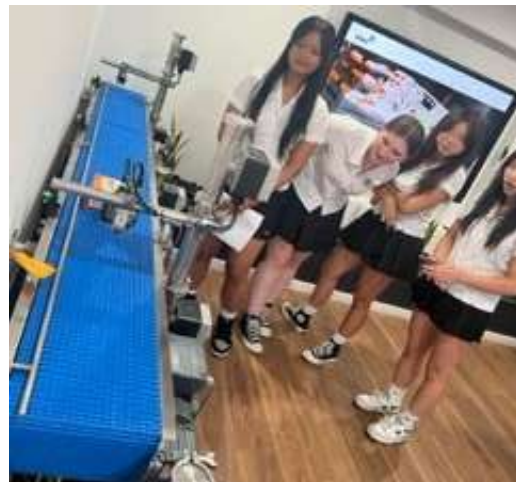
Below: HSIE students learning via Virtual Reality.



NSW Utilities & Electrotechnology ITAB & Agrifood Industry Training Advisory Board with a local company, Process Automation and Controls (PAC) hosted 35 female students from local schools for the Robotics Showcase day in March.

Our students got the opportunity to meet and talk with female industry leaders; gain hands-on experience; access to latest career information including work experience opportunities.

From manufacturing and healthcare to agriculture and surveillance, robotics is helping shape a new world, and automation is becoming a great career option for robotics engineers.



Students enjoying Newcastle Show

## Careers team update

Many Year 11 students booked interviews with the careers team to change their pattern of study in Term 1. This facilitated many discussions on the goals, strengths, interests, and challenges faced by our students.

Callaghan College now has over 100 School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships enabling students to complete a HSC, Vocational Qualification and get paid work and experience in their chosen industry.

Opportunities for employment and training have been communicated to students and their parents/carers through our weekly Careers Newsletter. Year meetings and assemblies have also been utilised to remind students about opportunities and encourage them to step out of their comfort zones and take advantage of opportunities facilitated through our industry and tertiary education partnerships.

Students have applied for TAFE Youth Engagement Strategy courses including Dental Assistant, Music Production, Electro-technology, Refrigeration, Animal Care and Beauty Therapy. Our girls have gained mentoring in Engineering and recently took part in a Robotics careers day.

Presentations by the University of Newcastle focusing on Open Foundation as a pathway to university and on opportunities for all in the Construction Industry will be held in forthcoming Year meetings.

Our next Newsletter will include information on The Newcastle Careers Expo to be held on 18th May. This presents all students with a chance to talk in person to major employers and providers of tertiary education.

**Stephen Ley, Careers Adviser**



# Faculty Updates

## PDHPE

**Community and Family Studies:** Year 12 have just completed their second assessment task, researching a specific topic, collating data and analysing their results. Year 11 will have their first assessment task due. We allow students to provide some draft responses prior to submitting the task, to guide students in their writing and structure in their responses.

**Sports Coaching:** Students have been honing their practical skills in delivering coaching sessions to SLR students. They have demonstrated innovative skill drills that have challenged the SLR students in applying game specific skills. It is important the theory components are completed in order to meet requirements.

**Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation:** Year 12 are now moving towards a racquet based unit in which they will focus on the sports of tennis and squash. As students develop their technique, we will travel to venues that have tennis and squash courts. Year 11 have been experiencing a variety of team based sports to develop an understanding of offensive and defensive tactical plays. SLR course fees cover the costs of excursions, and these can be paid online or at the front office.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education:** Year 11 and 12 have their assessments due shortly. Students are advised to understand the requirements of the task and if there are any concerns, contact their teacher. This will be the first task for Year 11. It is highly recommended that they seek guidance from the teacher in how to address the questions. Students are able to submit a draft to receive critical feedback on their writing style and content.

If students are having difficulties in their understanding of course content, all teachers are available to assist and students are encouraged to utilise the HIVE on Wednesday afternoons as tutors are available free of charge.

## Industrial Arts / Computing

Our Year 12 Industrial Technology (Timber and Graphics) students have been immersed in completing their major works, due early Term 3.

VET Construction have been completing wall and floor tiling. VET Manufacturing have been practising their welding techniques with trailer locks and tool boxes.

Furniture Making have been busy making two-drawer hall tables, bread boards and serving trays.

