



**CALLAGHAN  
COLLEGE**

Waratah Campus

**WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS**

TERM THREE 2022  
WEEK 1 EDITION

# HIGH EXPECTATIONS

**Achieving our best**

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## GREASE IS THE WORD

After a long wait, GREASE is hitting the stage at Callaghan Jesmond Campus.

Refer to our back page for performance details and booking information.

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# SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Welcome back to all our Callaghan Waratah students for Term 3! We hope you all had a fun, safe and event filled holiday.

We have an action packed term ahead with musicals, camps and on-campus activities planned.

We wish all our students the best for Term 3 and are looking forward to seeing what each of you can achieve.



# SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Our Callaghan College Volleyball team have enjoyed great success this year, with the team reaching the NSW State Finals.

We wish the team all the best and recognise their hard work, training and determination to reach this level of achievement.

Go Callaghan!



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

A very warm welcome back to Term 3! I hope you were all able to enjoy the break and were not too impacted by COVID, flooding and the rain. It was nice to see all students back this week.

With the increase in COVID cases in our community, the department has once again updated some of the COVID Smart settings for schools to minimise transmission – see page 11 for a summary of key measures.

Term 3 is already shaping up to be another busy term with lots on the calendar. This week, our College Volleyball team is competing in the NSW State Finals, on Friday Jack and Mia from Year 7 will compete in Hunter Cross Country Championships and, next week, nine students from Year 7-10 will represent the school at the Hunter Athletics Championships. Congratulations to all involved and good luck!

Face to Face Parent Teacher Interviews will take place onsite in the Waratah Campus Main Building on Monday 25th July and online Interviews will be held via Zoom on Monday 1st August. Please visit our [Parent Teacher Interview page](#) on our website for information regarding times and bookings. If you are having any difficulty with the booking process, please contact our Administration Office on 4968 1939.

Our long awaited first College Musical Grease will also finally hit the stage next week after being postponed twice due to COVID. We are very excited to have it up and running! Tickets are still on sale and can be purchased through [trybooking](#) – please come and support our College students.

Congratulations to Year 8 and all staff who attended the Year 8 Camp at the end of last term. It was a great two nights and we are looking forward to this being an annual event. See page 5 for some photo highlights.

We are also busily preparing for our first major Year 10 excursion in many years. The snow trip will also become an annual event for Year 10 and we are very excited to provide this opportunity for our students.

Finally, this term at Callaghan Waratah we are focusing on whole school high expectations in three areas: Mobile Phone Use, Uniform and Attendance. Please refer to page 7 for more details about these focus areas and how you can support us.

Have a great term everyone!





# CAMPS ARE BACK!

Learning extends beyond our campus

After a long absence, we are excited to offer our students the opportunity to attend school camps. These camps are designed to extend learning beyond our classrooms, create a camaraderie among our students and create wonderful memories for all involved.

Our Year 8 students recently attended a two night camp at Point Wolstoncroft. Activities included fishing, bike riding and archery, along with many team building exercises.

Year 10 will shortly enjoy their ski trip, with students experiencing the Australian Alps with skiing, snowboarding and other fun activities. We are planning for this to be a yearly event, giving our Callaghan students an exciting camp to work towards as they reach Year 10.

In late November, our Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend the Urban Challenge Sydney.

And our Year 7 students will enjoy a series of one day activities later this year, including a trip to Raging Waters Sydney, a movie night and an action-packed day at Port Stephens.









# HIGH EXPECTATIONS

## Achieving our best and improving our learning

To achieve our best, look our best and to improve our learning, a series of high expectations have been put in place at Callaghan College Waratah.

**PHONES:** Many parents attended our information evenings last term and the topic of mobile phones was raised frequently. In response to this, we have developed a new mobile phone policy for the whole school. Messaging supporting the policy will be displayed in all our classrooms. Students will be expected to have phones off and away in their bags for the whole lesson. If a student does not follow this request, their phone will be removed and placed in a locked box in the teacher's desk. The phone will be returned at the end of the lesson, but contact will be made home by either a Head Teacher or a Deputy Principal. In our assembly this week, our School Captains outlined the importance of staying focused and limiting distractions in classrooms.

**UNIFORM:** Now that all items of uniform have arrived, our expectation is for all Year 7 students to be wearing the new uniform and when the old uniform stock runs out, Year 8-10 will be expected to purchase the new uniform. Purchasing online is very simple and items can either be delivered to your home, or picked up from the school. The School Locker Shop at the University of Newcastle is also a good option if you need to try sizes. Our own Uniform Shop is open on a Wednesday afternoon for students to try on uniforms. Students must be accompanied by a parent to be out of class to do this.

With the very cold weather we are seeing many different coloured jumpers in the school. The new school jumper and jacket have been designed to provide maximum warmth for students and both are reasonably priced. If you are experiencing difficulty with the cost of uniform, please make contact with our front office and they can assist with the process of applying for assistance. The wearing of uniform is important for our school and we appreciate our families support in this area. We understand that cost is sometimes an issue for families and will provide help where this is the case. A high quality uniform gives students pride and can be worn for many years.

