



Concord High School Keeping In Touch

Respectful Responsible Achieving
Term 1 Week 2

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Principals Report

It has been another wonderful week of learning and engagement at Concord High School. I am most impressed with the effort that students are making in ensuring that they follow the uniform policy and follow the three core PB4L values: respectful, responsible, achievers.

UNIFORM

I have included a copy of the uniform requirements of the school for your information below. Can I please clarify that students are requested to wear black, closed in leather shoes for WHS reasons.

Just a reminder that Concord High School is a uniform school, as decided by the school community. All uniform items are to be purchased from the uniform shop only.

Any student who is out of uniform must follow these procedures:

- Bring a note of explanation signed by a parent/guardian
- Hand the note to the Side Office administration staff **before** school
- A uniform slip will be issued
- A lunchtime detention will occur for any students out of uniform

Any student who is out of uniform without a note will be recorded and issued a slip. This will incur a lunchtime detention. The third infringement will lead to a letter home and further consequences.



Principals Report continued

Girls

- Junior knee-length check skirt in charcoal grey, green and gold OR
- Senior knee-length pin-striped skirt in charcoal grey, green and gold OR
- Charcoal grey trousers
- White crew socks (summer)
- Black stockings (winter) to be worn underneath school skirt (no sports tights)
- White blouse with piped, rounded collar and school emblem
- V-necked knitted jumper with emblem OR
- Sleeveless green knitted vest with emblem
- Optional charcoal grey scarf
- Optional green blazer with emblem
- Optional school charcoal grey cap with school initials (caps are not to be worn indoors)
- Black leather lace-up shoes (closed-in, hard leather - no joggers)
- Optional all-weather jacket



Boys

- Charcoal grey shorts OR
- Charcoal grey trousers
- White crew socks
- White shirt with school emblem
- School tie (terms 2 and 3)
- Green V-neck knitted jumper with emblem OR
- Sleeveless green knitted vest with emblem
- Optional green blazer with emblem
- Optional charcoal grey scarf
- Optional school charcoal grey cap with school initials (caps are not to be worn indoors)
- Black leather lace-up shoes (closed-in, hard leather - no joggers)
- Optional all-weather jacket



Sports Uniform (Unisex)

- Black PE shorts with school emblem
- Yellow polo shirt with school emblem
- White crew socks
- Runners
- School tracksuit with school emblem
- Representative sporting members may wear school tracksuit top when representing the school at sporting events



N.B. Students should come to school in school uniform each day and change for sport or PE



Principals Report continued

General

- Mary Jane styles, open-topped and shoes with heels for girls, are not acceptable for work health and safety reasons.
- Minimal jewellery (watch, small earrings, flat ring, chain necklace worn inside blouse)
- Makeup is unnecessary at school

Year 7 Meet and Greet

The Year 7 meet and greet will be held on Tuesday February 13th from 5.30-7.00 pm. At this informal evening parents of Year 7 students will have the opportunity to meet the Head Teachers and Year 7 teachers. A BBQ will be held from 5.30 pm followed by a Principal and Year Adviser address. The first P&C meeting of the year will be held in the staff common room from 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend the P&C meeting.



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YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET 2018

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
5.30-7.00PM

Parents/carers of the Year 7 class of 2018 are warmly invited to attend our meet and greet evening. This is an informal opportunity for parents/carers to meet their children's teachers.

Highlights of the evening include:
5.30-6.00pm Sausage sizzle and refreshments
6.00-7.00pm Principals address: *Mrs. Engisch*
Year Advisers address: *Ms. Turner*
Opportunity to meet the teachers
7.00pm All parents are invited to the P&C meeting

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Principals Report continued

Student medical information

If you have previously indicated that your child suffers from an allergy or other medical condition it is a requirement that parents provide the school with a current medical health care plan such as an asthma care plan or ASCIA action plan for allergic reactions. Please visit your doctor and have them complete a plan, affix a current photo of your child and return it to the school by Friday, 16 February 2018.

Open Night

Students of prospective Year 7 2019 or 2020 and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night which will be held on Tuesday 6 March 2018 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL | OPEN NIGHT 2018

OPEN NIGHT 2018
TUESDAY 6TH MARCH
5.30-7.30PM

Students of prospective Year 7 2019 or 2020 and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night.

This is a unique opportunity to view the excellent academic, creative and performing arts, sporting and cultural programs and initiatives offered to our students.

