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Concordia College is a co-educational Christian school which aims to provide individual care and attention to each student. The College operates under the auspices of the SA District of the Lutheran Church of Australia.



Journeying Together

It seems incredible that it is now 18 months since we commenced our first year as a new Concordia College. One school, two campuses, a model of leadership involving two Co-Principals serving nearly 1300 students along with associated staff and families.

During this time much has been achieved as we have sought to consolidate our processes and build on our new identity. Yet there is undoubtedly so much more to be done, with countless new opportunities and challenges to be explored and responded to, all within the broad charter of our College Mission Statement: *To provide a vibrant education, rich in opportunities, delivered within a caring, supportive environment and informed by the gospel of Jesus. Our learning community connects people, ideas and experiences allowing us to strive confidently to engage, achieve and serve.*

So what of our progress? How have we prioritised our time and resources, and what has been achieved?

During this initial time we have worked with determination to establish an infrastructure that serves our College and supports our core activity of student learning. As a result, significant work has taken place in various administrative areas including finance, ICT, enrolments, community development, marketing and communications. While many systems and initiatives are in place, we

continue to refine our processes to ensure the efficient and responsible operation of these areas.

Developments and achievements within these areas will set us up for additional achievements within the core activities of education and ministry. As leaders within our College, we acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of staff and volunteers who have helped to make this possible.

2017 has seen us stepping into a number of new and exciting initiatives across the College:

1. The development of a Reconciliation Action Plan that outlines our commitment and plans within this important area of life in the College.
2. We have embarked on a comprehensive review of Learning Support across the College. This will provide clear directions for our future planning and focus on better supporting students with their learning.
3. Our College Board has also launched a 'School Improvement Plan' that sets clear strategic educational directions for the coming years.
4. We will also be reviewing the progress that we have made on our Physical Master Plan across both campuses.

With the help of God, Concordia College is certainly well positioned to move forward with confidence, embracing the future with optimism as together we seek to Engage. Achieve. Serve.

Michael Paech and Lester Saegenschnitter



Valedictory Awards

Each year at our Valedictory Service we reflect on and celebrate the contributions and achievements of our Year 12 students. We thank God for the way He has worked in and through them, and we begin to look towards the challenges and opportunities ahead as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

While we acknowledge and thank all Year 12 students for the roles they have played as senior members of our learning community, awards are presented to students who have exemplified Concordia's underlying theme of service through their actions and their involvement in College life.

The 2016 Valedictory Service was held at the Adelaide Town Hall on Wednesday 26 October and the following Service Awards were presented, with assistance from some very special guests.

The Bronze Principal's Service Award was presented to **Samuel Blanchard-Jackson, Nicholas Finch, Mason Heaven, Morgan Stranger and Ashleigh Taylor.**

Silver Sports Awards were presented to **Kirsty Bowles, Mitchell Read and Nikolai Sas** by Laura Hodges, an Olympic basketball player and three-time Olympic medallist.

Old collegian and 2016 Principal Percussionist of the Australian Youth Orchestra, Sami Butler ('11), presented Silver Arts Awards to **Isaac Jansons, Jacob Long, Catriona Marshall, Hamish Netting, Brigitte O'Hara, Michael Raftery, Natasha Slater and Amber Watkins.**

A Silver Community Award was presented to **Jane Cope** by old collegian and global service worker Sandy Loffler.

Finally, past Concordia teacher and long-standing Deputy Principal Beryl Solly presented Gold Concordia Awards to **Matthew Bruening and Rachael Harrison.**

Though it is sad to farewell our Year 12 students, we are thankful for all of the ways they have enriched our community during their time at the College and we wish them well as they journey through life beyond school.

At both campuses, the commencement of a new school year is a time to reflect on the previous year, to celebrate new beginnings and to look ahead to the year that is to come.

On Tuesday 31 January, the St John's Campus began the school year with an opening Chapel service. Michael Paech welcomed students, staff and parents, as well as introducing new staff. New School Leaders were also announced and installed into their roles.

The Concordia Campus assembled on Wednesday 1 February for the annual Commencement Service, which was led for the last time by Pastor Peter Bean who retired at the end of Term 1, 2017. As well as acknowledging the achievements of the Class of 2016, the service recognised those who will serve in leadership roles this year through the installation of Student Leaders and sports House Leaders. School Captains, Harrison Warrick and Georgina Leske, gave their first official address for the year and a total of 23 new or returning staff members were also installed.



Student Leaders

Back L-R : Lester Saegenschnitter (Principal), Representatives – Madeline Harrison, Tobias Bracht, Ben Lang, Lucy Wood

Front L-R : Isabella Brideson (Deputy), Harrison Warrick (Captain), Georgina Leske (Captain), Kenji Ireland (Deputy)



House Leaders

Back L-R : Deputy Captains – Riordan Miller-Frost, Olivia Gerhardy (Highgate), Nicholas Lewis, Hayley Briggs (Winchester), Daniel Scott, Alicia Martin (Cheltenham), Tom Stewart, Nicola Esselbach, (Malvern)

Front L-R : Captains – William Coren, Sophie Theel (Highgate), Callum Rintoul, Brianna Arthur (Winchester), Adam Trenorden, Brooke Agostino (Cheltenham), James Sheedy, Elise O'Connor (Malvern)



Grace, hope and love are central to our identity as a Christian community. Through Chapel and other ministry settings, students consider what they believe and are encouraged to love and serve others.

Combined Chapel Service

Around 1300 staff and students from ELC to Year 12 gathered together in a wonderful celebration of community for a whole-school Chapel service on Friday 31 March. Reconciliation was a constant theme throughout the service which began with a Welcome to Country and a community song led by some Year 10 Music students. After Pastor Peter Bean's address, campus Principals Lester Saegenschnitter and Michael Paech launched a College-wide Reconciliation Action Plan, which seeks to promote and foster connections with Indigenous peoples and cultures. At the close of the service, Middle and Senior School students were invited to form guards of honour and to give 'high fives' to the younger students as they returned to their classrooms. This gesture was a wonderful display of friendship and support, and a fitting way to end our time together.



Farewell Peter Bean

After eight and a half years of service Concordia farewelled Reverend Peter Bean, known around the College as Pastor Pete, who retired at the end of Term 1, 2017. As Concordia Campus School Pastor, Peter oversaw the Chapel program, provided a listening ear, delivered pastoral addresses at Commencement and Valedictory Services, and connected with students through retreats and service trips. Through his ministry, Peter reminded young people that they are loved and valued by God, that God can be seen at work in the everyday events and relationships of life, and that we have a responsibility to protect the environment in which we live. We thank Peter for his service to the Concordia community and wish him all the best in his retirement.





New Additions

Welcoming new students each year in the ELC is always exciting. This year, a couple of new additions garnered particular attention - two fluffy pet rabbits!

Once the initial introductions and cuddles were over it was up to the students to decide on names for the two newcomers who are now officially known as Flopsy and Wiggles.

Engaging with nature is an important aspect of the ELC program and helps to bring learning to life. Already the new animals are making friends and winning hearts, and the students are having a great time caring for their fluffy new friends.



Life Education

Our ELC students recently had lots of fun learning about positive relationships and considering what it is that makes us, and others, happy during a visit from the Life Education Van. Through the story of Harold the Giraffe, the session helped students to consider how different events and experiences affect their emotions, as well as how their interactions with others can contribute to a safe and positive environment.





Surfboard Street Art

Early in Term 4 last year, the Year 6 students worked together to create a collaborative artwork on a surfboard kindly donated by one of our OSHC educators. As part of their unit on the topic of street art, each student created a different wave design on the board. The contributions were unique, but the many and varied patterns combined to create a striking finished product. Once the artwork was completed, it was hung from the Art Room ceiling for all the students to enjoy.



ALWS Walk My Way

On Friday 3 March, the Year 6s heard from Australian Lutheran World Service representative Julie Krause about the personal stories of several refugees. In a scenario-based activity, students played the role of new arrivals in a refugee camp, building shelters and a toilet block, making a newspaper soccer ball and learning basic greetings in a foreign language. Students also heard about the ALWS Walk My Way event which will see participants, including a team from Concordia College, walking from Hahndorf to Adelaide to raise funds to support the education of children in refugee camps.





