



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

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# Principal's Report

### **In League in Harmony Visit**

This program is an NRL initiative designed to foster diverse and multicultural participation in Rugby League. 30-40 keen league students from Concord High have been involved in the program this term. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August the school hosted NRL CEO Todd Greenberg and NSW Sports Minister and Member for Drummoyne Hon. John Sidoti. Both visitors took the opportunity to speak with students and participate in some drills on the school oval as part of their visit. We are also expecting local Federal Member for Reid, Dr. Fiona Martin to visit the school and view the program next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Special thanks to Joyce Falele and Scott Morrissey for their organisation of this fantastic initiative.

### **CESE Visit**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August Concord High also hosted two researchers from the Department of Education's Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation (CESE). An analysis of the schools HSC data over the past 5 years had shown our Mathematics Faculty to be significantly high performing compared to most schools across the state. The researchers are interested in using our school as a case study to investigate and document the practices in the faculty and across the school that contribute to this success. CESE will be visiting us several more times in the preparation of their research paper and we look forward to their findings. It is very well deserved recognition for the wonderful team that we have in Mathematics.



# Principal's Report continued

## Staffing Update

The start of a new term often results in some staffing changes. The school has welcomed Annika Fawcett as a new permanent member of the HSIE faculty. Annika is an experienced History and Society and Culture teacher who will be a valuable addition to our team. We will also welcome Mary Anne Snewin as a new permanent member of our English/EAL Team. Mary Anne joins us as the successful candidate through a competitive merit selection process. We wish both Annika and Mary Anne a long and successful future at Concord High.

The new term has also seen a number of our temporary staff members who have been successful through merit selection in being appointed to the school on a substantive basis. My congratulations to Tina Bean (Science), Nikki Phillips (TAS) and Dee Santos (HSIE). All three have been outstanding long term staff members at the school and we are fortunate that we have been able to offer them a permanent position.

Until next fortnight,  
Victor Newby  
Principal



# Deputy Principal's Report

Jody Engisch, Craig Anderson & Danka Milinovic

## Important dates for Term 3

Week 3 and Week 4 Year 12 Trial HSC examination period Monday Aug 5 to Friday Aug 16

Week 5 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August HSC Major Works Showcase evening for TAS and CAPA 6-8pm  
Concord High School

Week 9 and 10 Monday September 16 to Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Final Preliminary examinations

Week 10 Thursday September 26 Year 12 Graduation 6pm Concord High School Hall

Week 10 Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> final day of Term 3.

## Year 12 Trial HSC examinations

Just a reminder that if your student cannot attend a scheduled examination you are requested to call the school attendance office. Any absence will require some certification such as a Doctors certificate and an illness/misadventure form. If possible the examination will be rescheduled the first day the student returns but after the examination period is over this may not be possible. Call and speak to Mr Anderson if you have any concerns.

Below is part of the student cohort at the English examination in the school hall.



# Deputy Principal's Report continued

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## NRL In League In Harmony program at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence

Congratulations to Vani Sorovi, Nazir Hammoud and Sione Mapapalangi who are NRL Youth Advocates and who attended the NSWRL Centre of Excellence last week. The students participated in training on how to deliver an hour long workshop including classroom and rugby league skills and drills to primary school students. The Youth Advocate Program gives students not only learning opportunities on being a leader but practical experiences like 'Harmony Go' to put those skills into action.



## In League in Harmony program at school

On Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> we hosted a visit from The Hon John Sidoti Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans and Todd Greenberg Chief Executive Officer of the National Rugby League in Australia. The visitors met with NRL Youth Advocates Vani Sorovi and Nazir Hammoud and observed the students participating in the In League In Harmony program.



# Welfare News

Today Concord High School was visited by The Hon John Sidoti, Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors, and Veterans and the NRL CEO Todd Greenberg to see how the In League In Harmony program has been going with the students at Concord. This meeting involved a formal meeting with our NRL Student Leaders in year 11 Vani Sorovi and Nazir Hammoud. Both Vani and Nazir impressed Mr. Newby, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Greenberg in a formal lunch meeting showcasing the values of both Concord High and the NRL Program as a leadership opportunities for themselves as they move into year 12 and beyond Concord. Throughout the program today, the students were thrilled to have Mr. Sidoti take part in the practical activities as part of the program as well as running mini-games with the students from years 7 - 11. Concord High is thrilled to be apart of this program as it showcases the values of our students as being respectful, and diverse future leaders of the community.

Ms. Valele and Mr. Morrissey.



# Welfare News

Landscape Solutions is holding its annual Apprentice Information Session at their Seven Hills Head Office. This is an opportunity for students to come and meet their team, find out if an apprenticeship in landscaping is the best path for them and where this exciting industry can lead them.

If your child is starting to look at their career options post school- this may be a great event for them. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please see below flyer for event information.