**ATTENDANCE:** The Department of Education has identified that 95% attendance and above is the rate that provides students with the best chance to achieve in both school life and beyond. We understand that sometimes absence due to illness is unavoidable, but the most important thing is to let us know the reason for your student's absence. You can respond to the SMS sent by the school, ring the school, email the school address or send a note back in to the front office. This means that your child has their absence justified and their attendance rate stays high.



**OFF AND AWAY  
IN CLASSROOMS EVERY DAY**



**WHAT WE WEAR  
SHOWS WE CARE**



**SCHOOL MATTERS  
STRIVE FOR 95!**

# OFF AND AWAY *IN CLASSROOMS EVERY DAY!*

*REDUCE* YOUR DISTRACTIONS  
*IMPROVE* YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

USING MOBILE PHONES DURING BREAK TIMES IS OK.  
HOWEVER, DURING CLASS TIME TAKE DIRECTION  
FROM YOUR TEACHER AND KEEP IT OFF AND AWAY.

MOBILE PHONE USE DURING CLASS HAS CONSEQUENCES -

- 1** REMINDER GIVEN BY TEACHER
- 2** PHONE IS PLACED IN LOCKED BOX
- 3** HEAD TEACHER & DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INVOLVEMENT

ONLY USE YOUR PHONE IN CLASS WHEN A TEACHER SAYS YOU CAN. OTHERWISE, KEEP IT OFF AND AWAY. SWITCH YOUR SMART WATCH TO FLIGHT MODE AND PUT AWAY EARPHONES.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE DISTRACTIONS AND IMPROVE OUR LEARNING.



# WHAT WE WEAR *SHOWS WE CARE!*

*LOOK* YOUR BEST  
*ACHIEVE* YOUR BEST

SCHOOL UNIFORM OPTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS ACROSS ALL YEARS. SCHOOL UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.

NOT WEARING YOUR UNIFORM HAS CONSEQUENCES -

- 1** REMINDER GIVEN BY TEACHER
- 2** CONTACT MADE WITH PARENTS
- 3** HEAD TEACHER & DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INVOLVEMENT

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. THERE ARE PLENTY OF UNIFORM OPTIONS AVAILABLE. PLAN AHEAD AND ENSURE YOUR UNIFORM IS READY TO WEAR FOR EACH SCHOOL DAY.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO LOOK OUR BEST AND ACHIEVE OUR BEST.



# SCHOOL MATTERS

## *STRIVE FOR 95!*

*MISS* SCHOOL AND YOU'LL  
*MISS* OPPORTUNITIES

BY ATTENDING SCHOOL EACH DAY, YOU WILL BE  
WELL PLACED TO ACHIEVE YOUR BEST.  
STRIVE FOR 95% ATTENDANCE AND ABOVE.

NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL HAS CONSEQUENCES -

- 1** REMINDER GIVEN  
BY TEACHER
- 2** CONTACT MADE  
WITH PARENTS
- 3** HEAD TEACHER  
& DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. ALL ABSENCES MUST BE EXPLAINED.  
ATTEND MORE. LEARN MORE. ACHIEVE MORE.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ATTEND SCHOOL EACH DAY AND ACHIEVE OUR BEST.



# COVID UPDATE

## Minimising transmissions

### MASKS

Masks are strongly encouraged for all staff and students for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. This temporary measure will minimise the risk of transmission events at our schools and protect the health and safety of our students, staff and school community.

Visit <https://fal.cn/3qkAk> for full details of our Term 3 COVID-smart settings.

### COVID ISOLATION REGULATIONS

- If your child is a close contact you are requested to report this to the school. Your child can still attend school but should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before coming to school. They must also wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising). They will not be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including camps.

- If your child receives a positive RAT test, families need to:
  - record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app – and add details of your child's school.
  - notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
  - follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

- Students and staff should not be at school if they are sick or display symptoms. The same processes remain in place regarding sending students to sick bay if they are displaying covid like symptoms.

- Please refer to the NSW Government's COVID-19 pages if you have questions or concerns about testing and isolation requirements. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not please contact our Administration Office for advice.



**Masks are strongly encouraged for all staff and students at our schools**



**COVID SAFETY**



# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

## Supporting your child's learning

This year, Callaghan College Waratah's Parent Teacher Interviews are being conducted both ONSITE and ONLINE. These options are provided to allow greater flexibility in meeting with your child's teachers and finding ways to support them on their learning journey.

### BOOKINGS

Both Onsite and Online Parent Teacher Interviews can be booked via our Sentral Parent Portal (desktop) or the Sentral Portal App (mobile).

We ask that parents are mindful to adhere to their allotted time slots, to ensure that other families are not disadvantaged.

For more information, visit our [Parent Teacher Interview webpage](#).

### ONSITE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Onsite Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the Waratah Campus Main Building (Turton Road Entrance) on Monday, 25th July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Please enter the school via the Administration Office. There will be signage to guide you in the right direction.

