



**CALLAGHAN
COLLEGE**

Waratah Campus

**WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS
TERM THREE 2023
WEEK 9 EDITION**

COOKING UP A STORM

Tasty times in TAS

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WELLBEING PROGRAMS

Our Wellbeing Hub is a place to chill and chat.

Find out more about the supportive programs that will be running in term 4 in our Wellbeing Hub.

Check it out on page 14.

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SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



In week 8 we joined schools across the state to recognise our non-teaching staff for the important work they do to support our students, teachers and community.

Our Senior Executive staff hosted a morning tea to personally thank our wonderful SASS team here at Waratah.



Several of our Year 8 students participated in the HunterWise Schools Outreach Program. Students visited Kooragang, providing them with an opportunity to work alongside STEM professionals and learn about career opportunities in STEM.

Our Friday break time concerts continued this term, with Year 10 Music and Music Production students rocking the school grounds with their performances. Every moment was magic! A huge shout out to all the students and staff involved.

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Year 7 Student-led Conferences were held in week 8, with students, parents and carers meeting with our teachers to discuss their learning, goals and achievements. These conferences empower students to take ownership of their learning and encourage deeper discussions for all involved.

Thank you also Ms Maher, her team of teachers and Year 9 students for the fun and interactive learning activities Year 7 participated in outside of their conferences.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of term 3! It's been an exciting term with the introduction of new initiatives and many highlights in academic, cultural, and extracurricular activities. Here are some of them:

- Nashi (Year 9) has made it to the state semi-finals of the Legacy Public Speaking Competition. The competition will take place at NSW Parliament House today. We wish Nashi good luck!
- Nathaniel (Year 8), Maryam (Year 10), and Ruby (Year 10), as well as Waratah teachers Marcelle Powell and Brad May, represented Waratah Campus with pride at the 2023 Muloobinbah LAECG Make a Difference Awards ceremony. Each of them received well-deserved award nominations for their leadership and commitment to Aboriginal Education (see page 5).
- Our Year 7 ASPIRE students impressed an audience of over 300 people at our first ASPIRE Deep Dive Presentation night. We congratulate all students involved on their critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. We especially congratulate Estelle and Finlay on winning the Most Outstanding Project award (see page 10).
- Our stage 5 A and stage 4 A debating teams ranked 1st and 2nd in the region, respectively, in the NSW Premier's Debating competition. Our stage 5 team progressed to the state semi-finals, where they were narrowly defeated by Mudgee High School in a close debate. We congratulate both teams, as well as Mrs Seferovic for her mentorship and guidance.
- Harry (Year 7), Kulan (Year 8), Myah (Year 7), and Jemima (Year 10) represented the Hunter at the NSW CHS Athletics Championship and Evie (Year 8) was selected in the Hunter Open Girls Cricket team for the NSW CHS Cricket Championships. We are proud of their hard work and dedication in their respective sports. Competing at the state championships is a significant achievement, and we congratulate them all (see page 8).
- Our Year 10 Music students brought much joy and energy to our Friday lunchtimes with some amazing Friday Live performances. We thank our CAPA staff for initiating these performance opportunities for our students.
- Our Year 10 students enjoyed perfect weather during their 3-day adventure at the NSW Snow Fields. They honed their skiing and snowboarding skills and created many cherished memories. Thank you to the staff who made this adventure possible (see page 12).
- Our newly appointed Year 9 Peer Support Leaders showed exceptional leadership and service to our school community at numerous school events this term. They helped with our Great Starts transition event for Year 6 students and our Year 7 Connect 2 program.

We are happy to report that the introduction of the YONDR program this term has been very positive. Teachers have noticed marked changes in engagement both inside and outside our classrooms and a significant decrease in mobile phone-related incidents. We would like to thank students, staff, and families for supporting this new initiative. As a school, we are now well prepared for the introduction of the NSW Government's ban on mobile phones in schools, which will come into effect next term.

