



Cromer Catch-Up

Latest news and chat from Cromer Campus



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EXPLOSIVE SCIENCE LABS!

Explosive new science labs at Cromer are sparking creativity in students beyond imagining!



Reported by Josie Schneider,
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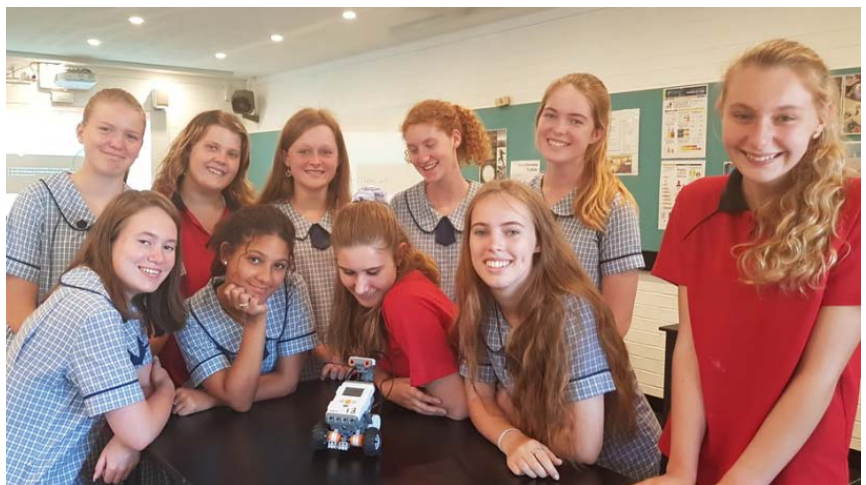


Students at the Cromer Campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College have entered a new age of scientific education with inventive science labs now focused on generating positive collaboration and creative problem solving in the sciences.

As Science teacher Mr. Laybutt explains; ‘Creativity is so important in Science, for devising experiments and engineering ground breaking inventions.’ Allegedly Cromer Campus students have even designed a prototype for self-driving ‘Cromo’ cars which will be the safest, most secure automotive machines ever made, and will be basically immune from crashing!

A Cromer Campus STEM teacher informed us ‘Cromo cars were designed by students in our elective STEM class. They have invented an incredibly futuristic design, with safety sensors even more powerful than a satellite.’

“The Cromer Cromo is probably the best possible driverless car that could be created at this time,” reveals an exclusive insider.



Cromer Campus students with a model of their 'Cromo' self-driving car

These innovative science labs have clearly enabled Cromer Campus students to generate original ideas that could solve world problems. Who knows what the next generation of scientists from Cromer might have in store for us!



Death Drop at Year 7 Camp! – For an exclusive insider’s report go to page 2

Deadly Camp Action

Year 7 Cromer Campus students went on their first annual camp as high schoolers, but they had no idea what deadly action was awaiting them

Reported by Keana Jarratt-Greer, Chamonix Van Vuuren & Zoe Lyras Holborow



Cromer Campus parents are amazed to learn their children enthusiastically endured a range of camp activities that sounded more like scenes from an action movie, such as Mud World, Commando, or as they like to call it 'Hunger Games', and the terrifying Death Drop!

'I would definitely be far too scared to do that Death Drop myself,' a parent confided, 'those kids are fearless!'



Cromer Campus students after 'deadly' Mud World at Year 7 Camp

Year Adviser, Ms. Francis, encouraged students to positively participate in all the challenging activities on offer, 'Camp activities can really help to break the ice at the start of Year 7. I've seen many students creating strong bonds of friendship already.'

To finish most of the obstacles and challenges, the students discovered they needed to trust and encourage each other to do their best.

Undaunted by the terrifying challenges, a Year 7 student revealed, ***'Camp was so much fun! It really did break the ice and I can tell you that now we all feel much more comfortable with***



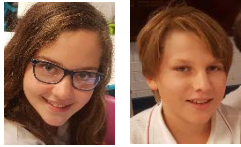
Ms. Francis with Cromer Teachers gearing up for the 'Commando' game at camp

each other. I made so many new friends and it really pushed me to try new things.'

One of the Year 7 students' favourite camp activities was definitely Mud World. As a student told us, 'I found it challenging but I pushed myself to try something new and got as muddy and stinky as possible with my new friends. It was deadly!'

Devilishly Good Reading

Cromer's 'Reading for the Devils' is a read-a-thon initiative aiming to raise more public awareness of the mysterious endangered Tasmanian Devils (Sarcophilus harrisii)



Reported by Sophia Berne & Anton Annand



Keeper Chris at Nature World

Local Cromer Campus student Sophia Berne visited Nature World in Tasmania recently and learned that locals are trying to protect Tasmanian devils. Apparently University students have recently invented a vaccination to protect the devils from deadly tumors that threaten their future existence. ***“Not many people know how rare the Tassie Devil is or why they are sadly disappearing from their habitats in Tasmania,”*** said Sophia with concern.

