



**CALLAGHAN  
COLLEGE**

Waratah Campus

**WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS**

**TERM ONE 2023  
WEEK 5 EDITION**

# WELCOME TO 2023

Ready to learn, ready to thrive

*In this issue -*

**Achieving Your Best  
Swimming Achievements  
Year 7 Vaccinations**

## STAYING IN TOUCH

Get set up with our communication channels and keep up-to-date with permission notes, school notices and our social channels.

Check out page 9 for more details

Callaghan College Waratah  
(02) 4968 1939  
waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



**CALLAGHAN  
COLLEGE**

# SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



It was a great start to our 2023 school year, with all students returning to campus. A warm welcome to our Year 7 students who commenced classes a day earlier than our remaining years. We wish you, along with Years 8, 9 and 10 a successful 2023 school year.

# SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Our Year 7 students are settling in well and enjoying a range of activities to get to know each other. All Year 7 students have designated Peer Support Leaders. These leaders, along with our Year Advisors, are always available to help. Thank you to our amazing Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and we hope our Year 7 students have enjoyed their first week of high school.



Congratulations to our students whose works were chosen to appear in Headspace Newcastle's YOUNG & CREATIVE 2023 calendar.



Love was in the air in our library with our blind date with a book for Valentine's Day. We encourage all our students to foster their love of reading.

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

Welcome to our 2023 school year and an especially warm welcome to our new students and families. We've had a positive start to 2023, with students settled and engaged in learning and making connections with their new teachers and classmates.

It's been wonderful to witness Year 7's growing confidence in their new high school routine. They had a great first week in the Connection Point program and are to be congratulated for their enthusiastic engagement in their Middle School and elective classes over the last couple of weeks.

Term 1 is shaping up to be a busy one with lots on the calendar. It was great to see so many families at our Year 7 and Year 10 Welcome and Information sessions. These sessions are a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet key staff, hear about learning and expectations in each year and find out about our school's learning and wellbeing initiatives. We look forward to connecting with families at our Years 8 & 9 session next Monday.

School photos will take place this Thursday and ordering instructions and personalised order codes were delivered last week.

Thank you to families for your support with uniforms. Please keep encouraging your young people to come to school in full uniform, especially on photo day.

NAPLAN for Year 8 and 9 will commence in March. These tests help us check how well students are progressing with essential reading, writing and numeracy skills. They are just one part of our school learning assessment program and excessive preparation for these tests are not required or recommended.

School camps will continue this year for each year group, starting with our Year 7 camp on the 20-22nd March. Permission notes for the Year 7 camp were distributed last week and expressions of interest for the Year 10 snow trip will be distributed later this term.

Finally, as you've probably noticed, building works are nearing completion on our main building. A big thank you to students and teachers for their patience and adaptability with the associated disruptions. As an extension of this project, 6 classrooms will be completely refurbished in the coming months.

Have a wonderful term everyone!



# SAY CHEESE!

## Get ready for school photos

School photos will take place on Thursday 23 February 2023. We require all students to have their photo taken as we need them for student ID cards.

Students have been given a flyer with ordering instructions and their personalised Shoot Key to bring home. They will need to bring this flyer to school on photo day.

To purchase photos, please order online using the following instructions –

1. Log on to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click ORDER ONLINE
2. Enter the Shoot Key and select the pack you wish to order.

To order a pack for another child from the same family at our school use the “Change Shoot Key” function to enter the next Shoot Key.

Please note that MSP charge a \$20 late fee for orders received more than 7 days after photo day.

If your child did not receive their Shootkey or Family Photo Order Form, they can collect these from the Special Education Cottage during break times.

# CANTEEN

## New faces and new food

A big welcome to Michelle, who is now working every day in our canteen with Vicki.

During the last term of 2022, our canteen menu was given an overhaul, providing more fresh food options for our students. This continues this year, with an even greater range of food available.

The majority of our menu is Halal certified (please check menu for exclusions) and we are also able to cater for many dietary requirements. Just pre-order with the canteen.

Regular specials are also on offer, with delicious meals such as chicken burritos, spaghetti bolognese and meatball subs available.

To see our regular canteen menu, click [here](#).

# YR 7 CAMP

## The Great Aussie Bush Camp

It's almost time for our Year 7 students to attend camp.

Camps are designed to extend learning beyond our classrooms and give students the opportunity to bond as a year group, stretch their comfort zones and create many wonderful memories.

Our Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp is focused on team building. It will take place from Monday 20th March to Wednesday 22nd March 2023.

Activities will include raft building, high ropes, giant swings, rock climbing, bushcraft, Survivor challenges and spotlighting.

We encourage students to make the most of this experience – to challenge themselves, learn new skills and, most importantly, make new connections with their peers and teachers.

A camp information brochure with full details has been emailed to families. If you require further information, please contact our Administration Office.



