

INFOLINE

Crestwood High School Fortnightly Newsletter



From the Principal

By Tania Wright

COVID smart measures at school

As we near the end of term 2 and celebrate a return to fortnightly assemblies and other face to face activities for students, it is still prudent to remind the school community that COVID-19 still exists within the school and we need to continue to follow the protocols to keep us all safe.

Symptomatic rapid antigen testing (RAT), ventilation, hygiene and cleaning, staying at home if you have flu like symptoms and close contacts wearing masks allows us to keep our school operational. As the winter months are upon us, the flu is also prevalent at school so we all need to be aware and cautious of our symptoms and interactions with each other at school.

School uniform

The uniform shop is open every Thursday from 7.30 am onwards near the school canteen. Students can present at the uniform shop themselves to purchase items. Please be

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reminded that school tracksuits pants are a part of the Sports uniform and as such can only be worn on Wednesdays by students in years 7-10. Senior male and female students in years 11 and 12 can purchase long navy pants to wear in the colder weather. Navy and maroon scarves can also be purchased for \$10. White socks above the ankle are encouraged for all students. They must not have any logo or colour on them. So too, shoes are required to be all black and enclosed leather for work, health and safety reasons in specialist rooms including science labs.

Vaping

Last Monday you may have seen the Four Corners episode on the ABC about vaping. If you missed it, you would be able to see it on i-view. The ABC Four Corners Investigation found a thriving black market for nicotine vapes and surveyed a Western Sydney high school where 60% of the students are vaping. Here at Crestwood there is continual monitoring of toilets and students are encouraged to access the toilets in recess and lunch only. This limits access to vaping during the lesson when there is no supervised playground duty. Continual dissemination of information and education relating to the harm of vapes supports students to feel confident to make positive choices when it comes to their health.

NSW Public Speaking Finals

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of attending the NSW State public speaking final at the NSW Teachers Conference Centre at Surry Hills. Ysabella Atay- Brito in year 11 was one of 6 finalists from independent and public schools in NSW. She was an excellent representative of Crestwood High and her speech on "telling it straight" about the comparisons and insights of those with curly hair amongst young females in today's society was excellent.

Open Girls Touch Football Team

The Open Girls Touch team have progressed to the regional round of the competition, which is an outstanding effort. The girls will head north to play Ballina Coast High School on Thursday the 28th July, Week 2, Term 3 with the coach Mr Phillips and accompanied by Mrs Martin, the Head Teacher PDHPE. We wish them all the very best of luck and congratulate them on making it this far in the competition - go Crestwood!

Have a lovely holiday

I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to our students this term. It has been a very productive and rewarding term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leilani Martin who relieved admirably in the Deputy Principal's position this year and welcome Mrs Elly Connolly as the new substantive Deputy Principal next term. To all of our students and Crestwood families, thank you for supporting us and have a lovely holiday and stay healthy, warm and dry.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Crestwood High School BYOD (bring your own device)

There are few workplaces in the modern economy that do not require an ability to use and apply technology. There seem to be few limits to the way technology is being applied across many industries. Individuals who are adaptive and able to innovate in the way they use technology are clearly viewed as very valuable. Therefore, the BYOD program at Crestwood is integral in the preparation of students for future success.

At Crestwood every classroom in every lesson will potentially use a variety of technologies. This may be TAS classes using high specification computers and creative design software products; it could be three-dimensional laser printers or in Maths, English, PDHPE and HSIE classrooms the word processing and research capability provided by Laptop computers. Students access a range of software and learning platforms such as Canvas, Edrolo, Ed Perfect and Sentral.

Whilst bookwork and writing are important, students who can exploit their access to technology on a daily basis are very well placed to progress. Bringing a charged, fully functioning Laptop to school every day is therefore central to many classroom activities. BYOD laptops are also becoming increasingly used for assessment activities such as NAPLAN. This year as preparation



for NAPLAN students worked to consolidate their typing skills (a skill I wish I was able to develop far more effectively as I type this report) and is well worth practicing at home. The focus on technology use at CHS will continue to grow in both sophistication and complexity so ensuring your students Laptop is charged and available every day is an important contribution to their future success.

