

INFOLINE

Crestwood High School Fortnightly Newsletter



From the Principal

By Tania Wright

It has been a busy and productive school term for all students. We welcomed our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Rachael Roberts, who supervises students in Years 8, 10 and 12. She has been a welcome addition to the senior executive and she has made a very positive impact on our school.



Mrs Roberts

Year 7 students have made a very successful transition to high school this term. The highlight for them, was the Year 7 camp to Stanwell Tops. There have been plenty of sporting opportunities this term with the swimming carnival and multiple knockout competitions.

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From the Principal cont. *By Tania Wright*

The careers expo allowed students in years 10-12 to connect with potential employers and gain valuable insights into their chosen career path. Dr Prue Salter delivered quality information on how to study and best prepare for exams while last week and this accommodated the year 11 and 12 exams.

On ANZAC Day, the school captains of Crestwood High School, Shivani Sudaranathan and Faiz Lailani, will proudly represent our school community by laying a wreath at the cenotaph located at Wrights Road, Kellyville. This solemn occasion is a significant tribute to the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our nation. The participation of our school captains underscores the importance of instilling values of respect and appreciation for our history in the younger generation. The wreath-laying ceremony is a vital reminder of the collective responsibility we hold to honour our past while paving the way for a peaceful future.

As we return to the cooler months in Term 2, it is important to ensure that students wear the correct school jacket or school jumper to stay warm. Students can wear long track suit pants on a Wednesday for sport only. Students are not to wear hoodies or long sleeve T-shirts underneath school shirts. The uniform shop is open every Thursday from 7.30 am onwards, located opposite the school canteen. Parents or students are welcome to purchase items from the uniform shop.

At the end of this term, we farewell two very experienced teachers who are stepping away from full time teaching to pursue goals outside of school. Mrs Kirsten Oakley in the English faculty and Mrs Leilani Martin who is the Head Teacher PDHPE. We wish them both all the best wishes in this next chapter in their lives. Thank you to all our Crestwood families for your continued support in Term 1.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a restful holiday!



**Shivani
Sundaranathan**



Faiz Lailani



Kirsten Oakley



Leilani Martin

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

As we wrap up Term One, I want to share how much I have appreciated my first term at Crestwood High School. I am grateful to be part of this wonderful school community, and I look forward to working together with everyone to improve learning outcomes for all our students.



I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the recent successes of our Year 11 and 12 students during their recent assessment block. Their commitment to their studies has been truly commendable. The dedication and effort they have put into their assessments have not gone unnoticed, and it has been rewarding to see them rise to the occasion.



I also want to acknowledge the crucial role our invigilators have played during this period. Their presence and support have helped create a structured and conducive environment for our students to focus and perform at their best. We are grateful for their professionalism and the calm atmosphere they help maintain during assessments.



As we approach the holiday's, I want to send my warmest wishes to our students, staff, and the whole school community. I hope this break allows you to unwind, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones. Year 12, while I encourage you to take a well-deserved break, I also urge you to make sure you are adequately preparing for the upcoming term.



I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term, ready to tackle new challenges and celebrate more successes together.

Wishing you all a wonderful break ahead.

Ms R.Roberts

WELFARE NEWS

Easter Eggcitement

The Wellbeing Room celebrated the holiday break with an Easter Egg Hunt. It was lovely to see the excitement and smiles on the students faces.

As the holiday break approaches, it's a perfect time to unwind, recharge, and enjoy the festive season with family and friends. Whether you're celebrating traditions or simply relaxing, we hope you make the most of this well-deserved break.

Remember to stay safe, take care of yourselves and others, and return refreshed for the exciting challenges Term 2 will bring.

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful, and safe holiday break!





WELFARE NEWS



School Vaccinations for 2025 – Parental Consent Needed

Is your child in Year 7 or Year 10? NSW Health is offering routine school vaccinations to help protect your child from serious illnesses. Dates for vaccination will be provided in an email to all parents of year 7 and 10.

YEAR 7

Year 7 students will be offered :



Diphtheria-tetanus-
pertussis (dTpa)



Human papillomavirus
(HPV)

YEAR 10

Year 10 Students will receive :



Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO DO :

Give your consent online by visiting [Your paragraph text](#) or simply scan the QR code on the flyer.

