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Term 3, 2018 Newsletter



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Faculty News

NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and local member of Parliament, Stuart Ayres recently visited Cranebrook High School. The Premier met over 100 students involved in a range of activities.



A Message from the Principal

Mr Craig Dunne



I would like to acknowledge that term 3 has been one of the busiest and most successful terms ever. Congratulations to Jenna Catford of Year 10 for her achievements in Lawn Bowls. Last week, Jenna represented NSW in the National Lawn Bowls competition in Victoria, winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. A terrific achievement.

Our students have shown great leadership, determination and commitment throughout term 3, participating in a number of wonderful excursions, events and activities. Our students participated in the Year 8 Camp to Milson Island, the AIME program, Pathways to Dreaming excursions with Western Sydney University, the VALID Science Testing, the enormously successful Wakakirri Dance competition, the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test, the CHS Careers Expo here at school organized in partnership with the Nepean Community Neighborhood Service (NCNS), the Vocational Education and Training School Industry Partnership Awards Evening for our HSC Entertainment students, the SRC Legacy Badge Day, the wonderful Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival, the Fast Forward Program with Western Sydney University, the Support Faculty Barista Program, the Year 9 Food Technology Café for a Day activity, the PDHPE Ski Camp, the Penrith Agricultural Show, the HSIE Italy Excursion information Evening, the Year 10 “Preparing for Uni Day” at the University of Sydney, the Boccia State Finals at Olympic Park, the Pfizer Careers Program, and the Macquarie University Robotics Competition. Years 11 and 12 also participated in a number of careers and study skills seminars throughout the term. There have been many sporting successes again this term, many of which will be mentioned over the next few pages.

I would to thank our school community for its cooperation around not using the staff car park to “drop of” and “pick up” students at the beginning and end of the school day. There has been a big change here, so thanks everyone.

As we approach term 4 and the weather warms up students should ensure that they have the correct school uniform items to wear at school every day. Our Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 12pm to 3:50pm and on Fridays from 8am to 11:50am during school term time.

Thank you for your great support again this term and I look forward to an even more productive term 4.

A Message from the Deputy Principal

Mr Stephen Uitterlinden 7 & 10



Term 3 has been an important transition point for both Years 7 & 10. There has been a number of focus areas this Term for Year 10. One of these, which I'm sure students have spoken about at home is the strong focus occurring in English and Mathematics classes on the development and testing of reading, writing and numeracy skills. This is in line with meeting the HSC Minimum Standard. Most students in Year 10 spent the back portion of the term undertaking practice tests online in preparation for this. This process will continue into next term and results to date show our students working well to build upon their skills, with many reaching the standard already.

Early in Term 4, Year 10 will finalise their subject selections for 2019. As part of this process, they will have the opportunity to speak with an experienced member of the schools executive to ensure their planned subjects meet the students future desired outcomes.

Year 7 are drawing to an end on their first year of senior schooling. I have been heartened to see each individual grow this year, both as learners and also as young men and women. I have been amazed to watch their progression in the classroom and see them develop new and exciting skills and knowledge.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Year 10 student, Jenna Catford. Jenna was recently selected to represent NSW in Lawn Bowls and competed at a tournament in Victoria. From all reports, she played fantastically well- look out for our Term 4 newsletter for further info!



Pictured above is the 'Sea of Hands' students and staff contributed to as part of NAIDOC week.

A Message from the Deputy Principal

Mr Kenneth Bradley 8 & 11



Term 3 has drawn to a close, Year 11 Examinations are finished and that also signals the conclusion of the Preliminary HSC Course. The Year 11 students come back from the holidays as the most senior students in the school and will commence the HSC Course in all of their subjects. Early in Term 4 they will have the opportunity to drop one of their courses, carrying five subjects through the HSC rather than six. I will speak to the students in a Year Meeting explaining the correct process to drop a subject early in Term 4.

