



## Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 3 Week 1**

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# Principals Report

## Principal Report

I would like to wish all our students and families a very happy and safe holiday. Time to recharge the batteries and have some well-earned rest and relaxation.

As Term 2 comes to an end, I would like to thank all parents and caregivers for their support of the school and for attending the Parent Teacher Interviews this term. There will be one more Parent Teacher Evening for Year 8 and 9 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 4.00 pm. Further information will be distributed closer to the date.

There has been much discussion about the Principal position at Concord High School now that Mrs Jacqueline Koob has retired. I would like to inform the school community that a Principal has not been appointed to the school at this time and the process to find a new Principal continues. I have been asked by Ms Maria Serafim, Director, Educational Leadership, Strathfield Principals Network to continue to act in the role of Principal at Concord High School for the remainder of 2018. Ms Fiona Payne will continue to relieve in the Deputy Principal position and Ms Cathy Picone in the Head Teacher Secondary position. We are all very excited about the opportunity to continue to support the students, staff and school community in our ongoing leadership roles.

## Farewell Fabienne Polley



Sadly we will be farewelling our School Administration Manager, Mrs Fabienne Polley who is leaving us to take up employment at Tender Loving Cuisine in Five Dock from the beginning of next term. She has been at Concord High School for 16 years and has always demonstrated hard work, enthusiasm and dedication. Mrs Polley has been incredibly supportive of the students, staff and school community and we thank her and wish her well in her new position. She will be greatly missed at Concord High School.

Mrs Jody Engisch  
Acting Principal

# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## **Year 10 Subject Selections**

With a number of staff away sick over the past week, the process for subject selection interviews will continue into next term. If your student has not yet had an interview, this will occur early in the new term. Please be assured that no student will be disadvantaged by this situation as final subject movements will not occur until all current students have been interviewed.

Concerns around subjects will be discussed on a case by case basis but some subjects will not run or some subjects will run at the same time and students are encouraged to be flexible in their outlook. The goal is to find the best possible combination of subjects for each student.

## **Year 10 & 12 N Warnings**

Students with work that is incomplete or non-serious in nature have been provided with a list of their current N Warnings. It is advised that students speak to the relevant class teachers to arrange the completion of the required work as soon as possible.

For Year 12, the upcoming holiday period is a perfect time to catch up on any outstanding work as well as begin serious preparations towards the Trial Higher School Certificate examinations.

Year 12 students are also encouraged to use the break as a chance to recharge but to maintain a healthy study routine, ready for their final term. The Trial Higher School Certificate Examination timetable has been distributed to all students as a hard copy and an email.

## **Outside food orders**

A reminder that ordering of food deliveries from outside providers such as Uber Eats or Dominos is expressly prohibited. It poses a risk to students as drivers are entering the school grounds or students are leaving the school to meet the drivers. Food should be brought from home or purchased from the school canteen only.

## **Important dates**

First day of term 3 for students Tuesday 24 July Week A

Friday 27 July NAIDOC assembly 10.35am. Contact Mr Anderson if you would like to attend.

Wednesday August 1 Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night

Monday August 6th Year 12 Trial HSC examinations commence.



# Deputy Principals Report continued

## **Parent portal**

We are continuously improving communication with parents and carers. One new initiative in 2018 is opening the Sentral for Parents portal. This portal provides parents with access to their child's timetable, attendance and academic reports. Parents can also access the school's newsletter- Keeping In Touch. All parents will receive a letter in Term 3 with information on accessing the portal. Before we can start this however, family contact information will need to be updated. We will send home to each student a copy of the details we have. Please check what we have recorded, make any adjustments and then have your student return it to their Year Adviser.

Year 7 will bring their information home to be checked on Tuesday 24th July. A text message will be sent advising you of this. If you can return the form with your student on Wednesday to Ms Turner the Year 7 Year Adviser please

## **Year 12 Trial HSC examinations.**

The trial HSC examinations will be held during Weeks 3 and 4 of next term. To assist your student discuss with them drawing up a study timetable similar to the school timetable. This is a way you can positively assist your student to plan their study and to then assist them to stick to the plan. The biggest reminder is any absence from an examination must have a Doctors certificate using the illness/misadventure process and the student will be expected to sit any missed examinations immediately they return to school.

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

Unfortunately due to the low number of students attending tutoring in Semester 1 Macquarie University Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University has now withdrawn their support.





# English News

It may be the end of term but things seem to be as busy as ever. In this last week we have had a number of excursions and debates taking place and we are also finalising the marking of a number of assessment tasks for speeches .