Sharing Our Learning

Late in Term 1, the Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 classes shared their learning with their parents through three separate year level 'Expo' events. The Reception Expo covered topics within the theme of 'Communities' while the Year 3s presented their learning under the banner of 'How the World Works' and the Year 5s demonstrated their understanding of 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. It was lovely to see students presenting with confidence through group performance, practical demonstrations and one-on-one discussions. The wind-powered skateboard race at the Year 3 Expo was a particularly exciting moment with lots of cheering in a close rush to the finish line!



International Mindedness

Visitors to the St John's Campus may have noticed the bright, decorative display boards around the school containing colourful paper cut-outs. Each cut-out was decorated by a different student, symbolising the valuable contribution of every person within our diverse learning community. As an International Baccalaureate World School, developing international mindedness is a key part of our teaching and learning program. The displays are a wonderful visual reminder of our common humanity, our shared guardianship of the planet, and our desire to help create a better and more peaceful world.





Digital Design

For many students, the introduction of the new Digital Design course offers an exciting opportunity to take on new challenges and develop skills for the future including computational thinking, programming and automatic data manipulation. Throughout Term 1, students in Years 7 and 8 have been learning the basic concepts of computer programming with the goal of developing a basic mathematics application or a 2D interactive game. At the end of the course, students were divided into teams and applied newly founded skills to simulate a test for driverless cars at an intersection with traffic lights, using Sphero Robotics programming.

Digital media has also been a focus, with Year 7s creating a photographic montage video and Year 8s producing an audio podcast about the impacts of e-waste. There have been some fantastic results already and we look forward to seeing what our students will produce next!



Fairy-tale Endings

Two groups of Year 8 students recently performed their fairy-tale adaptations for an appreciative Year 2 audience following the introduction of a new Drama course into the Year 8 Arts curriculum. The students had fun creating storylines, developing characters, adding props and wearing costumes to enhance their productions which provided plenty of entertainment for the young audience.

Middle School Showcase

The Middle School Showcase in Term 4 provided parents, staff and students from other year levels with an insight into the learning that had been taking place amongst our Year 7 and 8 students.

The Year 7s presented major projects on the theme of Ancient Civilisations through many impressive models and displays.

The Year 8 classes ran an engaging Science Fair, presenting interactive experiments and informative displays to showcase their learning on topics including strength and agility, the psychology of rabbits and how they learn, whether or not different foods can produce electricity, and more. Four prizes were awarded, with Ella George and Indi Zammit named overall winners for their experiment on the psychology of pain perception.



Brainstorm Productions

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were recently equipped with some useful information on the topic of cyber bullying through an engaging drama performance by Brainstorm Productions. The performance helped students to consider the impact that online interactions can have on people. It was a helpful reminder of the rights and responsibilities each person has as a digital citizen, as well as the need to look out for one another and to speak up on this important topic.



Year 9 Challenge Day

On Friday 24 March our Year 9 students spent the day at Belair National Park, participating in a range of team building activities, games and exercises to enhance wellbeing. The culminating activity saw students working together in their Home Classes to develop strategies that utilised each member's strengths in order to progress through four challenges as quickly as possible. The race was a highlight for many students, with each Home Class keen to secure the win. During the race, students had to climb through the 'spider web' of ropes, complete a word puzzle, circumnavigate the playground by balancing on the wooden skirting and complete a whole-team table tennis rally. Year 9 student Kaelah Owens-Fleetwood had this to say after the conclusion of the final challenge:

"Congratulations to all the 9SBR girls on winning the race! Challenge Day was not only lots of fun, but it was a great way for Home Classes to work on team building skills and friendships."





Outstanding Year 12 Results for the Class of 2016

In 2016, Concordia students once again achieved some outstanding academic results. Of the 147 students who completed the SACE or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP):

- Around 26% achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 90 or above, placing them in the top 10% of students nationwide
- 52% achieved ATAR scores of 80 or more, placing them in the top 20%
- 17 students gained Merit certificates for obtaining a perfect score in a particular subject.

Among the IBDP cohort, the average and median scores were 95.15, with the top IB student achieving the maximum possible score of 99.95.

Some particularly notable achievements include:

Abby Mather was the top IBDP student and the Dux of Concordia College in 2016, achieving the highest possible ATAR of 99.95. Abby also earned four subject Merits for Physics HL, Chemistry SL, Mathematics SL and Spanish ab initio SL.

Amber Watkins was the top SACE student, with an ATAR of 99.0 and subject Merits

for Performance Special Study and Legal Studies.

The majority of students who applied for university admission gained entry into their first preference course. The top tertiary pathways in 2016 were Medical, Health Sciences and Allied Health, as well as Business, Commerce, Management and Marketing.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on their incredible achievements!

Abby's Advice

In her speech after Abby was announced as the new Dux of Concordia College, she sincerely thanked her teachers, her friends, and her parents. She also gave some excellent advice to current students:

"Don't fall into the trap of thinking that Year 12, or a result, defines you. The beautiful thing about being as self-aware as we are, is that we can redefine ourselves at any moment. One thing that helped me was imagining myself in ten years' time. Not so much where I was in life, but what qualities I wanted to possess. Once I had figured out what kind of person I wanted to be in ten years, I began to try to be that person now ... Every year of your life, and every aspect of your life, is a reflection of who you are at that time. So my advice would be: figure out what kind of person you want to be and let Year 12, and the rest of your life as you continually grow, reflect that."

Heart Foundation Fundraiser

Continuing an annual tradition, the Concordia Campus Student Leaders coordinated a Valentine's Day fundraiser, with proceeds going to The Heart Foundation. Red roses and singing telegrams were available for purchase leading up to the event and these were delivered with much enthusiasm and joy by the Year 12s during Home Class. The students' creativity was highlighted through their colourful outfits and singing telegram performances, and this year their efforts raised over \$1000 for this worthy cause.



Paper Cranes for Hiroshima

Late in 2016, during a unit on the poetry of war, Year 10 English students decided to fold 100 paper cranes to send overseas with representatives from their class who were involved in the Japan Music Tour. The paper crane is a traditional symbol of hope, peace and healing. The cranes were formed into an artistic arrangement which was placed in Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park during the Japan Tour.



Legal Studies

A group of Year 11 Legal Studies students travelled to Adelaide's Parliament House in Term 4 to hear Professor Dean Jaensch, Professor Rick Sarre and barrister Michael Manetta give their views on the question "Should Australia become a republic?" The much-anticipated culminating activity was a debate amongst students from various schools in the House of Assembly. Our students had this to say about the debate:

"No one held back and though it was very entertaining, it also allowed us to gain knowledge and a greater understanding of the topic, whilst enabling us to hear different opinions. Overall it was an extremely rewarding opportunity."



Design Your Own Experiment

Year 12 Physics students had an opportunity in Term 1 to design and carry out their own experiments to answer a question that was of interest to them. The resulting experiments covered a variety of topics and it was great to see the students taking ownership of their learning in this way in order to further their understanding. Some of the highlights included measuring the chiral activity of sugar with a laser, testing cantilever and supported beams, and investigating uniform circular, projectile and Bifilar Pendulum motion.





Through service, students develop an outward focus, looking beyond their circumstances and providing practical assistance to others. Here are just some of the ways students have been a blessing to the wider community in recent months.

Road Crossing Monitors

Each school day, students from Years 5 and 6 serve the community as Road Crossing Monitors, ensuring the safety of students and their families amidst the busy traffic.

In Term 4 last year these students received in-person training from an SA Police Officer, giving them a greater insight into this important role and preparing them to serve in 2017.

Connected Unley

In Term 4, Year 8 students took part in a three-day Connected Unley program, with each day focused on an aspect of Concordia's vision statement; Engage. Achieve. Serve.

The service component saw students serving the Unley community by making soup, creating Christmas cards and assembling hygiene packs for The Salvation Army to distribute to people in need, working in the garden at Fullarton Park Community Centre, and providing assistance to local churches, schools and community groups.



