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EXCLUSIVE NEWS FROM CROMER CAMPUS

HSC Marks Fly High

HSC marks are soaring



Reported by Evie and Erin

Emily Hallows tells us in an exclusive interview that she studied for her HSC last year nearly every day in her free periods at school, at home, in her sleep and whenever else she had the time! She received a scholarship at the University of Sydney to study Science and Advanced Studies in Agriculture and Food. Hallows told a close family friend **'after all my hard work, finally my dreams are coming true!'**

Mrs. Fair Leigh is the Cromer Campus Senior Transition Adviser and has been helping Year 11 and 12 students find the right pathway for them after finishing school based on their interests and strengths.

She encourages all Year 12 students to apply for early scholarships at university; "There are so many opportunities available now, so students were encouraged to apply to scholarships that could help them achieve their goals."

Emily Hallows told us, "I was so nervous, I wouldn't have got full marks and made it to the University of Sydney if it wasn't for Mrs Fair Leigh's ongoing encouragement, and of course all that studying helped!" No matter who you are, the HSC is a tough challenge for all students around Australia. Cromer Campus is very proud of all their senior students and our teachers have encouraged them all to reach for the sky in their further studies and future careers.



Reach for the Stars!!



Hello from your Editorial Team!

Hi we're Mark Westrup, Madison Maloy and Jasmin Beock-Hopley, and we're the Editors of Cromer Chronicles! We hope you enjoy our school newspaper as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. Ok, it was really hard work, but it all paid off, don't you think? Some of our news is completely true, but some of our journalists insisted they had to stretch the facts to get your attention. Either way, we hope you all read on to find out about all the awesome things happening at our school. MMJ

Born Leaders



Did you ever want to know about the leaders at Cromer? Well now is your chance. Cromer leaders have a very important role in the school, as they run extra curriculum activities and help set up important



*Written by Gwilym Horlock,
Orlando Lee & Reuben Welch*

The fantastic Prefects help the SRC and organize events. They also make announcements at our assemblies. "The leaders are some of the greatest people I know," stated year 7 student Orlando Lee. Some of the main qualities our leaders have is being selfless, reliable and as they carry a huge responsibility they have to be trustworthy. Captain Paula Latu told us "We are still living our day to day lives but now we have a huge responsibility to our school as leaders."

Swimming Stars



By Jasmine Apthorpe, Tayla Denning and Mili Karamarkovic

Twelve year old Hunter Schmidt was the best year 7 boy swimmer with Jessica Kelly the best girl in Year 7 at our Swimming Carnival on February 19 at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. One student said whenever you saw one of them in the race you always had a very nerve-wracking feeling; "You were always waiting to see if they'd break another school record!"

Jessica Kelly told us she just started swimming competitively while Hunter Schmidt started when he was 8 years old. The best overall swimmer was Jayden Dolahenty in Year 10. His fastest time was 30 seconds but his record is 29 seconds. The swimming carnival was a fun event and we can't wait to see who will be our champion swimmers next year!



You gotta love the Duke

Written by Ieuan Horlock & Oliver Knight



For those of you who don't know, the Duke of Ed program is for students in years 9 – 12 that participate in a group of activities to help prepare them for future jobs or to get them involved in the community. The Duke social skills and collaboration skills prepare them for most jobs. "The Duke of Ed taught me a lot about developing skills, value in community service, to appreciate the outdoors." - Thomas Oliver, Year 7 Advisor

The Duke of Ed, is entirely voluntary and is structured so the participants hard work and benefiting yourself. Students can design their own unique program, centered on their interests and passions. All Cromer Campus students are invited to find out about how to participate in this wonderful program at the start of each year at Freshwater Campus.



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Skullduggery!

Shave your hair off today to support blood cancer! Join alongside Cromer's leaders to fight for this worthy cause later this term.



Canteen Can't Lose

Cromer Canteen is now serving even more delicious meals! Some specials are the sushi, pasta and banana bread from our kind canteen workers. Students tell us they enjoy the pies, sushi, muffins, and yogurt, basically all the food – our canteen is awesome!

