



# Cranebrook High School

Term 1, 2019 Newsletter

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## Faculty News



Our Student Representative Council and Student Leadership Team have once again represented our school with pride through their attendance at the Penrith Returned Servicemen League Sub - Branch ANZAC Student Service.

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## A Message from the Principal

Mr Craig Dunne

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I would like to thank our students, staff and parents/carers and our local community for a great Term 1. As usual, our students have excelled across many areas of the school demonstrating commitment, skill and determination. When our students work to develop positive and meaningful relationships at school they find that sense of belonging which leads to improved learning outcomes across their classes. I appreciated the high number of parents and carers who attended our Term 1 Parent Teacher Evening. This year saw us have the highest number of bookings ever for that event.

Parents and carers often ask us what they can do to help their child learn at school. One of the best things parents and carers can do is to send their child to school each day ready to learn. A healthy and nutritious breakfast each morning helps your child have more energy and focus at school. Ensuring that your child has the right amount of sleep so they are ready each day and alert to help them learn. These two things will make a big difference to your child's learning and wellbeing at school. It's also important that your child arrives at school on time every day. Having to catch up lots of class work and assignments can be stressful. Talk to your child about school every day. Asking questions like "what went well today?" or "what did you enjoy doing today at school?" will help you stay connected with what your child is doing at school.

The Contarf Academy commenced with Cranebrook High School at the beginning of this year. I would like to welcome Tyson Muscat and Todd Counsellor to the Cranebrook High School Team. The Clontarf Academy works to support our Aboriginal boys as they move through the different and challenging stages of high school. We look forward to working in partnership with Clontarf over the next few years.

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## A Message from the Deputy Principal

Mr Stephen Uitterlinden 7, 9 & 11

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Congratulations to Year 7 on the successful completion of their first Term at high school. It has been wonderful to see so many students from a range of different primary schools settle into the next stage in their education journeys. I have been so impressed at our Friday morning year meetings to recognise so many wonderful student efforts and application awarded with merit awards. A healthy number of students have also already received Year Advisor Awards also which is outstanding. Keep up the positive efforts, Year 7!

This Term has marked the first time Year 9 have had some choice of subjects they study. Three electives for students in Year 9 has broadened learning opportunities for them and allowed students to further explore areas of special interest or talent. It has been pleasing to see Year 9 engaging with their electives along with the traditional core subjects in a positive manner. A concerted focus on continuing this into Term Two and the remainder of the year must be our focus.

Year 11 have commenced the first Term of their senior studies- an important milestone that will, in the blink of an eye, lead to their Higher School Certificate. I encourage students to develop good patterns of study and ensure that they engage early with assessment tasks so that the work submitted represents their best. A disciplined routine is the key to success in the senior school.





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## A Message from the Deputy Principal

Ms Judith Kempthorne 6, 8, 10 & 12

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What a busy term it's been!

With Mrs. Baker appointed as our new Year Adviser of Year 7, 2020, in March we invited Year 6 students from local primary schools to bring their parents to Cranebrook High School for an information evening, where they got to experience classrooms, specialist rooms, and displays of student work, and even meet with an alpaca or two! It was a highly successful evening, and it was great to meet the students and parents and start developing the communication and relationships that will carry the students through to their HSC in 2025!

