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## Innovative and Accessible Education

As I begin my journey as Principal of the Concordia Campus, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our spiritual heritage and the impact our church's teaching has had on education. Not many people would know that Martin Luther himself was a staunch advocate of innovative and accessible education, and was at the forefront of those who sought change in education in his time. Although Luther's writings were immense, Concordia College derives its name from the document that brings all Lutheran teaching together, *the Book of Concord (1580)*, and this is a heritage for which we are grateful.

Appreciating the role of education in directing church and society, Martin Luther put forward views that were deemed radical at the time, including:

**Education as a right of all children.** Luther wrote, "the greatest wealth of any society is in its well-educated citizens". In 1524, he reminded the councilmen that a city's true wealth resides in its "able, learned, wise, honourable, and well-educated citizens."

**Expanding educational opportunities.** Luther urged parents to send their children to school and called upon the authorities to provide scholarships and support for education to expand opportunities for young people, recognising the essential role of education in preparing "good and capable men and women".

**Promoting learning for life and life-long learning.** In a time when learning was seen as the right and privilege of only a gifted and wealthy few, Luther emphasised not only education for all, but education as a life-time pursuit.

**Emphasising the liberal arts.** Luther supported the study of the liberal arts and emphasised the study of languages as particularly valuable.

Even though it is over 400 years since Luther's death, his insights are still relevant for our current educational scene. *Lutheran schools aim to encourage and support students, informed and sustained by the Word of God, to develop their God-given talents so that they may shape and enrich their world. (A vision for learners and learning in Lutheran schools, 2005)*

In reflecting on key aspects of effective pedagogy, particularly the powerful combination of engagement and meaning in contributing to a sense of purpose, I feel blessed to work at Concordia College. Within our context, teachers have the opportunity to innovate with the intention of creating rich learning opportunities for the students. Underpinning this intention is our Gospel focus with its acute sense of forgiveness, service and emphasis on living in a loving community.

Let us continue to be grounded in our faith based approach while pushing the boundaries of educational innovation and accessibility.

**Paul Weinert**

Principal - Concordia Campus

# Valedictory Service



**Our annual Valedictory Service provides an opportunity to reflect on a significant milestone for our Year 12s and their families as students prepare for their unique journey into life beyond school, to give thanks for their contributions to our community, and to celebrate their achievements.**

Each year, it is with some sadness that we formally farewell our Year 12s, while also celebrating the wonderful blessing they have been to our community. Through the presentation of Valedictory Awards, we acknowledge the contributions of some of the students who have given generously of themselves, embodying the culture of service that is so integral to the vision of Concordia.



At the 2017 Valedictory Service, held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Wednesday 25 October, special guests presented a number of awards.

Bronze Principal's Service Awards were presented to Nadia Barrow, Tobias Bracht, Alicia Martin, Hamish Miller-Frost, Elise O'Connor, Emma Strelan, Mitchell Tippett, Lily Tooze and Harrison Warrick.

Silver Sports Awards were presented to Brianna Arthur and Daniel Scott by past SANFL Premiership player, Pastor and Australian Masters Athletics Championships gold medallist, Reverend Brian Schwarz ('58).

Accomplished jazz vocalist and Helpmann Academy Top Voice Undergraduate Award winner Stacey Tonkin ('14) presented Silver Arts Awards to Hannah Homburg, Ella Schwarz and Zachary Treloar.

Silver Community Awards were presented to Madeline Harrison, Benjamin Lang and Georgina Leske by Sandi Petersen ('84) whose work with international aid organisation World Families Australia has included establishing a sponsorship program which benefits almost 500 children in developing countries.



The Gold Concordia Award was presented to Isabella Brideson by Professor Roger Thomas ('67) who was the inaugural Professor of Indigenous Engagement and the first Indigenous person to obtain the level of Professor at the University of Adelaide.

We congratulate the award recipients and wish all our Year 12s well in their future endeavours as they branch out into the wider world.