Science Laboratory refurbishment

The Science laboratories have changed little since the school was first built in the mid 1980s so it is pleasing to report that three of the Science laboratories and a Science preparatory room are being fully refurbished.

The upgrade of these rooms will have great benefits for our students from all years. The rebuild involves totally gutting the existing facilities and then reinstalling new benches and experiment working areas. This will make it easier for students to meet the

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Science Laboratory refurbishment

requirements of the current Science courses and is very much welcomed by the science staff. Thanks to all for their patience as the refurbishment gets underway.



Year 12 study hub and the HSC Trial examination period

The Trial HSC commences towards the end of week 3 next term students will be issued with their timetables at the start of next term. Thanks to the many teachers who are conducting holiday study sessions to assist students in the preparation for this examination period.

The trials are super important, they are a full rehearsal for the HSC examinations. They enable teachers to give specific feedback to students. This enables students to focus on and improve their performance in the final HSC examination.

Canvas has a Year 12 study hub that students can use to help them with their study. This includes the material from Dr Prue Salter who worked with Year 12 earlier this term to build their study skills.

Good luck Year 12, I look forward to seeing your results. The Autumn/Winter term always seem to be a long one. We wish all our students a safe and happy break.

SUPPORT THE YEAR 12

Fundraiser

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



WEEK ONE ■ **\$3.00 Sausage Sandwich** ■
THURSDAY ■ **\$2.00 Can of Drink** ■
21.7.22 ■ **LUNCH TIME NEAR THE CANTEEN** ■

Welfare News

Love Bites Program

On Monday 20th June the Welfare Team collaborated with eight officers from The Hills Police, four Therapists from Uniting Counselling and Mediation Parramatta and six Student Support Offices from the Hills district to deliver the Love Bites program to Year 10.



Love Bites is a Respectful Relationships Education Program for young people aged 15-17 years. It consists of two interactive workshops: one on Relationship Violence, and one on Sex and Relationships, followed by creative workshops and community campaigns. The program emphasises the importance of a whole-of-school and community commitment to respectful relationship education.

Love Bites aims to provide young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships.

The overall aims of the programming are to equip young people with the knowledge needed to have respectful relationships, encourage and develop their skills in critical thinking and assist them in being able to problem solve and communicate effectively. When equipped in these areas, NAPCAN believes that young people can make the right choices for themselves and their relationships that are free from violence and abuse.



Welfare News

Love Bites Program

Students feedback was positive and encouraging. Feedback included:

- Great experience learning about issues in the real world.
- Very Interactive and engaging
- It was really good
- I really enjoyed everything and how it was done
- I enjoyed it a lot and thought it applied to real life
- It helps you understand the reality of abuse
- It was a great program
- It applies to real life because people tend to do these things and we needed to understand how to deal with it
- Everything important was covered
- The program deals with a big problem in society
- Helps understand and escape abusive relationships. The facilitators were great!
- Things like this are very likely to happen in real life and the knowledge gained can apply to everyday life
- Topics talked about can happen to anyone in the real world. You never know when you will face these difficult situations

Students created some amazing artworks in the creative session for the community campaign. Here are some examples:



Welfare News



Wellbeing Room

As Term 2 comes to a close I wanted to recap on the fun we have been having in the Wellbeing Room. This space is home to the Student Support Officer, Tara. The Wellbeing Room aims to promote inclusiveness, kindness, safety and FUN! The room is opened at recess and lunch and lots of fun is had. A few things we like to do is: Chat to Tara about life and everything in between, play Uno, card games, Guess Who, connect with other students, play with the sand activities, mindfulness colouring and reading.

Thank you to all the students that make my day. It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to get to know you and also learn and grow together in the space of wellbeing.

Warm Regards,

Tara (SSO)



SAVE THE DATE

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7 and 9

**TUESDAY 26TH JULY
3.30PM TO 7.00PM**

Years 8 and 10

**THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST
3.30PM TO 7.00PM**

All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

Interviews will be on site in the library and B block classrooms.