This year we have commenced a new subject in Industrial Arts Faculty, Horticulture. This is a great course for students who are keen to get their hands dirty, and learn how to create and maintain gardens, assist in soil sampling and nurture plants back to health. This term we have been setting up the garden beds and getting organised to grow a range of herbs and vegetables.

## HSIE

The HSIE Faculty would like to welcome our new staff member, Mr Ben Cameron. Mr Cameron is a highly skilled and experienced teacher of Legal and Business Studies, as well as many other courses within the HSIE portfolio. Congratulations on joining the team at CCJSC.

Between Weeks 8-10, the HSIE Faculty is presenting many assessment tasks across all courses. We recommend our students organise their diaries to make the most of their study time, and please ask for assistance if required. Also, during this time the Geography students will also be undertaking their mandatory fieldwork activities and the history students will be exploring the modern world through Virtual Reality lessons.

Please follow us on Facebook for an update of these events. Finally, thank you to those who attended the meet and greet session and we look forward to continuing to work collectively in Term Two.

## Maths

All maths staff are currently involved in High Impact Professional Learning designed to better identify student needs. Several of us are also involved in HSC pilot marking programs.

This term has seen us complete our second Year 12 Task, and our first Year 11 Task held on 23rd March.

Students absent on the day of their Assessment are required to submit appropriate paperwork, and if it is an emergency on the day of the task, contact the school ASAP.

Don't forget, calculators are a necessary item when studying any level of Mathematics. We sell them for \$25 (take the opportunity to purchase a calculator at this reduced price).

I'd like to showcase some of our student's work – as part of their presentations to the class:

<https://youtu.be/mX5G20ZqHr4>  
<https://youtu.be/h2qXC1W48ao>

## Special Ed

Term one is not always the easiest time for many students as they are returning from a long break, and this can be difficult for the best of us.

The students transitioning into year 11 have the extra stress and anxiety of adjusting to new staff, peers and the school environment. This can be challenging; however, I would like to acknowledge the students for starting the year with a positive attitude and this has been evident with their engagement in some of the exciting opportunities that they have been involved in this term.

I would like to welcome some new staffing additions in the Special Education Faculty for 2023. Naomi Boots will be teaching the newly established MC class, Lotus Killerby has been contracted as her SLSO. Finally, I would like to welcome back Bronwyn Perry one day a week teaching cross campus.



# Faculty Updates

## Home Economics

**Year 12** Kitchen Operations and Food and Beverage students have been honing their skills across all methods of cookery and service skills in readiness for their work placement at Surfest 2023. Working as part of a team with staff from Wallsend Diggers, they are catering for Surfest sponsors and competitors throughout week 9.

In Textiles and Design, students are busy undertaking their Major Textiles Project (MTP) which they have selected from a focus area of interest. The project consists of two components: a textile item and supporting documentation.

Food Technology are continuing their study of food manufacturing and its impact on society.

**All Year 11** classes are developing the skills that they need to succeed later in the year and into Year 12. Hospitality are looking at kitchen fundamentals concerning safety and hygiene while Textiles and Design are being exposed to the initial concepts of design.

Exploring Early childhood commence where it all begins, developing knowledge around pregnancy and childbirth.

Food Technology students are learning about the availability of food and contributing factors affecting the selection of food. A broad array of culturally base foods have been experimented with, including an Arabic lamb burger and lemon myrtle cheesecake.

## English

We have had a dynamic start to 2023 in the Jesmond Campus English and Languages Faculty! Welcome all our new Year 11 students and their families. We would also like to congratulate our 2022 HSC English students, who earned the best results in Advanced English and Extension 1 English since 2001! An outstanding effort.

Please welcome our wonderful new Languages teacher, Ms Carraro, who will be teaching French and Japanese Beginners.

The English faculty worked tirelessly last year to finish designing two new innovative English Standard teaching and learning programs. This will enable us to engage students even more effectively in their learning by developing higher-order critical and creative thinking skills. We are also starting to prepare the brand-new Senior English Syllabus coming in 2025 for Year 11. This is a huge task, and we will be working collaboratively to ensure our programs are differentiated to engage our students and enable them to experience success.

Remember that you can support your student's success in English by encouraging your student to stick an assessment planner on their wall, read their texts at least twice to develop more depth of understanding and organise themselves to seek feedback from their teacher - we are partners in you and your students' education and are always keen to assist!