The expectations placed upon the most senior students of the school will be very high in regard to attendance and engagement in class, behaviour and uniform. I expect all senior students in full uniform, top to bottom, from day 1, without exception. Senior students will not be allowed in class unless in uniform. Colourful shorts are totally unacceptable. The uniform shop will be open Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Year 11 and 8 students have been involved in a vast range of extra-curricular activities throughout Term 3, including: the robotics competition, the performance dinner, Sydney-west athletics, NSW state athletics, education week activities, book week activities, Wakakirri, the Penrith Show, Year 8 camp, Year 11/12 ski camp, the Cranebrook Performing Arts Festival. It is fantastic that so many of our students willingly accept opportunities to participate in such activities to project our school in such a great way to the wider community.

The two camps listed above were a huge success. Everyone on the ski camp had a fantastic time and no major mishap reported. Well done team. The year 8 camp went ahead on the new dates with 44 students and again, everyone had a great time. A big thank you to all the staff who organised and attended these camps.

Year 8 had a subject selection evening earlier in the term to help them make informed decisions about the elective subjects they will study in Year 9 and 10. The evening was well attended and the response with the return of elective forms was unprecedented. The subjects have been placed in lines and the vast majority of students will have the electives they wanted. Students are welcome to come and see me for reassurance about their electives for next year.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone. See you Term 4 – in uniform.



A Message from the Deputy Principal

Ms Judith Kempthorne 9 & 12

Term 3 is always a busy term for Year 12, and this has once again been the case in 2018. Year 12 students have been finalising their major works, performances and projects across several subjects, including Visual Arts, Music, Society and Culture, Industrial Technology [Timber] and Drama. These are all marked by teams of markers who come into the school during Term 3, so the pressure has really been on! It has been impressive to see students and their teachers using their free time after school during the exam period and on weekends to ensure that their submitted works are of the highest possible standard.

As we near the end of Term 3, and the end of regular lessons for Year 12, it is a time for students to maintain work and study routines and make sure that any incomplete work is fully redeemed in all subjects, so that they are fully equipped to maximise their Study Vacation time. Remember – the Senior Study Centre, your mentors and your teachers, are available to support you before and throughout your HSC exams.

