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Wallsend Campus

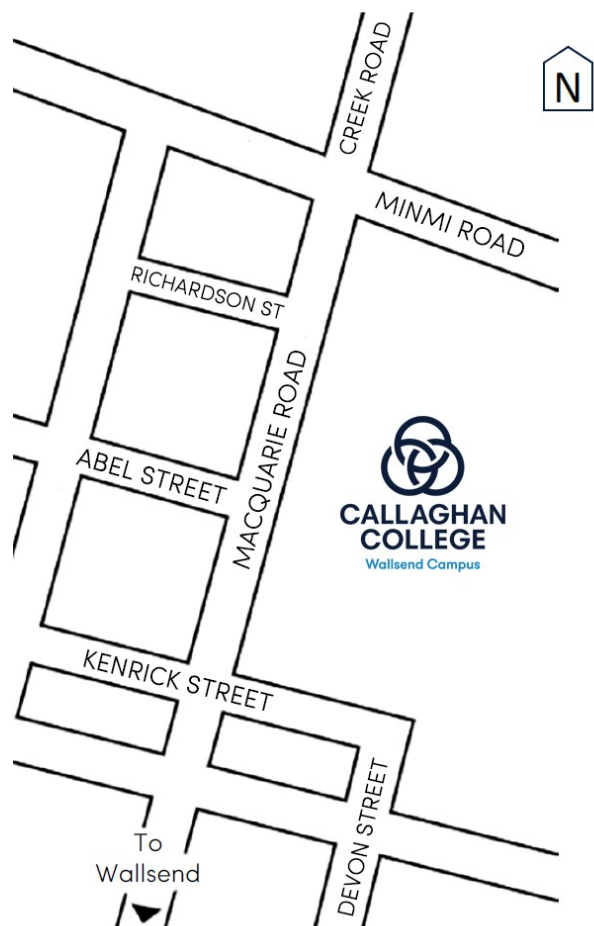


# Welcome to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

**Student Handbook**

Collaborating to  
empower learners

**2024**



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# Principal's Welcome



## Welcome to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

At Callaghan College Wallsend Campus (CCWC) we are committed to educating our diverse community within an environment of inclusion. High expectations challenge our students to develop their potential and grow holistically through an engaging and safe learning environment.

Our school has a very committed school community, executive, teaching and administrative staff. We are a leader in the use of technology for learning, management and administration and provide outstanding academic, cultural and sporting opportunities for all students. Our staff and teachers are highly committed to excellence in teaching and developing future-focused learners to ensure students move successfully into their future career and educational pathways.

As part of our school community, students are encouraged to focus on excellence in learning, foster positive relationships and demonstrate respect and responsibility for themselves and their school.

Our school is an agile, responsive and innovative learning environment, being part of Callaghan College Wallsend Campus is a wonderful experience. Join us and see.

*Paul Taylor  
Principal  
Callaghan College Wallsend Campus*

## What it means to be part of Callaghan College

Welcome to your Callaghan College learning community. Our College provides outstanding educational opportunities for Year 7 to Year 12 students across the unique learning environment of three campuses – Wallsend, Waratah and our senior campus at Jesmond. Our College motto is Collaborating to Empower Learners as all three campuses work together to provide you with your future learning pathway.

Every student at Callaghan is known, valued and cared for. There are a world of opportunities which await you at Callaghan and your learning experience will provide a diverse and personalised approach which will see you thrive in secondary schooling. Our expert staff are excited to welcome you and share their passion for learning along with you.

We are proud to have you as a student of Callaghan College and look forward to your learning journey.

*Kylee Owen  
Principal  
Callaghan College*

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## PHOTO DAY FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024



**IMPORTANT:** Individual photos of all students will be taken on the day. MSP Photography will send an email to all families Wednesday 30 January 2024 with ordering and payment instructions. Ordering is via their website or download the MSP App and individual and family photos can be ordered online too. Payment can be made online, or there will be some cash envelopes available at the Administration Office.

## Important dates

<b>Thursday 1 February</b>	Day 1 for Year 7 2024 only
<b>Friday 2 February</b>	Years 8 - 10 return for 2024
<b>Friday 2 February</b>	School Photos - see above for more information
<b>Early February (date to be advised)</b>	College Swimming Carnival for competitive swimmers (includes students from Waratah and Jesmond Campuses)
<b>Date to be advised</b>	Wallsend Campus Fun Swimming Carnival
<b>Tuesday 22 February</b>	Year 7 Immunisation
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	Year 7 Camp (Aussie Bush Camp) commences, returning Friday 24 May 2024 (see page 23 for more details)
<b>Thursday 12 September</b>	Year 10 Immunisation
<b>Tba</b>	Year 10 Ski Trip



# 2024 Year Advisors

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## Introducing our Year Advisors

Welcome to Wallsend Campus from our wonderful Year Advisors. We have put this booklet together to give you all the information you need to feel confident about starting your time at Wallsend Campus. We encourage you and your family to go through this booklet and please come and see us if you have any further questions.

### Year 7



Ms Hollie Tilse  
Learning & Support  
Faculty



Mr Macaulay Daly  
PDHPE Faculty

### Year 8



Mrs Tracey Wells  
English Faculty



Mr Hayden Dunk  
Mathematics Faculty

### Year 9



Mrs Jenny Hall  
Language Faculty



Ms Mikayla Sheehan  
Science Faculty

### Year 10



Miss Viv Fekete  
HSIE Faculty



Miss Kathryn O'Brien  
HSIE Faculty

# What you need for Wallsend Campus

## Tips to help you thrive in our school routine

### What to wear

- Dress and groom yourself neatly in school uniform
- Make sure you have appropriate shoes for lessons, e.g. lace up joggers if you have are doing PE or Sport, or fully enclosed leather upper shoes if you have any practical subjects like Technology (Mandatory), Industrial Arts or Food Technology, Visual Art or Science
- Take pride in your appearance as a Callaghan College student (see full details about uniform requirements on page 9).

### What to pack

- Read your timetable and check the Daily Notices on Student Sentral each day to help you work out what you need to pack (full details about equipment requirements on page 11)
- Pack your bag, checking you have all materials needed for your classes each day
- Bring your drink bottle, recess and lunch, or some money to purchase from the canteen
- Consider using a diary to record homework and other important information
- Label EVERYTHING, especially jumpers/jackets and hats.



## What to leave at home

- Chewing gum and lollies
- Permanent markers
- Soft drinks, high caffeine and energy drinks
- Aerosol deodorants (bring roll-on only)
- Items of clothing that are not uniform e.g. branded clothing
- Medication, unless registered with the Administration Office (please contact the Office to collect the required paperwork if you need to take medication at school).



