



# Concord High School

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#### VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

#### TERM 2 WEEK 6 29 May – 2 June 2017

#### WEEK B

<b>29 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET work placements</li> <li>International Students excursion</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 History Aztecs 8.55 – 9.45 am</li> <li>Year 9 English half yearly</li> <li>Year 12 Economics</li> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>	<b>30 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET work placements</li> <li>UNSW ICAS Science test</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 English half yearly</li> </ul>	<b>31 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET work placements</li> <li>Interscholar Chess</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 mathematics 2 unit</li> <li>Year 9 Elective History</li> <li>Year 10 Geography</li> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>
<b>1 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET work placements</li> <li>Year 11 &amp; 12 vaccinations</li> <li>Year 7 and 8 debating</li> <li>Regional Futsal- Juniors</li> <li>AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 English Half yearly</li> </ul>	<b>2 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET work placements</li> <li>Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings</li> <li>Regional Futsal- Seniors</li> <li>Year 10 Photography</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 9 History WW1</li> <li>Year 10 Mathematics Mid course exam</li> <li>Year 12 Biology skills assessment</li> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>	

#### A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 2 week 7, 8 and 9

<b>A TERM 2 WEEK 7</b>	<b>5 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone Athletics</li> <li>Year 10 into 11 student info sessions begin</li> <li>CATS class 9am – 3 pm</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>6 June</b> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Modern History</li> </ul>	<b>7 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Science</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Ancient History</li> </ul>	<b>8 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts</li> <li>AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Mathematics</li> <li>Year 9 Maths Mid course exam</li> <li>Year 12 English Studies</li> <li>Year 12 English Standard speeches</li> <li>Year 12 Chemistry</li> </ul>	<b>9 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Cross Country</li> <li>Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings</li> <li>AIME Years 9 &amp; 10 ATSI students to Sydney Uni</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Commerce topic test</li> <li>Year 11 Business Studies</li> <li>Year 12 Society &amp; Culture</li> </ul>
<b>B TERM 2 WEEK 8</b>	<b>12 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>13 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 to 11 Subject selection evening 6 – 7.30 pm</li> <li>P&amp;C Meeting 7 – 9 pm</li> </ul>	<b>14 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Studies</li> <li>Year 12 English Modules day</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Prefects to Burwood GHS</li> </ul>	<b>15 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNSW ICAS Writing test</li> <li>History Study Day</li> <li>AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Drama</li> </ul>	<b>16 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Senior. Junior year meetings</li> <li>Period 2 Formal assembly Years 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>Period 3 Formal assembly Yrs 7 &amp; 10</li> <li>Period 4 Formal assembly Yrs 11 &amp; 12</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 PDHPE</li> <li>Year 12 Business Studies</li> <li>Year 12 English Studies</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 2 WEEK 9</b>	<b>19 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CATS class 9am – 3 pm</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Year 10 into 11 online selection open</li> </ul>	<b>20 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Welfare</li> <li>Zone Athletics</li> </ul>	<b>21 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Europe tour info night 6 – 7.30 pm</li> </ul>	<b>22 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Careers Expo</li> <li>AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 English</li> </ul>	<b>23 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings</li> </ul>

## Principals Report

### TWILIGHT SESSION

This week the teaching staff of Concord High School engaged in a twilight professional learning session after school focusing on assessment for and of student learning . It was an incredibly productive and engaging afternoon and special thanks needs to go to the professional leaning team consisting of Ms Harper, Ms Cesta, Ms Merchant and Mr Anderson for the organisation.

### ZONTA CLUB AWARD

Congratulations to Georgina Di Camillo a Year 11 student who was the winner of the Zonta Club of Sydney West Year 10 Citizenship Award. Georgina received her award at a ceremony held at Bankstown Sports Club on Tuesday 23 May 2017. The school is very proud of her leadership achievement.

### ENVIRO TEAM

The Concord High School Enviro Team were very busy this week engaged in a working bee focused on the wildlife corridor and vegetable garden. Special thanks goes to Ms Bekheet, Ms Celik and Mr Slocum for organising the event. The Wildlife corridor and vegetable gardens look amazing. Mrs Kathy Powzun, Director Public Schools NSW addressed the students about the great work that they were doing on the day. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and thank them for all of their hard work.





## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

This week the Year 12 hospitality students organised and catered for the biggest morning tea. The students sold these items during recess and lunchtime and raised close to \$1000 to donate to the Cancer Council. Special thanks goes to the hardworking and dedicated teachers who supported this event; Ms Rohan, Ms Phillips and Ms Ng.



## 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. The ATAR club is currently in recess and will resume closer to the Trial HSC examinations.

### **STUDENT LEADERS OF 2017-18**

Year 11 students have attended an information session presented by the current school leaders on the benefits of leadership at Concord High School. 45 prefect application forms were handed out at the end of the session on Thursday. If your student would like to apply for a position they will have an application form to complete and parents/caregivers will need to sign the application. The application process includes a nomination form, interview, and vote.

### **STUDENT PROFILE**

This week we recognise and congratulate Jasmine Park. Jasmine is currently thinking about studying at UNSW in Commerce although that is not a certainty. Students have 5 preferences they can express on their University Admission applications so having some general thoughts at this stage of the year is expected. Jasmine's favourite subject, although according to Jasmine, right now they are all difficult as the workload is piling up is Mathematics. Jasmine studies extension Mathematics which is 4 of her units of study. The things that Jasmine has enjoyed in her prefect role include the events out of school in meeting other people and seeing what leadership looks like in other settings. A recent Prefect Leadership Afternoon at Burwood Girls HS had three female politician speakers and listening to their leadership journey was inspiring although Jasmine has no interest in a career in politics.

We would like to thank Jasmine for her contribution to Concord High School and wish her the best for her future.



### **ENVIRO WORKING BEE**

Congratulations to the Enviro team for the working Bee on Friday. Our Director of Schools Ms Kathy Powzun was able to drop in and speak with the students and offer her appreciation for their demonstrated commitment to environmental sustainability.

Just a sneak peak below of Ms Bekheet and Ms Celik who went to Costco after our Twilight professional learning at 7pm on Wednesday night to buy the treats and snacks for the team. Also some pics of the team hard at work. The students are cleaning the area of weds to prepare the area for planting to establish an understorey





Mrs Engisch, Ms Celik, Mrs Powzun and Ms Bekheet inspecting the work site.

Isabella Falanga and Yara Baranova year 12 presented to Canada Bay Council and members of the wider community at Five Dock Library of what they learnt at the Earth Hour Sustainability Summit. Isabella and Yara spoke about the Enviro team at Concord High School and how the Earth Hour Summit helped instigated a positive wave of change at Concord High School. The students presented the Enviro team model at Concord High School. We would like to congratulate Isabella and Yara on the way they represented the school and the team with a professional presentation well-articulated and prepared. The leadership and maturity of these students is greatly appreciated by staff and students at Concord High School.

Isabella and Yara were also acknowledged by the keynote speaker for this "I'm really excited by the fact that we have such young people in our presence"



#### **ZONTA CLUB YEAR 10 CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Congratulations to Georgina Di Camillo (Year 11) who was the winner of the Zonta Club of Sydney West Year 10 Citizenship Award. Georgina was presented with her award at a ceremony held at Bankstown Sports Club on Tuesday 23 May 2017. She was accompanied by her proud mum Lucy and Director NSW Public Schools Mrs Kathy Powzun. Georgina received this award in recognition for her outstanding commitment to her school and her peers.

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



Next Thursday<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> 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 were due in today, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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.

Mrs Fiona Milligan  
Head Teacher Welfare





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

STUDENT	AWARD
Seth HENNESSY	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Natasha YIP	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Farah ISLAM	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Jordan CARUSI SMITH	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Vittoria DIAZ	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Elijah ROSS	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Christian BROOKS	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Mohammad JUDEH	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Magdalena CASTILLO	Faculty Award: Bronze merit
Rafael PYE	Year Adviser Award: Bronze Merit
Max ZAPPACOSTA	Head Teacher Award: Bronze Merit