For more details, visit health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

Protect your child's health—submit your consent today!

TAS Times!

This term, our talented Year 11 Multimedia students have been introduced to the world of graphic design through the powerful software, Affinity Designer 2. As they begin to explore the field, students are learning how to navigate the interface and harness the tools that bring their creative ideas to life.

Affinity Designer 2 is a professional vector graphic design program that allows students to create clean, scalable artwork. They've been learning to use essential tools such as the Pen Tool for precise shape and line creation, the Node Tool for editing curves and anchor points, the Shape Tool to quickly build geometric designs, and the Fill and Gradient Tools to add depth and dimension. These tools help students bring a digital polish to their sketches and concepts.

Alongside mastering the software, students have been developing a strong understanding of the elements and principles of design. They've explored concepts such as colour, line, shape, balance, contrast, and alignment—all crucial for creating visually appealing and effective designs.



To put their learning into practice, students have completed two engaging skill-building tasks.

The first was the Polygon Animal task. Students selected an animal and transformed it into a low-poly artwork using the Pen Tool. They then chose a harmonious colour palette to fill in each shape, focusing on tonal variation and visual unity.

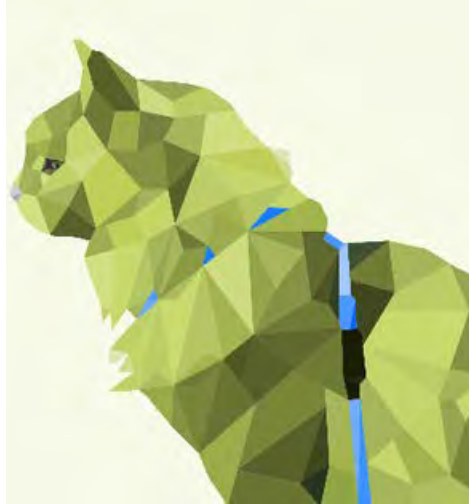
TAS Times!

Polygonal Animals

Hanya Olas



Ari Cooper



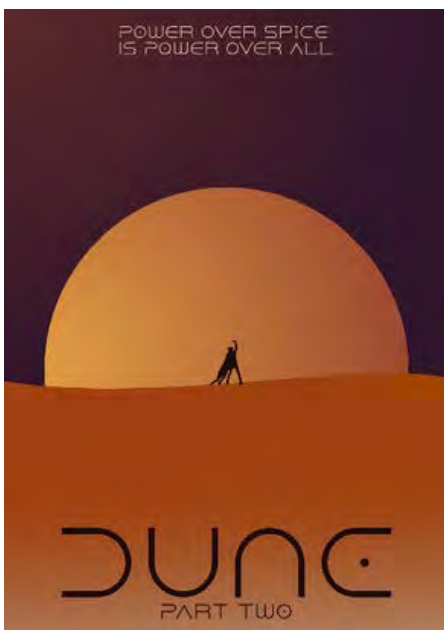
Noah Mekari



Re-Designed Movie Poster

The second was the Re-Designed Movie Poster challenge. Students selected an existing movie poster and reimagined it using a different design style—choosing from minimalism, maximalism, flat, retro, or modern aesthetics. This task encouraged them to think critically about how design style influences visual storytelling.

Caedan Jones



Luca Nolan



Annika Olah



Science matters.



Year 10 students are continuing their chemistry course with careful measurements, safe handling of chemicals and balloons full of gas.



Science matters.

Year 10 students have just completed their Independent Research Projects, freeing up many a kitchen and backyard from the careful and detailed science experiments they have been hosting. One example shows us the microorganisms found on various school surfaces - if this doesn't remind us all to wash our hands before eating, nothing will.