The Hamlet Symposium was held at the Seymour centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and our Yr 12 advanced English students attended. It was a thoughtful mixture of analysis and re-enactment and shed light on a number of important aspects of the play. It will no doubt help as the students head into their HSC trial examinations early next term.

The next excursion was with Yr 9 to see Macbeth, also at the Seymour Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

It was a spectacular performance and also the first theatre experience for many of our students.

We will be studying the play in depth next term, so students will deepen their understanding of the play and appreciate it that much more.



*Some of the Yr 12 students at Hamlet*

The Debating season has come to an end for several of our teams, who performed creditably but were ultimately outgunned by their opposition. The Yr 11 team, led by Mr White finished their last 2 debates with a win and a loss. Ms Hoy's Yr 10 team finished the rounds strongly and won their last 2 debates against Strathfield South and Merrylands High. My Yr 9 team, after winning their first debate, came up against two strong Yr 10 teams from Strathfield Girls and Strathfield South and lost narrowly on both occasions. Our team had a large enthusiastic squad and we gave everybody a chance to take up a speaking role in at least one debate. Overall, it was a great effort from all our debating teams. Congratulations for proudly representing the school.



*Inside the Seymour Centre for Macbeth*



*Yr 9 Debating team V Strathfield South High School*



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## EDUCATION PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS- LANGUAGES

Mrs Theodoris' Year 7 and Year 8 French and Italian classes took part in the World Championships for EDUCATION PERFECT in Languages. It should be noted that all the students who took part in the competition put **Concord High 790th out of 1,1476 schools and students spent an estimated 115 hours online learning languages!**

7 Students from those classes received certificates and prizes for their efforts.

### **Bronze awards**

**Alex Al Saadi** - answered 4,080 questions placing him in the top 10% of 350,000 competitors from around the world.

**Rooley Lee** - answered 1,396 questions placing her in the top 10% of 350,000 competitors from around the world.

They both received \$20 i-tunes vouchers for their efforts.

### **Credit certificates – over 200 questions answered.**

**Thomas Abbott**

**Sophie Briddon**

**Samuel Chesterton**

**Elise Prevett**

**Alyssa Tobar**

**Congratulations to all students who participated!**







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# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2018

### CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

Score: 13,307 points earned

Questions: 25,249 questions answered

Global Ranking: 790th out of 1,476 schools

Category Ranking: (101-250 students): 212th out of 426 schools

Estimated time spent learning: 115 hours online learning Languages

#### Top Achievements:

790th overall globally (out of 1,476 schools)

571st overall in Australia (out of 1,038 schools)

158th overall in NSW (out of 293 schools)

212th overall in the 101-250 students category (out of 426 schools)

160th overall in Italian (out of 978 schools)

498th overall in French (out of 1,181 schools)

159th in Australia for the 101-250 students category (out of 323 schools)

58th in NSW for the 101-250 students category (out of 104 schools)

328th for French in Australia (out of 834 schools)

970th equal overall in Japanese (out of 1,121 schools)

#### Total Awards: 7

Elite Awards (4,000+ points):	0	Emerald Awards (2,000+ points):	0
Gold Awards (1,200+ points):	0	Silver Awards (800+ points):	0
Bronze Awards (400+ points):	2	Credit Awards (200+ points):	5
Special Awards:	0	Teacher Awards:	0



## **Year 7 PASS Gala Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July Year 7 participated in a Gala day on St Luke's oval run by the Year 10 PASS classes. From periods 3-6 the year 10 PASS students ran the day, organising a round robin of touch football and soccer for the Year 7 students who were grouped in their school houses.

The year 10 PASS classes organised the entire day as part of their assessment tasks for PASS. They had to organise risk assessments, schedules, group rolls and even organised the booking of the venues with the local council. The PASS students then refereed the football and soccer games and managed/coached their allocated Year 7 group throughout the day.

The Gala Day ran smoothly with Year 7 students actively participating in the sports activities with the day a great success for all involved.





## *Year 7 PASS Gala Day*



A big thank you to all the Year 10 PASS students and teachers Mr Munday and Ms Verniquet.

## **Year 7 Welfare Day.**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July Year 7 participated in a Welfare day at Concord High school undertaking a variety of activities surrounding growth mindset and anti-bullying organised by Eliza Turner Year 7 Adviser.

