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## Vietnamese Students Visit Cromer Campus

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 2023



By **JUSTIN HONG**  
Principal  
NBSC Cromer  
Campus

#### Back to the 80s

This term our school accomplished something that hasn't happened in over a decade at Cromer Campus, an overwhelmingly successful school musical "Back to the 80's". What a show, what an experience for every student who was involved, and what a treat for the audiences lucky enough to secure tickets.

For a school to run a successful musical there must be:

- Amazing music and band programs to supply the music ✓
- Fantastic creative arts programs to produce the sets and costumes ✓
- A growing and engaging drama program to foster and develop confident and skilled actors ✓
- Choirs and singing groups ✓
- A renowned and award-winning dance program(s) ✓

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## Principal's report continued...

- Entertainment classes that train students in behind the scenes / lights/ sound etc ✓
- A professional and dedicated creative and performing arts teaching staff ✓
- A supportive and engaged parent community ✓
- Amazing, confident, creative and talented students ✓✓✓

Do I need to mention again how proud I am to be Principal of this amazing school. Well done to all the teachers, tutors, parents and students who contributed to this incredible event.

### P&C Working Bee

Thanks to all the parents and families who completed another Sunday working bee at our school. Our gardens have never looked better.

### Construction / Upgrades at Cromer Campus

**Administration Upgrade** – Completed. There are a few finishing touches remaining, including rehangng student artwork in the foyer and turning on the school's security cameras.

**Roofs** – The unsightly construction fences around our school are largely due to the work occurring on the school's roofs. Most of this work is not visible except for the eaves and new guttering. This much needed renewal is approaching completion.

**Student Toilets** – There is now an exclusive set of toilets for Year 11 and 12 students in A-block. Renovation work has begun on two sets of toilet blocks in S-block. Upon completion of this work, we will have an increased number of student toilets across the school.

**Multi-Purpose Outdoor Court** – The outside netball/basketball/volleyball court has been demolished and a new surface is being laid to supplement the school sporting areas. Upon completion the school will have four multi-purpose courts (one inside, one outside and two outside under the COLA) and a full-size oval.

**Carpeting / Painting** – Almost half of the school's 60 learning spaces have had either new carpet or new painting work.

**Bus Bay** – Northern Beaches Council has committed to erecting safety fences along the length of the bus bay to control pedestrian access to buses and to South Creek Road. The safety of students is of crucial importance to the council and school, and I welcome this upgrade. Upon completion students attempting to cross South Creek Road will need to use the crossings adjacent to the school gates and will not be able to cross the road from the bus bay.

### Mobile Phones

Next term the Department of Education will be releasing its policy on mobile phones. I have not yet seen this policy and therefore cannot share the details, but as we all know, it was announced by the premier of our state that mobile phones will be banned in high schools from Term 4 this year. This ban will mean that some things will change, for example, communication with your child during school hours can be made through our school's front office and this should only be done if it is absolutely essential or in case of an emergency. I am reminded of life many years ago - we did not have mobile phones and therefore did not need them, and we were okay. I have already discussed this openly with students at a recent school assembly. It is clear the existence of mobile phones has hindered learning opportunities in most educational settings and while I don't yet know the details of the incoming policy, I do know that your support to make this work will be required. I encourage you, if you haven't already, to begin discussing and planning this change with your children.

### Parent Teacher Nights - Next Term

Parent Teacher Nights will occur in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. I look forward to meeting and talking to parents at those events. Dates can be found in this newsletter (page 7). Email instructions and an invitation will be sent this week. For new parents to our school Parent Teacher Nights are arranged by surname, not by year groups. This is especially helpful if you have more than one child at the school as you only need to attend one evening.

Justin Hong  
Principal

# MUSICAL SUCCESS!



## "BELIEVE IT OR NOT?" FIRST MUSICAL IN 20 YEARS

NBSC Cromer Campus's Creative and Performing Arts faculty have worked together to put on the absolutely incredible "Back to the 80s" musical this term, with talented actors and dancers from all years getting involved. With the catchy 80s hits sung by the actors and the intricate lighting show organised by the entertainment crew, it all came together to be a huge success, leaving smiles on the audience's faces at the end of each show, some even reminiscing back to their high school experiences in the 1980s. The show has been described by actors and audience members alike as "such an incredible experience" and deemed "unforgettable". The immense amount of effort put in by the actors, dancers, entertainment crew and teachers involved is to be greatly admired, as even the school's principal himself made his appearance at the musical with his family. It can truly be said that everybody involved in this wonderful experience had "the time of their lives".

