



Meet our 2023 student leaders

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Principal's Welcome

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal

Welcome back to another school year. This promises to be an exciting year at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus as we continue to strengthen our wellbeing and learning focus so that all students are known, valued and cared for, and given the support to grow academically.

I would particularly like to welcome the 216 new Year 7 students and their parents/carers, along with any other new students and their families that have joined our college. I am thrilled to have you join our student-centred school community.

We have had a very positive start to the school year with students attending in uniform and quickly settling into normal school routines. The breadth of learning and the wide range of extra curricula activities we offer require students to be ready to go, which they have been. Students have begun the year representing our values of respect, responsibility, and excellence to a very high standard. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting our students to be prepared for the new school year.

Our school is very proud of the educational programs we run and the support we provide our students. We plan to improve outcomes and results for our students in 2023 and will continue to support them to be the best they can.

Many of our staff come in during the holidays and work long beyond the school hours, to ensure every student is given the opportunity to realise their potential. Teaching is a rewarding yet challenging job, and I admire daily the teachers at this school who enrich the educational experience of our students.



I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our staff publicly for the valuable contribution they make in shaping our future generations.

It was fabulous to welcome all of our students back to school for Term 1. Students and staff have come back refreshed from the summer break. Our teaching and administrative staff spent the first two days learning to ensure we were prepared and ready to provide quality learning for all of our students. This is quite a task in our current times.

I am sure you know that last year, we had some students who adapted well through the changes that kept happening and others who found it very challenging. We have been reviewing and selecting a range of wellbeing and teaching strategies in response to this. It will assist our students to catch up and allow others to continue to thrive. Finally, I would also like to thank our parents and carers who continue to share the educational journey with us and thank them for their support. We recognise that student success is best achieved when the school and parent/carers work in partnership, and we appreciate the support of our wonderful community.

Parent/carer Information Session on Wallsend's tech systems

Don't miss out on how you can track your child's progress throughout the year

Come along to our parent/carer information session in the library on **8 February** to learn how to log on and access all the School's online tools and services.

Book your session online (5pm or 5:30pm session) in the Library on Wednesday night.
<https://forms.office.com/r/jPFNqPPcdq>

- Learn how easy it is to access student reports
- make bookings for teacher interviews
- find your child's timetable
- communicate with your child's teachers
- see how you can follow your child's individual learning progress throughout the year via our systems.

Head Teacher, Technology, Mr David Summerville and Deputy Principal Mrs Stacy Lambert will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on the night.



THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

College Swimming Carnival

For competitive swimmers, Callaghan holds its annual swimming carnival this year on 9 February at Wallsend Pool. First race is at 3pm, and the final race is at approx 6pm.

Permission slips must be returned to compete. Talk to Mr Starrett in PDHPE Faculty asap if you need more details.

Students will get the opportunity to qualify for Zone, which will be held this year on Wednesday 22 February.



2023 kicks off



Lots of happy faces as students returned to school last week. This year we welcome over 200 students in Year 7, plus a number of new students across Years 8-10, as well as our returning students and their families. Our Senior Executive team would like to acknowledge how many students adhered to our school uniform expectations. Great start, let's keep it up!!

Did you know?

Reading gets easier with every book you read

Year 7 - 9 students who are interested in reading for leisure and pleasure can join our team on the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge. Student entries open on 27 February. To meet the Challenge, you need to read 20 books by Friday 18 August (a minimum of 15 from the Premier's List).

In 2022, three Wallsend Campus students achieved medals for participation in the Challenge for 10 consecutive years. So remember, ongoing participation is rewarded. In August of this year, the Library will be hosting a PRC Party to celebrate individual reader achievements.

For more information, contact Mrs Alchin, Head Teacher English or Mrs Howard in the Library. The book list and rules for entering are available at:
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Student-led programs help children succeed

More than 50 of our Year 10 students are involved in our Peer Support Program with our Year 7 students this year. Students spend one hour per week developing skills in resilience, empathy and mindfulness, while building positive relationships within the school community.



Online notes are quick and easy!

Wallsend Campus has online permission notes for sport and extra curricular activities to make it simple for families to register for school activities and make payments directly online. Notifications will be sent via the email address we have on record for your family, which links you directly to the information, consent and payment system.