We would like to thank Year 7 and 8 families who participated in the new Student-led Conferences at Waratah. These conferences replaced our traditional Parent Teacher Night and provided an opportunity for our students to take the lead in discussing their learning. We appreciate the feedback families have given us, and we are taking note of your suggestions for the upcoming Year 9 conferences next term.

Lastly, I would like to inform everyone that I will be relieving in the position of Principal at our Jesmond Senior Campus during term 4. This is a great opportunity for me to enhance collaboration between our junior and senior campuses and to support our Year 10 students' transition to senior studies. In my short absence, I would like to welcome Nicole Avard, our current Year 10 Deputy Principal, into the role of relieving Principal at Waratah Campus.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Spring holiday and congratulations on a great term 3.



WEAR IT PURPLE

Supporting diversity and acceptance

On Friday 25th August, Waratah Campus celebrated Wear It Purple Day in support of our commitment to fostering a supportive, safe, empowering, and inclusive environment for LGBTQIA+ young people.

Decked out in all shades of purple or rainbow, students and staff showed their support for diversity and acceptance.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our cake stall fundraiser.



READ ALL ABOUT IT

Premier's Reading Challenge & Literacy Week

Over 60 Waratah students demonstrated their dedication to literacy and love for reading by participating in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure, challenging participants to read, to read more and to read more widely. Through this, students are exposed to quality literature that can help them expand their knowledge, develop their reading skills and support their learning.

During week 8, we also celebrated Literacy Week, to draw focus on the importance of literacy in every day life. Teachers from different faculties shared their thoughts and ideas in a Literacy Week video which was showcased at an all school assembly, highlighting to students that literacy is so much more than reading and writing.



We invite families to view our Literacy Week video here – <https://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2023/9/celebrating-literacy.html?fbclid=IwAR2...5riZd>0KggG1aeCjlm5fGFyOIR4E...r6W10PxmcdcGAB8h5c68sGVZk>

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Muloonbinbah LAECG Make a Difference Awards

Nathaniel (Year 8), Maryam (Year 10), and Ruby (Year 10), as well as Waratah teachers Marcelle Powell and Brad May, represented Waratah Campus with pride at the 2023 Muloonbinbah LAECG Make a Difference Awards ceremony.

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BROSPEAK

Exploring cultural identity

Our Brospeak program, running weekly in term 3, supports Aboriginal boys in exploring and valuing their cultural identity through community engagement, projects, and excursions.

This week, they revitalised the bush tucker garden and next week they'll visit a significant cultural site at Nobby's Headland to learn about dreaming stories and traditional lifestyles.

The boys are to be congratulated for their attendance and engagement in this year's program.



2024 STUDIES

Getting ready for 2024

YEAR 10 ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Our Year 10 Aboriginal students have taken part in various events to get them ready for their transition to senior studies.

Staff from our Senior Campus visited Waratah to provide more information about a new Aboriginal Culture and Histories course that will be introduced in 2024.

Students also visited our senior campus to continue important discussions about their senior learning and subject selections for Year 11.

They will join all of Year 10 in the 2 week MyHSC@CCJSC program next term.



2024 ELECTIVES

Thank you to students for submitting their elective selections for 2024. You will be receiving an email next term to inform you of your allocated electives.

Four elective selection cards are displayed in a 2x2 grid. Each card has a red header with the elective name and a white body with details. The cards are: 1. Food Design: Faculty TAG, Charge \$100, Hours 200. 2. STEM: Faculty TAG, Charge \$40, Hours 200. 3. Making Music: Faculty CAPA, Charge \$10, Hours 100. 4. CrossFit: Faculty PD/PE, Charge \$50, Hours 100. Each card includes a description, a 'You're studying' section, and a 'Future pathway' section.

JESMOND 2024

Transitioning to Jesmond Campus

We encourage Year 10 students and families to start preparing now for their transition to Jesmond Campus.

Students will participate in the 2 week MyHSC@CCJSC transition program in term 4. In this program, they will become familiar with the campus, get an overview of senior campus learning and receive orientation information to share with families.