Bookings will open via the Sentral portal early next term.

SRC NEWSLETTER

Week 10, Term 2, 2022

Secondary Leadership Program

Arjun Sundaram

On the 8th of June, I had the great opportunity to visit the NSW Parliament House as part of a Secondary Leadership program. I was thrilled to meet new faces and more importantly, I got to meet the Premier, Dominic Perrottet who popped in to meet us ahead of his busy schedule. Inside the Parliament, we had a lovely tour looking at portraits of famous governors like Governor Arthur Philip.



After lunch, I also managed to go to the Government House (built in 1845) which was quite interesting. I got to meet Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Bathurst. He told us about the importance of leadership and how we can all set high standards to achieve a purpose and



shape a better future for our community. We had afternoon tea and enjoyed the beautiful view of the harbour.



Blanket and Beanie Appeal

A huge thank you to all those involved in the **Beanie and Blanket Appeal** this year. It was great to see so many members of Crestwood donate selected items to help those you need it most this winter.

Special thanks to **Matilda Benton (Year 10 SRC)** who solely organised this event. Without your leadership, organisation and commitment to help others, this would not of happened without you.



Payment Reminder - Year 12 'Class of 2022' Photo Book

A volunteer committee of Year 12 students have been working hard to design a 200-page photobook full of six years of Crestwood High School memories for the Class of 2022.

The cost of the book is \$50.

Payment is required by Friday, 22nd July 2022 (Term 3, Week 1).

The books will be delivered to the school early September and will be distributed to students late in Term 3. This will allow students time to collect autographs and written messages in their books from their friends and year group should they want to.

There is a minimum order quantity in order for printing to proceed, so please remember to get your payment in asap so that we can lock in printing.

Younger siblings and/or friends of past students are allowed to order a copy for a past student that has perhaps left Crestwood High School recently but would like this keepsake as a memory of their time at Crestwood High School.

Please speak to Mrs Quinn or Mrs Azzopardi if you have any questions.



VISUAL ARTS ONLINE EXHIBITION



Scan Me

ARTWORK OF THE WEEK



ERIKA LAW - YEAR 8



Belvoir Theatre Excursion

Year 11 and 12 Drama went to Belvoir Theatre on the 15th of June to watch two archived productions. Students met with the artistic director and were able to share their ideas about the plays. Seeing the plays brought to life allowed students to gain a stronger insight into their prescribed texts. They were also able to pick out stylistic features that the directors use in the productions.

Thank you to Belvoir Theatre and their team for hosting a great day.





Transformation through Poetry

The student writers from The Crestwood Feelgood 'Zine went on an incursion and excursion with The Story Factory this month. The theme for the day was "Transformation", and learners engaged with ideas in a variety of different ways.

Richard Short, a professional writer who works with The Story Factory, came to Crestwood and encouraged students to think about their conceptions of place and belonging in North West. He then spent time discussing a text type the learners were unfamiliar with: haibun. Haibun are prose poems that evoke a sensory impression on the reader and end with a haiku designed to either intensify the themes of the poem or offer a point of contrast.



The students then engaged in an innovative "thinking routine" and wrote a haibun about Crestwood and their local area. Learners spent time in the library, a classroom, and the rose garden, and considered Crestwood from a variety of different perspectives.

Next, the group travelled to Nurragingy Reserve, where they were greeted by a trio of Aboriginal Elders. The Elders shared stories of place, culture, and history with the students and led a short bushwalk around the reserve. Afterward, the learners found a quiet spot in Nurragingy Reserve to compose a second haibun about their experience.

The day finished with a visit to the new Kellyville Precinct, where the students were encouraged to envision a future in an area ripe with potential. The writers surveyed the land and space around them and composed a third haibun about the nature of transformation and its capacity to engender development.

The haibun the students crafted were collected by Mr Short and will be assembled into a chapbook as a reminder of the day. We're grateful to all involved for the opportunity to reflect on the world in which we live and express our thoughts in a new medium!



HSIE HIGHLIGHTS

Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Legal Studies ...

Legal Aid NSW provided workshops to students of Crestwood High School who are currently studying 100 hour Legal Studies and HSC Legal Studies students.

