



## Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 5**

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# Principal's Report

### Newsletter Frequency

Following community consultation at the February P&C Meeting it was decided that the Keeping in Touch Newsletter will now be produced on a fortnightly basis. The newsletter will be published on the school website on odd weeks (Week A) of the school year.

### International Women's Day Event

A reminder that on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special event at the school to celebrate International Women's Day. This event will feature two highly successful women who will share their journey with the audience. This is a P&C organised event and I would strongly encourage all members of our community – male and female to attend. The event will commence at 6pm and conclude at 7pm in the school Library.

### Applications for Extended Leave

I would like to draw the community's attention to the Department of Education's implementation procedures regarding attendance at school particularly Sections 14.1, 14.3 and 14.5 that I have detailed below:

- 14.1 From the beginning of 2015, Family holidays and travel are no longer considered [under the Exemption from School - Procedures](#). Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.
- 14.3 A principal should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, which should be specified on the Application.
- 14.5 Principals should consult with parents about the intention of the travel and in the case of family holidays encourage parents to take holidays with their child during school vacation periods.



# Principal's Report continued

Essentially this says that schools cannot grant families leave or exemptions from school unless there are extra-ordinary circumstances. A family holiday during school time does not meet this threshold. If you feel that you have particular circumstances I would encourage you to call the school and speak with your child's relevant Deputy Principal.

Until next fortnight.

Victor Newby  
Principal



# Deputy Principal's Report

By Jody Englisch

## Year 7 Camp

From Wednesday 20-22 February the Year 7 Students attended the Year 7 camp at Stanwell Tops. I had an enjoyable day on the Thursday attending the camp with Mrs Milligan, Head Teacher welfare. The students were having a wonderful time and were engaged in a range of activities. Below are some pictures of the brave and daring Year 7 students engaging in various camp activities. I am so thankful to Ms Hoy, Year 7 Adviser and Mr White, Assistant Year Adviser and the hard working and caring teachers: Ms Milinovic, Mr Basak, Mr Munday, Ms Armitage, Ms Santos, Mr White, Ms Phillips, Mr Reid, Mr Choudhary, Ms Smith and Mr Clare who accompanied the students on the camp.



# Deputy Principal's Report continued

By Jody Engisch





# Deputy Principal's Report

By Craig Anderson

## **Congratulations Keira Will**

Keira Will (Year 8) competed at the Track Cycling State Championships from February 22-24 in the Under 15 Women's division. There were 6 events held, and of these Keira won 5 Gold medals and one Silver Medal. It was a fantastic performance and she dominated the competition as demonstrated by her results. She will now be selected to represent NSW at the National Championships in Brisbane at the end of March.



## **Congratulations Daniel Samuel**

Daniel a student in Year 11 has also qualified as member of the NSW state cycling team. Daniel has made the team in the Under 17 men's category.

## **Congratulations Jacob Leon**

Jacob Leon competed in the NSW State Juniors Championships at Sydney Olympic Park last weekend. On Friday night Jacob ran the under 16s 3000m and took the silver medal in a time of 9.09. Saturday afternoon Jacob competed in the under 16 1500m and took the gold making him the under 16s NSW Junior State Champion for the 1500m. Congratulations Jacob.

## **Year 12 ATAR club**

We have just had our second week of Friday meetings at lunch in the school library. Last week we had the Defence force discuss Defence Gap years, ADFA, trades and opportunities in the Defence forces. This week Sydney University presented. Each week we will have information provided to raise awareness of options before Year 12 go to the Careers Expo and then start the application process for post school destinations. Please encourage your Year 12 student to attend Friday lunchtimes and check to see that they are regularly meeting their teacher mentor. Any difficulties please see Mr Anderson at school.



# Deputy Principal's Report continued

## NRL Youth Advocacy program

Congratulations to Sione Mapapalangi, Vani Sorovi, Nazir Hammoud and Cainan Talisitama who have been selected to be part of the NRL Youth Advocacy Program for 2019. The students attended the first briefing at NRL headquarters last week with the theme of Stand Out. The students will work throughout 2019 in this NRL program to fulfil their leadership potential. Congratulations on being selected to participate in this prestigious program.



# Deputy Principal's Report

By Fiona Payne

## Times have changed...



There was a time, not that long ago, when being on the phone didn't give you many options. Particularly when the phone was in the centre of the house on a cord that was not quite long enough to reach into a bedroom...

The iPhone was only introduced in 2007, so it is barely 12 years since phones became "smart".

## Do you know who your student is talking to right now?

Problems between friends are no longer left in the school yard. Applications like Snapchat and Instagram provide opportunities for strangers to approach young people, sometimes parading as friends of friends or as other young people.

