



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 4**

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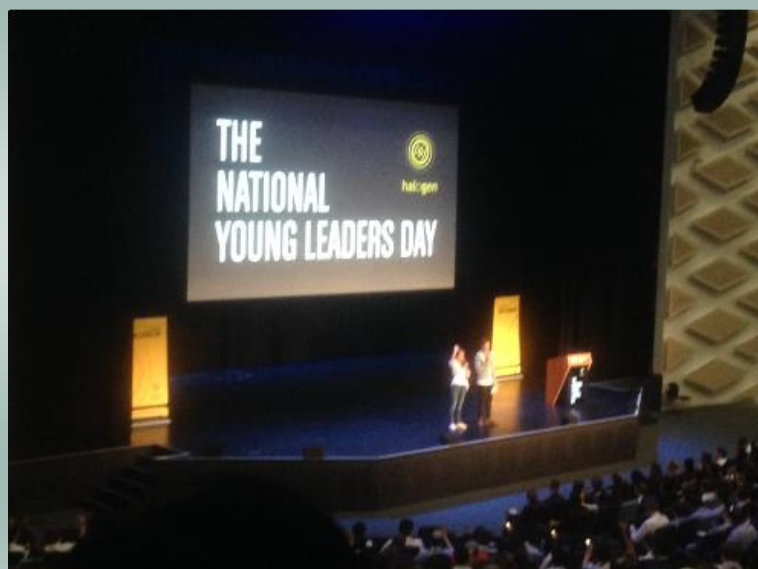
Principals Report

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Alexander Darling for receiving an ICAS Medal for the highest score in Year 10 Science. Alexander will receive his award on Thursday 23rd November during a special ceremony at the University of New South Wales. This is a very impressive achievement.

The National Youth Leaders Day

Prefect coordinator, Ms Kim took the Prefects and Student Representative Council leaders to the National Young Leaders day this week. This important opportunity enables the students to develop their leadership skills and collaborate with other young leaders from other schools.



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Year 11 Hospitality Service Period

The staff of Concord High School were treated to a wonderful morning tea prepared and catered by the Year 11 VET Hospitality students and coordinated and organised by Hospitality teacher, Mrs Easterbrook. The students worked with two chefs from HTN over the 3 days of preparation and provided staff with a range of pizzas and salad to meet various dietary needs. Students were completing some of the 70 hours of industry experience that they are required to achieve over the two year course. We are very proud of their achievements.

Below are some photos of the event.



Principals Report continued



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Year 12 sign out day

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who have completed or are nearing the completion of their HSC examinations. We are very proud of the achievements of Year 12 and wish them well for their results that will come out later in the year. We will welcome the Year 12 students back for a morning tea to share their results with the school. The sign out date for Year 12 is Wednesday 8th November.

Respectful, Responsible and Achieving behavior

The PB4L school wide expectations of students at Concord High School include:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Achieving

Bus Travel

Recently the school has been reminding students about respectful and responsible behaviour when travelling to and from school via the school and public buses. There have been some recent complaints about the way that a small group of students are conducting themselves on buses. The school has been reinforcing expectations to students. I would like to ask for parents support in reinforcing the following expectations to students to assist in improving the behaviour of Concord High School students whilst travelling to and from school.

- Allow members of the public to enter the bus first. Stand up and offer your seat to any adults standing.
- Use appropriate language and speak in a quiet voice.
- Do not stand on other people's private property while waiting for the bus, including under car ports or on front lawns.

The support of parents in reinforcing these respectful and responsible behaviours is greatly appreciated.

Uniform

The staff at Concord High School have also been encouraging students to wear the correct school uniform with pride. This term students are requested to wear the summer school uniform. I have provided the uniform requirements below FYI. Please feel free to contact me if you require any clarification of the uniform policy or financial support with the school uniform.



Principals Report continued

Uniform

Concord High School is a uniform school, as decided by the school community. All uniform items are to be purchased from the uniform shop only.

Any student who is out of uniform must follow these procedures:

- Bring a note of explanation signed by a parent/guardian
- Hand the note to the Side Office administration staff **before** school
- A uniform slip will be issued
- A lunchtime detention will occur for any students out of uniform

Any student who is out of uniform without a note will be recorded and issued a slip. This will incur a lunchtime detention. The third infringement will lead to a letter home and further consequences.

Girls

- Junior knee-length check skirt in charcoal grey, green and gold **OR**
- Senior knee-length pin-striped skirt in charcoal grey, green and gold **OR**
- Charcoal grey trousers
- White crew socks (summer)
- Black stockings (winter) to be worn underneath school skirt (no sports tights)
- White blouse with piped, rounded collar and school emblem
- V-necked knitted jumper with emblem **OR**
- Sleeveless green knitted vest with emblem
- Optional charcoal grey scarf
- Optional green blazer with emblem
- Optional school charcoal grey cap with school initials (caps are not to be worn indoors)
- Black leather lace-up shoes (closed-in, hard leather - no joggers)
- Optional all-weather jacket



