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From the St John's Campus Principal

Looking Forward

Welcome back to the beginning of Semester 2. I hope that you enjoyed the holiday break from the busyness of school and that you managed to find some time for rest and refreshment with your family.

As we returned to school last week, it was wonderful to gather together again as a whole campus to begin our term with Chapel. After over four months (129 days to be exact!) of not being permitted to meet together for Chapel it was amazing. The excitement and energy of students and staff was something very special. We were pleased to have Pastor Andrew leading our opening Chapel and reminding us of God's incredible love and care for each of us, particularly in the context of challenges we face in life.

Semester 2 has started positively and it has been good to have students back at school as we now begin our journey to the end of 2020, a year that has certainly been very different in so many ways. The sense of 'togetherness' that we experience when we come together as school lifts our spirits and serves as a source of encouragement for us.

While it is true that we are enjoying some easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we continue to be vigilant in our adherence to the required protocols and rules that the government provides. Your support and compliance with this is appreciated. We are hopeful that in the not too distant future we will be able to ease regulations regarding parent/visitor access to classrooms, Chapel, Assemblies, etc. We will certainly let you know about any changes in this regard.

In these continuing times of uncertainty, I have personally benefitted from lifting my eyes and looking ahead to some of the positive plans that we have for the semester ahead.

In the coming months we will be proceeding with plans for a significant Master Plan project here at the St John' Campus. Our Board Chair, Dr Loyd Fyffe, recently shared information about this exciting new initiative in a College communique.

This semester we are also re-engaging with two key Strategic Intentions flowing out of our 'Toward 2025 – Strategic Plan'.

1. Continuing work on implementing our 'Unlocking Futures' learning framework. This important project, happening in partnership with Melbourne University, will certainly enhance our commitment to preparing students for the future world in which they will be working.

2. Progressing our work on the development of a new ELC – Year 12 wellbeing framework that will guide our planning and decision making within this important area of College life.

Knowing we have these positive and exciting plans ahead for our College is something that I hope generates significant optimism for the future.

As we step into this new semester together, I look forward to continuing our strong partnership with you as we commit to supporting and nurturing the growth and development of our young people.

‘Inspiring and equipping hearts, hands and minds for a world of possibilities’

Michael Paech

Principal - St John's Campus

How the World Works

In our current unit inquiring into How the World Works, the Year 1 students have been learning about materials and how people use them. To begin this unit, students were given challenges to complete a bridge that could hold a toy car and a raft that could float. Students were asked to work with a partner to design their structure, thinking carefully about the materials they would use and why. We have had a great first week of learning and look forward to many more experiments and challenges to come this term!

Maddy Russell, Rachel Harrip and Jasmin Barlett

Year 1 Teachers

Receptions Explore Woorabinda Reserve

The Reception children could have been mistaken for scientists at their recent excursion to Woorabinda Reserve in Stirling.

The children were exploring, predicting, testing, communicating and looking closely at things within the beautiful Stirling environment on a chilly but sunny winter's day.

During this term, children will be inquiring into how “Living things survive based upon people's actions”. This excursion served to engage and excite students about the many wonderful gifts of nature that God has provided us and was a springboard for future learning.

Sharon Cosh and Nicolette McClure

Reception Teachers

Year 2 Non-Fiction Authors

Throughout Term 2, Concordia's Year 2 students have been studying non-fiction books in their reading and writing units of work.

Children studied how to engage readers, gather and collate information, use images to support written text and edit their writing for accuracy.

These studies culminated in a book showcase at the end of the term, where students promoted and shared their published non-fiction books with each other.

The children published their books on their iPads and created a poster to promote their book to other students.

They then used 'airdrop' to share their books with interested classmates to create their own non-fiction library on their iPad.

This was a wonderful experience for the children as they were able to share their writing with each other and celebrate their successes.

Jenny Kowald and Graham Buxton

Year 2 Teachers

Culture, Inclusion and Diversity

There are a number of days each year that celebrate cultural diversity and inclusion, and with students from 19 different cultural backgrounds at Concordia we are looking forward to highlighting these days as they occur. To read about culture, inclusion and diversity at Concordia, [click here to view an article by Steve Eden](#), Head of International Student Programs.

July Holiday Care in the ELC

The recent July holiday care period saw a very busy and engaging time in the ELC. The children had the opportunity to explore the concepts of curiosity, creativity and culture in many and varied experiences. They enjoyed making their own bread and Anzac biscuits, going on a nature hunt, experimenting with the basics of coding, exploring with foam and days immersed in different cultures, including Mexican day! We had a great time!

