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TERM 1 - WEEK 3 2021



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WHAT'S ON

Friday 12th Feb - Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 23rd Feb - Year 7 Parent and Teachers Meet and Greet

Monday 1 March - Zone Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 2nd March - Year 7 - 2022 Open Night

Friday 5th March – Year 7 Vaccination

Wednesday 10th March – School Photo Day

Friday 19th March – School cross country carnival

Thursday 25th March – Sydney North Regional Swimming

Wednesday 31st March – Year 7 & 12 Parent Teacher night

Principal's Message

Mr Victor Newby



Swimming Carnival

Last Friday saw our staff and students attend Drummoyne Pool for the annual swimming carnival. As with most events recently the day operated a little differently, with students in year groups rather than houses and no parents present. However, the day was a great success thanks to the outstanding organisation and preparation by our PDHPE Team led by Laura Bivano (Head Teacher PDHPE) and Andrew Reid (Sports Coordinator). The weather was warm and the setting provided a great backdrop for an enjoyable day.

Year 7 Meet and Greet – Tuesday 23rd February (4:45pm – 6:00pm)

All of our Year 7 parents and students are invited to attend this opportunity to meet their child's teachers and learn more about the Year 7 Middle School program for this year. There will also be information available on the range of welfare and co-curricular opportunities available here at our school. We have a Covid safe plan in place for the event and all parents will need to "scan in" on arrival. The activities and presentations will commence at 5pm sharp.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 23rd February (6pm – 8pm)

Our Year 7 Meet and Greet will be followed by the first Concord High P&C Meeting for 2021. The school is fortunate to have a friendly and active P&C that meets twice each term in the school library. This is a great opportunity to network with fellow parents and be more involved in supporting the school. This first meeting will have a presentation by our School Counsellor – Judi Joy, who will speak to the meeting about supporting your child in the start of high school.

Staffing Update

On Friday 19th February we will farewell Year 10 Year Adviser and TAS Teacher Kate Easterbrook. Kate has been a member of our teaching and welfare teams at the school for the past 4 years. She moves via service transfer to be closer to home at Bankstown Girls High. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank Kate for her work at the school and wish her every success in this next phase of her career.

Until Next Fortnight

Victor Newby

Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Mr Craig Anderson, Mrs Jody Engisch, Ms Danka Milinovic

Concord High School - Swimming Carnival 2021



Deputy Principal's Message

Mr Craig Anderson, Mrs Jody Engisch, Ms Danka Milinovic

Thank you to Rohan Porter and his parents for donating over 200 handmade masks to the school. We greatly appreciate the huge amount of time that they have volunteered in making the masks to support students whilst travelling to and from school on public transport.



Year 7 Random Act of Kindness Week 4, Term 1

Our Prefect body spent the morning with our lovely Year 7 students, encouraging a Random Act of Kindness Week. Students have been asked to complete 5 activities in a row, that are some type of acts of kindness. We are encouraging parents and caregivers to help your child complete these activities at school and at home and help promote our kindness week. Students who complete these Kindness Bingo cards will receive a prize 😊

Thank you to our Prefects and Mrs Santos and Miss Peoples for their leadership and collaboration.



Classes for 2021

As advised last year we have had several changes to classes in both years 8 and 10. Unfortunately this caused quite a large amount of student movement that is still not settled. While we always try to put students in the class they prefer we are not always able to.

One of the key skills that our students must learn is to be resilient and to be able to make friends or positive working relationships. This is especially important in Year 10 as students prepare to choose courses for the HSC.



Deputy Principal's Message

Mr Craig Anderson, Mrs Jody Engisch, Ms Danka Milinovic

As always if you would like to talk to someone about classes in the first instance please do raise your thoughts with the year advisers.

Year 8 Ms Armitage or Ms Smith

Year 10 Mrs Bean

Literacy and numeracy

As a school we are increasing our focus on the development of student literacy and numeracy skills. Advice will be regularly given that will allow you to support your student and their growth. As we start the year can I suggest that you regularly ask to see your student's class work books. Any support that you can provide in helping with organisation, checking that work is complete and encouraging your student to read will have a great benefit.

Year 10 advice

This is a crucial year for year 10 students and family support and advice is vital for student success.

Year 10 is the year where students can decide on a pathway to work and outside of school education or to continue with the HSC course.

This is the year where Year 10 must build their skills as a student in order to achieve their potential. If the pathway is to leave school the school reports and comments are vital for evidence of maturity, self discipline, good work habits, punctuality and so on.