## YEAR 8 SCIENCE

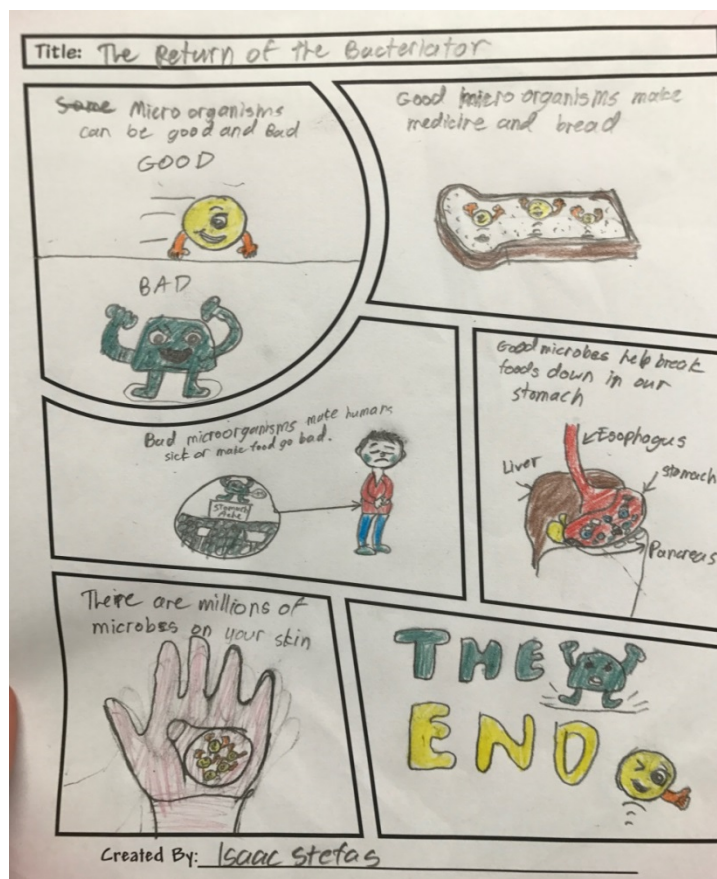
By Noah Smith-Abisaab and Aleyna Gundoganil

This term in year 8 Science we have been learning about ecosystems.

Firstly, we learnt about food chains and food webs. We found out that producers get their energy from the sun to make their own food. Consumers can't make their own food.

Next, we learnt about microorganisms. When we think of microorganisms most people think that they are bad but not all are bad. For example, there are good microorganisms in your digestive system that helps break down your food.

This topic has been very interesting and a lot of fun. We got to play the eco challenge board game and make comic strips on harmful and good microorganisms. We are looking forward to learning more about ecosystems.



**The Yr 10 Subject Selection evening is coming up on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> 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**, and they are now available in the **Side Office**.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Fiona Milligan  
Careers Adviser

## SPORTS NEWS

Another one of our talented students has recently been selected to compete at an elite level in their chosen sport. Ben Comer of Year 9 has been achieving fantastic results in his favourite sport, swimming.

In the story below, Ben describes his recent competitions and tells us about his excellent results.

*After a long year of training 6 days a week, with 4:30 am starts to the day, I qualified for 6 events at The Australian Age Swimming Championships, held in Brisbane 16th – 23rd April this year. I entered 100M & 200M Breaststroke events, 200M & 400M Individual Medley events, 50 Freestyle and a Freestyle Relay. I ranked between 10th and 29th in these events. Competitors were from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada and the Pacific Islands. The competition ran over 8 days. Each day began early with training, followed by competition and then ran into the night with either participating in or cheering on team mates in the finals. I was one of 13 swimmers whom made it to Nationals from my club SOPAC. It was intense standing on the blocks for the first time. The event was live streamed all around the world, Cameras were everywhere. I was lucky to have my team mates, coaches and family supporting me. Nationals were a blast and I hope to qualify again for next year.*



We congratulate Ben on his success and wish him all the best in his future training and competitions.



## CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STATE ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

Three months ago, I honestly thought Frisbee was just some backyard time killer for kids to muck around with but over the last few months, my opinion has completely changed with my involvement in Concord High School's Ultimate Frisbee Team.

