



CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

Waratah Campus

WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

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It's time to get prepared for the NSW Government's implementation of new rules around mobile phones in schools.

We encourage all families to read through our school's plans on page 10 that will come into effect in Term 4.

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SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Congratulations to Henry, Darius and Locklan for winning our Library's Easter Literacy Competition. To qualify for entry, students shared feedback about a book they'd read or they had excelled in an in-class literacy task. We hope you enjoyed your sweet treats!



Fun times were had in the school hall with our Year 7 students enjoying team activities with their Peer Support Leaders. Through a series of challenges, students tested their teamwork skills and got to know each other better. Thank you to all our Peer Support Leaders who help make transitioning to high school easier for our Year 7 students.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

Welcome to Term 2. I trust you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

It has been a wonderful start to term 2. On day 1, we commemorated ANZAC Day as a whole school with a very special ANZAC service led by our School Captains. I'd like to thank our guest speaker Corporal Gabriel Proffitt from the RAAF, as well as bugle player Siobhan Holohan, who helped make the service so meaningful and engaging for our students (For more, see page 9).

On Friday, eleven students represented our campus at the NCC Youth Week Open Day, where they had the opportunity to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of Council. I'd like to congratulate these students for their enthusiastic participation and astute questions.

This week, Year 7 students visit the Tocal Field Day, our dancers continue rehearsals for StarStruck and participate in a workshop with the Sydney Dance Company and we welcome Year 6 students to our school for the Selective High School exams and ASPIRE 2024 application interviews.

Please keep checking your email inbox for information about other upcoming events and excursions. A reminder to Year 10 and Year 8 families that permission notes for the Year 10 Snow trip and Year 8 Point Wolstoncroft camp are due on Friday 5th May and Friday 12th May respectively. Information about the Year 9 Urban Challenge will also be distributed via email this week.

In sport news, two Year 8 boys shone brightly at state and national level competitions over the holidays. Congratulations to Oscar S. who won gold at the NSW CHS Sailing Championships and to Kulan P. who took out a gold medal as well as two 4th places at the National Athletics Championships.

I'm sure many of you heard the NSW Government's announcement in April about banning secondary students' use of mobile phones in public schools from term 4. Our school has already been very proactive in this space with our 'Off and Away' policy in classrooms and this term we will commence plans to introduce the Yondr Program in support the implementation of the new rules. The Yondr Program has been successfully introduced in numerous schools in the area and enables our students to retain possession and responsibility over their phones at school whilst still providing the benefits of phone-free classrooms and playground spaces.

Further information about the program and the school processes around it will follow in coming weeks. However, in the meantime, please read through the article on page 10 with your child and don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions at this stage about the program. I look forward to working with our community to ensure our school is a positive and safe place for our students and a place in which learning is at the forefront.

Have a wonderful term everyone!



STAR STRUCK 2023

Our students are set to ignite the stage

Star Struck is back for 2023 and this year it's set to be bigger and better than ever.

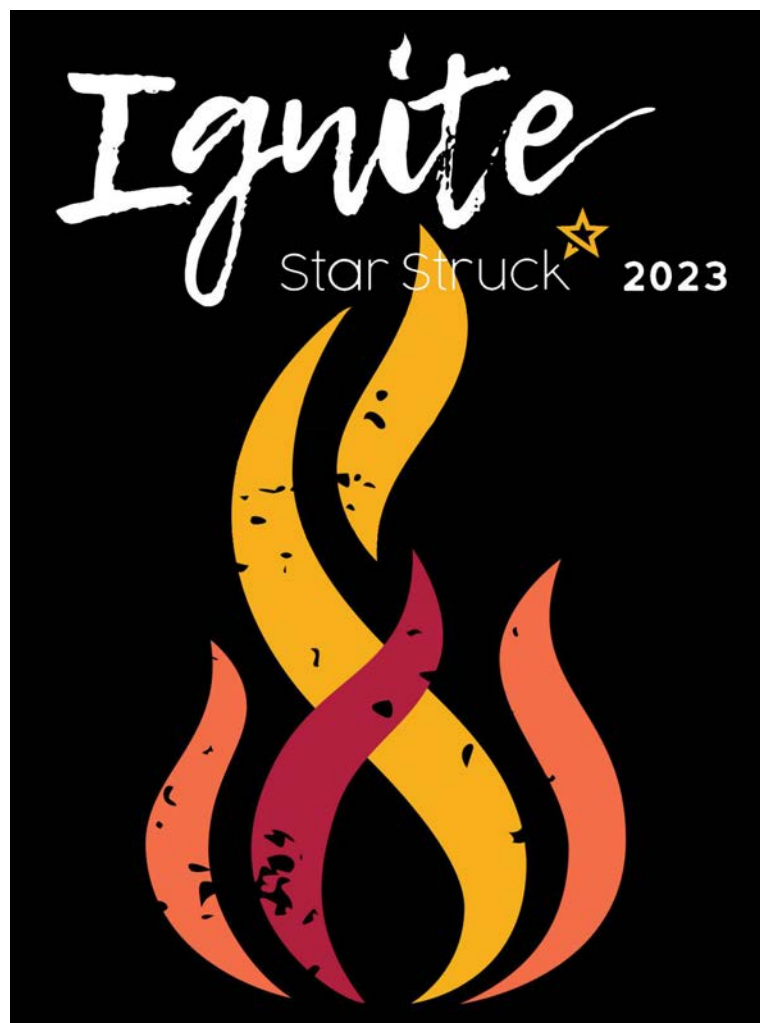
Star Struck provides performance and learning opportunities for students in the arts and fosters an appreciation of the performing arts. From primary schools and high schools and across dance, drama, choir and musical performance, Star Struck showcases amazing and upcoming talent throughout Newcastle, the Hunter and Central Coast.

