



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 5**

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Principal's Report

Farewell Year 12 – 2019

This week saw the departure of the Year 12 class of 2019. The School Formal was held at Dockside – Darling Harbour and was attended by around 200 students and staff. The night was a spectacular success and was a fitting conclusion to 6 years of education at Concord High for a very likeable and popular group of students.

My special thanks to the welfare team of Brent Chapplelow and Kathy Kalachian, under the leadership of Head Teacher Welfare - Fiona Milligan who were the formal organisers and guiding light for this cohort. Just to repeat my message from the Year 12 Graduation; when you leave school, there will be challenges ahead. Always remember to be your B.E.S.T. under these challenges.....

B – Make your bed

E – Exercise and fresh air

S – Stay at your post

T – Turn up

School Improvements

Thanks to the generous support of our School P&C we have installed a large commercial fan in the School Hall. This fan will make the hall a much more comfortable setting for students, staff and families both in summer and winter months. I look forward to seeing all members of our Concord community much more comfortable at forthcoming events such as Year 7 Orientation Day, Annual Presentation Evening and Performance nights.



Principal's Report continued

Year 11 Reports

The end of course reports for Year 11 have been released on to the Parent Portal today. I would encourage all parents and carers to access these reports and use the report as an opportunity to discuss progress with your son/daughter moving into the Year 12 course.

Staffing

I am pleased to advise that we have had some staffing changes over the past few weeks. Scott Morrissey (History/Drama Teacher) and Poppy Anagnostou (Administration) who have both been long term temporary staff members have been secured into permanent roles.

A newly created position of Head Teacher Student Leadership has been advertised at the school. Following a highly competitive and rigorous merit selection process, I am pleased to advise that Alysha Peoples (Transition Advisor / Year 9 Year Advisor) was successful in this role.

In the Week 7 KIT I will outline in more detail the exciting and extensive changes that are being planned for student support, student leadership and student voice in 2020. All these changes are designed to ensure that every student at Concord High School is known, valued and cared for.

Until Next Fortnight,

Victor Newby
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Jody Engisch, Craig Anderson & Danka Milinovic

Important dates for Term 4

Week 6	Nov 18-Nov 22 Year 9 assessment week Nov 22 Year 7 vaccinations part 2.
Week 8	Dec 2- Dec 6 Year 10 work experience/community service week Dec 3 Year 6 Orientation day
Week 9	Dec 9 –Dec 13 Year 7 swim program Dec 11 to Dec 13 Dec 11 Concord High School Ensembles presentation night 6-8pm
Week 10	Dec 16- Dec 20 HSC and ATARS released Dec 17 Dec 18 ATAR morning tea
Dec 18	Last day of school for all students

Students not intending to return to Concord HS in 2020

Just a request that any student not intending to return to Concord High School in 2020 should bring a note to the Side Office indicating what school they are moving to and the last day of attendance for Concord High School.

The leaving process can take some time to complete and if left late can result in some delay due to end of year processes and beginning of 2020 processes.

Uniform donations

Please consider donating any school uniforms items to the Side Office at school. We regularly supply uniform to students in need and your generosity makes this an easy process. Simply ask your student to bring any donated uniform to the Side Office.

Congratulations Natasha Iacono Year 8

Natasha competed in Melbourne on 26th October in the 2019 IBJJF Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Pan Pacific Championships. Natasha won a Silver medal. Congratulations Natasha.



Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu emphasizes taking an opponent to the ground and utilizing ground fighting techniques and submission holds involving joint-locks and chokeholds also found in numerous other arts with or without ground fighting emphasis. The premise is that most of the advantage of a larger, stronger opponent comes from superior reach and more powerful strikes, both of which are somewhat negated when grappling on the ground.

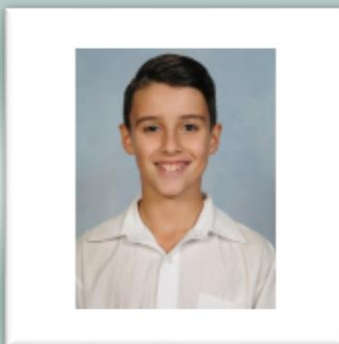


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Congratulations to Damian Iacono Year 7

Damian also competed in Melbourne on 26th October in the 2019 IBJJF Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Pan Pacific Championships. Damian came out with a Gold medal. Congratulations Damian.