**By Maru Jedeloo Conroy**



*The actors having "The time of their lives" on stage*



*An action shot from on stage*



*An emotional moment captured from the number "Total Eclipse of the Heart"*

### ATTENTION STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL FROM FISHER ROAD

Please do not use Dee Why Bowling Club as a short cut to Cromer Campus. Walking through licenced premises is illegal and a breach of the Liquor Act 2007.

From Term 3, Dee Why Bowling Club are required to report infringements to Police with CCTV footage. Anyone charged may face a fine of up to \$2,000 and a NSW Police record. A fence will soon be installed. Please use the appropriate footpath to travel to school.

# PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA



## Principal's Rewards Morning Tea

In the last week of term Mr Hong hosted a morning tea for students and their parents to acknowledge the students' outstanding contribution to our school.

The awards included the Principal's Special Award to Zachary Jones in Year 11, the Platinum Award for students in Years 7 – 9 who have received over 200 Positives and students who have an Attendance Rate of 99% or above for Semester 1.

# PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA



# CAPA FACULTY

## NSSWE Winter Concert

The Concert Band and Stage Band participated in this community concert hosted by Forest High. The performances were absolutely incredible, with both bands achieving at a very high level.

They performed alongside:

- Manly Vale Public School Senior Band
- Warrawee Public School Intermediate band
- The Forest High Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- NSSWE Senior Wind Ensemble



## **Cromer Campus Uniform Shop**

Until the end of the July school holidays, uniforms will be available from Profile Apparel 14 West Street, Brookvale as per our website.

**We are excited to announce that from Monday 17th July,  
first day of Term 3, the Uniform Shop will once again operate  
on the school site at Cromer Campus!**

The newly refurbished space is close to our Student Office and is best accessed through our west gate entrance opposite the shops.

Regular school term operating hours are:

- Tuesday morning 8am to 10am
- Thursday afternoon 1pm to 3pm

Sustainable and preloved items will also be available for sale. Uniform items ordered online may be collected before or after school or during break times on any day from the Student Office outside of the above shop hours. All profits from the shop will return directly to the school to be used on projects to benefit our students.

All retail sales will be via the Uniform Shop link on the school website or at the school shop only. Profile Apparel will remain as our wholesale supplier but will not be open for retail sales.

We look forward to providing this convenient service to our community from our school site from Term 3.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

The Cromer Campus Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Years 7 to 11 have been scheduled for Week 1 and Week 2 next term. This is a valuable opportunity to speak with teachers regarding your student's progress.

To assist families, the interviews are arranged alphabetically by student surname as follows:

Session 1 Surnames beginning with A to G and I and J

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm to 7.30pm

Session 2 Surnames beginning with H and K to N

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Session 3 Surnames beginning with O to Z

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm to 7.30pm

A separate email has been sent to you with instructions and information regarding how to book appointments online with your student's teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you and your student to support their success at Cromer Campus.

# CAPA FACULTY

## Fete de la Musique



This was a combined CAPA/LOTE event to celebrate World Music Day. Stage Band and two Year 8 rock bands performed during the breaks to entertain the students of Cromer Campus. At the same time, volunteer students from Year 7 French classes supported the event by selling French patisserie foods to encourage students to order their food in French.





# CAPA FACULTY

## Instrumental Festival Stage Band

The Concert Band participated in the Annual Instrumental Festival hosted by the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Ensemble and held at our very own school Cromer Campus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Performing alongside our Concert Band was:

- Narrabeen Lakes Public School Senior Band
- Collaroy Plateau Public School Performance Band
- Killarney Heights High School Concert Band

The Stage Band performed on the 18<sup>th</sup> June at Harbord Public School with:

- Allambie Heights Public School Jazz Band
- Northern Beaches Christian School Jazz Ensemble
- St Ives High School Jazz Combo

It is always a great experience for our students to perform and be appraised to support their learning progression as a band.



# Cromer Campus Library News

## Northern Beaches Library Partnership

We have again partnered with the Northern Beaches Council Library to provide students with Library memberships. Students were able to sign up to the local libraries online and the cards have been delivered to the school for distribution. As part of this we welcomed NBC Librarians Belinda and Keenan who presented to our junior students on the services provided by the NBC libraries such as language courses, homework help and ebooks. We look forward to having these experienced Librarians return to present research and study sessions to senior students at the end of Term 2.



