



2026 YEAR 11

ORIENTATION HANDBOOK

FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



CALLAGHAN COLLEGE JESMOND SENIOR CAMPUS

WELCOME

Dear parents, caregivers and students,

Welcome to Jesmond Senior Campus!

As you prepare to begin Year 11, I extend a warm welcome to our dynamic senior learning community. This is a pivotal stage in your educational journey, and we are committed to helping every student achieve personal success – academically, socially, and personally.

Jesmond Senior Campus offers a unique and vibrant environment designed specifically for senior learners. With the broadest range of HSC and vocational course options in the Newcastle region, our students are supported to explore their interests, discover their strengths, and take meaningful steps toward their future studies, careers and aspirations.

At the heart of our school is a team of highly experienced and passionate teachers and staff who are experts in senior secondary education. Our team are committed to creating engaging, supportive and challenging learning environments, fostering our students' studies and to grow as learners.

Alongside quality teaching, we provide a range of wellbeing and academic supports to ensure each student is guided, encouraged, and equipped to thrive.

That said, success in Year 11 and 12 also depends on the responsibility students take for their own learning. As senior learners, we expect students to be active participants – managing their time, setting goals, and seeking support when needed. Our role is to walk alongside you, helping you build the skills and confidence to be independent, self-motivated and resilient learners.

We value the strong partnerships we build with families and believe that open communication and collaboration are key to student success.

I look forward to supporting you on this exciting new chapter.

Peter Riley
Principal, Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus



Dear Year 10 students and families,

Welcome to the next exciting chapter in your journey with Callaghan College – where you begin shaping your own pathway and taking purposeful steps toward the future you want.

The move into Year 11 is more than a new timetable or campus – it's a moment where your decisions, your effort, and your mindset start to directly influence the opportunities ahead. This is your time to explore your passions, discover your strengths, and design the direction that feels right for you.

At Callaghan, we are committed to empowering every learner achieve their personal best. We do this by setting high expectations, providing strong and personalised support, and fostering meaningful connections – between your learning and the real world, between you and your teachers, and between your aspirations and the opportunities that will help you reach them.

Jesmond Senior Campus offers greater independence and the chance to take ownership of your learning. With a wide range of subjects, expert teachers, and rich experiences both inside and outside the classroom, you'll have every opportunity to build the skills, confidence, and clarity you need to pursue your chosen pathway – whether that leads to university, training, employment, or entrepreneurship.

Success in your senior years will rely not only on your talents but also on your work ethic and commitment. Consistent effort, persistence through challenges, and a willingness to stretch yourself will be the foundation of your achievements.

My advice is to approach this stage with curiosity, courage, and a clear sense of possibility. Seek out opportunities, embrace challenges, and remember that every step you take now is helping you shape the future that's uniquely yours.

We are proud to walk alongside you during these senior years, supporting you as you turn your goals into reality.

Kylee Owen
College Principal, Callaghan College



JESMOND SENIOR CAMPUS

Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus provides students in Year 11 and 12 with a range of wonderful opportunities.

Our campus values of commitment, opportunity, respect and excellence are core to our teaching and learning practices each and every day.

At Jesmond Senior Campus, students can choose from the broadest range of electives and vocational programs in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter region.

Our programs are personalised to ensure that we are capable of meeting a range of student needs in an inclusive, innovative 21st century learning environment.

Our school is a high expectations senior learning environment of quality teaching and learning, providing students with exceptional support throughout their studies.

INCLUSIVE SUPPORT AND RELATIONSHIPS

- Active Student Representative Forum (SRF)
- High expectations on student attendance
- Wellbeing programs for students and staff
- Inclusive practices and policies to ensure equity for all students
- Counselling and other wellbeing services available onsite
- Comprehensive transition program for Year 10 students
- Student peer-to-peer tutoring program
- Full calendar of events including celebrations for NAIDOC, Multicultural Week and Education Week
- Year 12 Formal Assembly and Formal where students and staff celebrate the completion of high school learning.

QUALITY TEACHING

- Greatest choice of HSC curriculum on offer
- All our teachers are experts in senior curriculum
- Learning environment is well supported by comprehensive technology systems
- Professional development regularly held on campus and across Callaghan College, ensuring staff are highly proficient in curriculum knowledge and classroom practice
- Inspire pathway program for high achievers
- Vocational Education and Learning (VET) available
- New scheme teacher program to encourage new graduates.

MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Comprehensive timetable of more than 50 courses
- Modern learning spaces, including new Creative and Performing Arts Centre and Auditorium with multiple purpose facilities including sport, dance studio, blackbox theatre and sound proof recording studios
- Fully furnished technical learning spaces, including commercial kitchens and industrial arts centre
- Superior theatre production facilities that are student-operated for school and community events
- Onsite sporting fields and large undercover courts for all weather learning activities and competitions
- Work, Health and Safety (WH&S) adherence
- Leading technology systems for 24-hour access to learning and administration resources, including Canvas, Sentral, Sharepoint and Schoolbytes as well as technical software for specialist subjects.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Peter Riley - Principal
Christopher Lee - Deputy Principal, Year 11
Megan Bond - Deputy Principal, Year 12
Craig Clinton - Deputy Principal, Inclusion and Support

