

CHS Keeping In Touch 2024 Term 1 Week 10

What's on 2024

Wednesday 10 April - Friday 12 April - Year 7 Camp Friday 12 April - Last day of school for Term 1 Term
2 Monday 29 April - Staff Development Day Tuesday 30 April - Students return to school to commence
Term 2 Friday 3 May - School Cross Country carnival Wednesday 8 May - Parent Teacher night Year 11 &
Year 12 Wednesday 5 June - Parent Teacher night Year 7 & Year 10

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival was held last Thursday at the Athletics Competition Arena at Sydney Olympic Park. The school enjoyed fantastic late summer weather, an outstanding sporting facility and a great contribution from both staff and students to make this an extremely successful day. There is further information and photos further on in this newsletter, but a big thank you to all for the hard work and excellent organisation that went into the day.

Year 10 Subject Information Evening

Our information evening to begin the process of subject selection for next year's senior courses was held in week 8. This will just be the start of the subject information and selection process and there will be considerable discussion, information and consultation over the next 3-4 months. I would encourage all Year 10 students to ensure they collect as much information as possible and listen to the advice of their teachers in making these important decisions.

Year 7 Camp

Next week over 140 students from Year 7, together with 20 Year 10 Peer Support Leaders will head to the annual Year 7 Camp. This is a great opportunity for Year 7 to get to know each other better and also to develop relationships with the Year 7 Wellbeing Team. Our thanks to the Concord High P&C who have made funding available to assist our Year 10 leaders by subsidising their attendance at the camp.

Winter Uniform

The weather is now starting to become cooler. The school uniform provides for a range of cooler weather clothing, including long trousers, cotton and woollen jumpers, jackets and stockings. There should be no need for students to be wearing branded sweat tops or hoodies to school. The school has some limited funding available to assist families in financial need and this funding is topped up by our school P&C. Please make contact with our Administration Team if you require assistance. All requests will be treated with a high degree of confidentiality.

Term 2

Students will return to school on Tuesday 30th April 2024 following the Autumn holidays.

We will commence back to school on a WEEK A timetable.

Wishing all members of the Concord High Community a restful holiday break.

To keep up to date with all the amazing things happening at Concord High School please follow us on our social media platforms at:

facebook.com/ConcordHighSchoolNSW

www.instagram.com/concordhighschoolofficial

Until Next Time, Victor Newby

Principal

CAPA News

In Week 8, musicians from the Concord High School Vocal Ensemble and Chamber Strings once again participated in the City of Canada Bay council Seniors Week event, Coffee with the Choir. Our ensembles enjoyed performing to a very appreciative audience in the beautiful Cabarita Conservatory. Our students were great ambassadors as they continued working to build our school's relationship with our local community. Thanks go to Ms Hsiao and Mr Mee for facilitating this wonderful experience for our students. Michael Jobson

Music Teacher

Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles Coordinator





Careers Corner

Year 10 Subject Selection

Following a successful Year 10 Preliminary Course Selection evening, Year 10 students have been busy thinking about their course choices for their senior school years.

Year 10 students should now be talking to their teachers and parents before completing their EOI choices for Preliminary 2025 and HSC 2026. This EOI will be emailed to all Year 10 students in Week 11 of Term 1 and is due by Friday 3rd of May 2024 (Week 1 Term 2).

Year 11 Career Planning

During their Welfare period in Week 7, students were required to log onto the secure area of the Concord High School Careers website (aka Career Tools), to create a Career Plan. Instructions about how to do this were posted on the Year 11 Google Classroom. Students were assigned the task of completing their Career Plan in preparation for an upcoming face-to-face meeting with one of the Careers Advisers.

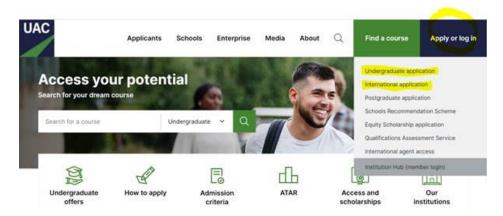
Please ask your child to log onto the "login" area of the Concord High School Careers website <u>https://www.concordhighschoolcareers.com/</u> and show you their Career Plan. If your child has not yet completed their plan, they should complete this as soon as possible. Please encourage them to have this completed by the end of the school holidays. Students must have their plan completed before being seen for their Careers interview from Term 2.