To get a head start for 2024 learning, we suggest Year 10 students and families also start looking at the following -

ENROLMENT

Enrolment forms have been distributed to families and most have been returned. Please ensure any that are outstanding are returned to Jesmond's Administration Office promptly.

UNIFORMS

Uniform items are available from Jesmond Campus and LOWES Jesmond. For a list of uniform items and where to buy, please visit - <https://jesmondcc-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform.html>

TRANSPORT

Ensure your Opal card is valid and start to investigate transport options now. The Transport NSW Trip Planner can assist with routes and times - <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip>

CLASS TIMES

Jesmond Campus operates on a different timetable to Waratah. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays are the same, with Tuesdays and Wednesdays slightly different. To learn more, visit - <https://jesmondcc-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/bell-times.html>

SPORTS GALA DAY

Partnering with Islington Public School



As part of the Callaghan Pathway, we have the privilege of experiencing cross-school collaborations, which enhance the teaching and learning experiences of our students.

This week, our Year 9 and 10 Sport and Recreation elective students hosted a Sports Gala Day for Year 3-6 students from Islington Public School. This event provided a real-world context for them to apply what they have been learning in the classroom.

Our students took on the responsibility of coordinating every aspect of the event, including coaching, and officiating various modified games. It was a wonderful showcase of their problem-solving and teamwork skills.

The collaboration was mutually beneficial. Our primary school guests had an exciting opportunity to visit our Waratah campus, interact with our high school students, and increase their physical activity while developing fundamental movement skills.

Events like the Sports Gala Day exemplify our commitment to collaborating to empower learners, and we look forward to many more such enriching experiences in the future.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Great achievements at state levels

COLLEGE SOFTBALL STATE FINALS

Our College girl's softball team shone brightly at the CHS state finals. Despite having four new players in the team who were novices at the technical game of softball, they managed to secure the 11th position out of the 18 competing teams. Waratah Campus was well represented in the team with Matilda, who was the lead batter, Ruby, who was the most consistent power batter, and Tan, who displayed great courage in the batting box.

Coach Mrs. Blight described the team as "a pleasure to coach" due to their positive attitude, respectfulness, and 100% effort. Congratulations to the girls on their well-deserved success!



STATE ATHLETICS

We are proud to announce that four students represented our school and the Hunter region at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park last week. It is an exceptional achievement to make it to this level of competition and it is a testament to their hard work and athleticism. Congratulations Kulan, Harry, Jemima and Myah.



EXCELLING IN CRICKET

In another fantastic sporting achievement, Evie W. (Year 8) has been selected to represent our region at the NSW CHS Open Girls Cricket Championships. This is a tremendous accomplishment, particularly considering she was trialing against students up to 18 years of age.

We wish her all the best at the championships next term.

SPORT ALLOCATION

Term 4 arrangements

Thank you to all the students who submitted their sports choices for term 4.

Mr Goodfellow is emailing out sports allocations this week and you will have until Friday afternoon to request any changes.

Permission notes and fees for out-of-school sports will be distributed next week.

Please keep a lookout in your email inbox so you don't miss the closing dates.

CAMPUS AQUATICS CARNIVAL

Our Campus Aquatics Carnival will be held on Friday 20th October.

Permission notes for this event will be emailed out to families in week 1 of term 4.



WHAT'S COOKIN'?

TAS cooking electives are a hit

Our many TAS cooking electives continue to be extremely popular, with the tastes and flavours of the world filling up our fully equipped kitchens.

Recently our Year 10 students have been researching, preparing and teaching fellow students various dishes from around the world. Not only are they creating wonderful meals, but are also working on their confidence and skills in teaching others and sharing their knowledge.

Our TAS cooking electives are a great way of getting a headstart in the job market, with many of our students securing casual employment, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships in the hospitality sector.



