



## Presentation Evening Speech from The Principal

I would like to acknowledge the Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land. I would like to pay respect to elders both past and present of the Guringai nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

Welcome to our annual school presentation evening. This is a very special night, one I have been looking forward to all year. This is the evening where we get to celebrate and acknowledge student achievement and learning in a number of different areas, so I thank you all for being here to support the students.

I would like to welcome our special guests tonight:

- The Mayor of Warringah, Mr Michael Regan
- Our key-note speaker, and Ex-Student of Cromer Campus, Lisa Forest
- NBSC Cromer Campus P&C President Mr Des McLachlan
- Principal of NBSC, Mr Neil Worsley

Thank you all for joining us tonight.

It has been a wonderful year for Cromer Campus in 2015. As you all know it has been my first year here as Principal and I can proudly say that I have grown to love the school more and more every day. What I said in my very first address to the staff and students when I arrived in January, was that I have heard that there are some great teachers and great students here at Cromer, and that this was the foundation of a great school. Having worked here now for all of 2015 I can change that from I have heard to **there are** great teachers and great students here at Cromer Campus. Committed to the school, committed to learning and passionate about Cromer Campus.

This year I have spoken a lot to the students about high expectations. I am not doing that because I am mean, I am doing that because I care about each and every student, I want them to be successful in whatever it is they are going to do, and that is not for sale and never will be. **THIS YEAR I HAVE SEEN OUR STUDENTS ACCOMPLISH SOME AMAZING THINGS**, in sport, in music, in drama, and most importantly in the classroom. As an example if I talk about just the last three weeks I had to travel into the city twice, the first time was because one of our students Megan Schumacher in year 9 was receiving a Minister's Award acknowledging her efforts volunteering in the community. The second was to attend the NSW CHS Blues award ceremony where Bosko Novakovic in Year 12 was receiving a CHS blue for his many achievements in the sport of tennis. This is the most prestigious award a student can receive in school sport. So I will say very openly to anyone who will listen that I am extremely proud of the students here at Cromer Campus and not just the many award recipients that are being acknowledged here tonight.

I am very excited about the future. Next year bell times will change to incorporate a 20 minute focus lesson for every student. This lesson which will involve smaller class groups working with every teacher across the school and will equip every student with the skills they need to be successful in the classroom. This will ensure that they are receiving growth in their learning each year they are here at Cromer Campus. The second big change is that we have reinvigorated our values from the four current areas to three, these being RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and SUCCESS. This change has simplified this system for student wellbeing and aligned it much more closely to their feeder primary schools. Next year we will also be welcoming a number of new teachers including a new Deputy Principal and a Head Teacher Secondary Studies.

I would at this time like to acknowledge and show my gratitude to the NBSC Cromer Campus P&C led by our president Mr Des McLachlan. This year the P&C have accomplished a great many things, including taking over the running of our school canteen - an enormous commitment and undertaking, organising a successful golf day, air conditioning our student gymnasium, and supporting numerous school programs including the school band. I rely heavily on the open partnership I have with the P&C and look forward to their continued involvement in 2016 and beyond. Can you please join with me in thanking Des McLachlan and the P&C for all of hard their work in 2015.

Our students, as I have already said, are wonderful. There is such diversity and talent at our school and I get to see this every day. Tonight you are seeing but a snapshot of how fantastic our students are. I would like to congratulate all award recipients for their achievements and thank them for their continued hard work throughout 2015. Could you please join with me collectively in congratulating all of our award winners tonight.

Of course great learning does not occur without great teaching and I am a very fortunate Principal indeed to have such a dedicated and professional staff. I am so grateful for my teachers, head teachers and Deputy Principals who work so hard every day to engage students and provide the best possible educational experiences to all of their classes. They are supported of course by some equally hardworking teachers' aides and a tremendously dedicated administrative SASS staff. All of these wonderful people dedicate so much of their time, patience and commitment to the students of Cromer Campus. Can you please join with me in thanking the teachers and staff for all of their hard work in 2015.

Finally I would like to thank all members of our community for the support that you have shown me as Principal of Cromer Campus this year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy festive season. I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday and I can't wait to see you back here in 2016. Thank you.

**Mr Justin Hong**  
**Principal**

**P & C MEETING**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room**

## Deputy Principals Report

This is our last Deputy Principals report for 2015. Cromer Campus has excellent and dedicated staff and we have been impressed with their caring nature and tireless work ethic. We all have one thing in common and that is delivering a safe and happy learning environment for your children.