Please make sure you keep our Administration team up to date with the email address you use everyday, so your child doesn't miss out! (And don't forget to check your emails).

NEWS @ OUR LIBRARY

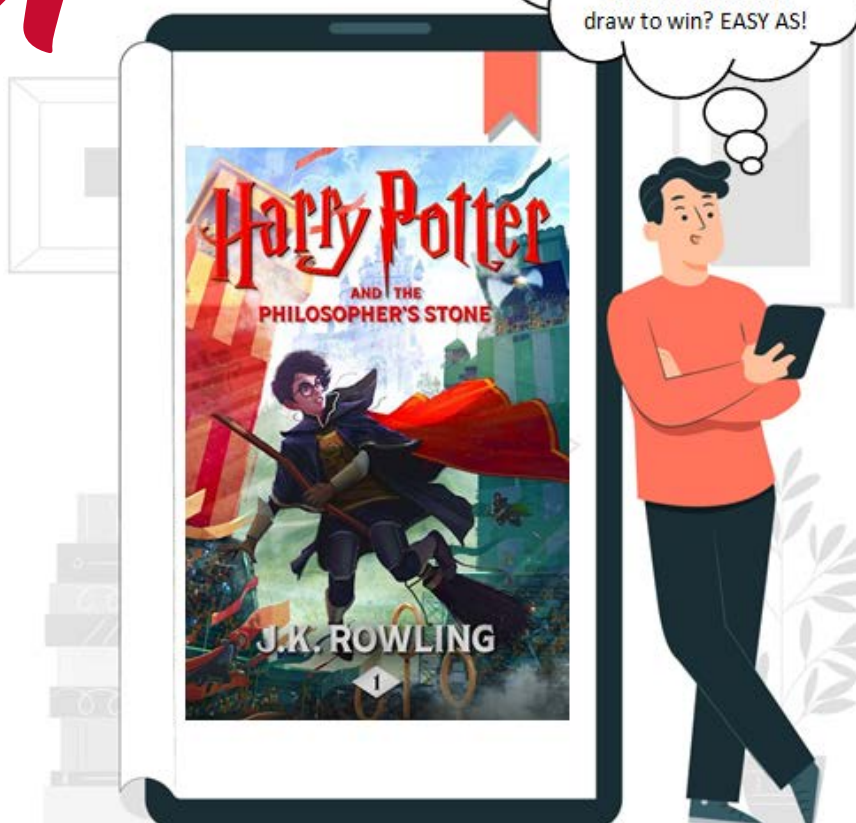


Read an eBook!
Visit the library and
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competition details
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eBooks!
Follow the
instructions
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OR come and ask
Mrs Howard in the
library! There will
be prizes on display
soon! Start today
AND enter as many
times as you like.

COMPETITION TIME!

1. Read an eBook...go to: <https://ccwallsend.wheelers.co/>
2. Write a book review on Oliver
3. You will automatically go in the draw to win a prize!

So...all I need to do is
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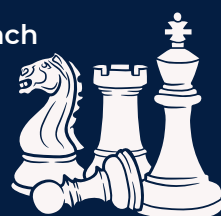
→ Enter as many times as you like!



CCWC CHESS CLUB Break 1 on Thursdays

CCWC Chess Club is looking for new players to represent Wallsend Campus and Callaghan College in local competitions, attend workshops and regular practices. If you are a keen Chess player or have an interest to learn, please see Mrs Howard in the library.

Chess Club commits to attend practice each Thursday during Break 1 in the library.



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 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a whole 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...
 School starts at 8.55am at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus
DON'T BE LATE!



HIGH EXPECTATIONS = ATTENDANCE 90% AND ABOVE

In 2023, there will be a continued school focus on improving attendance across the school. Research shows that attendance plays a major role in students' engagement and success with learning.

Students whose attendance is greater than 90% each term will go into the draw to win big prizes, plus at the end of the year, all students whose attendance is over 90% for the whole year will go into the draw to win a major prize.