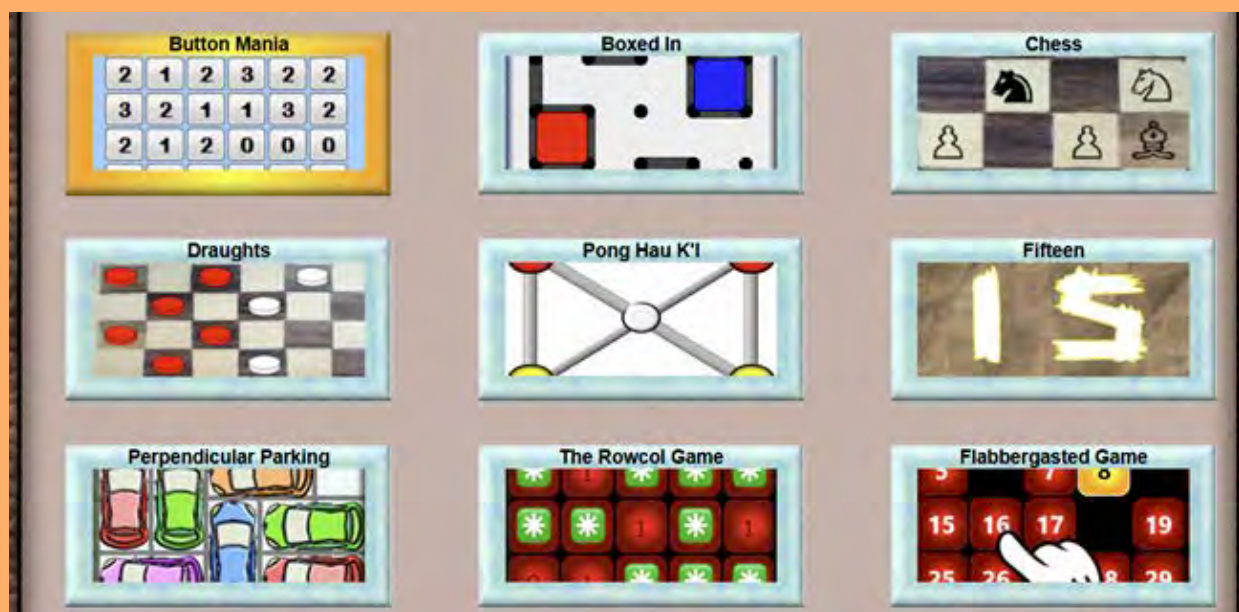


MATHS MUSING

MATHS WEBSITE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With school holidays about to start kids might be looking for activities to stay busy or maybe they are looking to practice their maths or logic skills. The TRANSUM website has loads of games and activities designed to promote their thinking and reasoning skills.

Year 7 and 8 students often use this website as part of their Numeracy lessons and the activities have increasing levels of difficulty to challenge them. They can also earn a trophy to add to their trophy cabinet when they complete a level.



MATHS MUSING

YEAR 11

Year 11 Standard Mathematics students are currently working on a new topic, Budgeting and Household Expenses. This is such a relevant financial topic that explores the costs of buying and maintaining a car as well as common household expenses including gas and electricity bills or food and mobile phone costs.

As students approach their 18th birthday it is a great introduction to all the expenses that are a part of growing up and gaining more independence. This could be a great way to start a conversation with your young adult about what are some of your household expenses and how to make good financial decisions.



QUESTION from last Newsletter

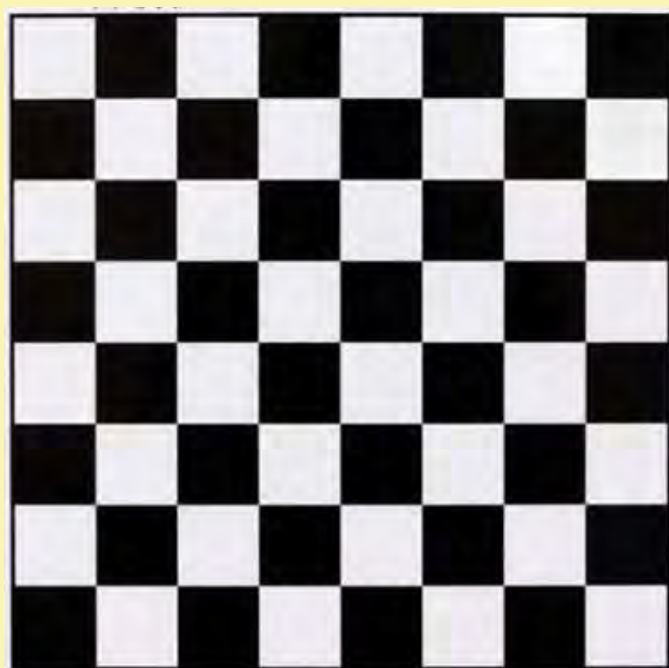
Find the sum of the first 100 even positive numbers.