Cromer Catch-up aims to raise awareness of the serious

plight Tassie Devils face by engaging students in participating in a ‘Read for the Devils’ read-a-thon. We asked Cromer Campus HSIE Teacher Miss Lincoln to share her views; “I think it’s a great cause to read books to save the Tassie Devils, and as a geography teacher I can understand more than others why ***it is so important to save these beautiful creatures.***”



Visitors at the experimental Tasmanian Devil ‘Unzoo’

“I think it is the most amazing initiative - it combines two extremely important goals; saving endangered wildlife unique to Australia and broadening students’ worlds through reading!” enthused Cromer Campus English Teacher Mr Hillsmith.

Students are calling on members of their local community to sponsor readers participating in our ‘Read for the Devils’ read-a-thon. Otherwise, you can donate books for the ‘Devilishly Good Reads’ Book Fair later this year. All funds raised will be donated to Tassie endangerment research at Tasmania’s Nature World.



Surprising Devils Trivia

Test your knowledge of our endangered Tasmanian Devils.

- 1.** How old is a Tasmanian devil when she can produce her first litter?
- 2.** How long is a Tasmanian Devil pregnant?
- 3.** How many babies can Tasmanian Devils have in one litter?

See Page 5 for trivia answers

Local Gallery Promotes Student Artists

How many high school students are lucky enough to exhibit their school artwork in a gallery?



Reported by Sara Spencer, Gemma Muir & Lainey Hipwell

Local art gallery DiversARTy is directly opposite Cromer Campus and the gallery owners have displayed a generous commitment to showcasing student artists from our school.



The Diversarty Studio and gallery officially opened in July 2017.

Gallery owners Donna and Wayne have since warmly welcomed a number of talented local artists into their gallery including students from Cromer Campus. They treat us 'like one big family,' explained former Cromer student Niki McDonald.

'We support local artists, which includes our local student artists,' confirmed Donna proudly.

In other breaking CAPA news, Art teachers at Cromer Campus have created a Cromer Campus Instagram page and Visual Arts students will be creating a vibrant new mural to brighten up the school and inspire creative thinking.

Students can't wait to start painting the mural and have made multiple suggestions for the design including a Harmony Day theme of inclusion.



A possible design for CAPA mural at Cromer Campus

Visual Arts teacher Mrs. Marsters runs the fantastic Instagram page for Cromer Campus Visual Arts students to provide students with another opportunity to share their creative artworks with the wider community. Creative work from student art classes are regularly posted for everyone to enjoy.

You can follow our CAPA Instagram page @cromercreatives

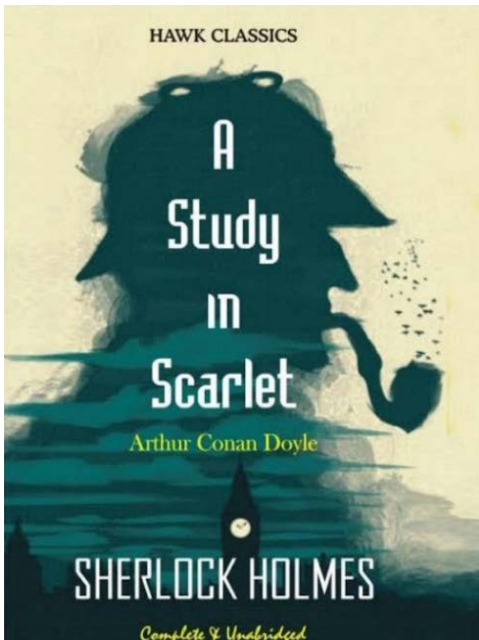
Classic Sherlock: *A Study in Scarlet*

'A Study in Scarlet' is the first novel of the Sherlock Holmes series by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, first published in 1887.



Book Review by Layla Dawson

There are actually two stories told in this novel. The first story describes a mysterious murder that takes place in London, where a victim displays a horrific death mask. Later a second murder is uncovered.



A 2018 edition of *A Study in Scarlet*

It's not made clear whether the two killings are connected or what the motives for their deaths are.

However, as the two men were associates it seems a likely conclusion. Since it's the first novel in the series, there's also the first meeting of Holmes and Dr. Watson - who becomes Holmes's loyal flat mate and is soon intrigued by the fascinating work of the world's first consulting detective.

I found this novel to be full of mystery and suspense and extremely well written. *The plot is constantly gripping and engrossing to the point where I just couldn't put it down.* I would recommend *A Study in Scarlet* to all passionate readers who will enjoy the world of an intellectual genius who solves *crimes full of conundrums and twists that will make you a little suspicious of everyone.*



Just Joking!



By Anton Annand

Q. What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?

A. A 'dino-snore'

Q. What is fast, loud and crunchy?

A. A rocket-chip

Q. Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?

