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Principals Report

International Student Awards 2018

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the International Student awards, which recognise the many and varied achievements of International Students attending NSW government schools. The ceremony was held at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music on the 22nd of February. Concord High School was proud to nominate one of our own high achievers, Zhuoyu (Tony) Chen, in two categories: School Leadership and Academic Achievement. It was fantastic to see Tony recognised for the many ways that he has contributed to our school, and his hard work and subsequent excellent ATAR acknowledged. Mrs Finlayson, International Coordinator attended the event with Tony. Tony has been a truly valued member of Concord High School, which was demonstrated by his election to Vice-Captain of 2017. Whilst we will miss him, we know that Tony has left a legacy that strengthens the bonds between International Students, Concord High School and our community as a whole.



Mrs Finlayson (International Student Coordinator) and Tony Chen



Principals Report continued



Young Women in Public Affairs Award Night

Congratulations to Alexandra James, Year 11 student at Concord High School who was nominated for a Zonta Award. She attended an award ceremony on Tuesday 27th February at Bankstown Sports Club, accompanied by Ms Patulny, Girls Adviser. Although Alexandra did not win the final Zonta Award, she spoke absolutely beautifully and was a magnificent representative of Concord High School. She worked extremely hard on her speech and spoke passionately about women's rights. She received a beautiful finalist certificate and a yellow rose from the Zonta committee.

Twilight Staff Professional Learning

Each term the teaching and non-teaching staff of Concord High School engage in an evening of professional learning. Last week the first of four professional learning evenings occurred where we were able to work collaboratively with one of our local primary Schools; Concord Primary School. The guest speaker for the evening was Alice Leung who ran a session on Formative Assessment. Following this the teachers engaged in a literacy workshop run by English teachers, Daniel White, Ellen Hoy and James Cheeseman aimed at providing teachers with literacy strategies to improve student outcomes.



Principals Report continued

Open Night

Interested parents and students of prospective Year 7 2019 or 2020 are invited to attend the Concord High School Open Night on Tuesday 6th March

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 and school context 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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Gifted and Talented Education at Concord High School

Interested parents and students of prospective Year 7 2019 or 2020 are invited to attend the Concord High School Gifted and Talented Education Night on Thursday 8th March

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL | GIFTED AND TALENTED INFORMATION NIGHT 2018

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION
THURSDAY 8TH MARCH
5.30-7.00PM

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION FOR YEAR 7, 2019

Concord High School is a highly regarded and high-achieving public school which caters especially for the needs of talented children in a co-educational and comprehensive setting.

The Gifted and Talented Program offers targeted classes and an enrichment program designed to meet the needs of Gifted and Talented students.

Talented teachers use teaching methods based on Gifted and Talented theory to encourage learning and help your children achieve excellence.

For more information, visit the school on our Gifted and Talented Information Night.

Reserve your place today
Application forms are available on our website
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Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

AIME

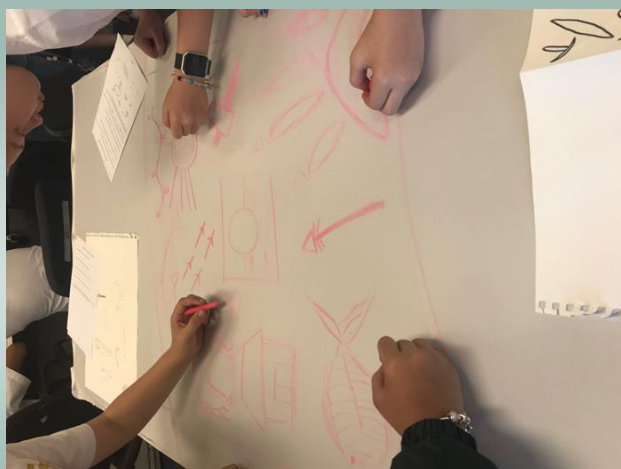
Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience. AIME will not run this year. Unfortunately not enough students participated last year and AIME has withdrawn the program. At the moment we have established a connection with Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University who are assisting in recruiting tutors for the usual Thursday afternoon meeting time. At this stage we are hoping to start in April.

Walanga Muru is a Darug language name meaning Follow your Path.

Harmony Day March 21.

Concord High School will celebrate harmony day and you have probably heard from your student about regular meetings and practice for dance, performance and other activities that they are involved in. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were invited to attend an art workshop at school this week with artist Niwili White Forrest. For Harmony day our students worked on an artwork on three silk panels that will be displayed that feature Aboriginal art and symbolism as well as student ideas and designs.

Below are two pictures that help capture the day.



Deputy Principals Report continued

Instrumental Music Program

Last week Ms Cesta Head teacher of CAPA held a sign up for students interested in joining one of the many instrumental ensembles at school. Unfortunately only half of the students that were expected signed up. If your student is musical and didn't sign up please speak with them or call Ms Cesta at school to discuss how we can help your student engage with the program. Below is one of last weeks rehearsals.



Thrive week

This week we have had a special emphasis on assisting students to thrive here at school. One aspect is the issuing of merits to reward respectful, responsible and achieving behaviour. Another aspect is the Take What You Need Board. These positive suggestions and affirmations have been well received by students who take a little reminder with them of a strategy to improve their day.



