

WALLSEND CAMPUS NEWS

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Principal's Update

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal

We are halfway through Term 2 and it feels as though we are only just starting to see some sunshine. Hopefully, it stays with us for a sustained period so that the grounds can dry out and we can utilise the wide-open spaces that we are fortunate to have here at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus.

We have had a dynamic start to the term. The Deputy Principals and I have dropped into many classrooms and have been excited to listen to students talking to us about what they are learning. The focus and commitment of students have been noticeable, and it is good to see a return to regular classroom teaching and learning after such a tumultuous couple of years.

Illness and sickness continue to impact the day-to-day operations of the school. We have managed the unavoidable high levels of student and staff absenteeism well, with our relieving Head Teacher Administration, Mr Psarris, working hard to make sure we have staff to maintain continuity and consistency of learning for all students. With COVID-19 and now the flu season, we have had greater than normal absenteeism of students.

To help students develop higher levels of attendance, they should only miss days when they are sick. After two years of COVID-19 disruptions, it has become more difficult for some students, with attending every day from Monday to Friday becoming a daunting task.

When students miss a day, they can become even more disconnected from their learning as it is harder for them to know what is happening in their class when they next attend. Please encourage your children to attend every day unless sick. Our teachers really want to see our students at school every day. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please contact the school and speak to your child's Year Advisor in the first instance.



Recently our Year 7 and 9 students participated in NAPLAN Online. Mrs Gauci and her team did an outstanding job in coordinating the logistics that going online presented and we look forward to seeing what the impact is of the work we have put into developing student skills in literacy and numeracy. Our 2021 NAPLAN results were exceptional, with students achieving at or above the state average in reading, writing, and numeracy. We are confident our students can match these results again this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the majority of parents who have assisted in ensuring their child is dressed in appropriate school uniform each day. When all our students dress in correct uniform, it sends a strong and positive message to our community about the standards and values of our Campus and demonstrates the pride that the students have for their school. Currently, with the colder weather, we are starting to see an increase in jumpers that are not school colours or are excessively branded. Our uniform shop is currently well-stocked with well-priced and good quality jumpers and jackets. If jumpers are sourced elsewhere, please aim for items that are plain black or ink (navy), depending on which uniform your child is wearing. Small logos are okay, but large branded fronts, backs or sleeves are not acceptable for uniform.

I hope everyone is able to stay safe and well as we head into the winter months.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal

Year 7 Gala Day @ CCJesmond

This Term, Year 11 Sport Coaching students ran a Year 7 Gala Day at Jesmond Senior Campus, with our Year 7 students competing against Waratah Campus Year 7 students. On the day we played soccer, rugby, netball and one-bounce volleyball. A great day was had by all.



Boys Bill Turner Football

Our Boys Bill Turner Football team won the first three rounds of this knockout competition to gain a place in the Finals. Despite a valiant effort, our team lost to St Pius X in a nail biting match, 1-0 in extra time/golden goal. Our boys should be extremely proud of their efforts during this knockout competition.

Mr Hagen Starrett
Sports Organiser
Team Coach



Year 8 Camp full of adventure

Year 8 Camp - around 100 students attended camp this term at Aussie Bush Camp.

Three days of adrenaline-filled activities - from kayaking, archery and high ropes to climbing a 15-metre high wall.

We received very positive feedback from the camp organisers, and our own staff who attended. Well done Year 8!

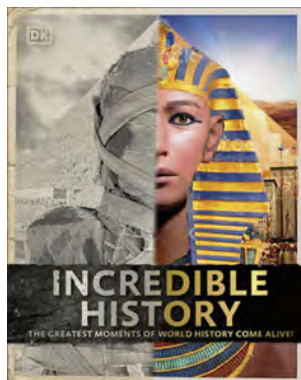


News @ our Library

New books are ready to borrow. Here are some of the new titles!

Incredible History

Discover fantastic digital recreations of lost worlds and ancient civilizations, from the building of the pyramids to the sinking of the Titanic. See swords, skulls, and shipwrecks emerge from the past. Marvel as centuries of clues are pieced together to bring history brilliantly back to life!



The REMA Chronicles

Tabby Simon is determined to learn what happened to her father, who was found dead after researching a tree that leaks a mysterious mist in her neighbourhood. She is unexpectedly led to Rema, a distant world of magic and beauty that is periodically invaded by a nearby planet desperate for resources. While Tabby searches for the truth surrounding her father's death, she meets a handsome blue-haired boy named Philip. He has his own dangerous secrets but has promised to help Tabby get home. As she learns more about this strange world, Tabby discovers that she is destined for something far greater than she ever could have imagined.



Blended

You're so exotic! You look so unusual. But what are you really? Eleven-year-old Isabella is used to these kinds of comments - her father is black; her mother is white - but it doesn't mean she likes them. And now that her parents are divorced, Isabella feels like a push-me-pull-me toy. And if you're only seen as half of this and half of that - if people base identity on skin tone - how can you ever feel whole?