Year 12 completed a workshop on their current unit of study 'Workplace'.

Year 11 engaged in the 'Let's talk about consent' workshop after having recently studied the NSW affirmative consent law reforms. The talk included definitions of sexual consent, offences relating to non-consent, as well as ethical consent frameworks.

Year 9 and 10 Legal Studies students completed the 'Police Powers' workshop which explored police powers and responsibilities, especially in public spaces. The workshops were very informative, engaging, and interactive for students.



Year 12 School Holiday Study Days...

Some of the HSIE subjects will run study days in the holidays for our Year 12 students. Students are heavily encouraged to attend as part of their preparation for the upcoming trial exams.

Thursday 7th July – Business Studies 9am – 1pm

Tuesday 12th July – Economics 9am – 3pm

Wednesday 13th July – Ancient History 9am – 1pm

HSIE HIGHLIGHTS

Year 12 Business Studies Qantas Incursion ...

David Broadbridge, author and publisher of the QANTAS Case Study booklet that students in the Year 12 Business Studies course are currently utilising, will be coming to speak at Crestwood High School.

This incursion is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their knowledge of the Qantas case study and achieve syllabus outcomes.

Cost: \$20 per student (includes a copy of photocopied resources by Broadbridge)

Date: Wednesday 27th July, 2022



**Permission note & payment are due by Tuesday 19th July, 2022.
Online payments are due on Monday 18th July, 2022.**

Please refer to the permission note handed out in class for further details.

Year 7 Geography Excursion to Brewongle ...

An excursion to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre in Sackville has been organised for Year 7 Geography students. This excursion will enable students to achieve syllabus outcomes for the topic Water in the World.

Cost: \$42 per student

Date: Friday 19th August, 2022

Students are to bring a low litter recess & lunch

**Permission note & payment is due by
Friday 29th July, 2022.**



Please refer to the permission note handed out in class for further details.

HSIE HIGHLIGHTS

NAIDOC WEEK 2022



This year's NAIDOC theme is based on our First Nation's people's proud history of getting up, standing up, and showing up. From the frontier wars and our earliest resistance fighters to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for change today—First Nation's people continue to show up.

We all need to ***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*** for systemic change and keep rallying and working together. Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together.

It needs to be a genuine commitment by all of us to ***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*** and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative reforms.

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights.

Getting Up, Standing Up, and Showing Up can take many forms.

The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! Have a look in your local area for NAIDOC activities.

HSIE HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 8 HISTORY INCURSION

On Friday 24th June, Year 8 participated in a Medieval and Ancient Chinese History Day incursion. Throughout the day we were able to learn about life in medieval times and in ancient China. Some people were given the opportunity to get dressed up in medieval clothes, which gave the audience a good laugh. Everyone got a chance to look and hold swords and put on armour helmets, which was very interesting and fun. There were also examples of ancient and medieval artefacts. We then rotated through two different activities: archery and cuju (ancient Chinese football). Overall, the day was a great experience, teaching us more about medieval times and ancient China in a fun and active way.



Tag Times

TIPS FOR EXTENDING LAPTOP BATTERY LIFE

Start each day with a fully charged laptop,

as you agreed to do when you signed your Student BYOD Agreement.

Reduce the brightness of your laptop screen.

The screen is the biggest battery drain. Dropping screen brightness when operating on battery to 80% or 85% from 100% makes little real difference to the appearance of the display, but it can extend battery life a lot. This can be done from hotkeys on your keyboard, or by selecting Settings/System/Display in Windows.



Turn off keyboard backlight if your laptop has this feature. Classrooms are well lit, so this power-hungry feature is unnecessary during the day. See the user guide for your make and model of laptop- it's usually controlled by one of the Fn Keys, toggling the backlight from bright, to dim to off. Off is the preferred setting for daytime use.

Close or uninstall unused programs or apps. Apps running in the background, especially those that regularly "phone home" to some location on the internet, consume a noticeable amount of power. Select the Windows Start icon and browse your Programs List. If you see a program on the list you don't ever use (generally speaking, there will be a few), right click it, select MORE, and choose UNINSTALL.

