



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 1**

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Principals Report

Principal Report

Welcome back students and parents to a new year at Concord High School. It has been a very productive but fulfilling first week back and it has been a smooth start to the term. It was so lovely to welcome the new Year 7 students and students from other year groups and we wish them well as they join the Concord Community.

Year 7 Meet and Greet

The Year 7 meet and greet will be held on Tuesday February 13th from 5.30-7.00 pm. I would like to extend an invitation to the parents of Year 7 students to attend this informal evening starting with a sausage sizzle under the COLA from 5.30 pm and followed by a short presentation and an opportunity for parents to have a chat to the Year 7 teachers and Head Teachers of faculty areas. At 7.00 pm the first P & C meeting for the year will be held in the staff common room.

The Year 7 camp is coming up quickly and will be held from the 21st February to 23rd February.

Assessment Handbooks

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 are in the process of receiving their assessment handbooks. A copy of these will also be uploaded on the website. I encourage parents to ensure that students enter the dates of all assessment tasks into their diary or calendar. School Diaries are now available to be purchased from the office.

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 16th February.

I look forward to meeting with parents during the year at school events and parent information evenings.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Lunch time activities at Concord High School

Please encourage your young man or woman to join in with one of the many clubs at school. In Week 2 the following clubs are back operating.

Breakfast Club is every Wednesday morning in the staff common room. All students are welcome to come and have breakfast or take some goodies for recess or lunch. Breakfast club operates from 7.45 to 8.30 am.

Robotics Club is every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime in Common 6.

Maths Club is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunch in 6.5. Staff and senior mathematics students are on hand to do activities, help with homework and classwork.

If you know your student would benefit from participating in these clubs and might need some extra encouragement please contact the year adviser.

Week 2 Sport

Sport has not started yet. On Tuesday students who wish to do Recreation sports will have an assembly and be given information to assist them select their recreational sport on Thursday of next week.

Students who have selected Grade Sport will need to bring their sports uniform. Grade teams will also have an assembly and will then go to participate in selection trials.

Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)

Students in Years 7 to 10 GATS classes will start HOTS activities on Monday 5th February. They are to meet in the Theatre at 3.15pm.

Year 7 families save the date

We are holding a meet and greet for families and staff in the school hall Tuesday 13 February from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Following this is the first P&C meeting for the year and we would love you to attend both events.

Establishing a routine

This is the perfect time for you to establish a positive routine at home. Ensure that use of mobile phones and devices is limited and not taken to bedrooms at night. Good sleep is vital to young people and you would be surprised the number of issues that arise from students accessing online chat and games when families think they are asleep.



Deputy Principals Report continued

Please not only ask what your student did at school but also show interest in seeing work books and notes taken on devices. Your guidance in finishing work, organising and being prepared is vital. Homework should be supervised where possible so that you ensure that students develop effective time management skills.

A copy of the student's timetable should be displayed so you can ask questions and help pack bags for the following day.

Remember that although times have changed that it is important to supervise, guide and assist your student to achieve their best.



Welfare News

by Ms Milligan

Welcome back to 2018 – I hope you had a relaxing and fun holiday. For new students and families to Concord High School, I warmly welcome you and look forward to meeting you in person.

The 2018 Welfare Team:

Year 7 Adviser: Ms Eliza Turner	Assistant: Ms Kate Easterbrook
Year 8 Adviser: Ms Alysha Peoples	Assistant: Ms Nikki Patulny
Year 9 Adviser: Mr Ben Mitchell	Assistant: Ms Silverine De Silva
Year 10 Adviser: Ms Angelina Lombardo	Assistant: Ms Fatma Bekheet
Year 11 Adviser: Mr Brent Chappelow	Assistant: Ms Kathy Kalachian
Year 12 Adviser: Ms Julie Taing	Assistant: Ms Belinda Wright
Girls Adviser: Ms Nikki Patulny	Boys Adviser: Mr Daniel White

Peer Support Co-ordinator: Mr Anij Choudhary School Counsellor: Ms Judi Joy

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can assist you with your child's wellbeing.