What strategy would you use to solve it ???

Solution: Did you look for a pattern or draw a diagram. Hopefully it helped you to solve the problem - 10 100.



Here is a problem to think about over the holidays, It is called the 8 queens puzzle. Find a way to place 8 queens on a chessboard such that no queen is on the same row, column, or diagonal as another queen?



Solution will be in the next Maths Musings

Languages

Year 7 Frenchies Celebrate Their First Term of French!

Our wonderful Year 7 French students - AKA the Frenchies - have just completed their very first French assessment!

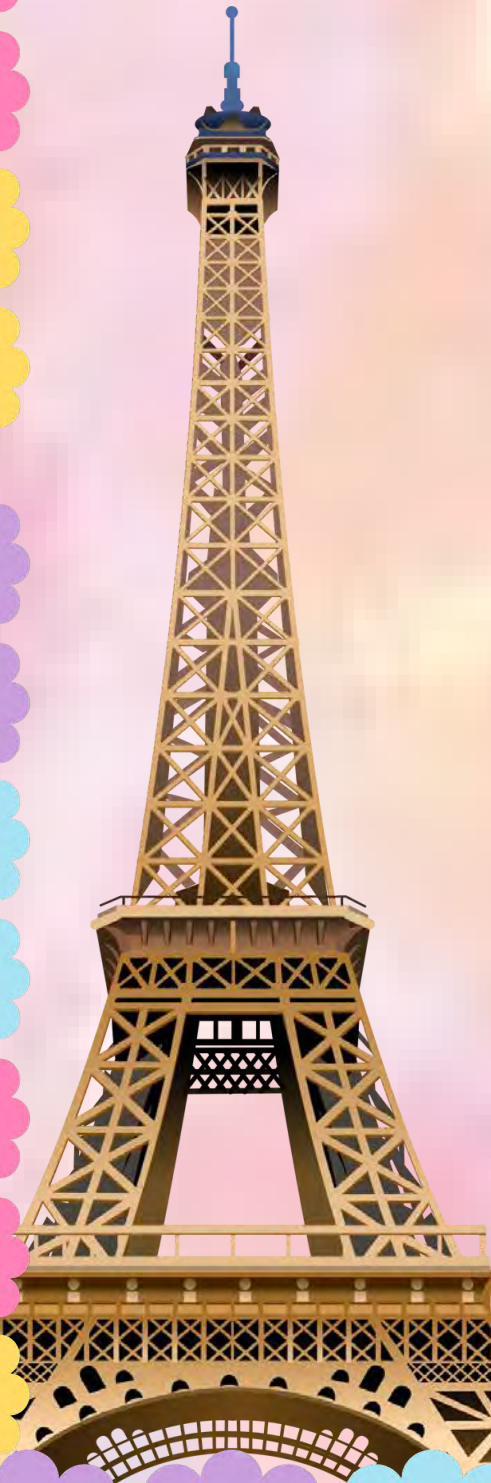
To celebrate their hard work, students enjoyed a fun end-of-term celebration, which included our very own mini-French Film Festival right here at school! With yummy snacks and a festive atmosphere, it was a great way to immerse in the culture and enjoy some well-deserved fun. The day ended with a lively Easter Hunt, where students solved riddles (in French, of course!) and hunted for lollies - a sweet way to finish the term.

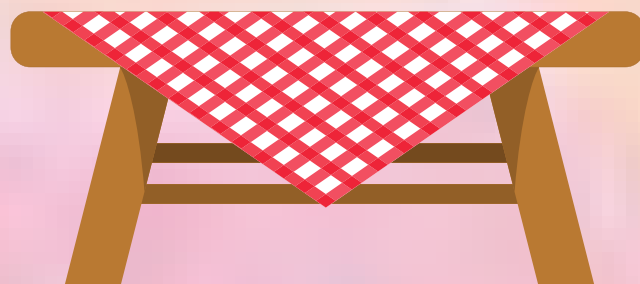
Looking ahead, excitement is building as we prepare to launch our next topic: Food! Students will explore French cuisine, learn food-related vocabulary, and even practise how to order in French.