All the Little Tricky Things

It's the start of the summer holidays and twelve-year-old Bertie is worried. Next year she's going to a high school in the city, while all her friends stay behind in Merri, the small town she's lived in all her life. To help her feel better prepared for high school, her best friend, Claire, makes a list of tasks Bertie must complete over the summer. They start working through the list together, only to find that some of the cracks in their friendship are beginning to show. Soon, Bertie's not even sure she'll have one friend by the end of the summer.



Chess Club

We are building a Chess Team! Come along to the Library on Thursdays during Break 1. All welcome, no experience necessary!



Tech. Free

If the day starts with 'T'
our Library is
Technology Free!

Tuesdays and Thursdays
are for activities such
as reading, board
games and craft.

Do you know your School Bytes from your CANVAS?

4 Simple tips to keep in touch with school.

1 Email is the main way we contact families

It is very important for you to have an email address that is checked regularly.

We email permission notes, school reports, invoices, invitations and notification of award ceremonies, quick news and newsletters.

2 Online Notes and Permissions

We now send almost all our permission notes for excursions and sport activities via email (through School Bytes). So make sure you check your emails regularly so your child doesn't miss out on an excursion.

You will receive an email, click to open all the details, sign online and enter any medical information if required. You will also be able to pay any fees electronically via School Bytes notes and if you have your calendar connected, you can click to add the event to your calendar.

Online permissions save us all time, allows us to communicate in real time with families and staff involved, and is doing our part for the planet by saving a lot of paper!!

3 Sentral app

With Sentral For Parents app on your phone, you can view your child's timetable, attendance and the daily notices. View and print out school reports and book Parent/Teacher Interviews.

4 CANVAS app

This gives students and parents 24/7 access to our learning platform from anywhere. There are lessons, resources, online access to homework and revision, assessment tasks and schedules. There is also a calendar for assessments and other school dates.

REMEMBER: Please make sure to notify us if you make any changes to your contact details, including phone number, address, email address or change to Emergency contact.



Lights, camera, action!

Callaghan's musical productions are back on.....

Auditions for Madagascar Junior will be happening very soon for Wallsend students. There are many roles, as well as a number of production crew we are looking for. This is a fabulous experience for students to get involved in a stage performance.

Audition details will be announced soon.

For students who want to participate in the production, please be aware that you need to commit to rehearsals, and ensure that school work is kept up to date.

The production will be staged at Jesmond's Creative and Performing Arts Centre in November 2022. If you want to know more, talk to Mrs Gauci.

Grease The Musical

SAVE THE DATE:

27, 28, 29 July 2022 (11:45am start)

28, 29, 30 July 2022 (6:30pm start)

**A number of our students
will be appearing in the cast
for this production!!**

Staged at Jesmond Senior Campus,
Creative and Performing Arts Centre, Janet St, Jesmond.



Expert tips to stay safe on social

This term, the College P&C hosted a "Safe on Social" online seminar with expert in the field, Kirra Pendergast.

Kirra stressed the importance of your role as a parent or carer in online safety. "I always encourage ongoing conversations and online safety education. Kids need to know that they can tell a trusted adult if something concerns them or makes them feel uncomfortable without the fear of having their devices taken off them."

Here are some of her tips for social media use:

- Make sure YOU know how to report and block on every app that your child uses so that you can help them when needed.
- Predators can set up fraudulent accounts. There is a verification symbol on all social media sites that proves it is the actual verified celebrity or group (a little blue circle with a white tick in it next to the name).
- Teach your kids never to give away things like name, address, age, phone number, where they go to school, etc (and watch out for what is in the background - it's easy for people to determine a location, or zoom in on a certificate on the wall).
- If bullying is occurring, make sure your child knows not to respond; make sure they take screenshots or screen record; and block and report the bully to the app or site



- Always use a password/passcode or biometric to lock your mobile device, so if it is lost or stolen, people won't be just a pin code away from your bank account, social media account etc.
- Installing software updates for your operating system, apps and programs when prompted is critical (assists with cyber security).
- Always play a game with younger children before you allow them to play it by themselves so that you know how it works. Model good online behaviour they may learn from.
- Monitor your child's behaviour and note if they are obsessing about an online game. Set time limits and stick to them.
- Set up an email that will flag purchases to your credit card. Use gift cards for purchases or use a credit/debit card with a very low cash limit.
- At Safe on Social, we believe that learning good Cyber Security practices should underpin everything we do online. Don't ever think "It won't happen to me". Every device that is connected to the internet is at risk of being hacked, succumbing to a virus, being a victim of a phishing scam or other attacks, so we all need to take Cyber Security seriously.

For more tips, go to www.safeonsocial.com

Absent? 7 days to explain...

