



## Concord High School Keeping In Touch

Respectful Responsible Achieving  
Term 4 Week 3

Email us your thoughts –  
[concord-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:concord-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Regularly check school website –  
[www.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Follow us on twitter –  
[twitter.com/concord\\_hs\\_nsw](https://twitter.com/concord_hs_nsw)

# Principal's Report

We continue to wish Year 12 well as they complete their HSC examinations. The sign out date for Year 12 will be Monday, 12 November, 2018. On this date I encourage families to donate any uniform items that they no longer need so that they can be provided to students in need.

I would like to encourage students and their families to attend the STEM careers night for Year 9-11 on Tuesday, 13 November that is being organised at Concord High School. If you require any further details please contact Ms Leung in the Science Faculty.

Concord High School presents



## STEM Careers Night

*A forum for Year 9-11 students and their families to learn about careers in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine*

**TUES 13 NOV**

**6:30pm to 7:30pm**  
(doors open 6pm)  
Concord High School  
3 Stanley St, Concord

Presented by  
professionals working  
in STEM

Light refreshments on  
arrival and FREE goody  
bags



RSVP by 30 OCT  
[alice.leung@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alice.leung@det.nsw.edu.au)

Acting Principal  
Mrs Jody Engisch



# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## Year 11 ATAR club

Students have now completed expressions of interest to join the ATAR club including nominating staff as mentors. Students should be informed by the end of the week which teacher will be their mentor. The expectation is that the student would meet weekly with the mentor during a study period, recess or lunch as negotiated by the student and teacher.

## Reducing units of study

Year 11 have been advised that they can apply to reduce the number of units studied down to 12 units. Some students would like to reduce units down to 10 however as a school we strongly encourage students to continue with 12 units. The ATAR is calculated on the best 10 units. Our experience tells us that students who only study 10 units experience increased pressure and stress as they have no safety net in case of poor performance in an assessment task or examination. Applications to reduce units down to 10 units will be considered later this term.

## End of year examinations

Students in Years 7 to 10 will have end of year examinations this term. Your student at this time of the year should have homework to complete and study to do for the upcoming examinations.

Year 8 Week 4

Year 9 Week 6

Year 10 Week 5

## Vandalism in student toilets

The school has invested large amounts of money to install commercial toilet paper dispensers, soap dispensers and refurbishment of student toilets. Unfortunately we are experiencing a surge in vandalism in the student toilets. The vandalism is extreme and very costly. We rely on students informing us of poor behaviour so that we can follow up. Please discuss this with your student and ask that they tell a teacher if they see anything and that all information is treated confidentially.

## Year 11 reports

Year 11 reports are currently in the final stages of editing and printing and should be posted home by the end of week 4. In the report package is information about a parent portal. Early next year we hope to post copies of reports that you can access online to use for any post school applications.

## Year 7 vaccinations

A huge thank you to two of our amazing student learning support officers Ms White and Ms Divito for organising the vaccinations and also in providing such warm support to the students in what can be an emotional time for the students. The picture below is the Sydney Local Health team of nurses and Ms White and Ms Divito.



# Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

Next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, Yr 9,10 and 11 will be taking part in a workshop looking at post-school options. The organisation running the program, Year 13, have provided the following information about what will be covered on the day:

We are Year 13: Australia's largest platform aiding young Australians with the transition from high school into work, education, training, gap years or travel. We also provide advice for youth on life and wellbeing.

The Truth Project is an opportunity for school students to engage in a one-day program that motivates, educates and resonates. It will enhance student's knowledge and encourage a more positive post-school journey. The Truth Project program bridges the gap between young people and the real story behind industries, workplaces, education and their own self-belief.

## THE PROGRAM

### MOTIVATE

Motivate content aims to inspire the reader with short, digestible and relevant content that has a positive message and ultimately a motivational influence on the reader.

### EDUCATE

Data is a minefield and understanding it takes time and effort. Year13 breaks down this data into easy-to-understand content that "educates" our audience on issues that affect them.

### RESONATE

By understanding what our users are engaging with, Year13 creates content that resonates with the trials and tribulations of youth and offers support to alleviate their worries.