YEAR ADVISOR

Ayelet Marha - Year Advisor

FACULTY HEAD TEACHERS

Barbara Davis - English & Languages
Neil Wright - Mathematics
Jivvel Kilham - Science
Lucas Winter - Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)
Jamie Mitchell - Creative and Performing Arts
Rebecca De Souza - Creative and Performing Arts
Bruce Killen - Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)
Paul Colla - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
Jeff Riley - Special Education

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Suzie Rich - Head Teacher, Student Services
Sara Pendergast - Head Teacher, Administration
Jennifer Pickard - Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning
Karen Scott - Coordinator, Aboriginal Education
Pam Long - Head Teacher, VET & SBAT Coordinator
Rebecca De Souza - Head Teacher, Transition
Georgie Gallagher, Teacher - EAL/D
Jay Fairweather - Student Representative Forum (SRF) Coordinator, Teacher
Melanie York - College Sport Coordinator, Teacher
Lynne Rowe - School Administration Manager

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YEAR 11 TEAM

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME YEAR 11

Welcome to our 2026 Year 11 students and their families to Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus! This is an exciting place to learn and grow as a student and take an increasingly active role in our community.

There are a lot of high expectations for senior students – it comes with challenges, numerous possibilities and lots of opportunities to solidify your future career pathways as you complete your HSC and final years of high school.

We respect that you are all becoming young adults, and we are here to support you as you build strong positive relationships in an active learning community.

As you step into this new chapter, you will notice the increased independence and responsibility that senior school offers. With this comes the chance to tailor your learning to your passions and strengths, take part in leadership opportunities, and engage with a wide range of extracurricular activities. We encourage you to be proactive, set clear goals, and make the most of the resources available to you.

Our staff are committed to ensuring every student feels valued, supported and challenged. Whichever pathway you have selected, we are here to help you make informed choices and prepare for life beyond school. We want you to leave here confident, capable and ready for the future.

Senior school can be demanding, but it is also incredibly rewarding. You will develop resilience, self-discipline and a strong sense of who you are. Remember, your peers and teachers are your partners in this journey – together we can create a culture of respect, inclusion and academic excellence.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in person for Year 11.

Chris Lee
2026 Year 11
Deputy Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME INCLUSION AND SUPPORT

Welcome to Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus! I'm delighted to extend a warm welcome to each of you as you embark on this exciting new chapter of your educational journey.

Our campus is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive. We believe that diversity enriches our community, and we are committed to ensuring that all students feel valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.

At Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus, we offer a wide range of programs and services designed to support your individual needs. Whether you require academic assistance, emotional support, or help with personal development, our team of dedicated staff is here to provide guidance and resources every step of the way.

We understand that transitioning to a new school can be both exciting and challenging. Rest assured, we are here to support you through this transition and beyond. Our goal is to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere where you can build meaningful relationships, engage in enriching learning experiences, and achieve your academic and personal goals.

Take advantage of the various support services available, participate in school activities, and reach out if you have any questions or need assistance. Together, we can make your time at Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus a rewarding and successful experience. Once again, welcome to our community. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to supporting you on your journey.

Craig Clinton
Inclusion and Support
Deputy Principal



YEAR ADVISOR WELCOME

As the 2026 Year Advisor, I look forward to supporting you on your transition from Year 10 into Year 11.

My aim is to make the transition from junior campus to senior learning as smooth as possible for every student.

I have enjoyed getting to know some of you already, through our transition program that has been running throughout Year 10 for Wallsend and Waratah students.

The purpose of this booklet is to support you to get used to the new campus routine and help you make the most of your commencement here at Jesmond Senior Campus.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

2026 YEAR ADVISOR

AYELET MARHA,
LANGUAGE TEACHER



SENIOR LEARNING

ATTENDANCE IS KEY TO THE HSC

You are expected to attend every lesson on every school day. An electronic roll is marked at the beginning of every session. When arriving late, for any reason, you must first go to the Administration Office and use your ID swipe card to 'swipe in'.

If you are away for any period of time, or if you need to arrive late or leave early on a particular day, you must provide a letter from a parent/carer outlining the reason for the absence, or a medical certificate.

Unless you have pre-arranged flexible leave, or have a valid reason for a partial absence, you will stay on campus during school hours. If you feel sick during class, the Administration Office will contact your parent or carer to receive permission for you to leave.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

A School Assessment, Procedure and Schedules booklet is provided to all students. This includes information on all your assessments, due dates, and how each course is assessed.

NESA HSC: All My Own Work program must be completed prior to starting Year 11. Plagiarism can lead to students receiving zero marks for a task or examination.

ONLINE PORTALS

Jesmond students use Sentral to access timetables, attendance, calendars, daily notices, messaging, school reports and for booking of parent teacher interviews.

The portal is accessed from Jesmond's website front page: <https://jesmondcc-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Students will also use their same login from their junior campus to continue to access Canvas Learning.

SENTRAL FOR FAMILIES

Callaghan College uses Sentral Parent Portal to assist families remain actively engaged in their child's learning.

As a parent or carer, this gives you access to your child's school reports, view your child's timetable and book formal parent teacher interviews.

Go to Jesmond Senior Campus website to log on: <https://jesmondcc-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR LEARNERS

- Allow every student to have the opportunity to learn
- Respect the rights and privacy of all students
- Help promote a positive school image
- Work cooperatively with all members of the school community
- Attend all lessons
- Be prepared for and make a diligent effort in all learning activities
- Abide by Department of Education and school rules, policies and expectations
- Ensure that you understand all course requirements
- Make a genuine effort in all areas of study
- Wear the school uniform
- Work towards achieving the preparation needed for your future.

