JESMOND SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS Term Four 2023



2023 wrap up

Year 12 formal in pictures Transition highlights 2023 Year 11 awards



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Principal's 2023 Wrap up

Ms Hayley Macdonald



Welcome to our final Newsletter of 2023. As this year ends, I want to thank and acknowledge all members of the Callaghan College community for their support and care of our Jesmond Senior Campus students.

It has been a term full of success and achievements and it has been a pleasure to relieve for Mr Roger Macey during Term 4.

Term 4 began with our Year 11 students entering Year 12 courses while our outgoing Year 12's began their HSC examinations.

Year 11 spent their first two days in Learning Conferences that began them on their HSC journey and coming full circle - Year 12 received their examination results today.

I would like to congratulate all staff and students for these results. A detailed breakdown will be communicated to our community next year, but many have achieved their personal best in subjects and excelled in areas of speciality. It is credit to all staff and students, and I thank everyone who has worked so hard to support our students in gaining this important credential. Many students already have been offered early Entry to Universities around NSW. This is a wonderful achievement and I congratulate everyone who is about to undertake this new adventure. It was also wonderful to see students nominated for Art Express and regional art exhibitions again this year.

This term also saw our Year 10 students transition successfully from our Junior Campuses over a two-week period and then return to complete their Authentic Assessment Portfolio Interviews. The quality of these panels and the level of discussion around student learning was outstanding and a pleasure to witness – we are looking forward to welcoming them to the Senior Campus in 2024.

This term also saw some of our outstanding sportspeople receive sporting blues for their achievements in Hunter School Sport as well as our performing artists represent the College in Schools Spectacular in Sydney. We certainly have a range of talents on this campus.

We ended the year with our Year 11 Presentation Assembly which recognised students for their academic, citizenship and sporting achievements and was a wonderful finish to 2023.

I am looking forward to joining Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus again in the new year as I continue to relieve for Mr Macey.

Finally, as the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish our entire community a very happy Christmas and a restful summer break. See you all in 2024.

> Hayley Macdonald Principal (rel), Jesmond Senior Campus



Across the College

As we conclude the 2023 academic year, I want to express my gratitude to our outstanding staff across the three campuses, as well as the students and our supporting families. Its been this collective dedication that has made this year such a success!

To our graduating seniors, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Carry the values of our College forward as you embark on new adventures.

I have enjoyed my opportunity to attend end of year celebrations across the College over the past few weeks, and witnessed the acknowledgements and reward for so many students in their pursuit of academic, community, cultural and sporting excellence. Congratulations to all the students who have been recognised for achieving their personal best this year.

Team work, collaboration and inclusivity has also been demonstrated throughout the year, no more so than our recent transition program for Year 10 students at Jesmond.



Other highlights this year for collaboration include our College NAIDOC celebrations, the dedicated efforts of our teachers on crosscampus curriculum development, and our wonderful SRF leading the CEP partner primary schools in a student-led leadership forum. We look forward to this becoming an annual event for our student leaders.

I wish you all a wonderful break, and a merry festive season with your family and friends. On behalf of the staff at Callaghan, we look forward to seeing all our students back in 2024 after a well earned break.

> Kylee Owen College Principal

Students achieve regional and state recognition



2023 Year 12 students Evelyn and Karunguru were invited to exhibit their Major Works at the HSC Exhibition, ART EXPRESS.





Sophie, Thomas and Jackson recently received Blues Awards for their achievements in athletics and baseball at Hunter School Sports Association. Mr Johnson was also inducted as a Life Member of Hunter SSSA.









































































Farewell Year 12 Deputy's update



As we approach the culmination of another academic year, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to reflect on the incredible journey of our HSC Class of 2023. The past few months have been a testament to the resilience, hard work, and dedication of our graduating students.

After finishing their HSC examinations in November, our fabulous students celebrated their much-anticipated Formal at the Town Hall dressed to the nines in their finery. The event was a resounding success, filled with laughter, joy, and a sense of accomplishment.

It was heart-warming to witness the students creating lasting memories with friends and family, marking the end of an era and the beginning of new adventures.

The culmination of their high school journey will be marked by the release of HSC results and ATAR scores on December 14th. We wish all our students well in their next adventure.

As we bid farewell to our graduating class, we warmly welcome 2024 Year 11.

This term's transition period is a crucial time for Callaghan's Year 10 students. Jesmond has hosted these new students with a comprehensive two-week transition program to ease their journey into senior studies.

Students were able to try a range of stage 6 courses, participate in a variety of wellbeing and information workshops. Plus, a lot of fun meeting new people in a number of team building activities. The robot challenge was a standout favourite. Year 10 students and families also participated in the Authentic Assessment interview process, where our teachers had the opportunity to learn more about their goals and aspiration for the future.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the entire school community and extend my heartfelt thanks to students, parents, and staff for the wonderful memories and shared experiences as Deputy. I am confident that the spirit of excellence and community will continue to thrive under the capable leadership of the new Deputy Principal team.