Welfare News

Impetigo

Parents we have had a report of a case of Impetigo. Please see attached fact sheet for more information.

Year 7 Camp

In Week 4, from Wednesday to Friday, 191 Year 7 students attended Year 7 camp. Year 7 camp was held at the Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops, where students participated in a range of activities from High Ropes and the Giant Swing to Orienteering and Abseiling.

The Year 7 cohort were supported by nineteen Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and 12 teachers- Miss Turner, Mrs Easterbrook, Miss Milinovic, Miss Hoy, Miss White, Mrs White, Miss Bekheet, Mr White, Mr Choudhary, Mr Munday, Mr Shum and Mr Clare.

Below are some recounts from a few students who attended the camp and some photographs from camp.

I would like to thank all the Peer Support leaders for their great leadership and all the teachers who volunteered to come on camp and taking time away from their families.

Miss Turner, Year 7 Adviser

Year 7 Student experience by Julieanne Luu

Year 7 camp was exciting. Camp was truly very sensational especially because I was with my friends and I had the amazing opportunity to make new friends. The activities were very fulfilling as I and others could push ourselves and reach new personal goals. We learnt new skills and arrived at literal new heights. Evening activities were an extended opportunity to bond and meet others. We learnt interesting facts about others. We had great teachers to follow and make sure we were okay, we had amazing mentors that reassured our safety and answered all our little questions, we had the incredible peer support leaders to comfort us and make sure we will on the ball and we had wonderful groups that encouraged us when we were scared and made us feel comfortable. Overall camp was a surprising experience that was filled with forever memories.

Year 7 Student experience by Jeyan Oner

Camp. The place where good memories were made for all students and teachers. I would like to thank all the teachers who sacrificed their time to take responsibility for all of us. As well as the peer support leaders who helped us and the teachers. I had a wonderful time at Stanwell tops because of a variety of things to do, including, making new friends, hanging out with the teachers and having fun. Stanwell Tops had a lot of fun activities to do, including orienteering, the giant swing, archery, leap of faith, high ropes course and abseiling being my favourite. My observation was that everyone was trying their best to overcome the challenging activities. As well as having fun at camp, there were some hilarious moments, which included teachers doing the activities and freaking out, making everyone laugh! Meeting new people was my main priority, as I got to find out their background and what they enjoy. I can say that I feel way more comfortable with this school after the year 7 camp. Looking back at those memories I can definitely say that I had an amazing time at camp. I'm 100% sure everyone else did too. Once again I will like to thank the Peer support leaders and the teachers for organising this wonderful moment of our life.



Year 10 Student experience by Martina Latini

I went to camp as a chosen year 10 Peer support leader prepared to help year 7's and teachers. Camp was an amazing experience; it built bonds between the year 7's and year 10's. We helped year 7's overcome their fears on activities such as being afraid of heights and to also build friendships with other students. Year 10's also participated in day and night activities, which were truly eye opening and made us remember memories from our year 7 camp.. I strongly recommend if you are thinking of doing the Peer Support program you do, it is an excellent experience and going to camp is even better. I am so grateful I got to go to camp as a leader and have the opportunity to help everyone.



IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

February 2018 update

Literacy and numeracy skills are essential for success in learning and life after school. This is why students are required to show they have met a **minimum standard** of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate **from 2020**.



Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of **basic reading, writing and numeracy skills** needed for everyday tasks.



Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the online tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



Teachers will help students to meet the standard through quality teaching of the NSW curriculum and helping to identify at-risk students early.



Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

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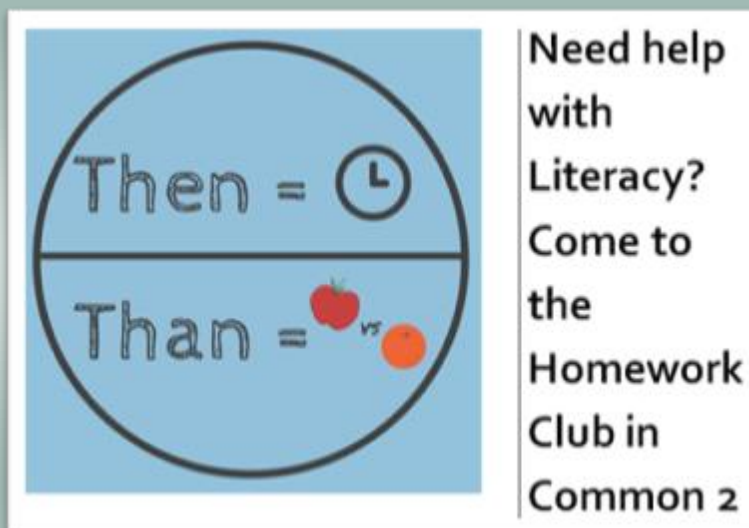
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Coming soon.... Homework Club!

Concord High Schools very own Homework Club will begin in Week 6. The club will meet Wednesdays at lunchtime in Common 2. The aim is to provide support to students who may need additional assistance working through homework or developing their literacy skills. Here they can find assistance, develop their writing, and even play games.