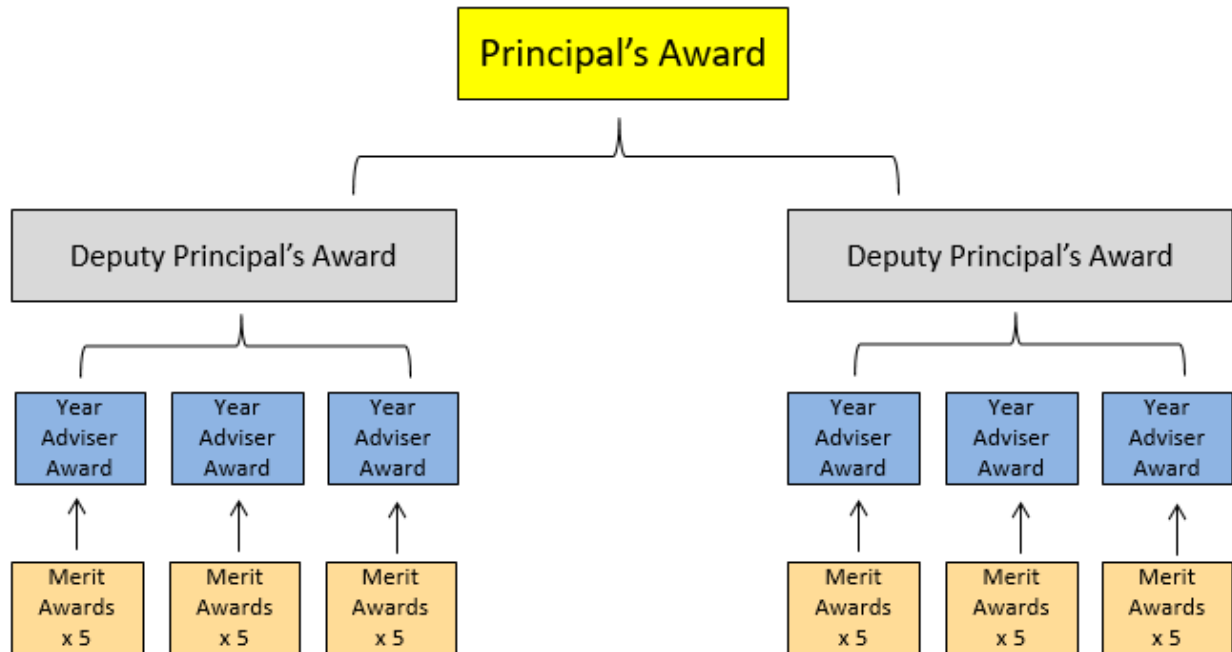
Year 8 have been having their first taste of studying Agriculture and are having a ball – particularly with the arrival of a new cria [baby alpaca] on the farm. Miss Grace and I are really happy with the fabulous work they have been creating – their History and Geography models, in particular, were absolutely amazing!

Year 10 have now moved into the RoSA [Record of School Achievement] phase of their education. This means that rules about when tasks are handed in are more strict, as they are set by NESA [NSW Educational Standards Authority] rather than our school. If a student misses an assessment task due to illness or a family issue, they must now see me for an Appeal Form, or they may be awarded a zero mark and receive an N-Award Warning. I've been really impressed with the way in which Year 10 have been adapting to the RoSa system, and seeking help from their teachers and our wonderful team of Learning and Support Teachers if they are finding assessment tasks challenging. They are also working hard with Ms. El Mir, our Careers Adviser, to plan their Work Experience for June.

Year 12 have had some Study Skills, Time Management and Careers advice already this year, helping them to manage their workload, achieve work-life balance and plan their pathways beyond school. They are actively engaging with their Teacher Mentors in order to obtain the support and assistance they need. I encourage everyone in Year 12 to maintain a consistent study and homework routine throughout the year, as this will help them get the most out of their class time in their final two terms of school. We're here to help, Year 12!



# 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.



A new hembra cria (a baby female alpaca) is welcomed into the family.

## YEAR 7 UPDATE

Ms Jess Mansell - Year 7 Year Advisor



As term one comes to an end it's exciting to see the number of activities our students have immersed themselves in. Such as trialling for sporting teams to exploring artistic skills in sketch club, improving arguments in the debate team and employing a range of strategies in the chess club. It's wonderful to see our students thriving and taking the opportunity to connect and engage with our school community. I implore all students to find their passion and tap into the boundless adventures and opportunities available to them.

Throughout this term a large number of students have received merit awards, faculty post cards and THINK tickets. It is a great honour that I can proudly congratulate Leyla Ayuban for being the Year 7 Student of the Month for February. Additionally, I would like to praise the students who demonstrated a great deal of courage to put their hand up to be part of the Student Representative Council. I can proudly announce that Vy Bui, Leyla Ayuban, Shauna Heaton and Taleah Collins have successfully been elected as the Year 7 representatives for the SRC.

In Week 7 we celebrated the National Day against Bullying and Violence. A huge thank you to the SRC and Year 9 Drama class which performed for year 7. Regardless of the day, being kind and embracing our diversity is important. Please remember that difference is to be celebrated. Together we will continue to work hard, enjoy the opportunities presented to us and further our knowledge.

Have a safe and happy holiday.



## YEAR 8 UPDATE

Ms Elle Grace- Year 8 Year Advisor



Year 8 has returned for another successful term and students have made an excellent start to 2019.

Earlier this term, Year 8 participated in Brainstorm Productions' Cyber Safety and Bullying Program, 'The Hurting Game'. The program included a live performance, followed by a discussion about the importance of maintaining positive relationships at school and online.

