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TERM 1 - WEEK 7 2021



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WHAT'S ON

- Monday 15th March** - School Photo Catch up day
-National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- Friday 19th March** -School cross country carnival
-Year 10 Subject selection booklet issued
- Thursday 25th March** - Sydney North Regional Swimming
- Wednesday 31st March** -Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher night
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Principal's Message

Mr Victor Newby



Staffing Difficulties

Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing difficulties recruiting staff in some curriculum areas. These shortages are being experienced by schools state wide and many of my colleagues in neighbouring schools are reporting the same difficulties. In rural and remote areas of the state the problems are much worse. These shortages are mainly in the Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) area and this is impacting on Hospitality and Engineering classes at the moment, but has impacted Marine Studies, Technology Mandatory and Software Design and Development over the past few weeks.

The result of this has been that we have been forced to make a number of timetable changes in an effort to best place staff on classes as we have been able to fill vacancies. This has caused a level of disruption for staff and students that is not ideal.

I wish to assure all families that the matter is being addressed and we are seeking a range of innovative solutions to minimise impact on student learning. If you have immediate concerns regarding your child's progress in these classes (or any other) please share your concerns with us and we will respond accordingly. An email sent to concord-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au is the best first point of contact and we will follow the matter up from there.

Students Travelling on Public Transport

A reminder to all families that the current law in NSW stipulates that all persons over the age of 12 are required to wear a mask while travelling on public transport. Those failing to do so will face a \$200 on the spot fine. Our school staff are ensuring that students travelling on School Buses (those leaving from Stanley St) are wearing masks; however, many students catch public buses home on Burwood Rd and we have no way of regulating mask wearing when students are travelling to school.

The advice that I am receiving from multiple members of the public is that on these buses that are not being overseen by the school, many students are not wearing masks. We will not be in a position to intervene should families be fined.



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School Photo Day

Our school photo day was held on Wednesday 10/3. This is normally a day of significant disruption and large numbers of students moving around the school either going to, or coming from having their photos taken. Unfortunately, on this already complex day we had an incident where two male students were involved in a physical fight. There were no weapons involved and the school management moved quickly to contain the situation by moving all students into classes for a short period of time to ensure the safety of all staff and students. NSW Police attended the school and assisted in the management of the matter.

This is an uncommon occurrence for us at Concord High; however, all staff and students acted quickly and in line with Department of Education policy to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

This delay in normal operations resulted in some year groups not being able to have their photos taken. Next Monday 15/3 will be the catch up day for those who missed out.

St Luke's Oval Car Park

I have received reports from the public that senior concord High students who are driving to school and parking in the St Luke's Oval carpark (off Crane Street) are displaying unsafe behaviour when leaving the car park of an afternoon. Although this has not been observed by school staff, the matter has been referred to Burwood Police and they will be patrolling the car park of an afternoon. I would seek the assistance of all parents to speak with their driving age students regarding safety in this area.

Year 11/12 Parent Teacher Night – Wednesday 31st March (4pm – 7:30pm)

Save the date. Following the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received from staff and parents regarding our 2020 parent teacher interviews (via Zoom) we will be continuing to use this platform for Parent Teacher Night's this year. The first of these events will be on Wed 31/3. More information regarding access and booking will be available in the coming weeks.

Until Next Fortnight

Victor Newby

Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Mr Craig Anderson, Mrs Jody Engisch, Ms Danka Milinovic

Year 10 subject selection process.

Year 10 are about to start the subject selection process for courses for the HSC. An outline of dates is below for your reference.

Students must currently demonstrate their ability to undertake these courses. This means that current class work, behaviour, assessment tasks and the semester one report are the evidence of ability. If your student is not working currently to the expected standard then they will not be allowed to select high level courses. For Mathematics and English the final level that students will be allowed to study will be based on the semester one and two report and the final year 10 examinations in Week 3 of Term 4.

Year 10 is a critical time for students to demonstrate their ability. Choosing courses for next year is not about I will do it then. Year 10 must do it now.