Smoking is not permitted. Students identified smoking and/or vaping will be referred to Senior Executive for disciplinary action.

WHAT TO BRING

- Check you have all the materials you need for each of your classes each day
- Bring a drink bottle, recess and lunch, or money to purchase food from the cafeteria
- Consider using a diary to record assessment tasks and other important information
- Bring a laptop for learning

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

All Year 11 students need to bring a laptop to school to support your learning*. It doesn't need to be fancy. It just needs to meet these requirements:

Operating System	Apple MacOS Microsoft Windows (Windows 11) Google ChromeOS
RAM / Memory	4GB Minimum 8GB Preferred
Storage / Hard Drive	250GB Solid State Drive for Windows/MacOS ChromeOS laptops are suitable with a smaller size
Screen Size	Minimum 11.6"
Wi-Fi	Must be able to connect to the schools Wi-Fi network (5GHz, Wi-Fi 5 or above preferred)
Battery	Minimum 6 hours of battery life Students are responsible for charging their own device
Optional	A case or bag to prevent accidental damage

We will sign you up to the campus wireless network once you have signed and returned the Laptops for Learning User Agreement. Then, free software from the Department of Education is available for you to download.

**We also have a number of laptops and computers that you can access on campus if you are not able to bring one from home.*

OUR EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Our goal is for you to leave high school with results that you are proud of. All our Faculty Head Teachers and classroom teachers are dedicated to helping you achieve this.

You will commence the year with a program of study you have chosen based on your interests and career goals. Now you must make choices about your level of commitment and dedication to the task of achieving your personal best.

Proven strategies that will help you achieve this:

- Know what you want to achieve – set clear goals so you stay focused
- Have excellent attendance and bring the correct equipment to class
- Consistently apply effort to class work – participate in class activities including discussions. Interaction and discussion are one of the most effective learning tools
- Ask questions. Never leave a lesson thinking that you don't understand the work
- Regularly revise classwork and complete homework tasks
- Organise and prioritise your time, not leaving assessment task preparation to the last minute
- Hand in assessment drafts to be checked by your classroom teacher well before the due date – teachers are happy to provide feedback to help you improve your final submissions
- Complete all assessment tasks to the best of your ability and on time
- Have a “can do” positive approach and seek help at the earliest opportunity, not as a last resort.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

Students will receive and sign for an Assessment Schedule at the beginning of each course detailing how the course will be assessed.

Details of an assessment task will be distributed at least two weeks before the due date. All hand-in tasks are due for submission BEFORE 8.30am on the due date, unless they are able to be completed as a discreet task in a scheduled lesson on the prescribed day.

All assessments are important and must be completed. Always refer to the Assessment Procedures and Schedules booklet for assessment information.

FORMAL EXAMINATIONS

There are two formal examination periods before students sit the HSC at the end of Year 12.

The End of Course Examinations for the Preliminary HSC Year (Year 11) are held during the last two weeks of Term 3. The Trial HSC is held during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 3 during Year 12. The HSC written exams start in October.

During timetabled examination periods there are no scheduled classes. Students will be given an examination timetable and procedures at least two weeks prior to the exam period. This includes information on requirements for Illness and Misadventure application forms that must be completed if you are not able to attend an exam.

SUPPORT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Wellbeing is important for all our students – if you feel supported, you are more likely to be more resilient and thrive in senior learning.

Our Learning and Support team work closely with teachers, students, families and outside professionals to cater for the individual support needs of students.

Working with you, our team can:

- Assess your learning needs and develop an individual learning plan with you
- Develop programs tailored to your needs, such as literacy and numeracy, organisational skills
- Provide advice on how to access internal and external professional support services
- Determine appropriate adjustments, including the modification of curriculum, assessment and exams
- Identify appropriate extension programs for high achieving students
- Assist in your transition into senior learning and your future career pathways

YOUR WELLBEING IS IMPORTANT

The Learning and Support Team is a network of people who can help you with your learning and wellbeing needs:

YEAR ADVISORS

The year advisors are your first point of contact if you are experiencing problems at school. They interview students and refer to the relevant staff. Parents and carers concerned with any aspect of their child's wellbeing should contact the Year Advisors in the first instance.

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Our Deputy Principal, Inclusion and Support, is located in the Administration block and is available to address issues affecting student's equitable access to learning and participating in activities at our senior campus. Working as part of our Executive team alongside our other two Deputy Principals and the Principal, families are encouraged to reach out regarding issues that may arise on a social, wellbeing or academic level.

HEAD TEACHER STUDENT SERVICES

As Head Teacher of our Learning and Support Team, Mrs Suzie Rich ensures that all students are given voice and listened to. Families can contact her for any personal, social, financial, wellbeing or academic concerns.

SCHOOL COUNSELLORS

The Counsellors are available to discuss any problem you are experiencing. You can self-refer by going to the Counsellor Office located in the Staff House. The Head Teacher Student Services, your Year Advisers or other members of the Learning and Support Team can also refer you to a counsellor.

OUR FACULTIES & SUBJECTS

ENGLISH

An understanding of the English language is central to how we communicate and is essential for intellectual, social and emotional development.

The study of English can develop a love of literature and learning and be challenging and enjoyable. It develops skills to enable students to experiment with ideas and expression, to become active, independent, and lifelong learners, to work with each other and to reflect on their learning.