For students wanting to complete the HSC course this is the year where they must show interest and ability in learning the skills and habits of a successful senior student including organisation, commitment, essay writing, problem solving and goal setting.

We start the process of selecting courses for the HSC course just after the semester one report this year. This report is the last opportunity for students to show that they are at the standard required of a successful senior student. Without showing improvement and the required standard of success in some subjects logically the student reduces the options available to them in the senior school. For example logically if the students report at the end of semester one for English shows little interest and little application then they are not suitable to study a high level of English in the HSC course. Similarly in Science. If a year 10 student they show poor work completion then they are not suitable to study chemistry or physics in the HSC course.

These points are regularly mentioned to students at school and I strongly encourage you to raise these in conversation at home and to stress the importance of Year 10 to student success.

If you receive a letter- OFFICIAL WARNING – Non-completion of a Stage 5 (Years 9 – 10) Course. Then this will alert you that your student needs to complete some school work by a new deadline. These letters will be important for you to discuss and support your student make appropriate choices for their future success. At any time that you would like some advice please do contact Mrs Milligan Careers Adviser or Ms Peoples

YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET 2021



TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

5:00-6:00pm

Parents/carers of the Year 7 class of 2021 are warmly invited to attend our meet and greet evening. This is an informal opportunity for parents/carers to meet their children's teachers and year advisors.

Highlights of the evening include:

- 5.00-5.10pm Principals address: Mr. Newby
Year 7 administration: Miss Leung
- 5.10- 5.40pm Meet the mentors
- 5.40-6.00pm Meet the rest of the staff (TAS, CAPA, PDHPE and Languages)
- 6.00pm All parents are invited to the P&C meeting

Note: Please join us in the School Hall at 4.45pm for a 5.00pm start.

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Middle School News

Ms Eliza Turner – Middle School Coordinator/ HT Social Science (Relieving)

Middle School Musings- Updates for Year 7 Families

Dear Year 7 Families,

Welcome to Concord High School.

This will be a regular space to update you on everything Middle School.

Curriculum News:

At Concord High School this year you will have noticed that the curriculum structure of Year 7 is a little different to other secondary schools. The English, History and Geography courses are combined as 'Humanities' and Science and Mathematics are taught as an integrated curriculum, 'STEM'.

More specific information on this curriculum structure will be discussed at the Year 7 Meet and Greet.

All students have started to learn content in their subject areas and some courses have distributed assessment tasks for Term 1.

For more information about all assessment tasks in Year 7, please have a look at the following website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/chs-y7and8-assessment-2021/home>

Welfare News:

A reminder that in Week 5, the Year 7 Meet and Greet is on. This event is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, learn about the school and meet the Year 7 Welfare team. Along with the Year 7 Advisers, your child's class mentor is a crucial person to meet and place a name to a face.

The Class Mentor plays a vital role in supporting, mentoring and leading the wellbeing and pastoral care of students of a particular class. Furthermore, the Class Mentor works closely with the Year Advisers, teachers and parents/guardians. The main objective of the Class Mentor is to look after the wellbeing of all students in their class and assist with initiatives that assist in their academic growth and promote student voice and student agency. The mentor teachers are the main point of contact for parents/carers and act as the liaison between parents and curriculum teachers, Head Teachers, Year Advisers and Senior Executive.

The following teachers are the class mentors for 2021.

7B: Kim Ngo (Common 6)

7C: Jonathan Shum (Common 6)

7G: Annika Fawcett (Common 5)

7O: Marianne Laggis (Common 6)

7P: Lisa Tolhurst (Common 2)

7R: David Galea (Common 7)

7V: Bill Paling (Common 3)

7W: Jennifer Zhai (Common 2)

7Y: Penny Slater (Common 7)

Hoping to see you at the Year 7 Meet and Greet,

Eliza Turner

Welcome back – I am looking forward to working with students and families in 2021. The Welfare Team has settled our students in and are busy planning their initiatives for the year.

Wellbeing Team 2021

Head Teacher Wellbeing: Ms Fiona Milligan

Counsellors: Ms Judi Joy (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Ms Kathryn Dunn (Thurs, Fri)

Nurse: Ms Lorraine Bechara

Women's Adviser: Ms Silverine De Silva

Men's Adviser: Mr Billy Paling

Yr 7 Advisers: Ms Tanaya Hempstead/Ms Maryanne Snewin

Yr 8 Advisers: Ms Madison Smith/Ms Alison Armitage

Yr 9 Advisers: Ms Eliza Psaros/Ms Ellen Hoy

Yr 10 Advisers: Ms Kate Easterbrook/Ms Tina Bean

Yr 11 Advisers: Ms Nikki Phillips/Mr Scott Morrissey

Yr 12 Advisers: Ms Zoe Ticehurst/Mr Ben Mitchell

Please contact members of the Wellbeing Team via the school email account or by calling the school number 9745 3777 and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

This week, we have been focusing on Internet Safety – please ask your child to show you what I have put on Year Level Google Classrooms.