Congratulations to Matthew Hansford-Taylor Year 7

Matthew competed in the third and final round of the NSW Go-Karting championships over the school holidays and was successful in taking out the Karting NSW State Junior Light Chmpionship title. Well Done Matthew!



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Youth Empowerment Project

On Wednesday two students Crystal Grose and Emily Rose McLauchlan attended the 2019 Youth Empowerment Project Celebration. This show cased student voice and agency and illustrates how Concord staff have effectively partnered with our students to transform their learning.

The students worked with Mrs Engisch, Ms Peoples and Mrs Milligan to create an authentic approach towards their learning incorporating student voice.

This initiative will now drive future teaching and learning practices at Concord, a focus in our middle school project.



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NRL Junior Gala Day Refereeing

On both Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 6th of November, a group of Year 9-11 Concord High School students travelled out to Morrison Bay Park and Timbrell Park to assist the NRL with their local Primary School Gala Days. The students from Concord were tasked with assisting NRL staff with refereeing duties and ensured that these primary school students were able to play their matches in a fun, safe and structured environment.

In spite of the hot weather and exhausting duties, our students represented both our school and the NRL with pride and were highly commended for their effort, behaviour, attitude and performance on both days. The NRL even stated in a glowing letter to the school that our students were “exceptionally behaved on both days and without them the days would not have run as smoothly as they did”. All of the following students involved should be congratulated for their outstanding representation of the school:

Year 9

Angus Gray
Anthony Kelly
Matthew Jurado Paez
Matthew White
Omer Orcun
Thomas Comer
Hugo James
Hamza Khan



Year 10

Deema Zreika
Sakeena Zreika
Daniel Settineri
Dylan Castrogiovanni
Gabriel Fabi
Jonathan Fabi
Taiki Millar



Year 11

Lachlan De Gioia
Nazir Hammoud



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Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



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My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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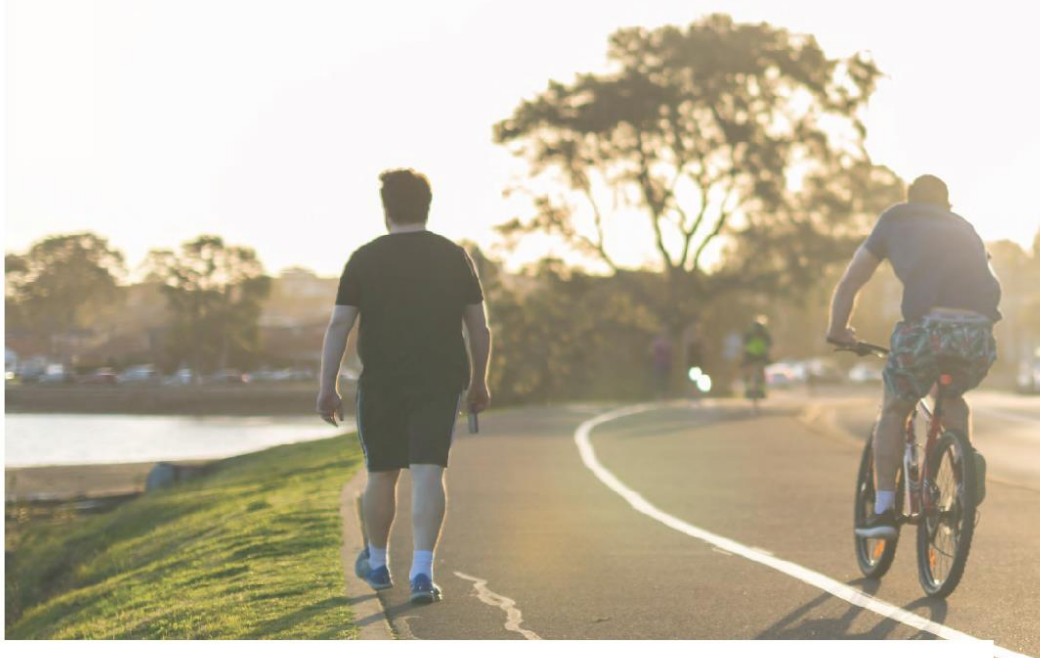
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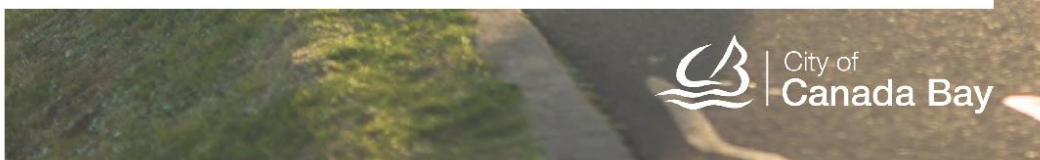
Public safety plan

