



# Concord High School

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#### VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

#### TERM 2 WEEK 9

19 June – 23 June 2017

#### WEEK A

<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 11 Geography</li> </ul>	<b>20 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 welfare activity period 3</li> <li>Year 12 Biology excursion</li> <li>Year 9 Welfare</li> <li>Zone Athletics - TBC</li> <li>P&amp;C rescheduled meeting 7 – 9 pm</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> <li>Year 8 debating</li> <li>Womens Leadership Seminar</li> <li>Prefects afternoon tea</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 English</li> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>	<b>23 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Junior. Senior year meetings</li> <li>Junior Public Speaking Competition</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 PDHPE</li> <li>Year 12 Music 1</li> </ul>	

#### A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 2 week 10 & Term 3 week 1 and 2

<b>B</b> <b>TERM 2</b> <b>WEEK</b> <b>10</b>	<b>26 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Year 12 Formal RSVP due to Mr Munday</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>	<b>27 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Geography</li> <li>PDHPE Guest speakers</li> <li>MADD Night Year 9</li> </ul>	<b>28 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enviro group</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Year 10 PASS and Year 8</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 mathematics extension 1 task</li> </ul>	<b>29 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 10 and 11 parent teacher night</li> <li>AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Music</li> </ul>	<b>30 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Senior. Junior year meetings</li> <li>Chess competition</li> <li>Rewards excursion</li> <li>Last day of Term 2</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> <b>TERM 3</b> <b>WEEK</b> <b>1</b>	<b>17 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holidays</li> </ul>	<b>18 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students commence term</li> </ul>	<b>19 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<b>20 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Drama</li> </ul>	<b>21 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHS Cross Country</li> <li>Legacy Public speaking award</li> </ul>
<b>B</b> <b>TERM 3</b> <b>WEEK</b> <b>2</b>	<b>24 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Athletics</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> <li>Year 8 into 9 subject booklet issued</li> </ul> <b>Assessment Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Biology skills</li> </ul>	<b>25 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Athletics</li> <li>Pacifica Cultural Event</li> <li>P &amp; C meeting 7pm - 9pm</li> </ul>	<b>26 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pacifica Cultural Event</li> <li>Opportunity class placement test</li> <li>Opportunity class placement test</li> <li>Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>27 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night</li> <li>Australian Mathematic comp</li> </ul>	<b>28 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Tree Day</li> </ul>

## Principals Report

### P & C meeting

I would like to extend an invitation to parents to attend the Parents and Citizens meeting which will be occurring on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00 pm in the staff common room at Concord High School.

### Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher Evening

I would like to invite the parents of Year 10 and 11 students to attend the Parent Teacher Evening which will be held on Thursday 29th June from 4.00- 7.00 pm. The reports will be handed out on the evening.

Attending parent teacher conferences is another way to stay informed. The conferences are a chance to start or continue conversations with your child's teacher, and discuss strategies to help your child do his or her best in class. Meeting with the teacher also lets your child know that what goes on in school will be shared at home.

### Student Leaders 2017-2018

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, during the assembly the student leaders for 2017-2018 will be announced to the school. This week the process of electing the captains and vice captains will occur. I would like to thank each and every one of the wonderful Year 11 students who applied this year to be part of the student leadership body and also to Ms Taing, Ms Picone and Mr Anderson for organising the process.

### Parent support in teaching organisational skills

During the formal assemblies last week the theme was 'responsibility'. Students were provided with information to support them becoming more responsible at school and at home. I encourage parents to reinforce 'responsibility' at home.

When asked what traits parents would like their children to have now and as adults, one of the most common responses is "to be responsible. This is one of our PB4L core expectations. This is a broad term which means many different things, including:

- being dependable so people know they can count on you,
- keeping one's word and agreements,
- meeting one's commitments,
- doing something to the best of one's ability,
- being accountable for one's behavior,
- accepting credit when you do things right and acknowledging mistakes,
- being a contributing member of one's family, community and society.

Being responsible is a key to children's success both in school and in the larger world when they grow up. When students are organised, they can stay focused instead of spending time hunting things down and getting sidetracked.

