

# INTRODUCING

## Mr Chris Groen



Welcome!

My name is Chris Groen and I am honoured to be writing to you as leader of the new Year 4 team for 2018. I aim to help this fantastic group of students further their academic development and pursue their passions, enhancing what makes them special and unique. Central to everything I believe in as an educator is the formation of positive, meaningful relationships. Here is a crash course of the things that have shaped who I am and my outlook on life.

I am twenty seven years old and was brought up on the North Shore. I am the oldest of six, and living at home with my five siblings fostered my patient and cooperative persona. Family has always been, and will continue to be, the most important thing in my life. My family has always been fixated on sport, so this was always destined to be a massive influence on my life. I continue to play soccer at a high level and am involved in the Crosswhites soccer team which competes in Australia annually. My role in this group is both as a player and a mentor to youth team players who make the journey with us. I believe that mentoring within the domain of sport can lead to the acquisition of personal values. The ability to handle both success and failure with integrity is instrumental in character development.

Within the classroom the same principles apply. Respect is both appreciated and expected within the classroom, building a culture similar to that of any successful team. Risk taking is also highly valued. It is also vital that all students approach learning with a growth mindset, meaning that we always believe we can progress and improve regardless of what stage we are at with our learning. For this reason I will always be open to admit and demonstrate that I myself am a learner, just like all my students.

So that is a little bit about me, I look forward to getting to know you all in return at the start of 2018.

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