## Library Monitors

Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus has a group of students who assist in the library during break times. Our Library Monitors are rostered on throughout the week to undertake many jobs; some of their responsibilities include helping other students and teachers in the library, assisting to keep the library a wonderful place to visit and promoting the love of reading. This term we welcomed eight new library monitors, who are being trained by our six senior Library Monitors. The aims of the Library Monitor program include providing opportunities for student leadership at the junior levels, acquiring new skills and building a sense of connection within the school community.

## Year 7 Library Lessons

This term in our Year 7 Library lessons we have been concentrating on research skills. Our lessons focused on the history of the Dewey Decimal Classification system, how to navigate the Non-Fiction section of our library, how to write a bibliography and how to ensure students are not plagiarising. Next term Year 7 will continue to build their research skills and complete activities in preparation for Book Week. Each lesson ends with browse and borrow time when students can borrow a book of their choice from our collection.

# Cromer Campus Library News

## Book Club Term 2

This term our Book Club has assisted with improving our book cataloguing system. This involved book club students helping to create the new genre stickers to place on the spines of books to identify the genre to which the book belongs. This makes it easier for students to find books of interest in the library. These stickers correspond with the 'Good Reads @ Cromer' Board which recommends reads for students. We have also helped create a blind date with a book display for Pride Month. We are working hard on our podcast scripts and look forward to recording and presenting our first episode during Book Week next term!



## Premier's Reading Challenge Reminder

A reminder to all students in Years 7 - 10 that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends next term on Friday 18th August. There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge and log your recent reads! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The challenge requires students to read and log 20 books between the 27th February and the 18th August 2023. Students will receive a certificate upon completing the challenge.

# PDHPE FACULTY

## Term 2 News

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about Term 2 in PDHPE and Sport at Cromer Campus. Our students have achieved remarkable success and we congratulate them for their hard work and dedication both on and off the sporting field.

We thank all students, parents, and coaches for their dedication and look forward to more successes throughout the year.

### Carnivals

#### Cross Country

Well done to the students who ran at the school Cross Country Cromer. This year it was a competitors only carnival and all runners displayed exceptional athleticism and determination.

We had a large group of motivated students who ran at Zone Cross Country at Rat Park with many being successful and progressing to Sydney North. Congratulations to Harrison Wagland, Lukas Da Silver, Ayla Marshall-Witte and Coen Watson who were age champions!

Good luck to all students who will be competing at Sydney-North Carnival.



### School Sport Teams and Gala Days

#### Sydney North Oztag Gala

Cromer Campus had four teams representing the school at the Sydney North Oztag Championships. All teams did extremely well, playing in wet and muddy conditions, but they absolutely smashed it with all four teams making it through to the semi finals.

Congratulations to the 9/10 Boys and 11/12 Girls who progressed to the NSW State Championships.



# PDHPE FACULTY

## Term 2 News

### U15s Girls Soccer Knockout Team

Despite a valiant effort, the NBSC Cromer Campus girls lost a closely contested match against Abbotsleigh Girls. However, the match showcased exceptional sportsmanship from both teams, creating a memorable experience for all involved.



### U13s Rugby League

Well done to our U14 Boys Rugby League Team. One win, two loses and a great effort from everyone. Missing from the team photo are Luke B and Jackson L.

### Representative Athletes

Congratulations to our talented students who have achieved great success in their respective sports!

#### Toby Hunt

Congratulations to Toby Hunt in Year 7 for recently earning his black belt in karate after seven years of dedication and perseverance. Toby successfully completed the challenging final stage, which involved three katas and seven rounds of sparring.

#### Jamie Lau

Congratulations to Jamie Lau who was recently named in the U14s Australian Softball Squad. What a great achievement!

#### Noah Cassell

Congratulations to Noah Cassell who competed at the All-Schools Swimming at the end of May, where his relay team won the gold medal in the boys 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

# PDHPE FACULTY

## Term 2 News

### Year 11 Life Ready Program

RYDA Road Safety Day was a blast! Our Year 11 Life Ready Program students had an incredible day filled with valuable knowledge and essential skills about road safety. From understanding traffic rules to learning safe driving techniques, they should now be more equipped to hit the roads responsibly.