For Parents, the eSafety commission has some great resources to help:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online>

I have also included a flier attached to KIT titled: Internet Safety Tips

A good one to have a chat about as a family and set some family rules/guidelines about safety online early in the year. One request from me – I know it is not always possible in every family, but if phones and devices can be removed from bedrooms and charged/stored in another room of the house overnight, a great way to stop interruptions throughout the night.

Take care, Mrs Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare

Concord High's School Captains participate in the Macquarie University "Leaders and Achievers" program

During the school holidays our school captains, Emily Shipton and Benjamin Mastrogiannis, participated in a leadership forum as part of the Macquarie University "Leaders and Achievers" program. This is a competitive program that aims to develop the leaders of the future. They reflect on their experiences below:

Emily Shipton:

On the 20th of January Ben and I participated in the 2021 Macquarie University Leadership Forum. To begin the day we, along with the hundreds of other students, were placed into groups and escorted to lecture halls. Throughout the day we were spoken to by many guest speakers, which began with current Macquarie university students. They spoke to us about their journey through high school and their HSC year, their university degrees, their methods of study and gave us advice for our final year of high school. Following these talks from past students we were given a short recess, in which Ben and I spent time talking to other student leaders from schools around NSW. We learnt about their experiences with leadership at their schools and gained some interesting insights. We hope to use the knowledge we gained to become better leaders at Concord High school.



Benjamin Mastrogiannis:

Following recess Emily and I returned to our lecture halls and were spoken to by a member of the Department of Education. Discussing with us study techniques as well as providing us with important advice and information about our upcoming year. Following this we were spoken to by a UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) representative who spoke to us about university applications and early entry programs which certain universities offer. She also discussed aspects of the university application process such as when we can apply for university, when offers from the universities come out and how to structure our university preference lists. Following this talk we were given a half hour lunch where we explored Macquarie's campus and continued to mingle with other leaders. After lunch we were once again brought back to the lecture hall and were notified about Macquarie's various early entry programs including the Macquarie University "Leaders and Achievers" program, which Macquarie strongly recommends to those in leadership or community service roles, as well as to academically gifted students.

Both Emily and I thoroughly enjoyed our time at Macquarie University, the day was extremely informative and gave us both lots of information about our HSC year and life after High school. We both highly recommend this day to future Concord High School leaders.

School Administration News

Ms Janneke Bird – School Administration Manager

Lockers

We currently have 60 lockers available for hire. Students wishing to hire a locker in 2021 will be required to fill out a form that is available at the Side Office. There is a \$50 p.a fee to hire a locker. If you are keeping your current locker the renewal charge will be added to your Statement of Account.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be reverting to its standard operating hours. These will be from 8:30am - 12:00 pm and 12:30p.m - 2:15pm Monday and Wednesday. Current students are welcome to come before school, during recess and lunch to make purchases. We ask that any parents that would like to purchase uniforms in person make an appointment using the link that can be found on the school website. Online orders may be made by following the instructions on the website, please allow 2 days for us to process orders.

School Uniform

The school community of Concord High School endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform.

In endorsing the wearing of uniform by all students in the school, we recognise the principles of equity and safety for all students.

Uniform is an important part of the development of the school as it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about the school and its students. We want our students to be seen in a positive way. There are a number of specific advantages uniform gives to students and parents.

It provides security in the sense of easily identifying where students come from should there be an accident or incident. It certainly allows identification of people who do not belong in the school.

Economically it presents a better alternative to buying brand names and the demand to continually upgrade to the latest trends and fads. It thus ensures greater equity for all.

The uniform promotes a sense of common purpose, consistency and unity in the daily activities of students. Wearing it develops pride in achievement and the school, which helps to establish the culture of the school.

Kind Regards

Janneke Bird

Friday 12th February saw the Annual Concord Swimming Carnival take place at Drummoyne Swimming Centre. After a relatively sport-free 2020, it was great to see the sun shining and so many students attend and compete in the various events.