### ONLINE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Online Parent Teacher Interviews will be held via Zoom on Monday, 1st August from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Each teacher will have a unique Zoom link. You will be able to find each Zoom link from your Sentral interview bookings.

## ELECTIVES

### Elective selections for 2023

Elective selections for 2023 will be opening shortly.

#### YEAR 8 into YEAR 9

#### YEAR 9 into YEAR 10

Selections open Friday 22nd July and close Friday 5th August.

Current Year 8 and 9 students are able to access information about electives via this [link](#). You will receive an email guiding you on how to select your electives shortly.

#### YEAR 7 into YEAR 8

Selections open Friday 29th July and close Friday 12th August.

Current Year 7 students will receive more information shortly.



# DIARY DATES

JULY

25

Onsite Parent Teacher  
Interviews – 3.30 to 5.30pm  
Callaghan College Main  
Building

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Online Parent Teacher  
Interviews – 3.30 to 6.30pm

AUG 02–05

Year 10 Snow Trip

AUG

03

Back-flips Against Bullying  
12 noon to 2pm

AUG

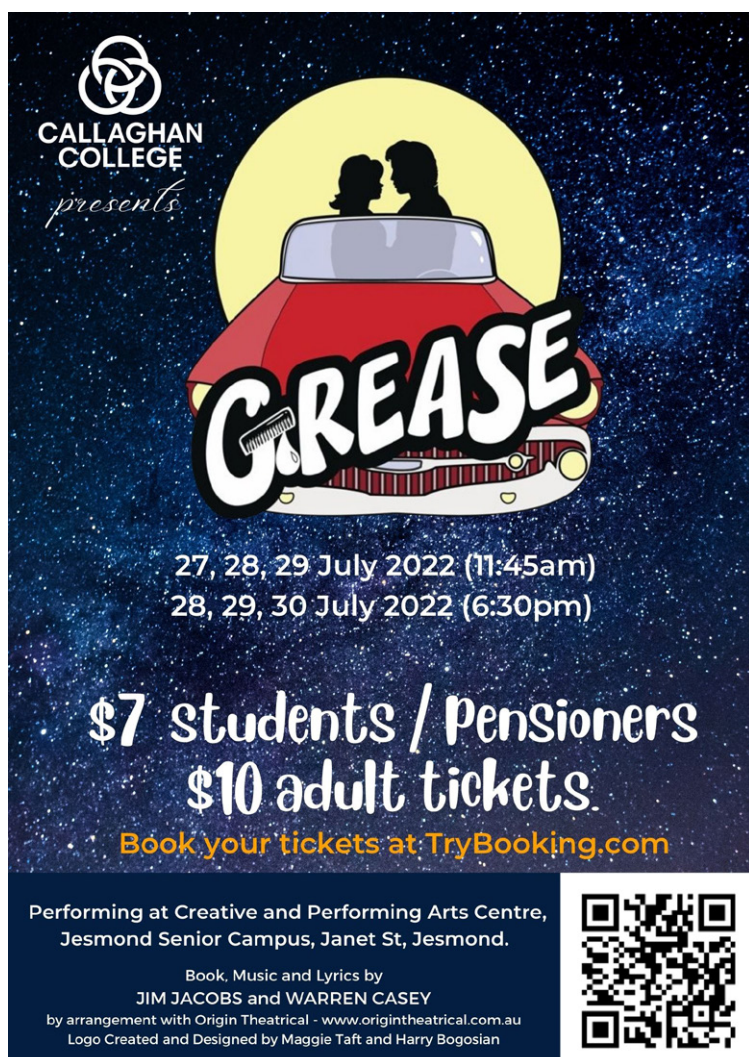
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Escalate: Future Learning  
Expo – Year 10 transition event  
at Jesmond Senior Campus

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Term 3 P&C Meeting  
Online – 5.30pm to 6.30pm



CALLAGHAN COLLEGE  
*presents*

**GREASE**


27, 28, 29 July 2022 (11:45am)  
28, 29, 30 July 2022 (6:30pm)

**\$7 students / Pensioners**  
**\$10 adult tickets**

Book your tickets at [TryBooking.com](https://trybooking.com)

Performing at Creative and Performing Arts Centre,  
Jesmond Senior Campus, Janet St, Jesmond.

Book, Music and Lyrics by  
JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY  
by arrangement with Origin Theatrical - [www.origintheatrical.com.au](http://www.origintheatrical.com.au)  
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## GREASE

Grease is the word!

Callaghan College will be presenting our first ever College Musical in our new Creative and Performing Arts Centre located at Jesmond Campus.

11.45am matinee performances run from 27th to 29th July and 6.30pm evening performances run from 28th to 30th July.

Tickets are available from [TryBooking.com](https://trybooking.com) on this [link](#). Tickets are \$7 for students and pensioners and \$10 for adult tickets.

We can't wait to see our Callaghan Waratah students perform in the dance ensemble. Good luck to all involved for what will be an amazing run of shows!

## STAYING IN TOUCH

Wondering who to contact for any learning or wellbeing issues relating to your child?

Visit our communication flow charts on our school website at <https://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/contact-us.html>

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