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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NBSC Cromer Campus Joins the Peninsula Community of Schools



By **JUSTIN HONG**
Principal
NBSC Cromer Campus

It is with great pleasure I announce that from Term 4 this year we will be joining the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS). The PCS is a collaborative learning community of local high and primary schools, who provide Kindergarten to Year 12 students with new and dynamic learning opportunities.

Membership of this community will enhance opportunities for our students and teachers. Currently three of our partner primary schools are members of the PCS and our membership will only serve to strengthen these important connections. I am looking forward to providing further details about these opportunities and connections in future newsletters - please watch this space!



Amazing Teachers at Cromer Campus

Professional, caring and committed staff delivering dynamic teaching and learning for our students. We are lucky at our school to have so many teachers who embody this statement of excellence. Over the course of this year, I have been able to offer permanent employment to a number of our temporary or casual teachers. This guarantees they will be here at Cromer Campus for many years to come, continuing to make a positive difference for our students.

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Principal's report continued...

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the permanent employment of:

Mr Cameron McKee – Music Teacher

Ms Jodie Marsters – Visual Art Teacher

Ms Soraia Barry – Integrated Studies Teacher

Ms Kristie Crawford – PDHPE Teacher

Ms Christina Sorea – Mathematics Teacher

Mr Oliver Hillsmith – English Teacher

Ms Jordan Clay – Science Teacher

Mr Andrew Malpass – Science Teacher

Mr Sam Green – TAS Teacher

I would also like to announce the retirement of two long serving teachers, Mr Leigh Klein (TAS/Computer Teacher) and Mrs Simone Taylor (Learning and Support Teacher).

Mr Klein has taught at Cromer Campus for ten years mostly in the computing area. Mrs Taylor has taught at Cromer Campus for six years working tirelessly across the school supporting student learning in every subject area. On behalf of the entire school community, I sincerely thank Mr Klein and Mrs Taylor for their many years of service to Cromer Campus and public education and I wish them a long, rewarding and enjoyable retirement.



Cameron McKee
Music



Soraia Barry
Integrated Studies



Kristie Crawford
PDHPE



Andrew Malpass
Science



Christina Sorea
Mathematics



Jodie Marsters
Visual Art



Jordan Clay
Science



Oliver Hillsmith
English

NETBALL CLINIC

Our grade netball teams were privileged to participate in a Growth and Development Clinic conducted by Clare McMeniman, a recent Australian Diamonds Netball Captain who flew down from Brisbane to conduct the workshops.



The junior and senior teams were very focused throughout the sessions. Activities included a range of netball passing and team work drills and a series of 'focus improvement' activities. Students also participated in life coaching, personal growth group activities and were privy to some excellent coaching tips and advice from Clare.

The sessions were a great success and a huge thank you to Bruce Gordon, our school parent who was the successful bidder at a conference where he won the clinic. Bruce donated the clinic to Cromer Campus so our students could participate in the program.

We also thank Clare and Suncorp for sponsoring this wonderful initiative – it was a great success for our grade netballers.

Jon Hanna
PDHPE Head Teacher



INTEGRATED STUDIES FACULTY



BY **MICHELLE GOLDING**
NBSC Cromer Campus
Integrated Studies
Head Teacher (Rel)

Red for Winston

The Cromer Campus school community shined this week with our 'Red for Winston' fundraising day in honour of Winston Mokofisi who very sadly and unexpectedly passed away from health complications during the recent school holidays.

Delicious cakes, biscuits, and traditional Tongan watermelon juice were for sale at recess and lunch. Red ribbons, Winston's favourite colour, were given to those people making gold coin donations.

The money raised will go to creating a memorial plaque for Winston and towards a project in collaboration with the Mokofisi family. Thank you to all those families who kindly donated and provided goods to sell.



INTEGRATED STUDIES FACULTY



Typing Tournament Trophy Winners



Proud members of 10/11/12F who received a Typing Tournament trophy for their outstanding work in learning to touch type through this engaging program. Well done!



BY **PETER LAYBUTT**
Mathematics Teacher
NBSC Cromer Campus

Australian Mathematics Competition Outstanding Performers



Congratulations to all 92 Cromer Campus students who entered the 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition in Term 3. Initiated in 1978, this competition now attracts students from over 30 countries across the Asia Pacific, and it is great to see our increasing involvement in this international event.

Particular congratulations to Ieuan Horlock and Flynn Brown from Year 7, who both received a Distinction grade, with Ieuan Horlock also receiving the "Best in School" award. At our recent presentation assembly, a big round of applause was also given to a further fifteen of our best and brightest students across Years 7 to 11, who achieved a well above average Credit grade.