Bravo to the Year 7 Frenchies for a fantastic start - next term promises to be just as delicious and exciting!

A big congratulations to **Micaela Panzarino** and **Rebecca Smith** in Year 8 for winning the big prizes in our Easter Egg Hunt!

Joyeuses Pâques à tous !







ENGLISH & DRAMA NEWS

Unlocking the Magic of Literature

As our English teachers dive into their holiday reading, it's important to remember the significance of reading for students. "Books are a uniquely portable magic," as Stephen King aptly put it, highlighting how literature can open up new worlds and ideas.

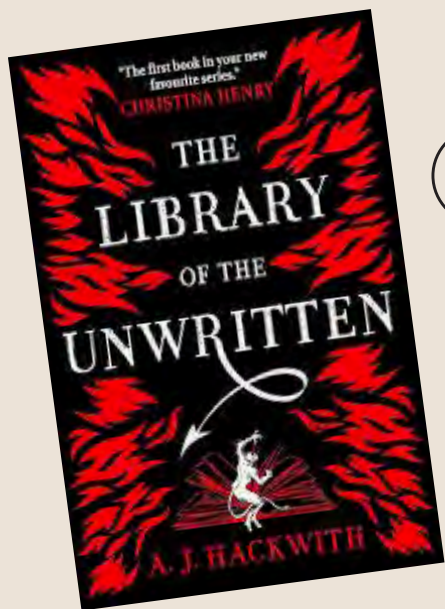
Regular reading enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills, leading to academic success. Additionally, it fosters empathy and emotional intelligence by exposing students to diverse perspectives. Encouraging students to read for pleasure not only boosts their academic performance but also supports their mental well-being and lifelong learning.

Each teacher has selected a book that piques their interest. Can you guess which book belongs to which teacher?

A thought-provoking novel that explores the infinite possibilities of life through the lens of a magical library. When Nora Seed finds herself in a state of despair, she discovers a library where each book represents a different version of her life based on the choices she could have made.

1





2

A captivating fantasy novel set in a world where books hold the key to life and death, exploring the power of storytelling and the magic of creation through rich world-building and compelling characters.

3



A practical and accessible guide to managing personal finances and achieving financial independence.

4

A fresh and engaging exploration of the lives of infamous women in ancient Greece, challenging traditional narratives and highlighting the complexities, strengths, and struggles of characters like Medea and Pandora.



5

A gripping mystery that revolves around the sudden disappearance of a husband and the secrets he leaves behind. Blending suspense with emotional depth, this novel explores themes of love, trust, and the lengths we go to protect those we care about.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUPPORT UNIT

INCLUSIVE SPORTS CARNIVAL

On the 26th March, the students participated in an Inclusive Athletics event at the Blacktown International Sport Park. Many other schools attended and our students competed in athletic activities with other students of similar abilities. The activities included running, shotput, javelin and long jump amongst others. The atmosphere was positive and exciting. Well done to everyone that was involved in this event.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Charlie and Atharv for receiving the 'Student of the Week' trophy in week 8 and week 9. The student who gets the most amount of AIM and Sport awards wins the trophy for an entire week.



STAGE 4 SCIENCE

Students in Miss Carden's Science class have had an exciting term exploring the lab. They learned how to safely operate a Bunsen burner and experimented with heating. They have also loved exploring plant systems and understanding of photosynthesis. To conclude their learning, students created delicious juices using the sugars produced by plants—turning science into a tasty treat!



STAGE 4 SPANISH

In Ms Roig's Spanish class, the students have been learning about famous Spanish people and Antonio Banderas was the chosen celebrity. He is known for Zorro and Puss in Boots. The students learned that the character of Puss in Boots in Shrek was inspired by the movie 'The Mask of Zorro'. Students made props and enjoyed role playing the characters.



