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# Co-curricular Overview 2023



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## *...Educating Global Citizens*

Craigslea State High School provides a diverse range of co-curricular activities and aims to engage our students in learning experiences beyond the classroom setting.

Craigslea SHS's team of teachers and staff is committed to providing the educational foundation for students to be confident and active citizens in a global society. For this reason, they encourage all students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to real world contexts.

Activities that we offer students have a focus on providing students with opportunities to develop both personal and social skills, leadership abilities, as well as a global perspective.





# Camps and Excursions



## Japan STEM Tour 2024

The tour will take place in the September 2024 school holidays and aims to provide students with an opportunity to meet people who are pioneering advances in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), as well as to inspire and challenge them on their educational journeys. It is also an exciting test of each student's independence and resilience as an international traveller away from family and friends.



## Lady Elliot Island

An exciting opportunity is offered to students to visit Lady Elliot Island to engage in a range of Citizen Science activities. These activities can include, but are not limited to, snorkelling, Scuba diving, collecting data for Citizen Science projects such as UQ Coral Watch, Reef Watch and Reef Check, assessing sustainability and a variety of other STEM related activities.



## Scuba Program

The Scuba Program was first established in 2014 to allow students opportunities to explore marine environments in a much more extensive way than is possible with snorkelling. The program includes a strong emphasis on cultural exchange with students participating in tours to visit Australia's near neighbours, as well as exploring our own key ecosystems.



# Camps and Excursions



## Year 10 Biology Field Studies Camp

After travelling along the beach by 4WD to Cooloola National Park, students set up a campsite which will be home for three days, whilst they develop fieldwork skills and collect data on the ecosystem zonation, which is typical of high-energy coastal environments. The students work in teams to identify patterns of plant distribution, and present their findings in industry-style formats.



## Years 11 and 12 Biology Field Trips

Year 11 students may attend the Coral Reef Field Trip at Konomie Island Environmental Education Centre, and in Year 12, all students attend a day field trip to Toohey Forest.

At Konomie Island Environmental Education Centre, situated off Yeppoon and surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, students conduct transect studies on a variety of reefs around North and Great Keppel Islands.





# Cultural Activities



## Craigslea Dance Company (CDC)

Craigslea Dance Company (CDC) is an enrichment program giving students from all year levels an opportunity to participate in the art of Dance. CDC works within the contemporary/jazz and hip hop genres of dance, providing students with eisteddfod/dance competition experience, workshops, excursions and choreography from industry professionals.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day at Craigslea SHS is a wonderful day celebrating the importance of multi-culturalism in our school community. Harmony Day occurs annually on March 21 and this day and every day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone; a day to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.



## Instrumental Music Program

The Instrumental Music Program is a vibrant co-curricular activity that allows Instrumental Music students to perform in a variety of concert bands, jazz ensembles, string orchestras and small chamber experiences.

Each year, the groups may participate in a variety of school-based events, musicals and Arts presentations, community performances, music competitions and festivals, and national music tours.

Performance groups include:

- Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- Concert Band
- Chamber Winds
- Big Band
- Stage Band
- Percussion Ensemble
- Caledonia String Orchestra
- MacKenzie String Orchestra
- String Quartet/Quintet
- Vocal groups including Melodia (Senior Choir), Chamber Choir and Bassline

# Cultural Activities



## Photography Club

The Craigslea SHS Photography Club aims to provide a creative space, as well as learning opportunities for students interested in photography and related fields, including videography and post-production.

Students will learn to cover school-based events, participate in workshops and complete personal projects.



## School Productions

Each year, the Arts Department embarks on a whole school production where students from all year levels are given the opportunity to showcase their talents both onstage and behind the scenes. The productions are coordinated by the Arts Head of Department, Mrs Jennifer Pedder. Productions alternate between musicals and the Arts Spectacular, year to year.



## Tech Crew

Each year, Craigslea SHS offers a sound and lighting course for interested students. These keen and enthusiastic students learn to use a wide range of technical sound and lighting and develop a variety of skills including, use of technical sound and lighting equipment, problem-solving, organisational skills, effective communication and team work.