As their end of year exams approached, our Year 12s signed off in true Class of 2017 style at their Final Assembly on Friday 27 October.

With the Chapel decorated in a jungle theme and the excited Year 12s dressed in 'uniforms' which had undergone some creative alterations, there were plenty of fun moments and chances to reminisce as the students presented videos and on-stage interviews to reflect on their time at school.

Awards were presented to students who had achieved the top mark in each subject and speeches were delivered by Cate Sexton and Jacob Kemp, the incoming School Captains for 2018, as well as outgoing Captains, Georgina Leske and Harrison Warrick. Mrs McAuliffe and Mr Saegenschnitter also gave heart-warming addresses before handing back to the students. In a lovely display of appreciation, the Student Leaders welcomed Mr Saegenschnitter as an honorary member of the Class of 2017 by presenting him with his own Year 12 jumper in recognition of his retirement at the end of their final year.

Overall it was a wonderful celebration and a memorable occasion for our 2017 school leavers.

## Year 6 Graduation

To commemorate the end of their time at St John's Campus and their transition to Middle School, our Year 6s made the symbolic journey across the oval to the Concordia Campus late in Term 4 for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner in The Suaviter. The evening was an enjoyable way to end the year and a great chance for students to celebrate their achievements and farewell their teachers.







**It was with much excitement and anticipation that students and staff began the 2018 school year on Monday 29 January.**

During the St John's Campus opening Chapel service, Principal Michael Paech extended a warm welcome to students and new staff, and the 2018 School Leaders were officially installed.

On Tuesday 30 January, the Concordia Campus Commencement Service formally ushered in the new school year for the Middle and Senior Schools. As well as new Student Leaders and House Leaders, a total of 15 staff members were installed. Among them this year were Paul Weinert and Dale Gosden who were installed into significant leadership positions at the Concordia Campus, as Principal and School Pastor respectively. Bishop David Altus and Mr John Proeve, Executive Director of Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA, formally installed Paul and Dale, praying for God to work in and through them as they serve at Concordia.

## Excellent Results

The Class of 2017 are congratulated on achieving some excellent academic results, with 28.9% of students gaining an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) score of 90 or greater, which places them in the top 10% of students nationwide. In addition, over 54% achieved scores of 80 or above, with four students receiving scores of 99 or greater.

A total of 19 Merits for perfect scores were awarded to 15 students across nine subjects. These results reflect the hard work and perseverance of our Year 12s throughout their final year of school, and we wish all graduates the very best for the future.

The top university pathways chosen were Medical, Allied Health and Health Sciences, followed by Business, Commerce, Management and Marketing.

## Dux of Concordia College

Earlier this year, Mitchell Munn was recognised as the Dux of Concordia College for 2017 with an outstanding ATAR of 99.80. In his acceptance speech, Mitchell expressed his gratitude to his teachers, his parents and the Class of 2017, as well as encouraging the Class of 2018 to focus on always putting in their best effort, rather than comparing themselves to others.

*"When I went into Year 12, I told myself that I would simply work as hard as I could. ... I wanted to make sure that by the end of the year I would be able to tell myself that I had honestly done my best. ... The only thing you have any control over in Year 12 is how hard you work. Never settle for anything less than your best, and you will never have any reason for regret. I can tell you with 100% certainty that the most gratifying feeling you could have at the end of the year is the knowledge that you could have done no more." - Mitchell Munn, Dux of Concordia College for 2017*



Mitchell Munn and Paul Weinert





## School Leaders

**Back L-R :** Nicholas Robins, Anaïs Briggs, Ben Klingberg, Taylor Prenzler (Student Leaders)

**Front L-R :** Fiona McAuliffe (Head of Senior School), Dylan Quinn-Valentine (Deputy Captain), Cate Sexton (School Captain), Jacob Kemp (School Captain), Natasha Moy (Deputy Captain), Paul Weinert (Principal)