ASPIRE DEEP DIVE

A celebration of critical thinking, collaboration and creativity

On Tuesday 15th August, Callaghan Waratah hosted our inaugural ASPIRE Deep Dive evening. It was a wonderful celebration of critical thinking, creativity and collaboration as our Year 7 ASPIRE students took to the stage to share their deep learning in areas of personal interest.

Across 25 incredible presentations, our students delved into topics ranging from ethical hardware and conspiracy theories to artificial intelligence, Godzilla, and even ducks! Their presentations took many forms, with students utilising spoken word, musical performances, videos, and even audience participation moments to engage and share their discoveries.

Congratulations to all students involved for their hard work, bravery and commitment to their learning. Each student displayed a huge amount of grit throughout the Deep Dive journey, and their hard work paid off during the presentation night. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations to Estelle and Finlay who received the Most Outstanding Presentation award at a follow-up luncheon.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Mrs Panozza and Mr Walker for their invaluable mentorship and guidance throughout this program.

Additionally, thank you to the mentors, adjudicators, musicians, hospitality students, and hosts for their contributions in making our first ASPIRE Deep Dive evening an incredible success.





SKI TRIP

Year 10 take on the slopes!

The sun was out this year as our Year 10 students and their teachers hit the slopes for their annual camp.

Our annual ski trip provides students with the unique opportunity of experiencing the snow and learning to ski or snow board in a fun, safe and structured environment. This allows students to challenge themselves, learn new skills, practice independence and display grit and resilience, all while gaining an appreciation of the alpine environment.

The camp is a massive logistical effort and we congratulate our students for following directions and creating an inclusive, supportive and safe environment so that all attendees could have the best time possible.

We would also like to thank our coordinating and participating staff who not only organised the event, but ensured a great time was had by all.





WELLBEING HUB

Upcoming support programs



The Wellbeing Hub is a place you can come, chill out, have a chat or participate in one of our small group programs.

During term 4 the Wellbeing team will be offering several small group early intervention support programs. Refer to the information on this page for more details.

If you would like your child to participate in any of these programs, please contact our Administration Office.

We'd also like to remind students about our Breakfast Club. Come and have some breakfast before school, meet other students and talk to the Wellbeing staff. At this time, we'd like to thank ALDI for their generous support in providing food for this initiative.

RAGE

RAGE is a strengths-based anger management program focused on helping participants recognise and reflect on anger and identify the different faces of anger.

It is facilitated by our Student Support Officers.

PREVENTURE

Preventure is an evidence-based prevention program that uses brief, personality-focused workshops to delay substance use and promote mental health.

It is facilitated by staff from Wesley Mission.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons For Growth is a grief and loss program that aims to assist students to understand their feelings, develop skills for coping, restore self-confidence and recognise the grief process.

It is facilitated by staff from Samaritans.

CHOICE

CHOICE is an early intervention group program designed to increase awareness of the effects of drug and alcohol use and empower students to make informed and healthy choices.

The program is facilitated by staff from the Salvation Army.

RESOURCEFUL ADOLESCENT PROGRAM (RAP-A)

RAP-A is a strengths-based, resilience-building program for teenagers. It aims to support young people to increase their resilience to depression risk factors, identify strengths, develop new strategies to increase their coping ability and regulate their emotions.

It will be facilitated by our Student Support Officers.

