



CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 9 EDITION 2025

WEEK 9 EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH AUTHOR JESS BLACK

Selected students
23rd and 24th June

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE DANCE ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL

Selected students
24th June

TAFE VISIT

Intensive English selected students
25th June

LOVE BITES

All Year 10 Students
26th June

JOB READINESS WORKSHOP

Selected Year 10 Students
27th June

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE P&C MEETING

30th June

NAIDOC WEEK @ CALLAGHAN WARATAH

30th June - 4th July

DEADLY AWARDS

3rd July

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

4th July

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held on Wednesday, 23rd July from 2.15pm to 6.30pm in our school hall.

Bookings will be available through the Sentral Parent Portal from 9am on Wednesday, 18th until 3pm on Monday, 21st July.

Check your emails for further details or visit our school website.

As we approach the end of Semester 1, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our students for their hard work and determination in their learning. This week, I was particularly impressed by the exceptional essays on Macbeth submitted by our Year 10 English students. Their sophisticated language and critical thinking reflect their dedication and willingness to work with constructive feedback.

Students will complete their final Semester 1 assessments this week, and teachers are currently finalising academic reports, which will be available on the Sentral Parent Portal next week. Along with subject grades, students will also receive an "effort" grade for each subject. Please note that the reporting language has changed slightly; the term 'Sound' for a 'C' grade is now replaced by 'Expected' in line with Department policy. This change will be reflected in the reporting keys.

Today, we are excited to welcome author Jess Black, who will host creative writing masterclasses in our library. We hope her visit inspires our students to pursue their literary passions.

Next week, we look forward to our annual Deadly Awards, celebrating the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in academics, commitment to learning, and cultural and sporting representation.

We will soon send out invitations for our annual Callaghan College Inspire Awards, recognising excellence among students and teachers from our Callaghan network of 15 primary schools and three secondary campuses.

A special thank you to our EAL/D staff and students for making last week's Refugee Week celebrations memorable. We are grateful to Mr. Mustafa for his beautiful Kurdish musical performance at our assembly, and to Mrs. Filontseva for sharing her moving personal story of being separated from family and friends due to conflict in Ukraine. We also extend our gratitude to Alaa, Neema, and Abindar for representing our schools at the City of Newcastle's CommuniTEA event. Our bake sale raised over \$400 for UNICEF to support young people in conflict zones.

Last week, our students also completed the NSW Public Schools Student Survey with over 70% of our students putting forward their thoughts about all aspects of school life. It was great to see our students reflecting on their learning and the factors that can improve their school experience.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to our Year 10 students and their families who joined us at the Subject Selection Expo at Jesmond Senior Campus. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents present, engaging and asking questions to help them determine the best study pathway for Stage 6.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead! - Ms Maher Relieving Principal

2025 ASPIRE DEEP DIVE EVENING

The eagerly awaited 2025 ASPIRE Deep Dive Presentation Evening is approaching, and our Year 7 ASPIRE students are diligently putting the finishing touches on their presentations.

We warmly encourage families and friends of our Year 7 ASPIRE students to join us for the evening and celebrate their learning and discoveries. Families can RSVP for the event on this [link](#).

2025 DEADLY AWARDS THE NEXT GENERATION

Next week we will be celebrating the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Families of students receiving awards have been emailed details for our awards ceremony and BBQ lunch.

This year, NAIDOC Week will be held from 6th to 13th July. For more information on NAIDOC celebrations and activities, please visit the [NAIDOC website](#).

SNAP SHOTS

OUT & ABOUT AT CALLAGHAN WARATAH



Our recognition of Refugee Week was truly remarkable for our campus and our broader community. A heartfelt thank you to our students and families for sharing their cultures and stories, both within our school and at City Hall. Thank you also to our Year 10 students and families who joined us at the Subject Selection Expo at Jesmond Senior Campus. Important choices are now being made, and we encourage students to thoughtfully consider their learning pathways to align with their future education and career aspirations.