## House Captians

**Back L-R :** Deputy Captains - Will DeTullio & Kesia Jakubowski (Cheltenham), Oliver Grivell & Victoria Emsley (Highgate), Bradley Wulff & Emma Whyte (Winchester), Sean Maple & Mia Retallack (Malvern)

**Front L-R :** Captains - Sophie Horsnell & Lachie Greenwood (Cheltenham), Sophie Sampson & Wil Zampa (Highgate), Kate Johnson & Nathan Panagis (Winchester), Sarah Sheedy & Mitchell Williams (Malvern)



## Concordia Campus New Staff

**Back L-R :** Dale Gosden (Pastor), Ellie Gleeson (SSO), Michelle Deards (Finance Officer), Daniel Micklem (Indonesian), Paul Weinert (Principal), Mike Rowe (Maintenance), John Vella (Property Services)

**Front L-R :** Alex Geue (Food Design), Amy Stephan (Events Assistant), Ranka Suica (School Shop Assistant), Sue Bates (Medical Support Officer), Laura Simmons (Science & Maths), Sophie Braun (Science & Maths), Stephanie Sutherland (PE & Christian Studies)



## St John's Campus Student Leaders

**Back L-R :** Michael Paech (Principal), Daniel Keylock (Wellbeing Coordinator)

**Front L-R :** Jake Davis, Alice Chatterton, Paddy D'Arcy, Olivia Quilley, Will Huizink, Emily Richardson, Jackson Harrison, Georgina Archibald





## Introducing our New Pastor

I have always had a strong connection with the Concordia community. My younger sister attended Concordia in the late nineties, along with our neighbours and several family friends. My brother-in-law is also an old collegian who later worked in the Media Department. I recorded an EP in the College Chapel with a band I was part of in the year 2000, and I was ordained there as a minister of the Lutheran Church in December 2007.

Considering my history with the College, it has been a real blessing to join the Concordia community myself this year as the new School Pastor. I previously served in the same role at Endeavour College, so it has been a great privilege to continue with this ministry at a different school.

For me, a key aspect of ministry in a school is finding a way to let God speak powerfully to staff and students. To this end, I enjoy putting a Chapel program together that connects people with the incredible story of our Lord and his disciples, with the people of the Old Testament, and also with great people of faith from church history. I love music and I am always looking for opportunities to enrich people's faith through music. Christian spirituality is so rich and expansive that we can barely scratch the surface during a student's time at school, but I get a great sense of fulfilment from doing my best to help students connect with our Christian heritage.

Whether you are a current, future or past parent, a student or an old collegian, I would love to get to know you. The community has been extremely welcoming so far and I look forward to finding my feet within it even more in the coming months.

**Dale Gosden**  
School Pastor



## Reformation 500 Celebrations

On Tuesday 31 October 2017, students at Concordia joined many people around the world in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther nailed 95 theological theses for debate on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

Chapel devotions at both campuses provided an insight into the historical and spiritual significance of Luther's actions.



### Reformation Fair

St John's Campus students and staff commemorated the occasion by dressing in period costumes. Jostling jesters, knavish knights, medieval maids and marvellous monks all added to the celebration, which included a chance for students to visit the Reformation Fairground throughout the week. Run by Mrs Reu's Year 4 class, the Fairground traced aspects of the story of Luther's life through games and activities such as Coins in the Coffers, the Printing Press, Pin the Cross on the Luther Rose, and perhaps the most energetic - the 'Run for Your Life' relay!

### Commemorative Services

Approximately 20 Concordia Campus students represented the College at various events held in Adelaide. In the evening, senior students read Prayers of Intercession during a service at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and lit five candles symbolising agreements made between Catholic and Lutheran Churches as part of the national "Together in Hope" initiative.







## Legally Blonde

The College production of *Legally Blonde - The Musical* was definitely a highlight of Term 1! It was an absolute pleasure to be involved in bringing this fast-paced, high energy and modern musical to life on the stage. We ventured back to the Hopgood Theatre at Noarlunga this year, which was a thrill for staff and students, and the amazing cast performed to enthusiastic audiences at each of the three public performances.