Callaghan Waratah is participating again this year, with students featured in a number of dance items.

Families of those participating will no doubt be there in support, however we encourage all of our Callaghan families to attend for what will no doubt be a spectacular event.

Star Struck 2023 will be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June. Callaghan Waratah students will feature in Cast B, scheduled to perform on Friday Night and Saturday Day.

For tickets and more information, please visit ticketek.com.au



AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

Help for students after school

Thursday afternoons in the library is now the place to be!

Callaghan College Waratah will be running a teacher supervised Study Centre every Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm in the campus library.

With a variety of staff available, students will be able to gain assistance with their homework, assignments and learning questions. During the sessions, students will also have access to computers, printing and library resources.

This is a great opportunity for students to enhance their learning and seek assistance.

Please note, as these sessions run outside of school hours, students will be responsible for their own way home.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Great results on land and water

Our students continue to achieve great success across a variety of sports.

Congratulations to Oscar from Year 8 for his amazing achievements in sailing. Oscar achieved gold in the Laser Class Division of the NSW Combined High Schools Sailing Championships.

In soccer, our Bill Turner Cup boys team had a victory with a 3-1 win. They proceed to the next round which will be played soon. Our girls team gave a great effort, but were defeated with a tied game that was eventually decided in overtime.

Whilst our Girls 5 A Side soccer team got washed out, our Boys 5 A Side teams had some successes.

With Archie from Year 7 and Ruby from Year 10 also making the Northern NSW NAIDOC Cup Squads, we've had some great achievements in soccer so far this year.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Staff professional learning creating positive outcomes

Throughout the school year, several days are set aside as School Development Days. These days provide opportunities for staff and school leaders to continually improve their knowledge, skills and professional capability to deliver key curriculum priorities and school strategic directions.

Our most recent Development Day on Monday 24th April focused on Aboriginal education and increasing staff's knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories and cultures. Staff engaged in learning concentrated on the unique needs of our school, with the vision of promoting positive change and improved education and wellbeing outcomes for all learners.

Thank you to our Aboriginal Education Team for leading this targeted professional learning program.



WORKING WONDERS

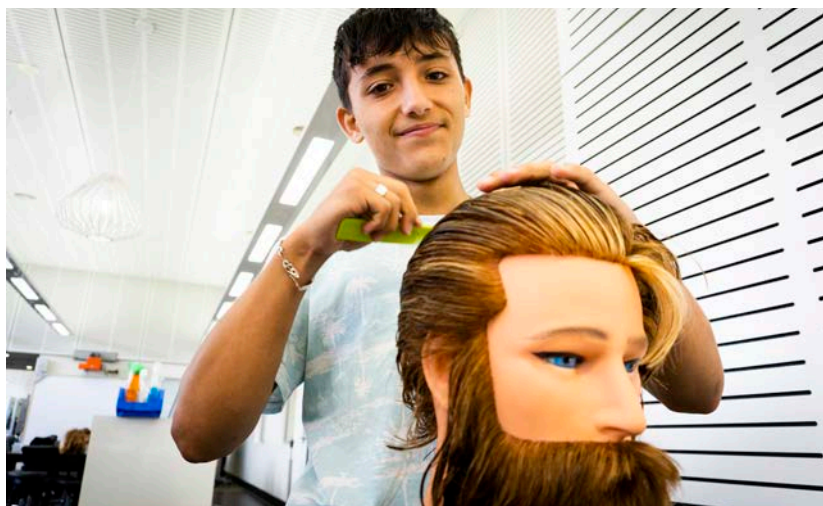
Amazing careers await



Our future workforce is almost spoilt for choice with the ever-expanding career options available. We encourage our students to explore these potential options so they can be better prepared when senior subject selection and career decisions need to be made.