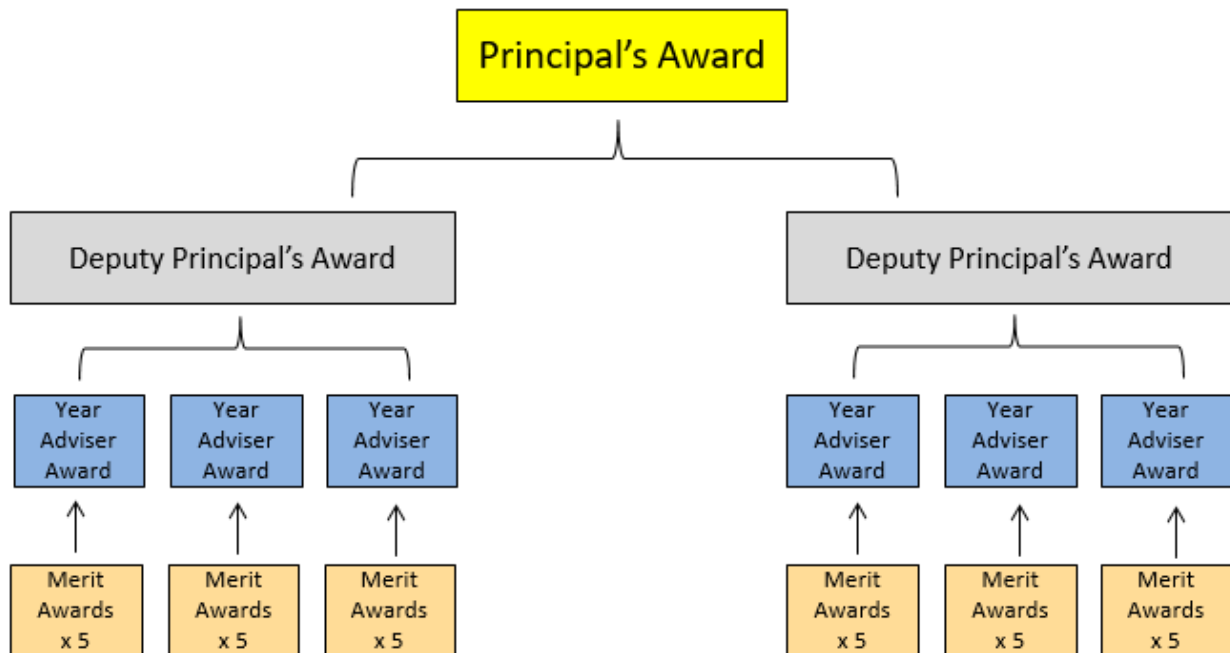


This term, twenty carefully-selected Year 9 students have begun an exciting partnership with Western Sydney University through the “Fast Forward” Program, which acquaints students with university life and introduces them to university as a possible post-school pathway. Mr. Dunne, Mrs. Siddiqi and I were proud to join them at WSU for their induction into the program on 1st August. Another group of Year 9 students is meeting weekly as part of “TAG” – “The Art Group” – and are currently unleashing their creativity to decorate the office door of our Aboriginal Education Officer, Ms. Mendham. I can’t wait to see the result!

Each year, Dakota Adams from Year 9 holds a Cup Cake Sale to raise money for the RSPCA. This year, she made a whopping \$194.50 from cupcake sales alone, and even more from online donations to the cause. The animals of Australia, and the staff and students of Cranebrook High, are proud of you, Dakota – well done!



CHS Merit Scheme



Once students have attained 5 Merit Awards, they should hand them in to their Year Advisor in order to receive Year Advisor, Deputy Principal and Principal Awards.

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YEAR 7 UPDATE

Ms. Elle Grace- Year 7 Year Advisor



Year 7 has continued to demonstrate positive attitudes towards learning and progress in Term Three. I congratulate all students on the efforts that they have made in reflecting upon their reports and results from Semester One. Many of you have shown an ability to consider and build upon your strengths, setting goals and making the most of learning opportunities.

Term Three has seen Year Seven students involved in various activities across the school. Many students produced fine compositions during Book Week, representing themes of Treasure and Exploration. Students created book trailers, treasure chests, composed book reviews and participated in treasure hunts and research quizzes. Congratulations to all students that participated and were rewarded prizes and merit awards.

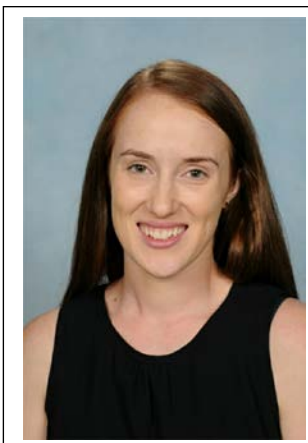
Year Seven continues to be well-represented in both the Cranebrook THINK and Merit Award scheme. Congratulations to the fourteen students that have received Year Advisor awards at our Friday Year Meetings, and I encourage all students to keep collecting and submitting your merit awards to Mr Hie or myself. Remember, you need to hand in five merit awards in order to receive a Year Adviser's award. Congratulations to Dylan Hughes and Jamie Young-Stein, who both received Deputy Principals Awards earlier in the Term. I would also like to commend Year Seven, as a group, on their excellent uniform over the course of Term Three.

Well done, Year Seven, on another successful school term. I am looking forward to seeing what the final term of 2018 holds for us.



YEAR 8 UPDATE

Ms. Vashti Maynard- Year 8 Year Advisor



Year 8 have continued their active involvement in school wide activities throughout the term. Students from Year 8 have represented Cranebrook High School in the Wakkakiri Dance competition, basketball and Boccia.