For more information, parents can look at Year 13's website: [year13.com.au](http://year13.com.au)



# Maths News

## Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad

Last term 3 students from Concord High school entered this 4 hour competition. Only the best 618 year 9 students from all over Australia entered this competition. Cameron Will gained a credit which puts him in the top 25% of these 618 talented students.

## TIMSS News

Concord High School has been selected to take part in the **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)**. TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as a community, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries.

Students from maths classes **8MATG** and **8MATW** have been selected to take part in TIMSS on **Wednesday 21 November 2018**, periods 1 to 3. These students will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. **There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment.** All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

Students in 8MATG and 8MATG have received an information brochure about TIMSS to take home.

If you have any questions about TIMSS, please contact Miss Leung.



# Language News

## WIN AN iPad PRO!!!!!!

One for you and one for the school

## SBS National Languages Competition

15 Oct - 18 Nov 2018

[sbs.com.au/nlc18](http://sbs.com.au/nlc18)

*What amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you?*

The SBS National Languages Competition 2018 is an exciting initiative to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. It is a nationwide competition to engage all Australians and reflect on the cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity of Australia's multicultural society.

SBS Radio encourages all Australians learning a language to participate in the 'SBS National Languages Competition' by sending us a photo or drawing that shows us 'What amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you?'

For the first time, this year's competition is open to Australians of all ages who are learning a language, including those learning English.

Competition entries are open from 09:00am on Monday 15 October 2018 (AEST) until 11:59pm on Sunday 18 November 2018 (AEST).

Winning entries will be chosen for their uniqueness and creativity on both the photo or drawing and the caption.

Caption must be written in language as well as an English translation (not required for English learners). If the entry does not meet the required criteria or in any manner promotes content that is disrespectful, we may choose to disqualify the entry. Please read the Terms and Conditions carefully. For Entrants under 18, parents or guardians should tick the box to indicate they have read the Terms & Conditions for the competition.

See the website ([sbs.com.au/nlc18](http://sbs.com.au/nlc18)) and the flyer below for more details, entry instructions and Parent Permission Forms.





# Language News continued



**SBS National Languages Competition**

**15 Oct - 18 Nov 2018**  
[sbs.com.au/nlc18](http://sbs.com.au/nlc18)

**Share the amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you and WIN!**

SBS Radio presents the SBS National Languages Competition 2018 to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia.

For the first time, the competition is open to Australians of all ages who are learning a language, including those learning English.

The competition is open from Monday 15 October until Sunday 18 November 2018.

**Age Categories**

- Category A: Junior Primary (Aged 4 – 7)
- Category B: Primary (Aged 8 – 12)
- Category C: Junior High School (Aged 13 – 15)
- Category D: Senior High School (Aged 16 – 18)
- Category E: Open category (18+)

**How To Enter**

Step 1: Go to [www.sbs.com.au/nlc18](http://www.sbs.com.au/nlc18)

Step 2: Click 'Upload photo'.

Step 3: Upload your photo or drawing showing us 'What amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you?'

Step 4: Include a caption written in the language you are learning as well as an English translation (not required for English learners)

Step 5: Submit your entry

Terms and Conditions apply.

**ENTER NOW: [sbs.com.au/nlc18](http://sbs.com.au/nlc18)**

 



# Concord High School News

**TAFE**<sup>NSW</sup>

**BE READY  
FOR TERTIARY  
STUDIES**

## **INFORMATION SESSION HSC & TPC**



**YEAR 12 COURSES 2019/2020**

### **Information & Enrolment Sessions**

**October 24 @ 6pm  
November 14 @ 6pm  
December 5 @ 6pm**

TAFE NSW  
St Leonards Campus  
Building J, Ground Floor

213 Pacific Highway  
St Leonards NSW 2065

**BE AMBITIOUS**

You are invited to attend an information session to discuss study options with our teaching staff.

Learn more about our:

### **Higher School Certificate (HSC)**

in an adult learning environment.  
Variety of subjects in English,  
Maths, Science and HSIE.  
ATAR subjects and  
Pathways available.

