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Term 4 Week 7

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Principal's Report

Student Pastoral Care and Wellbeing – 2020

As the year draws to an end it gives me great pleasure to be able to outline to all our Concord High families the changes that are planned for 2020. These changes have been developed throughout this year with the following underlying principles in mind:

1. At Concord High School our guiding principle is that every student and every staff member is known, valued and cared for to achieve their full potential, within a culture of high expectations.
2. Our year groups have become consistently above 200 students in each year and we acknowledge a greater level of support and resource is required to support our students.
3. We believe that making a successful transition from primary school to high school is a key time in the lives of young people where additional support is required.
4. We believe that young people learn best when they are active participants in their own learning and deeply engaged with the school through quality learning experiences and leadership opportunities.

To support these underlying principles the following initiatives have been put in place in preparation for next year.



Principal's Report

Year Adviser Re-structure

Commencing next year all year groups will operate with Year Co-advisers. These co-adviser teams have been provided with more time to better support the students in their year groups. The teams are listed below:

Year 7: Maddy Smith / Alison Armitage

Year 8: Ellen Hoy / Daniel White

Year 9: Kate Easterbrook / Tina Bean

Year 10: Nikky Phillips / Scott Morrissey

Year 11: Ben Mitchell / Zoe Ticehurst

Year 12: Fatma Bekheet / Tanaya Hempstead

We are continuing with the Mens Adviser (TBA) and Womens Adviser (Silverine De Silva) roles in 2020.

Year 7 Middle School

A curriculum structure designed to support a positive transition for students from Year 6 into Year 7

- Classes taught by no more than 6 specialist teachers
- An innovative staffing arrangement designed to minimise the need for casual teachers
- Integrated and connected teaching units
 - Humanities – English, History, Literacy taught together as part of a connected curriculum
 - STEM – Mathematics, Science, Numeracy taught as part of a connected curriculum
 - Health – Physical education, Health education, Sport taught as part of a connected curriculum
- A range of innovative student voice and student leadership programs commencing in Year 7 next year
- Each class supported by a teacher who will fill the role of Class Mentor – First line of learning and wellbeing support, who will be in contact with your child every day, supporting learning goals and feedback on learning progress
- Year group supported through a “wrap around” wellbeing structure that includes
 - Deputy Principal – Year 7 - Supporting the mainstream
 - Head Teacher – Learning and Wellbeing – Supporting students with additional needs
 - Head Teacher Welfare
 - Year 7 Co-advisers
 - Teacher Mentors dedicated to each class
 - Peer Support Leaders and Class Wellbeing Support from Senior Students

Head Teacher Student Leadership Role

We have created an additional Head Teacher role for next year. Following a very keenly contested merit selection process, I am pleased to announce to the Concord Community that Alysha Peoples has been successful in this role. The focus of Alysha's position will be to lead opportunities for students in all year groups to play an active leadership role at the school. She will be particularly active in designing a student leadership model for students in Year 7 – 2020.



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School Nurse

We have made a commitment to the employment of Lorraine Bechara R.N. on a full time basis next year. Lorraine's role will be around the triage of students with physical and mental health concerns, attending to serious physical injuries, supporting families to access medical support for their children in the community, liaising with medical health professionals who are treating students at our school, ensuring that all students have health care plans where needed, and supporting the school with a range of health education initiatives. Lorraine has been working at the school this year on a part-time basis.

In-built Relief Model

We have recognised that teaching and learning is at its best when students are taught by teachers who know them well. For that reason we have intentionally left our Year Advisers and Head Teachers underload on their timetables for next year. This means that when a classroom teacher is absent from school due to illness or other commitments, these staff members who are known to the students are in a position to step in and take this class.

It is our belief that minimising our need for day-to-day casual relief in the school will significantly improve student/teacher interactions and maximise learning in our classrooms.

3rd Deputy Principal Role

I am pleased to advise that Danka Milinovic will continue in the Acting Deputy Principal role in 2020. I believe that with in excess of 200 students in each year group, that 2 year groups is the maximum that any of the Deputies can effectively manage, on top of their educational leadership roles. Next year the following arrangements for student support are in place:

Jody Engisch : Year 8 and 11

Craig Anderson : Year 7 and 9

Danka Milinovic : Year 10 and 12

Senior Executive as Instructional Leaders

Next year all members of the Senior Leadership Team (including myself) will teach a class. Allowing for maximum engagement with teaching and learning, together with the opportunity to support faculty and whole school policies and procedures.

