



CHS Keeping InTouch

Term 3 Week 9

What's on 2023

Thursday 21 September - Year 12 Graduation Day **Friday 22 September** - Last day of school for Term 3

Monday 9 October - Students return to school to commence Term 4

Relieving Principal's Message

I would like to thank the staff and students for their extraordinary effort and hard work over an incredibly busy term 3. Students last day of term 3 is Friday 22 September and they will return to school after a two week break on Monday 9 October. Students are required to wear the summer uniform in term 4.

Trivia Night

I would like to thank our hard working and enthusiastic P&C Association for organising a wonderful Trivia evening raising funds to purchase sporting equipment for the school. The P&C have also provided cupcakes for the Year 12 Graduation and a photo booth for the Year 12 formal.

Mobile Phone Policy

During term 3 staff have made students familiar with the new mobile phone policy which will be implemented from the beginning of term 4. Student mobile phones and other electronic devices will be switched off and placed into school bags upon entry to the school grounds. Mobile phones will remain switched off in school bags until the completion of the last timetabled period in the school day. Headphones, ear pods, smart watches and other similar electronic equipment with the capacity to make or receive phone calls or messages and/or play music are included in this policy and are not allowed. Students for the most part have complied with the policy, and we ask for the support of students and families to ensure that this continues as we move into term 4.

R U Ok Activities

Ms Ticehurst and her team of student leaders organised a range of R U Ok week activities and presentations this week.





R U Ok lunch

Staff were treated to a R U Ok day yellow themed lunch on Thursday 14 September incorporating a range of delicious and outstanding quality foods prepared by the Year 12 Hospitality and Year 10 Food Technology students and led and supported by the wonderful Hospitality teachers, Ms Psaros and Ms Hempstead.

Each term the Hospitality students are required to complete a service period as part of their course requirements. This gives them an opportunity to showcase the skills that they have learned both in class and during their work placements.







Commerce Market Day

Ms Milinovic, Mr Paling and Mr Nachar supported their Year 10 Commerce classes in planning and implementing a very successful Commerce market day this week. Students worked collaboratively in

groups to plan, market and set up their stalls. Students across the school enthusiastically attended the stalls and purchased products and services such as posters, photo booths, donut decorating.

Year 11 camp

On Monday 11th September, 154 Year 11 students embarked on their final camp to Stanwell Tops. They engaged in opportunities that pushed them out of their comfort zone such as abseiling, giant swing, high ropes, go kart racing, bubble soccer and survivor.

It was a time where they were given the chance to build new connections with people, they had never spoken to and strengthen already existing friendships further. They also engaged in Life Ready and Welfare activities focused on healthy relationships, risk taking behaviour, life values and how to deal with their emotions in difficult situations just to mention a few. The Year 11 students are to be congratulated for their impeccable behaviour and engagement in activities.

A huge thank you to the amazing Year 11 camp team including Ms Laggis, Ms Kalachian, Mrs Bivona, Mr Stinson, Mr Chappelow, Ms Bekheet, Mr Galea, Mr Shephard, Mrs Giles, Ms Di Vito who put their heart and soul into organising an incredible camp for the Year 11 students. Their hard work, passion, enthusiasm and meticulous organisation resulted in a wonderful experience for the Year 11 students.

Year 7 Gala Day

On Monday 11 September, Year 7 students enthusiastically engaged in a Year 7 Gala Day at Meadowbank Park against local High Schools. Students participated in a range of sports during the day including netball, soccer, European handball and Oz Tag. The students had a wonderful day and thanks goes to Miss Butler, Miss Grewal and the PDHPE faculty for organising this highly successful event.

Year 11 Transition days- Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 September

Year 11 students will be engaged in three days of transition activities from Monday 18-Wednesday 20 September. Students will engage in a range of workshops including; self-defence, managing stress and anxiety, managing money, mental health and wellbeing, study research skills and NESA among others. Thank you in advance Ms Bivona, Ms Laggis, Ms Kalachian and the High Achievement team for organising the Year 11 Transition days.

Farewell and best wishes Year 12

On behalf of the staff and students at Concord High School I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the very best as they complete their last few days of high school and prepare for the Higher School Certificate. We look forward to celebrating the significant milestones that lay ahead. We are so very proud of your achievements over the last 6 years at Concord High School. May the journey ahead be filled with happiness and success.

Below are some significant upcoming dates for the Year 12 students:

Year 12 students: Monday 18 September to Wednesday 20 September During these 3 days, students in Year 12 have the flexibility to “dress up” in set themes which have been approved by the senior executive team.

Monday 18 September

Year 12 students will participate in a student vs teacher volleyball game.

Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal – Wednesday 20 September

Year 12 Graduation rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 20 September. Students are to go to Period 1 and have their names marked off the roll, the teacher will escort students to the hall to commence the rehearsal. Following the rehearsal students will be provided with a light lunch in the canteen area and will be dismissed from school at 12:00 pm. Supervision will be organised for the remainder of the day, if parental permission is not granted to students to leave school early parents are requested to email the school.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony– Thursday 21 September – 9:30am

Year 12 Graduation will take place in the school hall on Thursday 21 September at 9:30am. Students are requested to be seated in the school hall in full school uniform by 9:00am for a prompt 9:30am start.

The Stuvac (Study Vacation) period will commence following the Graduation Assembly. There will be no formal lessons for Year 12 students on Friday 22 September, although teachers will be on duty and available for support to students who may wish to come to school and access this.

Thank you in advance to Mr Anderson, Mr Morrissey, Ms Hawkins and Mrs Milligan for their extraordinary welfare support of the Year 12 students and the organisation of the final Year 12 events. Thank you also to the Year 12 teachers who have gone above and beyond to support the Year 12 students during their senior years.

HSC Written Examinations

The HSC Written Exams commence on Wednesday 11 October with the English Advanced paper. The written exams will conclude on Friday 3 November with the Food Technology paper. A full version of the exam timetable can be found at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/key-dates/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

Year 12 Sign Out Morning – Monday 6 November

This will be the final day of enrolment for Year 12 students at Concord High. It is expected that all students will attend school on this day and complete the sign out process. This will be an opportunity to return any school property, including textbooks, learning resources, IT equipment etc and to also finalise payments of fees. Students can attend the school at any time between 9:00am – 11:00am in the School Library.

Year 12 Formal – Tuesday 14 November

The formal this year will be held at Doltone House from 6:00pm – 10:00pm in the Hyde Park Ballroom.

Year 12 ATAR Morning Tea: Thursday 14 December - 10:30am to 11:30am

We will be inviting all Year 12 students back to school for a Morning Tea on Thursday 14 December. UAC will release the ATAR Ranks earlier in the day and this will be an excellent opportunity for students to come back to school to share their successes with the teaching staff, this will be held in the school library. There is no need to RSVP, we look forward to seeing as many students as possible for this event. **Thank you P&C** On behalf of the students and staff at Concord High School we would like to thank the P&C for

the theatrette lighting upgrade. Year 10 students were excited to be the first class to enjoy the new lighting.

Jody Engisch

Relieving Principal



Year 8/9 News

Year 8/9 Police Talk Summary On Monday the 21st of August, Constable Jim came to Concord High School to teach year 8&9 students about cyber safety. In this police talk we learnt about being safe online and protecting our information by making sure our accounts are always set to private. We were also told to make sure we are not talking to people we don't know online and aren't giving anyone our personal information. We were taught how to make sure we don't post any photos that can tell people where we live or go to school in order to protect ourselves. And to make sure that we tell the police when we are receiving threats online. We are all thankful that we are lucky enough to have safety talks such as these on a regular basis. Kathleen and Chloe Dawson.

Year 11 News

On Monday 11th September, 154 Year 11 students embarked on their final camp to Stanwell Tops. There they were given opportunities to push themselves out of their comfort zones when completing various activities like Abseiling, the Giant swing, High ropes, Go Kart racing, Bubble soccer and Survivor. It was a time where they were given the chance to build new connections with people, they had never spoken to strengthen already existing friendships before or further. They also engaged in Life Ready and Welfare activities where they dealt with healthy relationships, risk taking behaviour, looked at the things that they value in their life and finally how to deal with their emotions in difficult situations just too mention a few. At this point we must congratulate the students for their impeccable behaviour and the hard work and dedication of the team of teachers/SLSOs who attended the 3-day camp. Kathy Kalachian Marianne Laggis Mathematics Teachers & Year 11 advisers









HPGE News

On Tuesday 29th August, 7B and 8B were involved in a 50 minute session where they developed their programming skills by creating retro arcade games with Blocks in the MakeCode editor.

Both classes have added their own creative designs to their games. Here are links to some of the games created:

Grace Beeston 7B

Oliver Patterson 7B <https://arcade.makecode.com/71349-39338-57514-93638>

Susan Mammedov 8B <https://arcade.makecode.com/85624-24977-88496-41342>

Oscar Bennett 8B

<https://arcade.makecode.com/75194-89919-63161-24708> Kim Ngo Mathematics Teacher



International Student News

On Friday 25th August, our international students went on an excursion to experience Australian culture in the city. The first stop was the NSW Art Gallery. Students immersed themselves in the world of art. But the fun didn't stop there – they got their hands dirty in a clay workshop.