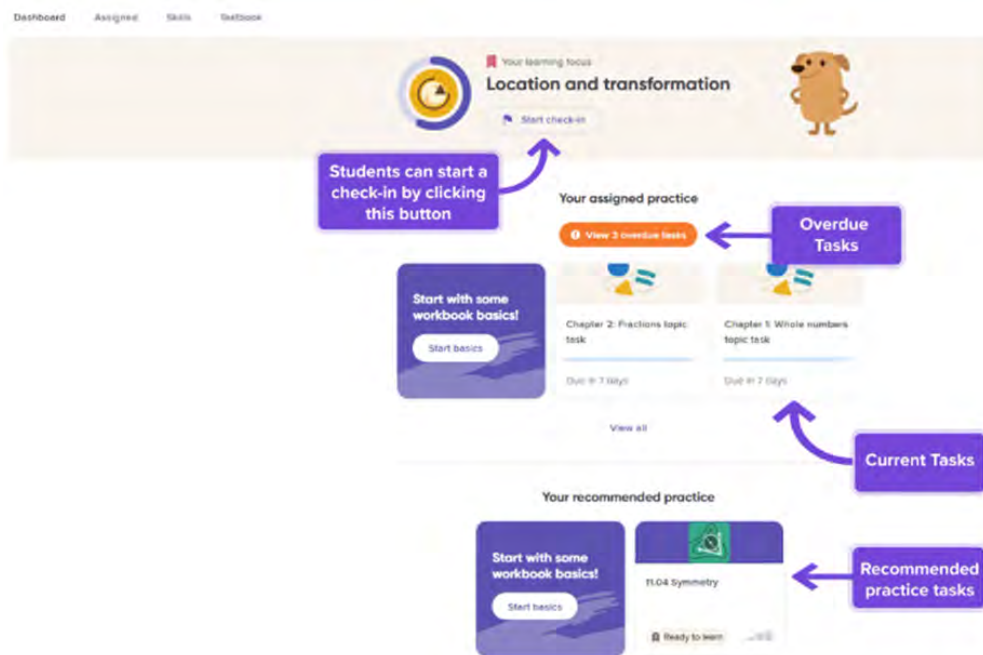
Don't waste power doing unnecessary things on your school laptop before school, at recess or at lunchtime. Wasting power to fill idle time may result in a flat battery before the end of Period 6. Doing so is going to leave you stranded and is a breach of your BYOD Agreement.



Maths Musings

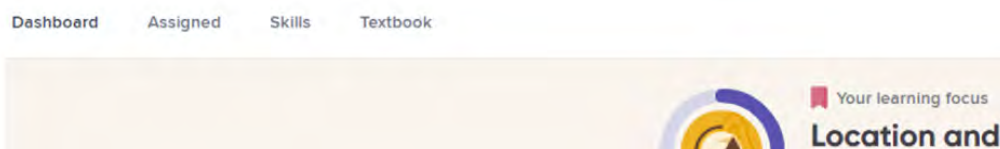
School holidays are fast approaching. This is an opportunity to revise the content by studying the knowledge and skills learnt, and by challenging yourself. **Mathspace** is a **great online platform** where students can browse content using the online textbook.

When students log into Mathspace, they will be brought to the student dashboard.