# SPORTS REPORT

## Achievements in swimming

Our Campus Swim team excelled at the 2023 College Twilight Carnival with Franki (Year 7), Jack S. (Year 8), Jessica D. (Year 9) and Sanne (Year 10) all taking out Age Champion for their respective age groups. A special mention to Franki (Year 7) who broke 3 College records! We wish the entire Callaghan College team good luck at Zone next week.

Our whole of campus Aquatics Carnival will take place in term 4 this year. The focus of this event is participation and fun and we encourage all our students to get involved.

Other representative sport opportunities for this term will be announced in Daily Notices. Parents and Students can access Daily Notices via Sentral (Sentral Students or Sentral Parent Portal). We encourage students to read these notices each day so you don't miss out on opportunities to represent the school. Our Sport Coordinator Miss Bradley will also announce upcoming opportunities during the Sports Report at Wednesday assemblies.



Congratulations to our swim squad who participated in our 2023 College Twilight Carnival inclusive of Aisha (above), Franki (top and middle right) and Jack (bottom right). We admire the tireless commitment of our swimmers to their sport.

# ACHIEVING OUR BEST

Be ready to learn each day at school

As we make our way through the start of the new school year, it's important for new and returning students to remember our school values and policies.

Three key ways for students to make the most of their school day is to follow our mobile phone, attendance and uniform policies.

For mobile phones and headphone devices, these must be off and away during class. Take direction from your teacher and only use these devices if instructed.

Uniforms must be worn each day. The School Locker have a full range of uniforms available, with new stock arriving regularly. Sport uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays.

Families are also reminded that attending school is mandatory. When your child misses school, they miss important opportunities. If your child does miss school, you must explain absences via the Sentral Parent Portal, an email or note, or by calling or texting.

## 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.

# RoSA

## What it means for Year 10

Throughout Year 10, students must complete tasks and assessments that allow teachers to grade the learning and progress of each individual student.

These assessments form part of RoSA. RoSA stands for Record of School Achievement and forms part of the NSW Education Standards Authority requirements for Year 10. RoSA is a credential given to each student, marking the end of junior schooling.

To qualify for their RoSA, students must meet all the requirements of each course studied in Year 10, including all mandatory tasks and assessments. This means avoiding Non-Completion Awards (also referred to as N Awards).

The curriculum for Year 10 consists of English, Maths, Science, HSIE and PDHPE as core subjects, as well as 2x 200 hour elective subjects.

We encourage students to be proactive and it's important that parents and carers also support students to be organised.

For help with this –

Regularly check the Assessment Booklet, which can be found on each student's Careers Canvas course.

This schedule contains how and when students will be assessed, the weighting system applicable to components of each course and the Illness and Misadventure form.

Teachers also hand out assessment notifications at least two weeks prior to due dates.

There are several assessment or homework support options available to students if they need it. Please encourage them to speak to their teachers to gain assistance.

# CLASS READY

## Be ready to learn each day

Be prepared to learn each day by wearing the correct uniform and bringing the right equipment.

A great way that families can become familiar with your child's requirements for each school day is by printing a copy of their timetable and placing it on the fridge. Their timetable will list their classes for each day and is a great prompt for what they will need.

A reminder for TAS classes that fully enclosed leather shoes must be worn. For PDHPE classes, jogger or similar are needed.

Also a reminder about Laptops for Learning. Create a routine with your child to charge their laptop each night, ready to be used for the next day. This is an important tool that is used in most classes and it is vital that it's ready to be used each day.



# CONNECTING WITH US

Permission notes, school notices and more



We work really hard to maintain effective channels of communications with our families, so you know how your child is going, what's happening at our school and how you can get involved in school activities.

Most of our communication to you is done 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 Administration team.

We also encourage parents and carers to stay in touch so we can understand how we can best cater for your child's learning.

The guides on the following page show our processes in which to direct specific issues relating to your child.

## NOTES

### Using online permission notes

Our school uses School Bytes for online permission notes as well as much of our email correspondence with families. Please make sure you check your emails regularly so that your child doesn't miss out on an excursion or opportunity.

When you receive an email from the school about an excursion, click on the blue 'view online form' button to read the excursion details, give permission and sign the note.

You can also follow the Make Online Payment link to pay any excursion fees.

If you are using an Outlook, Hotmail or Live email address and you're not receiving emails from the school, or if the emails are going to the junk folder, you can fix the problem by following the steps at: ["How to add School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list."](https://bit.ly/40TZ97N) <https://bit.ly/40TZ97N>

Please contact our Admin Office if your contact email address changes throughout the year.

# Who to contact?

## Learning issues

STEP 1: Class Teacher



STEP 2: Faculty Head Teacher  
(See below for more information)



STEP 3: Deputy Principal



STEP 4: Principal

# Who to contact?

## Wellbeing issues

STEP 1: Year Advisor



STEP 2: Head Teacher, Wellbeing



STEP 3: Deputy Principal



STEP 4: Principal

## LEARNING KEY CONTACTS

ASPIRE	For assistance with our ASPIRE and Opportunity classes, please contact Ms Lisa Panozza.
TECHNOLOGY	For technology assistance, such as connecting with the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact Mr Chris Ellul.
LEARNING & SUPPORT	If your child has additional learning and support needs, your first point of contact is the Faculty Head Teacher for each subject.