The ever changing nature of the internet can create a challenge for families to manage and there has never been more pressure on parents to be "internet savvy".

**iParent** is a set of online resources for parents available through the Office of eSafety and can be found at :

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources>

They are targeted to the specific needs of parents and carers.

The eSafety website is also a place to report offensive or illegal content.

Maintaining an open and supportive relationship with your student is one of the most important means of keeping them safe.



# Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

## Medical

It is important that our MEDICAL RECORDS are accurate and up to date. I am fortunate to have a trained nurse, Ms Lorraine Bechara, assisting me in updating our records at the moment and offering her expert medical advice. The DEC requires us to update our medical records at least every 12 months. As such, you may receive a phone call, email or letter from the school asking you to update your information – could I please ask for your full and swift assistance with this. I am aware that some medical conditions vary from year to year and it is vital that we have accurate information. Also, if you are required to leave certain medications for your child at school, they must be labelled and come with a letter from a Doctor explaining how often the medication will be given, how it should be stored and if assistance is required when giving. A reminder that asthmatic and anaphylaxis students must carry their medication on them at all times.

Again – I appreciate your support and assistance with this very important process.

## Year 8 and 10 Welfare Activity

In line with the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Year 8 and Year 10 will be taking part in Generation Next's Student Wellbeing Program Webcast. Generation Next's interactive live webcast aims to build resilience in youth at a whole school level. The Generation Next Student Wellbeing Program equips students "with knowledge and skills to maintain good mental health and empowers students to become leaders and advocates for mental wellbeing".

The sessions that Year 8 will take part in are the "Power of Communication" by Jonny Shannon about the importance of social skill and positive emotions and "Choosing Not to Hate" about understanding perspectives and adjusting negative attitudes. Year 10 will be participating in a session called "Are you being groomed?" which deals strategies for staying safe in a digital world.

Please contact the Eliza Turner (Year 8 Adviser) or Ben Mitchell (Year 10 Adviser) on 9745377 ext 118 if you have any questions about this program or you do not want your child to take part in these sessions.





# PDHPE News

## School Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, Concord High School held its annual School Swimming Carnival at Drummoyne Swimming Centre. The weather gods ensured we had optimal conditions for a great day, which included competitive racing, broken records and increased house spirit.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. A special congratulations goes to the age champions listed below and to the BRAYS house who were the overall winners of the swimming carnival!

12 girls age champion	Maisy Wright-Smith
12 boys age champion	Julian Mantle
13 girls age champion	Caitlin Oeser
13 boys age champion	William Chiang
14 girls age champion	Miriam Blaikie
14 boys age champion	Harrison Woodley
15 girls age champion	Rachel Seo
15 boys age champion	Joseph Natalegawa
16 girls age champion	Grace Rosier
16 boys age champion	Benjamin Comer
17+ girls age champion	Kisha Chabo
17+ boys age champion	Curtis Woodley

## OVERALL HOUSE POINTS

1. BRAYS	619 points
2. YARALLA	501 points
3. KENDELL	406 points
4. KINGS	294 points
5. MAJORS	229 points



# Concord High School News

## Year 7 Camp

A big Congratulations to Year 7 who demonstrated our key values of Respect, Responsibility and Achievement while on camp. The kids had a great time at Stanwell Tops, and were able to take part in some truly challenging and invigorating activities.

Our brilliant students participated in activities including abseiling, high ropes course, giant swings, making bottle rockets to name a few. And all agree that they had a great time, and challenged themselves in new and interesting ways.

Thank you to our peer support leaders who cared for, supported and entertained our year 7 cohort for three days. The care and kindness they demonstrated was wonderful to see.



# Concord High School News



## CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

7 February 2018

### School Photographs

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography on Wednesday 13th March 2019 (Week 7A).

Whilst an envelope and flyer are distributed along with the letter, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code: YXK 8W4 CV4. Portrait and group package online orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

To ensure all parents are catered for, orders can be placed in the traditional manner using an envelope. If you wish to do so, you can pay via cheque, cash (exact money) or money order using the envelope and handed in to the advancedlife staff on the day of photography. If you want a sibling photo envelope, please see Ms H YUAN in Common 2 Language staff room.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au) or please refer the website of advancedlife <http://www.advancedlife.com.au/school-FAQ.php> for further information.

Please be advised that FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM must be worn in a neat and presentable manner with correct school shoes. Prefects must also wear their school ties and blazer. Only small stud earrings are allowed, no facial piercings, jewellery should not be visible.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. H. YUAN on 97453777.

Mr Victor Newby  
Principal

Ms H. Yuan  
Photo Co-ordinator

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# Concord High School News



PRIME MINISTER

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Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Scott Morrison, written in a cursive style.