Year 9 and 10 students have had some amazing opportunities in Term 1 to get a taste of career options in the hospitality, aviation and beauty industries. Hospitality students were invited behind the scenes at Crystalbrook Kingsley, exploring various job roles within a leading hotel. Students interested in barbering and hairdressing participated in a 3 day TAFE course, with both hands-on and theory based tasks. Those interested in aviation, got to take to the skies, albeit in a flight simulator, to experience career opportunities in flight.

Further career programs are scheduled throughout the year. Information will be emailed to families as it becomes available. We encourage families to contact our Careers Advisor Mr Mayall if they have questions.





TAFE 2 UNI

Pathway to university

TAFE 2 Uni is becoming an increasingly popular non-ATAR pathway of gaining university admission. Students undertaking a TAFE course or another vocational qualification as part of their school studies, or those that are planning on attending TAFE after school, could be well placed for enrolling into university.

The University of Newcastle will be hosting a TAFE 2 Uni webinar on Tuesday 9th May to share more information around this pathway to university studies. You will hear from the Admissions Team, along with a current student on their personal journey and experience as a TAFE 2 Uni success story.

Date: Tuesday 9th May
Time: 5pm to 6pm
Register via this [link](#).



ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Remembering and respecting the ANZACs



Each year our campus holds a special assembly to pay tribute to the Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. It's a time for our school community to come together to honour those who served, those who sacrificed and those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom and our way of life.

In these assemblies, students hear from staff, students and serving defence personnel, gaining a deepening understanding of ANZAC activities, the values represented by the ANZAC spirit - courage, sacrifice, resilience and mateship, as well as what's been given for our freedom.

At this year's assembly, we were fortunate to hear the thoughts and experiences of Corporal Gabriel Proffitt from the RAAF and to have Siobhan Holahan play the The Last Post and Reveille.

We are very grateful to these guests, as well as to our HSIE Faculty for organising the event. The guests were very impressed with the reverence and respect upheld in the assembly.



PHONES ON CAMPUS

New NSW Government rules for phones in schools



In April, the NSW Government announced their decision to implement a ban on secondary students' use of mobile phones in public schools as part of their commitment to improve students' learning and social development. This ban will come into effect in Term 4 and follows bans that are already in place for NSW primary schools, as well as secondary schools in South Australia, the Northern Territory, Victoria and Western Australia.

Our staff will be discussing procedures to support the new rules with students over the coming months and sharing insights into the reasons for the ban. Our campus has already been proactive in this space with our 'Off and Away' policy in classrooms. This term, we will extend that further by commencing plans to introduce the Yondr Program to support the implementation of the government's new rules. This approach enables our students to retain possession and responsibility over their phones at school whilst still providing the benefits of phone-free classroom and playground spaces.

If contact needs to be made between families and students during school hours, communication can be made via our Administration Office.

We encourage families to have open discussions about the future changes and to contact the school with any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you to ensure our school is a positive and safe place for our students and a place in which learning is at the forefront.

YONDR

To help with the ban of mobile phones within schools, Callaghan Waratah have decided to implement the Yondr Program for our campus.

This program uses a simple, lockable pouch, that stores a student's mobile phone during the school day. Every student will secure their phone in their personally assigned pouch when they arrive to school. They will then be in possession of their phone throughout the day, before the pouch is unlocked when exiting the school. Students will be responsible for their own Yondr pouches and must bring them to school each day.

Over 150 Australian schools already use the Yondr Program, joining over 2,000 schools globally. Using these pouches and having phones away encourages students to be more mindful and less distracted, be more engaged in classroom activities, along with improving their communication and interpersonal skills. It also prevents anti-social behaviour.

Further information on the program and the processes around it will be distributed in the coming months.

DIARY DATES

MAY 8 & 9

Square 1 High School Taster Day for Year 6 students

MAY 18

MyHSC@CCDAY - Year 10 students at Jesmond Senior Campus

MAY 23

Course expo evening & faculty tours at Jesmond Senior Campus for Year 10
4pm to 7pm

JUN 14-16

Year 8 Camp
Point Wollstoncroft

JUN 21

Refugee Week Assembly

JUN 30

Last day of Term 2

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Returning books and resources by the due date allows other students access to these items. We encourage all students and families to keep a track of their borrowing from the library and ensure items are returned on time.

Currently, there are a considerable number of resources overdue. Please talk to your students regarding their borrowings and return any overdue items immediately.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

A reminder that all online payments are now processed via the School Bytes portal. Families who have not yet registered are encouraged to do so.

School fees for 2023 will be updated during this term. Please refer to your online account for balances and to process payments.

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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