## Finding your way around

- Familiarise yourself with the campus map on page 34 of this book.
- Highlight on the map the locations of the classrooms on your timetable (you will receive your timetable on Day 1)
- Keep to the left in corridors when you are making your way around the school.
- If you aren't sure where to go, ask another student or staff member for help.

## School values and expectations

- Speak and listen to adults and peers with respect and politeness
- Respect school facilities, equipment, and the Callaghan College environment
- Come to class ready to learn, stay on task and work to the best of your ability
- Keep personal electronic devices on silent and in your bag during class time (unless otherwise directed)
- Work well with others (see more details about our School Values on Page 28).

# Getting to and from school

Bus Travel:	To find out which bus you should catch, check the TRIP PLANNER on the Transport NSW website - <a href="https://transportnsw.info/trip">https://transportnsw.info/trip</a> - make sure you select 'School bus' under the 'Refine' tab. Make sure you swipe your Opal card when boarding and disembarking the bus. If you do not have your Opal Card, you may not be allowed to board the bus.
Opal Card:	Eligible students can apply online for a Student Opal Card. Check their website <a href="http://www.opal.com.au">www.opal.com.au</a> for more information and the link to apply.
Bike/scooter:	Bike racks are available at the front of the school, please bring your own chain and padlock.
Walking:	Road safety must be practiced at all times! Please make sure you walk safely to school and only enter the school via pedestrian gates, not through a vehicle access.



# What happens on the first day?

## Snapshot of what will happen on your first few days

**Wednesday 1 February 2024**  
**Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school**

Arrive at school before 8.55am and move promptly to the COLA when the bell rings.

You will participate in lessons as per your timetable. You will have two 30 minute breaks during the day, one at 11.00am and one at 1.30pm. The canteen is open during both breaks.

School finishes at 3.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 1.30pm on Fridays.

If you or your parents have been through this book but still have an urgent question, you can call our Administration Office from 8.30am to 3.15pm on our Staff Development Day on Monday 30 January 2024. Please keep in mind that the phones may be unattended periodically on that day due to staff training and development.

### New to CCWC in 2024?

New students commencing at the beginning of 2024 in Years 8 to 10 will be introduced to their classmates by their Deputy Principal.

You will be given the opportunity to check out all the Electives available to you in the Elective Subject Selection Booklet, which you can find in the Welcome Pack.

Your Deputy Principal will be able to answer any questions you may have and they will work hard to make your transition to Wallsend Campus as smooth as possible.



## Getting home...

Make sure you know how you are getting home, such as where to meet your parent/carer, what bus you will be catching or what route you will be walking home, and who you will be walking with.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Not all buses run on Friday afternoons. Some students need to walk to Wallsend Village to catch their bus home. Please check Trip Planner on the Transport for NSW website (more information about bus travel on Page 6)

# 2024 Student Leaders

Welcome to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. We are proud to be your Student Leaders in 2024.

There are plenty of opportunities for students to have fun at high school. Check out some of the activities you can participate in on page 17. It's a great way to meet other students from across the campus.

Feel free to come and say hi if you see us around. We are happy to answer any of your questions.



## How to read your timetable

You will be provided with a timetable on the first day of school. The live timetable is available for students and families on Sentral, Edval and parents/carers can view it via the Sentral Parent Portal.

		MonB	Day, date and Week A or B
		Monday	
BS		8:30 - 8:55	BS: Before school AS: After school
1	8:55 - 10:00	English Yr7 (7EN24W) ENG.A04 MRS Alana Koulouris	
2	10:00 - 11:00	Technology Yr7 (7DT24WC2) TAS.J04 MR Trent England	Subject
L1			Class name, e.g. • 7 (Year 7) • SC (Abbreviated subject—this is Science) • 24 (Year 2024) • W (Class - this is class 7W)
3	11:30 - 12:30	Science Yr7 (7SC24W) SCI.C08 MS Mikayla Sheehan	
		MA.A07 MR Sam Cocking	Teacher name
L2	13:30 - 14:00		
5	14:00 - 15:00	PE Yr7(7PE24W) PE.NORTHCOLA MR Macaulay Daly	
AS	15:00 - 15:30		

Period number and time

Room

- SCI (This is a Science classroom)
- C08 (This classroom is in Block C, classroom 8)

Breaks

L1 & L2 are break times



# What do I wear?

## OPENING HOURS

**Mon 2.30-3.30**

**Wed 8.15-9.15**

**Fri 1.00-2.00**

(Not open Mondays in Term 3)



## Online orders:

Collect from the Uniform Shop

[www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au](http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au)

[country.feeling@bigpond.com](mailto:country.feeling@bigpond.com)

**0414 651 211**

### UNISEX

Polo – Short sleeve	\$32	Sports Shorts	\$25
Polo – Long sleeve	\$35	Sports Pants – Long (coming soon)	\$43
Sports Polo – Short sleeve	\$35	Jacket – Soft shell (coming soon)	\$63
Sports Polo – Long sleeve	\$38	Jumper – Fleece	\$38
		Blazer (coming soon)	TBC

### GIRLS/BOYS

Blouse/Shirt – Short sleeve	\$30	Dress Pants – Long	\$45
Blouse/Shirt – Long sleeve	\$33	Skirt – Tartan	\$50
Dress Shorts	\$35	Dress – Tartan	\$58

### EXTRAS

Scarf/Hijab	\$20	Tie	\$22
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## Where to buy your uniforms

**AT SCHOOL:** Our Uniform shop can be found on school grounds (entry via Gate 5, their flag will be outside the gate when they are open) and their regular opening hours are as follows:

- Monday 2.30 – 3.30pm (Terms 1, 2 and 4 only)
- Wednesday 8:15 – 9.15am
- Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Please ensure you adhere to any current COVID-19 Safety Regulations such as signing in with the QR Code, wearing a mask and social distancing when onsite.

**ONLINE:** [www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au](http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au)

You can order online and have your purchases delivered straight to your door (which incurs a flat \$10 delivery fee). There is lots of information regarding sizing, so you should be able to order the correct size with just a tape measure. If for any reason the size you order is incorrect, they can arrange a size exchange for items that are in their original packaging and have not been worn.

# Your uniform options

Our new school uniform was introduced in 2022. You can choose from a range of options – whether you prefer to wear shorts, long pants, or even a dress. You don't have to buy every item – we are just offering more choices to suit your preferences.