Well done everyone!

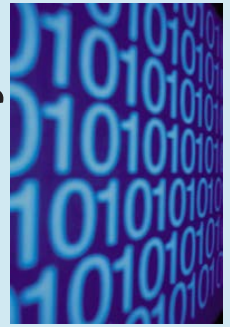


Australasian Maths Olympiad

This is the first year that Cromer Campus has participated in the Maths Olympiad. We did exceptionally well with more than half of the participants ranking within the top 50%. Our two distinguished achievers were Eleanor Weaver, who received an Achiever's cloth patch as well as a trophy, and Olivia Schumacher, who received a Special Achievement Medal for her effort in the Olympiad. Congratulations to all students for their achievement!

Coolmaths@cromercampus

Welcome to **Coolmaths@cromercampus!**



Here you will find regular updates on mathematical happenings at NBSC Cromer, as well as a few tricks and puzzles to stimulate accelerated neurone growth and connectivity!

Mathspace Update

This year NBSC Cromer introduced “Mathspace”, a web-based on-line learning system that can be accessed at any time. Mathspace is now available to all students at Cromer Campus.

As a comprehensive learning system, Mathspace is designed to replicate the feedback of a personal tutor, and is an Australian first. In 2016, the Sydney Morning Herald reported that the software package was in use by more than 100,000 Australian students across over 200 schools, and is also to be introduced to an estimated 9 million US students through an international partnership with MyMathLab.

Parents and Carers can access “Mathspace” through their student’s login. The Mathspace user name is based on each student’s email address (e.g. *name@education.nsw.gov.au*). A forgotten Mathspace password can be re-set at any time, via a link emailed to the student’s address.

We are also very interested in students’ feedback on their perceptions of Mathspace to date. Please post comments on Mathspace to the **Coolmaths@cromercampus** Google Class blog page – Code **6nuf5n**.

Problem of the Week

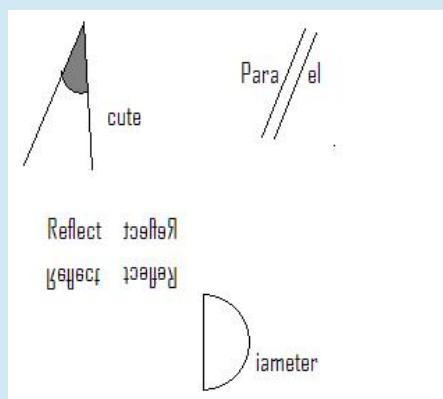


Mr Jones has a problem. He cannot remember the ages of his three teenage children, who were all born in November. He knows that Julie is three years older than Debbie, and Max is one year younger than Julie. He also knows that the total of all their ages is 53. Can you tell Mr Jones how many candles he needs for each of his teenager’s birthday cakes?

Post your answers to the **Coolmaths@cromercampus** Google Class blog page – Code **6nuf5n**. First correct answer wins a \$20 iTunes voucher ☺

Wordless

Rotation



LOTE FACULTY

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

On 25 September our class made delicious Chinese Mooncakes, and made cute little red handmade boxes for our Mooncakes. The round mooncakes match the full moon during the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The Mid-Autumn Festival (also known as Mooncake Festival) falls on the 15th day of the 8th Lunar month on the Lunar calendar. On the calendar we use, called the Gregorian calendar, it was on the 24th of September this year 2018. Our class has been learning about the different unique festivals celebrated in China. The Mooncake Festival is the one we are learning about the most. The story is about two main characters named Hou Yi and his wife Chang E.

A long long time ago there is a story that goes with not just one but ten suns rising in the morning, and because of that the temperature was extremely hot. Civilization asked Hou Yi to save them, so one day Hou Yi shot down nine suns with his bow and arrows and left one sun. Since this has happened Hou Yi and his wife Chang E were crowned King and Queen. Now that Hou Yi loved his power being King, he wanted to live forever. So he searched and searched and eventually found the secret of living forever. Afterwards he made it into a pill and locked it up in a box. Later on his wife became curious of the box and took the pill. Then the Queen started floating and eventually went up to the Moon and stayed there. Hou Yi tried to shoot her down with his bow and arrow but failed to save her as she was not able to come down. Since then Chang E has lived on the moon.

Fun Facts:

- Mooncakes are eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival with family members to symbolise family reunion, completeness and prosperity.
- In China, when people celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival they believe that the Moon is the brightest.
- The Mid-Autumn Festival is the second most important holiday in the traditional Chinese calendar after Chinese New Year.
- The Mooncake Festival was once known and celebrated as the second Valentine's Day.