In periods 1 and 2 the Year 10 Peer Support leaders ran sessions about anti-bullying where year 7 students learnt about the types of bullying and strategies to combat bullying. These sessions were valuable as Year 7 students learnt from their peers about the issue of bullying and in the process continued the connection with Year 10 that started last term in Peer Support.

In periods 3 and 4, the Year 7 students listened to a presentation from Anne Ferfolya, Senior Constable School Liaison Police and participated in programs about anti-bullying or aggression. These sessions provided discussion opportunities but also allowed an insight into the bigger picture of bullying after school.

In periods 5 and 6, Year 7 students learnt about Growth Mindset and participated in fun, hands on activities that promoted positive language and thinking.

The day was successful with students and staff commenting that the Year 7 students got involved and had fun, particularly in the growth mindset hands on sessions.

A big thank you to all Peer Support leaders, teachers, Senior Constable Anne Ferfolya, Anji Choudhary Peer Support Coordinator, Fiona Milligan HT Welfare and teachers Alison Armitage and Danielle White.

-Eliza Turner Year 7 Adviser





## **Year 7 Welfare Day.**





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## Australia's Urban Future

Over the last three weeks Year 9 Geography classes have been learning about Australia's Urban Future. They have been researching some of the problems facing Australia's cities including population growth, housing prices, traffic congestion, availability of services and pollution. The geography students then had to find a solution to these problems and in the process redesign a suburb of Sydney to be prepared for the future. Many of the students had interesting and creative solutions to the problems faced by Sydney, which impressed their teachers. As seen in the images Kasia and Gabrielle redesigned Liberty Grove and created a model of part of the suburb along with a video to explain how they had made the suburb more sustainable and accounted for population changes.

Well done Year 9 Geography!  
Mrs Santos and Mr Morrissey



Kasia and Gabrielle with their model



The facilities included in the redesign of the suburb



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## INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

Students involved in the CHS Instrumental program are to refer to the calendar for rehearsal times for all ensembles in the first 3 weeks of term 3

In preparation for the NSW State Band Festival, students in **Concert band** will be required to attend an additional sectional rehearsal until the performance day. **The Festival will be held at the Conservatorium of Music, on Sunday 2 September. Parents please save the date, it is important that all students attend.**

## TERM 3 REHEARSALS

WEEK 1	STAGE BAND	<b>NO REHEARSAL</b>	Monday	<b>NO REHEARSAL</b>	<b>NO REHEARSAL</b>
WEEK 1	STRING ENSEMBLE	07:40 – 08:45	Tuesday	Common 1	Mr Solomon
WEEK 1	CONCERT BAND	07:40 – 08:45	Wednesday	Theatrette	Mr Dennis
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>CONCERT BAND Clarinets and flutes only</b>	<b>07:40 – 08:45</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Theatrette</b>	<b>Ms Dennis</b>
WEEK 1	Rock Band	07:40 – 08:45	Thursday	Common 1	Mr White
WEEK 1	Vocal Group	Lunch Time	Thursday	Common 1	Ms Huang
WEEK 2	STAGE BAND	07:40 – 08:45	Monday	Theatrette	Ms Cesta
WEEK 2	STRING ENSEMBLE	07:40 – 08:45	Tuesday	Common 1	Mr Solomon
WEEK 2	CONCERT BAND	07:40 – 08:45	Wednesday	Theatrette	Mr Dennis
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>CONCERT BAND Saxophones and Trumpet only</b>	<b>07:40 – 08:45</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Theatrette</b>	<b>Ms Dennis</b>
WEEK 1	Rock Band	07:40 – 08:45	Thursday	Common 1	Mr White
WEEK 2	Vocal Group	Lunch Time	Thursday	Common 1	Ms Huang
WEEK 3	STAGE BAND	07:40 – 08:45	Monday	Theatrette	Ms Cesta
WEEK 3	STRING ENSEMBLE	07:40 – 08:45	Tuesday	Common 1	Mr Solomon
WEEK 3	CONCERT BAND	07:40 – 08:45	Wednesday	Theatrette	Mr Dennis
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>CONCERT BAND Percussion only</b>	<b>07:40 – 08:45</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Theatrette</b>	<b>Ms Dennis</b>
WEEK 1	Rock Band	07:40 – 08:45	Thursday	Common 1	Mr White
WEEK 3	Vocal Group	Lunch Time	Thursday	Common 1	Ms Huang



## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

My name is Chelsea Mitchell from *ToBeMe Early Learning*.