Concord High School has been recognised at State level for many of its initiatives including programs catering to Gifted and Talented Students and strategies to further engage students aged 15-19 years. Our highly qualified staff continually participate in professional development and are at the forefront of their profession.

Highlights of the evening include:

- Principal's address at **5.30pm** and repeated at **6.00pm**
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments
- Discovery tours- self guided or with student leaders
- Displays of student work
- Interactive displays

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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 3 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. See Ms Gould in Mathematics.

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.

Confucius classroom club every Monday and Friday in Room 2.2. See Ms Yuan in LOTE.

Greek dancing group in Common 2 most lunchtimes. See Ms Theodoris in Common 2.

Mens group meet Wednesday lunchtimes in the staff common room. See Mr White in English.

Girls sport group meet Wednesday lunchtime in the school hall. See Ms Verniquet in PDHPE
If you know your student would benefit from participating in these clubs and might need some extra encouragement please contact the year adviser.

ATAR club

Year 12 students were offered a teacher mentor last year as a component of the ATAR club. We will start regular lunch time meetings with Year 12 ATAR students in the coming weeks. If your student had a teacher mentor please check that they have started meeting again this year.

AIME

Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience. AIME will not run this year. Unfortunately not enough students participated last year and AIME has withdrawn the program. We are looking at alternate sources of support for our 27 Indigenous students.

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 to 7 pm**. Following this is the first P&C meeting for the year and we would love you to attend both events.

Year 11 course changes

We have been able to allow some students to change courses however the timeframe for changes has now ended and no more changes will be possible.



Deputy Principals Report continued

YEAR 12 COURSES

At this time of year, many Year 12 students are considering making changes in their courses (reduction in units or levels etc). It is important that these decisions are made in a considered way as the implications of dropping one course may be that another course later causes more issues and any changes cannot be undone! As a result, no changes will be made without the student having an interview with the Deputy.

It is also often very wise to have a “buffer” with more than the minimum number of units being studied. Each student’s needs will be assessed and decisions made on a case by case basis. Where a student has had changes approved, a new timetable will be issued. Students should not “assume” that they will be dropping a course until it has been approved. Students will not be allowed to drop a subject where they have outstanding N Warnings.

STUDENT LEAVE

Please note that all leave should be restricted to holiday periods.

Leave will not be approved during assessment periods (eg. mid-course or yearly examinations).



Welfare News

by Ms F Milligan

The Vaccination Program is running again this year for Years 7, 10 and 11. The dates were published in last week's KIT, below is some additional information for parents:

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2018 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10-11	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form (within 1 business day). Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.



Welfare News continued



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



Creative & Performing Arts News

by Ms V Cesta

INSTRUMENTAL MUSTIC ENSEMBLES REGISTRATION NIGHT

Existing students and new students are welcome to attend the CHS Instrumental Ensembles Registration night. On this night, you will gain insight to the ensembles and staff directing our ensembles. You will also be able to collect the instrumental ensembles information pack, which includes:

Information & Registration payment form as well as the instrument hire terms and conditions and payment form should you need to hire an instrument.

Registration Night is Tuesday 20th February at 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Staff Common Room located above the Administration (Front Office.)

The following rehearsals will commence **Week 3**.

String Ensemble – 7:40am-8:45am Common 1 Room 1.2

Stage Band – Monday 7:40am-8:45am in the Theatrette

Vocal Group – Thursday during lunchtime in Common 1 Room 1.2

Existing students and new students may attend String Ensemble and Vocal Group.

Existing students will attend Stage Band (new students are required to sit at audition prior to attendance.)

The Concert Band rehearsal is expected to commence Week 3, however the exact time and day will be communicated to all students on via the daily notices.

We look forward to seeing you at the registration night.

Vanessa Cesta

HT Creative & Performing Arts



P&C News

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS

We look forward to welcoming back existing members/attendees and welcoming new Year 7 and other parents/carers to our **first P&C Meeting of the year this coming Tuesday, 13 February from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm in the Staff Common Room (above Front Office).**

This is immediately after the Year 7 parents/carers Meet and Greet BBQ.

All welcome – please note you do not need to be a P&C member to attend.

We are delighted to have Ms Judi Joy, School Counselor, join us at this meeting as guest speaker to talk about settling Year 7 students in to high school, what to expect from your Year 7 student(s) and how to support and help them cope with the transition to high school.