For many students this means a **non ATAR pathway**. This pathway is for students who wish to gain a Higher School Certificate but not want to leave year 12 and enter university. At this time many students are working at this level.

If you want your student to study an **ATAR pathway** which means that they want to leave year 12 and go straight to university then you must ensure that your student is meeting the high standard expected now.

Term 1

Week 8- Friday March 19 subject booklet released to students and families with expectations and prerequisites

Week 10- Monday 29 March students complete using an Edval code sent to families indicating first thoughts of courses

Term 2

Week 1 Friday 23 April Staff to review course selections and advise student if change is required.

Week 4 Monday May 10 Year 10 parent teacher interviews on zoom. Course selection to be discussed.

Week 4 Wednesday May 12 Subject information evening for parents and students. This will be a short face to face presentation in the school hall and will be COVID compliant. Packages developed by faculties with subject information will be posted on Year 10 google classroom

Week 5 Year 10 to attend a Taster of courses chosen to ensure appropriate course selected.

Week 5 students to amend Edval choices if course changes advised. Staff to review and advise if there are concerns.

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Week 7 Friday June 4 final course selections done online using Edval code.

Year 9 NAPLAN

NAPLAN is in May this year.

NAPLAN tests are increasingly important and need family support. Student performance in the NAPLAN tests is a vital indicator of performance and allows intervention to assist students meet the HSC minimum standards test that is taken in Year 10. These tests plus Year 10 semester one reports provide the information that demonstrates a student's ability to undertake high level courses for the HSC. To support your student prepare for the tests class teachers will be working on specific literacy and numeracy skills.

Your support of reading at home and reviewing your students work book to encourage a high standard of work completion will add great value for both NAPLAN and continuing educational success.

COVID Intensive learning support program

In recognition of the difficulty many students faced particularly in the early stages of COVID last year with the lockdown we have been allocated funds to offer extra support to a limited number of students. Some students in Years 7 to 10 will be provided with small group tuition at school in literacy and/or numeracy. Participation in this program will be based on student performance in recent year wide testing.

Year 12 mentors

If your student has a teacher mentor can you please check that they are seeing the mentor at least every two weeks. We are finding that Year 12 at the moment are presenting with a lack of motivation and a sense of being overwhelmed. To remedy this staff are attempting to use time management and effective study strategies including use of a study timetable. If you are noticing your student is not planning their out of school time that reflects a balance of relaxation, exercise and school work please ensure that this is raised so it can be discussed with the teacher mentor. Your support of advice with practical strategies will help your student during the HSC year. Please do contact the year advisers Mr Mitchell and Ms Ticehurst if you have any questions.

Craig Anderson

Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

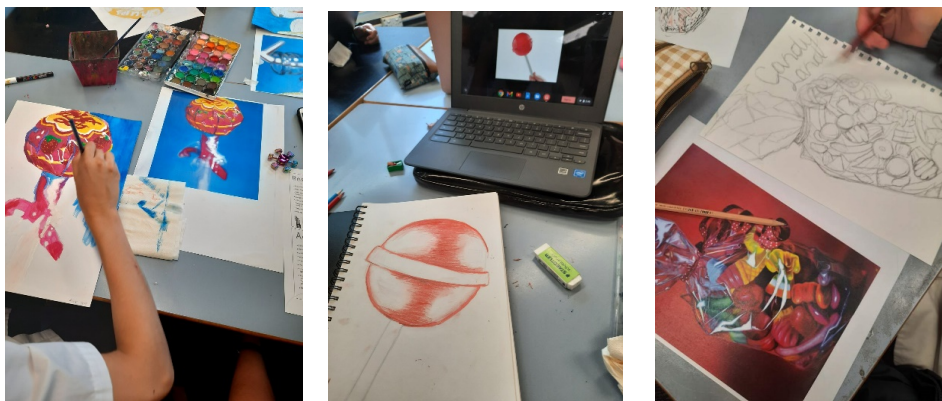
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Year 9 have had quite a busy week! This week included a presentation regarding the process of attaining a Record of School Achievement (ROSA), and the importance of completing work on time, and to the best of their ability. Well done Year 9!

