



CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 5 EDITION 2025

WEEK 5 EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

NATIONAL SORRY DAY
26th May

CALLAGHAN P&C MEETING
26th May

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
27th May - 3rd June

NRW FUNDRAISING BBQ
28th May (Break time)

NATIONAL HISTORY COMPETITION
28th May

INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION
29th May

BILL TURNER CUP - ROUND 3
30th May

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JNR DANCE ENSEMBLE -
INTENSIVE WORKSHOP**
3rd June

COLLEGE CHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL
4th June

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is mandatory. Please explain any absences via the Sentral Parent Portal, text or phone call.

UNIFORM

Full school uniform must be worn every day. The campus uniform shop is open every Wednesday 1-4pm during school term. Uniforms can also be purchased online via [The School Locker website](#).

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones cannot be used during the school day to help everyone focus on learning. Students must keep their phones in their Yondr pouch during school hours.

What a week we've just had! I hope everyone managed to stay safe and didn't face too many challenges with rising water at home.

We were thrilled to see the sun shine down on our Year 7 Day Camp last Friday! The joy on the students' faces as they got off the bus was heartwarming, and I know they appreciated the chance to connect and learn together. A huge thank you to all the staff who made this day possible—be sure to check out the highlights on page 2!

This week is significant as we observe two important events: National Sorry Day today and National Reconciliation Week. On National Sorry Day, we honour the Stolen Generations and reflect on the lasting impact of past government policies on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It's a moment for compassion and commitment to healing. Uncle Darren has invited everyone to gather in the learning circle today to share stories and reflect on this important day. We will continue our reflections with a special Reconciliation Week assembly on Wednesday. Additionally, our Aboriginal Education team will be hosting a BBQ during break times on Wednesday to raise funds for upgrading the Learning Circle.

Congratulations to our talented Aboriginal dancers and didgeridoo players from the Callaghan Network who performed at the opening ceremony of Surfest's Indigenous Classic over the weekend. You continue to make us proud!

Lastly, best of luck to our chess team participating in the interschool chess competition this week, as well as to our Boys Soccer team as they advance to round 3 of the Bill Turner Cup.

Let's continue to celebrate our achievements and work together as a community!

STAFF FEATURE

In honour of Reconciliation Week, we are pleased to introduce our Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Darren Woodhouse.



What is your role at Waratah?

I support Aboriginal students and families in their education and support needs. I manage the Gunya Room and organise cultural programs and events with my team. I also work with our teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as the community, to provide a better understanding and more opportunities for our students.

What do you enjoy most about working here?

Our sense of community, and the many connections I have made with staff, students and families over the past 23 years.

What are your hobbies?

My favourite hobbies are fishing and camping. I also have a lot of interests, including art, music, and cultural learning.

Who has inspired you the most?

I have looked up to many role models in my life, but my main role model is my dad, who inspires me to be the best person I can be.

What are your favourite foods?

I mostly enjoy seafood, as I have grown up on the coast.

SNAP SHOTS

YEAR 7 DAY CAMP - PT WOLSTONCROFT



We were fortunate to enjoy some sunshine and plenty of smiles at our Year 7 one-day camp to Pt Wolstoncroft on Friday. Students enthusiastically engaged in a wide range of activities, including kayaking, canoeing, damper making, rock climbing, and laser tag. It was fantastic to see them mingling across different classes, building new friendships, and making lasting memories. The camp experience not only allowed students to step outside of their comfort zones but also fostered a sense of community and teamwork across the cohort.

SURFEST OPENING CEREMONY & NATIONAL SORRY DAY



Left: Callaghan's Aboriginal dancers and didge players proudly performed with community at the Opening Ceremony of Surfest's Indigenous Classic on Saturday. Right: Year 9 students gather with Uncle Darren in the Learning Circle to reflect on National Sorry Day.