Mary Magdalene Drop-In Centre

On Saturday 25 February, the Concordia Campus Student Leaders worked alongside the Head of Senior School and one of our wonderful P&F volunteers Liz Sexton to prepare and serve a hearty meal to the patrons of the Mary Magdalene Drop-In Centre in Adelaide's CBD. School Leader Benjamin Lang reflected on the experience by saying, *"The trip to the Mary Magdalene Centre was a great opportunity for us to be able to give back a bit to the community ... Helping to prepare the food that Concordia Senior School families had donated and having a hands-on role in serving the community was certainly an eye-opener. It built upon our appreciation of what we have, and just how privileged we are with things we often take for granted."*



Siassi Walkathon

On Friday 7 April, students from ELC to Year 6 took to their feet for the annual Siassi Walkathon, raising funds to support the St John's Campus partnership with the Siassi community in Papua New Guinea. The students had one hour to complete as many laps of the oval as they could – a welcome challenge for many! In the end, over \$3,600 was raised. The Walkathon is a wonderful reminder that there are simple things we can do to make a difference in the lives of others.



Environmental 'Green Team'

To serve their community and protect the environment, a group of St John's Campus students have developed an initiative known as the 'Green Team' which monitors and reduces waste. The initiative originally stemmed from a Year 2 curriculum unit and was then driven by the Student Representative Council (SRC). By coordinating the distribution and emptying of organic waste bins for each classroom, the Green Team has seen a reduction in the amount of regular 'blue bins' filled each week. A display has been placed in the central courtyard to report on the number of blue bins used from one week to the next, thereby encouraging students to think twice before sending rubbish to landfill.



The St John's Campus SRC and Concordia Campus Forum exist to give students a voice, to facilitate student-led initiatives, and to provide opportunities for students to serve their peers.





Above : Tents in the Reception classrooms provide comfortable learning spaces for students

Flexible learning environments complement our teaching program by facilitating student choice, fostering engagement and encouraging collaboration.

In our Early Learning Centre you'll see students sitting on stools or on the floor around small tables, enjoying books on bean bags or cushions in the reading corner, and moving from one area to another depending on their interests.

In Reception, flexible learning is commonly used to help students to develop

fundamental skills in phonics, spelling, reading, sorting, counting, addition and subtraction. Students may sit at desks in small groups or work on the floor. They might read along with audiobooks on their iPads or read on the couch in the reading corner. There are even open-faced calico tents with cushions which provide a quiet space to sit and concentrate amidst the busyness of the classroom!

When asked what they enjoy most about their learning environment, our Reception students shared these thoughts:

"I sometimes sit with my friends and sometimes on my own. I like the comfortable chairs, they feel like my chairs at home."

"I feel safe in my classroom."

The Resource Centre provides another flexible space, with different types of seating in various areas for students to use while working or reading individually or in groups.

In the Murtoa building, Middle School classes enjoy opportunities for collaboration and team teaching due to the interconnected layout of the classrooms with large glass sliding doors that open out into central breakout spaces. At different times, students may work in small groups

Below : Reception students enjoying a variety of learning opportunities





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around tables, find a quiet space on a beanbag or chair on the landing, or work in pairs on the bench seat by the window.

The Atrium and the new Common Room in the Senior School provide open plan and quiet study spaces with café and booth-style seating. Senior students also have access to the Media Centre, a flexible, high-tech space which broadens the scope of their learning experiences.

The new science centre has also been designed with a focus on flexible learning. Classrooms and laboratories surround a

series of breakout spaces, promoting the sharing of ideas across different subject boundaries.

Each student brings a different perspective, a preferred learning style and a unique set of strengths to our learning community. Providing opportunities for students to reflect on their strengths and to identify ways in which they can utilise the learning environment to help them achieve their goals is key to fostering active engagement and ownership.

1. *Cafe-style seating in the Year 12 Common Room*
2. *Media Studio*
3. *St John's Campus Resource Centre*
4. *Yangadlitya Resource Centre, Concordia Campus*
5. *Murtoa breakout space*
6. *Senior School students at work in the Atrium*



1. *Kate Garland*
2. *Myles Crump*
3. *Rebecca Schuetze*
4. *Ziyi (Novia) Lin*
5. *Lucy Leard*
6. *Annalise Toms*



The annual Art Show featured a wide range of student artwork which was enthusiastically received in a gallery-style exhibition on Friday 18 November.

The exhibition title, "Journeys", alluded to the fact that developing as an artist is an ongoing process and that each student's artistic journey is unique. This was evident through the myriad art forms explored by the students which culminated in the wide range of pieces on display.

Guest speaker Helen Sherriff, a successful local artist and past Concordia parent, encouraged students to persevere with their artistic endeavours, even when facing obstacles. Through sharing some insights into her own journey, Helen reminded students that overcoming challenges and embracing opportunities can lead to a successful artistic career.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on the night:

- Myles Crump - Excellence Award for SACE Visual Art
- Connor Dyer - Excellence Award for SACE Visual Art-Design
- Rebecca Schuetze - Excellence Award in Creative Arts
- Kate Pese - IB Art Award
- Annalise Toms and Jordan May - Encouragement Awards
- Lucy Leard - Concordia Art Acquisition Award

Thanks to all those who helped make the Art Show a success, and to Eckersley's Art & Craft for generously sponsoring the evening.



1. Kate Pese
2. Lauren Pollnitz
3. Sarah Waldhuter
4. Jade Booth
5. Ruoyun Sun
6. Sam Powell
7. Elle Noske



The 2017 Europe Art Trip was an aspiring artist's dream and an incredibly memorable experience for the students and staff involved.

A group of 26 students and three staff departed from Adelaide on Friday 7 April on a three-week tour of Italy, France and Spain, taking in the sights, sounds and beautiful spring weather while also visiting many galleries and historical locations.

Drawing lessons in Florence were a highlight, as was a visit to Monet's famous water lily garden in Giverny. A short stop in Nice saw the group visiting the museums of Matisse and Chagall before moving on to Baux-de-Provence. Here they witnessed the Carrieres de Lumieres, an audio visual display based on the work of Brueghel, Bosch and Arcimboldo set in a stunning limestone quarry. Following in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh, the group toured the countryside of Arles and St Remy, visiting many of the sites painted by the renowned artist.

From visiting the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre to exploring the art and architecture of ancient Rome, the Renaissance and the work of the Impressionists, there were many exciting experiences to be enjoyed and many lasting memories were certainly created.

A flamenco show in Barcelona on the final night was a vivid display of Spain's dynamic and diverse culture, and a fitting way to end a wonderful trip. The students represented the College wonderfully throughout the tour, working well as a group and building new friendships.



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1. Nativity play 2016
2. Middle School end-of-year activities 2016
3. First school day for 2017
4. ELC Easter
5. Georgia Germein performing during Chapel
6. Opening of the Winchester Street 'Hub' on 31 October 2016
7. 1st XI Cricket Baggy Blues
8. Labyrinth walk



With the new science centre due to open in October, it is an exciting time for teaching and learning at Concordia. Here are some of the many learning opportunities embraced by our students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

BioPhotonics

Year 10 STEM students and Year 11 Physics students attended a student outreach session as part of the Australasia Conference for BioPhotonics held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Given the design of the new science centre around a series of breakout spaces, it was fitting that students heard about the need for collaboration across scientific fields. During the session, students witnessed demonstrations involving lasers and photosensitive surfaces, as well as engaging with scientists from the Centre for Nanoscale BioPhotonics.



Engineering Week

Several students participated in the Engineering Week activities at UniSA's Mawson Lakes campus late last year. Working in groups with students from other schools, they engaged in challenging tasks such as building a spaghetti and marshmallow tower, and programming a small stepper robot to traverse a maze.



Women in Mathematics

In March, a number of female students attended an event run by the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) designed to encourage female students to consider careers in mathematics. As well as watching the film *Hidden Figures*, about a group of women who worked for NASA during the space race, students heard from some inspiring women whose interest in mathematics has led them into some fascinating maths-related careers.



Light, Sound & Electricity

Students in the Middle School have enjoyed some scientific workshops in recent months, benefitting from the expertise of Mr Shaun Clamp, a much-loved member of the Design and Technology Department and former Technical Controller of Scottish Television. Through a series of practical demonstrations, students learnt about the science of light and sound energy. Members of the lunchtime Electronics Club have also had fun exploring the application of electronic solutions to monitor patient care in hospitals. Students have discovered how machines can move and guide themselves, much like the technology that is currently being tested in driverless cars.