A. Because he was stuffed full.

Q. Why did the fox cross the road?

A. Because it was chasing the chicken.

Journos on the Job

Year 7 students from Cromer have been feeling like journalists on the job with a deadline to finish newspapers and mock TV news episodes for the Annual NBSC 'News Sim' Project



Reported by Alyssa Pugliese, Amira Weekes & Giselle Brown

The Year 7 News Sim Enrichment project has had students from 7O and 7P like us acting like journalists on the job to create class newspapers, and then script and film mock TV news episodes that will critique the integrity of their newspaper articles.



Cromer Campus students from 7O and 7P will be presenting their enrichment projects alongside Year 7 students from Balgowlah Boys and Manly Selective at Freshwater Campus.

Our News Sim projects will be shared at Freshwater Campus with a panel of expert journalists who have worked professionally in the news industry, together with their proud teachers, parents and carers. ***The panel of journalists will aim to provide valuable feedback to help students develop their journalistic integrity and persuasive writing skills.***

Year 7 students from each class newspaper will speak to the journalists and audience members to justify their efforts to combine journalistic integrity with 'keeping ahead of the pack'. English Teacher Ms. Brooks revealed in an exclusive interview ***'This GATS enrichment project provides students with the opportunity to apply the persuasive writing skills they are learning in the classroom to an authentic, collaborative project that can be shared and critiqued by experts from the real world of journalism which is an invaluable learning opportunity.'***

Baby Devils Trivia Answers – how did you go?

1. A female devil will produce her first litter at two years of age.
2. Tasmanian devils lay 20 to 30 live young at one time but they can produce as many as 40 babies.
3. Tasmanian devils are pregnant for 21 days but they only become fertile once a year.



Goodrem says Choir has Future Voice

The Cromer Campus Choir have blown everyone sky high with their uplifting singing during a recent school assembly.



Delta Goodrem from Channel Nine's popular reality TV show The Voice alleges Cromer has something unique



Reported by Leah Grant, Lily Jackson and Chelsea Dale

Auditions for the 2019 season of Channel Nine's popular reality TV show *The Voice* have started, and ***Delta Goodrem allegedly has already predicted that the Cromer Campus choir could be***

'the next big thing'. They really have something unique to offer, the Aussie icon apparently told a Year 7 student after she heard them singing at a special school assembly.

Last year the cosmic song the Cromer Choir performed was, 'Stairway to Heaven' from the rocking band Led Zeppelin. This year they have been heard singing a more contemporary songs during rehearsals including 'No Tears Left to Cry', by Ariana Grande.

Students and staff at Cromer Campus seem unsurprised by Goodrem's wild prediction, 'that doesn't surprise me at all,' responded Music Teacher Mr McKee. ***'Our choir is just so dedicated and talented, anything is possible,'*** he added with a grin.

In the past few years the Cromer Choir has grown to over 20 members and are happy to welcome any talented new members. We spoke to an enthusiastic Year 7 choir member who confirmed, ***'We would love to compete on The Voice, wouldn't that be awesome!'***

You can hear the wonderful Cromer Choir rehearsing every Thursday at lunchtime in room C114.



Critique those Fakers

Do you know how to identify journalistic integrity? How can we determine fact from fiction in the news today? Can you recognise the language features of media criticism?



By Millie Edwards, Leila Petersen & Lucy Camier

In English class we learned seven questions you can use to work out integrity in the news:

1. Is the headline attention grabbing? Is it true or misleading?
2. Does the lead sentence effectively use the '5ws'? (Who, what, where, when, why?)
3. Can you find any language of opinion instead of fact such as bias, hyperbole, repetition, modality, inclusive words or emotive language? What is the effect of the writer using such language?
4. Do the images reinforce the article? Are there captions? Is it a real photograph or just an illustration? Is the image misleading or accurate? How?
5. Look at the writer's choice of verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, nouns – do they help the reader to form a particular response towards the topic? Is their word choice making the article seem more exciting and interesting for readers?
6. Who are the sources – are the names of experts, exclusive insiders, sources revealed? Or is the article concealing their identity? Why?
7. Does the article have potential to feature on the front cover of a newspaper? Why or why not?



Cromer Catch-Up Editors

Cromer Catch-up is the 7P's 2019 class newspaper. We have had an amazing crew of journalists and editors; Ryan Sedevcic and Lily Jackson editing articles, Lucy Camier and Amira Weekes on photo filler, Chamonix Van Vuuren and Layla Dawson on design layout and formatting, and Sophia Berne as organiser and photographer. We hope you enjoyed reading our class newspaper 'Cromer Catch-up' as much as we enjoyed putting it together... Don't you just love Google docs?



Meet Your 7P 'Cromer Catch-Up' Journalists



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Sophia Berne



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***Truth and news are not
the same thing.***

– Katharine Graham, *The Washington Post* Publisher

***The 'truth' is whatever
people will believe.***

– Roger Ailes, *President of Fox News Channel*

Behind the scenes of the 7P Press Conference

