



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 2**

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Principal's Report

As we move into week 3 of the term, I would like to draw your attention to a few key events that will be occurring at our great school in the coming week.

Best Start 7 (Week 3) – This is a new initiative by the Department of Education that Concord High students will be participating in next week. The program is designed to provide schools with accurate and up to date information regarding our new Year 7 students and their current skill level in Literacy and Numeracy. This will allow all classroom teachers to be better informed and target their teaching towards individual student's needs.

Year 7 Meet and Greet (Tuesday 12th February – 5:30-7pm) – This event is a regular highlight on the Concord High calendar. Providing all parents of new Year 7 students the opportunity to meet their child's classroom teacher in an informal setting. The school will be providing a sausage sizzle on the evening.

February P&C Meeting (Tuesday 12th February – 7-8pm) – The monthly P&C meeting will follow the Year 7 Meet and Greet. Being actively involved in the school P&C is a great way to involve yourself and keep yourself informed about many aspects of the operation of our school. I hope to see as many new parents as possible at this event.

As a final note can I ask all parents to ensure their sons and daughters leave home in the morning and travel to school in full school uniform (including correct black leather school shoes). Wearing our school uniform with pride creates a very strong impression for our school in our local community and I seek your support in this regard.

Until next week.

Victor Newby
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

by Jody Engisch

Year Meet and Greet

Year 7 students and their Parents/Carers are invited to attend the Year 7 Meet and Greet evening. This will be held on Tuesday 12th February from 5.30- 7.00 pm. The evening will begin with a sausage sizzle under the Cola. The P & C Meeting will be held from 7.00 pm with the school Counsellors Judi Joy and Robert Hellmers as guest speakers and Year 7 Adviser, Ellen Hoy. All Parents and Carers are invited to attend the P & C.

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YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET 2019



TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
5.30-7.00PM

Parents/carers of the Year 7 class of 2019 are warmly invited to attend our meet and greet evening. This is an informal opportunity for parents/carers to meet their children's teachers.

Highlights of the evening include:

5.30-6.00pm Sausage sizzle and refreshments

6.00-7.00pm Principals address: **Mr. Newby**

Year Advisers address: **Ms. Hoy**

Opportunity to meet the teachers

7.00pm All parents are invited to the P&C meeting




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Deputy Principal's Report continued

By Jody English

Chinese New Year at Concord High School

Thank you to the Language faculty for organising the decorations around the school for Chinese New Year including a dancing dragon that entertained students during lunchtime on Thursday. This year it is the Year of the Dragon.

Students had a lot of fun watching and walking around with the dancing dragon. The dragon dance is often performed during Chinese New Year. Chinese dragons are a symbol of China's culture, and they are believed to bring good luck to people, therefore the longer the dragon in the dance, the more luck it will bring to the community.



Deputy Principal's Report

By Craig Anderson

Clubs and activities.

Thank you to the families who attended the music ensembles evening. We had approximately 25 families attend. If you missed out please contact Ms Cesta in Music.

This week Ms Gould will be starting the lunch time robotics club. Any interested student should see Ms Gould in Mathematics for a note.

Mr White in English is calling for any student interested in public and debating to go to see him for information. If this sounds like your student please check that they have made contact with Mr White.

Mrs Hantes has started the Tuesday afternoon art club from 3 to 4pm.

Mr White has asked any boy interested in under 14s rugby league to see him in English.

Mrs Kalachian has asked any Year 9 or 10 student who wants to join the Wednesday afternoon 3 to 4 pm Numeracy club to see her for a permission note in Mathematics.

Concession cards. Students who are 16 and over have been invited to apply for a concession card from the school library staff.

Congratulations to Matthew Broadbent in Year 8

Matthew has been selected to represent Balmain Junior Touch Association in the NSW Junior State Cup which is being held in Wagga Wagga at the end of the month. Matthew will be a member of one of more than 400 teams competing in this cup. Congratulations Matthew on your selection and best wishes to you and the team.

Routine and organisation

As we start the second week of school please continue to encourage a positive home routine and organisation that supports a positive school day.

Asking to see school work and homework. The teenage condition is that students generally don't want to show you what they did at school. Remember that you are the adult so you need to check on what your student is doing. At the start of the year get into the habit of asking to see what was completed at school and what homework has been done. Your advice in organisation, validating good work completed and assisting improve the students work reinforces the partnership between school and home.