Bibliography:

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/mid-autumn-festival-facts.htm> - Fun Facts

By a student in 7L (who wishes to remain anonymous) .



LOTE FACULTY



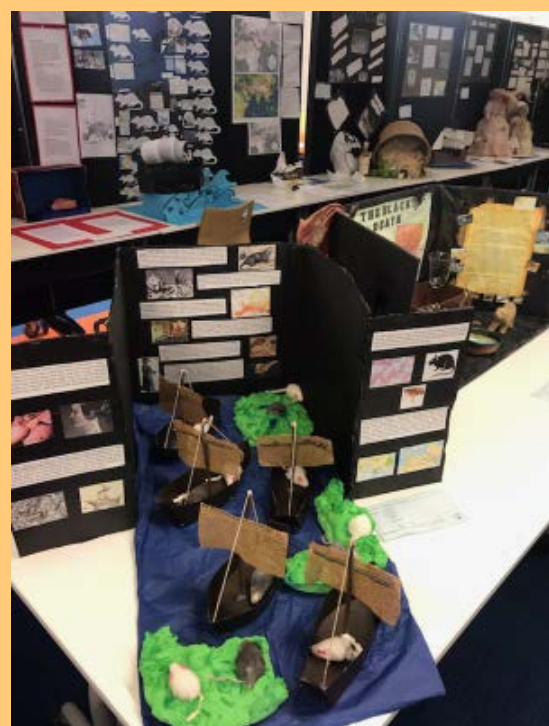
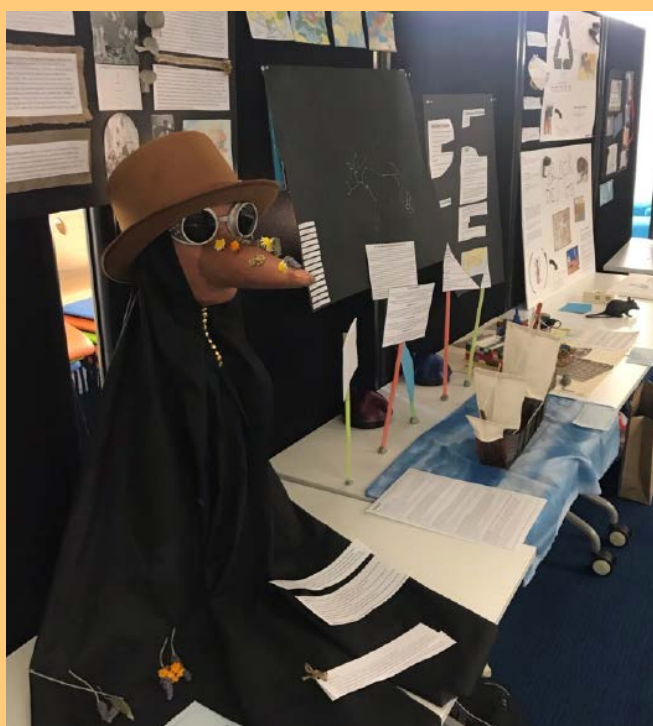
YEAR 8 EXHIBITION NIGHT

The Black Death

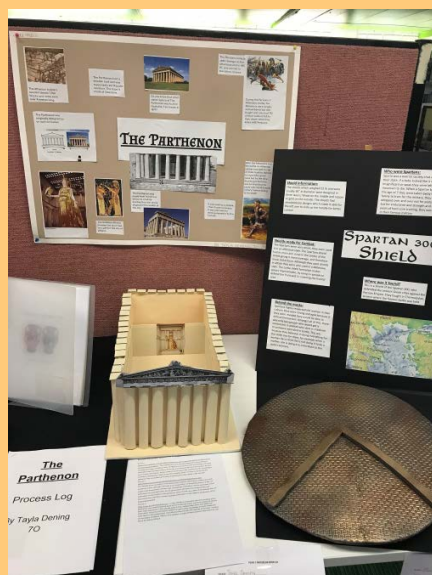


In Week 9 of Term 3, Year 8 students put together a show stopping exhibition night on the Black Death. They spent countless hours creating displays that represented the spread of the plague in Asia, Europe and Africa during the 14th Century.

