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VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

TERM 2 WEEK 5 22 May – 26 May 2017

WEEK A

22 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm CATS class 9 am – 3 pm 	23 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements UNSW ICAS Computer skills test 	24 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm
25 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Ancient History – National Maritime Museum 8.30 am – 3 pm Enviro working bee AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Media Industry Studies 	26 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings Zone Cross Country- wet weather Sydney Writers Festival Year 9 & 10 9am – 3 pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 History Task 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 2 week 6, 7 and 8

B TERM 2 WEEK 6	29 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements International Students excursion Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 History Aztecs 8.55 – 9.45 am Year 9 English half yearly Year 12 Economics Year 12 Music 	30 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements UNSW ICAS Science test Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 English half yearly 	31 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Interscholar Chess Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 mathematics 2 unit Year 10 Geography Year 12 Music 	1 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Year 11 & 12 vaccinations Year 7 and 8 debating Regional Futsal-Juniors AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 English Half yearly 	2 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings Regional Futsal-Seniors Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 History WW1 Year 10 Mathematics Mid course exam Year 12 Biology skills assessment Year 12 Music
A TERM 2 WEEK 7	5 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Athletics Year 10 into 11 student info sessions begin CATS class 9am – 3 pm Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	6 June Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Modern History 	7 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Science Club Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Ancient History 	8 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mathematics Year 9 Maths Mid course exam Year 12 English Studies Year 12 Chemistry 	9 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Cross Country Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings AIME Years 9 & 10 ATSI students to Sydney Uni Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Commerce topic test Year 12 Society & Culture
B TERM 2 WEEK 8	12 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	13 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 to 11 Subject selection evening 6 – 7.30 pm P&C Meeting 7 – 9 pm 	14 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Studies Year 12 English Modules day Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	15 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW ICAS Writing test History Study Day AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Drama 	16 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Senior. Junior year meetings Period 2 Formal assembly Years 8 & 9 Period 3 Formal assembly Yrs 7 & 10 Period 4 Formal assembly Yrs 11 & 12 Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 English Studies

Principals Report

It was so lovely to see so many parents and guardians attending the Year 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Evening on Thursday 18th May. I am thankful to the Executive and teachers of Year 7 and 12 for making themselves available to provide meaningful feedback on student engagement and progress. It was great to have the presence of the P & C to offer light refreshments to the parents and teachers.

There will be two other Parent Teacher evenings held this year and I encourage parents and guardians to attend. The Year 10 and 11 Parent teacher evening will be held on Thursday 29th June and the Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher evening will be held on Thursday July 27th.



The Year 12 reports that were not picked up by parents on the evening will be mailed home over the next few days.

Congratulations to Holly Thompson of Year 9, winner of a Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship. She was presented with the award at the annual Public Education Foundation awards night at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 17th May. Thank you to Mrs Milligan and Ms Payne for representing the school on this occasion.

Winter uniform

It has been very pleasing to see the students of Concord High School looking distinguished in their Winter Uniforms. They are certainly a credit to the School and I would like to congratulate the majority of them for wearing their uniforms with pride.

Can I please encourage families to continue ensuring that their sons and daughters arrive at school with the correct winter uniform. I ask for your support in ensuring that students do not wear track suit pants, hoodies and non-uniform jumpers. Thank you for your continued support of the School and this important aspect of community.

Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORTS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club operates every Wednesday morning from 8am until 8.40am in the Senior Learning Centre. If you think your student would benefit from breakfast and a chat with some staff and other students please encourage them to come along Wednesday mornings. If they don't have lunch they can also come and let us know and we can help out.

YEAR 12 MENTORS

Please ensure that your student is making regular contact with their teacher mentor at school.

STUDENT LEADERS OF 2017-18

On Monday we will start the process to elect the new student leadership team for 2017-2018. Please encourage your student to consider applying. The Year 11 Adviser Ms Taing will have the application forms and can discuss with any student her recommendation. We will hold a lunch time information session next week presented by our current School Leaders to explain the role and benefits of the position. The application process includes a nomination form, interview, and vote.