## Everyday uniform items:

Button up white shirt or white polo shirt with any combination of the following (all shirts are available in short and long sleeves):

- Shorts (male/female colour ink/navy)
- Long pants (male/female colour ink/navy)
- Callaghan skirt (wrap around, tartan)

OR

- Callaghan dress (tartan)

## Jumpers and Jackets:

- V-neck Campus fleece jumper (unisex, colour ink/navy)
- Callaghan softshell jacket (unisex, colour ink/navy)

## Footwear:

- Black or white socks
- Black shoes (see Important Note below for information regarding footwear)

## Sports uniform:

- Polo Shirt Sports – short sleeve, long sleeve (unisex, colour ink, blue detail)
- Sports shorts – (unisex, colour ink/navy)
- Sports track pants – (unisex, colour ink/navy with blue trim)
- Sport shoes/joggers

## Optional accessories

- Wallsend Campus tie
- Callaghan scarf (for hijab or other)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Department of Education policy and Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) requirements for practical lessons in Industrial Arts and Science state that any student who is participating in activities using chemicals or equipment at school are to wear enclosed leather footwear and safety glasses. Leather footwear is also required in all cooking and sewing classes.



# Technology @ CCWC

Wallsend Campus is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school, and as such, you may bring a personal learning device (e.g. laptop or similar) to school to support your learning. Lots more information can be found on our website regarding BYOD, including the user agreement which will need to be signed. It is important to understand that the school takes no responsibility for the device and technical support is minimal.



## OUR ONLINE SYSTEMS

Please visit our website to find out all about these systems and more.

<https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/technology---ccwc.html>



**Canvas for Parents:** Canvas allows parents and carers to observe your learning. They can download the Canvas App from the App Store or Google Play.



**Sentral Parent Portal** – Parents and Carers of students can contact teachers and see live data regarding their student's attendance, reports, parent/teacher interviews etc.



Looking to purchase a BYOD? Callaghan College has partnered with HP BYOD School Program Australia for families who are looking at purchasing a device at a discounted price. Visit <https://store.hp.com/au-en/byod/callaghanbyod> (when prompted, use the code CallaghanC)

## Mobile phones at school – A message for Parents/Carers

As per the Department of Education's Student Digital Devices and Online Services Policy, there is a ban on mobile phones in high schools.

To comply with this policy, we at Wallsend Campus employed the Yondr Pouch System. Each student is required to secure their phone in their personally assigned pouch when they arrive at school each morning. They will maintain possession of their phones, and will not use them until they are unlocked at the end of the school day.

**EXEMPTIONS:** Exemptions may apply for some students in some circumstances. For students who require a digital device or online service for medical reasons or for reasonable adjustments made as part of their **Individual Education Plan (IEP)**, use of mobile phones may be permitted.

Parents and carers can request an exemption which will be considered on a case-by-case basis and granted when required by law or at the principal's discretion.



# General Equipment List 2024

You should make sure you have an exercise book of your choice for each subject. Please see your Elective Booklet for more information regarding the requirements of your elective subjects. Listed below are some common requirements and recommendations.

- Items marked with a blue dot are available to purchase from the Administration Office
- Items marked with a red dot below are compulsory for that subject

## ITEM/SUBJECT

### English

2 x 128 page A4 book with margin  
1 x 128 page standard Exercise book  
1 x Post-it notepad  
1 x Highlighter

### HSIE: Geography & History

1 x 128 page standard Exercise book  
1 x Protractor  
1 x Highlighter  
Coloured pencils

### Visual Arts

1 x A4 Visual Art Diary (portrait, 120 page) •  
WHS compliant enclosed leather shoes •

### PDHPE

1 x 128 page standard Exercise book  
Athletic style shoes

### Mathematics

1 x 128 page standard Exercise book  
1 x Casio FX-82AU Plus2 Calculator • •

### Science

2 x 128 page standard Exercise book  
Headphones/earbuds  
Safety Glasses • •  
WHS compliant enclosed leather shoes •

### TAS Subjects (e.g. Food Tech, Metal, Timber etc)

Please see the Elective Selection booklets for your Year for comprehensive details of individual TAS Subject requirements.  
All students are to wear WHS compliant, fully enclosed, leather upper footwear to every practical class. •  
Safety glasses •  
Apron •

### Language

1 x 128 page A4 book with margin

## GENERAL STATIONERY ITEMS

2 x Black pens	2 x 2B pencils	Eraser	Highlighter
2 x Blue pens	2 x HB pencils	Sharpener	Ruler
2 x Red pens	Coloured Pencils	Scissors	Glue stick

## AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1 x Casio FX-82AU Plus2 Calculator	\$33.00
White apron	\$15
Safety glasses	\$5

# 2024 Key Staff

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## Senior Executive



**Mr Paul Taylor**  
Principal



**Mrs Stacy Lambert**  
Deputy Principal



**Mrs Nicole Mulhearn**  
Deputy Principal



**Mr Marc Unthank**  
Deputy Principal

## Aboriginal Learning & Engagement Centre



**Miss Emmalee Clare**  
Head Teacher Aboriginal Learning & Engagement



**Ms Robyn Hill-Smith**  
Paraprofessional Aboriginal Learning & Support



**Miss Tatyana Quinlan**  
Aboriginal Learning & Support Officer



**Mr Quincy Ross**  
Aboriginal Learning & Support Officer

## Learning, Support and Wellbeing



**Mrs Danielle Shedden**  
Head Teacher Wellbeing & Support



**Miss Brooke O'Brien**  
Student Support Officer



**Mrs Alison Taylor**  
Student Support Officer



**Mrs Natalie Finn**  
Chaplain



**Mrs Britt Fowell**  
Wellbeing Advisor



**Miss Kathryn O'Brien**  
Wellbeing Advisor



## Faculty Head Teachers



**Mrs Simone Alchin**  
Head Teacher English



**Mrs Sylvia Kempnich**  
Head Teacher Mathematics  
(Rel.)



**Mr Dane Hockley**  
Head Teacher Science



**Mr Dane Le Rougetel**  
Head Teacher HSIE



**Mr Andrew Johnson**  
Head Teacher PDHPE



**Mr Shane Brain**  
Head Teacher TAS (Rel.)  
(Tech. (Mandatory), Food  
Tech, Textiles, Metalwork,  
Woodwork)



**Ms Rachel Maybury**  
Head Teacher CAPA  
(Visual Art, Music,  
Drama, Language)



**Mr David Summerville**  
Head Teacher Technology

## Other key staff



**Ms Hannah Somerlad**  
Head Teacher Special  
Education (W, Th, F)



**Mr Peter Gallard**  
Head Teacher Special  
Education (M, T)



**Mr Michael Psarris**  
Head Teacher Admin (Rel.)



**Mr Richard McMahon**  
Careers Advisor  
Head Teacher Vocational  
Education and Secondary Studies



**Mr Hagen Starrett**  
Representative Sports Organiser  
PDHPE Faculty



**Mr Macaulay Daly**  
School Sports Organiser  
PDHPE Faculty



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# Subjects and Electives

## Subjects

Students in Years 8 to 10 will experience a range of subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- HSIE
- Tech. Mandatory (Y7&8)
- PDHPE
- Sport
- Music (Y7)
- Art (Y8)
- Electives (Y8 – 10)

Each subject teaches knowledge and skills that are considered essential learning for all young adults in today's world. The core subjects are determined by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

For most subjects you will need certain books or pieces of equipment, there is a list of basic equipment requirements on page 12.