Speak Up for Debating

Mr Thomas Oliver, the Head Teacher of Year 7, has started the debating team and is extremely excited at the amazing results we have achieved in such a short time.

He tells us "There is a debating team for year 7 and 8, and also for Years 9 and 10. We have 6 students who joined the 7 and 8 team, but no one has joined the 9 and 10 yet. We need more students so please join us!"

Just come to our workshop on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon in H008. The debating team is open for beginners through to advanced speakers. We debate against other schools, such as Manly Selective.



Death Drop

Death Drop, Free Fall, Super Drop, call it what you want, but these Year 7's from Cromer Campus could not wait to participate! On the last day of Year 7 camp students were very eager to have some fun. On average it was the second favorite activity, "Mud World was my first," shared Daisy.

When Camp Leaders were going through instructions, Maddie and Daisy told us, "we were listening, but all up, it took about 8 minutes to explain," according to Daisy.

"I felt determined, nervous and adventurous," said Maddie after they hear the instructions. Charlotte Mace, who decided to go first out of all her friends, demonstrated fearless leadership. Daisy felt "happy and proud," that her friend Charlotte was going before her. By the time they had all finished the challenges they felt "an adrenaline rush of joy!" Charlotte tells us.

Dear Editors

I feel that Year 7 should be allowed to wear their sport uniform to school and home from school. If they have it first period PDHPE they have to waste their PE time to get dressed when you could just do it at home. Year 7 have sport on Friday for last period and if you have to catch a bus you have to get dressed as quickly as possible. It is still annoying to change at recess or lunch but everyone manages.

I think it is unfair that all the other years above us get to wear it to and from school. All the Year 7 students agree with me, that it's so annoying that they have to get changed. I think we should allow Year 7 students to wear it to and from school like all the other years. – Anonymous Year 7 student letter



Self-Driving Whiz

Our exclusive sources told us about Waymo, a driverless car company they believe will crumble in a competition against Cromer Campus' self-driving car. Our cars were made by the students and have an incredibly futuristic design, with sensors more powerful than a satellite. "Probably the best possible driverless car that can be made in this present time zone," an exclusive insider said. Cromer Campus cars are the safest, most secure machines ever, and basically immune from crashing!

Cromer Campus is clearly the best school in existence if their students have been taught the knowledge and skills to make such awesome cars! "If these self-driving cars were to dominate the car market, the roads would be vastly safer and happier," the NSW Premier stated. We think since Cromer Campus students are innovating all the time, they could possibly hold the key to saving the Universe. We'll keep you posted.

Most Wanted

Cromer Campus wants new recruits for our new touch footy team.

If you would like to sign up call 1700 345 657 or visit the Cromer Campus website.

Tryouts will be held at school on the 20/04/18, throughout lunchtime.



Recruit Today

Sign up now!



If you have any knowledge of a musical instrument join the school band or rock band today.

After Party!

Have you heard of the after party at CC yet? Well some people call it "Homework Club"...

It feels like a party when you hang with a great bunch of teachers and students and get free food on Tuesday and Wednesday. Join the party!



Bring it on



Help bring back school spec group performances at Cromer by talking about it to teachers, friends, anyone!

If you spread the word, you also will have a high chance at joining in on the fun.

Women Win War of Words



Reported by Jessica Shepherd and Olivia Howe

In an explosive speech on International Women's Day, two female 13-year-old Cromer Campus Students Jasmine Finn and Maddie Oliver inspired other young women to be brave enough to be who they are without feeling judged.

Exclusive insiders said that it was, 'The most motivating speech they had ever heard.' Jasmine held that "It doesn't matter what people write or think about you, it is what you think of yourself that matters most." Maddie highlighted the fact that "Women don't need to wear makeup, dresses or skirts to feel beautiful; they already are all uniquely beautiful just the way they are."



These two inspiring Cromer Campus students told students that to be beautiful means to be yourself. "You don't need to wear a mask of makeup to be deemed acceptable by others, you just need to accept yourself," Jasmine urged.