For many students, English will be more important as a life skill and as a necessary part of their working lives. We believe in the importance of communication skills for everyone, regardless of their career choice and as a vital part of our everyday personal lives.

Courses on offer include:

- English Advanced
- English Standard
- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- English Studies
- English EAL/D

MATHEMATICS

By studying mathematics, students develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical concepts and their use within the classroom and beyond.

Mathematics is a vital foundation in the development of knowledge in many other areas of learning, particular in STEM. To attain mastery in many professions and careers, a strong background in mathematics is essential. From a societal perspective, having a good grasp of maths is also important for everyday living skills.

Choosing a mathematics subject provides students with a sound foundation for students' future choices in tertiary education as well as everyday life.

Courses on offer include:

- Mathematics Advanced
- Mathematics Standard
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Numeracy
- Enterprise Computing
- Software Engineering
- Information and Digital Technology (VET)
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SCIENCE

Science courses at Jesmond offer students the chance to gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills within an authentic context.

The courses are designed to prepare students for a future in STEM learning and work places.

Science students will undertake practical experiments to investigate a wide variety of topics, developing the skills to work independently and cooperatively in our laboratories. Students also participate in a variety of scientific investigations designed to create meaningful links to the syllabus outcomes and their lives beyond the classroom.

Courses on offer include:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth & Environmental Science
- Investigating Science
- Physics



HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

Human society and its environment (HSIE) is the exploration of the world around us. The world we live in is a social, cultural and physical environment that is ever changing and evolving, from historical times to the present.

Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus HSIE faculty offers a vast selection of subjects that bring our world history, geography, people, societies and culture to life.

Our staff's vision is to open the eyes of our students to the world and its environs and equip them with the learning experiences, knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to participate more effectively and sensitively in our global community.

We take traditional learning and content and integrate them with these skills and strategies to build student capacity for lifelong learning and active citizenship. We examine our world in its physical and human dimensions through a choice of eleven subject studies.

Courses on offer include:

- Aboriginal Studies
- Ancient History
- Modern History
- History Extension
- Geography
- Economics
- Legal Studies
- Society and Culture
- Studies of Religion II
- Work Studies
- Work Studies - Aboriginal History & Culture
- Business Services (VET)
- Retail Services (VET)

LANGUAGES

Language study allows students to develop communication skills, learn about languages as systems and explore the relationship between language and culture.

Students engage with the linguistic and cultural diversity of societies and reflect on their understanding of social interactions.

Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus offers a number of beginner language courses. These language courses provide students with the opportunity to develop their linguistic and intercultural knowledge and understanding, and the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills to communicate in language. Our Campus can also provide access to extended language offerings beyond our Campus.

Courses on offer include:

- French Beginners
- German Beginners

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) faculty has experienced staff with a wealth of knowledge. This includes HSC marking and delivering state wide training programs for the Certificate II in sports coaching.

We deliver flexible programs that cater for the needs of our students that promote engagement and ownership of their learning.

Our focus is to challenge students in thinking critically about key issues related to health and physical activity in order to make informed decisions that support and contribute to healthy, active lifestyles and communities.

Courses on offer include:

- Community and Family Studies
- Health and Movement Science
- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
- Sport Coaching (VET)
- Sport Coaching - Accelerated (VET)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Industrial Arts courses provide students with an opportunity to develop a broad range of skills and knowledge related to the focus area of their chosen course.

Students will learn the importance of design, management and production through the development of their own practical projects.

Students will be provided the opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge that can be applied to practical tasks at school and into their working life. Students' creativity and imagination is encouraged through the development of projects that highlight personal and cultural interests.

The Industrial Arts faculty also support students completing VET courses at school, providing a strong learning focus to support work placement and training.

Courses on offer include:

- Design and Technology
- Engineering Studies
- Industrial Technology - Graphics Technologies
- Industrial Technology - Metals and Engineering Technologies
- Industrial Technology - Timber and Furniture Technologies
- Construction (VET)
- Furniture Making (VET)
- Manufacturing and Engineering (VET)

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics faculty is committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in life after school. All courses are focused on hands on learning. Practical experience is at the core of our teaching programs.

All Home Economics staff have extensive industry knowledge and are able to provide support for students across a range of post school pathways. We work closely with our careers department to foster a strong relationship with both community and industry partners. This provides opportunities for employment and further education for all students after their time at Callaghan College Jesmond is complete.

Courses on offer include:

- Exploring Early Childhood
- Food Technology
- Textiles and Design
- Hospitality - Cookery (VET)
- Hospitality - Food and Beverage (VET)

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) aims to engage, inspire and enrich learners through exciting the imagination and encouraging every student to reach their creative and expressive potential. Through studying the arts, students can learn to explore and express themselves as they discover and interpret the world around them.

The CAPA faculty at Callaghan College Jesmond Campus ensures that all students are taught by professional, competent staff, who are experts in their field. Our aim is to provide dynamic learning experiences in a supportive and enjoyable environment. We value creativity and independent learning and this is reflected in flexible teaching programs designed to meet the needs of individual students.

Our focus is on building foundational knowledge and skills that enhance employment opportunities and provide pathways to further study.