Earlier this term we held the 8 in to 9 Subject Selection Evening. The event was well attended by students and their carers. Many students took the opportunity to enquire about elective subjects for next year. Students will be notified about their selections in Term 4.

Due to a problem with the water supply at Milson Island, Year 8 Camp was postponed until Week 9 of Term 3. See my report later in the newsletter for a wrap up of the camp.

Congratulations to all Year 8 students who have received Year Advisors awards and Merit Awards throughout the term. Please continue to submit the Merit Awards to receive a Year Advisors or Deputy Principals award.

YEAR 9 UPDATE

Ms. Zoe Wallace- Year 9 Year Advisor



Another great term for our Year 9 students! Our 'Student of the Month' for June was Kyle Farrier and for August it was Kyra Bemrose. Congratulations to these two students for their consistent effort, and all of the other students who are consistently nominated throughout the term! Another very exciting piece of news is that in the middle of Term Two we had an information evening for an Ancient History trip to Italy in 2021. This opportunity is open to all current Year 9 and Year 8 students who are interested in studying Ancient History for their HSC. Information on this can be found on the school website and also Skoolbag app. I wish all students a safe and relaxing school break and I will see you all in Term Four to finish off the school year!



YEAR 10 UPDATE

Mrs Rebel Crellin- Year 10 Year Advisor



Term 3 has seen many of our Year 10 students recognised for their efforts and achievements across various academic and extra-curricular activities.

Firstly, Harmony Waite-Pullan was presented with the Year 10 Student of the Month Award for August after receiving the most positive teacher referrals. Harmony is a polite and hard-working student who consistently follows our school's THINK values and is highly deserving of this recognition.

We also had a number of students participate in the Australian Geography and History Competitions earlier this year with the following students receiving notable mentions: Australian Geography Competition – Letisha Hopton (Credit) and Eden Dhinka (Credit); Australian History Competition – Harmony Waite-Pullan (Credit), Letisha Hopton (Credit), Eden Dhinka (Merit), Jaxson McCabe (Merit) and Makayla Peacock (Merit).

Again, it is really pleasing to see our students being recognised for their extra efforts, extending their achievements beyond the classroom.

A huge congratulations also goes to Jenna Catford, who has found great success in the sport of lawn bowls, being selected as a member of the State team to compete in Nationals later this year. I wish you all the best of luck Jenna.

Finally, students are reminded that they have their second round of work experience coming up in week 6 of next term and are encouraged to organise their placement sooner rather than later. Please see Ms. El Mir or myself if you require assistance. Work experience is an excellent opportunity for students to gain useful life skills and get a taste of work after they leave school so I hope to see all students completing their work experience during week 6.

YEAR 11 UPDATE

Mrs Madena Siddiqi- Year 11 Year Advisor



It has been a busy term 3 with Year 11 students being involved in many activities around the School. The student leadership selection process occurred this term with many students applying to be selected as Captain and Vice-Captain of Cranebrook High School. The process involved student nomination with two teacher endorsement, panel interview and a one minute speech at assembly followed by voting from current year 11 and year 10 students as well as Teachers and Staff here at Cranebrook High School. The year 11 candidates were gracious and aspiring, I am very proud of them all. The student Leaders, Captains and Vice Captains will be announced later this term.

The Yr. 12 school jackets for 2019 have been finalised and the students had the opportunity to try on sizing. The first order for Jackets is due by the end of this term. This year, there will also be a shirt available for purchase and if the students would like both Jacket and Shirt, there is a combo option with savings (\$120 for both). Please order via

<http://indigowolf.com.au/cranebrook-hs/>

Designs are shown below.



Success at the Penrith Show

The Penrith Show was run over the weekend of the 25th and 26th of August. Our students were amazing and we received compliments from judges and other teachers on how polite, knowledgeable and eager to learn the Cranebrook team presented.