English Cromer Campus teacher Ms Brooks observed; "It was a wonderful experience, and the students were all visibly inspired by their speech." Some onlookers complained that the speech was too empowering for women and believe boys also need to be empowered today. "What about we just empower all people regardless of their gender?" asked one disgruntled male student.

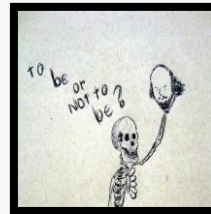
Regardless, their motivating speech had a huge impact on young women everywhere in Australia. It was broadcast live on Channel 7 News and went viral on YouTube. Their Principal said he was extremely proud and supportive of the young speakers and held a special assembly to commend both girls on their highly inspiring speech.

Resurrecting Shakespeare



By Charlotte Mace and Madeleine Whiley

Students at Cromer Campus are hoping to have another whole school drama production in the next few years. An exclusive interview with Head Teacher of English and Drama, Mrs de Montfort revealed, "We are hoping to be able to have a musical production for years 7 to 12, or a Shakespeare appropriation."



Students in Shakespeare Appropriation Wandering Shadows

So, what will it take to bring whole school Shakespeare and drama productions back to Cromer Campus? "In order to have a whole school drama production we will need some volunteers from creative parents and careers in our community to help with costumes, set design and production," English Teacher Ms. Brooks revealed.

Insiders tell us that while drama and music teachers and students are happy to help run the show, we also need eager and passionate parents or relatives, ready to give up their spare time to make a whole school production a success.

"We will also need to create a technical stage crew. They don't have to perform on stage, but they do need to be eager to learn. Yes, we will need a stage crew," said Mr. Mace, Head Teacher of TAS.

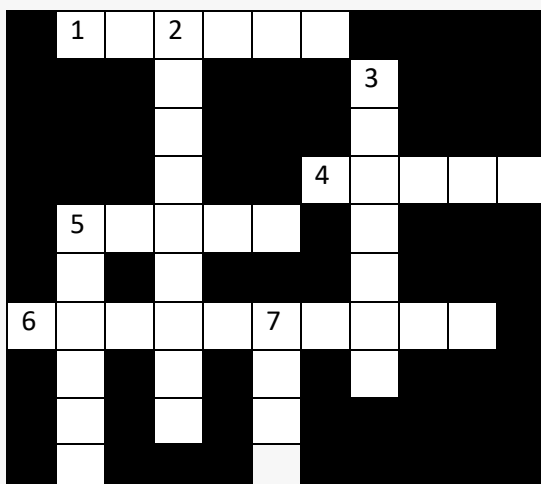
Crossword

Down:

2. A person that is acting/dancing in front of an audience
3. Born _____ (Look 2 pages ago)
5. A place where students go for an education
7. An activity you do in the water

Across:

1. An electronic device that has a keyboard and can be carried around
4. A group of people that play music
5. Activities that require running around
6. Is a form of science that involves chemicals



Answers Across: Keyboard, Band, Sport, Chemistry
Answers Down: Performer, Leaders, School, Swim

Magical Mr McKee



*Written by Daisy Freeman
& Caitlin Groom*

Cromer Campus has a wonderful music teacher, Mr. McKee. He is sparkling with wide smiles for everyone, inspiring Everyone with his encouragement and fun teaching skills.

“Mr. McKee wonderful” said Lakeisha Efra’s in Year 11. “Our music program is so very good and has grown so much over the years. Even though I’m not a particularly musical person, I still enjoy all our classes!”



A popular instrument taught at this Campus is the violin, thanks to talented Year 8 student and tutor Annie Hunt. “It’s actually really fun and

makes a very pretty noise.” said Erin Bamberry. Some enjoy violin as it was an instrument they had forgotten about or used to play and are very happy to try it again. Mr McKee is such a wonderful teacher “just magic!” a Year 7 student gushed to us.

Cromer Campus **SOLD!**

Cromer Campus has been sold to the lucky Jeff Chatsman.

Young millionaire, Chatsman claims, “I knew I would buy this school eventually, and now I plan to make it bigger and better! It’s a goldmine!”

None of the students or teachers know what to expect from the new owner Mr Chatsman.