### **Tertiary Preparation Course (TPC)**

University entry pathway for  
mature age students.  
Preparation for first year  
undergraduate study.  
Year 12 equivalent course.

### **CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Melissa Knudson**  
Head Teacher, Educational Pathways  
melissa.knudson@tafensw.edu.au  
(02) 9942 0743





**KOIA KAI**  
OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

**FREE OPEN DAY**  
COME AND TRY OUTRIGGER CANOEING  
GET FIT, HAVE FUN AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!

DOLLS POINT BEACH - SANONI AVE, SANDRINGHAM

**WHEN !!!**  
**9AM - 12NOON**  
**SUNDAY 4TH**  
**NOVEMBER**

ALL AGES!

FOR MORE INFO CALL- 0418 627 772  
NO NEED TO BOOK, WEAR SOMETHING YOU CAN GET WET!









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

**Student**

Guy VACCARO  
Che MARTIN-NAIR  
Summer GROENESCHEIJ  
John ROSIER

**Award**

**Head Teacher Award:** Head Teacher  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit





# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 4 November 5, 2018 – November 9, 2018 WEEK B

<b>November 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 assessment week Task</li> <li>VALID Science exam Year 8 Task</li> <li>Year 10 Drama Task</li> <li>Year 8 History Spanish Conquest of Americas Task Source Test Task</li> <li>Year 8 HISTORY TASK</li> </ul>	<b>November 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 assessment week Task</li> <li>Year 7 English Task</li> <li>Year 7 Japanese 2 Task</li> <li>Year 10 Japanese Task</li> <li>Year 10 Science R, V, W, Y Task</li> </ul>	<b>November 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 assessment week Task</li> <li>In League Harmony program Task</li> <li>Year 7 French Task</li> <li>Year 7 Italian Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 2 Task</li> </ul>
<b>November 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 assessment week Task</li> <li>Year 7 Japanese 1 Task</li> <li>Year 8 French Task</li> <li>Year 8 Italian Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 2 Task</li> <li>Year 10 Science B, G, O, P Task</li> <li>Year 9 Science B, G, O, P Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 1 Written Task</li> </ul>	<b>November 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 assessment week Task</li> <li>Worlds largest mental health lesson Task</li> <li>VoR- The Truth Project Task</li> <li>Year 12 Formal</li> <li>Year 10 IST Task</li> <li>Year 8 Assessment Week Task</li> <li>Year 8 Japanese Task</li> <li>Year 10 Science B, G, O, P Task</li> <li>Year 9 Science B, G, O, P Task</li> <li>Year 9 Science R, V, W, Y Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 1 Speaking Task</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 4 Week 5

<b>A TERM 4 WEEK 5</b>	<b>November 12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 assessment week</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 1 Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 2 Task</li> <li>Year 8 V/Y Test</li> <li>Year 10 Chinese Task</li> <li>Year 10 Japanese Task</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> </ul>	<b>November 13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 assessment week</li> <li>Year 10 History WW2 Essay</li> <li>Year 8 Geography G/P Test</li> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week Task</li> <li>Year 9 Commerce Task</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> </ul>	<b>November 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 assessment week</li> <li>Year 7 Geography Task</li> <li>Year 9 Geography Task</li> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 10 Commerce Task</li> <li>Year 8 Visual Arts Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 1 Task</li> <li>Year 8 Chinese 2 Task</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> <li>Year 10 History WW2 Essay</li> </ul>	<b>November 15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 assessment week</li> <li>Year 10 Geography Test</li> <li>Year 7 Geography Task</li> <li>Year 9 English Task</li> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week Task</li> <li>Year 8 Visual Arts Task</li> <li>Year 7 French Task</li> <li>Year 7 Italian Task</li> <li>Year 8 French Task</li> <li>Year 8 Italian Task</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> <li>Task</li> </ul>	<b>November 16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 assessment week</li> <li>Year 10 Commerce Yearly Exam</li> <li>Year 8 History Task</li> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 10 Chinese Task</li> <li>Year 10 Visual Arts Task</li> </ul>
------------------------------------	--	--	--	---	--