No show achievements are ever possible without massive joint effort from the Agriculture classes and teachers in growing preparing, constructing, training, feeding and grooming our animals, display and plants. Some of the highlights from the show were:

- 1st place in the Alpaca Fleece competition,
- 1st for our vegetable growing,
- 2nd for our eggs,
- 4th for our horticulture ,
- 4th for our jams.

Our Rural Olympics team of Letisha Hopton, Jyle Bateup, Harmony Waite-Pullan and Ryan Langley worked really well together and although they didn't place they showed their commitment and grit to learn new skills

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Melanie Hensley place 3rd in the Alpaca Handling and 3rd in the Team Poultry Judging competition. Jackson Raward placed 4th in the Alpaca Handling and 3rd in the Team Poultry Judging and 4th in the heats of the Novice Cattle Paraders Competition. Beau Newman placed 4th in the heats of the Novice Cattle Paraders Competition. There was an excellent effort from Isobelle Ceapa and Ashleigh Barlow in helping with the last minute organisation for the display and Alexis Devine, Max Foster and Eden Dinkha showed their commitment and dedication to the team over the weekend. Our Ex Students Wade-Porscha Johnson, Micaela Price and Lauren Gray were the judges for the alpacas and for the alpaca handling competition and are still showing the quality of our Cranebrook students with their commitment to the school, community and mentoring our students. Great work from all and a big thankyou to our outstanding Farm Assistant Anthony Blahut, Mr Barrington and Ms Bunt for their work with our Agriculture classes and Mrs Wallington for her support on Saturday.

Barista Course in the CBD



This term we had six students and three staff members attend a barista course in the city. They learnt how to make many types of coffee, including:

- Cappuccino
- Caffè Latte
- Flat white
- Caffè Mocha
- Espresso
- Long black
- Ristretto

...and even Hot Chocolate!!!

Our students displayed excellent behaviour and were congratulated by the trainers for their proficiency and enthusiasm.

Everyone worked really hard and are now qualified baristas!

Picture: (Coffee Art) by Joey Freeman Year 10G



The Support Faculty at Cranebrook High School signed up/registered with Literacy Planet during Term 3. Literacy Planet is a very comprehensive and engaging online program to develop English literacy skills. It offers thousands of exercises and is suitable for all abilities and all types of learners. It covers all key literacy skill areas, including:

- Pre-Reading
- Phonics
- Sight Words
- Reading
- Spelling
- Comprehension
- Grammar & Punctuation
- Writing

Students have been provided with their username and passwords in different years, and have started working on reading and comprehension activities. They can even access it at home! If a student is experiencing any difficulties with their username and passwords, please do not hesitate to contact the Support Faculty.

Jenna Catford Lawn Bowls

Year 10 Cranebrook High School student, Jenna Catford recently competed at the NSW Combined High Schools Championships, 21st -23rd of August.

She was part of a team of eight who earned a bronze medal for the Sydney West Team. Amazingly, Jenna was selected at this event to be a NSW representative to play against Victoria at Darebin International Sports Centre in Victoria from 18th -20th of September.



SRC Return and Earn

The SRC and Student Leadership team have recently commenced a Return and Earn project within our school to raise funds to support environmental initiatives across the school. North Penrith Bunning's Activity Organiser has generously supported our project with the donation of 5 bins. These bins will be decorated and positioned throughout the school alongside promotional signage to advertise our cause and promote support in the project. With the support of the school community, the SRC and Student Leadership team will establish and build environmentally sustainable projects across the school.



Entertainment

Entertainment students have been busily preparing and running the Cranebrook Learning Community Performing Arts Festival throughout Week 7. The students have shown an exceptional amount of maturity, initiative, responsibility, teamwork and enthusiasm in each of their roles over the week. The production was smooth and professional, with its overall success being orchestrated by the Entertainment crew. Mr Keating is an extremely proud teacher.



Coding Club

It's been an exciting few weeks in The Coding Club with a bunch of new gear to build with and learn how to code to get working! Students have been busy developing their own projects, ranging from traffic lights, music boxes, strobe lights, and more.



