



## Concord High School Keeping In Touch

*Respectful Responsible Achieving*  
**Term 4 Week 2**

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[www.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

# Principals Report

The Year 12 students continue to complete their HSC examinations. As widely reported in the media and as anyone who has been through these examinations knows, this can be a challenging period. It is important that we as a community support our HSC students but it is also important that we place the examinations in perspective. As we remind students constantly, they should strive for their best but be aware that HSC results and the ATAR are not indicators of their worth as individuals.

I continue to wish the Year 12 students well and remind students and parents that we have a strong wellbeing system at Concord High School including the Year Adviser, Mr Munday, Assistant Year Adviser, Ms Finlayson, Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Milligan, Transition coordinator, Ms Peoples and our school counsellors, Ms Joy and Ms Kent who can support the students during the examination period.

### School Plan Strategic directions 2018-2020

The School Planning team continues to work on the 2018-2020 school plan each Monday afternoon working on the Strategic Directions for the school community for the next 3 years. Below are the school strategic directions. The completed plan will be uploaded to the school website later in the year.

STRATEGIC  
DIRECTION 1  
Engaging Learners

STRATEGIC  
DIRECTION 2  
Building Capacity

STRATEGIC  
DIRECTION 3  
Developing  
Community



# Principals Report continued

Prefect meeting with Senior Executive team to engage them with decision making across the school



## Engaging with Community

This week the Head Start program begins at Concord High School. This is a program where Year 5 students from our feeder Primary Schools come to the school to engage in a 6 week program, experiencing engaging project based learning at Concord High School. We look forward to meeting with the students over the next few weeks and engaging with our local primary schools. Special thanks to Ms Celik and Mr Stewart for coordinating the program.

Last week Mr Sloane , Head Teacher Science and Primary links Coordinator along with Ms Bekheet organised for Science and Robotics students to demonstrate their leadership skills by attending the Haberfield Primary School Science Fair. Concord High School students represented the school in areas of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Robotics, inspiring K-6 students and awing them with wonderful science experiments and demonstrations as well as robotics demonstrations.



# Principals Report continued



The Blue datto.org.com.au visited the Year 10 students to talk about road safety. Aiming to help change attitudes and behaviours, empowering students to make safer decisions when they get their licences and begin driving.



**Mrs Jody Engisch**  
**Relieving Principal**





# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## Student Profile



This week we are excited to profile Mitchell Potter-Rose of year 10 who has been chosen as a Schools Spectacular Featured Dancer. Mitchell endured a quite long audition process to secure his position. This involved submitting a video to be short listed and then an actual audition before a panel of judges. Mitchell joins a group of approximately 200 students selected from across the state to perform at the Schools Spectacular in a dance troupe. The Schools Spectacular is an iconic cultural event, unequalled in the world. With a 2700 voice choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a vast number of outstanding solo performers, the Schools Spectacular is unparalleled in the world in terms of sheer size, scale and scope. In fact, this world-class performance is a Guinness World Record holder! Showcasing incredible talent of all ages from public schools in all regions of NSW.

Mitchell is required to attend a number of rehearsals prior to the event and as all dancers know these rehearsals are physically punishing. The average length of each rehearsal is 8 hours of constant movement.

In 2017, the Schools Spectacular looks to the times, places, events and life-changing experiences that inspire excellence and encourage us all to "*Own The Moment*". The performances are Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November at Qudos Bank Arena Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets are on sale now.

We congratulate Mitchell on another achievement in his well-documented dance career.

## Breakfast club

Breakfast Club continues each Wednesday morning from 8:00am until 8.40pm. We are ever grateful to Oz Harvest, Bakers Delight Marrickville, Donut King Marrickville and Coles Gladesville for continuing support.

## AIME

The AIME program will resume Week 3 of Term 4 and run until Week 6.



# Welfare News

This week, Year 7 took part in a welfare program called Digital Insight. The aim of the program is to help students to stay safe when using technology. Protecting personal information, behaving responsibly and staying safe online is important – especially as use of the internet, devices and social media sites increases significantly, when going from Primary to High school.

The following concepts were covered with Year 7 students:

- How companies make money from your personal information
- Terms and conditions – who reads them and what do they mean?  
Password protection and other security tips

Miss Peoples, Year 7 Adviser, reported that the students were engaged and the information was certainly relevant and well received. Thank you, Miss Peoples for organising this event.

Welfare Programs coming up soon for other year levels include Study Skills and Police Talks – stay tuned.

## PDHPE

### Athletics

Congratulations to Jacob Leon in year 7 who completed at the 2XU New South Wales All Schools Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

This feat is especially impressive as this is a highly competitive event involving students from any school in New South Wales who have qualified to participate. The requirement for each student to participate is to qualify through their performances from their school carnival, zone carnival, regional carnival and combined high school carnival (CHS). Jacob did just that, which he should be commended on.