Sarah Neill

ELC Teacher

ELC benefits from Woolworths Earn and Learn

At the end of last year families were asked to help collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to assist us in acquiring some new learning materials for the students at the College. The ELC were lucky enough to receive some wonderful resources which have added a great deal of excitement and learning to our ELC space. Some of the items received were an overhead projector, a set of Cubetto robots for coding, architecture blocks and much, much more. A big thank you to all the families that assisted to make this happen!

Sarah Neill

ELC Teacher

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From the Concordia Campus Principal

It has been incredibly reassuring to begin Term 3 in our blessed Chapel, to return to regular assemblies and to recommence a significant number of our extra-curricular activities. We are certainly grateful to God that many of our valued programs have resumed. To see the heartfelt, welcome smiles on our students and staff, affirms a sense that regular face-to-face relationships are with us again. This causes me to reflect on the importance of family, friendships, our wonderful staff and the enormous support we have all provided each other during a pivotal six months.

Our many community events are an important part of our community relationship and we have missed those special opportunities for interaction. Concordia College remains vigilant by adhering to the South Australian government recommendations and requirements. However, we genuinely hope to welcome our community to events across the remainder of the year, albeit in smaller numbers. To enable events to occur, our staff are creatively adapting opportunities to be inclusive and maintain a sense of care, while adhering to the government's agreed protocols. We will share, via email and SchoolStar, chances to attend events leading towards the end of the year.

At a time when many students are selecting their subject choices for 2021, I ask you to really consider where their personal passions lie and what will bring dedication, enjoyment and potential success. Across all our learning pathways – Sciences, Mathematics, Languages, Art and Performing Arts, Physical Education, VET, Humanities, Multi-Media and Design and Technology - we are very proud of the plethora of choices for learning we are able to offer for every student.

What will always remain core to our Concordia community is our sense of belonging, our faith and warmth. As we navigate successfully into Term 3, I once again thank you for your continued support and understanding in these extraordinary times. We are genuinely all in this together. I will continue to pray that South Australia maintains its positive outlook.

Paul Weinert

Principal - Concordia Campus

World Vision

Each term at Concordia, as part of our ethos to serve others in need, we partner with a recognised charity. The aim is to build our community's awareness of their work, and to raise funds to support them. Over the course of the year, we look to

balance our support of overseas, national and local aid agencies. So far this year, we have supported Australian Lutheran World Service (Term 1) and The Salvation Army (Term 2). This term we are focused on partnering with World Vision. You may not be aware that our school currently sponsors a World Vision child in Burundi and a village community in Bangladesh. We will continue to give to those projects as part of a long-term commitment. In addition, this year World Vision have invited us to engage in their 'First Nations' focus. They have asked us to find ways to support some of their indigenous programs. Initially, we will look at the 'Young Mob' initiative which seeks to assist disadvantaged indigenous high school students who especially need support to complete their formal education. At Chapel on Monday we were introduced to some of the challenges our indigenous brothers and sisters experience and how COVID-19 has brought even greater complexity to their schooling. You can view a video about 'Young Mob' below.

In future weeks we will choose some fundraising/awareness raising activities. We will share and promote and invite the community to be involved. Look out for this in *Connect* or in other communication from class teachers. We encourage everyone to be involved.

Mark Rathjen

Spiritual Development Facilitator

Bringing our Community Back Together

At Concordia, we actively seek pathways to bring our College together. This is of particular importance considering our recent challenges in these uncertain times.

Commencing this term, our Year 8 cohort is undertaking a Thematic Text Study on 'Red Dog', under the Statement of Inquiry: *'Circumstances take you places, but community keeps you there'*. In conjunction with Emma Rieger and the Year 8 Language and Literature teachers, students will explore context, community and the construction of meaning through activities such as panel discussion, Sketch Note workshops and analysis of text. To commence the unit, staff were asked to send pictures of their own dogs, to enable us to create a mural entitled 'The Dogs of Concordia'. Almost fifty loveable pooches now adorn the walls of Murtoa, drawing comments such as 'Nawwww!' and 'How cute!' from passing viewers. We are also running a competition to match the dogs to their owners, with the winner being drawn at the conclusion of the unit. If your family would like to share your story about what brought you to Concordia, the Year 8 Team would love to hear from you!

Vanessa Narino-Terry

Year 8 Teacher

SACE and SATAC 'You Can Ask That' Videos

The SACE Board and SATAC are producing a series of videos to answer students' questions about SACE as it relates to COVID-19.

Click below to watch Episode 2 and stay tuned to the [SACE website](#) for further updates.

You Can Ask That - Episode 2

Learning Conversations and MYP Achievement Levels

At Concordia, we believe that parent engagement in student learning is incredibly beneficial. We were delighted to host a series of Learning Conversations for students in Years 7 to 11 prior to the first day of Term 3.