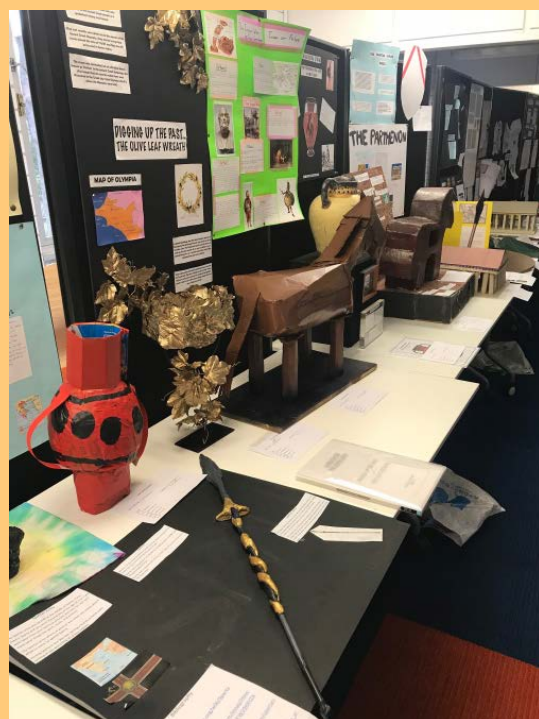
Their work was impressive to say the least, with an array of doctors' masks, rat infested ships, hand-made maps and the list goes on. Certainly the hardest part of the night was voting for the most extraordinary displays!



YEAR 7 EXHIBITION NIGHT



Ancient Greece



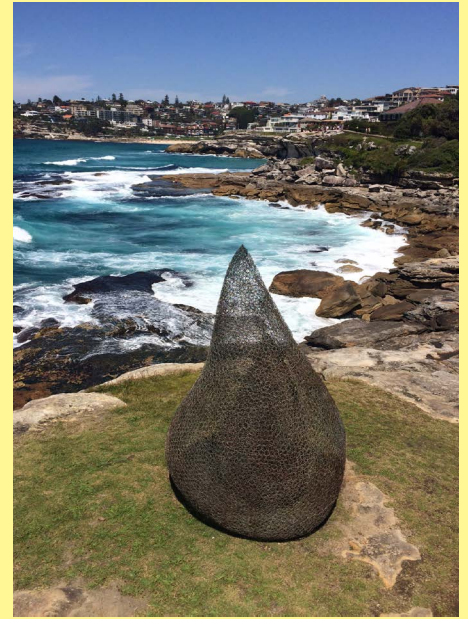
Year 7 exhibition night this term was the most successful museum night of the year! Staff, students and members of our Cromer community were absolutely blown away by the outstanding effort put into making Ancient Greek weapons and artefacts. Some of these included an Ancient Greek ballista, swords, xiphos, amphora, shields, the Parthenon and many more fantastic models. Year 7 students are to be commended for their excellent achievement and dedication to their work.



CAPA FACULTY SCULPTURE BY THE SEA



On Wednesday 31st October, Elective Visual Arts students in Years 9 and 12 went on an excursion to 'Sculpture by the Sea'. We enjoyed the stunning coastal walk from Bondi to Tamarama and viewed the amazing artworks included in this year's exhibition. Students discussed, sketched and engaged with the artworks. Everyone on the excursion thoroughly enjoyed the experience (even if they did have tired legs!).



CAPA FACULTY BAND CAMP



PDHPE FACULTY

PDHPE / Sport Report

Year 7 & 8 Sydney North Netball Gala Day



BY **MONIQUE PONTIFEX**
PDHPE Teacher
NBSC Cromer Campus



On Thursday 27th September the Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball Team attended the Sydney North Gala Day in Gosford. Although the day started off wet, the girls soldiered on to win some and lose some games, and had an enjoyable if not exhausting day of netball. Thanks to Mr Van der Wallen for coaching and taking the team to Gosford for the day.

Year 7 & 8 Girls and Boys Touch Tournament



After a good few Tuesday lunch time training sessions, on Tuesday the 25th September the Boys and Girls Touch Teams competed in the NSW Regional Touch Qualifying Tournament at Nolans Reserve. The boys played seven games and came fourth overall. The girls made it through to the quarter finals, winning three games and losing three. A great day was had by both teams. Thanks to Jake, Levi and Mac for refereeing on the day

Cricket



On 23rd October, our boy's cricket team played in the Manly Shield in the Under 15s division at Nolans Reserve. The boys lost to Forest High in their first game but then defeated St Pauls. It was a great day for cricket with sunshine and the boys really enjoyed the day. Thanks to Hayden Calvert who captained the team and well done to Year 7 boys Bradley Aldred, Oliver Knight and Finn Comber who played really well in a majority Year 8 team. Thanks to Mr Horley for taking the team. Good luck to the boys in Week 8 when they play against Balgowlah Boys in their next game and then hopefully onto a ranked final.

PDHPE FACULTY

Year 7 & 8 Inter-Sports Competition

On Friday 28th September, Year 7 and 8 had their first inter-sports competition to determine who was better at soccer, basketball and touch football. The day was organised by our Year 12 Prefect and Sports Captain Alex Timoteo and was a great success. We had a great afternoon of sport with beautiful weather.



