



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 9**

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day was held on Wednesday 9th December. This was a wonderful opportunity to share in the success across Concord High School this year.

Like many other events in 2020, the organisation of the day was different to usual, with no parents able to be on school premises and the event held during the school day rather than in the evening. We were fortunate to be able to livestream the event to well over 100 families on the day and we hope that none of the significance and pride that should be felt by award recipients was lost as a result of these adjustments.

My thanks to Christine Shiels and Leanne Davin who were the key organisers around making this event run very smoothly on the day. My thanks also to the Welfare Team and Michael Jobson and the String Ensemble for their contributions.



Staffing

As is often the case at the end of a school year we have a number of staff leaving us for a variety of reasons. Most of these movements we will celebrate next week as a staff; however, I will mention two key changes here. Mr Liam Wynne will be leaving us next week following 3 years at the school as Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE, Liam leaves us to live and work closer to his home and to make more time available to spend with his young family. Also Mr Lloyd Hogan leaves us following his successful merit selection to Cherrybrook High School. Both Liam and Lloyd have made valuable contributions to Concord High School over an extended period of time and will be sadly missed.

Term Dates – 2021

Friday 29th January 2021 – School resumes for students in Years 7,11,12

Monday 1st February 2021 – School resumes for students in Years 8,9,10

On behalf of all staff at Concord High School can I extend my thanks to all members of the school community for working with us so positively over the past 12 months. We have had to make many decisions “on the fly” this year, often with guidelines changing daily and often with information that has not been entirely clear. The support we have received and the positive calls and emails that have come into the school in the past 12 months have been very humbling and gratefully received.

I would like to wish all members of our school community a very happy and peaceful Xmas with friends and loved ones.

We are looking forward to a great 2021.

Until Next Year

Victor Newby
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Jody Engisch, Craig Anderson & Danka Milinovic

Year 9 course completion unsatisfactory students

Thank you to those families who have supported students to complete work that was contained in an OFFICIAL WARNING – Non-completion of a Stage 5 (Years 9 – 10) Course.

We are at a point where no Year 9 student will need to repeat with some moving to different educational settings and leaving Concord High School.

It is imperative for Year 10 that if you do get an OFFICIAL WARNING – Non-completion of a Stage 5 (Years 9 – 10) Course that you speak to the teacher to ensure that the work is complete.

During Year 10 students will select courses to study for Year 11 and 12. Based on non completion of work and performance in Years 9 and 10 some students will not be able to study the courses of their choosing. If your student needs to make a change to lift their academic standard the beginning of next year is the perfect time for a fresh start.

For those students who do not wish to complete Years 11 and 12 they must obtain a RoSA at the end of Year 10 that states they have satisfactorily have met course requirements. If your student is considering moving to a different education setting or to work please ensure that you speak to Ms Peoples or Mrs Milligan at the beginning of the year so we can assist.

Preparing for the holidays

Just a reminder that the best help you can offer your student over the holidays is time away from technology replaced by outdoor activity and reading.

In 2021 you will notice that your student will be asked to have and heavily use a subject notebook as there will be a focus on writing, organisation and reading. This will allow staff to provide timely feedback each period on spelling, grammar, punctuation and comprehension.

Our last breakfast club of 2020

Thank you as always to our dedicated Student Learning Support Officers for their tireless work in supporting our students both in class and also out of class. At every school event you will see this team cheering loudly and supporting our students.

The SLSO team also organise the weekly school breakfast club. This is held every Wednesday morning. If you know that your student would benefit from a little extra care, a morning chat or something nice to eat before class please do encourage them to come to breakfast club.

On behalf of school community I would like to thank the SLSO team for their dedication and genuine compassion and interest in supporting our students.





PDHPE Faculty

Grade Sport update

On Tuesday the 8th December Concord High had multiple teams compete in the 2020 Northern Suburbs Zone Grand Finals! The teams and results are as follows:

- Opens Boys Touch Football were victorious over Hunters Hill High 12-0! Fantastic display of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship
- 14s Boys Cricket dominated Hunters Hill High with a score of 1-101 off 10, then restricted their opponents to 5-26 off 10. Well done boys!
- 15s Girls Touch Football played to a 2-2 draw in their Grand Final against Ryde Secondary! Joint winners for 2020!
- 15s Girls Basketball put up a good fight right to the end but unfortunately were defeated in the last 20 seconds! They lost to Fort Street High 21-23. Back bigger and stronger next year!
- 14s Girls Touch Football played hard but were up against a good opponent in Hunters Hill High. Final score 1-3. Better luck next year girls!