## Elective Subjects

Students will choose elective subjects in Year 8 onwards. More detailed information regarding Elective Subjects can be found in the Elective Subject Handbook. There you will find the requirements for each individual subject.

Callaghan College is regarded as one of the leading schools in the Hunter Region because of the breadth of its curriculum choices from Years 8 to 12.

**Year 8 (Stage 4):** Students study one subject per Semester (total of two different electives).

**Years 9 & 10 (Stage 5):** There is a great variety of Elective Subjects which provide for a large range of interests, abilities and needs. Students study two subjects over two years.

## FEES

The Voluntary Contribution is \$60 for the first child in the family, and \$30 for the second and subsequent child/ren per year.

Elective Subject fees for 2024 can be found on the following page. Please note that Year 8 Elective fees are per semester and Year 9 & 10 fees are per year.

Year 7 and 8 also study the following subjects:

- Technology (Mandatory): \$40.00 (Year 7) \$70.00 (Year 8) (full year)
- Music (Year 7), Visual Art (Year 8) Mandatory: \$40.00 (full year)

Anyone who may require fee assistance can contact the Administration Office for more details.

## 2024 FEES

General Contribution: First student \$60, second and subsequent students \$30

### YEAR 7 - per YEAR

Technology Mandatory	\$40	Music Mandatory	\$40
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### YEAR 8 - Mandatory subjects - per YEAR

Technology Mandatory	\$70	Visual Art Mandatory	\$40
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### YEAR 8 - Elective subjects - per SEMESTER

Art Elective	\$10	Industrial Tech: Timber	\$30
Art: Photography Basics	NIL	Japanese Manga Mania	NIL
Dance	NIL	Law, Business and Money	NIL
Drama	NIL	Lego Robotics	\$5
Fashion and Design	\$40	Music Elective	\$15
Food Technology	\$75	Mystery, Murder and Madness	NIL
Forensic Science	NIL	Sports Studies: General	\$5
Gamemaking	NIL	Sports Studies: Netball	\$5
Industrial Tech: Metal	\$25	Sports Studies: Rugby League	\$5
Industrial Tech: Silver Jewellery	\$30	Sports Studies: Soccer	\$5

### YEARS 9 & 10 - Elective subjects – per YEAR

Aboriginal Studies & Culture	NIL	Industrial Tech: Timber	\$60
Art	\$20	Information Software Technology (Y10)	NIL
Child Studies	\$85	iSTEM	\$20
Computing Technology (Year 9)	NIL	Japanese	NIL
Dance	NIL	Law, Business & Money	NIL
Digital Media & Photography	\$10	Marine & Aquaculture Technology	\$15
Drama	\$10	Music	\$20
Fashion and Design (Textiles) - (Year 10)	\$30	Physical Activity & Sport Studies (PASS)	\$15
Food Technology	\$135	PASS: Girls on the Move (Year 9)	\$15
Industrial Tech: Building & Construction (Year 9)	\$45	PASS: Rugby League (Year 9)	\$15
Industrial Tech: Jewellery	\$70	PASS: Soccer	\$15
Industrial Tech: Metal	\$45	Psychology	NIL

### YEAR 10 VET Subjects – per YEAR

VET Sports Coaching	\$60	VET Hospitality	\$150
VET Building & Construction (see additional requirement below)			\$90
White Card Training (cost to be confirmed, students will be invoiced separately for this training)			\$100

# Creative Opportunities

The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Faculty offers an extensive range of subjects and opportunities for all students. You will study Music and Visual Arts in Year 7 and 8, then are able to choose from Dance, Drama, Music, Photography and Digital Media and Visual Arts for your electives in Years 8, 9 and 10.

Outside of regular classes, you can choose to participate in a range of creative opportunities during breaks and before school. Watch the Daily Notices or ask the CAPA staff for more details about CAPA opportunities

## Beginner Concert Band

If you are interested in learning a Concert Band instrument such as flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or alto saxophone, the Beginner Concert Band might be for you? In a group you will learn how to play the instrument. Once you have been in this ensemble for a semester the aim would be to transition to Concert Band.

If you do not have an instrument, you may be able to hire or trial an instrument. Speak to the Band Teachers to find out more.

## Concert Band

This band is for students who already play a concert band instrument and is interested in learning a range of repertoire in preparation to perform at different events throughout the year. This ensemble provides a positive, fun, supportive environment for every student.

## Drama Ensemble

This ensemble is open to all students who are interested in Drama and acting or want to find out what Drama involves. You don't need to have any prior experience or skills. Drama ensemble is a safe and fun place to come and play games, meet friends and build confidence. We will work on skill development and progress to developing a performance for the Theatre Sports Competition.







## Star Struck

Each year our students take part Star Struck Dance and Choir. Our Puppet Group is always a much loved feature of Star Struck each year. Our students created and performed in the below (and more) amazing puppets in Star Struck 2023: Ignite.



## Art at Lunch

Our Art Room (A12) is open to all students during some breaks each week. You can go along and develop your artmaking skills or bring along your own artwork or class work to work on. All welcome!

## Vocal Ensemble

This ensemble is for any student who enjoys singing in a group. The vocal ensemble, learn a range of repertoire and work towards different performances throughout the year. They may also perform at events such as Pulse Alive and Starstruck.

## Dance Ensemble

Students with a passion for dance can join our Dance Ensemble. At our morning rehearsals, we learn and practice the choreography for various dance performances throughout the year. Performance opportunities may include Star Struck, Hunter Schools Dance Festival and Hunter Dance Camp.





# Aboriginal pathways

At Callaghan College, we continue to improve the educational outcomes and wellbeing of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, so that each student can personally excel in all aspects of their education. We ensure that all of our students feel their culture is valued and celebrated.

Kurrurka, our Learning and Engagement Centre, is located next to A Block. The centre focuses on providing support and tailored activities to meet the needs of each individual student.

Our staff develop a Personalised Learning Pathway (PLP) with each student. These plans are designed to assist students with their engagement and interest in school. We also focus on how we can assist each student's transition from primary school to our senior campus, and beyond. Students are given the opportunity to participate in our mentoring programs, which include Ngaarr Dhuwi Girls Academy, and Boys Mentoring Groups.