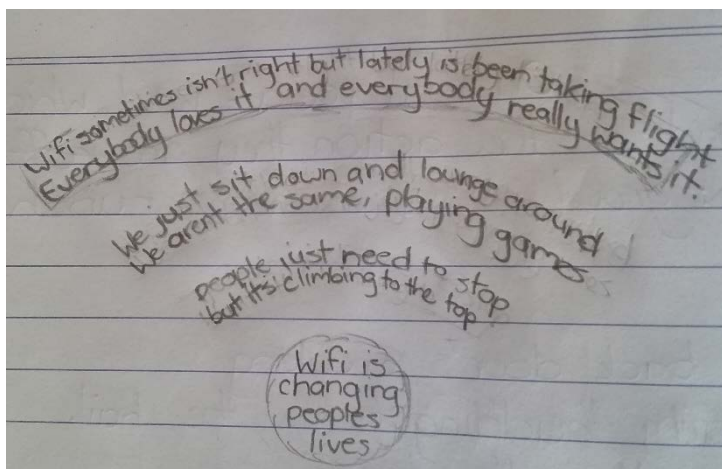
State Athletics



A number of Cranebrook High School students recently represented Sydney West at the State Athletics Championships.

Pictured is Carla Jarret, Year 7, who competed in Discus, placing 9th overall- a wonderful effort!

Poetic Forms in English



This term, Year 7 have studied Poetic Forms with the formal assessment (Week 9) being to present their own poetry. Well done to all students who had a go creating a presentation that expressed emotions, reflected experiences, or explored themes important to them throughout this unit. Makayla Gherm's Shape poem is an example of excellent work in this unit and touches on a topic many of us are concerned about!

Business & Law Excursion

On Monday, 10th September, Year 10 Business and Law students went on an excursion to the Police and Justice Museum in Sydney. Our students were lucky enough to listen to, and view, evidence from crime scenes, sit in a historical courtroom and then participate in a mock trial. We then strolled up to the NSW Parliament House where we looked at the legislative assembly and were given access to the library room. An amazing day of learning was had by all.



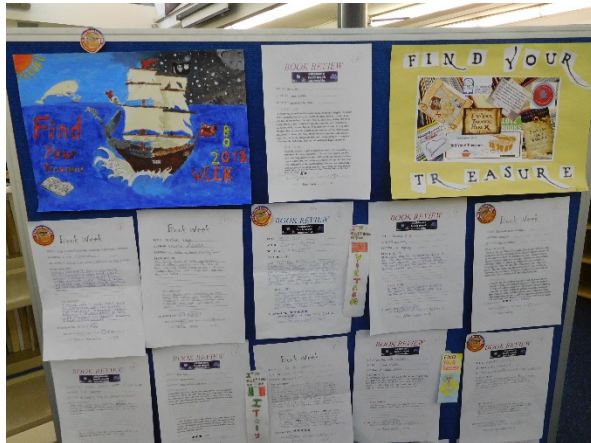
Library

Welcome to your treasure-filled library!



Our big splash for Term 3 was the Children's Book Council of Australia annual **Book Week**. Earlier in the term the students and I were all busy reading the shortlisted books and writing up reviews. The challenge was who could read more books than Mrs Pitt? At the same time the library staff had a lot of fun decorating on the 2018 book Week theme: **"Find your Treasure"**. The library became all pirates and treasure chests, but showing, of course, how not all treasure is silver and gold.

There were many different Book Week activities and lots of prizes to win. Reading and reviewing the shortlist is, of course, the most important, but we also had art work, poetry, a library treasure hunt, creating a treasure chest, pirate trivia quiz, online research and even bashing a pirate piñata – lots of opportunities to show off skills while having fun. The year 7's contributed some excellent work.