Throughout term 1, 15 other senior students and I attended afternoon training sessions almost every week for the upcoming NSW State Ultimate Frisbee Championships. Though this isn't a long period of time (come to think of it), we immediately developed our skills from tossing freakishly bad backhands to now streamline forehands, and in Jack's case, throwing hammers with some accuracy and skill. With continuous practise, we represented the school on May 4th, playing against various other schools across the state.

This competition was held in Granville Park in Merrylands but when we arrived at 9am that very morning, we were quick to realise that this was by no means just a ground for practice throws. It was immediately noticeable that unforeseen challenges outweighed the good for our team... by a long shot. Even before the games began, we realised that many of us had undisclosed injuries from previous activities, that 90% of us failed to bring cleats (which was regrettable and ended up in all of us slipping at least once per game), and that we only had 8 players in a sport that required 7 players on the fields at all times and had to play 5 games consecutively with only one substitute. However, despite these challenges, we managed to pull together as a team and endured the adversities that came our way. All of us struggled to walk, had our muscles cramping up but we did not give up and gave it our best shot in every single point. Even when we fell down to 7 players in our last game, we kept running and mentally fought off our pain until the very end. It was also thanks to our captains, Bill and Jack, who held their heads high and strong and fired us up with each upcoming game and it was through this that we pulled together as a team.



*'Spirit Circle' with our opponents*

I must say though, minus the sloppy throws and marking the wrong players, it was incredible to see us improving together as a team after each game. Even though it took us some time to work cohesively, the challenge allowed us to learn more about each other, the values of teamwork and the ability to push each other to the very limit. The moment when our player was literally carried off the field by our other team members clearly showed how strong our bond was as a group of young men from Concord High School. Though we didn't manage to come home with a win, we took first place in sportsmanship out of all the schools and I am proud of the boys for this effort. It did not matter to me that we did not get the final win in our games. What mattered was playing together with people that ran hard and tried their best until the very end. The values we've learned through Frisbee were definitely something unexpected of a backyard time killing game for kids. 😊



*BACK (L to R): Lyam, James, Matthew, Tomo & Elian  
Front: (L to R): Jack, Carlos, Bill & Miss Kim*



*Discussing what to buy from KFC found across the road - i.e. building teamwork*

*Written by Tomo Green  
(Year 12 Student)*



## Concord High School Prefects

### Leadership Forum at Burwood Girls High School

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the Concord High School Prefects and School Captains had the privilege of attending a Leadership Forum at Burwood Girls High School that focused on youth and female leadership in Australia. This event was organised to encourage and engage students to partake in ongoing leadership roles beyond their school responsibilities. The Prefects were highly engaged in the forum, which was led by a panel of three influential figures in Australian politics; MP Tanya Plibersek, MP Jodi McKay and Councillor Dai Le. The panel emphasised the importance of resilience, listening to others and acting on behalf of minority groups in society as fundamental characteristics for strong and effective leaders. The Prefects had an enjoyable afternoon with other school leaders and we thank Ms Picone for organising Concord High School's participation in such an important and valuable experience for our leadership team.

We never know where life will take us. A balance of compassion and strength is therefore needed to make and endure change.

*Marsha Supongat  
Concord High School Captain*

Empathy is an important leadership quality to uphold.

*Matthew Roper  
Concord High School Captain*

Of all the human qualities, kindness is often one of the most powerful and influential.

*Ms Picone  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies*

Confidence and risk taking are crucial elements in building change and development in society.

*Samuel Jennings  
Prefect*



**"Be brave enough to speak out" –**  
*Tanya Plibersek*  
(Deputy Leader of the Opposition)

Everyone has their own unique experience and story to tell. Hard work, compassion and kindness towards others will help us achieve our goals and desires.

*Ruby Williamson*

We all have fears in life; however, in order to move forward, we must learn to embrace them. Being hurt and experiencing hardships also make us stronger. It is our experiences that will bring out the best in us.

*Tony Chen  
Vice-Captain*

There are only two things you can control in your life; your thoughts and your actions. If you worry about anything else, it will only distract you from achieving your best.

*Jack Callander  
Prefect*

We should always take opportunities that are given to us and not let fear hold us back from doing so. We should also impart more kindness on a daily basis and leave the world a little better than how we found it.

*Nazma Kazi  
Prefect*