STUDENT PROFILE

This week we recognise and congratulate Tina Li for her contribution to Concord High School as a prefect. Tina hopes to study Medicine at UNSW next year if all goes well with her studies. At the moment her time is spent doing UMAT practise papers. UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level. Tina was a keen violin player from Kindergarten to Year 9 when the academic pressures meant she had to forego so of her favourite activities. The prefect year has been a good one for Tina who has enjoyed the sense of camaraderie and friendship with the senior student leaders. We would like to thank Tina for her contribution to Concord High School and wish her the best for her future.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Holly Thompson of Year 9, winner of a Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship. This prestigious award was presented at the annual Public Education Foundation awards night at the Sydney Town Hall. Holly was excited to be able to share the night with her Dad and younger sister Zoe, Year 7 as well as Mrs Milligan and Mrs Payne.



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 12 PARENT TEACHER EVENING

A very successful evening was held on Thursday 18 May for parents, students and teachers of Years 7 and 12 to meet and discuss student progress. Thank you to the P&C for providing refreshments for the event.

The next Parent Teacher night will be held on Thursday 24 June for Years 10 and 11.



Mrs Fiona Payne – (Years 7, 9, 11)
Mr Craig Anderson – (Years 8, 10, 12)

YR 10 CAREERS NEWS

The Year 10 Subject Selection evening is coming up on Tuesday the 13th June.

The courses you choose in Years 11 and 12 should, where possible, reflect the degree you want to study at university. UAC's **University Entry Requirements for Year 10 Students** lists the prerequisites, recommended studies and/or assumed knowledge necessary for entry to different degrees.

You can buy a hardcopy of this booklet using the schools POP (Parent Online Payment) through our website. You will need to indicate dissection code: **051-643** and the description is **UAC Book**. Alternatively, students can purchase the booklet through the side office.

The cost of the booklet is **\$7.50**

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fiona Milligan
Careers Adviser



On the 1st June, all Year 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to receive a vaccination for Meningococcal W. The envelopes have already been distributed to students and these will need to be completed and returned to Year Advisers by next Friday 26th May. This is a new initiative – please see below for more information from the NSW Minister for Health, Mr Hazzard. As indicated below, if you have further questions please contact the Department of Health directly.

MENINGOCOCCAL W PROTECTION FOR NSW TEENS

The NSW Government will fund a new school-based meningococcal vaccination program for all Year 11 and 12 students to combat the rise in the W strain of this potentially fatal disease, Minister for Health Brad Hazzard announced today. "This week I made clear to senior health officials that the NSW Government would do whatever possible to protect our young people against Meningococcal W and other strains," Mr Hazzard said.

"The NSW Government is now allocating \$9 million for this vaccination program in its first year, which will see 180,000 vulnerable teenagers in all high schools eligible to be vaccinated." The NSW Meningococcal W Response Program will target 17 and 18 year olds this year, as immunisation experts advise that this age group is particularly at risk because of their physical closeness with peers (e.g. kissing, coughing, sneezing).

Meningococcal W has become a prominent strain nationally and in NSW, with the state's notifications almost tripling since 2015. Over the last 10 years, the W strain has had an eight per cent mortality rate compared with a four per cent rate for other strains. The program will start in Term Two, and be expanded to cover other upper high school students in subsequent years. If any Year 11 and 12 students miss out on the vaccine at school, they will be able to get the vaccine for free from their GP later in the year.

Under the program teenagers will receive a four-antigen vaccine, which provides protection against the A, C, W and Y strains. The NSW Government takes the risks posed by meningococcal disease very seriously and will continue to monitor international responses and advice and work with the Commonwealth Government on the national response.

For more information go to <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w.aspx> or call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

Students who elect to have the vaccination are reminded to have breakfast in the morning and to wear their jumpers to stay warm.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare

YEAR 10 CAREERS AND TRANSITION CLASS

Every Monday this term, the year 10 Careers and Transition class has been involved in the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) pilot program; partnered between TAFE NSW and Concord High School.

The Café and Hospitality program allows participants to undertake a non-nationally accredited course which not only develops work aspirations for the future, but most importantly increases understanding of personal strengths and develops the students' employability skills.

Each week students have been learning and practising skills which are required in hospitality with specific focus around Café and restaurant service.

All students are congratulated on their effort and enthusiasm during this program so far.

Miss Peoples
Careers and Transition adviser