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Boys

- Charcoal grey shorts OR
- Charcoal grey trousers
- White crew socks
- White shirt with school emblem
- School tie (terms 2 and 3)
- Green V-neck knitted jumper with emblem OR
- Sleeveless green knitted vest with emblem
- Optional green blazer with emblem
- Optional charcoal grey scarf
- Optional school charcoal grey cap with school initials (caps are not to be worn indoors)
- Black leather lace-up shoes (closed-in, hard leather - no joggers)
- Optional all-weather jacket



Sports Uniform (Unisex)

- Black PE shorts with school emblem
- Yellow polo shirt with school emblem
- White crew socks
- Runners
- School tracksuit with school emblem
- Representative sporting members may wear school tracksuit top when representing the school at sporting events



N.B. Students should come to school in school uniform each day and change for sport or PE

General

- Mary Jane styles, open-topped and shoes with heels for girls, are not acceptable for work health and safety reasons.
- Minimal jewellery (watch, small earrings, flat ring, chain necklace worn inside blouse)
- Makeup is unnecessary at school



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Student interest group profile

One of the activities offered to students at Concord High School is the gardening activity held during Sport time.



ATAR Club and Year 12 Mentoring Project

Students who intend to join the Year 12 ATAR club have completed a request for a staff mentor. Staff and students will be matched this coming week so mentoring can begin. If your student has not requested a mentor and you think they would benefit please have them see Ms Taing urgently.

What does a mentor do?

A mentor can act as a sounding board, a source of advice or assisting with planning that may help the student achieve their potential. Mentoring fosters the development of a positive relationship which benefits both the teacher and student. The mentor is provided the opportunity to invest in the lives of others and contribute to the student's future goals and aspirations.



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Students may need

1. Direction
2. Validation
3. Motivation
4. Encouragement

Mentoring is effective when the student's goals and objectives are established clearly from the beginning.

Mentors are not required to provide all the answers, instead the mentor encourages the student to use the available resources to identify solutions. The mentor and student should if required seek advice and support from the Year Adviser, Careers Adviser, School Counsellor, subject teacher or Year 12 Deputy.

The time commitment

It is suggested that the mentor makes a weekly time to sit with the student of approximately 15 minutes. This may be during a student's study periods, lunch or another time during the school day convenient to both the teacher and the student.

Information about the student

The mentor will be given a goal setting document completed by the student to summarise where they are academically and where they hope to be at the end of the HSC.

Commitment from the student

The student will commit to negotiating a time to see the mentor each week and agrees to act positively to suggestions and advice offered. The student also agrees to attend all agreed mentoring times. The teacher will be given the goal setting document completed by the student as a base of conversations. The student is to be encouraged to bring ideas, questions and challenges to discuss at each mentoring session.

Breakfast Club

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

AIME

The AIME program has resumed and will run only until Week 6.



Welfare News

by a Fiona Milligan

1. HATS FOR HEADSPACE DAY

Next Tuesday, 7th November is HATS FOR HEADSPACE DAY.

On this day, students and staff are invited to wear a hat – any kind of hat – a cap, a funny hat, a fascinator and donate a gold coin for HEADSPACE.

So, who are HEADSPACE?

Headspace is an Australian youth mental health initiative established by the Australian Government in 2006. The project is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing under the Youth Mental Health Initiative Program.

Headspace offers support for those aged 12 to 25 years old on a range of issues including depression, anxiety, stress, alcohol and drug use, sexuality, sexual health, personal or family relationship issues and bullying. Young people and their families can get support at a headspace centre as well as online and telephone support service.

Headspace has more than 90 centres across Australia which can be accessed for free or at low cost. Staff include doctors, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, nurses, youth workers, counsellors and alcohol and drug workers. Headspace can help with general health, counselling, education and employment services, as well as drug and alcohol issues.

Our closest Headspace is at Ashfield, just below Ashfield Mall – students can just drop in anytime or be referred to the service by Mrs Milligan or our school counsellors.

So, please remind your son/daughter on Tuesday – wear your hat all day, yes, even in class, but you must make a gold coin donation. School Uniform must be worn as usual, it is just a hat event.

2. THRIVE WEEK

Week 5 is THRIVE WEEK. This is a chance for students to get as many white merits and PB4L tokens as they can. Teachers will be giving these out and looking for students who are being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and ACHIEVING their best. Sunshine Letters will be posted home as well, so students should really try to stand out for your positive efforts next week.



RECRUITMENT DAY

Attention 2017 School Leavers

Parents also welcome



Limited Spaces
Available!
Thursday 9th
November 2017
9:30am



START YOUR EXCITING
CAREER PATH TODAY
WITH ATC!

NO ATAR REQUIRED

PAID EMPLOYMENT
WHILE YOU STUDY

RECEIVE A NATIONALLY
RECOGNISED
QUALIFICATION

The Australian Training Company is offering students an opportunity to explore their career options and find their path to success.

Come and join us at ATC to explore the options available in IT, Sport and Recreation, Business Administration, Horticulture, Warehousing and more.