If you need some assistance in this area please contact your student's Year Adviser or have your student see their year adviser or supervising Deputy Principal. Year 7 Mrs Engisch. Years 9 and 11 Mrs Payne. Years 8, 10 and 12 Mr Anderson.



Deputy Principal's Report

By Fiona Payne

REMINDER TO YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The transition from Year 10 to Year 11 can be very challenging for some students. While there is excitement in the opportunities provided to study subjects of their choosing, for some students the increase in workload and expectations can be daunting.

It is recommended that students use their Assessment Handbook to note all their assessments on to a calendar or diary. This will ensure that assessment due dates can be tracked and adequate preparation can be made to ensure that work is handed in on time. Even where there is no direct homework assigned, students should be aiming to create summary notes of the work covered.

Students who are finding difficulties in a subject should speak to their classroom teacher in the first instance.

YEAR 11 EARLY LEAVERS

Year 11 students have the privilege of leaving early on a Tuesday afternoon after they have finished their timetabled classes. The pre-requisites for this permission are:

- Written permission from a parent or carer to do so.
- Signing out at the Side Office prior to leaving the school grounds.
- Having good attendance.

Students who are habitually late to school or miss classes will have their permission to leave early revoked.

Students in Year 11 **do not** have permission to leave early on other days except under exceptional circumstances and then a parent or guardian must collect them.



Music News



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Instrumental Ensembles Program

Concord High School has a growing instrumental music program that strives for excellence at the high school level. All of our ensembles are given opportunities to perform regularly in various forums, such as school events, festivals, and community events. Rehearsals are regular and conducted at school on a weekly basis, early in the mornings before school, or after school in the evenings.

Bands / Ensembles & Future Directions

At Concord High School, we have a significant number of students involved in our instrumental music program. Currently we have a concert band, a stage band, a string ensemble and a vocal group.

All ensembles comprise of students from years 7 - 12. The Concert Band is currently playing level 3 music and every year, presents repertoire in the Yamaha NSW Schools Band Festival. For three years running, they have achieved a gold award for their performance repertoire. The Concert Band undertakes a number of exciting performances each year including presentation nights and other external performances.

The Stage band, founded in term 3 2017, is comprised of teachers and students. Students are invited or audition to gain place in this band. Repertoire performed in stage band is focused around the Jazz and Latin Jazz genre. With increased interest, Concord High School will also offer a senior stage band whereby students will perform repertoire of increasing complexity.

Both Vocal group and String ensembles are open to students from 7 – 12 and similarly have the opportunity to perform repertoire of increasing complexity in various forums.

Students who play guitar also have the opportunity to audition for the concert band and stage band, however as these bands require a minimal number of guitarists, as a future direction, we are looking at the creation of a guitar ensemble. When this opportunity arises, we will communicate the process and procedures with parents and students.

All year 7 students (or new students 8 - 12) are placed into the String Ensemble if they play a string instrument, the Concert band if they play Brass, Woodwind and Percussion and the vocal group if they sing.

Music Directors

Ms Vanessa Cesta is the Head Teacher of the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty at Concord High School and Mr Michael Jobson is the Music Director of the Instrumental Ensembles Program. We are very proud of our Music Directors and their achievements with our ensembles.

Concert Band	Mr Michael Jobson
Stage Band	Ms Vanessa Cesta
String Ensemble	Mr Michael Jobson
Vocal Group	Ms Sandy Huang
Rock Band	Mr Daniel White



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Rehearsal times for 2019

Ensemble	Day	Time	Location
Stage Band	Monday	07:40 – 08:45	Theatrette
Concert Band	Tuesday	07:40 – 08:45	Theatrette
String Ensemble	Wednesday	07:40 – 08:45	Common 1 Room 1.1
Concert Band	Thursday	07:40 – 08:45	Theatrette
Vocal Group	Wednesday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Common 1 Room 1.1
Rock Group	Thursday	07:40 – 08:45	Common 1 Room 1.1

Instrumental Ensembles Program Registration Details

All new and existing students to the instrumental ensembles program are required to register for 2019. There will be a registration night on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 5:30 pm** in the theatrette.

On the registration night, you can complete and sign the registration form. Registration forms will be processed and you will be invoiced for the academic year. Payments are to be made either at the cashier or online.

Fee structure for 2019

Fees for the Instrumental Ensemble program will contribute towards purchasing of music repertoire, competition entry fees, casual cover for school teachers to accompany students on external performances, purchase / maintenance of instruments / equipment that are utilised by the ensembles and other running costs.