So encourage your child to come along to **Common 2 Wednesdays at lunchtime**, where they can build their skills and get some additional help!



Looking at Literacy

Literacy and numeracy are important because they form the basis of our learning. They are required to learn other skills, as well as for participation in everyday life. Literacy and numeracy skills underpin workforce participation, productivity and the broader economy, and can also impact on social and health outcomes.

At Concord High School we are focussed on helping our students build their literacy skills and providing our parents and guardians with helpful tips and advice to better understand your child's needs. As you read Keeping In Touch this year, watch out for our 'Looking at Literacy' feature and the occasional fun puzzle.



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Changes to the HSC minimum standard

From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020.

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its original diagnostic purpose and reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC due to the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for success in everyday life.

Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit the when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Year 10 students and NAPLAN 2017 test results

Please be assured that if you have a child in Year 10 this year, who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

Minimum standard online test periods available for Year 10 students

- Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
- Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
- Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
- Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018

*Students will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test.

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard



When your mindset changes, everything that is external to your mind will change. This is a statement that Mrs Issa follows – one of our valued Mathematics teachers who left at the end of the 2017 school year. Before her departure, she left us with a meaningful and personal message about her experiences at Concord High School:

"Ever since I came to Concord High School, it has been a unique and valuable journey for me. I have had the opportunity to learn from the students this year as much as I have taught them, which has allowed me to know more about the school culture and the students' aspirations as well as reflecting on my own journey. When I started teaching here I had my own way of teaching, but I had to adapt to new learning styles and learn to teach differently to different students and grades. Senior students challenged me in my Mathematics, but simultaneously we learnt many things together, which was quite pleasant. Finally, I would like to thank the Concord staff and students for all their support and say a very big thank you for everything you have given me. I wish you the best of luck in the future."

Mrs Issa's statement reminds us that it is not only the students that leave at the end of their high school year, but many teachers as well. It is with this reminder that we encourage everyone to show their appreciation to people that have a great impact and influence on them.

We wish Mrs Issa all the best for her new journey ahead and that she may be able to create new memories through new experiences.



Mrs Issa
Mathematics Teacher



***Written and Photographers by Vignesh Murthy,
Fiona Dieu and Nicole Yu
(Prefects)***



School Photographs

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography on Wednesday 14th March 2018 (Week 7A).

Whilst an envelope and flyer are distributed along with the letter, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code: YXK 8W4 CV4. Portrait and group package online orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

To ensure all parents are catered for, orders can be placed in the traditional manner using an envelope. If you wish to do so, you can pay via cheque, cash (exact money) or money order using the envelope and hand in to the Advancedlife staff on the day of photography. If you want sibling photo envelope, please see Ms H YUAN in Common 2 language staff room.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au or please refer the website of the advancedlife <http://www.advancedlife.com.au/school-FAQ.php> for further information.

Please be advised that FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM must be worn in a neat and presentable manner with correct school shoes. Prefects must also wear their school ties and blazer. Only small stud earrings are allowed, no facial piercings, jewelry should not be visible.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. H. YUAN on 97453777.

Mrs Engisch

Ms. H. Yuan

Principal

Photo Co-ordinator



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

STUDENT

AWARD

Justine CASTROGIOVANNI

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Christopher PULITANO

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Briony O'DONOGHUE

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Naomi GARBEN

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Rey CORREA

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Anushka NEUPANE

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Solveig JOHNSTON

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Louie ROBERTS

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Erin POWELL

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Charlton HINDMARSH

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Yeun Ji KIM

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Fiona DIEU

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Jonathan FANGGIDAE

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Belle GALLEN

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Kobi SLAATS

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Siri PHETSAKARE

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Sakeena ZREIKA

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Jason FRASER

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Gaurav ARADHYA

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Minjun KIM

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Harry SPINETTI

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Roger ZHANG

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Pattie CHUNG

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Nicole YU

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Juhyeong PARK

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Medwin LEI

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Emily SHIPTON

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Charlton HINDMARSH

Silver Merit: Silver Merit



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 6 5 MARCH – 9 MARCH 2018 WEEK B

5 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Swimming Carnival Knockout Girls Volleyball 09am - 1:15pm 	6 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Night Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm Knockout Boys Volleyball 9.45am – 12.35 pm 	7 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">
8 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATS Open Night 5:30pm-6:30pm 	9 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Soccer knockout 12pm - 3:30pm 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 7, 8 & 9

A TERM 1 WEEK 7	12 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip 	13 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm GATS online applications close 	14 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photo Day International Students Parent/Carer night 4 – 5 pm 	15 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Hospitality catering for Japanese visit 9:00am-2:00pm Kozoji High School visit Selective HS Placement Test 	16 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">
B TERM 1 WEEK 8	19 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year celebration Year 12 Biology excursion 	20 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATS placement test 	21 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Day 	22 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	23 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">
A TERM 1 WEEK 9	26 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 study skills 	27 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths CAT competition GATS makeup test 	28 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Cross Country Regional Swimming 	29 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	30 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">