Year 12 Post School Planning and Preparation

April is also a time when Year 12 students should be seriously considering what course or career they would like to pursue beyond school and making some decisions. Students have many options to choose from, so they should be actively researching. They can use websites such as the Concord High School Careers website <u>https://www.concordhighschoolcareers.com/</u> which is a great starting point. They should also be regularly referring to their Year group Google Classroom where regular updates and information are posted, including the regular Careers Newsletter. Year 12 students will soon be invited for a Careers interview to discuss their post-school plans and what preparations they are making towards this.

For students planning to go to university next year, now is the time to commence preparations - start at the UAC website.

The University Admissions Centre (UAC) The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) processes applications for admission to most undergraduate courses at participating institutions (mainly located in NSW and the ACT). UAC also: - calculate and provide the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to NSW HSC students - process applications for Educational Access Schemes (EAS) https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes process applications for some Equity Scholarships (ES) https://www.uac.edu.au/futureapplicants/scholarships-and-schemes/equity-scholarships - process applications for some Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS). https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-andschemes/schools-recommendation-schemes On the 3rd of April (Week 10), UAC emailed all Year 12 students their **UAC pin** number, via their school email. Year 12 students intending to go to university should use this pin to create a profile (account) on the UAC website. The purpose of creating a UAC profile is to apply for courses at multiple universities with a single application. Creating an account also allows students to monitor the progress of their application, and to receive updates on offers. Creating an account involves a fee of \$80, if paid for before the 30th of September (early bird rate). The fee is increased after this date. International students will need to wait until the 17th of April before they can start their International Student application, on the UAC website. If your child did not receive their UAC pin in their school email inbox, please contact UAC on (02) 9752 0200 for assistance. (When contacting UAC, the student's ID (NESA number) will be requested). To apply for university via UAC, students will need: - Their UAC pin - Their NESA number (see Students Online website; or ask the Careers Adviser or Year Advisers at school) - Their USI (students must "Get a USI" on the Unique Student Identifier website, if they do not have one already). See https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi - Identification (ID) for creating their USI. - A credit card, PayPal or BPay, for the amount of \$80. Students can then register an account on the UAC website by visiting the UAC website and going to the top right-hand corner to "Apply or log in". All students should select Undergraduate application, unless they are an International student (apply from 17th of April).



For detailed information about how to apply for university, students and parents should refer to the UAC website https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/year-11-and-12-students

Scrolling down to the **Downloads** section, the invaluable **Steps to Uni for Year 11 and 12** PDF publication can be found – this has been updated for 2025.

UAC has also published the Year 12 roadmap: from school to uni:

<u>https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/year-12-roadmap</u> which details the process of applying for university.

Parents can also subscribe to UAC's Parent Update newsletter to stay informed: https://enews.uac.edu.au/h/r/573D6A613D6788F82540EF23F30FEDED

UAC Webinars

UAC Digital has been delivering a series of webinars to support students and parents with the UAC processes, and to provide information about how to apply for university.

On the 27th of March, the webinar **ATAR Calculation to Application: A Parent's Roadmap to Uni Entry** was run on the UAC Digital website. UAC have since recorded this webinar and posted it onto YouTube, available here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-mUscvhnbs</u>

The subsequent UAC webinar: **ATAR to Uni Success: Applying to Uni with Ease**, on Wednesday the 3 April, is also now available via YouTube: <u>https://youtu.be/k7uqexMBhx4?si=2iz7MH6W4eRXRUrb</u>

This 15 minute presentation covers:

- ATAR calculation
- Application and offer timeline
- Explanation of 'Adjustment Factors' and 'Selection Ranks'
- How to effectively preference uni courses

See the UAC Digital website for future webinars. <u>https://www.uac.edu.au/schools/uac-digital</u> **UAC Key dates** UAC have published Key Dates, for 2024/2025, which students and parents should refer to, as a

timeline and guide of when to apply for what. <u>https://www.uac.edu.au/key-dates</u> The key dates include when to apply for a UAC account, when to apply for EAS, SRS and Equity Scholarships and the closing dates for all of the above. (These UAC schemes are linked above.) In brief, the Key UAC dates are as follows: **UAC 2024/25 Key Dates**