Fee Structure

Concert band	Yearly fee	\$300.00
Stage Band	No fee invite audition only Must attend concert band as primary ensemble	
String Ensemble	Yearly Fee	\$250.00
Vocal Group	Yearly Fee	\$200.00
Rock Group	Yearly Fee	\$200.00

Students who attend Concert Band and String Ensemble are eligible for any additional ensemble at no extra charge.

Payment is a yearly fee and fees are not refundable. Students are committed to attend all rehearsals and performances throughout the academic year. Families experiencing financial hardship are to contact the Principal to make alternate arrangements.

Students absent from rehearsals due to illness will need to inform the relevant conductor directly as early as possible prior to their rehearsal time.

Uniform

All ensemble members must demonstrate a commitment to wearing their full school uniform at all performances. Please refer to the Concord High School Uniform Policy. No leggings or jeans are to be worn as part of the uniform.



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Behaviour

As students will be representing the school in public and internal performances, it is an expectation that students follow the PB4L values, respectful, responsible and achieving. Students displaying negative behaviours will be monitored as per CHS Behaviour and PB4L policy, processes and procedures.

Parent Support 2019 (Expression of Interest)

From time to time parent support may be required in order for our ensembles to undertake external performances. Support may include the transport of instruments to performances, pack up, and other administration duties. Any help parents can give would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on your child's application form if you are able to offer assistance.

Instrument Hire

The music department at Concord High School is fortunate enough to have a wide selection of instruments for hire.

Should your child need to hire an instrument for being a part of the instrumental ensembles program, please see Ms Vanessa Cesta for an instrument hire agreement and payment form. Instrument hire fees will cover the cost of a yearly service. These forms will also be available on the registration night.

We look forward to seeing you on the registration night:

Wednesday 6 February 5:30pm in the Theatrette

Michael Jobson
CHS Instrumental Ensembles Director

Mr Victor Newby
Principal



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Instrumental Ensembles Program

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FORM

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBER REGISTRATION PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Student Name	
Parents' or Guardians' Name(s)	
Home Address	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Email Address	

NOTE: We use email as the primary source of communication to parents regarding schedule information and events.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities (CHS Instrumental Ensembles Parent Committee)

Expression of Interest

Parent involvement is critical to the success of our band program. Areas of involvement can include, but are not limited to:

(Please tick the area in which you would like to assist)

Equipment Transport ☐ Administration Duties ☐ Concert Pack up ☐

Other ☐ Please state the other ways in which you would like to assist the Instrumental Ensembles program



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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please contact the principal if a partial payment plan is required.

OPTION 1 (Concert Band)

Full Payment for one or more ensembles \$300.00

OPTION 2 (String Ensemble)

Full Payment for one or more ensembles \$250.00 (Not concert Band)

OPTION 3 (Vocal Group)

Full Payment for one or more ensembles \$200.00 (Not concert Band)

OPTION 4 (Rock Group)

Full Payment for one or more ensembles \$200.00 (Not concert Band)

PAYMENT DUE DATE: 22 February 2019

Permission is granted for _____ (Please print Student Name) to participate in the Concord High School Instrumental Ensembles Program. We have read the CHS Instrumental Ensembles program information sheet, and the Instrument hire terms and conditions and payment form. We agree to all of the information and guidelines on these documents. The above student will be participating in:

☐ CONCERT BAND

☐ STRING ENSEMBLE

☐ VOCAL GROUP

☐ ROCK GROUP

The above student will be playing _____ (Indicate instrument)

Your signatures guarantee that you understand and agree to the following:

- We agree to pay the fees associated with ensembles and instrument hire by the due date
- We understand that fees are non-refundable. Commitment and participation is for the full academic year
- We agree that students will attend all rehearsals. Should they be unable to attend due to illness, parents / carers will advise the conductor of the ensemble in a timely manner
- Students will participate and attend all public and internal performances as required.

Student Signature		Date
Parent Signature		Date

Payment Details

Please Note: Refunds are not available. Any credit due will be issued to the family account

POP Payment Description: Payment option number & ensemble name.