Year 8 also had the opportunity to participate in Penrith City Council's Graffiti Education Program. During both programs, students of Year 8 were an engaged and respectful audience, demonstrating responsible behaviour.

Year 8 students excelled at the Swimming Carnival earlier this term, with several students racing in the relays and in events. Congratulations to Makayla Gherm, who broke records in both backstroke and breaststroke. Well done to all competitors and all of the students who represented their school house in events.

In Term 3, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend Year 8 camp. More information will be provided to students soon.

Enjoy the break Year 8 and I am excited to see what the year has in store for us. See you in Term Two!



## YEAR 9 UPDATE

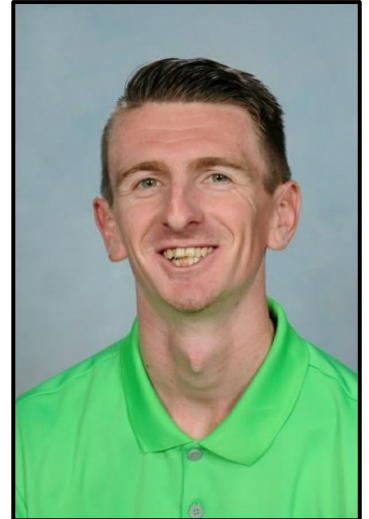
Mr Cameron Turner - Year 9 Year Advisor



Term one has been hugely successful for a majority of the students in Year 9. The teachers across the various subjects have been impressed with the enthusiasm and general attitude that each of you has shown to begin the year. There were over 30 different nominations for the Year 9 Student of the Month in February, with Jack Kennedy taking out the award.

As we head into assessment time, I remind all students that there is the opportunity to participate in the Brain Booster Group which takes part on Wednesday afternoons. This is a great place to complete any outstanding assessments and gain assistance from myself and a number of other staff.

As we progress further into the year I encourage you all to continue your bright start to the year, do the little things right and we will continue to have a great time at school!



## YEAR 10 UPDATE

Ms Zoe Wallace - Year 10 Year Advisor



Year 10 has started the 2019 school year with many positives. Our 25 Peer Leaders have completed the Peer Support Program with our new Year 7s in a mature and responsible manner helping our new students through their first term of high school with enthusiasm and empathy.

Congratulations to these Year 10 students and well done on your excellent achievement! We also had students proudly represent Cranebrook High School in the Zone Swimming Carnival, Netball and Basketball Gala Days including Jacqueline Reed who was selected to play in the Werrington Zone Netball team. Also, for their consistent engagement in class and also in extra-curricular activities, our "Students of the Month" students have been Kayla Ellis for February and Luke Hill for March.

Year 10 has a busy year ahead of them with Subject Selection Evening for Year 11 and Work Experience next term, and no doubt even more fantastic achievements.



## YEAR 11 UPDATE

Mrs Rebel Crellin - Year 11 Year Advisor

# 11

I have the pleasure of continuing on as your Year 11 Advisor for 2019 and wish to warmly welcome back each Year 11 student and their families to the new school year.

It has been a positive start to 2019 and pleasing to see the majority of students settling into their new subjects, working diligently and to their potential. This positive start has also been reflected in how well Year 11 has been wearing their school uniform on a consistent basis each day. Year 11 look fantastic in their white senior shirts!

It is important that students implement a home study program and develop good time management and study skills to ensure timely completion of assessment tasks and effective preparation for the upcoming examinations. If you need help establishing a home study timetable, please come and see me. Students are also reminded of the opportunity to attend Senior Study in the school Library each Tuesday afternoon if requiring extra assistance and a quiet place to focus.

It was great to see the number of Year 11 students attending the school swimming carnival earlier in the term. I wish to congratulate the following students on their sporting efforts and achievements in Term 1. Well done! Zone Swimming – Letisha Hopton, Filimaui Lualua, Jake Seagrove. Basketball – Filimaui Lualua, Alyson Waugh, Kelsey Waugh, Amo Aperaamo, Mila Aperaamo. Lawn Bowls – Jenna Catford, Ryley Smith

I look forward to working with you throughout the year. May I wish everyone a Happy Easter and an enjoyable and restful break!



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## YEAR 12 UPDATE

Mrs Madena Siddiqi - Year 12 Year Advisor



Term 1 has been another productive one for year 12. Students have been vigilant keeping up with assessment tasks and classwork. Any students who have missed assessments need to apply for an appeal with the Deputy Principal and complete the assessment tasks at a time that suits the teacher. N-awards also should be redeemed as soon as possible. Year 12 students have also had two workshops this term to strengthen their organisation and study skills to assist them in their HSC year.