Stay tuned for the Zone Swimming list to see who will represent Concord High School at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 1st March 2021 at Lane Cove Swim Centre.

Laura Bivona
Head Teacher PDHPE/Sport



WEEK 4

Monday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Penne pasta with Bolognese sauce \$6

Tuesday

2 Chicken Souvlaki sticks with golden potato wedges \$10

Wednesday

Home-made Butter Chicken with steamed Rice \$7

Thursday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Assorted Sushi - Maki roll or bite size packs \$5

Friday

Cheesy Beef Nachos \$6

Peri Peri Chicken Burger \$7

PREORDERS WELCOME

WEEK 5

Monday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Penne pasta with Bolognese sauce \$6

Tuesday

Chicken Souvlaki \$3.50

Toasted Garlic chicken wrap \$7

Wednesday

Home-made Butter Chicken with steamed Rice \$7

Thursday

Chicken Snitzel Sandwich \$7

Assorted Sushi - Maki roll or bite size packs \$5

Friday

Cheesy Beef Nachos \$6

Beef Snack Pack \$7

PREORDERS WELCOME

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program Let's Get Physical! – Term 1, 2021



Dear Parent / Guardian,

The **Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program** is continuing to offer a variety of activities before and after school. Students will have the opportunity to further their interest and develop skills in many sporting activities. These activities will be conducted by specialist coaches who aim to improve the skill levels of each student. The focus of this program is **skill development** as well as fun, fitness and friendship! All skill levels from beginner to advanced will be catered for.

**** Please note:** This term is an **8 week** Sports Coaching Program

**** All activities in the coaching program will commence in Week 3 of Term 1** (Week commencing 8th February 2021)**

Each activity has a minimum and maximum number of students. This is designed to ensure small group sizes, optimum individual attention and cost effectiveness.

The supervising coach will take every care of the group. However, your child has some responsibilities and obligations associated with the coaching session, and we assume that your permission also involves an undertaking by your child to act responsibly. Of particular importance:-

- Students must obey the directions of any teacher/supervisor without delay or question
- Students must remain within the area/s designated by supervising staff
- Students must not leave the group to undertake independent activities

Please see over a permission note for your child to sign up for the **8 week program** in the sport of their choice. Please join the group to receive notices about any updates, information and/or changes that may take place during the term. Payment of the full term fee should be returned with the permission note to the side office as soon as possible in order to secure a placement. The P&C have kindly donated some money, offering sponsorship to a select number of students who wish to participate in the program, but are unable to due to financial difficulties. If you would like to apply for this sponsorship, please notify the program coordinator.

Ms. Silverine De Silva

BASS Program Coordinator, PDHPE Faculty

Email: silverine.desilva2@det.nsw.edu.au

BASS Google Classroom: [a3p3aj3](#)

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program 2021 (8 weeks)

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sport	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	Monday	7.30 - 8.30am	08/02/21	CHS - Hall	\$65

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sport	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Tennis	Tuesday	3.00- 4.00pm	09/02/21	Cintra Park Tennis Courts	\$65
Volleyball	Wednesday	3.00- 4.00pm	10/02/21	CHS- Hall	\$65
Basketball	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00pm	11/02/21	CHS – Oval	\$65

Please tear off and return payment and permission note to the side office as soon as possible.

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program – Term 1, 2021

I give permission for (*Student's Name*) _____ in Year _____ to participate in a specialised coaching program in. I am also aware that my child has some responsibilities and obligations associated with the coaching session, and that my permission also involves an undertaking of my child to act responsibly.

sport amount..... start date

sport amount..... start date

sport amount..... start date

Parent's / Guardian's Name: _____ Parent's / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact phone number: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE JOIN THE BASS GOOGLE CLASSROOM TO RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES, INFORMATION and POSSIBLE CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE TERM. Group code: a3p3aj3

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.



2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.



3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The [Raising Children Network](#) provides some useful tools and advice.

4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices or [parental controls](#) and [Screen Time](#) for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



Concord High School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Wednesday 10 March 2021

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2021

School Photography Date: 10/03/2021

Dear Parents & Students,

School photography day is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day. The envelope can be collected from the library

NEW

advancedlife now offers Latitude Pay! To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

1. LatitudePay - Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
3. Cash - complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: YXK 8W4 CV4

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - *do not* require an envelope returned to your school
- **Cash payments** – *do require* an envelope which can be collected from the Library.
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - photographic packages will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the 'previous years or group photo' tabs at your school's **advancedorder** site when you click on the 'Order School Photos Here' button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure **advancedyou** image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

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