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overheard

“It’s gonna be warm then it’s gonna be cold then it’s gonna be warm again and then it’s gonna rain”

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“Omg they guessed my name, I was so shook!!”

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“No killing in the bathrooms, for reasons I shouldn’t have to explain.” -- James

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murder
update

First night of murder has proven to be brutal with a death toll of 93 and counting...
To those who are still alive: “May the odds be ever in your favour”

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The top wanted Murderer as of today is Deanna Arora, leaving 9 dead bodies behind.

Let’s begin!

Beyond the gates of Women’s College, NCSS officially kicks off as students come lining up to collect their name-tags, booklets, T-shirts along with other goodies.

Over the next ten days, students in the Python and Embedded NCSS streams will further their knowledge of computer science in readiness for their exciting futures ahead.

Meanwhile, the upbeat roar of student voices echoing down the corridors at Women's College has created an incredible atmosphere of creativity, encouragement and extreme enthusiasm for the very exciting days ahead.

Soon after dinner, intense discussions can be heard in the Women’s College Hall where students are facing their first camp challenge: Building the tallest freestanding tower that can hold a newspaper pirate hat at the top using only Newspaper.

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Building the tower
Out of paper and determination

A huge congratulations to team 6 for their incredible tower spanning longer than James Curran’s measuring stick, and a big kudos to teams 9 and 3 for coming second and third respectively. All teams did an incredible job (including Thomas!) to try build the tallest possible tower that could hold a pirate hat at the top.

@NCSS
#NCSS2019 kicks off!

130 students from across Australia and New Zealand are at @Sydney_Uni for 10 days of Computer Science, Embedded programming and assorted geekery!

student spotlight

Tell me about something interesting you’ve done in the past 2 months? Probably finishing year 10 and getting ready to go into year 11.

Are you excited for NCSS? Yeah definitely. Can’t wait to get started.

How many pikachu’s could you fit in your suitcase? Probably 10 or 12.

What’s your favourite game? Assassins Creed: Odyssey. It’s the latest one and a really good RPG.

What are you hoping to gain from NCSS? Hopefully make some friends and get a better understanding of stuff I might want to do in the future.

Name: Joshua Kay
School: St John’s College, Dubbo
Hobbies: Gaming, Electronics
When did you first get into computer science? My grandad was a doctor and was into playing with computers. He had a big old computer that was so old it had 5 inch floppies and a big fat turbo button that made the computer go faster from 33 megahertz to 66 megahertz speed. Ever since then I’ve loved playing with computers.

Where were you in 2010? I was in second year university studying science at Sydney University. Precursor to becoming a physicist.

What gives you nerd cred? As part of my work I take black silicon wafers and make transistors from scratch, making my own computer chips.

Favourite thing about NCSS? Definitely the amazing tutors. They all know so much and every year I just end up learning a crazy amount about random things from them.

What are you doing at the moment? Talking with the amazing Jenna about the newsletters. But in a more general sense i’m doing a PhD in experimental quantum physics.

If you had a time machine would you travel forward or backwards and why? I would go forwards. I want to see how everything turned out, and what the people around me would be like 10 years in the future.
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