*ToBeMe Early Learning* is a world class long day care provider located in Sydney's inner west. We are looking for passionate, dedicated and committed individuals who want to start their Early Childhood career. Students who have recently completed or due to complete their HSC. The students will receive on-the-job training whilst completing a Children Services qualification at our beautiful purpose built ToBeMe Centres at Five Dock or Burwood. To be considered you must be willing to obtain a Working with Children's Check, have a passion for the education of young children and be a positive, fun loving individual.

If you have any student suitable please email me resume or CV.

Chelsea Mitchell      [chelsea@jennyselc.com.au](mailto:chelsea@jennyselc.com.au)

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### **School Holidays are Approaching**

A friendly reminder from your local Crime Prevention Officers that school holidays commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of July and schools reopen on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2018

Dear Residents,

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, all NSW Schools will close for the autumn vacation. During holidays, schools often become targets for anti-social behaviour and crimes such as graffiti, malicious damage, trespassing and break and enters.

As I'm sure you are aware, it is important for the police and the community to work together to reduce crime. As a resident, living close to your local school, we encourage you to keep a watchful eye on the nearby school grounds and premises and report anything that you see or hear that may be considered as suspicious.

People are often reluctant to report minor incidents to police. The adverse side of this is that if police are not aware of where crimes are occurring, then there is little they can do to address the problem. Please report crime or other antisocial incidents, preferably when they occur to allow police to deploy staff to these areas. This can be done in four different ways:

#### **Reporting Incidents**

Emergency	000
Police Assistance Line	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Ashfield Police Station	02 9797 4099
Burwood Police Station	02 9745 8499



Remember, if you see or hear something – SAY SOMETHING

A reminder about Home Security:

If you plan to be away during the school vacation do remember to:

- Ensure all garden tools, ladders etc are secured in a locked garage or shed;
- Ask a neighbour to clear your letter box, papers etc;
- Leave your contact details with a neighbour

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Crime Prevention Officers, Senior Constables [Latu](#) or [McCue](#) on 02 9797 4099

Kind Regards

Crime Prevention Team

Ashfield Police Station | Burwood Police Area Command  
14 Victoria St, NSW 2131







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

## **STUDENT**

Jason LI  
 Jason LI  
 Emily Rose MCLAUHLAN  
 Emily Rose MCLAUHLAN  
 Emily Rose MCLAUHLAN  
 Despina PAPAIOANNOU  
 Despina PAPAIOANNOU  
 Despina PAPAIOANNOU  
 Despina PAPAIOANNOU  
 Yearim GANG  
 Yearim GANG  
 Kasey MEDEIROS  
 Kasey MEDEIROS

## **AWARD**

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Silver Merit:** Silver Merit  
**Gold Merit Award:** Gold Merit Award  
**Silver Merit:** Silver Merit  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Silver Merit:** Silver Merit  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Platinum Award:** Platinum Award  
**Gold Merit Award:** Gold Merit Award  
**Silver Merit:** Silver Merit  
**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
**Silver Merit:** Silver Merit  
**Gold Merit Award:** Gold Merit Award



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 3 WEEK 1 23 July 2018 – 27 July 2018 WEEK A

<b>July 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pupil Free Day</li> <li>o HSC Engineering</li> </ul>	<b>July 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 History</li> </ul>	<b>July 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Inter schools culinary competition 09:30am - 2:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>July 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o HSC IPT</li> <li>o National Schools tree day</li> </ul>	<b>July 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Food Tech</li> <li>o NAIDOC assembly</li> <li>o NSWCHHSA Cross Country</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 3 Week 1

<b>B TERM 3 WEEK 2</b>	<b>July 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Regional athletics</li> </ul>	<b>July 31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ICAS English test</li> <li>o Regional athletics</li> <li>o P&amp;C meeting</li> <li>o Year 10 Girls welfare program 09am - 12pm</li> <li>o P&amp;C meeting 7pm - 8:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>August 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night</li> </ul>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>August 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Maritime Museum</li> <li>o Year 11 English Studies</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 3 WEEK 3</b>	<b>August 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trial HSC examinations</li> </ul>	<b>August 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>o Year 10 Minimum standards test in English 09:45am - 10:35am</li> </ul>	<b>August 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>o Year 9 Commerce</li> </ul>	<b>August 9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>o Maths AMC competition 09am - 10:35am</li> <li>o Year 8 Chinese 12:40pm - 2:45pm</li> </ul>	<b>August 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>o Year 8 Technology</li> <li>o Year 9 Visual Arts</li> </ul>