Our year 9 cohort have enjoyed starting their elective subjects they choose at the end of 2020. At Concord High School we have a large range of Stage 5 elective courses that cater to the many interests and talents of our students and being given the choice in what they are studying gives them a greater sense ownership of their learning. See below some of the projects that some year 9 students have begun working on in their elective subjects this term.



Year 9 Food Technology children's birthday cake assessment



Year 9 Visual Arts artworks inspired by UK Photrealist painter Sarah Graham



Year 9 Textiles Technology commencing their Hoodie project

Prefect News

On the 8th of March 2021, the Senior Leadership Team attended the Secondary schools Youth Leadership Conference.

The Conference consisted of guest speakers and famous leaders such as Lockie Cookie, the EY Entrepreneur of the Year for the Western Region of Australia in 2015, and he also represented Australia for sprint kayaking. He taught the Prefect team valuable information about having meaningful and informative conversations within our leadership team and our community. Lockie also introduced us to his app IYARN which allows schools and other organisations to create safe spaces for people to have conversations in.

Overall the prefect leadership team received a lot of valuable information that will be taken on board to further our initiatives in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 CONCORDIA CLASS LEADERS

A class leader is an important leadership position within years 7- 10 at Concord High School. Concordia leaders are representatives of their class and have a series of roles and responsibilities they must uphold throughout the year of service.

- Demonstrate excellent behaviour, attendance and uniform.
- Demonstrate good communication skills.
- Support teachers and class members.
- Help teachers each lesson e.g. collection of books/equipment; handing out official school notes / letters, supporting classmates with work if the teacher is busy with another student.
- Be responsible for reminders and announcements within your class.
- Assist at school events if required.
- Represent the class if required.
- Run PB4L Lessons within your class.
- Work closely with the year 12 Concordia Prefects and support their initiatives.
- Work closely with your Year Adviser to implement welfare activities and events.
- Complete any extra tasks that teachers require support with.
- Complete the Leadership training provided.
- Promote the school's PB4L core values.
- Lead initiatives within your year group.
- Attend fortnightly recess or lunch time meetings.



Leadership News

Ms Alysha Peoples – HT Leadership Careers/ Transitions

Year 7

Mya Niuuhulu
Sasha Sirr
Julia Choi
Emily Leiton
Brooke Debelja
Lillian Birchley
Clara Parker
Anna Chan
Kathleen Dawson
Bianca Herrera Ocampo
Hayden Hinh
Anna Nguyen
Zara Cunliffe
Chantelle Mo
Zoe Keyes
Mia Shalash

Year 9

Jennifer Chen
Nahla Mikati
Derek Wu
Anandini Seth
Dascha Saltinovska
Jessicah Mazzone
Naveli Bhoir
Daniel Hong
Javeira Javiera
Terry Lin
Vibhnav Puttagunta
Enrico Martino

Year 8

Harry Dunne
Kingston Moore
Hannah Mangerah
Charlotte Scott
Prithesh Annadurai
Duncan Soejanto
Lily Powell
Spencer Soejanto
Saif Abdalla
Andy Lin
Rhaf Algassim
Izabella Al Skaff
Mariam Dukuly

Year 10

Isabella Hogan
Kiera Will
Dakota Thuell
Gonxha Milo
Ethan Sternberg
Taliesin Law
Andriana Tzouganato
Indiana Blasonato
Lyrix Taione
Caleb Thompson
Madina Abbozva
Thomas Lawson
Martin Herrera
Lucas Dieleman
John Rosier
Jack gankhulug
Manaha Kapur
Inca Tan
Talia Zappia
Karola Puddu
Natalia Lukezic

Co-ordinator: Miss Peoples

Girls' Sports Club

The Concord High School Sport Prefects are excited to announce that Girls Sports Club is now up and running!

Girls Sport club allows for female identifying students to participate in physical activity with their friends on a weekly basis. Not only does it improve rates of participation in regular physical activity, but allows for connections to be made between different year groups.