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Concordia College **Gala Ball**

Saturday 4 November 2017
Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre

Bookings : www.trybooking.com/pknt
\$150 per person – early bird ends 30 June
\$165 per person – from 1 July 2017

To register as a Table Captain contact Angela Warrick : awarrick@concordia.sa.edu.au or 8272 0444

We look forward to celebrating in style at this year's Gala Ball on Saturday 4 November at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The Gala Ball theme of 'What a Wonderful World' will commemorate the opening of the new Centre for Science and Discovery.

It will be wonderful to see the learning opportunities that will stem from the use of this new facility. When curiosity is encouraged and different methodologies unite – such as science

and art, technicality and creativity, reason and expression – the learning environment becomes an ideal platform on which new concepts can be conveyed and innovation can flourish.

Proceeds from the Gala Ball will support the purchase of specific STEM and digital technologies, such as 3D printers and a laser cutter. These tools will provide students with opportunities to design, create and prototype specific solutions to real-world problems that they investigate during their curriculum studies.



Support the Gala Ball

For more information about the Gala Ball, visit the College website. To express your interest in sponsorship opportunities or in donating items for the major and silent auctions, contact Angela Warrick, Community Engagement and Events Officer, on 08 8272 0444.

Online bookings at www.trybooking.com/PKNT or scan the QR Code





As well as helping students to become competent communicators in a second language, studies in language acquisition seek to foster respect and understanding of other cultures, and to help develop a global perspective.

AIYEP Performance

The Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program aims to develop international relationships by providing opportunities for young adults with leadership potential to experience and understand the culture and development of the two nations. A group of Indonesian AIYEP participants visited the College in October and shared traditional songs and dances from their home towns. The vibrancy and passion of the performers was engaging and gave students an insight into Indonesia's diversity.



Flinders University Visitors

In Term 4 last year, Year 7 Indonesian students had a great time learning traditional games and activities from guests based at Flinders University. Students tried a board game called 'Congklak', a variation of knuckle bones called 'bekel' and a game called 'kayu doi'. They also learnt to make skipping ropes (tali lompat) out of rubber bands - a task that is easier than it sounds!



German Exchange Students

In Term 1 we welcomed our exchange students from Germany. As well as attending school with their Concordia partners, the students experienced some quintessential Australian sights and sounds on an outback tour. During their time at Concordia they visited classes at the St John's Campus to speak to students about German customs, language, clothing and culture. In return, the Year 3 students taught them how to play cricket! It was wonderful to have the German students with us and we look forward to hearing from our Year 11 German Exchange students after their trip to Germany at the end of the year.





Held every two years, Concordia's international music tours provide students with a chance to gain an insight into the life of a touring musician, to immerse themselves in a different culture and to share their musical talents with people from other parts of the world.

The Japan Music Tour saw a team of Concordia students performing concerts in a range of locations throughout Japan in November. The tour group included the Concert Band, Big Band 1 and a group of singers, as well as supervising staff and hugely talented guest artist, Adam Page. While on tour the students visited Osaka, Hiroshima, Himeji, Kyoto, Sendai and Tokyo, and also connected with three Japanese schools. Performing for the Japanese students was a real privilege and each performance was extremely well received.

A particularly memorable and moving moment was the visit to Peace Memorial Park and the A-Bomb Museum at Hiroshima. While at Hiroshima, tour members placed 100 paper cranes made by Year 10 English students in the Memorial Park as a symbol of hope and healing.

The students were exemplary in their conduct and no doubt many are looking forward to the next international tour in 2018!



Annie Musical



The annual Concordia musical, a tradition which can be traced back to 1961, provides theatrical and musical performance opportunities to a large number of students. This year's production of Annie took place on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 April.

It was an absolute delight to be involved in bringing this well-known and much-loved musical to life. This year we welcomed Mr Martin Cheney to the role of Music Director, and his efforts to rehearse the pit band and prepare the singers were second to none. The popular and moving rendition of "Tomorrow" left many audience members teary-eyed.

A huge team came together to take on the challenge of transforming the College Chapel into a theatre and the cast were thrilled to perform to sell-out audiences at every show.

A massive congratulations to all involved. It was a privilege to work with such talented, committed and enthusiastic young people. The experience created memories that the staff and students involved will most certainly hold on to for years to come.

Emma Williams - Director



Music Theatre Intensive participants with Rosie Hosking, David Lampard and Bec Schembri

Music Theatre Intensive

In Semester 2, 2016, a group of budding actors, singers and dancers jumped at the opportunity to learn from three nationally-renowned theatre industry specialists through the inaugural Music Theatre Intensive.

Over three months, students explored foundational musical theatre techniques and extended their skills through a series of regular workshops and training sessions with David Lampard (Director), Rosie Hosking (Vocal Coach) and Bec Schembri (Choreographer).

The culminating performance showcased the hard work put in by the students, as well as their development as confident young performers.



Ensemble Days

Concordia's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Big Bands and Jazz Collective attended the annual Ensembles Day at Balyana Conference Centre on Thursday 2 March. Under the guidance of their regular directors and some guest instructors, students took time away from the routine of a normal school day to rehearse their repertoire for the coming year. On Friday 3 March, members of the string ensembles and quartets from both campuses spent the day together with a similar purpose. One of the highlights was a combined rehearsal involving 45 students playing an original composition by the director of the Chamber Strings, Emily Tulloch, arranged by the conductor of the Concordia Orchestra and member of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Martin Butler. Lachlan Bramble, a guest tutor from the ASO, also ran a master-class which provided plenty of food for thought.





St John's Campus

The St John's Campus Sports Day held on Friday 10 March was a fantastic day of competition, with students from Reception to Year 6 taking part in a series of athletic and tabloid events to earn points for their House.

The day began with the procession of the House banners, followed by some very creative and highly energetic team raps! While Winchester received the first points of the day for the most enthusiastic and catchy team rap, the competition began in earnest once the first events got underway. Continuing the tradition that began in our amalgamation year, the Concordia Campus House Captains supported and mentored the St John's Campus House Captains as they performed their duties.

Students from all Houses competed well on the day, with Highgate managing to hold on and take the win.

The final results:

Highgate	997
Winchester	909
Malvern	882
Cheltenham	875



Concordia Campus

The annual Concordia Campus Sports Day was also an enjoyable event, with perfect weather conditions prevailing and a strong level of commitment and sportsmanship shown by each of the four Houses.

The result was far from certain at the start of the day, with Malvern looking promising early in the proceedings, but as the day progressed Winchester took hold and finished with a convincing win. The German Exchange team of three boys and 15 girls also competed hard on the day, putting in a fantastic effort against the Under 16 age level competitors from each House.

Four individual records were set for boys hurdles, girls triple jump, girls high jump and girls javelin. The previous girls javelin record had stood for 30 years from 1986 until 2016 and was beaten this year by Hannah Prenzler who threw an impressive 2.84 metres further with a total of 30.42 metres!

The final results:

Winchester	2699
Malvern	2097
Cheltenham	1945
Highgate	1820



Swimming Carnival



The annual Swimming Carnival held in Term 4 marked the start of the 2017 House Sport Competition, with each House keen to make their mark early as Swimming Carnival Champions.

Malvern showed some confidence as reigning champions and got off to a good start in hopes of retaining the title, with participation levels in the cross-pool events proving too strong for the other Houses to match. After experiencing somewhat of a drought at Swimming Carnivals in recent years, Highgate also scored well and kept themselves in with a chance.

Winchester almost broke Malvern's stride in the Crocodile Races, but convincing wins in the Lilo Races and the ability to keep Highgate in second place during the four-way netball saw Malvern retain the lead.

The Championship Races were the last chance for the three challenging teams to catch the mighty Malvern. Cheltenham and Winchester had the fastest swimmers and gained some valuable points, but Malvern held on for the win.

The final results:

Malvern	592
Highgate	542
Winchester	539
Cheltenham	498

With the fastest swimmers irrespective of year level competing head-to-head in a Freestyle sprint, the Champions Races provided plenty of excitement. In the end, Grace Gooden and James Kemp proved themselves to be the fastest girl and fastest boy respectively.

It has been exciting to celebrate some wonderful sporting success stories, including significant achievements this year in swimming and sailing. Students have also benefitted from meeting some inspiring professional athletes.

Cycling

Late last year, nine Concordia students competed in the SSSSA Mountain Bike Challenge and thanks to some strong individual and team performances on the day, Concordia placed an impressive second overall.