Preparation for the formal and year book are well under way with fundraising activities occurring throughout the term and continuing to term 2 and 3. Year 12 students also helped with Harmony day stall where students at Cranebrook got to taste the foods of the world on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. All the money raised was donated to Karen Mulry from our office who participates in the World's Greatest Shave every year.





# FACULTY NEWS

## LEARNING ASSISTANCE



### Year 11 & Year 12 Students Exam Support

If you have a learning difficulty, medical issue or have a reason that may affect your performance in your exams, you may be eligible for support.

Please call the Learning Assistance faculty or come to our staffroom, near room 3, and speak to Ms Ralic-Hanrahan about your concerns.



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR FITNESS

Do you want to get fit? Do you want to meet new people? Join the Cranebrook High Fitness Program! Runs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 7am until 8am. See your PE teacher for a note!

# FISHING



## WERRINGTON ZONE SOCCER

The Cranebrook High School boys' soccer team entered the Werrington Zone Soccer Competition on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March. We had a mix of familiar faces in our Year 12 students, as well as some new faces with many of our junior players participating for the first time.

Coming into the competition we had been undefeated in our previous 6 matches and the day started well as continued our streak. Each of the players played exceptionally well in trying conditions and should be proud of their efforts.

We ended the day with a record of 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses but took plenty of positives from the day. Next up for the boys team is a knockout match against Glenmore Park.



# SRC



The SRC and Student Leadership Team have had an enormous start to the year. Each member has truly shown their leadership capacities by engaging with some of the many initiatives this term including:

Our Return and Earn project, which is raising funds for a new refrigerated bubbler/ water bottle-filler. We have raised \$329.10. That's 3291 bottles!

The Valentines Day Extravaganza day, where our SRC took on the role of cupid, delivering messages and gifts across the school and raising \$110.65 for our sponsor child, Chit Po Po in Myanmar.

The installation of our suggestion box to help bridge the gap between the student body and their representatives.

The Bullying, No Way! campaign, which saw our student representatives working with other members of the school to help raise awareness for bullying, its impacts, and how we can work together to make it a thing of the past.

The SRC and Student Leadership Team would also like to extend a warm welcome to their newest members from Year 7:

- ❖ Vy Bui
- ❖ Leyla Ayuban
- ❖ Shauna Heaton
- ❖ Taleah Collins



# QUAD JAM



Its Wednesday Week B. The bell for lunch sounds throughout the school, echoing against the surfaces of the halls and stretching across the berth of the classrooms. This is soon replaced by the sound of students as they disperse into lunch. Though there is something else there too. The enchanting sounds of melodies and distinctive rhythms soon intermingles into the sound of school.

Students are drawn to the Quad as performers play their favourite songs, and try their hand in new ones they have been practising.

The school is drawn together, with students, teachers and staff stopping for a song, or for the entirety of lunch, each revelling in the peacefulness and beauty of live music.

As the end of lunch looms, students across the quad begin to eagerly await the coming fortnight, when they will once again get to enjoy the performances of their fellow peers in QUAD JAM.







Quad Jam has been growing in popularity at Cranebrook High School, and has recently been able to take the music of our students to our neighbouring school, Braddock Public School.

Our student performers enchanted the staff and students with a number of their favourite hits, which were met with enthusiastic applause.

Our Music and VET Entertainment students conducted themselves with professionalism and style as they developed their performance and practical capabilities.

The enormous success of the event has ensured that Quad Jam on Tour will definitely be a mainstay into the future.



# LIBRARY



The Year 7's are all settled into high school life, and have been introduced to their large new library in an Orientation lesson showing where all the various areas of the library are, how things work best and library behaviour expectations. The champions of our Library Exploration were Katelyn Raward and Tara Hughes well done. Thanks to everyone who took the care and effort to complete the task set.

To start the term we had a 'Back to School' Reading Challenge for Year 7 and 8. Leyla Ayuban of Year 7 submitted the best book review and won

a prize. Thank you for your effort – a good start to high school. We also had a special Valentine Reading Challenge for Years 8-10 where students could have a 'Blind Date with a Book'. Many took up this offer but no-one actually submitted a review, which was disappointing. We had a 'Match-up' guessing-game of staff with their favourite book from school days. While there was much interest only a few succeeded in matching any correctly, but thank you to all who joined in the fun and the teachers who participated.