We actively support and value the cultural knowledge and identity of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait student across the College. There are many opportunities for students to undertake cultural leadership roles, including participation in our Junior Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group (JAECG), and the sharing of cultural knowledge to our school community through art, performance, and story-telling.

By working with the community and organisations that are culturally safe, we use a holistic approach to supporting our students. We encourage parents, carers and families to be involved in collaborative decision making for the benefit of our students' ongoing growth and achievement.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Emmalee Clare**  
Head Teacher Aboriginal Learning  
and Engagement



## Ngaarr Dhuwi Girls Academy

A holistic program developed by NSW AECG Inc. (Aboriginal Education Consultive Group) that supports our young Aboriginal women through their educational journey from Year 7 to Year 10. The Program nurtures culture, wellbeing, and spirit to increase self-determination and engagement to complete school. We are located in room C5A if you would like to stop by for a yarn.



# Getting into learning

## The Library

Our library is a wonderful learning space full of resources and quiet break out areas. It is on the ground floor of B Block and is open before school (from 8:30am) and both breaks most days.

You will also have some of your classes in the library, including a Library Orientation Day which aims to introduce you to our Student Intranet, where you can find ebooks, printing codes, research tools, library borrowing, and the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are five separate and individually designed learning spaces including our Virtual Reality learning space.

As a vibrant learning space, you can use all of the resources in the library including laptops and computers, as well as print and digital resources (books, magazines, board games, reference resources etc) for school assignments and your own personal interests and hobbies.

The library hosts regular activities including Chess Club, Book Club, FAST tutoring support and student exhibitions. We also have competitions and regular displays which support literacy and cultural appreciation such as Harmony Week, and Book Week. We encourage student book reviews, recognise and encourage student borrowing, hold organised craft activities for special events, and help students develop key library skills in areas of research and referencing.

Our library staff are here to help with all your information needs. We are also big supporters of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge which we actively encourage our students to get involved with at high school.

## LevelUP

In 2024, all Year 7 classes will participate in our LevelUP Program. This program will focus on building the key literacy and numeracy skills that you will need to help you succeed in all your subjects. Lessons will include the explicit teaching of skills using games, puzzles and challenges.

## The Hub

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus has a centre which is focussed on supporting student learning, called The Hub. The Hub is located in the Library, on the ground floor of B Block.

The Hub is staffed by Learning and Support teachers, who assist with a range of student learning needs.

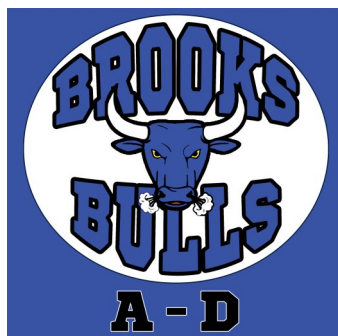
The Hub offers individualised learning support and is available for students who may need a little extra help with their assignments or class work. Also if a student has been away from school for an extended period of time, they may require some assistance in catching up on school work. The Hub also supports students who are participating in the High Performing Students Program.

To access The Hub, you will need to talk to your teacher and they can make a referral for you.





# Get involved in sport



## Sport and PDHPE

Sport is held each Friday morning (8.55am to 11.00am) for students in Years 8 to 10. Each year there are three sport 'Series', each running for 12 weeks. Each Series you can choose between a range of different sports, some of which are held at school and some will require bus travel. Some sports have an associated cost each week and all sports requiring bus travel have a bus fee, which is due at the beginning of each series.

You will also get to do more sport and physical activity in the core subject, PDHPE (Personal development, health and physical education).

We also have Campus Athletics and Swimming carnivals, as well as a College competitive swimming carnival and the cross country competition.

Students compete for house points and are placed in their sporting house by surname (see our house mascots above).

## Other sporting opportunities

We have a very active sports program that runs throughout the year. Students can get involved in team sports including rugby league, basketball, AFL, soccer, lawn bowls, netball, touch football, volleyball, cage soccer, dodge ball, paddle tennis and more.

Wallsend Campus has a proud reputation for students representing the school at zone, regional and state carnivals and competitions.

Throughout the year, you can get involved in lunch time competitions, CHS Knockout competitions and gala days.

See your PDHPE Teacher for more information about sporting opportunities at Wallsend Campus.

### WALLSEND CAMPUS FITNESS PASSPORT

Earn stars for every participation in a PDHPE or sport event in 2024. Students who have achieved enough stars will be rewarded at the end of the year!









# Overnight Excursions

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Students will be issued with full information closer to the date. Please make sure to complete all documentation by the full date, and note that numbers for each camp are limited and may fill up by the due date.

## Year 7 Camp – Week 4, Term 2

**WHERE:** Aussie Bush Camp

**WHEN:** Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 May 2024

**COST:** To be confirmed, but we expect the cost to be around \$400 per student.



## Year 10 Ski Trip 2024 – Week 4, Term 3 (TBC)

Information regarding the Year 10 Ski Trip will be issued during Term 1, There is normally a maximum of around 90 positions available. Once the numbers have been finalised a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is to be paid online or to the Administration Office by the due date (around early May), with full payment to be made by later in Term 2. We will notify all students of the exact dates and amounts once the booking has been finalised.

### TRIP DETAILS

**WHERE:** Perisher Smiggens

**WHEN:** Usually early August, dates to be confirmed

**TRANSPORT:** Coach

**COST:** To be confirmed





# Wellbeing Programs

Student wellbeing is an important part of everything we do. Wallsend Campus is proud of our positive school culture. Our school values are backed by a range of programs that aim to provide a safe and supportive learning and social environment for all our students.

## Peer Support

Our Year 10 student leaders are involved in a formal peer support program to help year 7 students navigate their way around high school. Peer support leaders provide students with a friendly, familiar face around campus and introduce the daily routines of high school life. Our Peer Support program is a great opportunity for year 10 students to develop leadership skills while building connections with Year 7 students.

## Year Advisors

Year Advisors provide guidance and promote wellbeing of students in their year group. They are your first contact if you have any concerns or you want to find out what additional support might be available for your specific needs at school.

They also organise events, assemblies and excursions for your Year group. Our Year Advisors are one of the main points of contact at the school for your parents or carers.

## Learning Support

We have a team of teachers that are dedicated to providing additional learning support to students who may benefit from having some help outside the classroom. Your parents can contact your Year Advisor or Head Teacher Learning and Support to find out more about how to access these services.

## Supportive Environment

To maintain a safe and supportive environment for everyone, we have very clear processes for managing any harassment, discrimination, violence or bullying at school. For more information about our expectations and policies about student behaviour, please go to our website.

## Inclusive culture

We celebrate a rich diverse culture at Wallsend. Many students have families with connections from across the world. As a school community, we recognise the value and richness of multiculturalism. We get involved each year in special events such as Harmony Day and Refugee Week across the College.