Editors: Let’s hope the best is yet to come!

Dear Editor

I believe you should have more photos in your articles.

Also from the limited photos you supply us, your school seems to have a lack of trees. You should have realised by now that students perform better if they are surrounded by an abundance of nature.

I hope you understand and take steps to fix this right away.

Yours truly, Daisy

Editors: Cromer actually has so many lovely trees but none of our pictures so far have shown this, our apologies.

Game that Stunned Us All



Reported by Fynn Brown, Tom Gledhill & Finn Comber

On 30th February senior basketball team, the Cromer Blazers, travelled to Black-town to play the championship game, against arch rivals the Rockets at St Mary’s College. When they rocked up to the stadium there were Rockets fans everywhere. Mr Hanna, coach of the Cromer Blazers told ABC reporter “During the game I saw one of the Rocket fans throw a drink at our star player Johnno Vescio in the head! He obviously felt a little queasy after that and had to sit out the rest of the game unfortunately.”

St Mary’s won tip-off and dropped a quick ten points on Cromer in the first few minutes of the game. The Blazers had their heads in their hands, they couldn’t believe what was happening. The winning shot by Tom Evans with the Blazers star player out of the game, Cromer did not give up but after half time the score was St Mary’s 43 Cromer 30. Mr Hanna told his team in the sheds “we need to focus guys... I know we’ve lost our star player, but one person doesn’t make up a team.”

The teams ran back onto the court, and all ten players had a new fire in their eyes. Cromer dropped a couple of quick three pointers to make the score 43-36. It was down to the final two minutes and Cromer came back to be just down by 2 points. Mr Hanna called the last timeout and told his team “I want Evans to take the final shot.” Both teams had the bonus and Cromer took the foul on their center. Adrian McGee who has a 50% free throw percentage, missed both shots and the Rockets called their last timeout. There were 20 seconds left on the clock and Cromer were down by two. Evans took the inbound and was running down the clock. The clock was down to 5 seconds Evans did a step back, fade away jump shot outside the three-point line. The hooter sounded, the ball was in mid-air, everyone was on their feet, the ball hit the rim, gasps filled the stadium, the ball bounced up and then dropped into the net.

Cromer won! Evans had won a thriller. The Cromer bench and fans went crazy, a massive huddle formed around Evans who said, “It was the game of a lifetime.” Mr. Hanna was asked in a press conference what boosted his team and he said “I gave them an inspiring pep talk at halftime and Johnno gave them some great tips to focus on the task ahead. He’s a great leader and deserved to be part of the win. It is our first championship and it would be a privilege to coach another champion team.”





Labs Leap into Future

Written by Grace Baillie,
Lucas Holliday & Benjamin
Soltau

Cromer Campus

recently surprised students with brand new school Science labs! This renovation was to improve the labs from old to new with state of the art facilities.

Of course, all the Science Teachers are delighted with the new labs; "They're amazing learning environments," says Mrs Mac, Head Teacher of Science.

Cromer students are also excited about their learning environment. They tell us they especially love the new tables that they can create different formations for group experiments or isolate for individual research.

These new science rooms are full of new high tech gadgets, gas producers and a new experiments room for conducting work using chemicals.

"The new Science labs are awesome. They're also super clean and hygienic," said one of the many happy Year 7 students. "The packman tables are awesome," said another.

Some students and teachers at Cromer Campus say renovated classrooms are needed for the rest of the school and Principal Mr Hong assured us he plans to continue updating the classrooms every year.

We discovered that Principal Mr Hong was a Science teacher before he became Principal of Cromer Campus.



We believe this may have had some impact on his decision, to renovate the science rooms before others.

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Year 7 MUD HELL

If anyone had ever been there they could call it MUD HELL! At the Year 7 Outdoor Education Camp in Morisset, Mud World is anything but paradise. Mud World, as they call it, is a total of five muddy, wet and smelly dams. All but two Year 7 students succeeded to the finish. Participants posed for one final photo before heading to the showers. The stench of Mud Hell will be with them forever!

— By onsite reporter Oliver Knight