A city stroll through the stunning Botanic Garden was the perfect way to soak up the beauty of nature and unwind, taking in sights of the harbour as they approached the iconic Sydney Opera House.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Rocks, embracing the relaxing open-air setting. It's safe to say that cherished memories were made, and friendships were strengthened.

#NSWArtGallery #InternationalStudentExcursion #BotanicGarden #SydneyOperaHouse
#TheRocksLunchFun

Ms K. Liu, Ms H. Park and Ms J. Zhai English / EALD Teachers









Mathematics News

Congratulations to all students who have participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition 2023. A special mention to the following students who have achieved a Credit or higher:

Year 7

- Aaron Liu - Credit
- Jordan Yeung - Credit

Year 8

- Xavier Goti - Credit
- Brandon Ha - Credit
- Emma Speed - Credit
- Nixon Khuu - Credit
- Caroline Kim - Credit
- Oscar Lam - Credit
- MJ Hwang - Credit

Year 9

- Arnold Chen - High Distinction
- Luca Nguyen - Distinction
- Aoi Shimizu - Credit
- Eddy Bock - Credit
- Mackenzie Li - Credit

Year 10

- Andy Lin - Credit
- Duncan Soejanto - Credit

Year 11

- Ray Yang - Distinction
- Cameron O'Brien - Credit
- Eric Wong - Credit
- Connor Percival - Credit
- Sherry Lin - Credit
- Derek Wu - Credit
- Daniel Hong - Credit

Certificates will be handed out to all participants mid to late Term 4. Well done to all students who have participated! Kim Ngo Mathematics Teacher



PDHPE News

Leonardo Angell has been competing for Australia at the 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships in Bosnia this week and has won a bronze medal in his division (male, 12-14 years 176cm-180 cm).

In a division of 31 players, he beat competitors from Estonia, Cypress and Saudi Arabia on his way to the semi finals where he lost to the eventual gold medallist from Uzbekistan. Over the weekend 2-3 September , Leonardo competed in the Bosnian Open at Sarajevo. He won a silver medal and the Australian team as a whole achieved second place on the team comp.

Well done Leonardo !

M -180cm

Sarajevo 2023
World Taekwondo
CADET
Championships

Taekwondo's Stage
for Tomorrow's Stars

DAY 4

 Akhadjon MUKHTOROV (UZB)

 Nolhan ROSEMOND (FRA)

 Leonardo ANGELL (AUS)

 Joshua ALADE (USA)

50 WORLD
TAEKWONDO
50th Anniversary

August 28-31, 2023 | Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina



1 - 3rd place bronze medallist



2 - Australian team as a whole achieved second place on the team comp in Bosnian Open at Sarajevo



3 - 2nd place silver medallist

Welfare News

Wear It Purple Day 2023

On August 25th Concord High School celebrated Wear It Purple Day. This day was started by a group of students at Burwood Girls High School and is an important celebration of our LGBTQIA+ community. To celebrate the day, students from our LGBTQIA+ social group, SOUP (Students of United Pride), sold wristbands and raffle tickets to raise money for Wear It Purple. We also sold pronoun and pride badges we had made as well as rainbow shoelace beads. There was glitter, ribbons, hair spray, chalk, streamers, balloons and bunting to make our staff, students and school decorated in purple as a display of support for the LGBTQIA+ community. We also had a library display of important LGBTQIA+ books and our school bell for the day was fabulous pride anthems. The day was a wonderful success and we managed to raise \$317 for Wear It Purple! Thank you so much to all the staff and students who helped make this day possible! All your efforts go towards an important message of inclusion at Concord High School where everyone is welcome. Students Of United Pride

Hannah Cheers (she/they) Student Support Officer















Parents Prepared

Informative Webinar on Drug and Alcohol Use & Young People

- ✓ **Unlocking the 'Why':** Exploring motivations and reasons young people use substances.
- ✓ **Nurturing Adolescent Growth:** Understanding the relationship between development and substance use.
- ✓ **Understanding the Types of Substances:** Information about the different substances commonly used by young people.
- ✓ **Opening Dialogues on Substance Use:** Initiating conversations with sensitivity and understanding the impact of stigma on seeking support.
- ✓ **Where to get Support:** Resources and services for parents/carers and young people.

When: 11th October 2023

Time: 4.30-6.00pm

Where: online via Zoom

Cost: \$10 per ticket

Scan the QR code to register or visit
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLHQV>



For more information about us, visit sdecc.org.au

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 Supporting Drug Education & Counselling Centre

From the P&C

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Concord High School community for supporting our recent trivia night fundraising event.

Your generosity and participation in our silent auction, trivia, games and support of the bar, allowed us to raise around \$6000 for the school!

This exceeded our expectations, and not only can we now support the schools replacement of much needed sporting equipment, but we can also now support another quality improvement project within the school, which will be discussed more at next week's P&C meeting, and we'd love to invite you to come.