We also provide one-on-one and group support for students where English is a second language. Teachers help students to improve their written and spoken English skills in parallel with their class subjects.

The school does not tolerate any form of racism and we have an Anti-Racism Community officer (ARCO) and supporting policies.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club runs every day in classroom A1 from 8.15am. All students are welcome to come and have some breakfast before class. It's also a great way to start the school day and make friends.



# School reports

## School Reports

School reports are produced twice per year, at the end of each semester. Your report will list your achievement, effort and behaviour for each subject.

The Assessment of Achievement is based on the following grades:

- A Outstanding
- B High
- C Sound
- D Basic
- E Limited

All reports are emailed directly to your parent/carer and are also available to view and/or download at any time on the Sentral Parent Portal.

## Parent/Teacher Evenings

Interim reports are issued at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. These reports provide a brief overview of your progress and are available for you and your parents prior to Parent Teacher Evenings. These evenings are an opportunity for your parents/carers to discuss your progress in person. You will be advised when bookings are open and can be made via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Parents/carers are also most welcome to make an appointment with your teacher/s if they need to discuss anything with them by contacting the Administration office to arrange an interview.

# Bell times and school terms

All roll marking at Wallsend Campus is completed online and will be marked at the start of each period. Important information is also communicated to students during roll marking so you need to make sure to get to class on time.

BELL TIMES				
	MON/TUES/THURS	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	
PERIOD 1	8.55am	8.55am	CURIOUS CREATIONS Year 7	SPORT Years 8-10
PERIOD 2	10.00am	10.00am – Assembly 10.55am		
BREAK 1	11.00am (30 min)	11.15am (30 min)	11.00am (30min)	
PERIOD 3	11.30am	11.45am	11.30am	
PERIOD 4	12.30pm	12.40pm	12.30pm	
BREAK 2	1.30pm (30 min)	1.35pm (30 min)	Early finish: 1.30pm	
PERIOD 5	2.00pm	2.05pm		
FINISH	3.00pm	3.00pm		

2024 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS	
TERM 1	Years 8 to 10 return Wednesday 1 February 2024 (Year 7 31/01/23) to Friday 12 2024
TERM 2	Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July 2024
TERM 3	Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September 2024
TERM 4	Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December 2024



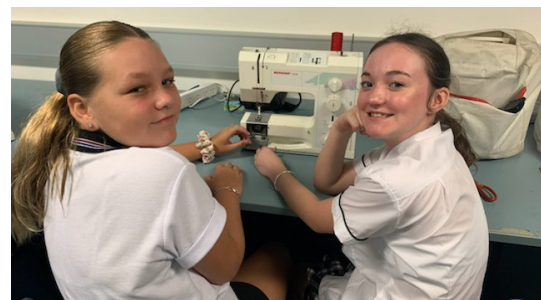
# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning



*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time CCWC  
school starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**





# Rewards and awards

## WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

We celebrate students throughout the year who consistently demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Excellence and Relationships.

### **WE ALL VALUE EDUCATION (WAVE):**

Twice per term, students are given a score against the WAVE criteria by their classroom teachers on a 1 to 5 scale. The score is based on student engagement, respect, personal responsibility, school uniform and attendance, with 5 being the highest possible score for each class. Students who achieve an average score of 4 and above go into the draw and one student from each year is randomly chosen to win a \$5.00 canteen voucher at our fortnightly whole school assembly.

**YEAR ADVISOR AWARDS:** At our fortnightly Year Assemblies, Year Advisors choose one or two students to be rewarded for excellence. This can be for many reasons, for example, working hard, citizenship or engagement in class.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS:** Twice per term, the students whose attendance is 90% or above go into a draw to win a prize. The first name drawn out wins a \$50 Teen Voucher, with another two students each winning a \$10 Canteen Voucher.

## SEMESTER AWARDS

**FIRST IN CLASS AWARDS:** Every student has a chance to be recognised in our First in Class Awards. These are given out each semester to the student who comes first in every class, of every subject, in every year group right through from Year 7 to Year 10.

First in Class awards for Semester 2 are awarded at the annual Celebration of Learning assemblies.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

### **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING WEEK:**

Award Ceremonies are held at the end of Term 4 at a special assembly for each Year Group.

Academic, leadership, citizenship, cultural and encouragement awards are given at these assemblies.

**ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION:** We hold a Sports Presentation each year for our amazing sports persons. Students are recognised for their achievements in individual and team sports, age champions, lunchtime competition winners and more.





# School values

## RESPECT

- Our students appreciate the rights of others to learn in a safe and caring environment; we acknowledge that our differences are what makes us all special.
- Our staff provide a learning environment that caters for all types of learning. We establish positive relationships and celebrate diversity.
- We encourage our families to be key players in their child's education.



## RESPONSIBILITY

- Our students strive for personal best in all endeavours and are prepared to commit to the goal of maximising personal outcomes.
- Our staff provide a world class learning environment that embraces collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.
- We work collaboratively with the community to ensure that students are guided and encouraged through Years 7 - 10 to best meet their educational and personal goals.



## EXCELLENCE

- Take advantage of every opportunity to extend your learning and to pursue your personal best in all areas.
- Our teachers utilise best practice in all aspects of their preparation for teaching, learning, reporting and evaluating.
- Our community can utilise all avenues of the school for positive partnerships, open communication and good management.





# Support for learning

## Introducing our Learning and Support Team

Our Learning and Support Team works closely with teachers, students, parents and outside professionals to cater for the individual support needs of students.

Services provided by our Learning and Support Team include:

- Assessment of student learning needs
- Targeted intervention programs e.g. literacy, numeracy, and organisational skills
- In-class support
- The development of Individual Education Plans (IEP's)
- Emotional and behaviour intervention and support groups
- Advice for accessing internal and external professional support services
- Determining appropriate adjustments, including the modification of curriculum, assessment and exams
- Determining appropriate extension programs for high achieving students
- Transition programs
- Professional development sessions to enhance teacher skills and understanding.

### WHAT ABOUT HOMEWORK?

All students are expected to complete some work at home. You may have a set task or assessment task to complete or if not, you should go back over to revise what class work has been done that day.

You and your parents /carers can see what homework tasks have been set in CANVAS.

### Free After School Tutoring (FAST) Centre – afternoon tea provided!

All students are free to take advantage of our FAST Centre tutoring program, which is held during peak periods throughout the year in the Library after school from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Watch our Facebook page and Student Notices for when it will be running.

Wallsend Campus teaching staff from a diverse range of faculties provide assistance for homework, assessment tasks or just gaining understanding of course content.