Swimming Success

The Concordia Interschool Swimming team experienced somewhat of a breakthrough this year, finishing first in their division at the SSSSA Swimming Championship and continuing this fantastic form by winning their league meet the following day. We were delighted to celebrate these excellent wins with the team members involved.



Adelaide Crows Visit

Shortly before winning the inaugural AFL Women's premiership, Chelsea Randall (Vice Captain) and Anne Hatchard from the Adelaide Crows women's team visited the St John's Campus to encourage boys and girls alike to dream big and to strive to achieve their goals with confidence.

Taylor Regan Visit

We were excited to welcome Reds defender Taylor Regan to the College on Monday 27 March thanks to our connection with the Adelaide United Football Club.

During his visit, Taylor presented Concordia with a signed and framed number '5' guernsey before answering questions from students and coaching staff on a range of topics. After the Q&A session, Taylor stayed on for the commencement of the Soccer Development Squad's training session.



Sailing Award

The Concordia Sailing team finished the 2016/17 season in strong form with some outstanding performances at the SA Secondary Schools Team Sailing State Regatta. All of the students involved put in a huge effort and we are exceptionally proud of their determination and sportsmanship across an action-packed weekend. The efforts of both Concordia groups were rewarded with top ten finishes overall. In particular we congratulate the girls group on winning the Chairman's Award after impressing the umpires in a thrilling finals series and finishing as runner-up in their final race.





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Each year, camps and trips provide various opportunities for students to build and strengthen friendships, work as members of a team, develop independence and resilience, take on new challenges and have lots of fun outside the classroom. For many students, the shared experiences and sense of community developed through camps and trips stand out as highlights when they reflect on their years at Concordia.



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Narnu Farm

The **Year 3** classes enjoyed an overnight stay at Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island. Lots of fun was had feeding the animals and playing on Fort Narnu, but the standout activity was the horse riding which was a new and unforgettable experience for many.



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Ironbank Adventure

The **Year 4** classes enjoyed a range of team building, problem solving and resilience training activities including the Koala Creek obstacle course at their year level camp at Ironbank in the beautiful Adelaide Hills.

- 1. & 2. Year 3 Camp
- 3. & 4. Year 4 Camp
- 5. Year 5 Camp
- 6. Year 6 Camp

- 7. Year 7 Canberra Trip
- 8. & 9. Year 8 Camp
- 10. Year 12 Retreat

Walker Flat

Team building was a primary focus of the **Year 5** Camp in March, held at Walker Flat on the Murray River. The students took part in an action-packed program and one of their many highlights was watching Mr Wegener capsize his kayak – something they won't soon let him forget!



Mylor Adventure

Our **Year 6** students enjoyed riding the flying fox, kayaking, playing Frisbee golf, and participating in team building activities at Mylor Adventure Camp. The giant swing was undoubtedly the highlight for many, including the teachers!



Canberra Trip

The annual **Year 7** Canberra Trip saw students learning about Australia's history, culture, and democracy through visits to the National Archives, Australian War Memorial, High Court of Australia, Parliament House and the Governor General's house. Students also particularly enjoyed visits to the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon – the National Science and Technology Centre filled with fun scientific games, slides and simulators.



Victor Harbor

This year, our **Year 8** students travelled to Victor Harbor for a week of aquatics, adventure and a chance to get to know one another better. Activities included kayaking, treasure hunting through the tunnels beneath heritage listed Adare House, and seeing the world from a different angle on a high rope swing named 'The Flying Kiwi'.



Retreat

Our **Year 12s** spent two days on a retreat in the Adelaide Hills. During the retreat students worked together on team building activities and took part in group discussion sessions. The chance to take some time out together as a cohort during such a busy year was a valuable experience for all involved.





It has been our pleasure to welcome many families and community members to the College for a range of community events in recent months.

Year 7 and 8 Family BBQs

The Year 7 and 8 Family BBQs were again well-attended this year, with many families taking advantage of the opportunity to meet their child's Home Class teacher and to connect with other families in a relaxed setting.

On both occasions, families were welcomed by the Principal and Head of Middle School before hearing from the President of the Concordia Parents & Friends Committee who extended an invitation for parents and students to get involved in Concordia's incredible community and lively program of events.



St John's Campus BBQ

More than 100 families spent the afternoon together on Sunday 26 March at the annual St John's Campus Family BBQ, with children playing and parents enjoying the chance to catch up in a casual environment. From fantastic food to a jumping castle and games for the kids, there was a great family feel to the occasion. Thanks to all those who assisted as volunteers on the day and to the many families who attended.



Twilight Tea

The annual Twilight Tea event is a wonderful celebration of community, with over 1000 people converging on the Quad for an evening of music, games, children's activities and a wide range of delicious food and drinks.

While the event took on a different layout due to the construction perimeter around the new Centre for Science and Discovery, the evening was a great success with many people happy to sit in the Quad while others flocked to the food stalls in the Atrium courtyard. As always, we were blessed with a large group of volunteers comprising old collegians, staff, students and parents who helped with the various stalls. We thank all who attended for contributing to the fun and vibrant community atmosphere.





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Celebrating 90 Years of Co-education

The 1920s saw a groundswell of support in the Lutheran Church for the Christian education of girls beyond the primary school years.

In the years after the end of World War I, when Lutheran primary schools were allowed to reopen, there was an urgent need for the secondary education of female students in the hope that they might become teachers. It was also hoped to provide parents with a more desirable option for the secondary education of their daughters than independent schools of other denominations.

In March 1925, the issue was raised at the Synod of the SA district and in September the process took a decisive turn with the formation of the Society for Higher Education. The initial aim was to establish a separate college or high school for girls. However, further discussions eventually led to a recommendation which made the enrolment of girls at Concordia College possible. A further breakthrough came when Professor Koch told Synod that the Society for Higher Education would be financially responsible for providing board and lodging for the girls.

Two major issues remained. The problem of suitable

accommodation for female boarders was solved when a house at number 57 (now 59) Cheltenham Street became available for a reasonable rent. There were two to four beds in each room and according to the prospectus the two bathrooms provided 'ample facilities for practising the virtue of personal cleanliness.'

Concern for the supervision of the girls was abated when Miss T Noske of Melbourne offered her services as matron for a small honorarium. She was assisted by Miss E Klose who served as the cook.

following anecdote:

"My vivid memory of the hostel is of everything being spic and span ... We had hard straw beds, and the wind whistled through the ever-open door and windows. On April Fools' Day Miss Noske played a joke on us by giving us empty boiled eggs! In addition she arranged for us girls to dress up and perform a mock wedding reception, which we all thoroughly enjoyed - including the iced cake made of mud! Miss Noske, however, was 'hauled over the coals' for daring to do such a thing."

The Results

Two years later it was reported that the enrolment of girls had thankfully 'not created a demand for extra teachers and classrooms, as girls join the boys' classes...' The initiative was regarded as a trial, and although there was satisfaction at the way the 'experiment' had worked, as well as with student behaviour, reservations remained about its long-term viability. Dr Elmore Leske remarks that early on *"it was more a situation of co-existence than a*

A Historic Year

At the start of the 1927 school year, nineteen girls were enrolled, four of them day students. Fifteen boarders from three states filled the Cheltenham Street hostel to capacity.

Daily hostel life was well ordered. Even the free time was closely supervised. However, there were plenty of opportunities for fun.

Lydia Myer, who attended the College in 1929, tells the

1. 1927 girls group in Sunday dress
2. 1929 boarder girls with Matron Noske
3. 1929 girls basketball team
4. 1929 girls sitting on rainwater tank
5. 1929 girls gymnastic pyramid
6. 1927 Girls Hostel, 57 Cheltenham Street

positive attempt to provide co-education”.

Relationships

Reminiscences, as well as reports in *The Brown and Gold* magazines, reveal that girls in the hostel not only forged life-long friendships with each other, but also enjoyed warm relationships with teachers and hostel staff.

“One of my greatest joys was that I found Concordia a real haven; I discovered loving Christian fellowship there... the girls took the same subjects as the boys. The boys sat in all the back rows and the girls in the front desks...”

