

THE ADVANTAGES OF ENROLLING WITH CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

Callaghan's multi-campus design allows our College to provide dedicated learning environments for middle and senior school years. This provides a safe and secure learning environment where all students have an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

Collaborating to empower Learners at every stage.

Middle school:

- A stepping stone between primary and senior schooling, easing the transition into secondary education for students and their families.
- A comprehensive range of courses for all students to access, including choice of subject selection for a specialised learning pathway.
- Every student can explore additional learning opportunities in areas such as Creative and Performing Arts, STEM, Humanities, Sport and Technology through our new program, EXCEL.

Senior school (Jesmond Campus):

- Gives students more choice than any other school in the Newcastle region, with over 65 courses on offer.
- New state of the art Creative Arts and Performing Arts Centre opening at Jesmond in 2020 which will include a professional theatre, as well as recording and dance studios. The facility will become the hub of creative pursuits for students across our Callaghan Education Pathways, including students Callaghan College.



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Waratah Technology Campus

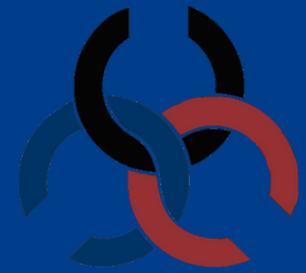
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ASPIRE

PERSONALISED OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCOVERY

Welcome to Callaghan College's
Program for Aspiring Students

PERSONALISED FOR YOUR CHILD

Callaghan College's Aspire program is designed for students who have advanced learning capacity for their age. It provides targeted, specialised programs to ensure high achieving students reach their educational potential.

Gifted, talented students and students demonstrating high potential are assisted throughout this evidence-based enrichment program by a dedicated team of specialist teachers and staff. Our Aspire students work alongside our selected teachers to personalise their learning and maximise their education experience.

Our program responds to the latest Gifted and High Potential Student Policy from the Department of Education (2019).

While the Aspire students are still taught the Department of Education's core curriculum, students will be provided with a number of opportunities to accelerate their learning, including extension work within class tasks and compacted curriculum.

LEARNING THROUGH DISCOVERY

Using Inquiry Based Learning methodology, Aspire provides students with an environment that stimulates critical and creative thinking; building skills that will extend each student to competently master 21 century learning and prepare them for the world beyond the classroom.

This encompasses:

- enhancement of technology skills
- building self-directed learning skills, including note taking and time management
- personalised learning goals, responsive to each student's need
- course acceleration opportunities and extension
- Real world initiatives that enable enrichment in a student's area of talent.

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND CLASS

• Industry and academic partnerships

Aspire students will interact regularly with our academic and industry partners, such as University of Newcastle, Hunter Wise, RDA Hunter and UVAIR.

This provides opportunity for external assessment and testing (such as ICAS), along with the chance to regularly compete in tournaments and competitions.

• Leadership opportunities

Throughout the year, there are numerous opportunities for your child to represent the College in leadership roles, including the Student Representative Councils, Leader Link, Aboriginal Educational Consultancy Group (AECG), peer support and mentoring.

• Extra-curricular choice

We also have a range of extra-curricular possibilities from excursions, sport, music, performance, Engineering Challenge Discovery Days, Children's University, Interschool competitions for chess, debating, public speaking and writing; involvement in student media teams, art clubs and more.



HOME / SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We encourage our families to remain actively involved in your child's educational experience at Callaghan College.

We engage with our families in a number of ways:

- secure online access to your child's portfolios, assessment tasks, learning schedules and reports
- online communication tools to talk to the teaching and support staff
- established school policies that recognise the importance of family engagement
- Showcase events and Open Days for you to engage in your child's progress in person.

OUR STAFF

Our specialised staff are trained to support enrichment opportunities for our Aspire students and have explicit experience in teaching students that are gifted and talented or show high potential.

Students will have a smaller number of teachers, to ease the transition from Primary School and foster stronger connections between the students and their teachers.

The teaching staff involved in the program are committed and meet regularly across the College to design opportunities which build future learning capabilities and social development for each child.

A focus on communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity are embedded in Callaghan College's daily practice.