### Subject Spotlight - Year 7 PE

Year 7 engaged in an exciting fitness unit this term in PE. They participated in various activities, including boxing, circuits, shuttle runs and fitness testing. Throughout this period, students embraced these activities, pushing their physical limits and gaining valuable insights into the importance of maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Well done Year 7!



# TAS FACULTY

## Year 11 Hospitality



**Cheese Pizza!**



Year 11 Hospitality students created pizzas and focaccia bread (from scratch!), plus iced mochas and iced chocolates.



# INTEGRATED STUDIES FACULTY

## Term 2 2023

We have had another busy term in Integrated Studies. We have chosen two events to highlight how diverse our days can be. No two days are ever the same. Happy reading. Wishing everyone a happy holiday - see you in Term 3.

### A trip to Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre



House Garden, and some of the students were able to experience the composting toilets!

As part of our Science Unit on sustainability, Integrated Studies enjoyed an excursion to the Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre in Terrey Hills. Kimbriki is the main hub for recycling in the Northern Beaches Council area. Its recycling, composting and landfill diversion services see 80% of the waste that comes into Kimbriki recycled rather than go to landfill.

Our buses were able to get a tour of the facility, including areas that the general public does not see. The students enjoyed seeing the huge volumes of waste, recyclables and recycled materials as well as the large trucks, loaders and other machinery. Morning tea was enjoyed in the Eco



The tour was completed with a lesson in the ways in which we can live more sustainably and stop waste from ending up in landfill. We learnt how to make and manage a composting system, with some hands-on

practice turning the compost and looking after the compost worms.

It was an enjoyable day for everyone, and the students are very enthusiastic to find ways to make Integrated Studies more sustainable and environmentally friendly over the rest of 2023.





# INTEGRATED STUDIES FACULTY

## Term 2 2023

### Community Access Class 8/9A visit Manly Art Gallery



On Tuesday May 2nd Class 8/9A had a community access visit to Manly Art Gallery to view the work of aboriginal Dhungtatti artist Blak Douglas. First we caught the 179 bus from school to Dee Why with Miss Bailley's class, then our class swapped buses and continued to Manly Wharf on the 199. After that we walked along the walkway at the harbour to the shell sculpture for a break. Unfortunately, the steam no longer comes out of the shell.

Next Miss Bonello gave us instructions and asked us to jump up onto the shell for a photo. Following that we walked to the white chairs near the old aquarium where at last, we had morning tea.



After morning tea, we explored the old aquarium building and discovered what Manly was like in the olden days through a timeline story walk. There used to be a walkway and slides out in the harbour but a big storm in 1974 came all the way from Darwin and knocked it down. We had another photo taken here because the old Marineland building is going to be knocked down and not replaced. We will now be able to remember this in our future to tell others.



Finally, we went to the art gallery to see the work of the artist Blak Douglas on his depiction of Manly Cove. We saw paintings and sculptures and a video about a girl seeing if a thong fits her foot or not. We didn't really understand the video. Some of us stood under a hanging sculpture and had our picture taken between the apostrophes. It looked amazing and felt satisfying, calming, and relaxing to see all the artist's works.



Later we painted our own watercolour painting of Manly Cove. Some painted the wharf or ferries and the surrounding area. It was quite relaxing sitting on the grass painting. Afterward, we bought our lunch from a variety of places including Guzman Gomez and Fish and Lemonade. Subsequently, we ate it back on the shell sculpture near where the ferries dock. On the way home we caught the 199 to Dee Why and the 179 back to school.

Overall, we had a great day at Manly and thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Manly Art Gallery, delicious lunch and painting scenes of Manly Cove.

# CAREERS and TRANSITION

## Career Connect



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### Careers and Transition

A number of our students recently participated in an Industry visit to the Ausgrid site at Cromer. They received information about employment opportunities and experienced hands-on activities.

### Career Connect

This term our Transition Adviser, Riley Wishart, has launched a new program for Year 12 students, Career Connect. Every Friday during Literacy time students have the opportunity to attend a presentation from an industry representative. Students receive firsthand information in a broad range of career areas.