This program offers a wide variety of sports, where students choose the sport for the week they can participate in.

Held every Friday Lunch in the Hall, you will be greeted by Deema (Female Sport Prefect) and Ms Ticehurst. Make sure to bring your sport uniform or a spare change of clothes.

Can't wait to see you all in the coming weeks!



Director, Educational Leadership school visit 2021

Reducing the Coffee Cup Mountain

In May 2020, the SRC applied for the Small Environmental Grant offered by Canada Bay Council to help the SRC Environmental Action Team. Canada Bay council established the grant program in 2015 to support environmental sustainability projects in schools and school communities.



The aim of the Canada Bay Council grant is to encourage projects that protect or enhance the environment while also developing skills for our young people in conducting the project.

The SRC project proposed was to reduce the use of disposable coffee cups through the producing student designed keep-cups. The project title was “reducing the coffee cup mountain”. Our focus was for the project to be on learning/education and elicit a positive change in our school’s recycling and sustainability behaviour. Our vision was to minimise waste and encourage recycling for a sustainable future.

While the application for the Small Environmental Grant was successfully made in May 2020, it took some time for the project team to commence work as there were many interruptions, including school closures and remote learning due to the escalation of the COVID pandemic last year.

By November 2020, the project was complete, and the grant was used to purchase the student-designed keep-cups, which were distributed to staff members as a gift to ensure that we as a school contribute to a more sustainable future at Concord. These keep-cups were distributed at a morning muster in February 2021.

Gokce Akin
SRC Co-ordinator



A big Thank you to



International Women's Day 2021

[#choosetochallenge](#)

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change.
So let's all choose to challenge.

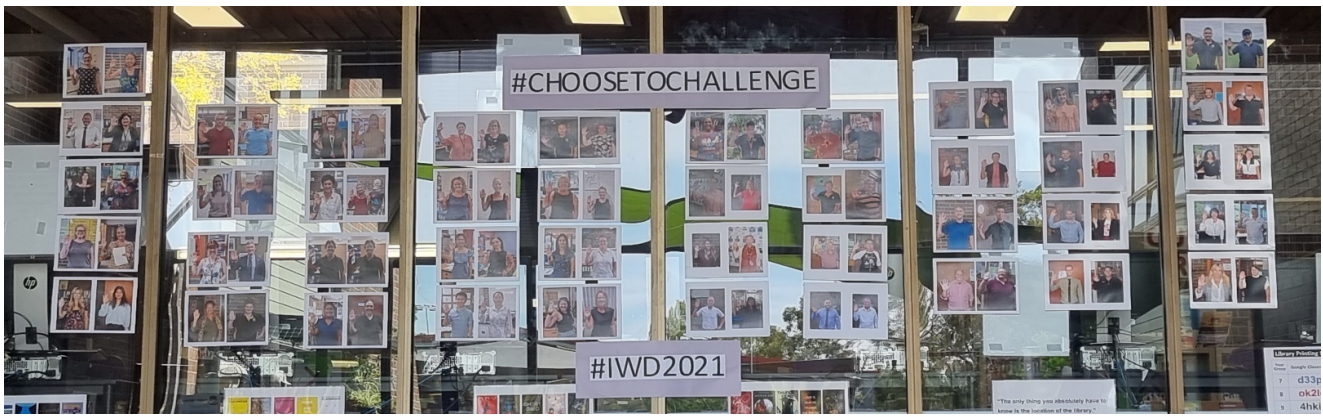
International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality, call out bias, question stereotypes, and help forge an inclusive world.

On the 8th of March, Concord High School celebrated International Women's Day with staff raising their hand and committing to challenge and call out gender inequality.

Thank you to journalism students Deena Northridge, Keira Will, Nina White and Dakota Thuell for their time and effort with taking photos of staff members around the school.