A reminder that our Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 11th December. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the night.

Until next fortnight,

Victor Newby



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Important dates for Term 4

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 to two of our Enviro leaders

Aoife Collins and Hannelore Pusenjak are active members of the CHS EnviroClub through which they have been keen advocates for environmental initiatives.

As a result of their continual interest and motivation on sustainable practices and reducing human impact on the environment they were successful in the application of the Lizard Island Coral Reef Study Tour in 2020. The Lizard Island Coral Reef Study Tour is an immersive, live-in educational experience in coral reef science on the Great Barrier Reef led by marine scientists and representatives from the Australian museum. Aoife and Hannelore will represent Concord High School between the 10th - 19th April, 2020.

This is a huge achievement as this highly competitive program that was available to all year 11 students studying stage 6 Biology at NSW government schools, with only 16 places available.

The full cost of this pilot program is \$4000 per person, covered by the Lizard Island Reef Research Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!



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Congratulations to Aoife Collins and Hannelore Pusenjak of Year 10.

Congratulations to the Robotics club

The robotics club has done an amazing job and received an award on teamwork at the FIRST LEGO League (Robotics) Tournament. The team who are all in Year 7 have done an amazing job. Congratulations Oliver Drozd, Jennifer Chen, Annalise Magill, Sherry Lin and Ben Rotem who attended the competition as well as all of the other robotics club members who have worked to help them achieve this award. Thank you also to Ms Gould who tirelessly gives up her lunchtimes to work with these amazing students.



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Congratulations Jacob Leon

Jacob Leon is currently on a soccer tour in Brazil. Jacob is one of the exceptional athletes at Concord High School who regularly performs at a state and national level. On this occasion Leon is a member of the Australian youth team.



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Peer Support Training 2019

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who participated in our Peer Support Program and who showed commitment towards leading our new Year 7 cohort in 2020. Thank you also to Mr Choudhary, Miss Santos, Miss Peoples and Mr Reid for your organisation and support of these fine students.

Year 9 Peer Support training participants:

1. Alamedine, Aaliyah
2. Bartlett, Jordan
3. Brandhoj, Lily
4. Briddon, Sophie
5. Bright, Maxine
6. Buda, Pina
7. Champness, Nathaniel
8. Chang, Sean
9. Chesterton, Samuel
10. Chiang, Xavi
11. Chidireddi, Rohita
12. Chow, Ryan
13. Chuproff, Daria
14. Comer, Thomas
15. Cruz, Jelena
16. Custodia, Phoenix
17. Dalvi, Yuvraj
18. Davison, Sienna
19. De Oliveira-Battams, Bradley
20. Dey, Anna
21. Diaz, Vittoria
22. Everitt, Claudia
23. Franklin, Paige
24. Gao, James
25. Gray, Angus
26. Gray, Woody
27. Grzeskowiak, Andrea
28. Haidary, Yasin
29. Hampton, Hannah
30. Hand, Jake
31. Hofer, Stephanie
32. Hogan, Charlotte
33. Jang, Rachel
34. Johnson, Kiara
35. Jung, Wookho
36. Jurado Perez, Matthew
37. Kelly, Tommy
38. Kim, Jiho
39. Kim, Joshua
40. Kirby, Swade
41. Kwok, Jayden
42. Kwon, Kate
43. Laris, Elijah
44. Lee, Hyein
45. Mancia, Emily
46. Mikulic, Neva
47. Nash, Michael
48. Natalegawa, Joseph
49. O'Connell, Anastasia
50. Pannuti, Tyrone
51. Pavlou, Phillipa
52. Powell, Gwen
53. Pride, Alice
54. Ross, Elijah
55. Sarkis, Lara
56. Shi, Jennifer
57. Soroka, Nicole
58. Steel, Gabriel
59. Thompson, Zoe
60. Tsangalias, Ellie
61. Van, Veronica
62. White, Matthew
63. Yi, Angela
64. Zhang, Jie Lun
65. Zhang, Wenjie
66. Zhou, Anson
67. Zincirci, Ozan



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Danka Milinovic
Acting Deputy Principal
Concord High School



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Farewell Mrs Fiona Payne

Wishing Mrs Payne all the best for her new appointment as Deputy Principal at Pennant Hills High School. She will be dearly missed by the school community.



