"National Chatime Sipping School" looks at google map "wait, it says it's right here?" "No, that's where we are"

“That one needs to go because we no longer have the arms”

“What is the litness of the gps”

“I was born at a young age”

“Can we get more of these shirts? they're so nice!”

“If you are not undergoing nuclear fusion, you are too far apart”

“Does anyone have a car? I need to pick up some violins”

“I agree with you disagreeing with me”

Programming Competition!

With less than two days until the final presentations, our adrenaline-pumped students are preparing for the tough final project hours ahead.

Yesterday in the evening, in the labs of the School of IT, students raced against the clock to solve programming challenges while competing against each other.

A massive thank you to everyone who participated in the programming competition!

Things are growing tense as the 14 survivors wonder when their time will come. It would be wise to fear Evan Lee, who has been responsible for 11 kills so far.
Today was fairly chaotic for me, for many reasons, but probably the best part was being during prog comp in which my team was super supportive of me. I was in the fisherman group, who, while didn't make it far, guessed a lot and succeeded in what we tried to do. In particular, I did question one by guess and check and felt a sort of soft satisfaction that I got it in the end.

Tonight we had the programming competition (Prog Comp) in groups of 3 students and an assisting industry mentor. We had two hours to tackle 20 Pokémon themed questions ranging from starter to legendary. The questions were of the informatics / competitive programming vein such as the AIO or ICPC.

I'm always so impressed by just how much content the students at @ncss are shown, and just how well the students handle it! #NCSS2019

I feel as though my data has been compromised.

Yanny/Laurel? I hear Yanny. Apparently, younger people will here Yanny and older people will hear Laurel.

Nerd camp in one word? Coding

How have you been finding NCSS? It's been very informative and I've learnt a lot while making new friends and having lots of fun!

What's been your favourite part so far? Probably playing with the bitbots! They can be a bit frustrating when the robot doesn't do what you want, but that makes the success even more satisfying.

What's it like to be so far from home? I'm only an hour away, so I don't feel that homesick.

Which is the best Marvel movie? I personally enjoyed Dr. Strange or Spiderman: Homecoming (Tom Holland ftw).

What's your favourite game and why? Waterpolo! I joined the school team in year 7, and have since started playing with my sister.
School? St Stephen’s Catholic College

Hobbies? Reading YA, artistic journaling, watching cyberpunk/supernatural themed tv shows, gymnastics.

Welcome back! What was your favourite memory of NCSS last time? Last year at the official dinner I arrived late (cause reasons, don't judge), so I got stuck with a whole heap of wonderful sponsors and tutors who helped me discover there was more to the tech industry than just coding.

Are there any fields you're interested in after school? Computer Science and Engineering... and Maths.

Something awesome you've done in the past 2 months... go! I qualified for senior states as a level seven Artistic Gymnast. Backstory time: I have never qualified due to injury but now that I finally have I get to go down to Brisbane and compete against other gymnasts in the state that are at my level.

Where are you from and what’s it like to be so far from home? I’m from Mareeba, about an hours drive from Cairns in the far North Queensland. What’s it like to be away? AMAZING. So glad to be out of that small rural town. Can I hide here for forever? Please?

Favourite game and why? My favourite game is Detroit Become Human because androids and Connor, duh.

What’s been the best part of camp so far? Probably meeting awesome people and having people that truly care about what I say. Event wise? Atlassian site tour was pretty cool.

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