We have also enjoyed reading the Yearly Reports over the past two weeks and seeing the progress made by many of our students over the year. We hope that this improvement continues into 2016 and that all the students at Cromer understand the importance of attendance and focus in class.

Finally, it was very pleasing to hear from Mrs Sullivan that the Year 9 Camp was an outstanding success with all our students representing Cromer Campus with pride.

We would like to wish all of our community a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2016.

**Mrs Jane Dean**  
Relieving Deputy Principal

**Mr David Taylor**  
Deputy Principal

### Northern Beaches Secondary College Staff and Community Recognition Awards Presentation

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December the following Cromer Campus staff were recipients of the Northern Beaches Secondary College's Staff and Community Recognition Awards. Congratulations to these staff members who go above and beyond the call of duty.

#### **Allison Black**

Allison is a dedicated and innovative teacher who inspires students and staff alike with creativity and knowledge, especially of technology.

Allison has that rare ability to think outside the box and experiment with different approaches and ideas aimed at maximum impact. She has put these skills to work with a number of challenging classes this year. In addition to her classwork Allison is inspiring and guiding teachers with her understanding of technology as a tool for engaging 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. She is the go-to guru for apps and websites and internet platforms. She enthusiastically shares her expertise and has provided fabulous resources for all teachers.

#### **Jon Hanna**

Jon Hanna is our indomitable head of PDHPE. He is a dynamic and creative teacher and head teacher who enthusiastically guides and mentors all staff and always has the best interests of Cromer at heart.

Jon is a respected, dedicated, hardworking Head Teacher who runs a well organised and innovative faculty. All his team are inspired by his verve and energy.

Outside his HT role Jon leads the boys' program "The Men We Need", manages the school intranet splash page and website and leads the uniform team. These programs are having a positive impact on welfare at Cromer.

Jon's energy and commitment to teaching and learning and staff and student welfare are commendable and make him a highly valued member of the Cromer team.

**Leigh Klein**

Leigh Kline is an enthusiastic and cheerful contributor to the success of Cromer Campus. Leigh wears many hats and carries out all his responsibilities with aplomb. He guides and mentors new and experienced teachers alike. Manages the ICT capabilities of the school, is a vital member of the timetable team and actively encourages social interaction and support.

Leigh's contributions to staff wellbeing are legendary. He loves to organise spontaneous lunches bringing together two or more faculties to take a little time out to eat and chat. He also organises regular after school activities such as bowling and other staff events.

Leigh Kline is a highly regarded and integral member of the Cromer team.

**Eunji Lee**

Eunji Lee is a dedicated, quiet and committed teacher who is an outstanding member of the English and ESL faculty. She works tirelessly for her students developing innovative learning activities that are carefully crafted to ensure high levels of engagement and understanding.

Eunji is a tireless advocate for our international students. She assists student welfare with regular lunches and takes on the task of negotiating with homestay families and the International Student Organisers. Her attention to details ensures all students receive her undivided attention and help.

Eunji is an inspiring teacher who leads by example and takes every opportunity to contribute to the success of Cromer Campus.

**Jana Tsolakis**

Jana Tsolakis is an energetic and committed teacher whose contributions to the success of Cromer Campus cannot be overstated. She is a fabulous classroom teacher who brings verve and excitement to her classes but tonight we are recognising her for her fantastic work as Year 7 adviser.

Over the years Jana has nurtured a strong sense of community and belonging amongst the Year 7 students and parents. She has organised highly successful fundraising events, re-established the Cromer homework club and made herself available to all her charges. No matter how busy she is Jana will always find time for her students.

**Debbie Blinkhorne**

For her considerable contribution as HSC Examinations Presiding Officer to HSC students and Cromer campus. Debbie Blinkhorn is a highly valued member of the casual SAS staff at Cromer campus and has contributed to a wide range of activities and taken on many roles and responsibilities within our campus and the community. She has been a long standing casual in our front office who goes above and beyond in everything she does and her dedication and commitment in ensuring the success of school events is appreciated by all. Wherever Debbie works, in the office, TAS or Integrated Studies, her attention to details and compassionate manner is appreciated by staff and students. In all of the above roles, Debbie is an integral part of our casual SAS team at Cromer campus and she consistently brings the sunshine with her every time she comes into our school.

## Cromer Campus 'ABW Champions' at Australian Business Week

Year 10 Cromer Campus student Paul Rose and his Year 10 Adviser Ms Annette Brooks were in the winning team awarded with medals for being the 'Overall ABW Champions' at Australian Business Week at Freshwater Campus for 2015! They competed with 10 different teams made up of teacher and business mentors and Year 10 students from Manly Campus, Balgowlah Boys Campus, Mackellar Girls Campus and Cromer Campus! Congratulations to all the Year 10 students from Cromer Campus who were involved in the ABW program this year, it was an inspiring and rewarding experience in many ways!