“The homelike atmosphere that exists at the hostel is, no doubt, due to the kind and loving efforts of the matron. The happy companionship of the boarders can be understood when one considers that similar occupations, similar interests, and the same Christian faith are strong ties that bind hearts together. ... Past hostel girls will always look back with pleasure to the happy times spent together... to the friendships that were then formed...” *The Brown and Gold*, 1932.

There were very definite rules and regulations about contact between boys and girls.

Girls were not permitted to correspond with boys, other than their brothers. Even then, all mail to the girls ‘passed through the hands of the matron.’ The boys were also told that “The association with girls is permitted only in family circles or in public gatherings which have been approved of by the Faculty.”

However, where there was a will, there was a way!

“Although it was against the rules for us girls to talk to the boys in class or at recess time, and meeting in the street by arrangement was a serious offence, we still found ways of communicating with the boy we liked or that showed that he liked us by frequent looks and smiles. My diaries from 1929 and 1930 have frequent references to thrills received from being noticed in a special way by some boy I liked at the time.” Agnes (Hoffmann) Nagorcka, enrolled 1927.

“We had a certain time for going to the tuck shop (canteen); so did the boys. This was to ensure we’d never meet the boys there. ... It so happened I eventually married the man I had fallen in love with very early in the piece at Concordia...” Claudia (Koch) Rosenblatt, enrolled 1927.

Beyond the 1920s

Dr Elmore Leske sums up strides in co-education in the decades yet to come:

“As long as boarding was a major part of the essence of Concordia, little by little there was a movement from mere co-existence of the girls toward what may be classed as co-education. This came about with the rapid increase in the number of girl students... and with the development of educational theory and practice. ... There was an increasing awareness of the fact that Concordia had one of the longest histories of co-education in South Australia.” *Concordia 100 years, Murtoa-Adelaide: a history of Concordia College, Adelaide, 1990, p 68.*

Jenni van Wageningen
Archivist



Did you know?

After attending Concordia College, a number of female old collegians, including those mentioned below, built on these foundations and became notable educators in their own right.



Loris Grote
1936 - 2015

Loris attended Concordia College from 1949-1952. She excelled in her studies and was top of her year in the 1951 Intermediate Exams. After her high school years, Loris trained as a nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and then as a midwife at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. With a commitment to lifelong learning and a desire for equality, especially for girls, Loris completed a Bachelor of Education as a mature age student and became a nurse educator. She continued to work and volunteer throughout her life, ensuring that her involvement in education would continue thereafter through her generous provision of Concordia's Loris Grote Nursing Scholarship.



Rita Fischer
1919 - 2017

Rita Fischer (nee Meyer) attended Concordia in 1936. After secondary school, she went on to study at a tertiary level and worked as a kindergarten teacher, furthering her studies in subsequent years. In 1976, Rita's lifelong ambition of starting a Christian kindergarten came to fruition with the opening of Calvary Kindergarten at Calvary Lutheran Church in Morphett Vale. Rita's generosity helped to fund the establishment of the new kindergarten and she became its first director. Her example of Christian service was a blessing to the children in her care and her friendship was valued by many members of the Concordia community.



Naomi Hoff
1923 - Present

Naomi attended Concordia from 1936-1939. Following her graduation, Naomi's early career involved working in remote schools, sometimes as the sole teacher, with only basic equipment available. Naomi was a founding staff member of Concordia Lutheran College in Toowomba when it opened in 1946 and by the time she reached her sixties she had helped found and building up many Lutheran schools. A new adventure then took her to Papua New Guinea, where she taught for 12 years. For a total of 47 years Naomi dedicated her life to the important work of inspiring and educating young people. Her enduring faith and willingness to follow God's call are an inspiration to many. Naomi's family has been connected to Concordia since it began, with a member of her extended family currently attending as a fifth generation Concordia student.



There is a buzz this year around the Concordia Campus as students, teachers, families and community members witness the building progress of the very impressive looking Centre for Science and Discovery that fronts onto Cheltenham Street.

"I'm excited about the vibrant new Centre for Science and Discovery at Concordia - a place where the individual sciences can excel, but also the important interaction between physics, chemistry, biology, maths, art and nature - where bright new minds will be made brighter and lead to new discoveries that will benefit all."

Dr Alan Pollnitz

Scientist, old collegian and current parent

Members of the Concordia Foundation would like to thank those who have contributed to the building of the Centre through a voluntary, tax deductible donation for their generosity. In 2017, the Foundation again asks you to join them in supporting the Building Bright Futures campaign and, in doing so, help spark the ingenuity of Australia's next generation of scientists, engineers, creative designers and innovators.

No matter the size of the gift, every donation helps our students to pursue bright futures. If you can provide a gift of \$5,000 or more, a permanent acknowledgment will be recorded on our beautifully crafted donor wall in the entrance to the new building. Your gift can be pledged over three years if you prefer. For further information, please contact any member of the Concordia Foundation, the Principal, Lester Saegenschnitter, or the Donor Relations Manager, Sue Spry, by emailing foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au or phoning 08 8291 9339.

Donations can be made online via our website.



Save the Date...

Foundation Business Networking Breakfast

Thursday 11 November, 7.30am

The Suaviter

For more information or to indicate your interest in attending, please email foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au



From the Outgoing President

This edition of Concordia Community marks my final report after two years serving as President and several more as a member of the COCA Committee.

I believe some significant progress has been achieved during this time including the development of a new constitution and associated documents, as well as extensive strategic planning in response to a member survey conducted in 2016. The aim of this work has been to enable COCA to continue to expand its potential, and to facilitate further connections

between old collegians. We are pleased to have observed:

- an increased investment in resourcing a wider range of COCA events (including a 'CBD Series' of reunions held interstate and overseas in 2017)
- growing attendance at COCA events
- an expansion in COCA's online presence and electronic communications
- the birth of new COCA affiliated and supported 'interest groups'.

This progress wouldn't have been possible without the support of the College and its staff. I am deeply thankful to Lester Saegenschnitter,

Helen Karapandzic, Mick Hoopmann, Angela Warrick (COCA Liaison) and Sue Spry (COCA Vice-President), for their strong support of COCA during my tenure.

Finishing their time as members of the COCA Committee are Annette Gladigau, Tim Fischer and Sarah Nobbs. We give thanks for their very generous service to COCA over the years.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this elected office of COCA President for these past two challenging, rewarding and exciting years of growth. I wish the incoming committee every success.

In His service,

Nick Banks



Introducing the New President

After two years as a COCA committee member, I am honoured to have been elected to serve the Concordia Old Collegians Association as President. I would like to thank the outgoing President, Nick Banks, for his leadership over the past two years. His dedicated service has contributed to significant changes that will continue

to benefit the Committee, the College and old collegians.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the future, and I encourage you to take part in some of the reunions and events listed in this magazine. I warmly welcome the incoming COCA Committee, and look forward to working with this dedicated group of old collegians to continue the significant progress achieved by the previous COCA Committee.

Mark Fortunatow
COCA President

Office Bearers:

Mark Fortunatow ('74) - President

Sue Spry ('74) - Vice President

Matthew Bruening ('16) - Secretary

John Temme ('55) - Treasurer

Members: Nikolai Leske ('15), Hannah Lewis ('13), Chris Symons ('12), Amanda Rebbeck ('91), Sharon Kretschmer ('77), Nadine Williams ('57), Warwick Raymont ('54), Vicki Pese ('78) - School Board Representative.



COCA Scholarship

Congratulations to Zoe Fryer, daughter of Caroline Fryer (Grant '86) and Peter Fryer, recipient of the COCA Scholarship for 2017.

Snippets

It is wonderful to learn about the many incredible achievements and experiences of our old collegians. Here are some of the latest news snippets from within the COCA community.

Congratulations to **Thomas Theel ('13)** who received the *Young Citizen of the Year* award at the 2017 Australia Day Awards in honour of his significant contribution over many years as a volunteer Cadet Leader with the St John Ambulance Unley Cadet Division. Thomas also received the Bendigo Bank & St John Ambulance Youth Council's *Young Leader of the Year* award in October 2016 for his inspirational leadership within St John Ambulance where he develops engaging learning programs and mentors juniors and cadets.

In late 2016 **Cameron Bayly ('08)** won Stage 3 of the Tour Taihu Lake UCI cycling event in China after placing third in a stage just a couple of days earlier. Cameron continues to ride for Attaque Team Gusto, a UCI Asia Tour Continental Cycling team.