STAGE 5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms Roig and Mr Steve have taken the students from Stage 5 into the community to improve their navigational skills using public transport. They are improving their app skills to plan trips on ferries, buses and even light rail. In Term 2 they will continue to plan trips as a whole class. Additionally, they will learn about how adventures can turn into problem solving situations and find ways to travel throughout Sydney.



SPORT NEWS

Sydney West Swimming

We are pleased to announce the results from the Sydney West Swimming competition! A special congratulations goes to Ella Dickson, who achieved the title of Age Champion.

Additionally, we are proud to share that 6 out of our 7 athletes performed exceptionally well and have qualified to attend the CHS swimming competition. Their dedication and hard work are commendable, and we look forward to seeing their continued success.



Thank you to all the athletes for representing our school so well!

SPORT NEWS



SSA Golf Trials for the Sydney West Team 2025

We are proud to announce that **Indy MacGregor** represented Crestwood High School at the SSA Golf Trials for the Sydney West team 2025, held at Stonecutters Ridge on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Indy showcased her talent and determination, **finishing 3rd in the U15 Girls category.** While she did not make the cut for the Sydney West team this year, we commend her for her efforts and sportsmanship.



Congratulations, Indy !

TENNIS KNOCKNOT TEAM



"Our incredible Crestwood Boys Tennis Knockout Team have done it again – serving up a sensational 5-1 victory over Parramatta High School on Tuesday afternoon! With skill, determination, and team spirit, they have powered their way into the semi-finals which will occur next term. They now await the winner between Blacktown Boys High School and either Greystanes or Castle Hill High School.

Congratulations to the following talented athletes, Dhruv Trivedi, David Loh, Hersh Patel and Akash Laha. "

Student Achievements



Year 11
Tom Schneider

CONGRATULATIONS !

We are thrilled to share that Thomas Schneider achieved an impressive 4th place in the Shot Put and 6th place in the Discus Throw at the NSW State Junior Track and Field Championships! This incredible accomplishment is a testament to his hard work, determination, and skill.

We are so proud of him for representing us with such dedication and achieving great results.

Congratulations Thomas on your amazing performance!

Student Achievements



Year 9
Reyansh Sharma

CONGRATULATIONS !

Reyansh has been selected in to the All-Australian Cricket U15 boys team for his performance at the School Sport National championship held in Adelaide.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library continues to be a busy place with lots of exciting new happenings! Coming up this fortnight:

CRESTWOOD BOOKMARK

The Crestwood High School Bookmark has this year been designed by **Rachel Yang**. Here are some questions we asked her:

What was the inspiration for the bookmark?

I used Minecraft's signature pixelated aesthetic as inspiration to help highlight that reading can be just as exciting as gaming in my bookmark. I wanted to demonstrate how reading, like Minecraft, offers endless possibilities for creativity and exploration.

Did it take long to make?

No, the overall design process took around one hour.

What do you prefer: books or games?

If I'm being honest, I would say games. However, books are always a great choice too.