Along with the staff photos, the Zonta International Women's Day breakfast took place via zoom (due to covid restrictions). During the zoom seminar Benjamin Mastrogiannis received the award for "Young Men Standing Strong Against Domestic Violence". Lara Sarkis was in attendance as well for the Zoom seminar, and was introduced as the "Year 10 Citizenship Award-2020-21" winner. She will receive her award at a later time this year. Congratulations to Ben and Lara on their achievements.

And last but not least, Jelena Cruz, Paige Franklin and Vittoria Diaz attended an International Women's Day Young Women's Leadership Seminar held at Parliament house. The seminar had some excellent speakers, including an address by, Professor Rea Cooper.



New student technology leaders

We have a new team of student technology leaders! Well done to the 11 new students from Years 7 to 10, who have successfully completed a training course to lead the audio-visual set up for major school events. The team now can set up audio-visual for the school hall and the theatrette. Being a student technology leader provides extensive experience in team work, communication, working under pressure and problem solving.

A big thank you to our experienced student technology leaders for designing and running the training day. These students are Louie Roberts, Da In Kim, Lucas Dieleman and Taj Thorne.

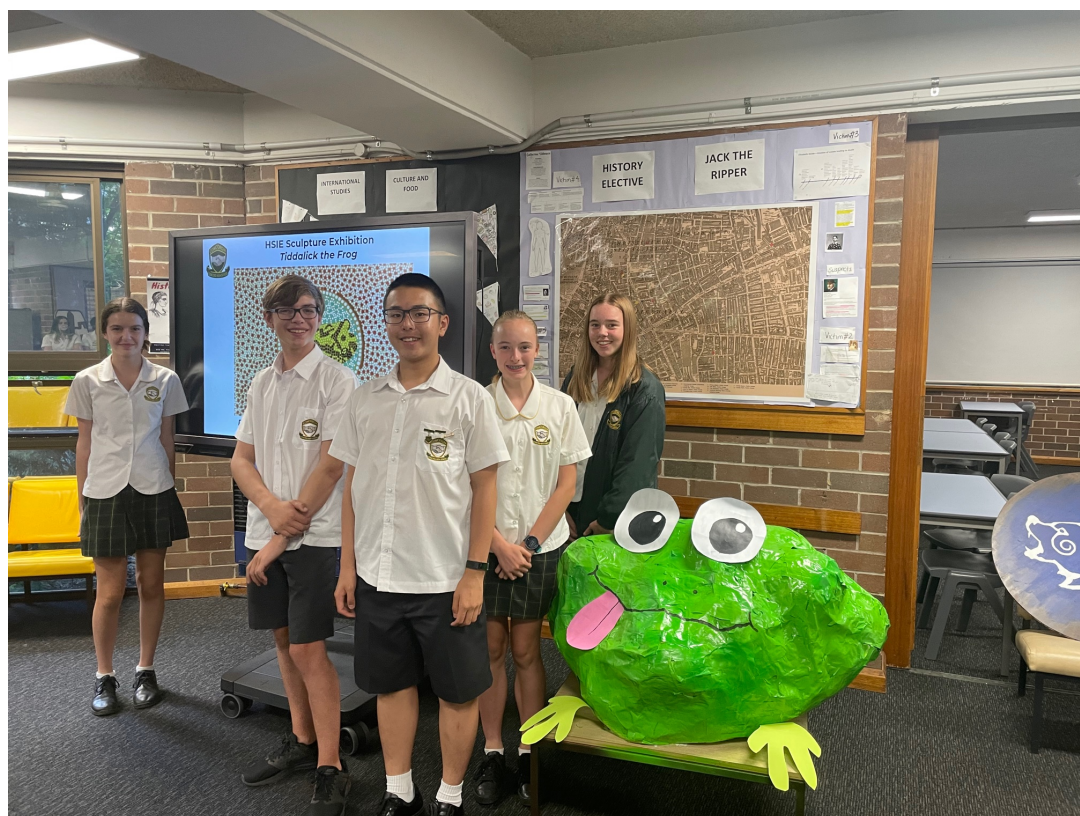


News in Social Science

A big thanks to 9B who presented their project based learning activity at Open Night. A selected groups of students led by Derek Wu, designed and implemented a multi-faceted presentation including a sculptured frog, detailed powerpoint and excellent original musical score surrounding Tiddalik the Frog.