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

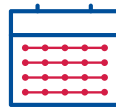
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and years over their school life



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**4** weeks



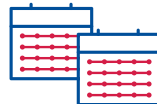
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Over **1** year missed



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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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## YEAR 9 RESILIENCE APP

During Term 1 Year 9 students connected to the Man Anchor Resilience App which is being funded by our P&C. Every day Year 9 students can log into the app and check their resilience score using the Predictive 6 Factor Resilience Scale.

Students can also explore topics to boost resilience and wellbeing. Some of these include:



**KDNB MEDIA RELEASE****Wednesday, 28 June 2023**

To provide passengers with a more reliable timetable, from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023** Keolis Downer Northern Beaches has been approved to adopt a temporary, adjusted timetable for bus services in the Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore.

In response to industry-wide driver shortages, Transport for NSW has approved a temporary change to the timetable to reduce the number of ad hoc bus cancellations.

The temporary reduced timetable has been designed to improve the predictability and visibility of available services, allowing passengers to better plan their journey using online trip planning.

Transport for NSW will work with Keolis Downer to monitor performance and driver numbers to ensure the return the full timetable as soon as possible.

Keolis Downer Northern Beaches are committed to returning to a full timetable and is taking active measures to attract new drivers to address the industry-wide shortage.

“We know that our services are not meeting passenger expectations and we are working hard to get more drivers safely on to the road to return services to where they need to be,” a Keolis Downer Spokesperson said.

“The changes are focused on high-frequency route corridors and mainly affect peak hour routes to the CBD and North Sydney.

“The adjusted timetable also allows us to shift services during peak hour, so our passengers will have a more reliable frequency.”

In addition to the temporary changes being introduced across the network, there will also be some permanent changes to services in Avalon in response to recent road and traffic upgrades. These include routes 191, 192, 190X and the 199.

The only changes to school services are Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus and route 177 which will now accommodate new bell times set by the campus.

“To help our passengers with the changes, we will have Customer Service Officers at key bus stops during peak times to provide information on alternative services, other than the B-Line, that will get customers to their destination,” the spokesperson said.

Notification posters will also be placed on affected bus stops.

“Keolis Downer Northern Beaches acknowledges the impact that bus cancellations have had for our passengers. We appreciate their patience and understanding whilst we work through the challenge of the current bus driver shortage and encourage anyone interested in becoming a driver visit [getbehindthewheel.com.au](http://getbehindthewheel.com.au).” the spokesperson said.

Passengers are reminded to check the [Trip Planner](#) before they travel.

# ATOMI AT CROMER CAMPUS

**Atomi** is an **interactive online learning platform** to support our stage 6 students explore and **apply knowledge and understanding of their HSC and Preliminary subjects.**



Atomi is an extensive study and exam revision resource crafted by HSC experts and powered artificial intelligence to provide individual and tailored learning experiences. Atomi is built in accordance with the NESA Syllabus to guide students through their coursework during the year and final exam preparation. By utilising atomi, students can invest their time into developing higher order skills, analytical thought, and preparation for assessments and exams.

Atomi includes three main elements:



### **Curriculum specific content**

Thousands of ready-made, syllabus specific videos, text lessons and quizzes to power learning beyond the classroom



### **Intelligent testing**

Interactive quizzes that adapt in real-time, promote mastery learning and power intelligent revision recommendations



### **Focus on application**

By focusing on how content will be assessed in exams, atomi shows you what it takes to get great marks

## **Every student learns differently**

Atomi helps increase flexibility by enabling both class-paced and self-paced learning. Students that missed a lesson, have fallen behind or just aren't confident enough to raise their hand now have a real opportunity to get back on track and achieve their full potential.

## **How will students use Atomi?**

Our teachers will guide students to make full use of Atomi in a range of ways across the year including:

- pre-class work
- post-class consolidation
- assessment preparation
- exam revision
- holiday homework
- study skills development