We appreciate parents support in ensuring students are arriving at school, in uniform and fully equipped for their learning by 8.55am. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns. If your child is absent from school, remember you must explain their absence within 7 days via text, phone or email/letter, please make sure to include your child's name in your explanation.



Spotlight on our wellbeing

Introducing Nat and Brooke

Located between Classrooms A2 and A3, the Student Support Office is available for all students.

My name is Nat and I am the Chaplain here at school. As part of our Student Support Team, I provide support to students in all areas of their wellbeing. I can provide pastoral care for everyone, regardless of faith or beliefs.

You can come and have an honest chat about anything in your life that may be causing you worry, concern or is making you feel anxious or sad. This is a confidential, safe and non-judgemental space where you can talk about your friendships, family relationships, work, sport, ambitions or future goals. I also provide support in times of bereavement, family breakdown or other crisis and loss situations. I also offer guidance for students who wish to explore their spirituality, religion or non-secular values such as ethical matters.



Nat



Brooke

My name is Brooke and I am the Student Support Officer (SSO) for Wallsend students. My role is to help you feel supported, connected, safe, capable and motivated to be the best you can be. I will be working with staff and students across the school, as well as engaging with parents and external youth & family services/supports, as my background is in social work.

Drop in for a chat if you would like to know more about what student support is available and how it might be able to help you.

Nat and Brooke

If your child would like to catch up with either of us:

- They can knock on the door and we can organise a time together;
- Ask a Teacher or Year Advisor on how we help; they can then set up an appointment time for students if they are interested;
- Students can click on the Wellbeing Connection Request on CANVAS
- Students can also just drop in at breaks to have a chat.



Honey, ex Wallsend Campus student, in New York at Change the World Conference

By Honey Dela Cruz (Wallsend 2013 - 2016)

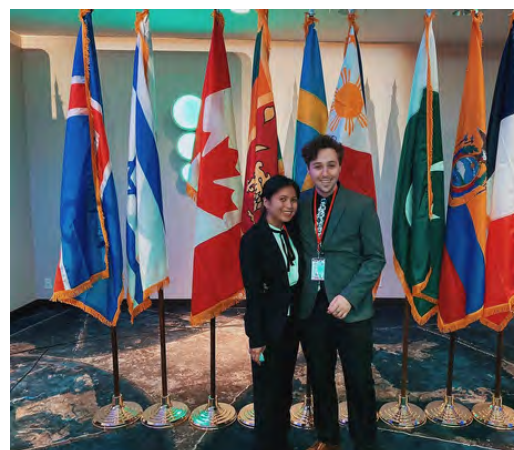
"I attended a model United Nations Conference in New York City from 23 – 26 March 2022. The organisation Change the World hosts this event annually, bringing together thousands of students from across the globe to discuss current political issues.

In the lead up to the Conference you complete online modules and attend a virtual event that allows you to get accustomed to the actual event once in New York. As a participant you are given a country to represent (not necessarily the country you come from). You are then given a United Nations Committee, whether that be UNICEF, General Assembly, UNCTAD, WHO etc. to represent your country under. I was part of the UNICEF committee, representing El Salvador. The topic of discussion for our committee was how to reverse the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on children and young peoples.

During the conference you discuss this topic in relation to your allocated country. Students would come up to the podium and speak and by the end of it we would form ourselves into groups and create a United Nations Working Paper, this is a preliminary document that stimulates discussion and critical comment on the topic in question.

The Change the World Model United Nations is a great way to learn about the process of the United Nations but furthermore, it allows you to liaise and work with other students from around the globe! This is not only a great opportunity to network but also to make friends.

During the couple of days that I was in New York City I came out of the Conference with new friends that have offered to be my tour guide if I ever visit their home country. What better way to end what had been a very fantastic trip!"



Honey with another ex-Callaghan student, Robbie DeVine at the conference



Year 10 visit Jesmond

Year 10 are already preparing for their transition to senior study at our Jesmond Campus. This term they have visited Jesmond for taster lessons and attended a Course Expo Night with their families to find out more about the subject choices available (hint: more than 60). In Term 4 Year 10 students spend 2 weeks at Jesmond.

Permission Notes

Families, please ensure you return permission notes, medical information and payments by DUE dates. These extra curricular activities are for the benefit of our students, and there is a large amount of background work our staff put in to make these happen.

COVID-19 RULES reminder

Rapid Antigen Test Kits are available from the Student Counter at the Admin. Office. Remember - If your child returns a positive test, please contact the Administration Office and isolate for 7 days. If your child is a close contact, they can come to school, but must wear a mask for 7 days.

JUNE 2022

20	World Refugee Day
27	Free Dental Screenings at school (27 June - 1 July)
28	NAIDOC celebrations at Wallsend Campus

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JULY 2022

1	Last day of Term 2
18	Term 3 Commences for all students
21	Semester 1: First in Class Celebration of Learning Award Ceremonies
24	Year 10 Ski Trip (24-27 July)
27	Grease Musical Performances (27-30 July)