# SENTRAL

## Connecting with our school

Waratah Campus uses the Sentral Parent Portal to provide parents with access to your child's timetable, attendance information, school calendars, daily notices from teachers to students and school reports. It's also the platform you will use to book parent teacher interviews later in the year.

You can register for Sentral Parent portal through the school website. Just click on the blue Sentral Parent Portal button on the homepage and fill in your information. Please use the email address you registered with the school.

You will then be asked to enter an access key to link you to your child's information. All families should have received an individual access key. If you have not receive one, please contact our Administration Office.

There is also a Sentral Parent Portal app you can download to use on your phone.

We encourage all families to connect to Sentral if you have not already done so.

# CANVAS

Canvas is an online learning management system which allows you to access information about your child's learning, including assignment tasks, task due dates and teacher feedback.

To create an account with Canvas as a parent go to the school website. On our Homepage – click on the blue button "Parent Canvas"

If you don't have an account yet click 'forgot password.' In the login field enter the email address you have registered with the school.

You will be sent an email to reset or create your new Canvas password.

Once your password is reset click back on the Canvas Parents link on the homepage of the school website and enter your username (email registered with the school) and password.

## Tech Help

If students are experiencing technology difficulties, please see Mr Chris Ellul.

Families who require assistance can get in touch with Mr Ellul by completing the form on [this link](#).



# CONNECTING WITH US

## Quick Guide

### Website

The official communication hub for our school, it is your 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.

[waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

### SMS

We send SMS text messages to your primary contact number to communicate reminders or important notifications (e.g. sporting event cancellations due to wet weather).

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 social pages. These pages are monitored during school hours only.

Facebook: [ccwaratah](#)

Instagram: [ccwaratah](#)

### Newsletter

Waratah Campus News is our Campus Newsletter. It is emailed to our whole school community twice a Term.

You can also access it on our website and on the Sentral Parent Portal.

### 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 to students.

### Canvas Parents

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 4968 1939

Email: [waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



# YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended and funded for adolescents in Year 7 by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria -tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV).

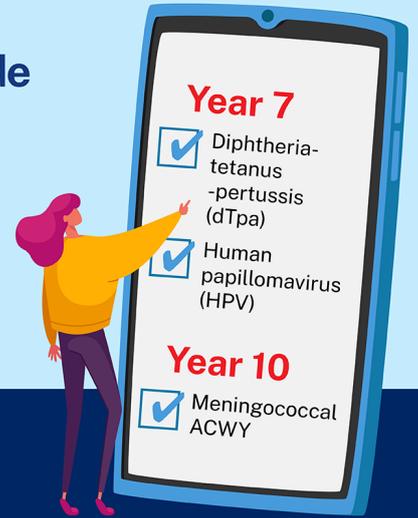
You can now provide online consent for your child to receive these routine school vaccinations. Vaccination will only be provided at school if your consent has been received.

Vaccination schedule:

- Tuesday 14 March  
Year 7 HPV1 and dTpa vaccine
- Thursday 21 September  
Year 7 HPV2 vaccine

## Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

You can provide consent for their school vaccinations online.



# VACCINATION CONSENT

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit: <https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a ServiceNSW account, refer to ServiceNSW to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
  1. Enter your child's personal details
  2. Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
  3. Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement
  4. Provide consent

Families who cannot access a ServiceNSW account can request a paper-based consent form directly from Mrs Payne, our Head Teacher Wellbeing by phoning 4968 1939 or emailing [waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination).

If you require information in your language, please visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school\\_vaccination\\_language.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx)



Use the above QR code to quickly access and complete online consent.

# DIARY DATES

<b>FEB</b> <b>23</b> School photos	<b>FEB</b> <b>27</b> Years 8 and 9 Parent Information Session 4.30pm to 6.00pm Waratah Campus Library	<b>MAR</b> <b>14</b> Year 7 Vaccinations
<b>MAR</b> <b>15</b> NAPLAN 2023	<b>MAR</b> <b>20</b> Year 7 Camp 20th March to 22nd March Great Aussie Bush Camp	<b>MAR</b> <b>22</b> Harmony Day Assembly
<b>APR</b> <b>6</b> Last day of Term 1	<b>APR</b> <b>26</b> First day of Term 2	<b>JUN</b> <b>14</b> Year 8 Camp 14th to 16th June Point Wolstoncroft

## SCHOOL FEES

Parents and Carers are asked to pay a small 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.

Certain elective subjects have additional costs that are charged as separate fees. This covers the additional cost of resources for these subjects.

School fees are currently being prepared, with invoices to be sent to families in March.



## 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>

Callaghan College Waratah  
(02) 4968 1939

[waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)