A stunning poster by **Joe Li** and treasure chest by **Isabella Porter** ...
...and **Jamie Young-Stein** had a good bash at our pirate pinata.



A team of Year 9 and 10 students visited Braddock Primary School to read the picture book shortlist to the Infant classes, to share the love of reading. See below, Heidi Adams with Jordan Nash and Emily Taliana with Alicia Alford



The staff entered into the spirit of Book Week as excellent pirates on the “Good Ship Cranebrook”, guarding the treasure chest of past shortlisted books.



The Book of the Year for Older Readers, decided by the CBCA, was “*Take Three Girls*” and was **not** a favourite of our reviewing committee (Yr 7-9) at our **Cake and Book Chat** when we gathered over treasure chest cake to chat about the shortlist. Our favourites were “*Because of you*” and “*Ballad for a Mad Girl*”. It was agreed, however, that the Book of the Year for Younger Readers, “*How to Bee*” was a fair choice. Come and find these in the library!



Treasure Box Cake for the Cake and Book chat

Our Book Week champion this year was **Eowyn Walker-Wieruzewski** (Yr 8), collected the most activity points. Runner- up was last year's winner, **Megan Liwanag** (Yr 9). Thank you to all who participated in the celebration of all things books and reading and showed initiative by submitting work on the theme to display, just for the fun of it.



The **Interschool Chess Contest** is over. Thanks to our chess team for their efforts: Ethan Yon, Brooke Hooler, Olivia Hext and Isobelle Ceapa. It was a worthwhile and enjoyable experience in developing chess skills and sportsmanship. **Homework Club** on a Wednesday afternoon is extending its service, offering a casual **chess workshop** to teach Year 7's how to play the game and give opportunity for others to develop skills. If you are keen to take up this opportunity to either do HW or play chess from 3-4pm, come to the library for a permission note. All the best for a good reading holiday to everyone.

VET Awards

Work Placement is an integral part of the VET Entertainment course, and on Tuesday the 11th of September two of our Entertainment Students were recognised as excelling in this area and demonstrating exceptional skill in their vocation. Emile Riley and Shafee Wheeler both received a Student Excellence Award from Schools Industry Partnership for their dedication to the Work Placement program, with both students having accumulated hundreds of hours and built strong industry connections with their Host Employers.

Emilie has committed an immense amount of time and effort into her work placements and always strives to further her industry knowledge.

