



# CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 6 EDITION 2025

## WEEK 6

### EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

#### PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### SCHOOL TROPHY GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### COLLEGE JUNIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE

#### INTENSIVE ONE DAY WORKSHOP

3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### ECO INNOVATORS - SELECTED YEAR 8

3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS BOYS VOLLEYBALL

4<sup>th</sup> June

#### CATCH UP VACCINATIONS - YEARS 7 & 10

5<sup>th</sup> June

#### YEAR 10 TRANSITION - HEAD TEACHER TALKS AT WARATAH

6<sup>th</sup> June

#### ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

6<sup>th</sup> June

We have some exciting news to share! As announced by our College Principal Kylee Owen last Friday, Mrs. Michelle Maher will serve as the relieving Principal of Waratah Campus for the rest of the year. Michelle has been leading our campus and is dedicated to supporting our students, staff, and families. Our substantive principal, Ms. Bright, will continue her leave during this time.

After a rainy season, we are thrilled to see sporting events back on the calendar! Students are eagerly anticipating the boys and girls' rugby league and volleyball Gala Days this week, along with Zone athletics. Best of luck to all our participants—give it your best!

A huge congratulations to our Year 10 students who competed in the Hunter Heat of the Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) Program. They secured a convincing win, finishing 20 laps ahead of their nearest rivals! The team will now progress to the state finals in Wollongong. This fabulous achievement highlights their innovation, teamwork, and resilience. A special thank you to The Port of Newcastle for sponsoring the team.

Kudos to our Chess team as well! They tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Wallsend Campus at the Interschool Chess Tournament last week. A special shout-out to Minh Thi (Year 7) for winning in the individual competition for the 12 years and under category. The team is gearing up for their next challenge this Thursday against Warners Bay High School in the Hunter Region Junior Chess League.

Today marks the first competitive debate of the year for our Stage 4 Debating teams in round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Waratah has a strong history in this competition, and it's fantastic to see such talent and enthusiasm among our teams. Good luck to both teams!

Lastly, we witnessed a thrilling 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Bill Turner Cup on Thursday. Our boys played with great skill and determination against St Philips, but were narrowly defeated. This is our best result in the competition to date, and the boys should be very proud of their efforts.

Have a great week ahead!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOYS AFL GALA DAY

12<sup>th</sup> June

### STAR STRUCK PERFORMANCES

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June

### SUBJECT SELECTION EXPO - YR 10 JESMOND CAMPUS

16<sup>th</sup> June

### CALLAGHAN COLLEGE P&C MEETING

30<sup>th</sup> June

### NAIDOC WEEK @ CALLAGHAN WARATAH

30<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July

### DEADLY AWARDS

3<sup>rd</sup> July

### LAST DAY OF TERM 2

4<sup>th</sup> July

## STAFF FEATURE

This week we meet Ms Hakansson, a member of our amazing EAL/D Teaching Team.

### What is your role at our school?

As an English as an Additional Language teacher, I support students who come to Australia from other countries where English is not their first language. I support both their learning and their well-being, as the first will not happen without the second.

### What do you enjoy most about your role?

I love helping people from different countries across the world, because I learn so much!

### Who do you look up to and admire?

I admire Craig Foster, who uses football to advocate for people of a refugee background and for human rights.

### What's your favourite hobby?

I love reading, the beach and travelling.

### What's your favourite book, movie or podcast?

I love a book I studied at school, called 'Housekeeping' by Marilynne Robinson, and I love the movie 'A Few Good Men' - the dialogue is so powerful!





## SNAP SHOTS

### OUT & ABOUT AT CALLAGHAN WARATAH



Year 10 Science were recently led by Mr Ellul in a hands-on activity on learning about cells. Students were engaged in their learning through exploring and creating replica cells in the classroom.

The EALD After School Program continues on Thursday afternoons, last week focussing on developing and expanding our students' English skills.

We are very proud of our Bill Turner Cup soccer team and the display of sporting skills and teamwork they showcased last week. Well done boys for all your efforts! Congratulations to our H2GP team for your engineering efforts and for taking out first place in the event's most recent race. We're very proud of your achievements. Thank you also to Mr Mayall for your guidance and support.

## STAR STRUCK 2025

It's time to light up the stage again, with rehearsals for Star Struck 2025 now underway.

Callaghan Waratah will be appearing in Cast B this year. Book your tickets and come along to support the amazing talents of our students.

Performance dates and details -

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June - 11am (CAST A)  
FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm (CAST B)  
SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm (CAST B)  
SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm (CAST A)

Tickets available from [Ticketek](#).



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