In the 13 year old boys 800 metre event, Jacob finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his heat, which was one of three to race! This meant Jacob had to return on the Friday to compete in the final.

In the final, Jacob ran an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 2:12:47. This was only three seconds off of first place!!

Well done to Jacob! Concord High School are very proud of your achievements!



# P&C News

## **CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS – FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2017**

Many thanks to those Parents, Carers and CHS staff who attended Tuesday's P&C meeting and, as always, for your valued input and contribution. We'll look forward to reporting on P&C projects in upcoming newsletters.

Our final P&C Meeting for 2017 is on Tuesday, 28 November from 7.00 pm.

We would also like to wish all Year 12 students the best of luck as they continue their HSC examinations as well as the Parents, Carers and CHS staff that support them during this time.

If you want to be kept informed of P&C matters, receive the agenda or minutes, and/or become more involved please email us as per below. You can also find general information on the P&C on the CHS web site under Our School / Your P&C. Remember there are many ways to be involved and support your P&C and local community not all requiring too much time.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing:

[concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

## **CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The Uniform Shop's operating hours are Monday and Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

Please note at recess (10:35am – 10:55am) and lunch (12.35pm – 1.15pm) students are given priority – parents welcome after recess and before or after lunch.

Mae is looking for volunteers to help on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess, please email us below if you can help.

A reminder the Uniform Shop does not accept cheques.

You can contact Mae, our Uniform Shop Manager, on 0434 169 203 or email [schoolsin@yahoo.com.au](mailto:schoolsin@yahoo.com.au)

Finally, thanks to Mae, all P&C volunteers and members for their support of your CHS P&C and its activities.



# 10 TIPS TO STRESS LESS

TAKE A STEP OUTSIDE



LIST WHAT YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR



LAUGH EACH DAY



PLANT POSITIVE THOUGHTS



JUST BREATHE THROUGH



TAKE FUN BREAKS



PRACTISE PATIENCE



OFFER A HELPING HAND

CLOSE YOUR EYES



MAKE TIME FOR EXERCISE

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*Those who are cast, join Next Move's 'Musical Makers Club' to which reasonable show fees apply.  
Located in Stanmore*







***Congratulations to the students listed below, who were awarded a Merit last week.***

**STUDENT**

**AWARD**

Manasi PAI

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit

Rohita CHIDIREDDI

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit

Emily KIM

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit

Isabella CARBONE

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit

Hana HWANG

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 3

23 OCTOBER – 27 OCTOBER, 2017

## WEEK A

<b>23 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 and Year 8 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o All Year 10 – HSIE</li> <li>o Headstart Program 9:00am-11:35am</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> <li>o Artsmart</li> </ul>	<b>24 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 and Year 8 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Artsmart</li> </ul>	<b>25 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 and Year 8 Science Examinations (:00am – 3:00pm</li> <li>o Artsmart</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>
<b>26 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 and Year 8 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Artsmart</li> </ul>	<b>27 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 and Year 8 Science Examinations 9:00am – 3:00pm</li> <li>o Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 2, 3 & 4

<b>B TERM 4 WEEK 4</b>	<b>30 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Halogen Leadership Conference 8:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am</li> </ul>	<b>31 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>1 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>2 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Year 8 English Yearly Examination</li> <li>o Year 7 GATS History Task</li> <li>o Year 7 Vaccinations</li> <li>o Year 11 Hospitality</li> </ul>	<b>3 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Year 9 Listening Task English</li> <li>o Year 11 Hospitality</li> <li>o Year 11 Geography 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 4 WEEK 5</b>	<b>6 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Physics Task 1</li> <li>o Year 8 History Task in class</li> <li>o Year 10 Commerce Task</li> <li>o Year 10 English Yearly</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>7 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Geography Task 9:45am – 11:45am</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> </ul>	<b>8 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 History Task 10:55am-3:00pm</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Year 12 Sign Out 9:30am-11:00am</li> <li>o Robotics Club 1:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>9 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Chess Tournament 9:00am-3:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>10 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>B TERM 4 WEEK 6</b>	<b>13 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Chemistry Task 1</li> <li>o Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1</li> <li>o Year 9 History in class task</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am</li> <li>o Year 12 Sign Out Day 10:00am-12:00pm</li> <li>o Canada Bay Council Student Workshop 10:55am-11:45am</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>14 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> </ul>	<b>15 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>16 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 History Elective Task</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> </ul>	<b>17 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 Mandatory History Task</li> <li>o VET Workplacements</li> <li>o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings.</li> <li>o Year 10 Bakesale</li> <li>o Japanese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Chinese Excursion 9:00am-3:0pm</li> </ul>