I would like to include some tips from **REACHOUT.COM** to assist our new Year 7 students as well as any other new students:

10 TIPS FOR STARTING AT A NEW SCHOOL

1. Be positive about the transition - Build excitement by talking about all the new opportunities for friendships and activities they'll have.
2. Practice the new trip to school – It might sound silly but practicing the walk or bus/train trip beforehand will really reduce first day nerves.
3. Arrange a chat with an older teen who's been through it – If there's a neighbour or cousin who's started at a new school in the past organise for them to hang out and hear what it was like.
4. Make sure everything is organised – Uniform, books and bag are essentials for starting at a new school so help them sort it all out before day one.
5. Start afresh with a tidy room and desk – If their desk or room is shared make sure the rest of the family are on board with keeping things sorted.
6. Farewell the holidays - Organise a social day just before school goes back to farewell and, if possible, invite friends from their old school.
7. Don't commit too early – It sounds strange but with the stress of making friends at a new school it's easy to jump at the first people that speak to you. Encourage your teen to be social and not rush getting a new best friend. Good things come to those who wait!
8. Avoiding comparing the new to the old – Get your teen to look to the future even if they're missing their old school a bunch.



Welfare News continued

9. Sign up to things straight away - Research extra-curriculars and help them decide on some they'll sign up to in their first week.
10. Prepare them for stress - the unknown can be really scary but things like breathing exercises, getting active, and having "me-time" can all help with the transition.

I hope these tips are of assistance – I look forward to working with students and families in 2018,
Mrs Fiona Milligan, Head Teacher Welfare.



VACCINATIONS FOR 2018

Visit 1 – Year 7 – HPV (1st dose) and dTpa (Boostrix), **Friday 2 March 2018**

Visit 2 – Year 10 and 11 Meningococcal ACWY vaccination, **Wednesday 13 June 2018**

Visit 3 – Year 7 – HPV (2nd dose) and mop ups of Year 10 and Year 11, **Friday 2 November 2018**

Ms Fiona Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare

Welfare News continued

ParentWise

Strengthening your relationship with your teenager



FREE parenting course

ParentWise is a six-week parenting course for parents and carers of 12–17 year olds.

The program supports parents to better communicate and strengthen their relationships with adolescents.

ParentWise is facilitated by experienced adolescent and family workers.

ParentWise provides you with

- Strategies to connect with your adolescent based on their stage of development
- The skills to identify and set appropriate limits and boundaries
- Knowledge and understanding of various parenting styles
- Tools to effectively communicate with your adolescent
- The opportunity to share experiences and ideas with other parents

Registration is essential

To make an enquiry call 8571 7800 or email reception@goodshep.org.au

What parents say about ParentWise

"ParentWise helped me feel more confident in my choices as a parent."

"I now have a better understanding why my teenager acts and feels the way they do."

Program details

WHEN

Wednesday evenings, 5:30 – 7:30pm
One session per week for six weeks,
from 21 February to 28 March, 2018
Light refreshments provided

WHERE

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand
440 Marrickville Road, Marrickville



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440 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville NSW 2204
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reception@goodshep.org.au
www.goodshep.org.au





Inner City Local
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group

Meeting Notice

Is hereby given for the next meeting for all members of the

Inner City Local AECG

Date: 5th February 2018 (Monday) Time:

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Location: Alexandria Park Community School

Buckland Street Entrance Alexandria

NSW 2015

Parents of Aboriginal children are welcome to attend.

Please feel free to include this notice in any school newsletters.

Attached is the school update form for any schools attending.

Please complete and send to Warren before the meeting.

If you're unable to attend could you please advise.

Any agenda items, please forward to Warren.

An agenda will be supplied closer to the date.