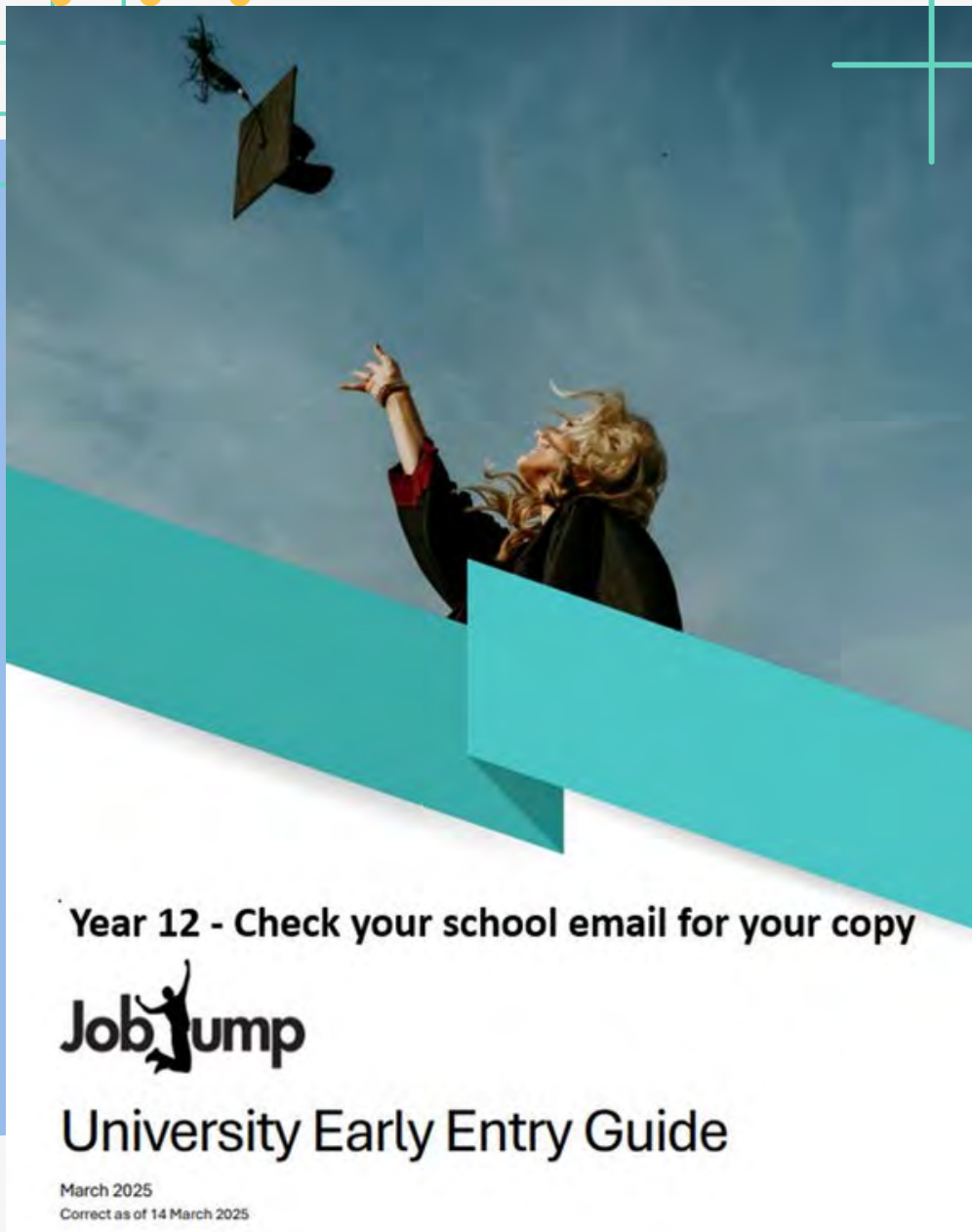
What is your favourite book?

My favourite book constantly changes, but recently, I enjoyed reading the dystopian novel "Red Rising" by Pierce Brown.

If you would like one of these bookmarks, feel free to go the library reception desk and ask some of our friendly staff for one! If you have any more questions, you can also ask Rachel yourself.



CAREER



Recently, All Year 12 received the Job Jump University Early Entry Guide through their school email. This guide enables Year 12 students to compare early entry options from all NSW university, obtain information about entry requirements and due dates. Students should check the website for universities they are interested in for updates and changing information. See Mrs. Fisher If you require more information.



MY FUTURE TERTIARY EXPO

MONDAY 5 MAY 2025
YEARS 10-12

**The My Future Tertiary Expo will be on Monday 5 May 2025
for Years 10 – 12 Students.**

Attending Tertiary Information Expo's offer significant value for students especially if you're in the process of considering higher education options or trying to decide on your future academic and career path.

Here are some of the key benefits:

1. Access to a Range of Institutions and Courses:

You'll have the opportunity to learn about various tertiary institutions (universities, colleges, and vocational training providers) all in one place. You can explore the different programs and courses available, helping you make an informed decision on what suits your interests and career goals.

