



## Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 11**

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# Principals Report

I would like to thank the students from Concord High school for their hard work, effort and engagement in learning and the staff of Concord High School for all of their wonderful effort and hard work this term. I have appreciated the collaboration and support that the teaching staff have provided to the students to ensure that students are offered quality education, in a caring and supporting welfare focused environment.

I wish all students and their families best wishes for a well-deserved relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday.

Students will be returning to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May and are required to be in winter school uniform.

Can parents please ensure that all students have the correct winter uniform and black hard leather school shoes.

### **Year 11 Camp**

Thank you to the Year 11 students and wonderful team of staff who went on the Year 11 camp: Fiona Milligan, Brent Chappelow, Silverine De Silva, Kathy Kalachian, Joyce Valele, Angelina Iconomou, Ben Mitchell, Bill Paling, Alysha Peoples. We appreciate your enthusiasm, dedication and taking the time away from your families. The students were beautifully behaved and enthusiastically engaged in all of the activities and were a credit to the school.



# Principals Report continued

## School Plan 2018-2020

The Concord High, School Plan 2018-2020 has been published and can be viewed on the Concord High School web site.



## Annual School Report 2017

The Annual School Report has been finalised and has been published to the Concord High School website.

***Mrs Jody Engisch***

***Relieving Principal***



# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## **Term 2**

Term 2 starts for all students on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. We start the term on a Week A. Term 2 is the first of the winter school terms and all students will be expected to wear winter school uniform. The uniform shop is currently well stocked. Please ensure that you buy your winter uniform early before the cold snap hits.

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students after school tutoring**

We have established a connection with Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University recruited tutors for the usual Thursday afternoon meeting time of 3 to 4 pm in Common 4. Please encourage your student to attend Thursday afternoon. They can bring any school work, homework or assignment that they need some help with or come along just for a chat.

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

## **Social media reminder**

The school is constantly challenged with issues arising from social media. As a parent or caregiver it is vital that you not only discuss social media with your student but that you also assist if there are problems. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a large amount of online resources and a platform to report online issues.

**<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>**

## **Bangarra Dance workshop**

On Monday Ms Santos and Ms Joy took a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Workshop with the Bangarra Dance tutors. The students worked with the Bangarra dancers and learned both a traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dances as well as a contemporary fusion dance. The students said they had a great time although dancing is a hot and tiring activity.



# Deputy Principals Report continued

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## Year 11 Crossroads camp

Year 11 have just completed a three day camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. There will be a news story and photos early next term. I was fortunate in being able to go to Camp on Thursday and have lunch with the students. I would like to congratulate each student for their maturity, sense of responsibility and willingness to get involved and work with the teaching staff and instructors. According to the teaching staff this group may well be the best group to ever attend camp. Please discuss the camp with your student and let them know how proud we are of them.





# Concord High School

## SRC LEADERSHIP

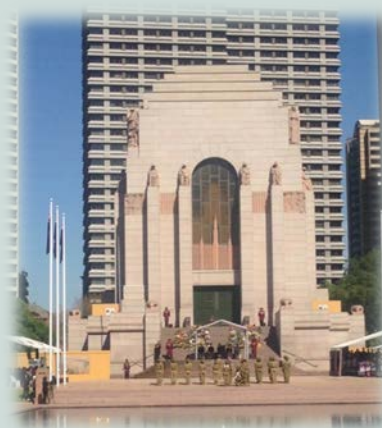


*Year 11 SRC members: Saakshi Mal, Despina Papaioannou, Sena Ozguven, Zachary Falanga and Koray Ozbay*

On Monday 9th April, the Year 11 SRC (Student Representative Council) students attended the ANZAC (Australia New Zealand Army Corps) Day War Memorial in Hyde Park to commemorate the fallen soldiers of World War I. The commemoration emphasised the centenary of the armistice that ended the Great War, whilst remembering the sacrifices made by Australian soldiers and their families. We were reminded of how lucky we are to be living in Australia in a peaceful and safe environment and felt very grateful for the soldiers that have and currently are serving

We were also privileged to listen to Hon Gladys Berejiklian, the Premier of New South Wales, and Hon Rob Stokes the Minister of Education. It was amazing to be in the presence of many other school leaders and political representatives that have come together to commemorate an important event in Australia's history. It was also very admirable to see the youth cadets who, despite the extreme heat, were able to maintain discipline and order during the ceremony. This demonstration of resilience has furthermore increased our appreciation of the ANZACs and their heroic actions.