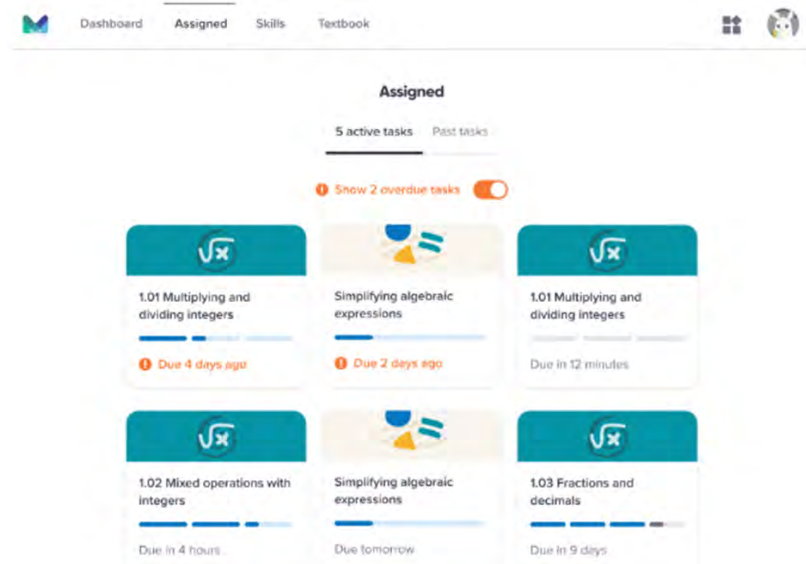
Students will be able to begin a task, read a lesson that has been assigned to them, start their skills check-in and see recommended practice tasks by Mathspace on this page.

Students can navigate to different pages using their navigation bar on the top left.

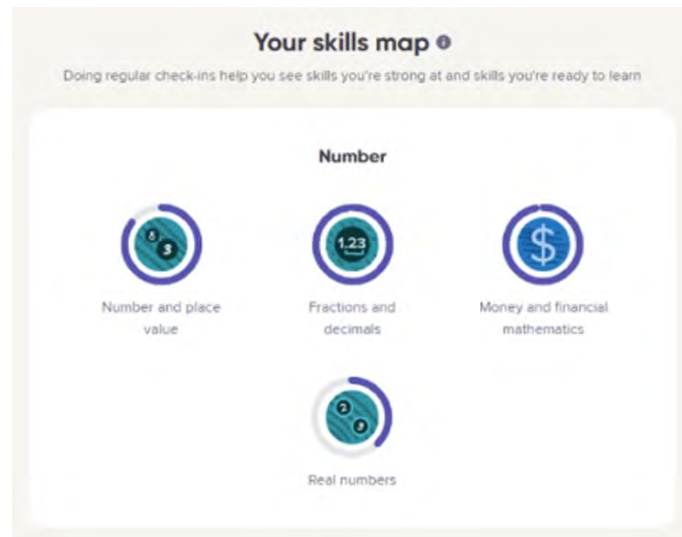


Maths Musings

- Dashboard: Students can see and work on the most relevant tasks.
- Assigned: Students can see all tasks that have been assigned to them and either work on tasks or view past working.



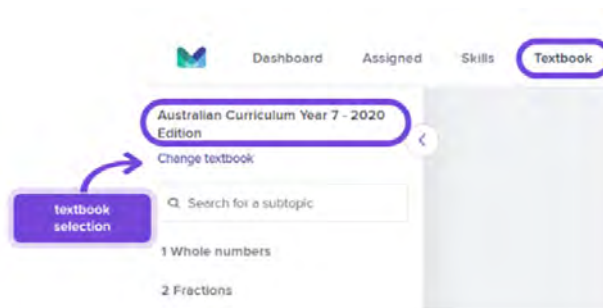
- Skills: Students can view their skills report.



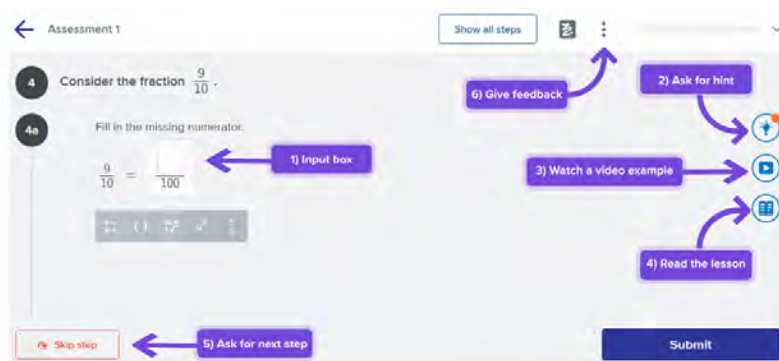
Maths Musings



- Textbook: Students can view Mathspace content using a textbook view. They can also work independently on the topics/subtopics they choose.