All Year 7, 8 and 9 have been enrolled this year into our Accelerated Reading Program. This term we were busy doing the Star Reading Test to establish reading ages and students then chose a book to suit their reading level. On completion of reading students do a short quiz to indicate their understanding. The purpose of this program is to cultivate a frequent reading habit with books they enjoy. This program if done correctly is proved to raise literacy levels and thus prepare students better for their senior studies. To this end parents are asked to encourage and discuss their reading at home. Fifteen minutes of reading each night is part of their English homework plan. We have been very busy instilling this routine during English lessons and break times. Many students have been following the program well and have several books on their reading log for term 1.

The Accelerated Reading Champions for Term 1, having read and taken the most quizzes are Alex Ou, Cooper Weyman, Jamie Young-Stein and Matthew Petaia.

I have been very impressed with the way the Year 11 and 12's are approaching their free study periods in the library and the work done during this time. Most are showing a very mature and responsible attitude when they use the senior study area. It is such a pleasure to see this room used often in such an effective manner and being so co-operative and polite.







Next term we begin the Sydney League interschool chess contest with a junior team (Year 7 and 8). Students who are trying out for this are: Celeb Phelps, Justine Irvine and Joe Li of Year 8, Lincoln Hext, Jack Weber of Year 7. Others are welcome to try out as we want our best players to represent the school

Our library monitor team for 2019 is as follows:

Left-right: Jesse Laughton, Haylee Young, Renee Straub and Eowyn Walker, Mira Lawson. Thanks to these students for their efforts in keeping the library book on the shelves where they belong. Monitor of the Term goes to Mira for her diligent attention to duties.



All the best to everyone for a safe, pleasant holiday and a happy Easter.

Mrs Pitt  
Teacher-Librarian

# CAREER EDUCATION

Term one has seen the Cranebrook High School Career Education program off to a great start with all Year 10 students engaging in their first Careers Day. All students are encouraged to explore career ideas and Year 10 is a great time for students to develop their understanding of the vast range of occupations available.

Our Term one Year 10 Careers Day: Career Planning and Organising Work Experience focussed on introducing students to various career websites to help them discover and research information about duties involved, qualifications and personal requirements of different occupations.



On the day, students especially explored the JobJump website. This is a great “one stop shop” careers website with loads of information and links to other excellent sites. (*JobJump is accessed by using a password so just ask Ms El Mir or your teacher for the school’s password*). Students and parents can also access brilliant careers related information by visiting our own careers website Cranebrook High Careers [www.cranebrookhighcareers.com](http://www.cranebrookhighcareers.com)



Work Experience is a very important way for students to experience the day to day activities of an occupation and to learn more about the world of work. As a lead up to their senior subject selection, all Year 10 will be participating in a week of Work Experience in Term 2, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June. With the help of their parents/carers and the Careers Adviser, students are encouraged to organise their Work Experience as soon as possible this term.



*Please help your child with this important learning experience and please let us know if you are able to assist with a work experience placement for a student!*

Through our partnerships with industry & community organisations Cranebrook High School looks forward to offering lots more great opportunities to students to enhance their career development and equip them with tools for success in life and work.

**Upcoming Term 2 Careers events** include the Year 10 Careers Day 2, Greater Western Sydney **Careers Market excursion**, Year 10 subject selection evening, Work Experience (T2 Wk6), and the commencement of Yr10 TVET courses (T2 Wk 1).

**A special note to parents & carers.** Please feel free to contact Ms El Mir (Careers Adviser) for any further information or assistance with your child’s career planning.

*Ms M. El Mir, Careers Adviser*



# HSIE

We are excited to be invited back to participate in the **Australian History Competition** for 2019. All students in Years 7-10 are welcome to participate on 11/6/19. See your teacher for a note and further details.



We were also very impressed with the models that Year 8 History students and Year 7 Geography students produced for their research task. They were on display for the Year 6 information night. Congratulations on a fine job!



Last week, our Year 11 and Year 12 Ancient History students went to an archaeological site in The Rocks to learn about the processes of archaeology and new technologies used by modern archaeologists. It was a beautiful day in the city, with hands-on learning and an outdoor lesson. Much fun was had by teachers and students alike!

**Attention Year 9 and 10 students: It is not too late to apply for the Ancient History 2021 trip to Italy. Just see us in the H.S.I.E. staffroom for more information.**



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Year 7 Language and Years 9 and 10 Japanese elective students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a Japanese cultural experience led by Kiyomi Sensei, a professional Tyke-oh drummer. The students were taught how to play the Taiko drum using the correct technique, whilst at the same time learning the importance of respecting the traditional instrument. Students very quickly learnt to play different rhythms and gained an appreciation for the authentic sound of a Taiko drum.