For further information please contact:

Warren Bridges (Secretary) warren.bridges@aecg.nsw.edu.au

or

Deb Daley (President) debdaley@hotmail.com





AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING FOR TERM 1, 2018

Tutoring will begin **Monday 19th February** and end on **Wednesday 4th April**.

Concord High School provides an after school tutoring program to support and enhance student learning in the classroom. The program is conducted on a term basis and will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in English, Maths and Science for both junior and senior students.

Concord High School specifically allocates quality tutors that have achieved high ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) results in their respective HSC (Higher School Certificate) courses to ensure that a high level of academic support is provided to all enrolled students.

There will be 7 tutoring sessions (Week 4 – Week 10) in **Term 1**, which will be held in the school library from 3:00-4:00pm and from 4:00-5:00pm.

If you are interested in enrolling your child into this program, please find an application form in this week's 'Keeping In Touch', which can also be collected from the school's Front Office. All applications will be accepted on a 'first come first served' basis as there are limited spots for our tutors throughout the term. Hence, it is requested that parents/guardians have flexibility in making their preferences on the application form.

Students and parents/guardians will be notified of the success of their application during the week beginning 12th February 2018.

Applications for Term 1 2018 will OPEN on

Friday 2nd February 2018

and CLOSE on

Monday 12th February 2018

Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. All forms must be returned by e-mail to

sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note: In fairness to all applicants, forms that are sent BEFORE the opening date or AFTER the closing date will not be accepted.



BURWOOD YOUTH LEAGUE

SOCCER, PERSONAL TRAINING AND BOXING SESSIONS

FREE for young people aged 12 - 24 years



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON
Feb - Sep 2018**

Where:
Burwood Park Upper Oval
Cnr Park Rd and Park Ave, Burwood

When:
3.30pm - 5.00pm

FREE
REFRESHMENTS
EVERY WEEK

- > Meet and play with trainers from the International Soccer Academy and the PCYC
- > Receive your own personalised Burwood Youth League jersey
- > No sporting experience needed, just come along and have fun!

Are you ready to be part of BURWOOD'S NEW YOUTH LEAGUE?

Come along and play a **GAME OF SOCCER**, enjoy a **FREE PERSONAL TRAINING SESSION**, build your **BOXING SKILLS** or just hang out and have some fun!

BURWOOD YOUTH LEAGUE DATES ■ = Launch date ■ = Program dates

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LAUNCH DAY

**Wednesday, 7 Feb 2018
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Burwood Park Oval**

FREE

Bubble Soccer
Slushies
Snow Cones
& Fairy Floss!

Register for your chance
to take on our local Police in the
POLICE vs YOUTH
Bubble Soccer Game!
Register your interest at
youth@burwood.nsw.gov.au



Burwood Council
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Turn over for Burwood Youth League Dates



FIND US HERE

BURWOOD PARK UPPER OVAL
Cnr of Park Road and Park Avenue,
Burwood NSW 2134

For more information contact
Miriam Wassef on 9911 9911 or
email youth@burwood.nsw.gov.au





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

STUDENT

AWARD

Sina AKBARI

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Sina AKBARI

Gold Merit: Gold Merit



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 2 5 FEBRUARY – 9 FEBRUARY 2017 WEEK B

5 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	6 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	7 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Legal Studies
8 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Sport Sign Ups Years 8,9,10 11:45am-12:35pm 	9 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Time – Sport House Meetings 10:20am-10:50am 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 3, 4 & 5

A TERM 1 WEEK 3	12 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	13 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Meet and Greet and first P&C Meeting 5:00pm-7:00pm 	14 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	15 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	16 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Carnival 9:00am-3:00pm
B TERM 1 WEEK 4	19 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Legal Studies in Class Task 9:45am-11:45am Encore Showcase 10:35am-6:00pm 	20 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	21 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp 	22 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm 	23 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp
A TERM 1 WEEK 5	26 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	27 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm 	28 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	2 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Vaccinations Y11 and Y12 Food Tech 9:45am-3:00pm