## Supporting your child – tips for parents

### Mrs Danielle Shedden, Head Teacher Learning and Support

Wallsend Campus is fully inclusive and every student is supported to achieve their greatest potential.

If your child is struggling or has concerns about their learning we encourage you to address these concerns early. Start with a conversation with your child – find out what they find challenging and what would make a difference for them.

We also encourage you to contact your child's classroom teachers and/or Year Advisors for support. Our Learning and Support Team are here to help for more complex issues, such as learning or wellbeing difficulties, diagnosis and/or disability.

If you would like to know more, or to provide additional information to assist us in meeting your child's individual learning and support needs, please contact us for an appointment.

# How we communicate

## Our school's communication channels to parents and carers

Office hours: 8.30am until 3.15pm on school days

Phone: 02 4951 1811

Email: [wallsend-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wallsend-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Email – IMPORTANT!

It is vital that we have on file an email address that your parents check regularly.

Most of our communication is digital. Permission notes, absence notifications, newsletters, school reports, school fees, notification of award ceremonies, and more.

Make sure to keep your information current so you don't miss any important messages.

### Sentral Parent Portal

Your parents can view your timetable, attendance and the daily notices from the school. This is also where to view and print out school reports and where to book Parent Teacher Interviews.

See our website to find more information on how to register and login to the Sentral Parent Portal.

### Canvas

Canvas, our online learning platform, allows you and your parents 24/7 access to your learning, with lessons, resources, homework and revision, assessment tasks and schedules. There is also a calendar and you can personalise your notifications for announcements or assessment task updates via email.

### School Bytes Parent Portal

Here your parents can check the details of any Permission Note, submit the consent form online and keep track of your activities.

They can also pay for school fees and excursions via a secure link (also found at the top of our website). If you have siblings at this or another school, they can view all their children in one portal.

### What's Happening?

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram pages where we share lots of updates and snapshots of the activities and achievements of our students.

We also email a newsletter each term to all families, so make sure that your email details are correct, you don't want to miss it!

### Message from the Administration Office: Change of Details

Don't forget to notify us if you have made any changes to your contact details, including phone number, address, email address etc.

Remember, if you change your address, we are required by the Department of Education to sight a copy of your proof of residence, e.g. Rates Notice, utility bill, lease or mortgage documents etc. Please bring one of these documents to the Administration Office.

Please note, we are not allowed to accept a drivers licence as proof of address.

A Change of Details form can be found on our website or collected from the Administration Office.

### Absent from school?

Your parent/carers can send us an SMS

**0429 55 01 88**

Parents/carers can send an SMS message to explain your absence from school. Plus, we send an SMS to the family of all students that are absent each day (at around 10.30am) that they can reply to with a reason.

They can also email us, send a note with you to school, or call us on 4951 1811.

Please remember that absences must be explained within 7 days of the absence.

### Website

[wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

Our website can be used as a starting point when you want to access Sentral or Canvas as all the links are on the home page.

There are links for students to Canvas, Sentral and the Student Portal. Links also for parent to access Canvas, Sentral and School Bytes.

We have lots of information on our website which we are always updating.

# What to do if...

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**I am late to school:** If you arrive late to school you will need a signed and dated note from your parent or carer, explaining why you are late. Hand this note into the student counter of the Administration Office who will issue you with a Late Slip. You will then need to provide this Late Slip to your class teacher.

You can see information regarding the impact absences have on your learning on page 26.

**I am late for class:** If you are delayed in a previous class by a teacher, ask for a note with a reason for your lateness, and give this note to your next teacher as soon as you get there. Unexplained lateness to class can result in disciplinary action so be mindful to be punctual to class at all times.

**I am very early to school:** Please wait under the main COLA until staff come on duty to supervise students from 8.30am each day.

**I feel sick at school:** If you are feeling unwell in class, your teacher will issue you with a note so that you can see the First Aid Officer, located at the Student Counter in the Administration Office (during breaks you can just go directly to the Student Counter). They will assess you, and provide treatment if appropriate. If necessary, your parent/carers will be phoned by the school to collect you (do not call or text home yourself if you are feeling unwell).

For students with a medical pass, please show the teacher and ask to go to the First Aid Officer if you are feeling unwell.

**I lost my timetable:** Log onto the Sentral Student Portal and print your timetable, or you can save it as an image and keep it on your phone or BYOD. You can also print it out in the Library. Library staff are happy to assist you with this.

**I am not in correct uniform:** Bring a note from home explaining why, and take it to your Deputy Principal when you get to school.

Eligible families can apply for Student Assistance to help with uniform purchases. Please contact our Administration Office for more details.

**I am lost:** All members of staff are happy to help you or you can ask other students. Alternatively, you can make your way to the student counter in the Administration Office and ask for assistance.

**I need to leave school early:** Bring a note from your parent/carers explaining the time you will be collected and why you need to leave early. Collect your 'Leave Early Slip' from the Administration Office and keep it with you until you need to show the slip to your class teacher who will allow you to leave class.

If your parent or carers needs to pick you up unexpectedly, they need to report to the Administration Office first (*Parents, please phone the Office before you arrive, to give as much notice as possible, so we can notify your child that they will be collected*).

**I lost something at school:** You are responsible for all your belongings at high school. If you do lose something, check if it has been handed in at the Administration Office. We recommend that students do not bring large sums of money or valuables to school.

**I lost my textbook/English novel/library book:** You may be loaned textbooks/English novels, or borrow a library book from the school that will need to be returned. If you lose or damage a loaned textbook, English novel, or library book, the school will expect you to pay for its replacement.

**I am having trouble with another student:** Please talk to one of your teachers or your Year Advisor who will help you work out what to do next.

**I want to go to the toilet during class:** We encourage you to use the bathroom during Break 1 (Recess) or Break 2 (Lunch). Your teacher will give you a note and allow you to go if it is an emergency only.

**I can't do sport due to illness or injury:** Bring a note from your parent/carers explaining the reason why you cannot do sport and present to your PDHPE or sport teacher at the start of the lesson.



# Our Canteen

Our school canteen has lots of great and healthy options before school, and during breaks. Watch the boards for daily specials.

Just a reminder that you are unable to make purchases at the canteen during classroom (unless you have special permission from your teacher).

**Breakfast:** The canteen opens at 8.30am in the morning each day and is open until the bell goes at 8.55am. You can buy from the yummy breakfast menu or place an order for lunch or recess (this makes it quicker to pick up at break time).

Here is an example of items that are available to purchase before school:

- Bacon and Egg Roll
- Fruit Salad
- Cheese Toastie
- Ham and Cheese Toastie
- Ham and Cheese Croissant

**Recess (Break 1):** The bell goes after Period 2 for Recess at 11.00am and you can visit the canteen until the bell goes for Period 3 at 11.30am. (Recess is between 11.15am and 11.45am on Wednesdays due to Assembly). If you have ordered your recess via Flexischools or at the canteen before school you will line up in the area designated for pre-orders.