## Vocal Group

The Vocal Program at Craigslea SHS consists of three vocal groups and soloist vocal lessons.

- Melodia
- Bassline
- Chamber Choir

The program is coordinated by Mrs Jennifer Pedder.

The program also consists of vocal lessons which take place on a rotational basis and involves a one half hour lesson each week in the Instrumental Music block (J03).

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## Craigslea Chess Club

Craigslea Chess Club began in 2019 and quickly gained momentum with many students showing interest in the game.

Chess Club provides an opportunity for students and teachers to challenge other players from all year levels, thereby passing on and learning new skills.



## Creative Maths

Creative Maths focuses on developing each student's joy and satisfaction in solving problems. The program is coordinated by Maths Teacher, Dr Thomas McCourt. Creative Maths aims to:

- Introduce students to extension and enrichment topics linked to the subject of Mathematics
- Provide opportunities to explore areas of mathematics not included in the junior curriculum, while developing transferrable skills to other disciplines
- Allow students to create and play with mathematical ideas in a guided manner.



## Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons began in 2022 and has been a popular activity here at Craigslea. It provides an opportunity for students of all ages to engage in this role-playing game.



## Magic the Gathering

The Magic the Gathering Club is new in 2023. This is a challenging card game that can be played in pairs or groups, providing an interactive, fun and sociable environment for all students.



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## E-Sports Program

The E-Sports Program is a new school-based initiative to promote teamwork and skill-building between students in a competitive but supportive school-based team environment.

E-Sports provides students with opportunities to boost critical thinking, improve communication, apply leadership skills, build confidence and increase student engagement. E-Sports gives students who are not generally high-achievers in other sports or school activities an opportunity to succeed and to represent their school in the wider community.



## Global Citizenship Group

Our Global Citizenship group amalgamates our Social Justice and Environmental groups into a single group with a shared vision: for our students to be 'active citizens in a global society'. Using the United Nation's 17 Sustainable development goals as our guide, students will explore local and global issues such as justice, sustainability and well-being.

Students will investigate and discuss the issues that affect their school, local community and the world, working towards projects that solve some of these issues.



## Debating

Debating provides students with the opportunity to develop confidence and competence in formal public speaking situations whilst working collaboratively in a safe team environment.

A number of our past students come back to coach junior teams and we also have students who currently adjudicate Queensland Debating Union (QDU) debates.



# Activities



## Maths Tutorials

The tutorials are offered with the aim of improving the numeracy and mathematical skills of our students by supporting them with extra explicit teaching of a skill in each tutorial.

The tutorials are free for Craigslea SHS students and are tutored by our wonderful team of Mathematics teachers.



## Student Leadership and Student Representative Council

- To provide an opportunity for students across all secondary school year levels to have an input into issues and decisions which are of concern/interest to them and which impact on the culture of Craigslea SHS.
- To provide an experience which acknowledges leadership existing at all year levels and extends the opportunities to develop this leadership in a supportive manner.
- To raise finance to support a project/s which enable students to support developments in the school that are identified as important.



## Yearbook Committee

The Yearbook Committee consists of selected students from Years 11 and 12 who are interested in putting together the annual Senior Yearbook which showcases the activities, special events and classroom activities from the year.



# Sports

Active engagement in physical activity and sport makes a significant contribution to the health of young people and sport is an important part of our culture and tradition. Playing sport, however, isn't just about being active and getting fit. Playing sport at a young age promotes multiple benefits such as developing leadership skills, better physical development, increasing fitness and a wider range of social skills. These beliefs are fundamental to the sports program at Craigslea SHS.

Both Sport Coordinators work in conjunction with Sport Captains to deliver quality opportunities for students to involve themselves in an array of sporting programs. These include:

- Interschool Sport
- Recreational Sport
- School Carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics)
- District Sport
- Regional Sport
- Craigslea Volleyball Academy (CVA) and the Craigslea SHS Basketball team