Courses on offer include:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music 1
- Photography, Video and Digital Media
- Visual Arts
- Visual Design
- Music Industry (VET)
- Entertainment Industry (VET)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Our school supports all students in achieving their HSC goals by offering a range of VET courses which enable students to achieve an ASQA Statement of Attainment, Certificate I, II or III, depending on the particular course studied, and contribute units towards their HSC.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP (SBAT)

Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus is the largest facilitator of School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships in New South Wales. The SBAT program allows students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school through combining paid work, training and school.



Students gain an industry-recognised national qualification and achieve credit towards the HSC, while some apprenticeships and traineeships even contribute towards an ATAR. SBAT students work the equivalent of one day per week, while studying for their HSC. The formal off the job training generally contributes 4 - 6 units towards the HSC. They are also enrolled in the Board Endorsed 2 unit course, Industry-Based Learning.

Courses on offer include:

- Hospitality - Food and Beverage (VET)
- Hospitality - Cookery (VET)
- Manufacturing and Engineering (VET)
- Construction (VET)
- Furniture Making (VET)
- Information and Digital Technology (VET)
- Business Services (VET)
- Retail Services (VET)
- Music Industry (VET)
- Entertainment Industry (VET)
- Sport Coaching (VET)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

We have a dedicated Special Education faculty, and our Special Education classes cater for students with moderate to high learning and support needs who are likely to benefit from a small class size setting.

Students are placed by the NSW Department of Education, with each class taught by a dedicated teacher, as well as learning support staff.

It is a highly supportive learning environment focused on assisting every student to make progress and reach their potential.

Students in our Special Education Program may be involved in our Life Skills program, that includes classes in Creative Arts, Mathematics, English, Technology, Work and Community, and Personal Health and Physical Education.

You can also participate in our community-access excursions and our campus's extra-curricular activities. For more information about our Special Education classes please contact our Administration Office.



PATHWAYS & CAREERS

To find out more about career opportunities that are relevant for you, book an appointment with the Pathways Team. This team can assist you to align your program of study with your career goals, or provide suggestions and career resources if you are not sure about your career focus. Parents can also book an interview with a member of our Pathways Team via our Administration Office.

The team can help you with University and TAFE applications, including early entry options and

scholarships. They can also support to set up work experience placements, including VET and SBAT opportunities. The Pathways Team also organise excursions to Careers Expos and University Open Days, and other events related to potential future pathways.

When choosing subjects it is important to consider your future career or pathway to ensure that your program of study aligns with your goals and aspirations. To assist students with making the right subject choices Callaghan College has devised the following pathways:

ASPIRE ATAR

- An extension of the Stage 4/5 Aspire program at the junior campuses.
- For highly motivated students looking to thrive in their studies and require a high level ATAR to access their desired University course.
- Offers an outreach program with tutorial sessions outside regular class hours.
- Ideal for students considering extension subjects.
- Features academic immersion through day excursions.
- Provides internal support for early entries and external testing opportunities, including UCAT and LAT.
- Assists with attending university open days and information seminars.
- Offers support for alternative or overseas university entrance exams.
- Provides advice on subject packaging.
- Content endorsed courses (CECs) are not permitted in pattern of study.

UNIVERSITY ATAR

- Designed for students pursuing a university ATAR pathway.
- Students are encouraged to participate in outreach program tutorial sessions.
- Provides support to attend university open days and information seminars.
- Offers assistance with applying for early entry.
- Content endorsed courses (CECs) are not permitted in pattern of study.

HSC ATAR or Non-ATAR

- Flexible approach to attaining the Higher School Certificate.
- Students have the option to choose from a variety of course combinations.
- Requirement to study a minimum of three Board Developed Courses (BDCs).
- Opportunities are available to complete a School-Based Apprenticeship and Training (SBAT).
- Students may enrol in Certificate III level courses, which can contribute to an ATAR equivalent achievement.
- Subject packaging advice is provided to support students in their course selections.

IBL Non-ATAR

- Industry Based Learning – School-based apprenticeships or traineeships are included as part of the study load.
- Students must complete at least one week of work experience in their chosen field before proceeding with the SBAT qualification.
- Students work towards attaining a Certificate II or III in their chosen vocation.
- Tailored subject packaging advice is provided.
- Students have the option to select a reduced course load.
- Students are working towards the attainment of a Higher School Certificate (HSC).

FAST TRACK Non-ATAR

- Fast track to employment is specifically designed to support students preparing to enter the workforce.
- Provides intensive support to enhance employability skills, with a focus on literacy and numeracy for work.
- Offers tailored subject packaging advice.
- Students will undertake vocational training.
- Students will be offered work experience opportunities.
- Available as a full-time or part time option.
- Students will work towards attaining a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) certificate and full-time employment goals.

IGNITE ENGLISH ATAR or Non-ATAR

- This pathway provides intensive support to EAL/D students identified at the beginning or emerging phases of the EAL/D learning progression.
- Recommended study pattern includes enrolment in Saturday Language Continuers School or distance education.
- Tailored subject packaging advice is provided.
- Year 1: Students will undertake intensive literacy and numeracy lessons.
- Year 2: Students will work towards their preliminary Record of School Achievement (RoSA).
- Year 3: Students will work towards their Higher School Certificate (HSC).

YOUR DAY AT SCHOOL

OUR UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory. Take pride in your appearance in your school uniform every day as a Callaghan College student.