Deputy Principal's Report continued

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Year 9 Peer Support training participants



Mathematics News

We did it!

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is an international competition organized by *FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)* for upper-primary and lower-middle school students.

Each year in August, FIRST LEGO League introduces a scientific and real-world challenge for teams to focus on and research. The robotics part of the competition involves designing and programming LEGO Mindstorms robots to complete tasks. The students work out a solution to a problem related to the theme which changes every year and then meet for regional, national and international tournaments to compete, share their knowledge, compare ideas, and display their robots.



The team of robotics club in Concord High School this year is amazing! They have worked so hard together every day especially this term before the competition. Their unity, collaboration and the exciting spirit of team work were recognized in the regional FLL competition and they won the teamwork award as the best team in the competition!

This group of Year 7 students have set a few first time records. They represented Concord High School and participated in the Robocup Junior competition this year the first time. There are more girls in the club this year than ever. Amazingly, they won an award in FLL regional for Concord High School the first time! I am so proud of them!

The competition was challenging, full of fun and inspirational. Importantly, the team had a great time. They are already looking forward to next year!

Ms Gould
Mathematics Faculty



Community News

Students learn how to hack to learn about cyber security



Isabella Hogan, Year 8, was recently featured in the Sydney Morning Herald (<https://www.smh.com.au/education/students-become-white-hat-hackers-in-national-cyber-security-project-20191115-p53aws.html>) for taking part in the Australian Computing Academy's school cyber security challenges.

Isabella learnt about cyber security and the dangers of accidentally sharing personal data by becoming a "white hat hacker" in the challenges.

The program puts students in the role of hackers so they can learn how easy it is for others to gather your personal information through social media posts. From the challenge, Isabella has learnt to strengthen her passwords and not share personal information online.

NSW Infrastructure Transport Survey

As part of future planning for the area, Infrastructure NSW has developed a short transport survey
Survey link: <https://forms.gle/cBdmBNnvDoRji96z8>

Can we please ask parents and carers to take 5 minutes over the next week to complete the survey by Friday, 6 December, 2019.



P & C Update

Next Meeting – 6.00pm, next Tuesday 3rd December, School Library

Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe we are just four weeks from Christmas? 2019 has been a very busy year for the P&C. We have had many successes, and it couldn't have been done without your support. From fund raising at the Comedy Night to the support via the annual Voluntary Contributions, plus many informative free speakers we've had throughout the year. Enlightening us all with new perspectives on hot topic that impact our teen's lives. The momentum to improve student conditions and learning spaces, is flourishing in the P&C community.

As it's been a few weeks since I last updated you on the P&C activity, I've popped the highlights below.

Introduction to your 2019/2020 P&C Executive Team:

The annual P&C AGM (Annual General Meeting) took place on 10th September. The Executive Team consist of the following people;

- President – Angela Smith
- Vice president – Linda Duncan
- Vice president – Kathryn Zerk
- Secretary – Donna Hogan
- Treasurer – Glenn Harris

I would like to congratulate these volunteers who have accepted seats on the Executive Team. You are all very welcome and I look forward to working with you to make CHS even better by being active together in the school community.

P&C Website:

We are currently working toward making the P&C content on the website an informative place to get information on upcoming free speakers for meeting nights, access to the strategic plan for P&C activities, meeting agendas and minutes, plus much more. We will let you know when this is ready.

P&C Funded 'Giant Fan' in October 2019:

In October the school hall received a large 7 metre ceiling fan funded by the P&C. Which I can say from personal experience of having been in the hall whilst it's been on, is AMAZING! Silent as a mouse and makes you feel like you are being swept away on a summer breeze. It's a wonderful investment to keep our students cool in the summer months. Positioned way up high and reinforced with metal cabling, this is a great piece of machinery. Photo's on next page .