Connor Fearon ('11) is currently one of the top ten downhill riders in the world according to the Downhill Mountain Bike UCI Rankings. Connor is riding for Kona and came fifth in last year's World Cup finals in Andorra.

Lewis Young ('16) was selected by the Western Bulldogs at pick number 49 in the 2016 NAB AFL Draft in November. We look forward to watching his football career with interest.

Congratulations to **Abby Mather ('16)** who was selected to represent Australia in the U23 Women's Lacrosse team at the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Championship in South Korea this year. Abby has chosen to study Dental Surgery and will commence her studies at the University of Adelaide in 2018.

Geordie Little ('05) returned to South Australia from his home base in Germany to perform a run of world premiere shows at this year's Adelaide Fringe Festival with FAUNA, a contemporary circus company. In FAUNA, Geordie's music accompanies the visual spectacle created by several talented acrobats. The show was well received and won the 2017 Emerging Artist Award as well as a Weekly Award.

Since completing the IB at Concordia, **Katrina Humble ('13)** has worked as an outback pilot for Wrightsair. Based at William Creek, 1100km north of Adelaide, Katrina has participated in important conservation activities such as aerial baiting of foxes and dingos, possum tracking and fire spotting. She has also worked as a tour guide of South Australia's most northern locales including Lake Eyre. In March 2017, Katrina was a guest speaker at a Women of Aviation Worldwide Week event held at Port Pirie Airport.



L-R: Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne, Thomas Theel and Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO at the Australia Day Awards



Geordie Little



Katrina Humble

Concordia Old Collegians

L-R: Phoebe Aish, Kari Harding ('06), Julia Goodall ('06), Jessica Burgess ('06), Nick Burgess ('06), Liam McNamara ('06), James Aish ('13), Anthony Dempsey



Stephanie Johnson ('00) and Dr Vinicius Cruzat

L-R: Todd Little ('07), Michael Williamson ('05), Scott Van Manen ('05), Jule Frohlich, Geordie Little ('05), Tom Hawxwell ('05), Jian Kellet-Liew ('05), Ben Rice ('05)



Alecia Curran (Stolz '06) and Mark Curran ('06)
Photo by James Field Photography

L-R: James Spinkston ('11), Ben Schubert ('11), Adam Smith ('11), Josh Brookes ('11), Nick Banks ('11), Alisha Banks, Heidi Bradtke, Sarah-Jane Hollit, Zoe Thiel, Madison Thiel



Daniel Walter ('02) and Kristen Rodgers

L-R: Gabe Curnow, Henry Spry ('07), Stevie Parfitt, Colleen O'Rourke, Madeline Kretschmer ('09), Amelia Mylius-Clark (Spry '09), Jesse Mylius-Clark, Sophie Kresevic ('09), Paige Morgan ('09), Nick Peters



Weddings

Thomas Gibbs ('06) and Nicola Gibbs on 20 February 2016

Daniel Walter ('02) and Kristen Rodgers on 9 April 2016

Stephanie Johnson ('00) and Dr Vinicius Cruzat on 14 May 2016

Alecia Curran (Stolz '06) and **Mark Curran ('06)** on 25 June 2016

Geordie Little ('05) and Jule Frohlich on 17 September 2016

Jessica Burgess (Ford '06) and **Nick Burgess ('06)** on 26 November 2016

Nick Banks ('11) and Alisha Banks (Thiel) on 11 December 2016

Amelia Mylius-Clark (Spry '09) and Jesse Mylius-Clark on 15 April 2017

Births

Lucy Eckermann ('97) and Tom Bastians, a son Kees Robert Bastians on 8 June 2016

Benjamin Seidel ('94) and Alana Seidel, a daughter Kiana Rey Seidel on 2 December 2016

Jemima Morgan (McMillan '08) and Simon Morgan, a son Abraham James on 19 February 2017, brother to Amos and Solomon

Deaths

Concordia has learnt of the following deaths in our community. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these old collegians.

Heintze, Dennis ('52) on 30 January 2016

Thiele, Philip ('52) on 23 August 2016

O'Keeffe, Daphne (Pech '53) on 14 September 2016

Rudolph, Gerald ('43) on 19 September 2016

Mattner, Brian ('57) on 15 October 2016

Hanckel, Jonathon ('70) on 18 October 2016

Traeger, Evelyn (Riessen '39) on 5 December 2016

Butcher, Andrew ('72) on 8 December 2016

Pratt, Arthur ('46) on 11 December 2016

Gertrude Hartwich (Olive '51) on 4 January 2017

Traeger, Eunice ('43) on 22 January 2017

Fischer, Rita (Meyer '36) on 8 February 2017

Schultz, Wilfred ('47) on 25 March 2017

Schmidt, David Anthony ('61) on 21 April 2017

Rattley, Patricia (Storch '36) on 4 May 2017



Emily Lang (Krieg '00), Stephanie Johnson ('00) and Sophie Alikorki ('00)



Kees Robert Bastians

In Memory of Jeff Harman 1952 - 2017



The Concordia community was saddened by the passing of Jeff Harman, a much-loved and respected staff member whose dedicated service over 24 years helped make Concordia the thriving, well-resourced school it is today.

Originally employed as the Bursar in 1990 and later as the Business Manager until his resignation in late February 2014, Jeff had a profound impact on the ongoing stability of the College. He worked tirelessly to support the growth and development of what is now known as the Concordia Campus, as well as helping to foster the connection between Concordia College and St John's Lutheran School prior to the amalgamation. Jeff's sound financial management and ability to successfully oversee major development

projects such as the Murtoa building, Yangadlitya, the Drama Centre and other facilities ensured a solid financial base for future development. His loyal service to the College community and the wider community through his involvement with various committees and associations reflected his willingness to serve God and others with his time and expertise.

Jeff's unassuming and calm personality, his generosity and passion for the school, and his strong Christian faith were an integral part of the Concordia community for many years. We are thankful to God for the blessing Jeff was to our community, and for the many fond memories which will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.



Interest Groups

COCA has a number of existing interest groups that are open to all old collegians. Whether you are interested in playing music in the Big Band or Flute Quartet, joining the Cricket Club or starting a new interest group, we would love to hear from you. Please visit the COCA pages of the College website for more information.

Cricket Club Update

The Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club was excited to welcome several new old collegians and some current students to the Club this season including two talented players from the Class of 2016, Matt Bruening and Brodie Wilkinson, both of whom had an immediate impact. Tom Mitton ('12) also joined, along with four keen Year 10 students who began their careers in senior cricket.

This season, our A Grade missed out on finals by just one game, with the last regular round going down to the wire for all of the top six teams. B Grade and C Grade both experienced some wins, but unfortunately did not progress to the finals. The Club was very fortunate to again have Andrew Dunn as our Club Coach who brought exceptional coaching and playing experience to the group.

Our annual quiz night was a fantastic event with a 'Survivor' theme which was hosted again by old collegians Sam Bushaway and Ash Goodall.

We were also recently delighted to induct Ev Krieg and Daniel Barker as Life Members in honour of their commitment to the Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club.

Many thanks to our sponsors - Concordia College, the Earl of Leicester Hotel, and Whistler Wines. All new players are welcome at pre-season trainings which start in August. Alternatively, contact the President, Tim Kupke ('99), on 0400 017 580 or timkupke@hotmail.com. Follow our results on our website - www.concordiacricket.com.au.



Mavis Herbert

On 15 October 2016, Mavis Herbert was presented with honorary COCA Life Membership in recognition of her 30 years of service as a teacher, Head of Faculty - German, Dean of Senior School and Head of Senior School. Mavis has a genuine passion for and commitment to Concordia College. She is fondly regarded by the hundreds of old collegians whose lives were impacted through her teaching and leadership and we are delighted to welcome her as an honorary old collegian.