**Lunch (Break 2):** After Period 4, the bell goes at 1.30pm for lunch (1.35pm on Wednesdays due to Assembly). On Fridays, due to our early finish at 1.30pm, the canteen does not open at 1.30pm.

Remember that you are unable to buy from the canteen during class time, only during breaks.

There is a wide range of hot and cold food available. Make sure you take advantage of the Flexischools App or order before school to make sure you get your preference.

Choose from:

- Assorted salads, sandwiches and wraps, such as Chicken Caesar Salad, Garden Salad and Pesto Pasta Salad.
- Homemade Burgers, including beef, chicken and veggie with lots of options available (including Gluten Free).
- 100% beef and reduced fat Sausage Rolls and Pies.
- Beef and Vegetarian Nachos.
- Daily specials from Monday to Thursday, check the specials board for details - items such as chicken and gravy rolls, spring rolls, nachos and devil chicken wings available.

Our menu is seasonal with lots of home made and healthy options, see the full menu in the Flexischools App.

**Snacks and drinks:** We have a wide range of snacks and drinks ready to purchase over the counter (or via the App) and available during Break 1 or 2, such as:

- Veggie Snack Packs
- Muffins
- Fruit salad
- Water, juices and milks
- And lots more.



Skip the queues and order your breakfast, recess or lunch via the Flexischools App.

Visit the Flexischools website to find out more about this canteen ordering system

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/parents>



# Year 7 & 10 Immunisation

A message from NSW Health



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Free for all students in Years 7 and 10

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting our school during to offer free vaccinations against serious preventable diseases

### Year 7 Vaccines:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2 doses)
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)

### Year 10 Vaccine:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (1 dose)

### What do you need to do?

- ✓ From 2024, parents/carers will provide consent ONLINE for school vaccination, replacing the previous paper-based consent forms.
- ✓ To provide online consent, parents/carers will need:
  - Service NSW log-in details
  - Medicare card for the parent/carer and child
- ✓ Benefits of online consent include:
  - Easy update of student details
  - SMS notification when vaccines are given
  - Fast upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register.

### On the day of the vaccination clinic:

- ✓ Ensure your child has eaten breakfast the morning of the clinic
- ✓ Ensure your child is wearing clothing that enables the upper arm to be exposed

### What if your child misses a vaccine?

You won't need to do anything. Every effort will be made to catch-up missed vaccines at other clinics during the year or the following year.

### More questions?

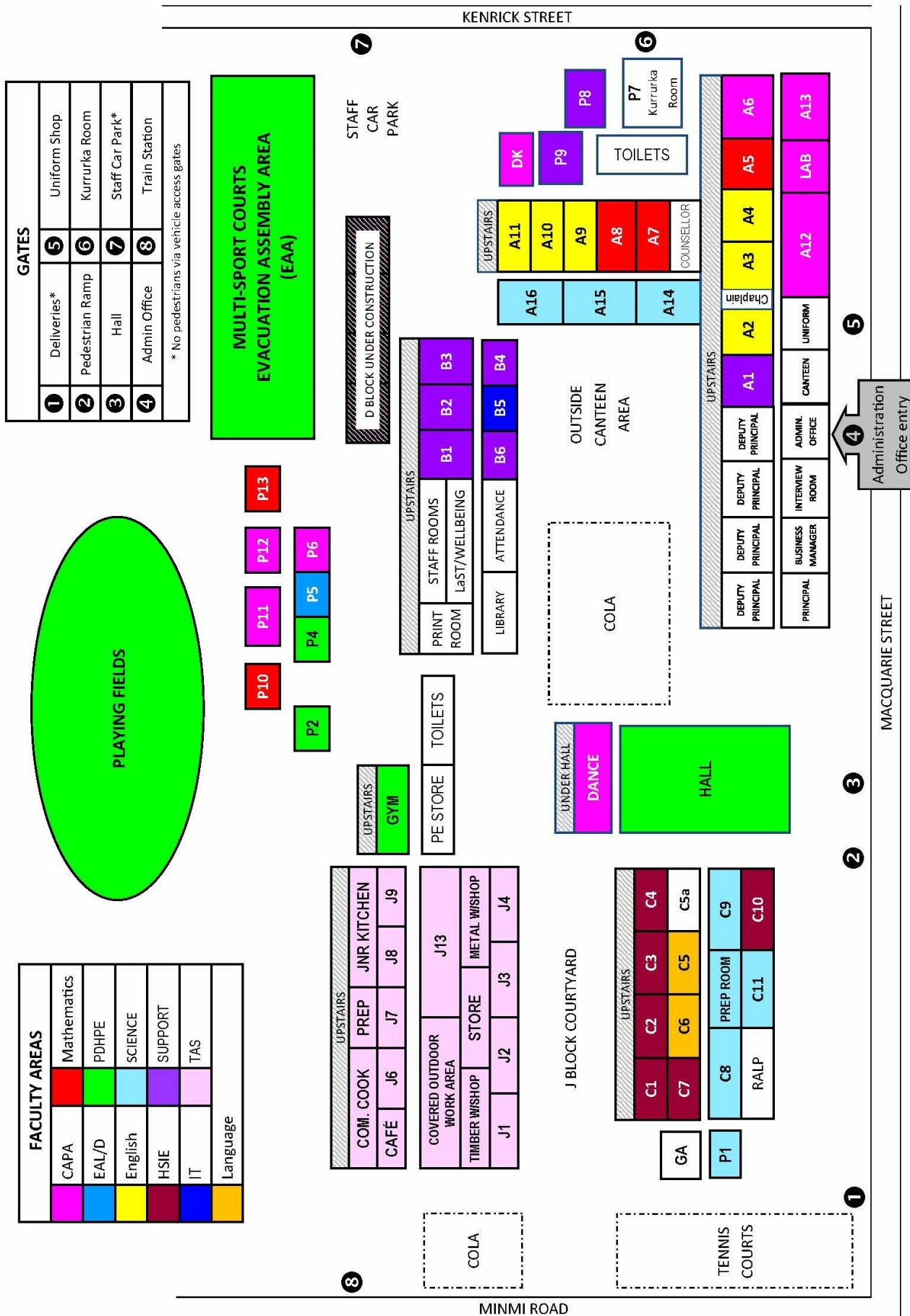
Please contact Hunter New England Local Health District, Immunisation Unit

Phone: 02 4924 6477

Email: [hnelhd-phimmunisation@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hnelhd-phimmunisation@health.nsw.gov.au)

Website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

# School map (not to scale)







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Wallsend NSW 2287

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