We thank all involved for being part of these conversations, which provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to talk with their child's Home Class teacher and to hear their child's reflections at the end of Semester 1.

Following these conversations, we offer an overview regarding the achievement levels for the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Years 7-10.

Each band shows a level of achievement (obviously if a '0' grade is awarded that means that there has been no work shown). In particular, please note that the MYP does not work on a 'failure system'. The following provides some greater understanding of the expectations that teachers consider when awarding achievement levels.

- A '0' achievement level states that students have not shown any work in relation to the topic being covered.
- Students who have achievement levels in the 1-2 band are developing their learning but it is below what is to be expected at that year level.
- Students who have achievement levels in the 3-4 band show an understanding of what is to be expected at that year level.
- Students who have achievement levels in the 5-6 band shows an understanding of what is to be expected at that year level, as well as some learning that is above those expectations.
- Students who have achievement levels in the 7-8 band are working consistently at a level that is above what is expected at that year level.

Teachers standardise work to ensure that there is consistency across year levels for the different subject areas. If you have specific questions about student achievement, please speak with your child's subject teacher in the first instance. If you are unsure of their contact details, please speak with your child's Home Class teacher.

As always, we look forward to continuing to work alongside parents in helping each of our students achieve to the best of their ability.

Emily Johnson
MYP Coordinator

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St John's Campus Sports Results

Basketball

Tuesday 21 July

Concordia Cannons defeated Rose Park Raptors: 20-8.

Wednesday 22 July

Concordia Celtics Year 6/7 defeated Mitcham Marvels: 19-11.

Thursday 23 July

Concordia Chargers defeated Rose Park Renegades: 17-14.

Football

Saturday 25 July

Concordia Year 6/7 Boys defeated Rostrevor: 34.17 (221) to nil.

Soccer

Saturday 25 July

Concordia Under 9 defeated Glenelg: 2-0.

Concordia Under 11 defeated Aberfoyle Park: 7-0. Thomas D-G was player of the match.

Concordia Senior Primary defeated by Craighburn: 0-6.

Concordia Under 8s defeated by Unley: 0-12.

Volleyball

Friday 24 July

Concordia Gold defeated by Rose Park. Although they lost in "overtime", they did very well and won more points (73 to 68), despite winning only one of the three sets.

Concordia Campus Sports Results

Boys Sport

Basketball

Saturday 25 July

Concordia Senior A defeated by Sacred Heart: 54 – 59. Top Scorers: Isaac H (16), Nick G (16) and Sam H (11). Best Players: Isaac H, Nick G and Sam H.

Concordia Senior B defeated by Sacred Heart: 26 – 50. Top Scorers: Daniel W (8) and Will T (4). Best Players: Daniel W, Will T and Ashton S.

Concordia Senior C defeated by Sacred Heart: 34 – 52. Top Scorers: Alex M (8), Sam W (8) and Will M (8). Best Players: Alex M, Sam W and Will M.

Concordia Senior D defeated St Michaels: 25 – 19. Best Players: Angus M, Harry N and Ryan S.

Concordia Middle A defeated Sacred Heart: 56 – 24. Best Players: Oliver M, Paddy D and Tom S.

Concordia Middle B defeated Sacred Heart: 32 – 28. Best Players: Fergus V, Henry H and Max S.

Concordia Middle C defeated Sacred Heart: 60 – 11. Best Players: Angus M, James P and Patrick S.

Concordia Middle D defeated by Nazareth: 30 – 41. Top Scorers: Luke M (10), Jack P (8) and Michael S (6). Best Players: Michael S, Luke M and Jack P.

Football

Wednesday 22 July

Concordia 1st XVIII defeated Nazareth: 12.8 (80) to 7.7 (49). Goal Kickers: Taran S (5), Oscar W (1), Sam G (1), Oliver L (1), Josh H (1), Jack S (1), Ben H (1) and Finn S (1). Best Players: Josh G, Taran S, Jet W, Nick G, Sam G, Jaden T M, Josh H, Oliver L and Charlie F.

Concordia Senior B defeated Unley High School (12 a side): 19.18 (132) to 2.0 (12). Goal Kickers: Jack S (7), Reggie E (4), Zak B (3), Oliver W (1), Tim C (1), Luke F (1), Ben D (1) and Finn P (1). Best Players: Reggie E, Zak B, Tom G, Jack S and Jack P.

Concordia Middle defeated by Nazareth: 6.9 (45) to 7.5 (47). Goal Kickers: Jacob H (3), Fergus V (2) and Ben P (1). Best Players: Nick M, Rory F, Ben P, Jake D and Jacob H.

Soccer

Saturday 25 July

Concordia 1st XI defeated by Mercedes: 4 – 3. Goal Scorers: Kern M (2) and Jesse T (1). Best Players: Kern M, Lucas T and Sirak G.