SCOTT MORRISON

A blue ink signature of Dan Tehan, written in a cursive style.

DAN TEHAN





# Concord High School News

## OPEN NIGHT 2019

Tuesday 5 March – 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Parents of prospective Year 7 2020 or 2021 students and their parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Night.

This is a unique opportunity to view the excellent academic, sporting and cultural programs we offer to our students.

Concord High School has been recognised at State level for many of its initiatives including programs catering to Gifted and Talented Students and strategies to further engage students aged 15-19 years. Our highly qualified staff continually participate in professional development and are at the forefront of their profession.

Highlights of the evening include

- BBQ - 5:30pm – 6:00pm
- Principal's address – 6:00pm – 6:30pm
- Discovery Tours / Interactive Displays with Student Leaders 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Gifted and Talented information session 7:30pm – 8:00pm
- Displays of student works

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# Community News

## Καλωσορίσατε! Kalosorisatè Welcome!

Afternoon Modern Greek language classes are commencing for all interested high-school students (non-HSC). Classes will be held at the Cottage of St Nectarios Greek Church, 5 Burleigh St Burwood, on Thursdays 4-6pm. Lessons will be for beginners—no prior knowledge of Greek is required.

The lessons are run by the Parish/Community of St Nectarios Burwood, who have taught Greek in the area for fifty years, providing high-quality and enjoyable learning of Modern Greek.

We also have Greek classes at other sites for primary school and high school students, and for adults.

For further details, and to register your interest, email [greeksschoolstnectarios@gmail.com](mailto:greeksschoolstnectarios@gmail.com), or call 0415-124-709.

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# Community News

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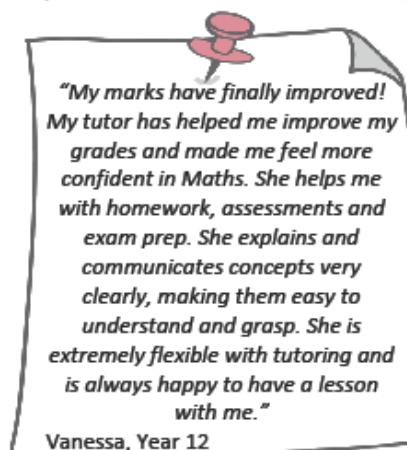
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# Upcoming Dates

**VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 6**

**February 4 March – March 8, 2019 WEEK B**

<b>March 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NRL referee accreditation course</li> <li>o Year 11 Business Studies Task 1 - Hand in</li> <li>o Year 12 Ancient history in class essay</li> <li>o VoR- Knockout cricket</li> </ul>	<b>March 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Combined School Open Nights (6 - 7.30pm) and GATS</li> <li>o Information Evening (7pm)</li> </ul>	<b>March 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1</li> <li>o Zone swimming carnival</li> <li>o Prefect afternoon tea Burwood Girls</li> <li>o Open boys knockout soccer</li> </ul>
<b>March 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1</li> <li>o Zone swimming carnival</li> <li>o Prefect afternoon tea Burwood Girls</li> </ul>	<b>March 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 11 standard maths task 1</li> <li>o GATS applications close at 12pm</li> <li>o Year 11 Geography</li> <li>o Year 12 Police talks during assembly time</li> <li>o ATAR club at lunch</li> <li>o Prefect afternoon tea- Ashfield Boys HS</li> </ul>	<b>March 9</b>

**A LOOK AHEAD 2019 Term 1 Week 7**

<b>A TERM 1 WEEK 7</b>	<b>March 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Chemistry hand in task</li> <li>o Year 11 standard maths task 1</li> <li>o Year 12 CAFS task 2</li> </ul>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 11 IPT task 1</li> <li>o Year 7 Geography Test</li> <li>o School photo day</li> <li>o Year 10 Minimum standards testing</li> </ul>	<b>March 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Biology Assessment</li> <li>o Year 12 Earth and environment</li> <li>o Year 12 Physics- hand in task</li> <li>o Year 11 SLR</li> <li>o Year 12 SLR</li> <li>o Year 12 Society and Culture Task 2</li> <li>o Year 7 Geography Test</li> <li>o Selective HS Placement Test</li> <li>o Year 11 Minimum standards test re-sit</li> <li>o Kozoji High School (Japan) visit</li> </ul>	<b>March 15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Biology Assessment</li> <li>o Year 12 Earth and environment</li> <li>o Year 12 Legal Studies Task No. 2</li> <li>o Year 7 Geography Test</li> <li>o Year 11 Legal Studies Task No. 1</li> <li>o Year 12 Industrial Tech task 2</li> </ul>
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