Our Callaghan College uniform is the button-up white collared shirt, long pants or shorts in ink, Callaghan's tartan skirt and the Callaghan College shell jacket (or the HSC memento jacket).

Please note, you cannot wear junior campus polo shirts at Jesmond Senior Campus.

Sports uniform is only to be worn by students representing the school at sport, or taking a sport course. Your PDHPE teacher or sport coach will advise you of your specific sport uniform requirements.

Our every day uniform is inclusive of our button-up white shirt (short or long sleeve) with any combination of the following -

- Shorts (in ink)
- Long pants (in ink)
- Callaghan skirt (wrap around, in tartan)
- Campus blazer or Year group jacket
- Callaghan softshell jacket
- Black or white socks
- Black leather shoes (must have solid soles and fully enclosed solid uppers to meet Workplace Health and Safety standards)

Any hijabs or undershirts than can be seen must be white, ink or similar. Jewellery and makeup worn must be safe and discreet.

Callaghan Jesmond white button-up shirts are available to purchase from our Administration Office. All other uniform items are available to purchase from The School Locker. In-store and online purchase options are listed below -

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS UNIFORM SHOP

26 Turton Road
WARATAH NSW 2298
Open Wednesdays, 1pm to 4pm

THE SCHOOL LOCKER UNIVERSITY SHOP

Shop 1, Floor 2
Shortland Union Building
130 University Drive
CALLAGHAN NSW 2308
Open Monday to Fridays, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Purchases can also be made online on The School Locker website. Visit www.theschoollocker.com.au and search for Callaghan College.



YOUR SESSION TIMES

MON, TUES, THURS & FRI	
SESSION	TIMES
Session 1	8.24am – 9.24am
Session 2	9.24am – 10.30am
Break 1	10.30am – 11.00am
Session 3	11.00am – 12noon
Session 4	12noon – 1.00pm
Break 2	1.00pm – 1.30pm
Session 5	1.30pm – 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY	
SESSION	TIMES
Session 1	8.24am – 9.14am
Session 2	9.14am – 10.10am
Assembly	10.10am – 10.40am
Break 1	10.40am – 11.10am
Session 3	11.10am – 12.00pm
Session 4	12.00pm – 12.50pm
Break 2	12.50pm – 1.10pm
Ext. & VET	1.10pm – 2.45pm

WEDNESDAY – NO ASSEMBLY	
SESSION	TIMES
Session 1	8.24am – 9.24am
Session 2	9.24am – 10.30am
Break 1	10.30am – 11.00am
Session 3	11.00am – 12.00pm
Session 4	12.00pm – 1.00pm
Break 2	1.00pm – 1.20pm
Ext. & VET	1.20pm – 2.45pm

BELL CODES

One short bell: Change of period, start/end of lunch/recess, roll call and end of school day.

One short bell, one long ring (repeated 3 times): Lock down.

Continuous bell for 1 minute: Evacuation, follow the directions of your teacher.

TRAVELLING SAFELY

You can find information to plan your route to school at transportnsw.info/school-students

Apply for a school Opal Card if travelling by bus or train. Go to transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply or phone 131 500.

Obey transport rules and our public transport code of conduct and present as a positive Callaghan College citizen.

Bikes, scooters and skateboards can be secured in the Science block. E-bikes and e-scooters are banned from being stored on school grounds.

TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Written permission of a parent/carer is required when you are being transported to and from a school activity by another person other than your parent/carer. The parent/carer(s) of a student driver must also have parent/carer permission to transport another student to attend a school activity.

The driver must be licenced, the vehicle registered and the number of passengers must not exceed the number of seatbelts. Drivers with a provisional licence must comply with any relevant peer passenger conditions.

A permission note must be returned to the school and a current driver's licence and car registration details sighted before permission will be granted.

CARS AND MOTORBIKES

For students who drive their car or motorbike to and from school, you can park in the designated student car park at the western end of the campus.

School forms detailing licence, registration and insurance details must be completed for students using private cars for school activities. This also applies for students traveling as passengers. All students are expected to be safe and responsible drivers.

When parking on streets around the school, students must obey all parking signs and not restrict residents access to driveways.

The school is not responsible for any damage to cars or property in cars while parked on school grounds.



OUR FACILITIES

OUR CAMPUS

Orientating yourself to any new environment takes time, but there's lots of people on hand to help you find your way. The campus is well signposted, and there is a map at the back of this book.

If you're not sure where you should be, just ask a teacher or another student!

Here are some of our common areas that you will become familiar with over the coming few weeks.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria sells a variety of hot and cold meals as well as drinks and snacks at reasonable prices.

You have the option of pre-ordering before school or making a purchase during recess and lunch breaks.

EFTPOS is available for purchases over \$5. Mobile phones cannot be used for payments. Physical bank cards must be used. Our cafeteria caters to most dietary needs and we operate under Healthy Canteen Guidelines.

THE HIVE

The Hive Learning Centre includes our library and other learning support resources, including access to our Learning and Support team members, our Pathways Team and Careers Advisor, and a mezzanine floor for our Year 12 students.

The Hive is open every school day between 8:30am-3:00pm, with students welcome during recess and lunch.