## **How will students access Atomi?**

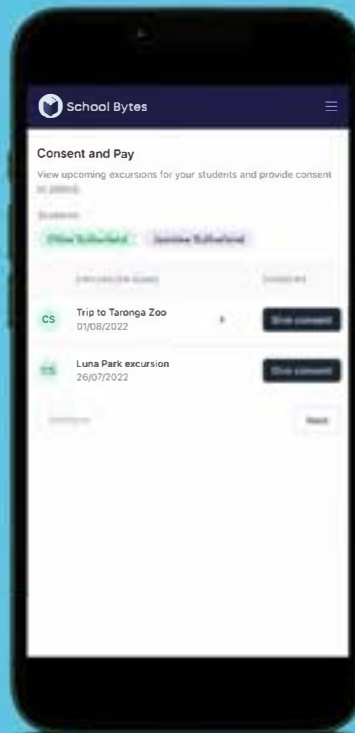
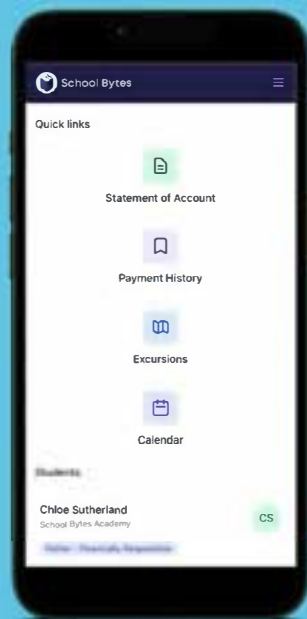
Atomi is accessed simply by logging into the atomi website: [atomi.com.au](http://atomi.com.au). Every student has been provided with a unique account that helps to track their progress throughout each subject. Students can access Atomi anywhere and anytime there is an internet connection using their device of choice. There is no downloading of applications or software.

## **What can you do to support your HSC student?**

We recommend you simply start by engaging in conversation about their Atomi account if you notice they are struggling with their coursework or don't know what to do next in their study program.

# EASIER PAYMENTS NOW LIVE

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



## The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



AVAILABLE  
NOW

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit  
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





# UNIFORM

A reminder of our uniform requirements as we return in 2023. Please visit the link below where you can see the Cromer Campus uniform requirements.

<https://nbsscromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform-shop.html>



Cromer Campus has opened a sustainable uniform store and we need your pre-loved uniforms. Reusable school uniform items can be delivered to the office drop box. The clothes will be recycled and offered for sale to students via the sustainable uniform store.

**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP** 

**Thank you for supporting Cromer Campus by ensuring your child attends school every day in school uniform.**



The WELLBEING@CROMER link is on the front page of the school website.

It contains information, resources and links to support the wellbeing of our students and families.



A further wellbeing initiative is the creation of a whole school Google classroom called:

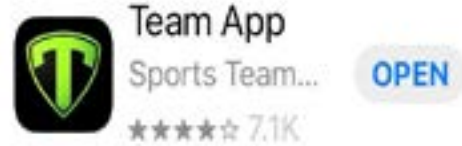
**Wellbeing at NBSC Cromer Campus**

The code for this classroom is: **b2dgcwk**

This classroom will be regularly updated with resources and is open to students and parents.

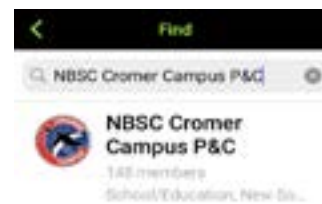
# Cromer Campus P&C Association

Parents and Carers please join our **TEAMAPP** to ensure you are across all news and events and have quick links to resources such as uniform shop, parent portal, newsletters and Flexischools.



On your iPhone do the following:

1. Go to the APP STORE
2. Download TEAMAPP
3. **SIGN UP**
4. **FIND YOUR TEAM** - NBSC Cromer Campus P&C
5. Join, and choose the YEAR groups that child/ren belong to, plus any other groups of interest



## 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

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512  
[www.dsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsc.nsw.gov.au)

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## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

**Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)



NSW Health

*I respect and acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we work and live.*

#### Reporting retailers of illegal nicotine e-cigarettes

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes are battery operated devices that heat a liquid (or e-liquid) to produce a vapour to inhale. Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called 'vaping'.

E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes and can be made to look like everyday items including lighters, pens or USB memory sticks. E-liquid contains a range of chemicals or flavours, and often contains nicotine.

In NSW, the sale of e-cigarettes and e-liquids that contain nicotine is illegal. Selling tobacco or e-cigarettes to minors is also illegal. NSW Health is seeing an increase in the sale of nicotine containing e-cigarettes, including to minors.

NSW Health takes non-compliance with tobacco and e-cigarette laws seriously and NSW Health officers undertake inspections of retailers to ensure they are complying with the laws.