## The Year 7 Celebration Evening

The Year 7 Celebration showcase was a great success thank you to all the students and teachers involved!

'Everyone in the audience was entertained and enjoyed the astounding speeches, performances and monologues, all of which were created by hard-working Year 7 students.' Ethan Steele

'We performed plays, monologue's, dances and more, all inspired by some of Roald Dahls best books. We also showed our work from the rest of the year, the Difference unit on Edward Scissorhands.' Chloe Herriot

'It was fun to watch what people had put together in their classes.' Olivia Holliday

'In my own opinion the plays were awesome.' Joseph Pellicer





## Cromer students discover the Outback

Five Cromer students were part of the group of twelve students and four teachers that left Sydney Central at 6.15am on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, eager to embark on the 13 hour train trip to Menindee Central School. The students from Riverside Girls High School, Cromer Campus and Balgowlah Boys Campus were on a six day journey as part of the Country City Alliance (CCA).

Whilst at Menindee students were accommodated in the beautifully renovated 1923 historical train carriages that sat on the school grounds. On the first evening students experienced 'Weeping Cloud', a performance by the local community which told the story of Isobel Bennett who was removed from her family as a part of the Stolen Generation. During the following evenings our students enjoyed swimming at Copi Hollow, telling ghost stories and singing around the campfire, as well as a number of footy games and BBQ's with the local students and their families.

One of the major highlights of the trip included the day and night spent at Mungo National Park. The group had an amazing tour by Ernest Mitchell, the indigenous tour guide who took the group over the sand dunes and explained why the area had been given World Heritage Status.

The days spent in Broken Hill saw students exploring the mining town of Silverton, visiting the Flying Doctors, touring Pro Harts art gallery and watching the sunset over the Living Sculptures in the desert.

The CCA pilot program allowed our coastal school communities to experience places students would otherwise have only heard or read about. Due to its success, Cromer Campus will be expanding the program in 2016, with expressions of interest being asked early in the new year.







## Sport at Cromer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents and teachers who have contributed to the Sports program throughout this year and to congratulate all the students on their sporting achievements to date.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy 2016!!!

Miss Crawford and Ms Bonello.

### CROMER STUDENTS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

**Sariah Paki – TOUCH FOOTBALL** Sariah and her team mates brought home silver medals from the Pacific School Games in Adelaide, losing in the finals to Queensland. What a fantastic result for a great young player.





**Bojana Marinkov – TENNIS:** Bojana competed in the All Schools Tournament at Pennant Hills tennis club and came first in her age group in both the singles and doubles events. In the open age, she made the finals in the singles and doubles. She is currently competing in Melbourne in the Nationals.

**Brad and Jarrod McKenzie – SPEARFISHING:** These brothers competed in the Australian National Spearfishing Titles in Queensland, with Brad bringing home a Gold in the sub-juniors and Jarrod a Silver medal in the juniors. Jarrod also competed in a 4-person team event, finishing in 2nd place and he finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the pairs. Awesome results! Well done boys!!!

**Bosko Novakovic – TENNIS:** Was awarded a NSWCHS Sporting Blue in Tennis last Friday for his amazing contribution to School Sport. This was presented by Jane Simmons – Executive Director of Public Schools.



## PITTWATER BIATHLON

The 30<sup>th</sup> Year of the Pittwater Biathlon  
2015

Tchai De Amorim competed in the Biathlon completing the swim in a good time and then running a well-planned race... with some energy to spare at the finish line. "I thought 5km was a lot further". He looks forward to next year's event along with the team of Brendan Haithwaite and Henry Fenson who competing together, finished in a time of 31.15min, an excellent achievement, from both.



Today marked the event's 30<sup>th</sup> year and some of the original competitors were there to race again. A big thanks to the staff at Pittwater High who always run a great event.

## YEAR 8 LIFESAVING



Another successful program was held on our amazing beaches. All students from Year 8 participated in a three day program learning skills that will one day save their life or the life of another. The weather was kind to us and allowed for maximum enjoyment. Our senior students, several of whom have their qualifications in Surf Life Saving, assisted teachers and conducted activities. Their contribution to the program was excellent and much appreciated by staff.