When students click into a task, they will be brought straight to the student workbook. This is what the student workbook looks like.



Students can either type in their answers on a browser or handwrite their answers using an iPad or Android tablet. They can ask for hints that are relevant to their working out at each step. They can also watch a video demonstration of a similar question, which takes a step-by-step approach to ensure that the concept is taught.

Spotlight on the Support Unit

Boccia competition

On the 2nd of June, a group of Support Unit students travelled to Cambridge Park Indoor Sports Centre to compete in the NSW Regional Boccia Tournament. The students played a round-robin competition where they finished 3rd in the pool with a win, draw and loss. They progressed to the next round where they lost a hard-fought close game. A great day was had by all.



SPORTS



NEWS

Futsal ...

Our Under 16's Girls and Boys competed in the Regional Championships for Futsal on Wednesday the 29th of June.

The girls won the day and were undefeated- they now go on to compete in the State Championships.

Congratulations to both teams for representing the school so well.



Careers News

CAREERS EXPO

Over 200 Crestwood students attended the Western Sydney Careers Expo last week. The attending teachers were pleased to witness many Career Conversations between our students and the Expo providers. These conversations were followed up by many students at school and we are pleased to report many students are actively reporting Career Crushes they have discovered.



EVENTS IN THE HOLIDAYS

Monday 4 July 2022, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

For students wishing to explore UTS | Admission Pathways Webinar. Find out more: <https://atarnoteslectures.com/nsw/july-2022/lectures/schedule/uts-admission-pathways>

Tuesday 5 July 2022, 6:00 pm - Wednesday 13 July 2022, 6:00 pm

For students wishing to explore AIT | Industry Speaker Series. Find out more: https://info.ait.edu.au/industry_speaker_series_july

FOR THE JULY CALENDAR

26 July

TAFE – Granville (TVET Certificate II in Floristry)

30 July

ACU Blacktown Open Day

University of Newcastle – Central Coast Open Day

University of Wollongong – South Western Sydney Open Day

**CAREERS ADVISOR: MR TREVOR ADAMS AND
MRS TINA FISHER**

Careers News



APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP & JOBS EXPOS

Anyone interested in an apprenticeship/traineeship, the annual expos are being held soon. Please see details below on the ones closest to us. Students and their families are welcome to take a copy of their resumes to start the application process. Follow the link for further details.

Brett Carter EVETS annually hold Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos which have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. Over 300 exhibitors and 16000 visitors attend each year.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

Free public admission.

For more information: <https://www.brettcarterevents.com.au/apprenticeship-expo/>

Closest events near us are:

·**Northern Sydney** - Tuesday 9 August 2022 – 3pm to 8pm

The Concourse, Civic Pavilion – Chatswood

·**South Western Sydney/Macarthur** - Tuesday 30 August 2022 – 3pm to 8pm

Liverpool Catholic Club – Prestons

·**Western Sydney** - Tuesday 6 September 2022 – 3pm to 8pm

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre – Cambridge Park

The Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo has always been a popular event and I am sure this year's expo will be no exception. The expo will provide a perfect opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their apprenticeship and traineeship programs to school leavers and job seekers. Events such as this encourage and help young people gain the qualifications they need to secure a job.'

The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP Member for Penrith, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Minister for Trade and Industry.



**CAREERS ADVISOR: MR TREVOR ADAMS AND
MRS TINA FISHER**



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MODULE TWO:

A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.

This will involve two participants and a coach.

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**NEXT COURSE DATE: Monday 11th July 9am, LOCATION Crestwood
Community Centre Corner of Crestwood drive and Chapel lane Baulkham
Hills, 2153**

Book online TODAY at pcycdrivereducation.org.au



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School Holidays Cricket Camp For All-Commers

Upcoming Camp: 13th and 14th July 2022

Daily Times: 8 am to 4 pm

Location: Fred Caterson Reserve Field 4

Clinic Times

8 am to 9am: Registration

9 am to 3 pm: Coaching

3 pm to 4pm: Late Pickup (Additional \$10)

Fees

\$190 for the 2-days camp

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