Overall, the ceremony was a major success. The guest speakers and cadets did an amazing job paying their respects to the fallen soldiers. As SRC members of Concord High School, we were extremely honoured to represent our school in this important event.



*Year 11 SRC members at the War Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney.*

*Written by: Saakshi Mal, Despina Papaioannou, Sena Ozguven, Zachary Falanga and Koray Ozbay*





Building a positive support system is an important element of Concord High School's culture. This is reflected in Ms Milinovic's approach to education as the Head Teacher of HSIE.

"When I arrived here 8 years ago, my main focus was to inspire staff members in my faculty to expand their teaching pedagogy in the classroom. This is because I recognised a gap between teaching and student learning, and I wanted to do my part in improving this within the HSIE faculty. My fundamental aim is to inspire existing and future staff whilst ensuring that every student in my care receives quality education to benefit their learning and their future. I grow more passionate about this every year when I compare and contrast my senior students, who started at the school in Year 7 as individuals 'yet to achieve their potential' to Year 12 students who have flourished and have 'achieved to their full potential' in their studies. This is what inspires me every day in my teaching."

"As the Head Teacher of HSIE, I have also had the privilege of working with really amazing teachers who go above and beyond to organise exceptional learning experiences for our students. This includes the Year 7 Camp that occurred earlier in the term, where I was able to meet many of the younger students that were attending Concord High School and observe the level of enthusiasm they had whilst engaging in various activities."

"Overall, my experiences at Concord High School have allowed me to be patient, understanding and adaptable, which have been invaluable in my role as the Head Teacher of HSIE."

*Humans of Concord* aspires to capture the significant roles at Concord High School and bring to light the changes individuals can create when driven by determination.



**Head Teacher (HSIE)**  
**Ms Danka Milinovic**

**Written by Fiona Dieu, Nicole Yu and Vignesh Murthy (Year 12 Prefects)**

# P&C News

We wish all the students and staff a wonderful holiday break after what we know was a full and busy Term 1. Enjoy the rest although we know many CHS staff continue their valuable work and planning during these breaks as well as out of school hours. We thank the staff of CHS for all that they have and continue to do to support and nurture our students and support parents and carers as part of the CHS community.

## **The Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm - Staff Common Room (above front office). All members and non members welcome.

## **Report from Donna Hogan, P&C Grants Manager**

I am a member of the Concord P&C and was given the role of Grants Manager last year. In a nutshell, this means searching out and applying for grants to fund activities and facilities at the school. Over the past 6 months, I have submitted a number of grant applications to different organisations for a diversity of projects and program areas, including digital technologies, environmental initiatives and improvements to school facilities. We have had some success recently and have been awarded approximately \$22,000 from Community Building Partnership to install a covered structure on the walkway between the main school building and the demountables on Lyons Road West. In addition, Sydney Motorway Corporation recently approved our grant application for \$5,000 for additional seating in the school grounds.

I would be very happy to hear from you if you become aware of any grants that you think could be relevant to the school. Additionally, some of you may also work for larger organisations that provide grants to their employees. These are at times often not well advertised so it could be worth asking or searching on your company site. Please feel free to email the P&C on the email listed below if you are able to provide information around grants we could apply for and/or help.

Thank you Donna on behalf of the P&C and greater CHS community for all of the wonderful work she has completed, in partnership with CHS staff, on researching, building a database of and applying for grants on behalf of the CHS P&C for the benefit of our CHS community with some fantastic results. The more CHS projects are paid for from grants, the more projects we are able to finance through our P&C funds.

## **Important Volunteer Call — P&C Auditor**

We are looking for a parent /carer volunteer to take on the audit role for the next CHS P&C end of financial year (end June 2018). The details of the role from the P&C Federation are below. This is a great role for those who wish to be involved but would prefer a once a year, defined task to complete. You will be supported in this role by the Treasurer and can talk with and reference our previous auditor. This is a task done easily from home and has a good long lead time, needing completion anytime between the end of June and September when we hold our AGM.