CAREERS

Educational Pathways Program opportunities

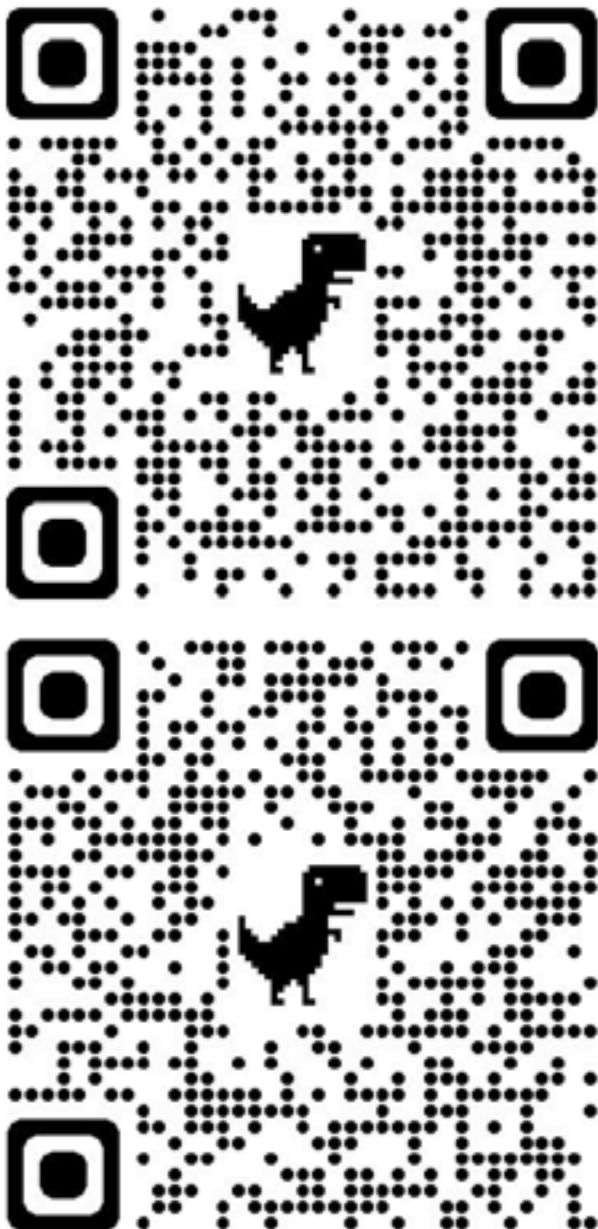
There are some great opportunities coming up next term as part of the Educational Pathways Program across the following career sectors –

Engineering and Manufacturing Construction

These short courses are designed to give students the skills and knowledge to assist in entering traineeships and apprenticeships. Completing these courses also allows students to gain formal training and achieve units of competency, giving them credits for further learning.

Courses are free and are running in October and November. Interested students should see our Careers Advisor, Mr. Mayall to discuss eligibility and to get support with the application process.

For more information on training and apprenticeships, watch the YouTube videos accessible via the QR codes below –



SBATs

SBAT and traineeship opportunities

It's currently recruiting season for School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. We encourage students to read Sentral Daily Notices or visit Mr Mayall to stay up-to-date on current opportunities.

Also, keep an eye out for upcoming short courses such as White Card and automotive training. Short course like these offer qualifications and experience that can be vital for future careers.



DIARY DATES

SEPT 18 Callaghan College CAPA Showcase 6.30pm - Jesmond Campus	SEPT 21 Year 7 & 10 vaccinations	SEPT 23 Last day of term 3
OCT 9 First day of term 4	OCT 20 Campus Aquatics Carnival	NOV 13-24 MyHSC@JSC Transition Program (Year 10 only)

YEAR 9 CAMP

Don't forget to return your permission notes for the Year 9 Urban Challenge.

Remember, medical and dietary information must be completed on the Urban Challenge website -

www.theurbanchallenge.com.au

Refer to your permission note for login details.

Payment for this camp must be made in full prior to departure date.

SCHOOLBYTES

Parents can now store their credit card details securely in the Schoolbytes Parent Portal, making excursion and camp payments quick and easy.

The Schoolbytes Parent Portal also provides access to your Statement of Account, allowing you to keep track of payments. We kindly request that you settle any outstanding fees by week 5 of term 4 to support the smooth operation of our Administration Office.

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>

CAPA SHOWCASE

We warmly welcome our families to our Callaghan College CAPA Showcase.

Enjoy a wonderful and inspiring evening showcasing the talent of our creative students from across our 3 campuses.

Be entertained, be wowed, be inspired.

DATE: Monday, 18th September

TIMEL: 6.30pm

VENUE: Callaghan College, Jesmond Auditorium

COST: Free

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note, our campus uniform shop will be closed during the holidays.

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