This project was integrated within the 2020 Year 8 Geography Water in the world topic where students had an opportunity to investigate the indigenous perspective on water use. The project based learning opportunity provided the High Potential and Gifted class stream to be extended in an activity that promoted future focused skills.

Thanks to Year 9 who represented the Social Science faculty proudly, reflecting strong school pride at the Open Night. Well done!



Eliza Turner
Relieving Head Teacher Social Science
Concord High School

Year 7 STEM project launch

Year 7 students are currently acting as forensic anthropologists in the latest STEM project, The Secret Life of Bones. Year 7s are working in teams to solve a mystery of some bones found at school. Are the bones human? Who did they belong to? These are some of the questions Year 7s will try to answer as they use their mathematics and science knowledge to solve the mystery.

To launch the project, our Police School Liaison Officer, Constable Jim, spoke to Year 7s about how police respond to crime scenes and the processes they use to collect evidence. Constable Jim spoke about different career pathways associated with the police.



CAPA News

Ms Cesta – HT CAPA

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Leaders

A new initiative in the leadership program at Concord HS has involved the creation of a new genre of leaders for 2021.

CAPA leaders will be representatives of the school and are passionate about Music, Art and Drama. They will have a series of roles and responsibilities that they must carry out throughout their year of service including assisting with the planning, organising and publicity of CAPA school events, MC at performances or exhibitions and attending regular meetings.

After finalising the selection process, we are pleased to announce the CAPA leaders for 2021.

Year 7 Izel Kasapoglu

Year 8 Kiara Bartlett

Year 9 Derek Wu

Year 11 Rachel Jang & Vittoria Diaz

Year 12 Simona Tizzone

CAPA leaders will be recognised at a leadership assembly towards the end of the term. For now, we would like to congratulate the above CAPA leaders elect and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Congratulations!

Ms Cesta
HT Creative & Performing Arts

Maths News

Ms Debbie Rose – HT Mathematics

Concord High School are now running a fortnightly problem solving competition. Students can find the current problem and submit via google classroom. The code is qyhr74n.

The emphasis is on explaining working rather than just getting the correct answer. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to students each term.

Ms Rose

HT Mathematics

High potential and gifted education program

HP&GEP

High Potential and Gifted Education applications for Year 7 2022



High potential and gifted education intake for Year 7 2022

Applications now open

<https://concord-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Do you have family and friends with children in Year 6 who are gifted or show high potential? If they are local to the Concord High School enrolment area, encourage them to apply for our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) intake for Year 7 2022. Applications are now open.

The HPGE program at Concord High School is focused on extension and enrichment, to enable students' potential and giftedness to be transformed into talent and high performance. Students will experience effective evidence-based talent development programs including differentiated learning activities in the classroom and additional enrichment and extracurricular activities. Students have the opportunity to explore their own unique passions and have a level of autonomy over what they learn and how they learn it. Each student co-designs an individual plan with the HPGE coordinator to ensure they reach their full potential.

Online applications are now open on the [Concord High School website](#). The application process involves:

- A student questionnaire
- A parent/carer questionnaire
- A short student video submission
- Submission of Year 5 semester 2 reports

Applications will close on Tuesday 20 April 2021, 5pm. See the [Concord High School website](#) for more information.

Beyond the Classroom

Ms Ellen Hoy - Year 9 Adviser

Our very own Hugh Kiernicki attended a sailing regatta in Canberra on behalf of Seascouts Australia, along with Louie Roberts, and Bradley Battams. The competition involved a range of sailing exercises and was a great day out.

Congratulations to Hugh Kiernicki who won five trophies, including three first place awards. Well done to all who participated!