> Mrs Sara Pendergast Deputy Principal (rel), Year 12

Early Offers for our students









Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have received early offers already for university entrance – including Bachelor of Pharmacy, Construction Management, Arts, Nursing, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Psychological Science and Criminology, Education, Laws, Information Technology, Business, Biomedical Science, Oral Health, Civil Engineering, Criminology, Design Architecture, Aerospace System Engineering, Media and Communications, Computer Science, 3D Animation Production, Health Science, Commerce, Business, Visual Communication Design, Mechatronics Engineering, Medical Radiation Science, International Studies, Social Science, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Design. HSC results out this week!

2024 Year 12 underway

Deputy's update

Term 4 always contains so many happy endings and so many new beginnings. I want to congratulate you all for kicking off your Year 12 in such a mature manner.

2024 will be a pivotal year, filled with challenges and exciting opportunities. It's a time for selfdiscovery, academic achievement, and preparation for the next chapter of your lives. I encourage you to enjoy your break, and return next year with enthusiasm, determination, and a commitment to making the most of every moment.

As Year 12, you return in January as leaders in our school community. Your actions and attitudes will set the tone for the entire student body. I have full confidence that you will exemplify the values of our school and inspire those around you through your dedication, respect, and integrity.



Next year will undoubtedly present some challenges along the way, but remember that each obstacle is an opportunity for growth. Seek support when needed, collaborate with your peers, and take advantage of the wealth of knowledge our dedicated staff in each faculty is here to provide.

Wishing you all a fantastic break from school over the holiday period. We look forward to working with students and your families in the New year.

> Mr Paul Colla Deputy Principal, 2023 Year 11

2024 HSC conference

Students kickstarted their official HSC learning this term with a 2-day conference to prepare for 2024 HSC. Tips on study techniques; the importance of balance and maintaining wellbeing; understanding NESA requirements; advice from former students on career pathways and HSC goals...and much more.











Out and about



Parent teacher interviews





School Spectacular performers backstage

Authentic Assessment interviews





Celebrating Learning Achievements







Kylee Owen, College Principal, and Hayley Macdonald, Principal















2023 Year 11 Learning Achievements











Campus Principal's Award







Aboriginal Learning Team highlights



Staff and families from across Callaghan campuses came together to celebrate with our students completing the HSC early in term 4.









Left: 2024 Year 12 Aboriginal students participating in cultural games at Yamuloong in Garden Suburbs, as well as learning language with Kristy Faulkner from Winanga-Y Dreaming, who taught language in Gomeroi. The students also gave feedback on learning at Callaghan to Principal, Ms Macdonald.

This was a great opportunity to meet the principal off campus and talk through options for next year.

2023 Sports wrap up

Congratulations to Thomas Karnaghan, Jackson Frame and Sophie Urane who were presented with Hunter Region Sporting Blues this month. The awards recognise the student's school sporting achievements at local, regional, state and national level (see pictures page 3).

Thomas – Hunter, CHS Cricket, Baseball; **Jackson** – Hunter, CHS and All Schools Baseball;

Sophie – Hunter, CHS and All Schools Athletics. This is an incredible achievement for the students, Jesmond Senior Campus and Callaghan College.

The Yr 11 Presentation saw the following students recognised for their outstanding achievements throughout the year: Dakota Mcrae and Letitia Nairn were awarded Sport persons of the Year. They have both achieved Hunter Region representation and both contributed significantly to a number of College teams across a range of sports. The Open Boys College Soccer Team was named team of the year, including year 11 students: Seth Anderson; Cody Hopton; Aiden McCarthy; Talan Moore; Riley Mortimer; Keith Page.

Term 4 Sport

Congratulations to the Opens Boys and Girls Basketball competing in the zone gala. The Opens Boys have successfully progressed to the Hunter finals in term 1 2024. Thankyou to Mr Kilham and Mr Thorley for coaching and managing the teams.

School Sport 2024

We hit the ground running from week l in 2024 with sporting opportunities for students. Swimming and a number of Opens teams sports will be held in the early stages of the term.

Students can keep up to date on all events through the School Canvas Sport page or contact Miss Yorke or Mrs Atkins with any questions.

Want to get into sport over the holidays?

Any students interested in 2024 College teams, talk to our PDHPE team. And, don't forget to check the CHS Calendar which is available on the Hunter Sport Association website https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Events

2024 TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JAN 2024

30-31 JAN: Staff Development Days

30-31 JAN: Uniform Shop open on site at Jesmond (school hours)

FEB/MAR

1 FEB: Term 1 starts Year 11 and 12

5 FEB: School Photo Day

6 FEB: Catch up Photo Day

TBC College Swimming Carnival

APRIL

12 April: Last day to apply for disability provisions for HSC exams 12 April Last day of term 1 26 April: HSC written examination timetable released 29 April: Staff Development Day 30 April: Term 2 Starts Year 11 and 12



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