



KEEPING IN TOUCH

TERM 1 - WEEK 1 2021

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PRINCIPALS REPORT



Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year at Concord High School. We will commence the year in a fairly similar way to how 2020 finished with a range of restrictions and guidelines in place. These restrictions are designed to keep all members of our school community safe, and to keep our school open and operational.

The teaching staff have spent the past 2 days working hard towards positioning our school for a successful year. Our focus has been on consistency of practice, raising expectations, and implementing a range of high leverage teaching strategies to improve student performance.

The following is important information that will assist us with a smooth start to the year.

Friday 29/1/21 – Day 1 Years 7/ 11/12

Students in Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 will commence tomorrow.

Year 7 – Separate information for the day has already been sent to all Year 7 families via email.

Year 11 – Day will commence with a year meeting in the Theatrette commencing at 8:55am. Students with study periods in period 1 will be expected to attend. Students with period 0 on their timetables will NOT be expected to start early.

Year 12 – Day will commence with a year meeting in Common 7 commencing at 8:55am. Students with study periods in period 1 will be expected to attend. Students with period 0 on their timetables will NOT be expected to start early.

Monday 1/2/21 – Day 1 Years 8/9/10

Students in Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 will commence school on Monday 1/2.



Year 8 – Day will commence with a year meeting in the Hall commencing at 8:55am

Year 9 – Day will commence with a year meeting in Common 7 commencing at 8:55am

Year 10 – Day will commence with a year meeting in Commons 3 (Surnames A-K) and Common 5 (Surnames L-Z)

Technology Free Tuesday

In 2021 the school will be trialling a day of the week where the students **will not** be required to bring in their electronic device, this will commence Tuesday 2nd February. This Initiative is designed to broaden the range of strategies, enhance students handwriting skills and avoid damage to technology during Tuesday afternoon sport.

Students travelling by Public Transport

Please be advised that the following information has been received by the school from NSW Health in relation to students travelling to and from school by public transport

Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the [Public Health \(COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings\) Order 2021 External link](#) when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services. ***This applies to staff and students who reside or travel to and from Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong.*** Refer to the [NSW Government website External link](#) for more information on wearing face masks.

The school is awaiting an order of masks from the Department to assist students who may require them; however at the moment these have not arrived and families will be responsible for ensuring that students have a mask available to travel on public transport to and from school. A fine of \$200 applies to any person breaching this public health order.

Please note that masks are NOT a mandatory requirement from students, staff, or visitors while on the school grounds. This is an optional choice.

This update will replace the usual fortnightly Keeping In Touch for Week 1.

On behalf of all the teaching and support staff at Concord High School, I am looking forward to us working together throughout this year to improve the educational and life outcomes for our students.

Kind regards,

Victor Newby

Principal

28/1/2021