



Crookwell High School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

What's On



Principal's Bulletin 10th February 2025

Welcome to returning and new students and families

Welcome to our new students, both our Year 7 cohort and students coming into Crookwell High School from other schools. Welcome back to students in Years 8-11, each moving into their next year of schooling and welcome to Year 12 students, already in their second term of the HSC. We pride ourselves at Crookwell High School in knowing our students and how they learn. Being a small school means we can build positive relationships with every student and work closely with families that are known to us. The key is great communication – please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

New Staff at CHS

A new year often brings changes to staffing. This year we have new staff joining us, as well as staff returning from longer periods of leave. We welcome back Mrs Tracey Marks, returning in her role as Food Technology and Hospitality. Welcome back also to Ms Kirsten Jeffcoat, in her role as Visual Arts Teacher. Ms Heather Linford returns in a temporary day to day relief capacity, Mr Jake Butler in his substantive role as Support Teacher, and Mr Dunn relieving in the Industrial Arts position. Mrs Tara Arnall returns in her role as A/HT Wellbeing and teaching in mathematics and PE. Brand new to our school are Ms Sujata Mudaliar, filling in Maths and English, Miss Molly Good relieving for Ms Arnall in PDHPE and Ms Anna Webster who is our Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse. Anna's role is to work with our student and families to make links to health personnel and programs. She will be working part-time at CHS, as her role is across a number of schools. It is a great staff team and we are so excited for our new year.

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Wednesday 12th February
South Coast Hockey Trials

Monday 17th February
Pompeii: Inside the Lost City
Canberra excursion

Tuesday 18th February
Discovery Day at UOW

Wednesday 19th February
Discovery Day at UOW

Friday 21st February
Zone Swimming Carnival

School Behaviour Management and Support Plan

Last week we published our School Behaviour Management and Support Plan on our school website. This plan highlights key aspects of our processes, procedures, responsibilities and expectations around managing and supporting student behaviour. Some aspects of the plan reflect already embedded practices, and some parts are new and will be phased in with staff training and student familiarisation. This includes 'Restorative Practice' and 'Ready to Learn'. As new practices are put in place, the plan will be modified to reflect these changes. As such, the plan should be looked at as a living document. We will keep our community updated when any significant changes are made and uploaded.

Ready to Learn

Ready to Learn is a set of expectations for every student in every classroom, ensuring they are Ready to Learn every day at school. Many of the expectations have been part of teacher's repertoires over many years – this program aims to bring consistency across all classes, especially in years 7-10. Whilst senior students will have slight variations to the procedures, the Ready to Learn ethos are the same. Students all have copies of the expectations, and they will be taught explicitly and positively throughout the year. One area in which families can help us is ensuring students have all required equipment for learning – pens, pencils, calculators etc. Staff will all have equipment to loan for the lesson, but the expectation is that this is the exception, and students are prepared each lesson. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there are any financial hardships in providing this equipment. The Ready to Learn expectations are included in this newsletter

Great start to the Year

Despite the later start with extra School Development Days, the year is already off to a flying start. We welcomed our Year 7 cohort with peer support activities and classes on Thursday 6th February, as well as whole school House Group meetings selecting Sports Captains. This led straight into our Swimming Carnival in Boorowa on Friday 7th February which saw a great day with many records broken. On the weekend a number of our students were involved with the Crookwell Show, including our school Cattle Showing Team who also managed to pick up some ribbons. Well done to all students for a great start, and many thanks to our staff who had thoroughly prepared events and excursions despite a very short lead in.

Vero Joseph | Principal

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...





READY TO LEARN



All learning equipment for classes

- Check your timetable and organise your learning equipment for all classes
- If any equipment is missing, please see the front office/ SSO / DP / teacher for support
- At the end of each break – take your learning equipment for the next 1 or 2 lessons
- No use of the locker/bathroom/bubbler/vendor machine between periods. Seek permission from your teacher first.



Being on time

- Line up outside the classroom
- Bring all learning equipment (including appropriate footwear) required for the class
- Only leave class to go to the bathroom. You must carry a class leave card



Lining up in correct uniform

- Line up as appropriate to the space outside the classroom
- Wear correct uniform and remove hat and/or hoodies before entering the classroom
- Senior students to follow teachers' directions regarding expectations around lining up



Standing behind desk

- Enter class quietly and place chewing gum into the garbage bin
- Follow seating plan
- Stand behind your chair quietly
- Once given permission to sit please ensure learning equipment is ready and, on the desk, neatly.



Responding to roll appropriately.