Administration

Absence Notifications

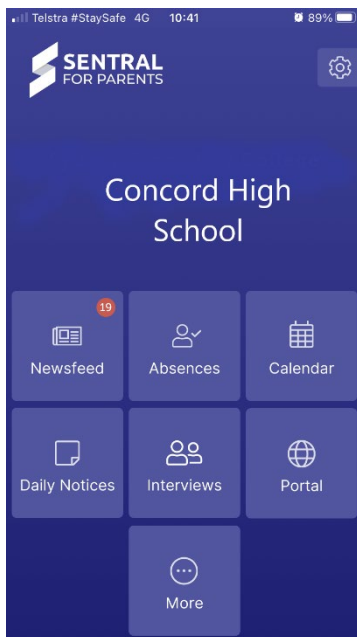
Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

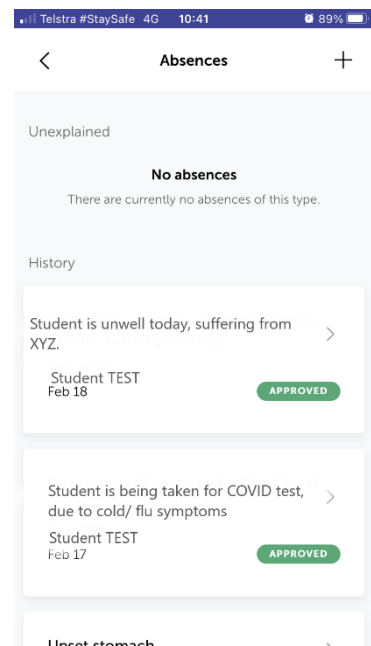
Parents can notify the school by creating an absence notification within Sentral:

Step 1: Open Sentral (phone)

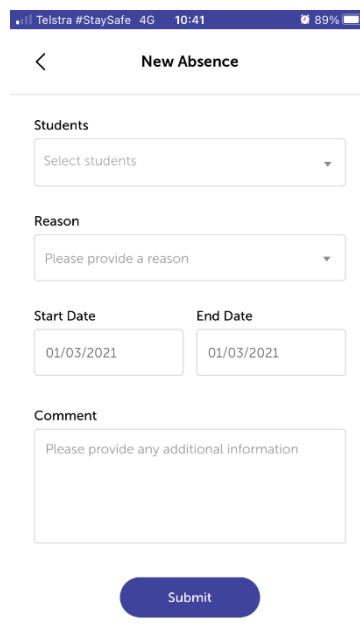
Step 2: Press Absences



Step 3: Press +



Step 4: Enter details and press submit



World's Greatest Shave

On Wednesday, 30th of April 2021, Concord High School will be holding a fundraising event for the World's Greatest Shave. All funds raised will be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation to undertake vital research and support families living with blood cancer. Donations to the team's fundraising efforts can be made on the day in cash or via the school's page found at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/concordhighschool>

We are also looking for a hairdresser to assist on the day. If you would like to be involved, please email elena.klados1@det.nsw.edu.au

Service Learning Coordinator
Elena Maroungas



World's Greatest Shave (in the beginning it was called *Shave for a Cure!*) began with the Graydon family in Lismore, northern NSW. Eric Graydon was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia and had to move to Brisbane to access life-saving treatment. Eric and his family were able to stay at the Leukaemia Foundation's ESA Patient Accommodation Village for a total of 14 months at no cost while he focused on getting better. To show their appreciation and help others facing blood cancer - the family decided to hold the very first shave...



In September 1998, Eric's wife, Loma and their daughter Cathy held the first ever fundraising shave event for the Leukaemia Foundation. Eric's haematologist, Dr James Morton thought it was such a great idea that he challenged the Leukaemia Foundation to shave the greatest number of heads in 24 hours. The word got out to the media — and with the support of the community, the event raised a huge \$80,000 and shaved a whopping 200 heads. With that — *Shave for a Cure* was born!