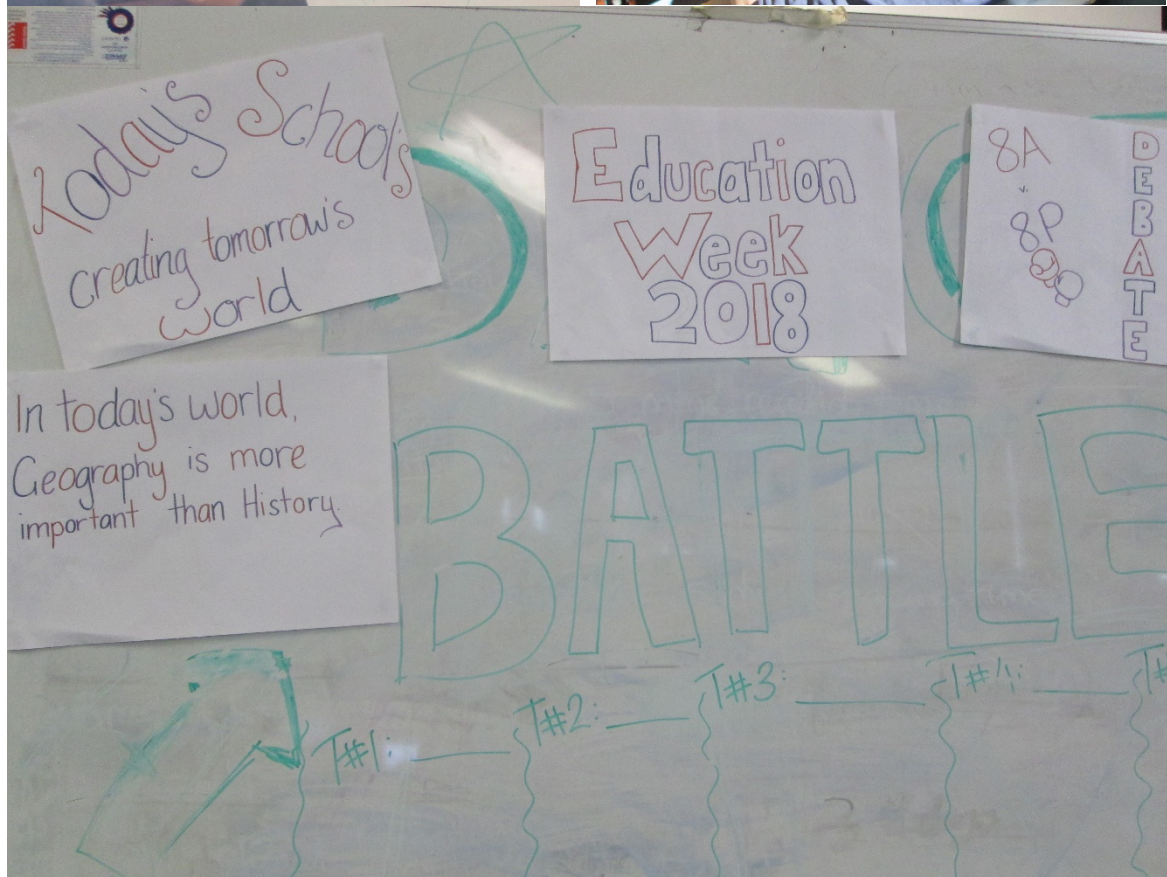
Shafee has shown exceptional initiative, professionalism and passion in all aspects of his work placements.

Both students have represented our school with pride with the accepting of their awards.



HSIE

In HSIE, 8A and 8P were challenged to a class versus class debate for Education Week 2018. The debate topic was: *In today's world, Geography is more important than History.* The students showed enthusiasm, initiative and it was a very close debate. The competitive class spirit shown by all students, made it an enjoyable event. Well done to all those students who participated as debaters, adjudicators and audience members.



Boccia State Finals

Cranebrook played 4 games and won 3 at the State Finals. There were sixteen schools at the finals and Cranebrook had the opportunity to play with four of them! Although our team did not make it to the Grand Final game, the 5 students displayed great teamwork and represented our school with pride. The school is very proud and congratulates them for representing the school and being

excellent sports people:



Left to Right: James Lucas-McAllister, Madison Loosemore, Brandon Oliver, Alex Johnson, Jesse Nam

Boccia is a Paralympic sport designed for people with disabilities, played both at recreational as well as competitive levels. It is very similar to Bocce or lawn bowls but played indoors with softer balls on hard surface. It is a game of skill and accuracy which provides opportunities to develop social networks and self-esteem amongst people with disabilities of all ages.

Year 8 Camp

During Week 9, 44 students from Year 8 attended a one night camp at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre, in the Hawkesbury River. Students arrived at the island after a bus and ferry ride and stayed in cabins on the island.

Our first day at camp involved attempting the low and high ropes courses and giant swing. Students worked in pairs to ensure each others safety and concentration during the activity. We also took individual turns at the giant swing.



At night, we participated in a round robin series of team building games including small obstacle courses and relay ball throwing games. The games were held in the recreation centre on the island.

Our second day of camp involved a bushwalk where we got to see the historical sites of the island and learn about its history. We also attempted archery in one of the clearings of the island, before having our final meal and heading home.



Students were well behaved and represented Cranebrook High School excellently. Mr Barrington, Ms Grace, Ms Matthews and myself were impressed with the eager attitudes of our students. Thank You year 8 for an enjoyable couple of days! Ms Maynard