P & C Update

Uniform Shop:

The handover of the uniform shop went ahead at the end of September 2019, and is seamlessly being managed by the School Principal and his Team. Thank you to the P&C Uniform Shop Sub Committee who were magnificent over the past several years whilst the P&C executive volunteers gathered information on how to best manage this small business. The amount of hours it took to run, reconcile and manage this business was no small feat. Upon deciding the business was best run from the head of the school, the uniform shop's foot print is expanding and Principal Victor Newby took advice from the P&C on what would work well going forward with school student numbers, and he is certainly a man of action and improvement. I took a photo (below) a few weeks back whilst meeting with the principal, left you can see the shop's foundation feet laid. Then last week the shop was put in place. I popped along to the school Tuesday morning and took photos for you to see. The shop will be up and running beginning of 2020 I believe. This will be a fantastic improvement for the uniform shop manager May. Keep an eye out in the KIT for further advice from the school.



Air Conditioners:

Two or Three air conditioners will be installed before Christmas, utilising the funds raised in 2018 for this purpose. I will update you on this in the next KIT.

P&C Over 18's Rock Choir:

We have had some great interest in this, stay tuned as we develop this great fun activity in 2020. Bring your friends along and have a great night of de-stressing by stretching out those vocal chords! We may even do a few local performances! Other rock choir's below, show they are a great community activity with contemporary music.



If you would like to learn more about what CHS P&C does or how you can be involved, please don't hesitate to come along to a meeting, or pop yourself on the mailing list by contacting this email address pandcassociationconcordhigh@gmail.com

Kind regards

Angela Smith
CHS & P&C President
presidentchspc@gmail.com



Uniform Shop Update

Concord High School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop offers extended opening hours during December 2019 and January 2020 for Year 7 fittings which are by appointment only. We are seeking volunteers to assist the Uniform Shop Manager, May on the days listed below.

If you are able to volunteer for any of these days, either for all or any part of the time specified, we would be most grateful.

December:

Tuesday 03/12/19 2.00-6.30

Tuesday 10/12/19 2.30-6.30

Thursday 12/12/19 2.30-6.30

Tuesday 17/12/19 2.30-6.30

Thursday 19/12/19 9.30-3.00

Friday 20/12/19 9.30-3.00

January:

Monday 20/01/20 9.30-2.00

Tuesday 21/01/20 9.30-2.00

Monday 27/01/20 9.30-3.00

Tuesday 28/01/20 9.30-3.00

Wednesday 29/01/20 9.30-3.00

Volunteers will need a current working with Children Check which can be organised online and at no cost through this link: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/applyworking-children-check>

If you are able to assist please email: concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au your name, mobile phone number and Working With Children Check Number, and your preferred dates and times.



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Upcoming Dates

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Monday 2 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 8 Music Rotary Burwood Speech craft night 	Tuesday 3 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Year 6 Orientation day 	Wednesday 4 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work xperience/community service week NRL Gala day Year 8 Sports coaching and Year 9 PASS 2020 CATS information night
Thursday 5 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Combined High School Concert Band Workshop HSC Business Studies 	Friday 6 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 work experience/community service week Girls in coding Vodaphone visit Domestic violence awareness day 9 PASS 2 primary school sport coaching HSC Biology skills assessment Year 12 Music 1 Task 1 	Saturday 7 December

A LOOK AHEAD

TERM 4 WEEKS 9 & 10

A TERM 4 WEEK 9	Monday 9 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Year 12 Mathematics standard task 	Tuesday 10 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Instrumental Ensembles Presentation Night 	Wednesday 11 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Hospitality catering for presentation night Instrumental Ensembles Presentation Night Swim safety program Year 7 NRL ledership program 	Thursday 12 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Swim safety program Year 7 Year 12 EAL/D HSC Geography Japanese Obento Incursion 	Friday 13 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Swim safety program Year 7 International students day HSC English Studies
	B TERM 4 WEEK 10	Monday 16 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 Legal Studies HSC QUIZ Year 12 Standard and Advanced English 	Tuesday 17 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 HSC and ATARS released today Year 9 end of year BBQ HSC Modern History 	Wednesday 18 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Taste of Year 11 ATAR morning tea Final day Term 4 	Thursday 19 December <ul style="list-style-type: none">