A generous group of teachers took part in the program allowing for the lower levels to have excellent staff to student ratios, much needed when students are learning for the first time. It was great to see some students, who were initially fearful of the water, were able to complete Level 5 by the end of the program. What a wonderful achievement!!! Getting these students out of the water on the final day was more difficult than getting them into the water on day one.

Many thanks go to all the teachers that gave their time to help the Year 8's over the three days, to all the staff that covered their classes, including the favours that others contributed. Without your commitment to this, our program would not run.

Have a wonderful, and now safer, time in the water over this Christmas Holiday.

Mr A van der Wallen  
Life Saving Coordinator

Let's keep telling everyone how great our students and our school really are...

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Here at Cromer Campus we do our best to report on and acknowledge our Student's sporting achievements. Please email [alexandra.bonello@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alexandra.bonello@det.nsw.edu.au) or private message NSBC Cromer Campus Sport with your child's results and achievements and any good action photos.



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I would like to thank Nick Boon and the team at Volcom for their support to the NBSC Cromer Campus during 2015 and to wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Volcom has continually donated the latest surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding magazines over many years now to our library. I would also like to thank Mrs Lawson who kindly collects the magazines for our school each term.

Vicky Duff SLSO



**DUKE of EDINBURGH'S AWARD PROGRAM - 2015 WRAP UP**

**Congratulations** to all NBSC-Cromer Campus students who have participated in the College Duke of Ed program this year. Fantastic effort by all! Many of you have now completed your award level for the year - well done! I hope you progress to the next level in 2016 - we have great plans for expeditions and it would be wonderful to see you all involved!

**Completing your Award level**

Can I encourage everyone to work towards completing all components and asking your assessors to sign off your summaries ASAP then scan and upload them on to the ORB over the holidays/hand them in first week back - email me or Vicki Busse (see below) when you have finished. I hope you will all continue to the next level next year or when you are ready. There is no due date for Duke of Ed (besides your 25th birthday!) but you are encouraged to sign off ASAP to stick with your peer group as you progress through the levels.

**Year 8 - you are invited to join Duke of Ed next year**

Students from year 9+ can participate in the program, so we encourage year 8s to think about it over the holidays. Check out [dukeofed.com.au](http://dukeofed.com.au) to find out more and see the ad in this edition for the Information Evening details for 2016.

**New Award Leader in 2016**

I am finishing up my role as Duke of Ed Coordinator at the end of this year with my final day in the office being Friday, 11th December. I won't get to see all students before then but wanted to wish you all the very best. I have enjoyed being your Duke of Ed Coordinator. In particular I enjoyed meeting with students to discuss your Duke of Ed progress, seeing you on expeditions as you were excited, challenged and out of your comfort zones! Thank you all for your participation. Thank you also **parents** for your administrative help and encouragement to the students; your support is vital for the effective running of the program. Thank you to the **teachers** who have supported the program, especially the executive, year 9-11 advisors, Mr Hanna and SASS for all your help.

From 2016, [Vicki Busse](#) will be coordinating the program. Some of you will know Vicki as she was the Award Leader when I was on maternity leave and did a fantastic job and is also a PDHPE teacher at Freshwater Campus. Her daughter is doing the Silver award, so Vicki understands the demands of the program for both students and parents! Her email address is [Vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au) and can be contacted about Duke of Ed next year. I will be HT PDHPE/Welfare at Killarney Heights next year so still local and may see you around!

All the best for the future  
Mrs Naomi Yorston  
College Duke of Ed Coordinator

## NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Northern Beaches Secondary College offers a highly popular extra-curricular program, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, to all students in years 9-12.

'Duke of Ed' is a non-competitive, flexible, interesting and fun-packed program for all young people between the ages of 14 and 25 to participate in a number of activities over a set length of time. It is entirely voluntary and is structured so the participants can design their own unique program centred around their interests and passions over three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. To find out more and register for the program students and parents are invited to attend an information evening in 2016:

### **BRONZE information evenings** (year 9+):

2 sessions available - Please choose 1 to attend

Wednesday 3rd February 2016, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre,

or Thursday 4th February 2016, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

### **SILVER and GOLD information evenings** (years 10-12):

Wednesday 10th February 2016, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

For more information please visit [dukeofed.com.au](http://dukeofed.com.au) or email [nbscollege-m.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nbscollege-m.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



# CROMER CALENDAR

## Week 11A

Monday 14 December      PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm in the Gym  
Wednesday 16 December      Last school day for students

**Years 7, 9 & 11 students return to school on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Years 8, 10 & 12 return to school on  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

### **GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS**

**Please contact the school on 9981 1155 to book a  
place in the next available tour.**