



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 3 Week 8**

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Principals Report

Invictus Games Sydney 2018 Chatbox launch

Concord High School was selected to host the launch of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 Chatbox Launch. This was held on Monday 10th September. Students had the opportunity to engage with the creator of Cobber the Chatbot, Kriti Sharma via a skype session. Kriti Sharma lives in London and is a world leading artificial intelligence technologist. Special thanks to Ms Alice Leung, Head Teacher Secondary Studies for her organisation of this successful and exciting event.

Following are some photos about the exciting event.



Principals Report continued



Principals Report continued

Prefect Afternoon Tea

Engaging students in initiatives that develop student leadership skills and enable collaboration with students in the local area such as the Prefect afternoon is just one of many important initiatives led by students at Concord High School. The afternoon which was attended by a variety of schools and was coordinated by Ms Sarah Kim and Ms Catherine Picone. The school counsellor, Mrs Judi Joy spoke to the students about taking care of themselves during periods of high stress such as the upcoming HSC examinations. The students then formed mixed school groups and completed in an amazing race across the school. Students demonstrated team work skills and creativity in engaging in the set activities and lots of fun was had by all.



Principals Report continued

Year 12 Graduation Evening

The Year 12 Graduation Assembly will be held on Thursday 27th September. We look forward to welcoming the graduating Year 12 students and their parents and carers to this very special event. We invite families to join the staff for light refreshments from 5.30 pm. The formal part of the evening will start at 6.00 pm in the school hall.

Important Dates for Year 12

Informal assembly- Wednesday 26th September (1.25-2.55pm) Students only

Graduation Assembly-Thursday 27th September (5.30 light refreshments under cola, 6.00pm start). Parents and students.

Year 12 Formal- Friday 9th November (6.00-11.30 pm)

Year 12 sign out- Monday 12th November (8.30-11.00am)

HSC results released- Thursday 13th December

Year 12 ATAR results released- Friday 14th December

Year 12 celebration morning tea- Friday 14th December (10.30-11.30 am)

Mrs Jody Engisch
Acting Principal



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson

Important dates

Year 11 Final preliminary examinations Weeks 9 and 10 September 17 to September 28.

Year 12 Graduation evening Thursday September 27th 6pm

Term 4

Tuesday October 23rd 6-7pm Universities Admission Centre (UAC) presentation to students and families in the school Hall. The presentation is for Year 11 students and families about how the Universities Admission Centre constructs the ATAR for University admission. Interested Year 10 students and families are also welcome to attend.

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. 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 11 have been issued with the information to be checked. If you can return the form with your student ASAP to Mr Chappelou the Year 11 Year Advisor.

Preliminary examination

Just a reminder with examinations starting on Monday (from the assessment handbook)

Student is absent from an examination due to sickness

If a student is sick and cannot attend on the day of the examination, the student is to:

- **notify the school by phone** on 9745 3777 on the day of the task or as soon as possible following this date. For an examination the Deputy Principal of the year group must be contacted (Mr Anderson)
- **complete an illness/misadventure form**, with an attached doctor's certificate, and present it to the Deputy Principal on the first day of return to school. The doctor's certificate should state: "*(Student name) was not fit to attend the examination on...*" Postdated doctor's certificates will not be accepted. The assessment appeals committee will then decide on the appropriate action. **An illness misadventure form is attached in the newsletter just in case.**
- exemptions for holidays during assessment periods will not be approved.

Year 11 at risk of not completing the Preliminary course

Mr Anderson will be contacting families during the examination period if the student is in imminent danger of not meeting the preliminary course requirements. Students must satisfy 12 units to be able to complete the preliminary HSC. If they have not satisfactorily completed 12 preliminary HSC units they may not start the HSC course.