She will be joined and supported by Ms Eliza Turner, Year 7 Adviser, whom many Year 7 parents/carers will already have had the pleasure of meeting.

Concord HS have a very strong, talented and supportive Welfare Team and this is an excellent opportunity of hearing how they can support your Year 7 student during this time of transition.

We also thank Ms Jody English, Relieving Principal, for attending and she will deliver her regular Principal's report which is an excellent way to hear about activities and developments at school.

Our meetings are a fun and collegiate gathering of parent, carer, staff and community members where our various committees report back, we raise and discuss issues concerning our children's education, hear about developments at school through the Principal's report and, importantly, we have over the year a number of guest speakers attend both from the school staff and externally. Past topics have included NAPLAN tests, cyber-safety, faculty updates, GATS, anti-bullying policies, the new Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school programme and the ClickView school resource system funded by the P&C.

Membership of \$1 payable at any meeting (apart from the meeting immediately before the AGM) entitles you to vote on P&C matters but all member and non-members welcome.

We are looking forward to another great year of supporting the school community through our P&C meetings, the P&C run Uniform Shop, our Grants application program, our Social and Fund Raising activities as well as support on Staff Selection Panels and at other school events. We also hope we will continue to be able to provide opportunities for parents and carers to get together to stay connected with and updated about matters within their local school community as well as meet and form valuable friendships with other parents and carers. We particularly look forward to working with the school executive and staff on forming plans around the projects they would like the P&C to support and fund giving us a fund raising target to work towards.



P&C News continued

Please visit the P&C pages on the Concord HS web site under Our School / Your P&C where you can find details of the P&C Activities, our current executive team, our upcoming meeting dates and minutes and constitution documents. We will profile these activities in more detail in the KIT newsletters over the coming weeks.

If you want to be kept informed of P&C matters, receive the Agenda and Minutes, and/or raise any matters with the P&C or become more involved please email us as per below indicating if you wish to be included on our P&C mailing list. We also regularly report back our news in the weekly Keeping in Touch Newsletter (KIT). Remember there are many ways to be involved and support your P&C and local community not all requiring too much time.

P&C Email: concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is run by the P&C with profits going to the school to support various projects. Our Uniform Shop Manager is Mae Czernkowski. A Uniform Shop Sub Committee of parent/carer volunteers work with Mae and the P&C to work through various action points required and together they will be reporting back in the KIT on Uniform Shop hours, modes of contact, etc. as well as at the P&C meeting.

The Uniform Shop has revised trading hours for the next two weeks as follows:-

Monday, 12th February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Tuesday, 13th February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Thursday, 15 February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Monday, 19 February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Tuesday, 20 February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Wednesday, 21 February 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

From Monday, 26 February the Uniform Shop resumes normal trading hours of Monday and Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

A new order of shirts is due to arrive Tuesday, 20 February and cotton jumpers have been ordered, due in next week all going well. Please contact Mae if you wish to place an order.

You can contact Mae on 0434 169 203 or email school_s_in@yahoo.com.au .

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





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

STUDENT

AWARD

Nourah MANGERAH

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Nourah MANGERAH

Gold Merit: Gold Merit

Nourah MANGERAH

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Abhishek Vignesh MURTHY

Gold Merit: Gold Merit



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 3 12 FEBRUARY – 16 FEBRUARY 2018 WEEK A

12 February ○	13 February ○ Year 7 Meet and Greet and first P&C Meeting 5:30pm-7:00pm	14 February ○ Year 12 Legal Studies
15 February ○	16 February ○ School Swimming Carnival 9:00am-3:00pm	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 4, 5 & 6

B TERM 1 WEEK 4	19 February ○ Year 12 Legal Studies in Class Task 9:45am-11:45am ○ Encore Showcase 10:35am-6:00pm ○	20 February ○ Instrumental Ensembles Registration Night 3:00pm-6:00pm ○	21 February ○ Year 7 Camp	22 February ○ Year 7 Camp ○ Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm	23 February ○ Year 7 Camp
A TERM 1 WEEK 5	26 February ○	27 February ○ Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm	28 February ○	1 March ○	2 March ○ Year 7 Vaccinations ○ Y11 and Y12 Food Tech 9:45am-3:00pm
B TERM 1 WEEK 6	5 March ○ Zone Swimming Carnival	6 March ○ Open Night ○ Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm	7 March ○ International Students 9:00am-3:00pm	8 March ○ GATS Open Night 5:30pm-6:30pm	9 March ○