- Respond to the roll
- Work independently on a settler activity while Roll is being marked
- "Yes Miss" or "Yes Sir" for example



Learning equipment ready

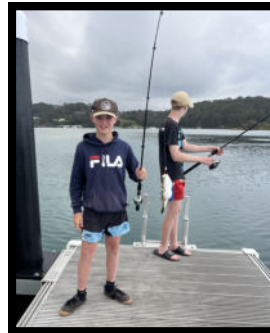
- Have your Diary open on the current page and place on your desk
- Ensure you have your learning equipment on your desk ready

Respect, Responsibility and Prosper

Cultural Camp

On the 12th and 13th of December 2024, some of Crookwell High's Aboriginal students, with Mr Hewitt, Ms Kemp and myself (Monica) had the privilege of attending a cultural camp at Narooma, alongside Aboriginal students from Queanbeyan High School. The students had a fantastic time swimming, fishing, camping, participating in an Aboriginal dance workshop, and a cultural boat tour! We even had time to stop for a quick fish at Pejar on the way home. Thank you so much to Queanbeyan High for including us in this wonderful experience, and to Veolia Mulwaree Trust for their \$1000 donation, which went towards the costs of the camp, and allowed us to provide this opportunity at no cost for the students.

Monica Bridge | Aboriginal Education Officer



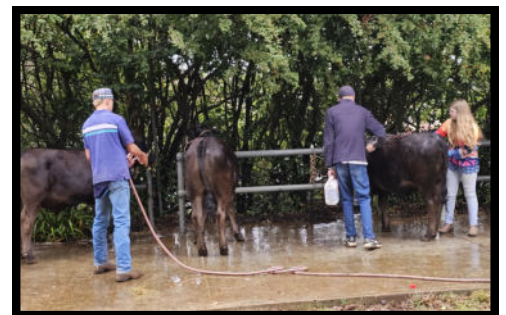
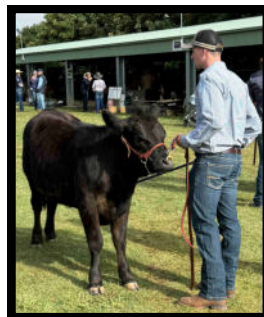
Crookwell Show - Cattle Team

It was a successful first outing for the Crookwell High School Cattle team. The students spent time at the Crookwell Show on 8th and 9th February preparing the animals and learning the ropes of handling animals in a show environment. We would like to congratulate all the students for their great work in the parading ring.

We were lucky enough to get a second place in the School Steer class and Henry placed in the parading competition.

Well done to all.

Mr Wilson and Mr Woods



First Day of 2025!

Thursday 6th February, we welcomed back our students, including a great bunch of new Year 7 students. Everyone was happy to catch up with friends, meet their teachers and get into their first day of lessons. What a lovely start to the year!



Australia Day Celebrations

Crookwell High School students and staff were recognised at the Australia Day festivities in Crookwell. Congratulations to Florence (Yr 12) as Shire Young Citizen of the Year, Miles (Yr 12) as Crookwell Young Citizen of the Year, Harry (Class of 2024) as Crookwell Young Sportsman of the Year and to Crookwell High School, particularly Ms Stephanie Needham, for winning the Shire Event of the Year for our 2024 Grow Your Future Expo. We would also like to congratulate Quinten (Class of 2024) and his family for becoming Australian citizens as part of the formalities of the day. What a way to start 2025! Go Team Crookwell!!



Sports News

Swimming Carnival

We had perfect weather for our swimming carnival on Friday 7th February. Great vibes, participation, records broken and people having a good time!
A great way to finish our first week back at school.



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Meet our Wellbeing Nurse



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Anna Webster is a highly skilled registered nurse employed by NSW Health and works closely with our school's wellbeing teams.

Anna supports our students and their family with health and wellbeing concerns to connect to health and social services.

Anna will be at Crookwell High School, fortnightly on Monday and Tuesday.

Find out more: www.health.nsw.gov.au/whinprogram

STAND TALL CANBERRA 2025



On the 4th of April 2025, Stand Tall is bringing Australia's largest youth wellbeing event to Canberra for the first time!

DATE AND TIME: 4th April 2025, 9.30am - 2pm

LOCATION: National Convention Centre, Canberra.

YEAR GROUPS: Year 7-12

Community News



VIBESFEST

GOULBURN

SATURDAY, FEB 15, 2025

BELMORE PARK, GOULBURN

12pm - 9pm

LIVE MUSIC from local highschoools, Hume Con and MIDNIGHT MOJO.

KIDS ACTIVITIES 12pm - 5pm
FOOD TRUCKS 12pm - 9pm, concludes with Fire Show.

GOULBURN MILWAUKEE COUNCIL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT VIBESFEST 2025



Regular Kids Activities

 <h3>Lego Club</h3> <p>Gunning Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Crookwell Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>In school terms from 12 February</p>	 <h3>Read & Rhyme</h3> <p>Crookwell Thursdays 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Gunning Fridays 10:00-11:00am</p> <p>In school terms from 13 February</p>	 <h3>Sensory Storytime</h3> <p>Crookwell Last Thursday of the month 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Gunning Last Friday of the month 10:00-11:00am</p> <p>In school terms</p>
 <h3>12-15yo D&D</h3> <p>Crookwell Mondays 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Starting 17 February</p>	 <h3>16+yo D&D</h3> <p>Crookwell Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Starting 13 February</p>	