Deputy Principals Report

by Fiona Payne

GLANDULAR FEVER

A student at Concord High has been diagnosed with Glandular Fever. Information about Glandular Fever is attached in this bulletin.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered on Monday 3 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being included with this newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 10 September 2018**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

TELL THEM FROM ME – Partners in Learning Parent Survey 2018

Information provided by the Tell Them From Me survey provides valuable feedback to the school and all parents are also invited to participate and have their say about our school.

The survey only takes a few minutes and can be accessed by copying and pasting the following URL into your browser:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/7339v>



Technology News

Students at Concord High School were selected to be the first to speak with Cobber the Chatbot as part of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018. Cobber the Chatbot is like Siri a computer with artificial intelligence attempts to mimic human conversations.

Our students spoke to the creator of Cobber the Chatbot, Kriti Sharma, a world leading artificial intelligence technologists. At the launch Kriti hosted a session for our students focussing on skills for the future and an introduction to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and the importance of building artificial intelligence using an ethical framework.

This opportunity enabled our students to learn more about the future role of artificial intelligence as well as the Invictus Games Sydney 2018.



AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING FOR TERM 4, 2018

Tutoring will begin Monday 22nd October and end Wednesday 5th December

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 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 2 – Week 8) in Term 4, 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 apply online through the following link, which will be accessible from 9:00am on Monday 17th September – 9:00pm Friday 28th September **ONLY**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfi95QrPZ8K6wQLn-HL7aN-M8B1UNJenFv9i0kRMvvCDJmXmA/viewform?usp=sf_link

All applications will be accepted on a 'first come first served' basis. As there is always a high demand for our tutors, it is kindly requested that parents/guardians have flexibility in making their preferences on the online application form.

Students and parents/guardians will be notified of the success of their application during the week beginning 15th October 2018 (Term 4, Week 1). If you have any issues in this regard, please do not hesitate to speak to the tutoring coordinator, Ms Sarah Kim on 9745 3777 or via e-mail at sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au.

**Applications for Term 4 2018 will OPEN at 9:00AM on
Monday 17th SEPTEMBER 2018
and CLOSE at
9:00PM Friday 28th SEPTEMBER 2018**

Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.
Please contact Ms Sarah Kim if you have further enquiries in this regard.
sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au



Concord High School Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program Let's Get Physical! – Term 4, 2018



Dear Parent / Guardian,

The **Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program** is continuing to offer a variety of activities before and after school. Students will have the opportunity to further their interest and develop skills in many sporting activities. These activities will be conducted by specialist coaches who aim to improve the skill levels of each student. The focus of this program is **skill development** as well as fun, fitness and friendship! All skill levels from beginner to advanced will be catered for.

There is also a new course running this term. A 2D Animation course will be offered where you can learn the skills to start making your own animations on industry standard software. We'll play with photo style, South Park style and whatever may take your fancy. Digital FX, sound editing, funny scripts - we get to do it all. You'll be uploading your ideas to YouTube in no time! No previous skills needed - come and have some digital fun.

**** Please note: This term is an 8 week Sports Coaching Program**

**** All activities in the coaching program will commence in Week 1 of Term 4, 2018** (week commencing 15th October 2018)

Each activity has a minimum and maximum number of students. This is designed to ensure small group sizes, optimum individual attention and cost effectiveness.

The supervising coach will take every care of the group. However, your child has some responsibilities and obligations associated with the coaching session, and we assume that your permission also involves an undertaking by your child to act responsibly. Of particular importance:-

- Students must obey the directions of any teacher/supervisor without delay or question
- Students must remain within the area/s designated by supervising staff
- Students must not leave the group to undertake independent activities

Please see over a permission note for your child to sign up for the **8 week program** in the sport of their choice. Please join the Edmodo group online to receive updates, information and/or changes that may take place during the term. Payment of the full term fee should be returned with the permission note to the side office as soon as possible in order to secure a placement. The P&C have kindly donated some money, offering sponsorship to a select number of students who wish to participate in the program, but are unable to due to financial difficulties. If you would like to apply for this sponsorship, please notify the program coordinator.