# SOCIAL SKETCH CLUB



Freya Leszinsky-Lee & Jonaye Howes (Year 7)

The Social Sketch Club has continued to grow in 2019. Our Year 7 students now make up the largest cohort of sketchers and have positively contributed to the club in Term One.

Each Friday during lunch time, students across Years 7-12 come together to share their art, refine their drawing skills and socialise with their peers.

Student wellbeing has a fundamental impact on learning. The Social Sketch Club continues to play an important role in providing our students with an inclusive atmosphere where they can creatively express themselves, enhance social relations with their peers and strengthen their connection to the Cranebrook community.



Jasmine Bale (Year 7)



Freya Leszinsky-Lee (Year 7)



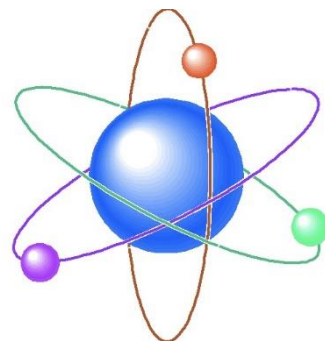
Haylee Young (Year 9)





# SCIENCE

It has been a busy term in the Science faculty with many activities and excursions so far. Year 6 into 7 evening was a highlight, with many students and parents visiting our laboratories and participating in experiments to get a taste of what can be expected in a Science class here at Cranebrook High.



103 year 7 students and 10 peer support leaders accompanied the Science faculty on our annual visit to Taronga Zoo. It was a fantastic outing with a great atmosphere. Students got to enjoy a workshop in the new education building at Taronga Zoo where a Zoo Educator presented an interactive talk in an open classroom with animals such as Cotton Top Tamarin Monkeys and Bleeding Heart Pigeons in their natural habitat. Students were wonderfully behaved as they walked around the zoo observing animals as part of their 'living things' topic in Science.

We are looking forward to Term 2 with many activities and excursions planned for our Science students.



# ROBOTICS

Eight students and 4 teachers represented our school at the annual Southern Cross Regional First Robotic Competition (FRC) held at Olympic Park Homebush this term.

40 international and national teams were competing at the competition and our team 7124 placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the final results. We are very proud of our students and their commitment in the program, especially Luke Hill who was the captain of the team and represented our school at the alliance selections for quarter finals. Well done!

We are hoping to compete again in term 3 at the off season competition called Duel Down Under which is held at Macquarie University.





# CLONTARF UPDATE

Hi Team Cranebrook!

With the end of the term in sight I just want to give teachers a snapshot of what the Clontarf crew has been up to in the last few weeks.

Employment has been a huge focus for our senior boys with numerous activities based around becoming 'job ready'. In Week 7 the majority of our Year 10, 11 and 12 boys attended a CV building workshop at Fairfield RSL Club with staff from Google. We learnt about the importance of having an up to date resume along with some tips on workplace interview techniques. This week we were lucky enough to have Clontarf Employment Officer, Craig Foreshow, in to get our seniors started on their student portfolios along with creating a Graduate Employment Plan.

Good bunch lunch is on every Friday in the Clontarf room. We cook up a healthy feed for all the fellas in the Academy who have attended five out of five days that week.

Morning training has been a massive hit with around 20 boys attending every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Huge thanks to the teachers who get down and dirty with the boys, we love having you on board and appreciate all the extra quality time you put in!

Last week for our after school activity we were lucky enough to host the Chifley Senior Clontarf Academy in a game of Oztag where our senior boys got to showcase their footy skills and let off a little steam against some quality opposition. The end score didn't matter as it was all about playing the game with great 'Clontarf spirit'. We were so proud of the boys.

Congratulations to Year 7 student Lochlain Smith who took out our first ever KING PONG table tennis competition, winning 23-21 in a hard fought battle to become king! For taking out the comp Lochy had his picture put on the inaugural table tennis shield which is displayed in the Academy Room!

The boys are super pumped for their Big Day Out. On Monday Week 11 our Year 9 and 10 boys are throwing a line in at a secret spot in Wollongong then participating in some fun games at the Airds Clontarf Academy. On Thursday our Year 7 and 8 boys are going fishing with Toddy and get to visit the Shalvey Clontarf Academy for a feed and game of touch footy.

Toddy and I would like to thank all Cranebrook staff for making us feel part of the family!

Thank you