If you think a retail store is selling e-cigarettes that contain nicotine, or selling any tobacco or e-cigarette products to minors, please report it to NSW Health by completing the online reporting form: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/let-us-know-reports-complaints.aspx> or by calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Further information on e-cigarettes is available on the NSW Health website at:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/e-cigarette-young-people.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/e-cigarette-young-people.aspx)

## Wellbeing and Safety of Cromer Campus Student Drivers and their Passengers



As is the case with many secondary schools, more and more of our senior students are driving to and from school. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers.

With this in mind, Cromer Campus has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the wellbeing and safety of students. Our *Student Driving Policy* outlines what we expect from student drivers and their passengers. A copy of the policy is available on our school web site or can be obtained from the school office.

A *Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form* for both drivers and passengers can also be found on the school web site or obtained from the school office. All student drivers and parents/guardians are required to sign this form and return it to the school.

Please note: There is no parking available for students on school grounds.

Cromer Campus 2020 Policy for Students Driving Cars to School plus the permission and agreement forms are available on pages 18 & 19 of this Cromer Courier.





## Cromer Campus Policy for Students Driving Cars to School

Any student who holds a valid NSW licence and intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

### Cromer Campus Policy:

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
2. Student licence details and car make and registration must be recorded with the school.
3. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school.
4. Students are not permitted to go to their car during the school day.
5. Students are not to use their cars at lunchtime or in their study periods
6. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school or school events without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian. The Passenger Permission Form must be completed and submitted to the office.
7. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school as per the Passenger Permission Form.
8. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.
9. Cromer Campus does not have space available for student parking. Consequently no student is permitted to park their car within the school grounds.
10. The school's Welfare and Discipline Policy will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.



## Cromer Campus Passenger Permission Form

*This form must be completed by a parent/guardian of any student intending to travel to school as a passenger of a student of Cromer Campus who drives a car to and from school unless this student has permission on the original Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.*

### I give approval for

Student Passenger's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### to travel with

Student Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*We accept all conditions detailed in the Cromer Campus Policy for Students Driving Cars to School.*

### Parent/Guardian of Student Passenger

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Passenger

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Approval:

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cromer Campus Students Driving Cars to School Policy 2020



## Cromer Campus Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

**\*Note:** A photograph of the student's driver licence must be attached to this form.

***This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour and Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If the student intends to drive any car other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school.

### Parent Permission

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_

to drive to school and, if indicated on the reverse of this form, take the passengers indicated on this form. I am aware of the Cromer Campus Policy for Students Driving Cars to School. **I have seen the completed Cromer Campus Passenger Permission form for the student/s identified on this form.**

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student

*I agree to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner and follow the Cromer Campus Policy for Students Driving Cars to School.*

Signature of Student:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Approval:

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Students with completed Cromer Campus Passenger Permission forms approved to travel with

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Driver.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



To the School Principal / Headmaster

### Conditions of use – Student Opal Card

I write to request your assistance in promoting the importance of using the Student Opal Card correctly.

It is a condition of use that students tap on at the start and tap off at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. This is important to ensure accurate patronage data is recorded. This data is used to plan school special and regular route bus services and assists State Transit in ensuring adequate capacity is provided, so students can travel to and from school safely.

Current statistics indicate that many students have failed to tap on or off the Opal readers when travelling. If students do not tap on and off the school bus service, it may appear under-utilised and may be considered for cancellation, based on low passenger numbers.

To assist with our future service planning can you please remind parents and students of this important condition of use so State Transit can continue to provide effective bus services in the future.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 131500 or apply online at <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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NSW Department of Education

## An important message about our response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to our school.

We have implemented a range of measures to help keep our school healthy and reduce the spread of infection and illness. Some simple measures we ask that you adopt include:

- Before entering our school**  
 If you have been unwell, with symptoms such as a high temperature, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath, please don't visit our school. Please contact our office to speak to one of our staff.
- Increase hygiene practices**  
 We request that all staff, students and visitors follow increased personal hygiene practices through regular and thorough hand washing and coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, and disposing of tissues.
- Maintaining a healthy distance**  
 For the health and wellbeing of our staff and students, please stand at least **1.5 metres** apart while waiting in our office. Our visitors are encouraged to wait outside for their turn to speak with our office staff. We are also applying social distancing requirements across all areas of the school as is reasonable and practical.
- Support for our staff**  
 We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID 19 in our community. We know this is a difficult time and we are doing all we can to support our staff and students. Search Inside the Department for up-to-date information and resources.

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