Ms. Silverine De Silva

PDHPE Faculty
BASS Program Coordinator

Email: silverine.desilva2@det.nsw.edu.au
Edmodo group code: b3ynje





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

STUDENT	AWARD	STUDENT	AWARD
Mia SINGH	Silver Merit	Paula DE LA VARA ARNAIZ	Sport: Participation
Kasey MEDEIROS	Platinum Award	Neva MIKULIC	Year Adviser Award
Keira WILL	Faculty Award	Liam PENWILL	Year Adviser Award
Keira WILL	Sport: Participation	Tilila FILITONGA	Year Adviser Award
Miriam BLAIKIE	Faculty Award	Matthew WHITE	Year Adviser Award
Miriam BLAIKIE	Sport: Participation	Chelsea HORNE	Year Adviser Award
Pina BUDA	Faculty Award	Bailee BAIRD	Year Adviser Award
Pina BUDA	Sport: Participation	Alex AL SAADI	Year Adviser Award
Madina ABBAZOVA	Faculty Award	Dane WELLS	Year Adviser Award
Madina ABBAZOVA	Sport: Participation	Baxter BRYAN-KEYS	Year Adviser Award
Jayde NEWMAN	Sport: Participation	Paula DE LA VARA ARNAIZ	Faculty Award
Jayde NEWMAN	Faculty Award	Zoe THOMPSON	Sport: Participation
Deema ZREIKA	Sport: Participation	Sophie GORS	Sport: Participation
Belle GALLEN	Faculty Award	Bailey BELANGER	Faculty Award
Amelia WALKLEY	Faculty Award	Bailey BELANGER	Sport: Participation
Amelia WALKLEY	Sport: Participation	Ayla ALI	Faculty Award
Isabella CARBONE	Faculty Award	Ayla ALI	Faculty Award
Isabella CARBONE	Sport: Participation	Ilse KNOTTENBELT	Faculty Award
Hannah D'HAEEVELOOSE	Sport: Participation	Ilse KNOTTENBELT	Sport: Participation
Deema ZREIKA	Faculty Award	Brooke SMITH	Faculty Award
Brianna WINSTANLEY	Sport: Participation	Brooke SMITH	Sport: Participation
Sophie GORS	Faculty Award	Zoe THOMPSON	Faculty Award
Hannah D'HAEEVELOOSE	Faculty Award	Ryan CHOW	Year Adviser Award
Belle GALLEN	Sport: Participation		
Brianna WINSTANLEY	Faculty Award		



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 3 WEEK 9 September 17, 2018 – September 21, 2018 WEEK A

September 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Prelim IPT ○ Year 10 Drama Task ○ Year 10 PDHPE Task ○ Year 9 PDHPE Task 	September 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Prelim Ancient History Task ○ Year 8 R, V, W, Y PDHPE Task ○ Year 10 Drama Task 	September 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 10 Textiles Task ○ Year 7 Music Task ○ Year 8 Visual Arts Task ○ Year 10 Music Task ○ Year 8 B, G, O, P PDHPE Task
September 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 9 IST Task ○ Year 7 Music Task ○ Year 8 Visual Arts Task ○ Year 9 Music Task ○ Year 10 Music Task ○ Year 10 English Task ○ Year 10 Geography Task 	September 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 8 History Vikings/Medieval Essay ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 10 IST Task ○ Year 7 Technology Task ○ Year 8 Technology Task ○ Year 7 Music Task ○ Year 10 Music Task 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 3 Week 10

B TERM 3 WEEK 10	September 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Yearly examinations ○ VoR- Year 7 Gala day wet weather date ○ Mid Autumn Festival celebration ○ Year 7 English Task ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 10 Elective History Source Analysis Test 	September 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Yearly examinations ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 7 History Task 	September 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Yearly examinations ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 10 Visual Design Task 	September 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yr 12 Graduation Evening ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations 	September 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Yearly examinations ○ Assembly- whole school ○ Prelim Yearly Examinations ○ Year 9 Geography Task
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