- **3 April Applications for 2025 open** all Year 12 students emailed their UAC pin (check your school email)
- 3 April Applications for EAS, Equity Scholarships and SRS Open (to apply, students must create their UAC account FIRST)
- 17th April International students' applications Open
- early August All courses available to preference in UAC Application
- 16 September Applications for SRS Close
- 30 September UAC Early Bird application closes late fees apply for students who apply for a UAC account after this date
- 18 December HSC & ATAR Results Released
- mid December December Round 2 Offer Deadline and released
- 2 January January Round 1 preferences deadline
- 9 January January Round 1 offers made
- 15 January January Round 2 preferences deadline
- 22 January January Round 2 offers made
- 7 February 2025 Applications for Semester 1 2025 Close

Guest Speakers in Term 2:

The following guest speakers will be coming to Concord High School to speak to our students during Term 2. These guest speakers will be primarily targeting Year 12 – Year 12 will be prioritised as there is limited space in the Library Senior Study Area venue. Younger grades will be invited, if space allows.

The Guest speaker schedule for Term 2 is as follows:

Week 2: Macquarie University

Week 3: Professional Cadetships Australia

Week 4: TBA

Week 5: The University of Sydney

Week 6: The University of NSW

Week 7: UTS

Week 8: Western Sydney University

Week 9: No guest speaker - Year 12 students will be attending the Western Sydney Careers Expo

Further guest speakers are being arranged for Term 3, when it is anticipated that more year groups will be invited to participate. Term 3 guest speakers will also include non-university presenters.

Careers Newsletter (by JobJump)

The Careers Newsletter is regularly posted on the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Google Classrooms and includes information about a wide range of opportunities available to students, including some activities and events in the school holidays. Students should be referring to this newsletter to keep informed about opportunities available to them and to research the links for further valuable Careers information.

Elizabeth Makris Careers Adviser

Clean Up Australia Day



Today, Friday April 5th, 20 students will be taking part in our very own Clean Up Australia Day event at our school. These students have volunteered to help clean up rubbish and tidy our grounds so that our beautiful school can be enjoyed by all staff, students, and visitors. Thankyou to all participating students, and congratulations for contributing to improving our learning environment for the benefit of us all.

Mr Jobson and the Clean Up Australia Day team.

Harmony Week

Week 8 was Harmony Week at Concord High School and throughout the week students were engaged in many cultural activities. Two activities that took place were by the Chinese Lion Dancers and a French Mime Artist. Both acts initiated discussions around culture and language and encouraged unity and appreciation of other backgrounds. Many thanks to the P&C who gave their support, so that we could

enjoy both of these whole school performances. Tanya Davies Head Teacher English (EALD/Literacy) and Languages











International Student News

Our Year 11 international student, Jeremy Liu, presented his testimonial at the International Students network meeting. In his speech to 27 coordinators from Inner West and Western Sydney Schools, he talked about his experiences and challenges adjusting to the Australian curriculum and culture. Thank you Jeremy for sharing your insights! Jennifer Zhai English 2IC International Students Co-ordinator



Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 28th of March we held our annual Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Competition Arena. What better way to bring in the long weekend. A vibrant and energetic atmosphere was maintained throughout the day, assisted largely by the carefully curated playlist shared via the announcer's room. Thank you to our staff and student helpers who worked hard to ensure the events ran smoothly and efficiently. Student participation was outstanding across all track and field events. We also had a number of staff appearances in the 100m dash and relay races, which was appreciated greatly by all spectators. Congratulations to all of our participants for representing Concord High School with pride and contributing to a highly enjoyable carnival. The results of the carnival will be released in Week 11, along with information regarding the Zone Carnival.