Colour Run - Year 11 Sports Coaching and Year 10 PASS



On Tuesday 18th September, students from Year 11 Sports Coaching and Year 10 PASS elective PE helped with the Cromer Primary School Colour Run Fundraiser event at Cromer Park. The leaders created mini obstacle courses for the primary school participants to go through, in between their colour run. Both leaders and participants had a great time, with lots of colour everywhere! Thanks to Mr Amery for organising and supervising the day.



Year 12 SLR Camp

From Monday 29th until Wednesday 31st October, Year 12 SLR attended their Outdoor Recreational Camp, with Outdoor Education the theme of the camp. Staying at Palm Beach Surf Club there were many opportunities for the students to experience the outdoors in so many different ways.

Activities the students completed over the two and a half day camp included:

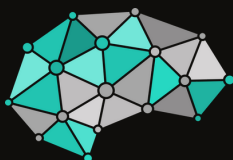
- Bush walking through a track at 9pm in the dark back to the accommodation after dinner
- Ocean swimming
- Surf lifesaving board rescues
- Bush walking to see the seals on the rocks
- Night walk of the sand dunes to gaze at the stars
- A sunrise walk to Barrenjoey Lighthouse
- Fishing at the Basin



The students completely immersed themselves in every experience, always had a smile on their faces and taught each other new skills, but most of all had fun.

A big thank you to Miss Crawford and Mr Van der Wallen for giving the students this amazing opportunity and some life long memories.





NORTHERN BEACHES
SECONDARY COLLEGE



PARENT CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION SESSION

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children's technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms, and practical tips for keeping teenagers safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management, and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home.

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2018
FRESHWATER CAMPUS
153 HARBOUR RD, FRESHWATER
630PM-830PM

For more information or to register,
please visit:

<http://bit.do/ezqHW>

STAND UP, SPEAK ABOUT IT



NORTHERN BEACHES White Ribbon Walk

MEET

Queenscliff Surf Club –
walk to The Corso, Manly

DATE

Wednesday 28 November 2018

TIME

7am for 7.30am departure

BBQ breakfast – gold coin donation
Don't forget to wear a white t-shirt!

**JOIN IN
Everyone
welcome**

To register your interest or
for more information email:
nbdvnetwork@gmail.com

 In support of
White Ribbon



Northern Beaches
Domestic Violence Network

**ENDING VIOLENCE
CREATING HARMONY**



Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes and tracking the status of your application.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number and exchange program (if prompted) when applying online, making the application and approval process much faster.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's [Policy library](#)

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's [Wellbeing and Learning website](#)

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Term 4 2018

Week 5A Term 4

Monday Oct 12 & Tuesday Oct 13	Year 12 students sign out
Thursday Nov 15	Year 11 Crossroads half day am Performing Arts Workshop half day pm
Friday Nov 16	Year 7 Swimming Program - pm only

Week 6A

Monday 19 to Thursday 22 Nov	Year 8 Learning Conversations all week
Thursday 22 Nov	Year 10 PASS archery incursion P3 & 4
Friday 23 Nov	Year 10 & 11 HSIE Excursion State Library Year 10 PASSX Archery incursion P3 & 4

Week 7B

Monday 26 Nov to Thursday 29 Nov	Performing Arts Annual Music Showcase
Wednesday 28 Nov	Year 11 Sports Coaching Narrabeen Driving Range P5 & 6
Friday 30 Nov	Year 7 Swimming Program pm only

Week 8A

Monday 3 Dec to Friday 7 Dec	Year 10 Australian Business Week
Monday 3 Dec	Manly Shield Cricket Nolans Reserve all day
Tuesday 4 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7 2019 - am only Year 8 Lifesaving
Wednesday 5 Dec	Manly Shield Cricket Nolans Reserve all day
Friday 7 Dec	Year 8 Lifesaving Year 7 Swimming Program pm only

Week 9B

Tuesday 11 Dec	Presentation Evening Premier's Sporting Challenge Freshwater Campus
Wednesday 12 Dec	Year 11 Sport Coaching Dee Why Beach P5 & 6
Thursday 13 Dec	HSC results released
Friday 14 Dec	Year 12 Morning Tea

Week 10A

Wednesday 19 Dec	Last day of Term 4
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HSC Dates

Thursday October 18	HSC written examinations begin
Friday November 9	HSC written examinations conclude
Monday November 12 & Tuesday November 13	Year 12 students sign out
Thursday December 13	HSC results released
Friday December 14	ATARs released Year 12 morning tea at Cromer Campus