Concordia Open B defeated Glenunga: 4 – 1. Goal Scorers Kyle G (1), Hugo C (1), Angus L (1) and Lachlan S (1). Best Players: Hugo C, Jono C and Jeremy S.

Concordia Year 10B defeated by Glenunga: 4 – 9. Goal Scorers: Oscar H (4). Best Players: Oscar H, Yiannis K and Will Norman.

Concordia Middle A defeated by Blackfriars: 1 – 5. Goal Scorer: Max T. Best Players: Alex P, Jack C and Max T.

Concordia Middle B defeated by Cabra: 2 – 3. Goal Scorers: Zac P (1) and Marshall H (1). Best Players: Lachlan H-S, Joseph C and Alexander G.

Concordia Year 7B defeated by Blackfriars: 0 – 2. Best Players: Charles L, Elliot K and Charlie A.

Girls Sport

Football

Friday 24 July

Concordia Senior A defeated by Scotch.

Concordia Senior B defeated by Scotch.

Concordia Middle A defeated by Scotch.

Concordia Middle B defeated Immanuel.

Netball

Saturday 25 July

Concordia Senior A defeated by Pembroke: 31 – 52.

Concordia Senior B1 netball defeated by Pembroke: 38 – 49.

Concordia Senior B2 netball defeated Pembroke: 30 – 28.

Concordia Senior C netball defeated Pembroke: 37 – 35.

Concordia Year 10B netball defeated by Pembroke.

Concordia Year 9A netball defeated by Pembroke: 32 – 63.

Concordia Year 9B netball defeated by Pembroke: 26 – 36.

Concordia Year 9 Navy netball defeated Westminster: 18 – 3.

Concordia Year 9 White netball defeated Immanuel: 21 – 19.

Concordia Year 8A netball defeated Pembroke: 38 – 25.

Concordia Year 8B netball defeated Pembroke.

Concordia Year 8 Navy netball defeated by Pembroke: 21 – 25.

Concordia Year 8 White netball defeated Pembroke: 21 – 19.

Concordia Year 7A netball defeated Pembroke: 44 - 20.

Concordia Year 7B netball defeated Pembroke: 37 - 5.

Concordia Year 7 Navy netball defeated Immanuel: 44 – 4.

Concordia Year 7 White netball defeated Immanuel: 18 – 3.

Soccer

Wednesday 22 July

Concordia defeated Seymour: 4 – 0.

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August

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Wednesday 5	P&F Meeting, St John's Campus Staffroom, 7pm
Thursday 6	College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Tuesday 11	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Wednesday 12	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am
Thursday 13	Year Level Coordinators Meeting, Hudsons, 8.45am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Tuesday 18	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Thursday 20	College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Tuesday 25	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Wednesday 26	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am
Thursday 27	College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am

September

Tuesday 1	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Thursday 3	College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am Father's Day Market Stall (Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6), 3.15pm
Tuesday 8	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am
Wednesday 9	College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am P&F Meeting, St John's Campus Staffroom, 7pm
Thursday 10	College Tour - Concordia Campus, 9.15am

Concordia Campus

August

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September

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9.15am

Thursday 3 College Tour - Concordia Campus,
9.15am

Tuesday 8 College Tour - St John's Campus, 9.15am
College Tour - Concordia Campus,
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Mon 7 - Fri 10 Year 9 Camp

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Thursday 10 College Tour - Concordia Campus,
9.15am

The School Shop

General trading has resumed – no appointment required. Physical distancing rules still apply. We thank you for your patience during this time.

General purchases may also be emailed to schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and The School Shop staff will contact you for payment and advise when orders are available to collect.

Opening Hours - Term Time

- Mondays: 8am – 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm – 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm – 5.30pm

The School Shop staff can be contacted on the direct phone line during opening hours –**8291 9302**.

Second hand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop.

Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with receipt attached.

Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.

All other items must be washed, ironed and in a good condition.

Summer hats must be hand washed.

Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Buttons are sold in The School Shop.

Old Logo – Uniforms with the old school logo are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

Hand Sanitiser – handy 500ml pump bottles are available - \$14.00ea.

Public Notices & Events

- **AEC** are running spring revision workshops for SACE and IB - Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October and/or Monday 5 October to Friday 9 October. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **Aelita Rhythmic Gymnastics Club** is welcoming interested girls to come and try their classes, held at Marion or Westbourne Park. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Term 3 After-school Orienteering** | Held on Thursdays between 3.45pm-5pm at various near-City locations. Learn more about this exciting navigation strategy sport. Have fun! Beginners welcome. \$5 per session, first lesson free. Parents are responsible for transport and supervision. To register, and for more info, please [email Aylwin Lim](#).

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