Make the City of Canada Bay a safer place for our community



TAKE THE SURVEY

bit.ly/publicsafetyplan





Here are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

Christmas items

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

Tinned foods

(Ring-pull tins only, please)

- Fruits in juice
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish
- Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

Meal bases

- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Rice
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian)

Other

- Cereal
- Spreads
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food

Additional grocery items

- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper)
- Cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder)
- Baby care (nappies, baby wipes)

For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative.

GUIDELINES

- Where appropriate please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable.
- Supermarket gift vouchers make a great addition to food hampers, allowing the recipient to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables and meat at Christmas.
- Think Christmas: people will be receiving these packages as gifts. Buy brand-name products where possible, and include some special items to help people celebrate on Christmas Day.
- Pack your groceries into a washing basket, reusable shopping bag or laundry bucket that can be reused by the recipient.
- Consider providing choices that suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly or newcomers to Australia.
- Please donate all items as early as possible in December, or even in November to ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas.

Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.

— YOU CAN GIVE —
HOPE
 WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST



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Salvation Army Christmas Drive

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for families in need. Every Christmas, The Salvation Army provides food hampers and gifts to bring hope to these families – but we need your help filling them!

This year, Concord High School's goal is to raise and donate 500 food items by December 6th 2019. If you would like to donate and help a worthy cause, please bring any non-perishable food items that have long expiry dates. You may also donate supermarket gift vouchers as well.

For parents wishing to donate, please bring your food items to the Front Office, there will be a donation box located there.

For students wishing to donate, please bring your food items up to Common 4 and hand them into Ms Armitage.

Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 6 18 November – 23 November, 2019 WEEK B

Monday 18 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 Assessment week 	Tuesday 19 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 Assessment week 	Wednesday 20 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 Assessment week Year 9 History examination Period 1 HISB, HISO Period 5HISR, HISW Years 7 and 8 Girls cricket- 10 students Year 9 English examination HSC EES task
Thursday 21 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 Assessment week Swim safety trainers day 9 PASS 2 primary school sport coaching 	Friday 22 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 9 Assessment week Year 7 vaccinations part 2 Japanese film festival Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women 	Saturday 23 November

A LOOK AHEAD TERM 4 WEEKS 7 & 8

A TERM 4 WEEK 5	Monday 25 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Chemistry period 3 and 6 Enviro club to Zoo 	Tues 26 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Wednesday 27 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CATs Morning Tea and Awards Presentation 	Thursday 28 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Support Leader training Year 10 and 5 staff Year 12 Geography 	Friday 29 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Ancient History
B TERM 4 WEEK 6	Monday 2 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 8 Music Rotary Burwood Speech craft night 	Tues 3 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 6 Orientation Day HSC Physics 	Wednesday 4 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 8 Sports coaching and Year 9 PASS 	Thursday 5 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 8 STEM Combined High School Concert Band Workshop 9 PASS 2 primary school sport coaching 	Friday 6 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service weekYear 12 Music 1 Task 1 Year 8 STEM Year 12 Music 1 Task 1 HSC EES task

