



FAQ's for New Year 7 Parents 2021

The following questions have been forwarded by our current and prospective parents for 2021. We hope this provides you with a quick reference to answer your enquiries. Further information may be found in the Year 7 2021 Orientation Day information pack, on the School's Website and in the soon-to-be-published Cromer Information Handbook.

What is the start time for school and pick up time?

School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3pm. Year 7 and 8 students are given a diary on the first day of each school year which contains bell times, maps and other relevant information about the school.

Where should my child go on the first day of school? Will my child have a buddy for first day?

Students should be escorted to our main south gate entrance where they will be met by Peer Support Leaders. 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. For the first day of school in 2021, please arrange to meet your student outside either our main south gate or at our west gate entrances. There is plenty of parking across from our main south gate at Cromer playing fields.

How do I purchase my child's school uniform?

Daylight Sportswear sell uniforms for our school community online and we have a shopfront onsite which is open on Tuesday mornings 8am to 12pm and Thursday afternoons 12pm to 4pm. Due to COVID restrictions, Year 7 2021 families have been posted information about how to book appointments online for January 2021. We will also be emailing this information to parents and posting it on the school website.

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

Yes, we are providing stationery packs for purchase for new Year 7 students. Information has been distributed via the Orientation Day pack posted to families. Students can collect this on Orientation Day or on the first day of school 2021.

Should they bring their laptop and all workbooks the first day?

Students will be provided with a school diary and timetable on their first day at Cromer. Please ensure they have their pencil case and an exercise book initially. Book packs may be collected on the first day of school if you have not already done so on Orientation Day.

Can I use Flexischools to place food orders?

Yes, our P&C run Canteen uses Flexischools for ordering. Please ensure your child is aware they have a recess/lunch order to collect.

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 in the 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 at the latest 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 always sign out at the Office 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 does my child get food if they leaves their lunch at home? (And doesn't take cash/debit card to school)

Students can visit the Student Services hub (downstairs A Block) who will facilitate lunch for students when necessary.

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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 are published in Term 1 each year for every year group, outlining assessment schedules for the year.

How strict is the shoe style policy? Can my child 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. The safety of our students is our priority and we recommend black lace up leather shoes for these subjects. Our uniform requires all black footwear (no white or coloured logos). Sport shoes are appropriate 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.

When should I expect my student's BYOD laptop to be attached to the wi-fi? When will they get their email address?

Students will be able to access the school wi-fi within the first few weeks of Term 1. This process will be managed progressively during class time.

How do we find online library resources?

Please visit the school website at <https://nbsscromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/ebooks.html> and click on the eLibrary link to check out our amazing online Library.

What days and times is homework club run?

Homework Club is on Monday and Thursday at lunchtime, and after school on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3pm to 4.15pm.

What day/times is band, dance, etc for 2021 planning?

Please refer to the CAPA Ensemble schedule included in your Orientation Day pack. This information will also be available on our website.

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

We use an internal messaging system called Sentral to promote clubs, activities, notifications and messages to students. Clubs and activities are managed by a variety of staff throughout the school year. Early next year parents will be emailed a link to register for our Parental portal which will provide you with access to information relevant to your student.

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 only when all Year 7 have sport lessons after lunch. On all other days, students must wear their regular uniform to school and are expected to change for their PE lessons.

What are the bus timetable details please?

Bus timetables are currently under review by Transport NSW. Please visit <https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel> to apply for a school travel pass or plan your trip to and/or from school.

What type of laptop should I purchase? Can my child use an iPad instead? What Software should be installed on my child's computer?

BYOD (bring your own device) specifications have been included in the Orientation Day pack and are available to view on our website at <https://nbsscromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Go to the *About Our School* tab and click on *Bring your own device*. Cromer Campus would prefer students use a device with a dedicated keyboard with physical keys. Touch keyboards are not recommended.

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