TIMELINE

- 1998 – the Graydon family hosted the first ever shave event for the Leukaemia Foundation and raised \$80,000!
- 1999 – the first *Shave for a Cure* raised over \$1.5million and shaved over 1700 heads!
- 2000 – the first Australia-wide *Shave for a Cure* took place in March and saw 20,000 people around Australia shave or colour their hair and raise over \$3.6 million.
- 2002 – the Leukaemia Foundation took a bold step and began TV commercials.
- 2003 – the name officially changes to *World's Greatest Shave* and the campaign was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records for most heads shaved.
- 2007 – the TV ads took a new turn when the now famous 'chin-people' commercials were created.
- 2011 – the 'My Shave' app is launched.
- 2013 – this year marked the biggest fundraising year in World's Greatest Shave history, raising \$20,000,000!
- 2018 – World's Greatest Shave celebrated 20 years of shaving the world from blood cancer!
- 2019 – More than 23,500 people registered for World's Greatest Shave and raised \$17.2 million for people living with blood cancer.
- 2020 – In a year that included bushfires and COVID-19, over 20,000 World's Greatest Shave superheroes raised \$12 million to help Aussie families impacted by blood cancer.

WHY DO PEOPLE SHAVE?

Courageous Aussies take part in World's Greatest Shave for lots of reasons. Some will have a personal connection to blood cancer, while others take part simply to have fun, tick a bucket list box and raise money for a good cause.

When someone signs up to shave, cut or colour for World's Greatest Shave, they fundraise to make sure families facing a blood cancer have a place to call home during treatment, someone to turn to, and access to the best possible care and treatment.

Money raised by World's Greatest Shave also helps to fund Australia's best and brightest blood cancer researchers in their quest to deliver rapid advancements in diagnosis, treatment and ultimately — a cure.

SIGN UP NOW!

1800 500 088



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

THE BATTLE AGAINST LEUKAEMIA

Leukaemia Foundation has an ambitious goal – zero lives lost to blood cancer by 2035. The Australian Government supports this goal, and you can too – by joining the World's Greatest Shave.



Most people shave their heads to show their support. Some choose to colour or cut their hair instead.

Donations to the World's Greatest Shave help support patients and their families by paying for accommodation, care and treatment, but they also fund research, improve accuracy in diagnosis and treatment, and help search for a cure.



2 MILLION+

Australians have taken part in the World's Greatest Shave since 1998. World's Greatest Shave is determined to find the cure.

Shaving off your hair for blood cancer is not only a great way to raise money but also helps raise awareness for blood cancer. The more we talk about it, the more we can understand the disease and help beat it.

GIVING QUICKLY ADDS UP!



When people see others donating or contributing, the kind gesture encourages them to do the same. It is a bit like how a smile often prompts someone else to smile too.

275 000

is the estimated number of Australians who will live with a blood cancer, like leukaemia by 2035.

Forty-seven Australians are diagnosed with blood cancer every day. Sadly, each day 20 Australians lose their lives to the disease.

Leukaemia is a type of blood cancer that makes abnormal cells divide uncontrollably.



One way to treat some blood cancers is chemotherapy, which aims to destroy very fast-dividing cells. Because the cells in our hair grow quickly, hair often falls out and stops growing until the treatment is complete.

Canteen Specials commencing Week 8

WEEK 8

Monday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Penne pasta with Bolognese sauce \$6

Tuesday

2 Chicken Souvlaki sticks with golden potato wedges \$10

Wednesday

Home-made Butter Chicken with steamed Rice \$7

Thursday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Assorted Sushi - Maki roll or bite size packs \$5

Friday

Cheesy Beef Nachos \$6

Peri Peri Chicken Burger \$7

PREORDERS WELCOME

WEEK 9

Monday

Selection of toasted Turkish rolls \$8

Penne pasta with Bolognese sauce \$6

Tuesday

Chicken Souvlaki \$3.50

Toasted Garlic chicken wrap \$7

Wednesday

Home-made Butter Chicken with steamed Rice \$7

Thursday

Chicken Snitzel Sandwich \$7

Assorted Sushi - Maki roll or bite size packs \$5

Friday

Cheesy Beef Nachos \$6

Beef Snack Pack \$7

PREORDERS WELCOME