For example: Option 2 (String Ensemble)

Indicate Payment Option (Refer to above) _____

POP online. Payment amount \$ _____ Date paid _____ Receipt No: _____

Office Use Only:

Organising Teacher: Vanessa Cesta & Michael Jobson

Ensemble description:



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Concord High School presents

CELEBRATING WOMEN



A forum for Year 7-12 students and their families on women's achievements, mentoring and resilience

WED 6 March 2019
Concord High School
6pm-7pm

(light refreshments from 5:30pm)

RSVP BY 27 FEB at <http://bit.ly/concordwomen>

SPEAKERS



ALETA KNOWLES

Head of R&D, Virbac (Australia)



Tara J Lal

Fire fighter, author, public speaker, mental health advocate



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The 2019 Burwood Youth Change Maker Awards are here!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Self-nominations are accepted, see attached flyer for more details.

Link to online nomination form: http://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/young_people.html



**APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!**

Award recipients will be featured as part of Burwood Council's 'Young Voices out of the Shadows' public exhibition at Westfield Burwood during Youth Week, April 2019.

WHO CAN ENTER?

The awards are open to young people aged between 12 – 24 years (as at 1 January 2019) who live, work, study or have a significant demonstrated connection to the Burwood Local Government Area.

Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else. Both individual and group nominations will be accepted.

HOW TO ENTER?

Visit www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/young_people.html



to submit your online application

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:59pm Friday 1 March 2019

Award recipients will be notified by Monday 11 March 2019

For enquiries contact Burwood Council's Youth Development Officer on 9911 9911 or email youth@burwood.nsw.gov.au



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Jobs for Youth – Apprenticeship and Traineeship Nights!

West's Leagues Club Leumeah (Campbelltown) on **Monday 18th February 2019**

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West's Leagues Club Leumeah (Campbelltown) on **Monday 18th February 2019**

Bankstown Sports Club Bankstown on **Monday 11th March 2019**

From: 7pm-9:30pm

We would like to **invite you** and **Year 12 students, other current students** and **any young people that have recently left school** who may be interested in gaining information or employment as an **Apprentice** or **Trainees**. **Parents** are welcome to attend!

We ask that students bring along their resume/s and dress appropriately.

JOBS FOR YOUTH

APPRENTICESHIPS + TRAINEESHIPS

NIGHTS

The evening is supported by a panel of experts to answer all your questions including Training Services NSW, Group Training Organisations and Employers.



Find out all you need to know about Apprenticeship courses and School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships.

Available now in a wide range of industries including Engineering, Business Administration, Construction, Child Care, Automotive, Electrical, Health, Hospitality & many more!

APPLY ON THE NIGHT

DETAILS

Dates: Monday, 18 February 2019
West's Leagues Club, Leumeah
Monday, 11 March 2019
Bankstown Sports Club, Bankstown
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Cost: FREE
Click [HERE](#) to Register:
<https://mwlp.eventbrite.com.au>
FREE onsite parking
Watch out for upcoming MWLP events!



BRING YOUR RESUME





Community News

RYDE RUGBY 2019



COME & PLAY

Come and join one of Sydney's best Rugby Clubs, make new friends and learn new skills.

Ryde Rugby is a family orientated club with the simple aim of seeing our kids enjoy the great game of Rugby Union. Our Wednesday Training Night BBQ and Canteen menu is second to none – bring the family along for a great dinner - make new friends and win big in our massive Wednesday raffles!

All new players receive free shorts, socks and a water bottle as part of their Rugby kit.

Registration starts from only **\$100.00**

FREE when using the Active Kids Voucher (from 4 years old to under 7)

To register visit: ryderugby.com.au

Contact: 0474498775 | register@ryderugby.com.au



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

TERM 1 WEEK 3 February 11 – February 15, 2019 WEEK A

February 11 ○	February 12 ○ P&C meet and greet 6 pm – 7:30 pm ○ Year 11 Hospitality uniform fitting	February 13 ○
February 14 ○ Year 12 Textiles	February 15 ○ School swimming carnival ○ ATAR club at lunch	February 16

A LOOK AHEAD 2019 Term 1 Week 4

B TERM 1 WEEK 4	February 18 ○ Encore music performance	February 19 ○ Year 7 Camp	February 20 ○ Year 7 Camp	February 21 ○ Year 7 Camp	February 22 ○ Year 7 Camp ○ ATAR club at lunch ○ 4pm - 6pm Prefect afternoon tea Meriden
A TERM 1 WEEK 5	February 25	February 26	February 27 ○ Year 9 welfare Digital impact	February 28	March 1 ○ vaccinations Year 7 visit 1 ○ Year 11 Business Studies Task 1