We hope to see you again at our future fundraising and community engagement events.

Alison Wallbank

Vice President Concord High School P&C

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OUR PURPOSE

Concord High School P&C Association and its volunteers work to bring the school community together so that parents, carers, staff and community members can help meet the needs of the school community and contribute to decisions about the school.

We also assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

The P&C offers a means of staying connected with your child, their school and your local community.

OFFICE HOLDERS

The P&C is made up of an amazing group of parent, carer and community volunteers. Some choose to be elected to take on specific tasks. Our current office holders for 2023-2024 are

President: Vacant

Vice Presidents: Alison Wallbank/Amy De Paula

Vice President: Amber Hooker

Secretary: Carmen and Mark Barclay

Treasurer: Chris Shaw

MEMBERSHIP

All members and non members are welcome. An [annual \\$2 membership](#) can be paid online.

Once your membership is paid, you will remain a current member until the close of the next Annual General Meeting after your membership was paid. The Membership year is from the close of the AGM until the close of the next AGM.

Membership is open to

- All parents and guardians of students enrolled at the school
- All citizens within the school community
- The Principal, or the Principal's nominee, shall be an ex officio member of the P&C Association and its sub-committees
- School staff Only members have the right to vote or move a motion or be Office Holders.

GRANTS

The P&C Grants programme is run in collaboration with school leadership and staff as well as community groups to identify and apply for funds to finance initiatives that will help our school and community thrive and prosper.

Do you work for an organisation that provides employee grant opportunities? You might not know it but a simple search or query of your company might unearth a grant just waiting for your application on behalf of CHS P&C.

Please [contact us](#) if you become aware of any grants that might help the school or if you wish to assist in this area.

P&C REPRESENTATIVE ON STAFF MERIT SELECTION PANELS

Another important way to be involved is to sit as a P&C representative on a Merit Selection Panel for new staff. Please [contact us](#) if you would be interested in receiving more information and/or if you are currently trained and/or have sat on Panels before. Training will be provided.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

The objects and functions of this association shall be those set out in Section 116 of the Education Act 1990, which include:

(i) The objects:

- (a) to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation; and
- (b) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

(ii) The functions:

- (a) to report, when requested by the Minister for Education and Training, on the material requirements of the school and to advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities, and the selection of new sites;
- (b) to assist and co-operate with the teaching staff in public functions associated with the school;
- (c) to be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the Principal of the school to ensure consistency with any guidelines for elections issued by the Director General of Education and Training.
- (d) to assist in any matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association and to exercise such other functions as may be prescribed by the regulations (under the Education Act 1990).

MEETING SCHEDULE Held at Concord High School Library

Term 4 2023

6:30pm Tuesday 17th October

6:30pm Tuesday 28th November

Please remember, paying your [\\$2 P&C membership](#) allows you to vote in P&C meetings

How long is my membership valid for?

The Membership year is from the close of the AGM (6:23pm, Tuesday 5 September 2023) until the close of the 2023 AGM (date and time tba)

Community Announcements



**JOIN OUR
FOOTBALL
TEAM!**

**U16
Girls**

**OPEN TO GIRLS
TURNING 15-16
YEARS OLD IN
2024**

Our team has won 4 consecutive Minor
Premierships and Premierships!

Do you want to play a role in continuing
our success and reputation? Trials will
be held early December.

**We invite interested players to express your interest
for our U16 Girls team for the 2024 football season!**

More information about trials contact: Coach James - 0452 217 370



playing for all

 Have fun, make friends
 and get moving!

 **Special Olympics**
Australia

Bring it on Sports are now delivering the **Special Olympics Australia PLAYING FOR ALL** program which is a games-based activity for both children and adults with intellectual disability.

The Playing for All program assists participants to get active, make friends and have fun while learning important life skills.

Sessions are delivered in a safe and supportive environment by qualified coaches who run activities that promote movement, teamwork, decision making and communication. Coaches also teach players the importance of being fit and staying healthy.

Playing for All is perfect for those who:

- aren't interested in competitive sport but would benefit from being active and having fun with others.
- who want to play sport but want to try different activities to build the skills, behaviours and confidence to take the next step.
- play sport already but want an additional activity or to learn new skills.

The ultimate outcome for everyone is to enjoy being active – and to stay active for life!

The types of NDIS goals this program can help a person achieve outcomes in include:

- Social and Community Participation
- Health and Wellbeing
- Personal Development

 **Burwood** 

 **Special Olympics**
Young Athletes

Wednesday 27 September 2023
From 10.00am – 2.00pm
At Henley Park
Ages - 5yrs to 12yrs
FREE EVENT - REGISTER HERE

Principal Mr Victor Newby

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