Furthermore, we are seeking parents support in ensuring students are arriving at school, in uniform and fully equipped for their learning by 8.55am. We appreciate your support in these matters. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL		DANCE ENSEMBLE 8:00am-8:45am Room: Dance Room Ms Masters Start: 7/2/23	VOCAL ENSEMBLE 8:00am-8:50am Room: D4 Ms Farmer Start: 8/2/23		CONCERT BAND 7:30am-8:45am Room: D4 Ms Farmer Start: 10/2/23
BREAK 1	STAGE/ROCK BAND 11:00am-11:20am Room: D4 Ms Farmer Start: 13/2/23	GUITAR ENSEMBLE 11:00am-11:20am Room: D4 Mr McVernon Start: 14/2/23	BEGINNER CONCERT BAND 11:00am-11:20am Room: D4 Ms Farmer Start: 15/2/23	WEEK A ONLY DRAMA ENSEMBLE 11:00am-11:20am Room: P06 Ms Maybury Start: 16/2/23	
BREAK 2		ART AT LUNCH 1:30-1:50pm Room: A12 Ms Lyttle Start: 14/2/23			

STAGE/ROCK BAND	This ensemble is for any student who is interested in being part of a Stage Band playing pop, rock and jazz music. The band will learn songs and perform them at different events throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of this ensemble, please write your name down on a list outside D4 Music Room. Note: Depending on interest, another band maybe created.
DANCE ENSEMBLE	Dance Ensemble is for any student who has a passion and enjoyment of dance. Come along to the morning rehearsals to learn and create various dance performances throughout the year. Performance opportunities may include Star Struck, Hunter Schools Dance Festival, community performances, school events, school productions and musicals.
ART AT LUNCH	Art at Lunch is for CAPA students to develop and build their art making skills and studio practice. In Term 1, students follow a guided program in art skills and practices. Art at Lunch gives students time in the Art Studio to work on their own art project, supporting their CAPA coursework. Any 7 CAPA student is welcome to build their art making ability in this session
VOCAL ENSEMBLE	This ensemble is for any student who enjoys singing in a group. The vocal ensemble will learn a range of items to expand their repertoire and work towards different performances throughout the year. This year the ensemble will be performing as part of Pulse Alive in Sydney (Term 1) and auditioning for Star Struck. Come along to the first rehearsal!
BEGINNER CONCERT BAND	This ensemble is for any student who is interested in learning a Concert Band instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, alto saxophone etc.). In a group setting 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 are interested in being part of this ensemble, please write your name down on a list outside D4 Music Room. If there are more than 6 students interested in this ensemble, it will be moved to a morning from 8:15-8:45am. <i>Note: There are options to hire a Concert Band Instrument through the school or to trial the instrument in the beginner band setting and decide if you would like to hire an instrument.</i>
DRAMA ENSEMBLE	This ensemble is open to all students who are interested in Drama or want to find out what Drama involves. You don't need to have any prior experience or skills. Drama ensemble is a fun space to come and play games, meet friends and build confidence. We will work on skill development and later progress to developing a performance.
CONCERT BAND	This ensemble is for any student who already plays 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. Come along to the first rehearsal!

Want to get active?

Competitive and social sports are a big part of Wallsend Campus. Listen out for announcements at the weekly assembly from our Sports Coordinator, Mr Starrett, and check out updates in the daily Student Notices.

There is also an opportunity to play in our College teams, that compete regionally, and at state. Or pick up a ball and have a game in the playground during breaks. Whatever your level of sport or fitness, we have you covered.

FEB 2023

8 FEB	Parent/carer tech sessions in Library (5-5:30pm / 5:30-6pm)
9 FEB	Callaghan Twilight Swimming Carnival (for competitive swimmers)
24 FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• InterSchool Chess comp• Hunter Trials U15 Boys;• U16 Girls Rugby league• Pulse Alive vocal ensemble
28 FEB	Year 7 immunisation



Follow us on social media to keep up with our news and events, plus find out when important emails have been sent.



*Dates are accurate as at 8 February. New items are added regularly to our school calendar, so remember to check your email for excursions (and other variations of routine) and our live calendar online on our website and Sentral Parent Portal.

MAR 2023

2-3 MAR	Trades Readiness program Year 10
8 MAR	Holocaust presentation and workshop
9 MAR	U15 Boys Rugby trials Hunter Region
10 MAR	Pulse Alive vocal ensemble Aboriginal Dance workshop
15-27 MAR	NAPLAN 2023
27 MAR	YLAA Student Leadership conference, Sydney

APRIL 2023

6 APRIL	Last day of Term 1
26 APRIL	All students return to school for Term 2