## APPRENTICE INFORMATION SESSION

### We're looking for our next generation of apprentices!

Join us for an Apprentice Information Session at our Seven Hills head office. Chat to our current and former apprentices about the opportunities available to you.

Book now by visiting [bit.ly/2wqlb3L](https://bit.ly/2wqlb3L).  
Hurry, spots are limited!

### WHEN

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>  
September

### WHERE

16 Distribution Place,  
Seven Hills, NSW

### TIME

4pm - 6pm



# Learning & Wellbeing News

## EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Education Week is a statewide, annual event that aims to showcase and celebrate the achievements of NSW's public school system, its students and staff. The theme this year was **Every Student Every Voice** as schools sought to celebrate the ideas of students. At Concord High, we celebrated with a range of activities.

## STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM

This week the school has launched a Student Wellbeing Team. This enthusiastic group of Year 11 students, led by Kisha Chabo and Ella Purdon, will work closely with the staff on the Welfare team including the Year Advisers and School Counsellors. Their goal is to provide a student voice in the promotion of positive mental health and good physical health.

## KAI SLAATS

Year 11 student and School Captain, Kai Slaats, was selected from more than 120 applications from across NSW for the 2019 Secretary for a Day.

The Secretary for a Day program brings students from across the state to the department's offices in Parramatta, as part of Education Week activities in the first week of August. The participating students worked with Education Department staff to action positive change for schools and student learning and have had a real opportunity to influence system development.

As part of the program Kai also took part in creative and cultural advocacy and leadership workshops with industry and education experts.





# Concord High School News

## New South Wales Legacy Junior Public Speaking

On Thursday 8th August, two students from Concord High School travelled to Moorebank High School to compete in the local final of the 2019 New South Wales Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Neva Mikulic in Year 9 and Dakota Thuell in Year 8 proudly represented our school as they competed in both the 5 minute 'prepared' and 2 minute 'impromptu' speaking sections of the competition. It was a competitive local final where students discussed a range of subjects including climate change, the importance of love and persistence, as well as the ways in which stories can influence the ways in which we think. While both students performed remarkably well, a big congratulation must go to Neva who was selected to represent our school at the regional final level on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Well done, Neva!



## Internet Outage

Our school will be transitioning to a new internet service from the Department of Education on Thursday 15 August. Between 8am and 11am, there will be no internet access at school for staff and students. Teachers will be implementing teaching and learning activities that will not require internet connection during this outage.

This internet outage will also result in a delay of text messages for student absences. If your child is absent on Thursday 15 August, the text message for you to explain your child's absence will be sent after 11am.



# Upcoming Dates

**VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE**    **TERM 3 WEEK 4**    **12 August, 2019 – 16 August, 2019**    **WEEK B**

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| <b>Monday 12 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>Environmental Leadership Workshop</li> <li>7B, 8B and 8 STEM National Science week</li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday 13 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>7B and 8B Air rocket challenge</li> </ul>   | <b>Wednesday 14 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Trial HSC examinations</li> </ul> |
| <b>Thursday 15 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>Industrial Technology Major Projects - completion and hand-in date</li> </ul>               | <b>Friday 16 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Trial HSC examinations</li> <li>In League Harmony program</li> <li>Year 11 Engineering task 2</li> <li>Year 11 Design and Tech task 2</li> </ul> |   |

## A LOOK AHEAD 2019    Term 3 Week 5 & 6

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| <b>B</b><br><b>TERM 3</b><br><b>WEEK 5</b> | <b>Monday 19 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality catering project</li> <li>Police talks- Transport years 7 and 8</li> <li>HSC Showcase &amp; Exhibition TAS &amp; CAPA</li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday 20 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality catering project</li> <li>Retrieval practices 11CHE1 and 11CHE2</li> <li>Tolhurst, Merchant and Gordon</li> <li>West's Tigers Incentive program</li> </ul> | <b>Wednesday 21 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality catering project</li> <li>China Day</li> <li>Macquarie Uni Aboriginal engagement program</li> </ul> | <b>Thursday 22 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 International Studies Task 3</li> <li>Yr 12 Transition Meetings</li> <li>Retrieval practices 11SAC2 and 11GEO1</li> </ul> | <b>Friday 23 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concert band Workshop Day with feeder Primary Schools</li> <li>Year 12 Geography</li> <li>Assembly Junior and Senior Year meetings</li> <li>In League Harmony program</li> </ul>           |
|  | <b>A</b><br><b>TERM 3</b><br><b>WEEK 6</b>  | <b>Monday 26 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macquarie Uni STEM workshop in HOTS</li> </ul>  | <b>Tuesday 27 August</b>  | <b>Tuesday 28 August</b>  | <b>Tuesday 29 August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSC DRAMA PRACTICAL - No access to theatrette</li> <li>Year 12 Visual Design Task 4</li> <li>Year 9 welfare activity- Olympics Unleashed</li> <li>Maths faculty- Adobe connect</li> </ul> |