Laura Giaquinto Carnival Organiser Teacher of PDHPE





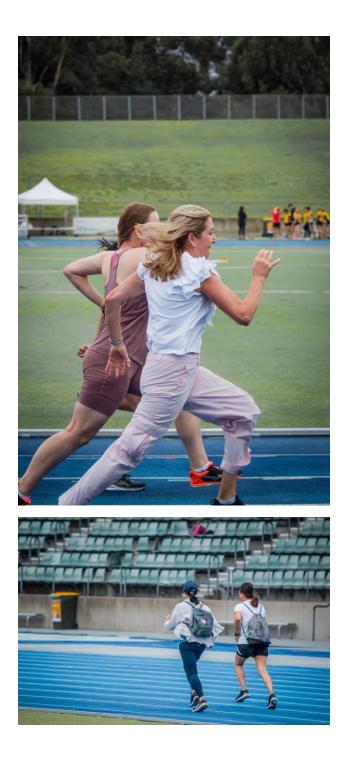






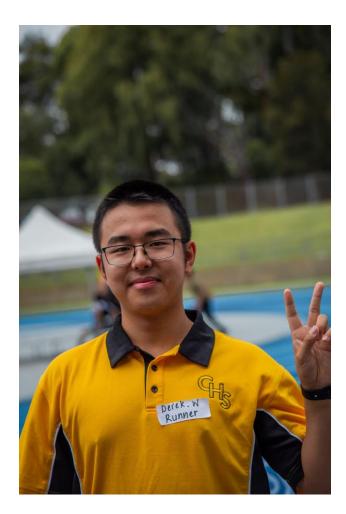
































PDHPE News

AYWC championships Baseball Quincy Hindmarsh is at the Australian Youth Women's Championships in Melbourne.

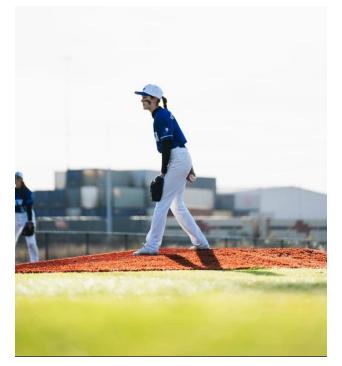
Today is Day 3 of the competition.

So far, they have won a game and lost a game. Double header game tomorrow. This will decide if they are in the running for the top 3 places.









From the 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 2024 are

President: Alison Wallbank

Vice Presidents: Amy De Paula

Secretary: Amber Hooker

Treasurer: Chris Shaw

MEMBERSHIP

All members and non members are welcome. An <u>annual \$2 membership</u> 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 staffOnly 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 <u>contact us</u> 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 <u>contact us</u> 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).

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C MEETINGS



MEETING SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday 21st May

GENERAL MEETING DATES 2024

Held at Concord High School Library

Term 2 2024

6:30pm Tuesday 21st May

6:30pm Tuesday 25th June

Term 3 2024

6:30pm Tuesday 13th August

6:30pm Tuesday 17th September (AGM)

Term 4 2024

6:30pm Tuesday 5th November

6:30pm Tuesday 10th December

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 2024 AGM (date and time tba)

Community Announcements



DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists. \$362

U TURNS

 Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous. FINE EXCEEDS \$481 4 DEMERI POINTS Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools

PARKING / STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10 metres from an intersection with no traffic lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

\$514

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- Slow down as you approach pedestrik crossings and children's crossings.
 Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- \$514 + 2 DEMERI POINTS Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- this blocks visibility, At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing. Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.



- Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles, footpaths, shared paths, driveways, car parks, at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, or quiet streets and busy roads.
- Make sure you always set a good example around raffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.

CONTACT DETAILS



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NO STOPPING ZONES

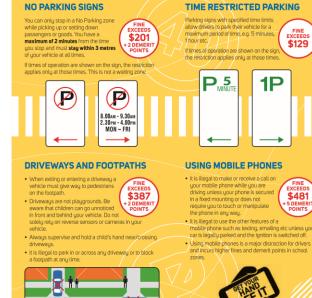
No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.





BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the skyn, the set interesting and those times. You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres alter a bus



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School Pick-Up Drop-Off Zones Understanding the rules

School Pick-Up Drop-Off Zones are for your child's safety, your convenience and help reduce congestion. They are always on school side of the road.

RULES

 School Pick-Up Drop-Off Zones and 'No Parking' zones operate under the same conditions – vehicles may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes



- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres
 of vehicle
- Zone applies only during hours of operation

REMEMBER

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE: To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out
- BE TIMELY: If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking zone
- STAY IN SEQUENCE: Don't cut in the queue. Pick-up or Drop-off your child close to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner
- SAFETY DOOR: Always ensure children get in and out of the vehicle via safety door (rear footpath side door). Back seat is always safest for children to travel in. Make sure all children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off
- NO U-TURNS: Do not make u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk. (Fines and demerit points apply)
- Never use mobile phone in School Pick-up Drop-off Zone (Fines & demerit points apply)

School Pick-Up Drop-Off Zones need cooperation to ensure the safety of all children. Please drive carefully around school zones.



For more information, please call 99119912 or visit www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/For-Residents/Our-Environment/ Road-Safety-Around-Our-Schools





in a bus zone Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted Minimum penalty \$352 and 2 demerit points



School zone rules are for your child's safety. Please drive carefully and park legally.



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