*The auditor does not need to be a qualified professional. The auditor must possess appropriate skills and experience in auditing and financial record management together with an appreciation of the issues of probity as they relate to the role of association auditor. The auditor must not have or appear to have any conflict of interest arising, for example, from a personal or business relationship with an Officer of the association and must be prepared to swear that the records are a true and correct statement of the information provided by the Treasurer.*

It would be wonderful to have this role filled by a volunteer parent/carers as in the past two years we have had to pay an auditor to complete the work for us. We hope in our wonderful parent/carers community we have somebody who would be willing to complete this for us.

Please email us as per below if you are interested and we can answer any queries you might have with many thanks.

## **P&C Email Issues / Mailing List**

If you are on our P&C mailing list and have a BigPond account and are not receiving the P&C emails, please check your spam folder and/or set your filter to clear these emails as we are getting reports back that our emails are being reported as spam.

Please email us as per below, if you would like to be added to our P&C mailing list for notification of meeting dates, agendas, minutes, etc. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

## **Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop trading hours are:

Monday and Wednesday 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Please note at recess (10:35am – 10:55am) and lunch (12.35pm – 1.15pm) students are given priority — parents are welcome after recess and before or after lunch.

You can contact the Uniform Shop Manager, Mae, on 0434 169 203 or email [school\\_s\\_in@yahoo.com.au](mailto:school_s_in@yahoo.com.au).

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

# Year 12 Formal Details

Parents and students have been emailed a 'Year 12 Formal Note and Information Sheet' that outlines the details for the Year 12 Formal. It is a fantastic way to celebrate their final year of high school and we encourage all year 12 students to attend. A hard copy of this will be given to the year group when they return to school.

Please ensure that payment dates are strictly adhered to.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Taing (Year 12 Adviser) on 9745 3777 ext 123.



## **Under 15-1 players wanted**

**"Players wanted to join Burwood FC under 15  
Division 1 soccer team.  
Please call the Burwood FC coach Louie  
Stavropoulos on 0419 130 593 if interested".**





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

**STUDENT**

**AWARD**

James ANGELOPOULOS

**Faculty Award:** Faculty Award

Georgia MARTIN

**Faculty Award:** Faculty Award



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 2 WEEK 1 30 APRIL – 4 May 2018 WEEK A

<b>30 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taste of TAFE</li> </ul>	<b>1 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students start Term 2</li> <li>Years 7-9 ANZAC ceremony 9:45am - 10:35am</li> <li>Years 10-12 ANZAC ceremony 10:55am - 11:45am</li> </ul>	<b>2 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls knockout volleyball 09:45am - 12:35pm</li> </ul>
<b>3 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Café and Hospitality 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>Sydney Writes Festival 9:00am-3:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>4 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Biology 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>HSC Engineering Studies topic Test 8:55am-10:45am</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 2 Week 2, 3 & 4

<b>B TERM 2 WEEK 2</b>	<b>7 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taste of TAFE</li> </ul>	<b>8 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICAS Digital Technologies test</li> <li>Years 9 and 10 Touch Football</li> </ul>	<b>9 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Ancient History</li> </ul>	<b>10 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills</li> <li>Prefects afternoon tea Riverside Girls HS</li> </ul>	<b>11 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School athletics carnival</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 2 WEEK 3</b>	<b>14 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taste of TAFE</li> <li>GATS interviews</li> </ul>	<b>15 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>GATS interviews</li> <li>Debating day</li> </ul>	<b>6 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>GATS interviews</li> <li>Prefects afternoon tea Burwood GHS</li> </ul>	<b>17 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills</li> </ul>	<b>18 May</b>
<b>B TERM 2 WEEK 4</b>	<b>21 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taste of TAFE</li> <li>Year 10 Minimum Standards test- Numeracy and Reading</li> </ul>	<b>22 May</b>	<b>23 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 7 and 12 parent teacher night</li> </ul>	<b>24 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills 9am - 3pm</li> </ul>	<b>25 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School athletics carnival wet weather day</li> <li>Nan Tien Temple excursion 9am - 3pm</li> </ul>