2. Direct Interaction with University Staff:

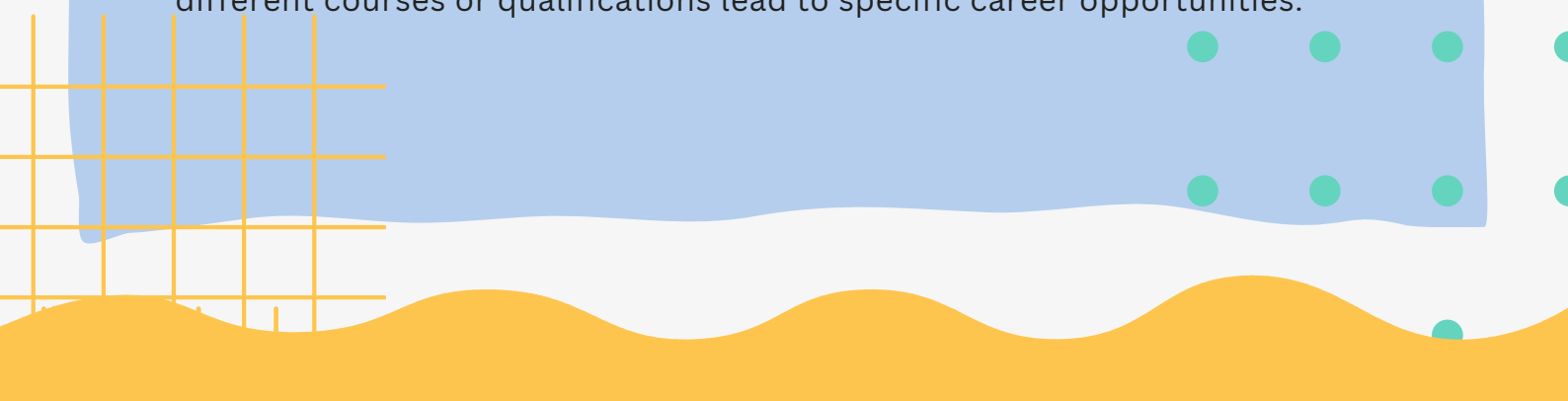
You can talk directly to student advisers from the university and colleges. This gives you a chance to ask specific questions about programs, entry requirements, course content, and student life, which may not be easily found online.

3. Understanding Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Many institutions have representatives at these events who can explain the financial options available, such as scholarships, grants, and student loans. It's a good opportunity to get advice on funding your studies.

4. Clarifying Your Career Path:

If you're unsure about your career direction, speaking with academic advisors or industry professionals at these events can help you understand how different courses or qualifications lead to specific career opportunities.



MY FUTURE TERTIARY EXPO

MONDAY 5 MAY 2025
YEARS 10-12

Overall, Tertiary Information Days are a great opportunity to make informed decisions about your future education and career, gather as much information as possible, and clarify any uncertainties you may have.

Exhibitors list will include:

The Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE)
Australian Catholic University
Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
Bond University
Campion College
Charles Sturt University
International College of Management Sydney
JMC Academy
Macquarie University
Notre Dame University
SEDA
TAFE NSW
Torrens University
University of NSW (UNSW)
University of Sydney (USYD)
University Technology Sydney (UTS)
Western Sydney University





MY FUTURE TERTIARY EXPO

MONDAY 5 MAY 2025
YEARS 10-12

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL HALL

P&C Canteen Happy Holidays to all families

We are sorry to inform you that next term a few prices will have to go up due to the increased supplier costs.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ELECTION DAY

BBQ

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- COOKING SAUSAGES
- SERVING CUSTOMERS
- PACKING UP

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UNIFORM SHOP

Collection of Orders

Uniform orders placed by 7.00am on Thursday, will be available for collection as follows:

From the uniform shop:

- Thursday from 7.30am to 11.00am – afterwards from the canteen

From the canteen:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:
 - before school, at recess and at lunch
- Thursday after 11.00am



Exchanges – Trousers & Pants



We have experienced a high number of exchanges for boy's trousers and girl's pants during the past two weeks. In some instances, exchanges could not be processed as they did not meet our returns policy. For more details on exchange requirements, please see the [previous edition](#) of Infoline.

We strongly recommend trying on *trousers/pants before buying* to ensure the correct fit and size. Processing exchanges takes time and can lead to delays, especially during busy periods when we're assisting multiple students.

Online Store



To access our online store, please go to:

<https://crestwood-high-school-uniform-shop-107119.square.site>

Please forward all enquiries to: crestwoodhs-uni@2153pandc.onmicrosoft.com

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