

Year 7 2024 FAQs

The following questions have been forwarded by prospective parents for 2024.

We hope this provides you with a quick reference to answer your enquiries.

What time does school start?

School starts at **8.40am**
(it is recommended students arrive by 8.30am).

What is the finish time?

School finishes at 3pm
(except Thursdays when school finishes at 2pm).

Where should my child go on the first day of school?

Students should be escorted to Gate 3 where they will be met by Peer Support Leaders on their first day. Peer Support Leaders will buddy with students for the first few weeks of school.

Where should I collect my child?

Most high school children can get themselves to and from school. If you are picking up your student, please arrange to meet your student outside Gate 3 (south) or Gate 2 (west). There is plenty of parking at Cromer playing fields (across from Gate 3).

What should I do if my child is sick and does not attend school? How do I report an absence?

Please phone or email the school that morning to report your student absent or late. SMS messages are sent to parents/carers for students who are marked as absent or arrive late without explanation in period one. You may also respond to the SMS sent to you.

If my child needs to leave school for an appointment, what should I do?

Please phone or email the school on the morning of the absence so that we can arrange an Early Leavers Pass. You may also send a note to school with your student which can be handed in at the office before school starts. Students must collect the pass from the Student Centre before leaving school grounds. Please avoid last minute calls to school if possible, as students may be out on the playing fields and unable to be contacted at short notice.

How do I purchase school uniform?

Order online on the school website or visit the Uniform Shop onsite at Cromer Campus:

- Tuesday mornings 8am - 9am (before school) and 11am - 12noon (Break 1).
- Thursday afternoons 12.30 - 2.30pm (during Break 2, then after school).

What type of BYOD laptop should I purchase?

Year 7 students in 2024 will not be required to bring a laptop to school. Laptops will be provided by the school for classes requiring the use of technology.

Families will be invoiced \$150 in 2024 & 2025 to utilise a laptop rather than purchase their own outright for a higher upfront cost.

When students enter Yr 9 in 2026, they will then be required to bring their own device - which should last for the remainder of their time at Cromer.

What should they bring on their first day?

Students should bring their lunch and water bottle, plus a pencil case and an exercise book.

When do they get their timetable?

Students will be provided with a school timetable on their first day at Cromer.

Will my child receive a school diary?

Students will be given a diary on the first few days of the school year. It contains bell times, maps, and other relevant information about the school.

Will there be a pack of books/stationery available to purchase like previous years?

Purchase a Year 7 Stationery Kits online:
<https://www.booklists.com.au/humphreys>
 Code: CROM2024

Can I use Flexischools to place food orders?

Yes, our P&C run Canteen uses Flexischools for ordering. Go to <https://flexischools.com.au/> or download the app. Please ensure your child is aware they have a recess/lunch order to collect.

Limited options are available to purchase over the counter in Breaks 1 & 2. Pay with card or cash (but not on mobiles). You can also add credit to their student ID card in Flexischools.

What if my child forgets their lunch?

If they don't have cash or a debit card to buy lunch from the canteen, students can visit the Student Centre who will facilitate lunch for students when necessary.

How do I apply for school travel pass?

Visit <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply> to apply for a school travel pass.

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Where are the bus timetable details?

Keolis Downer operates the school bus services, enabling school students to travel between school and home. See the website for bus times: www.kdnorthernbeaches.com.au/plan-your-trip/

How do I see my child's homework?

Teachers use a variety of strategies to set work for completion out of class time. Please communicate with your student about homework and check their diary for our Homework Policy. Assessment booklets outlining assessment schedules for the year are published in Term 1.

What days and times is Homework Club run?

Homework Club runs in the library:

- Mondays & Thursdays during Break 1.
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:15pm

How strict is the shoe style policy? Can they wear sneakers?

The Department of Education has strict Work Health & Safety guidelines regarding wearing enclosed footwear, especially for practical subjects like woodwork, cooking and science. Black lace up leather shoes are required for these subjects.

Our uniform requires all black footwear (no white or coloured logos). Sport shoes may only be worn when wearing sports uniform.

Where is the bike rack?

Bike racks are located near our west gate entrance across S Block. Scooter and skateboard racks are located on the east side of the Gym. BYO locks please. Refer to the student diary for a map of the school.

How do I give permission and pay for excursions?

School Bytes is our streamlined system for fees, permissions and payments. You can access your family's statement of account, payment history and excursion consents can all be managed online at your convenience, via email or School Bytes app.

Can I login to see my student's information?

The Sentral Parent Portal shows attendance, wellbeing, reports and timetable information relevant to your student. If you don't have access already, please register at: nbsscromer-h.sentral.com.au/portal/register

Does the school have a newsletter?

The 'Cromer Catchup' tells you what's on the following week and is emailed Friday afternoons.

The 'Cromer Courier' is a wrap up of the term and emailed to parents at the end of each term.

What day/times is band, dance, etc for 2024?

Rehearsal days and times will be published on Sentral at the start of Term 1, 2024. Extra curricular activities are also listed on the 'Cromer Catchup'.

Can a list of sports and clubs be made available to assist with child participation and sign up?

We use internal messages on Sentral to promote clubs, activities, notifications and messages to students. Clubs and activities are managed by a variety of staff throughout the school year.

How do we find online library resources?

Please visit the school website to check out our amazing online Library. <https://nbsscromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/library>

Can my child arrive in school in sport uniform on days when they have sport, or do they need to change at school?

Year 7 may wear their Sport uniform on Fridays (ie. only when all Year 7 have sport lessons). On all other days, students must wear their regular uniform to school and are expected to change for their PE lessons.

What does 'Off and away all day - gate to gate mean'?

In line with NSW Government policy, mobile devices are banned in NSW Government schools.

When students arrive through the school gate, they must switch their headphones, mobile phone, and communication devices off and put them in their school bag - keeping them 'off and away all day'. Students can turn them back on when they leave through the school gate at the end of the day.

If a student breaches this rule, devices will be confiscated and parents / carers will be contacted to collect the device from Main Reception (via Gate 3) from 8.15am - 3.15pm.

For further information, please see our School Website or the Cromer Information Booklet.

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