## CAPA

Congratulations to Abel Lambert, who will be a featured artist in Starstruck this year.

Music industry - Hunter River High attended Callaghan College for a recording workshop day with our students recently.

HSC Photography students attending from 18th March to the 26th March capturing the major events at Surfest through images and film: (Ariana S, Carllea M, Nicholas F, Emily S, Indra G).

Dance: Year 11 and Year 12 Dance students travelled to Sydney to watch the HSC Dance Callback Performance that showcased exemplary dance performances, compositions and films presented by students from across NSW, including 2022 Year 12 student Emily Jones. Year 11 and Year 12 Dance students were also successful in their dance audition for Star Struck 2023.

HSC Photography- some great shots taken on Year 12 Photo-Newcastle Beach excursion. Visual Arts- HSC Visual Art students recently attended the Museum of Contemporary "Do Ho Suh" exhibition in Darling Harbour Sydney.

We are excited to announce that CAPA has begun the planning stages for 'Little Shop of Horrors the musical' with students and staff working on set design, set construction, audio design, vision, staging, costumes, lighting and auditioning for the roles.

## Science

Science students are back in classrooms looking forward to a big year, full of depth studies, practical activities and contextual learning. 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. The students used a variety of sampling techniques to obtain data to examine the biotic and abiotic factors operating within the wetland ecosystem. Students also investigated how introduced species and human activity have impacted on this important wetland environment.

The Year 12 Chemistry class travelled to Orica at Kooragang Island to explore the manufacture of ammonia. This excursion complements the research based around the Bosch-Haber process that they have been working on this term. Students were given a lecture by one of Orica's senior chemical engineers and then taken on a tour to see the plant in action.



# SURFEST

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Some snaps from Newcastle's premier surfing event "Surfest", with students assisting behind the scenes, catering for the Surfest crew and competitors, and our photography students taking photos of the competition. This is a long standing partnership with Callaghan, providing a unique opportunity for our students to gain first hand work experience at an International sporting and cultural event, right here on our doorstep. Thanks to our staff for supporting the students onsite every day of the competition.





# Shaye to perform at Disney World, Orlando Florida!!

**Come on Jesmond, help make her dream come true**

Year 11 student, Shaye recently auditioned in Sydney with 'NEXT Star Production Showcase' (Talent Scout Agency from America) and was one of an elite 30 candidates, selected by international Agents to perform, sing and act at Disney World, Orlando Florida for the 2023 Summer Nationals Showcase for NEXT Star Productions in August this year.

Talent agents will be judging and choosing candidates that may be signed for commercials, to sing,

Shaye's family have set up a Go Fund Me page to help cover the costs of getting Shaye to Disney World, Orlando Florida for this once in a lifetime, dream come true experience.

Shaye's Mum says "We totally understand and appreciate the fact that the cost of living pressures are affecting everyone, but we would be most thankful and appreciative of any donation anyone would kindly like to donate to help cover the cost of flights, airport transfers and accommodation to get our amazing Shaye to Florida. THANK YOU!"

Shaye has been an active and respected member of our Callaghan community, and was vice captain at Wallsend Campus last year. If you can, please support her in this exciting opportunity.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/disney-world-dreams-for-our-amazing-shaye?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_content=undefined&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer-andr&utm\\_term=undefined](https://www.gofundme.com/f/disney-world-dreams-for-our-amazing-shaye?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_content=undefined&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer-andr&utm_term=undefined)



## Calis Coffee Co

A student-led business initiative, the new Coffee van is onsite at Jesmond and open Thursdays between 8:30-1pm.

Term 2 new opening hours - stay tuned. Check out their instagram @calis.coffee or website caliscoffeeco.com

You can also buy your own beans to brew at home.



# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This is an hilarious cult horror- comedy rock musical about a nerdy florist who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant...

Live at our Creative and Performing Arts Centre  
at Jesmond Senior Campus, Janet Street  
**9 - 12 August 2023**

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman. Music by Alan Menken. Poster artwork adapted from Zilker Theatre Production, U.S.

## APRIL 2023

**Mon 3** CEP Student Leaders Conference  
**Thurs 6** Last day of Term 1  
**Wed 26** First day of Term 2  
**Thurs 27** Jesmond's Anzac Ceremony

## MAY

**Thurs 18 May** Newcastle Careers Expo  
**Fri 26 May** National Sorry Day

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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