Representative Sport update

Event highlights include:

Liana Balic –

4th Girls Triple Jump 12 years (19 competitors) 9.60m

20th Girls 100 metre 12 years (24 competitors) 14.71 sec

Maisy Wright-Smith –

22nd Girls 1500 metre 13 Years (38 competitors) 5min 14.02 sec

Ivan Balic –

2nd Boys 400 metre 14 years Final (26 competitors) 52.32 sec (Time Ranked 3rd in Australia 14 Years Boys 2020)

3rd Boys 200 metre 14 years Final (52 competitors) 23.35 sec (Time Ranked 8th in Australia 14 Years Boys 2020)

6th Boys 100 metre 14 years Final (55 competitors) 11.67 sec (Time Ranked 8th in Australia 14 Years Boys 2020)

Maisy Wright-Smith –

22nd Girls 1500 metre 13 years (38 competitors) 5min 14.02 sec

Thomas Comer-

1st Boys 400 metre 15 years Final (32 competitors) 51.26sec (Time Ranked 9th in Australia 15 Years Boys 2020)

5th Boys 200 metre 15 years Final (39 competitors) 23.00sec (Time Ranked 13th in Australia 15 Years Boys 2020)

8th Boys 100 metre 15 years Final (45 competitors) 11.23sec (Time Ranked 11th in Australia 15 Years Boys 2020)

The performances at this event have seen both Thomas Comer & Ivan Balic qualify to represent NSW at the 2021 Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to all four students not only for their results but for persisting with a sport they love, training hard and maintaining enthusiasm and a will to compete to the best of their ability!



PDHPE Faculty



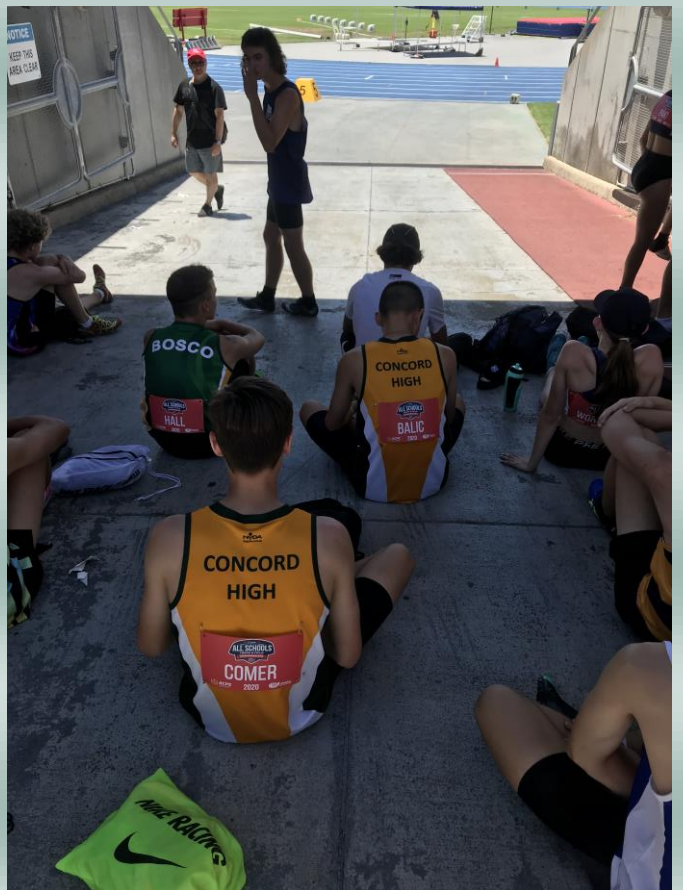
400m 15 years medal



400m 14 years medal



400m Medalists



Before the 400m final



PDHPE Faculty



Ivan Balic 400m 14 years start



Liana Balic Triple Jump



Maisy Wright-Smith 1500m 14 years



Thomas Comer 400m 15 years start



Upcoming Dates

Dates to remember

Wednesday 16 December

Students last day of school

Friday 18 December

HSC results and ATAR's released

Friday 29 January 2021

Year 7,11,12 return to school

Monday 1 February 2021

Year 8,9,10 return to school

Please see notice below regarding parking changes on Wednesday 16/12.

Communities for Communities (C4C) are hosting our Annual Xmas Carols event on Wednesday 16th December, 2020 in the southern car park of Cintra Carpark. The event is being sponsored by Canada Bay council. I am writing to advise you of this event as we will be closing the carpark to all vehicles on the evening before (15th) and on Wednesday 16th there will be no vehicular access to the southern carpark.

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 10 14 December 2020

WEEK B

	Monday 14 December	Tuesday 15 December	Wednesday 16 December	Thursday 17 December	Friday 18 December
B TERM 4 WEEK 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Ancient History task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Extension 2 English Assessment - Viva Voce Period 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students last day of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATARS released 9 am School Holidays

A LOOK AHEAD 2021 TERM 1 WEEK 1

	Monday 25 January	Tuesday 26 January	Wednesday 27 January	Thursday 28 January	Friday 29 January
A TERM 1 WEEK 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day Public Holiday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7, 11, 12 students return to school