### What does it mean to be organised at the High school level?

For schoolwork, it means having a device (digital folders organised for each subject), book and pencil case with various stationary items.

There is an assessment booklet for each Year group which was provided to the students in term 1 but can also be found on the school website. I encourage you to familiarise yourself with this document and remind students of upcoming tasks so your child doesn't fall behind. Talk to your child about keeping his or her study space. Teach your child how to use a calendar or personal planner to help stay organised.

It's also helpful to teach your child how to make a to-do list to help prioritise and get things done. It can be as simple as:

1. *Homework*
2. *Soccer*
3. *Put clothes away*
4. *Pack school bag*

No one is born with great organisational skills — they need to be learned and practised.

## 7 Habits of Highly Responsible Students

- **They set goals.** Goals keep kids focused on the future. That's why they are the foundation of responsible behavior and success in school. Help your child set goals. Talk to your child about: How much improvement would he/she like to see on this week's test? How would he/she like to improve their grades this marking period? What are two things she would like to accomplish this school year? What will be needed to meet those goals? Goals help students focus on what's important and what's not. If they have a vision of where they want to go, they're more likely to get there. Students with goals find it easier to say no to irresponsible behaviors, because they are saying yes to their vision of the future.
- **They plan their time.** Responsible students meet their obligations, whether it's turning in an assessment task on the day it's due or completing homework on time. It takes planning. (If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.) Use a big calendar to help teach your child how to organise their time. Get them to write down all of their commitments and use the calendar to plan time for homework each day.
- **They study every day.** Responsible students set aside time for homework or studying every day. If there is no homework that day, review vocabulary words or notes.
- **They take notes in class.** Teachers will almost always spell out what they think is important. Encourage your child to take notes while the teacher is talking.
- **They have the tools they need.** A responsible student is always properly prepared for class.
- **They keep their commitments.** Responsible students honour their commitments. They succeed in school by doing their assignments well and on time. They do their share of the group project. They go to soccer practice even when it's cold. Parents can set the example for their children. Talk about the commitments you have made to the family to provide meals, keep clothes clean, and care for anyone who is sick. Ask children to make their own commitments at home and feel the satisfaction that comes from meeting those commitments.
- **They get ready ahead of time.** Some students start out every morning with a crisis. They can't find their homework. They don't have time to eat breakfast. The shirt they want to wear isn't ironed. Responsible students have learned that being late, or being early, is not something that simply happens; it is a choice they make. Teach your child to take 5 or 10 minutes before bedtime to get ready for the next day. Pack the bag. Make lunch. Lay out clothes. Children will soon see that those few minutes will make the morning easier, and help him get to school ready to learn.

*\*The Parent Institute, QuickTips*

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORTS**

### **Student Leaders of 2017-18**

The successful students that will form the student leadership team have now been informed. The next step is that they are invited to the Executive meeting on Tuesday June 20 at 1.30. At this meeting students who wish to apply for a School Captain position will be asked to deliver a 3 minute speech. At the conclusion of the speeches the prefect body and school executive will vote to elect the school captain and school vice captains. We would like to congratulate all students who started this student leadership journey as all of them displayed the skills, attitudes and behaviours worthy of a leadership role. Those students who did not achieve the prefect position will be offered other leadership roles within the school.

### **2016 Year 12 Present to the school**

Below is a sample of the photos that the Year 12 student body donated to school as a thank you at the end of their time at Concord High School. The Year 12 students last year raised money for a gift and paid for aerial photos of the school. There are 84 photos of the school from a variety of angles and heights. The photo below shows the school in the foreground with the banks of new solar panels on the roofs of the school. The installation of the solar panels continues and is almost complete. The solar panels are to power the new LED lights in classrooms that your student may have mentioned to you.



### **Student Profile**

This week we recognise and congratulate Alex Lee who has been an outstanding school leader. The area of particular pride for Alex has been his work on the natural environment of the school. During his time as prefect Alex has developed an appreciation of the school environment and the human interaction with it. The next project he is just about to finish is a video on littering and its' impact. Alex is considering his options for next year and at the moment that might be further study in Economics at either Sydney University or University of NSW. As with many senior students Alex has given up some of his great hobbies to create more time to study. This is particularly true for his Trumpet and guitar. On the horizon is the establishment of a new tropical fish tank at home as a distraction from study. We would like to thank Alex for his contribution to Concord High School and wish him the best for his future.