Diary Dates 2017

CBD Series Melbourne

Friday 16 June, 6-8pm

CBD Series Brisbane

Friday 30 June, 6-8pm

CBD Series Sydney

Friday 14 July, 6-8pm

Brown and Gold 70+ Celebration

Monday 7 August, 1.15pm
Free 'Harmony in the Chapel' lunchtime concert followed by afternoon tea.
Concordia College Chapel

Brown and Gold 60+ Lunch

Thursday 7 September, 12 noon
The Suaviter, Concordia College

Reunion Weekend:

Back to Concordia Morning

Friday 15 September, 8.30am
Concordia College Chapel

Reunion Weekend:

Recent Leavers' Gathering

Friday 15 September, 6-7.30pm
The Hub, Concordia College

Concordia in Concert

Friday 15 September, 7.30pm
Concordia College Chapel

Reunion Weekend:

Celebration Dinner

Saturday 16 September, 7-11pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College

Reunion Weekend:

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday 17 September, 10.30am
Concordia College Chapel

Gala Ball 'What a Wonderful World'

Saturday 4 November, 7pm
Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre

STEM Breakfast

Tuesday 28 November, 7.30-9am
Centre for Science and Discovery, Concordia College

Christmas Carols Service

Tuesday 12 December, 7pm
Concordia College Chapel

Class Reunions 2017

Class of 2012 - 5 Year -

Friday 1 December, 6-7.30pm
The Quad, Concordia College

Class of 2007 - 10 Year -

Friday 8 December, 6-7.30pm
The Quad, Concordia College

Class of 1997 - 20 Year -

Friday 29 September, 6-8pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College

Class of 1977 - 40 Year -

Friday 18 August, 6-11pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College

Class of 1967 - 50 Year -

Saturday 16 September, 7-11pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College

Class of 1957 - 60 Year -

Thursday 7 September, 12 noon
The Suaviter, Concordia College



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Concordia Old Collegians Association

MELBOURNE

Friday 16 June, 6-8pm

Bluetrain

Southgate Complex - Upper Level
Southbank

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PQNM

Local contacts:

Henry '07 - spry.henry@gmail.com
Edward '09 - Edward.Gainer@hsf.com

BRISBANE

Friday 30 June, 6-8pm

Eleven Roof Top Bar

Level 11, 757 Ann Street, Fortitude Valley

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PQOH

Local contacts:

Isaac '03 - isaac.mcnicol@gmail.com
Katherine '03 - katherine.n.green@gmail.com

SYDNEY

Friday 14 July, 6-8pm

Palings

Level 1, Ivy
330 George Street

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PQOF

Local contacts:

Michael '08 - michael.tsivlis@gmail.com
Sophie '06 - soph.head@hotmail.com

Join Principal **Lester Saegenschitter** and other old collegians who live in your city.

Enjoy the opportunity to network and connect with other Concordia alumni, and to hear about the latest news and developments at the College.

Cost : \$30 per person, includes a welcome drink and light bite.

All old collegians and partners are welcome to attend any event in the 2017 COCA CBD Series.

For further details and booking information or to express your interest in volunteering at one of our events, please visit the College website or contact Angela Warrick, COCA Liaison, on 08 8272 0444.

Events and Reunions

Class of 2016 Welcome to COCA Event - Wednesday 22 February 2017, The Quad, Concordia College



Class of 1986 30 Year Reunion - Friday 11 November 2016, The Edinburgh Hotel

Back L-R: Daniel Pfitzner, Rebecca Wilkins, Wendy Barolo (Bevelander), Kylie Weymouth (Western), Andrew Hunt, Andra Lewis (Wedding), Derek Wagnitz, Trent Barry, Deidre Dixon

Front L-R: Sarah Nobbs (Beattie), Fleur Hodge, Caroline Fryer (Grant), Karina Fort (Nield)



Class of 1996 20 Year Reunion - Saturday 19 November 2016, Concordia College

Back L-R: Phil Vincent, Adam Zweck, Tim Whittaker, Sam Krieg, Ben Stephan, Jon Salmon, John Kupke, Ben Pearce, Natalie Peachey (Yorke)

Front L-R: Michelle Pearce (Burford), Felicity Swanbury, Tori Vallen (White), Karen Hunt, Renee Toone (Magrin), Heidi Rangai (Chester), Jayne Hartwig, Cheryl Burgemeister (Oldman), Lauren Horn (Wiltshire), Sarah Wicham (Lehmann), Natasha Morphou (Savic)





Class of 2011 5 Year Reunion - Friday 2 December 2016, The Quad, Concordia College

Back Row L-R: Mitchell Otto, Ben Schubert, Marcus Thamm

Sixth Row L-R: Jordan Efstathiadis, Dan Crouch, Jack Molloy, Aidan Sprod, Michael Clarkson, Hayden Jarrett

Fifth Row L-R: Luke Richards, James Spinkston, Victoria Gray, Josh Brookes, Patrick Anderson, John Hillier, Ellen Mather, Octavia Kelly

Fourth Row L-R: Matthew Eakins, Chantelle Judd, Callum White, Meg Harman, Emily Manuel, Lauren Janus, Natalee Geurts

Third Row L-R: Hugh Sangster, Ellie Zannin, Kane Chenoweth, Calvin Richardson, Sean Davis, Laura Webb, Talya Schubert

Second Row L-R: Anneliese Nowicki, Sarah Gehling, Tom Norton-Laheney, Jacob Lanning, Cait Davis, Meredith Smith, Adam Smith

Front Row L-R: Jake Atkinson, Samantha Scholz, Ben Johnson, Connor Fearon, Teresa Davis, Hannah Neale, Sam Loughlin, Nick Banks



Class of 2006 10 Year Reunion - Friday 9 December 2016, The Quad, Concordia College

Back Row L-R: James Tregenza, Golden Gepp, Nicholas Thompson, Ben Newman, John Hawxwell, Andreas Faseth

Fifth Row L-R: Shannon Spadavecchia, Nikki Hancock, Alyce Mullan, Rebecca Kennedy (Sander), Nick Burgess, David Heyneman

Fourth Row L-R: Jessica Burgess (Ford), Kari Harding, Simon Kuchel, Rebecca Goudie, Jared Hunter, Ally Pohl, Simon Hodges, Amy Ewer, Josh Calligeros

Third Row L-R: Thomas Gibbs, Nicola Gibbs, Kate Knowles (Elder), Julia Goodall, Alecia Curran (Stolz), James Watson, Kirsty Watson, Theo Inauen, Simon Schulz

Second Row L-R: Andrew Kay, Philip Hancox, Ray White, Julian Modra, Emmelin Teng, Kelly Bennett, Sophie Head, Sophie Palyga, Chantelle Walsh (Nowicki)

Front Row L-R: Adrian Francis, Mavis Herbert, Lester Saegenschmitter, Rowan Roff, Lauren White, Carly Jeffries, Amy Bubner, Aranea Wilson



Class of 1949 67th Anniversary - Sunday 2 October 2016, Glenelg Golf Club

Back L-R: Vernon Presser, Oleg Fortunatow, Evan Koch, Barbara Sopp (Douglass) Yvonne Witford (Pfeiffer), Ross Christianson, Noel Gaden

Front L-R: Eunice Presser, Sima Fortunatow, Carol Hanckel (Lindstrom), Lia Kapelis (Lagzdins), Helen Nitschke (Zweck), Lois Christianson (Mattiske)

Principal's Tours 2017

Concordia Campus (Years 7 - 12)

Thursday 17 August
Tuesday 31 October

St John's Campus (ELC - Year 6)

Tuesday 15 August
Thursday 2 November

Events 2017

Harmony in the Chapel - 7 August
Father's Day Breakfast - 31 August
Concordia in Concert - 15 September
Past Staff Reunion - 14 October
Gala Ball - 4 November
Carols Service - 12 December

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Join us on the official old collegians and College Facebook pages for up-to-date news and event information.



Concordia Old Collegians [official]



Concordia College, Adelaide

Old Collegians Weekend

Back to Concordia Morning

Friday 15 September 2017, 8.30am
Chapel worship with students
9.00am - College tour after worship
10.00am - Morning tea in The Suaviter
Free event

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PRLO

Recent Leavers' Gathering

Friday 15 September 2017, 6-7.30pm
The Hub, Concordia College
Free event

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PYUG

Celebration Dinner

Saturday 16 September 2017, 7-11pm
The Suaviter
\$45 per person, BYO drinks

Booking: www.trybooking.com/PRLZ
Includes a welcome drink & 3-course dinner

Contact Angela Warrick to book a table for your class group or book a ticket on a shared table.

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday 17 September 2017, 10.30am
Concordia College Chapel

Partners welcome at all events