Information session will be held at
30-32 Pomeroy Street Homebush

*Attendees must bring a copy of their resume

To register contact Rachael on 9704 1500 or
rbrummell@austrg.com.au

For training enquiries contact Ian on 9704
1522 or iwalz@austrg.com.au



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VET COURSES

FACTS

You should look at post graduate options and seriously consider if a Vocational Education Training (VET) course is right for you?

First, let's break down some myths about VET courses.

MYTH #1

28% of  think university graduates gain work easier post graduating.

FACT

Employment Rates
Post-Grad



68%
UNI



78%
VET

MYTH #2

3 out of **5** Australians suggest that VET education is no longer as relevant as University education

FACT

The VET sector provides training in  of the predicted occupations to have the greatest growth over the next 5 years

MYTH #3

21% of Australia believe an increasing amount of students are undertaking Uni course because VET graduates earn less.

FACT

The average salary for a VET graduate is **\$56,000** compared to a University graduate salary of **\$54,000**



*Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia

Why should you choose a VET qualification? • Flexibility • Adaptability • Practicability





PRESENTS
THEIR

5TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT
CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 18th at 5pm
Marie Bashir Public School Hall,
Albert Road, Strathfield 2135

TICKET PRICES ~ CHILDREN & PENSIONERS \$5 ~ ADULT \$10





Join us!

Environment Advisory Committee

The City of Canada Bay is calling for community representatives for the Environment Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Sustainable City Committee), which provides a forum to drive environmental improvement in our community.

Council committees are a great way for the community and Council to work together on a range of important issues ensuring a wide range of views are represented. We aim to have representation from a diverse and balanced range of stakeholders on each. If you live, work, study, own a business or volunteer in Canada Bay, you are eligible to submit an application.

Applications are open until 10 December 2017.

If you are connected with the area and are interested in representing your community, please scan the QR code to visit Council's website or call 9911 6411 for more information



Get closer to nature:
Mind Our Mangroves
Photography exhibition



See a selection of photographs taken by local residents. This project aims to raise awareness about the importance of protecting this significant habitat right on our doorstep.

6-30
November

Five Dock
Library
4-12 Garfield Street
Free entry



Scan the QR code to register for the final workshop on Saturday, 25 November.



SJ OPEN DAY

Saturday 11th November 4.30-5pm



Marie Bashir Public School Hall

Come and see Symphonia Jubilate in action as they prepare for their 5th Birthday concert. We pride ourselves on a relaxed and fun atmosphere to learn music and get the full orchestral experience.

Enquiries info@symphoniajubilate.com

Tracy Burjan 0425 276067, Luke Wallace 0431 113024



Symphonia Jubilata

COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

*Music expresses that which cannot be put
into words and that which cannot remain
silent...*

~ Victor Hugo



**SJ Primo
SJ Secondo
SJ Pizzicato
SJ Stage Band**





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

STUDENT

AWARD

Lachlan DE GIOIA

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Kay CHANG

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Daniel YEUM

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Bonnie QU

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Holly THOMPSON

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Edwin DENG

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Sophie HORNE-WEBSTER

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Margot TALAMONTI

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Joe ARTESE

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Jiny LEE

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 5

6 NOVEMBER – 10 NOVEMBER, 2017

WEEK 5

6 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Physics Task 1 Year 8 History in Class Task Year 10 Commerce Task Year 10 English Yearly VET Workplacements Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	7 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Geography Task 9:45am – 11:45am VET Workplacements 	8 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 History Task 10:55am-3:00pm VET Workplacements Year 12 Sign Out 8:30am-11:00am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm
9 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Chess Tournament 9:00am-3:00pm 	10 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 5, 6 & 7

B TERM 4 WEEK 6	13 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Chemistry Task 1 Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1 Year 9 History in class task VET Workplacements Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Year 12 Sign Out Day 10:00am-12:00pm Canada Bay Council Student Workshop 10:55am-11:45am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	14 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am VET Workplacements 	15 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am VET Workplacements Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	16 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 History Elective Task VET Workplacements Peer Support Training 9:00am-3:00pm 	17 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Mandatory History Task VET Workplacements Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. Year 10 Bakesale Japanese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm Chinese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm
1 TERM 4 WEEK 6	20 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Engineering Studies Task 1 Year 12 Business Studies Task 1 Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	21 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 7:00pm – 9:0pm Year 11 Society and Culture 8:30am-12:30pm 	22 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	23 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	24 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. Year 12 Formal – Dockside 6:30pm-11:30pm
B TERM 4 WEEK 8	27 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Biology Task 1 Year 12 Earth & Environment Task 1 Year 12 PDHPE Task 1 Year 12 SLR Task 1 Year 12 English Studies Task 1 Year 12 Mathematics 2U Task 1 Year 12 Mathematics Ext 2 Task 1 Year 12 Music 1 Task 1 Year 12 Industrial Technology Task 1 Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Leadership Workshop – Years 9 and 10 SRC 9:00am-3:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	28 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Biology Task 1 Year 12 Mathematics Ext Task 8:00am-9:00am P&C Meeting 7:00pm-9:00pm 	29 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Economics 11:45am-12:35pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	30 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 MADD Night 	1 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2018 Orientations Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings.