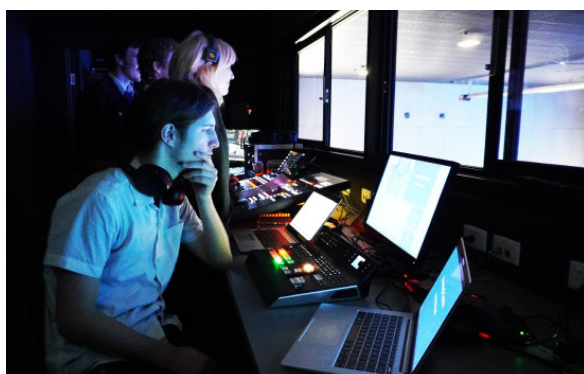
All resources are available to the students, including the library computers (with internet access via your student login), books, audio visual resources (bring your own headphones), cards and board games. You can also access Oliver (My Library) catalogue from any networked computer using your Department of Education student login.

The Hive provides students the opportunity to access a free online homework assistance program, My Tutor and other free services through Newcastle Regional Public Library system (you'll need to fill out and return the Newcastle Library Membership application if you haven't done this already). Printing services are available from library computers for a small cost.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

This new learning space opened in 2021, and includes a number of extraordinary facilities, including a black box theatre; a dance studio with suspension flooring; and a large multipurpose auditorium with retractable tiered seating for performances and whole of school assemblies, that also doubles as a sports centre with indoor basketball, volleyball and other sports.

The CAPA Auditorium also includes soundproof music booths, recording studio and meeting rooms. For access to the facilities outside scheduled class time, speak to the Head Teacher, CAPA.



AN INCLUSIVE CAMPUS

OUR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM

Our Aboriginal Education Team can be found in the Maru Ngurraba Centre for Aboriginal Student Success (Block G, Level 2). Students can access:

- learning support from our Aboriginal Learning Support Officers and teachers
- guest speakers, workshops and classes
- cultural activities and links across the College and community

Our Aboriginal Student Support staff work with students and families to develop Personalised Learning Pathways for each of our Aboriginal students. PLPs document your individual academic, cultural and personal goals.

We encourage our students to utilise their regular mentoring sessions to work towards these goals. We have a close team of Aboriginal staff across the College, providing a continuum of connection for our families.

Our students and staff from across the College and our partner schools also get an opportunity to perform at significant events throughout the year, including NAIDOC and Surfest Opening Ceremony.



NEWLY ARRIVED AUSTRALIANS

We welcome students from a variety of non-English speaking and culturally diverse backgrounds.

We work closely with external agencies to support our students. Whether they are international students or students from a refugee background, we develop individualised HSC pathway programming for students where English is not their first language or dialect, including our Ignite English Pathway. We also have bilingual EAL/D teachers who work part time and speak Arabic, and can access support in other languages.

Support for learning includes immersive readers on our learning platform, Canvas, as well as iPads to support language acquisition across the curriculum.

We have strong links with Max Solutions for students with a refugee background and the Youth AMEP qualification. We also offer one-to-one tutoring every Wednesday afternoon.

Callaghan College consistently honours its vibrant cultural diversity by hosting cultural days and events, both on campus and within the community. The College takes pride in assisting students and families as they transition to school and adapt to life in Australia.



GETTING INVOLVED

SENIOR STUDY IS ALL ABOUT BALANCE

We encourage you to participate in our school's extra activities – they help you to build personal confidence and foster friendships within our school community, and provide some great downtime from HSC assessments.

Throughout the school year, there are a number of activities that are available to get involved in.

These include:

- Student Leadership (via the SRF and Junior AECG)
- College representative sport
- Bands and vocal groups
- Creative arts and drama activities
- Musical theatre
- Debating and public speaking
- Aboriginal Cultural performance group
- RDA Defence Industry challenges
- Callaghan's Chess team
- Student Leadership Day for Callaghan Education Pathways students
- NAIDOC activities
- Newcastle's Surfest partnership program



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Student Representative Forum (SRF), Aboriginal Student Leadership team (part of the Junior AECG) and the Multicultural Student Leadership team are the main student representative bodies at our campus. The SRF is made up of our four Year 12 School Captains and representatives from both Year 11 and Year 12. All our Leadership teams consist of self-nominating students.

Our student leaders are responsible for working on projects across the school, leading school assemblies, representing the school at community events, providing peer support, visiting partner primary schools and putting forward views and ideas to influence school decision making.

If you have a passion for leadership, we encourage you to nominate yourself for a leadership role at the beginning of the year.



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Jesmond Senior Campus Honour Roll is for Year 11 and 12 students who demonstrate excellence in learning. This is demonstrated through high attendance, sustained and diligent efforts, and always striving to achieve one's best. Students are nominated to the Honour Roll for outstanding academic achievements by their Year Advisers and Year Deputy Principal. This is celebrated through honour roll events in Terms 2 and 4.

REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL

It is a privilege to represent the school, and students must be able to demonstrate that they are able to meet our code of conduct requirements.

Our Code of Conduct agreement must be signed before a student can participate.

This agreement includes a number of student responsibilities relating to attendance, behaviour and completion of school work.



KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

OUR SCHOOL'S COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO PARENTS AND CARERS

WEBSITE Our website is a good point of access to all our communication channels for students and parents. View our school news, our calendar of school events, find out general information about the campus and make payments. jesmond-h.schools.nsw.gov.au	SMS We send SMS text messages to your primary contact number to communicate reminders or important notifications. SMS is also used for student attendance. You will receive an SMS from the school if your child is absent or running late for morning roll call. Simply reply to this message to explain their absence.	SOCIAL MEDIA We regularly post highlights of student achievements and learning, and information about upcoming whole school events on our Facebook and Instagram pages. These pages are monitored during school hours only. Facebook: ccjesmond Instagram: ccjesmond
NEWSLETTER Jesmond Senior Campus News is our Campus Newsletter. It is emailed to our whole school community and also available on our website.	SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL Sentral Parent Portal is a secure online platform that provides parents with access to student timetables, attendance information, School Reports and daily notices from teachers.	CANVAS This secure digital platform connects you to information about your child's learning, including task due dates, assessment grades and teacher feedback.
FACE-TO-FACE There are many opportunities for parents and staff to meet throughout the year. These include information evenings and Parent Teacher Interviews. Parents are also welcome to phone the school to make an appointment with staff.	REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE Most of our communication to you is done initially via your nominated primary email address, so it is essential to keep this up-to-date. You can update your primary contact email at any time by emailing, or phoning our Front Office staff. Phone: 02 4952 3922 Email: jesmond-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au	

We now send all our permission notes for excursions and sport activities via email (through School Bytes). Make sure you check your emails regularly so your child doesn't miss out on an excursion.



FAQs

HOW DO I REQUEST LEAVE FROM SCHOOL?

NSW Government Legislation does not allow for absences during Term time. Applications for leave in exceptional circumstances should be made in advance to the Principal.

For unforeseen absences, it is recommended that Parents/Carers phone to inform the school.

DO I NEED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE CAMPUS DURING SCHOOL HOURS?

Yes, you need to provide written permission from a parent or carer to the Administration Office. Your parent or carer will also need to contact the school (via email or phone) if you are unable to attend on a school day.

ARE THERE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS?

Parents and carers are asked to pay a general contribution to support the programs offered at the Campus. The general contribution funds are used to purchase library books, offset the cost of printing, and for additional learning resources. These can be paid in person at our Administration Office or online via our website.

HOW DO I MAKE SCHOOL PAYMENTS?

Payments can be made online via the school website, or in person at our Administration Office.

WHAT IF I AM EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP?

Speak to our Administration Office or Head Teacher, Student Services, for a Student Assistance Form.

If you meet the criteria, there is financial assistance for school uniforms, the school fee package and some excursions.

WHO DO I GIVE MY HEALTH CARE PLAN TO?

All students with a significant health condition will have a Health Care Plan (HCP) which usually includes an emergency plan. This plan is formulated with the parent/carer and student, and if appropriate, health personnel.

This should be provided to our Wellbeing team. All staff are trained annually, both online and face to face, in legal Health Care Procedures including Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Emergency Care and CPR. All school staff are informed of and have access to individual student's HCPs through Sentral.

DO I GIVE MY MEDICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE?

Only the First Aid Officer, or staff trained by the First Aid Officer, administer medication to students. Medication is accessed in the SLSO staff room (12.08).

A registry is kept and audited of all medication administered. With the exception of puffers and EpiPen's, students must never bring medication to class and self-administer.

Families must inform the First Aid Officer (and any teacher supervising an excursion) regarding changes in medication(s).

WHAT STUDENT REPORTS DO I RECEIVE IN YEAR 11?

Students will receive four school reports during Years 11 and 12.

TERM 2

Mid-Course Preliminary HSC Report

TERM 4

Final Preliminary HSC Report



FAQs

TERM 1

Mid-Course HSC Report

TERM 3, GRADUATION CEREMONY

Final HSC Report

All student reports are available on the Student and Parent Portals. Final Year 12 Reports are provided in hard copy within the Graduation Portfolio.

ARE THERE ANY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS?

Families will be notified during Term 1 of our schedule for parent/teacher interviews.

Parents and carers can also check in with Faculty Head Teachers for specific queries about the academic progress of your student at other times of the year, particularly if you have any concerns. For overall academic progress, you can also contact one of the Year Advisors.

CAN I CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT COURSE OR SUBJECT?

If you are thinking about changing courses, speak to the Deputy Principal. It can also be helpful to talk to your classroom teacher about the subject and assessment expectations, or one of the Year Advisors who can discuss your overall study plans.

Our Careers Team also provide insight into how your learning can link with career choices and work experience opportunities.

DO YOU HAVE SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT LEARNERS?

Yes, if you meet the criteria to be living as an independent student, or would like to understand the requirements, please come and see the Head Teacher Student Services in the Administration building for an interview.

CAN SENIOR STUDENTS USE MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL?

Mobile Phones are not to be used on campus unless directed by a teacher.

In the event of an emergency, a phone is available in the Administration Office for students to use. Students can also use their phones in a designated area of the Library during break times, for work calls and emergencies.

DEVICES & THE LAW

There are laws that govern the recording of sound and vision and students are not to record at any time whilst on the school premises or on a school activity without permission of a teacher.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISPLACE A PERSONAL ITEM ON CAMPUS?

You are responsible for keeping your personal belongings, including laptops and phones, safe. The school does not accept responsibility for any personal items.

Check at the Administration Office if you have misplaced something, as this is where any items found are held.

WHERE ARE THE TOILETS?

Student toilets are located next to the Canteen, at the bottom of I Block (Science) and in the Auditorium (next to the Dance studio).

IS THERE A SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP?

We have a range of second hand uniforms that are available from our uniform shop on campus that is managed by our Administration team.



SCHOOL MAP





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