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

**Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher Night Week 10**

Dear Year 10 and 11 parents and guardians, this is a friendly announcement for you to put Parent Teacher Night in your diaries. Parent Teacher Night for Year 10 and 11 is happening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Week 10 between 4 and 7pm. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year. Year 10 and 11 students today should have received information on the online booking process which will be open to use from the 16<sup>th</sup> of June until the 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30am. When booking, please remember to print a copy of your interview times.



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## **Ribberting learning at Concord High School**

By Grace Rosier

For the students at Concord High School, Science is more than reading from a textbook. There is a more hands-on approach to their learning.

From frogs to snakes and everything in between, students interact with, and learn from, the animals in the school animal room.

Teachers include the array of animals into their lessons to enhance student learning.

“This hands on approach to learning engages students, in the topic you are teaching and develops students appreciation for a variety of animals”, reports Head of Science, Mr. Sloane.

The students’ thoughts on including animals in their lessons are clear as they volunteer to give up their lunchtimes to care for the animals.

“I like the responsibility of caring for the animals and I now know the scientific names of the animals from the signs in the “animal room”, said 14-year-old student, Rozell Hammou.

In the past year this enthusiasm has led to students completing work experience at Taronga Zoo and the start up of an environmental club at the school run by enthusiastic science teachers Ms Bekheet and Mrs Celik.

Students involved in the environmental club have recently attended the earth hour sustainability summit where they heard from inspiring speakers, learnt about climate change and attended workshops to build skills to run sustainability campaigns in their school and community.





The combined Formal Year Assemblies were a wonderful way to end the week. The themes of responsibility and connectedness shone through and I applaud the Year Advisers, Assistant Year Advisers and students who put the assemblies together. The highlights for me included seeing Mr Munday lead the National Anthem without music, Ms People's speech, Ms Huang joining the students in their music performance and the combined Yr 7 and Yr 10 music piece - amazing. Congratulations to all those students who received awards. Bring on the next combined Formal Year Assemblies!



Mrs Fiona Milligan  
Head Teacher Welfare



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

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Maximilien SAKER	<b>Head Teacher Award:</b> Head Teacher
Esra VALERIO	<b>Head Teacher Award:</b> Head Teacher
Xavi CHIANG	<b>Bronze Merit:</b> Bronze Merit
Brayden BOWE	<b>Bronze Merit:</b> Bronze Merit
Charlie GRIMSHAW	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Vittoria DIAZ	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Phillipa PAVLOU	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Hector GARSTANG	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Elliot BULL	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Jake HAND	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Oliver ROBINSON	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Brianna WINSTANLEY	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Phillip KIM	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Sunny HAN	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Philip XIE	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Harry PRIDE	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Nikki ZEGARRA	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Jordan SMITH	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
April LEON	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Erica HILL-MUNRO	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser
Peter SEO	<b>Year Adviser Award:</b> Year Adviser





## **CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS – FRIDAY, 16 JUNE 2017**

**We are delighted to confirm our rescheduled P&C meeting is this coming Tuesday, 20 June from 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room where we warmly welcome all members and non-members.**

The P&C meetings are in the staff common room with all warmly welcome for a relaxed, fun and collegiate gathering of parent, carer, community and school staff members. The meetings provide a great way to stay connected with the school and your local community with important updates on school news and initiatives. Light refreshments are served.

**For the upcoming Year 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher night on Thursday, 29 June tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by the P&C in the hall for a gold coin donation** to keep us all warm and energized. Huge thanks to our parent and carer volunteers for their time in planning and setting up and running the refreshment stall at this and previous evenings.

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)

Finally, thanks to all P&C volunteers and member and very best wishes to all CHS students, families and staff from your Concord High School P&C

## **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.

If students are interested in purchasing tracksuit pants, please contact Mae. You can contact Mae, our Uniform Shop Manager, on 0434 169 203 or email [school\\_s\\_in@yahoo.com.au](mailto:school_s_in@yahoo.com.au)