Based on the movie of the same name, this musical follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. The themes and issues explored were highly relevant to the teenage cast and Elle's growth as a person is an important lesson for all.

The pit band consisted of 16 students and was led by the unflappable Ms Bronwyn Elsegood. With a score of over 400 pages, this show was very challenging for the musicians and singers. The sound created by the band was certainly professional and the catchy popular music was a hit with the cast and audiences alike.

Congratulations to the students involved whose incredible talent, commitment and enthusiasm were evident throughout the process. The experience created memories that will certainly remain with the staff and students involved for years to come.

**Emma Williams**  
Director







## ELC Garden Opening

After many months of renovations, we were delighted to officially open and dedicate the new ELC Garden on Wednesday 28 February 2018. Michael Paech welcomed guests to the opening, followed by an engaging *Welcome to Country* from Uncle Michael 'Mickey' O'Brien. The children sang for the guests, and Mr Bruce Williams, former Principal and current grandparent, spoke about the development of the ELC over the years before cutting the ribbon with assistance from Year 12 School Captains Jacob and Cate, and ELC children Fred and Aston.

Complete with a mud kitchen, water pump and channel, shaded sandpit, log bridge, vegetable patch and numerous plants, the garden is an exciting space that invites students to be curious young people who explore and learn through nature play. From the moment students first entered the new area they have been enjoying the space, having fun outdoors and learning new things as they interact with one another and the environment. They love it!



## Nautilus Centre Visits

Since the Nautilus Centre opened in Term 4 last year, some of our St John's Campus students have enjoyed opportunities to use the microscopes in the labs. On one occasion, the Year 1s worked with the Year 8s to take a microscopic view of some plant specimens they had collected. Later, a different group of Year 1 students became budding forensic scientists, observing the intricate patterns of fingerprints. In both cases it was a great experience for the students involved and we look forward to further scientific cross-campus collaborations in the future.





## Year 3s from City to Sea

As part of their exploration of how humans 'Share the Planet', in Term 4 Year 3 students visited Thorndon Park, Ridge Park and the Urrbrae Wetlands to investigate water management. To finish the unit of study they planned a 'big bike ride' and on Thursday 26 October the students' perseverance and determination were evident as they rode 15km along the Linear Park from the city to Henley Square! Through their journey, students looked at how the river changes as it makes its way to the sea and considered actions required to ensure its future health.



## Siassi Teacher Visit

This year, the St John's Campus community continued its partnership with the Siassi Islands of Papua New Guinea by hosting three teachers for a 10-day stay. During their time with us the visiting teachers were immersed in the English language, learned valuable skills and strategies from our teachers, and greatly enjoyed opportunities for worship and fellowship as part of an Australian Lutheran community. Their visit coincided with our annual Siassi Walkathon, which was lots of fun and saw the St John's Campus community raise over \$2500 for the Siassi schools.







## Murtoa Showcase

The Murtoa Showcase in Term 4 enabled our Year 7 and 8 students to share their learning with parents, staff and other students through an exploration of Historical Civilisations and Societies in the Year 7 classrooms, and an engaging, interactive Science Fair run by the Year 8s.

The Year 7 projects were impressive in diversity and scope, ranging from a moving model of a centrifugal steam governor to a study of Roman aqueducts, an investigation into the history of paint brushes and more. The Year 8 work was also well presented with a wide variety of exhibits and experiments including the efficacy of multitasking, the effect of parents' careers on the pathways chosen by their children, and factors influencing taste perception. The air cannon was also of interest to many! Throughout the showcase it was wonderful to see the students taking pride in their work and sharing their knowledge with those who attended.



## Culture and Innovation through Music and Food

In Term 4, Year 9 Music and Food Design students worked together creatively to unpack the concepts of culture and innovation. The students' goal was to decide whether food and music are mediums for innovation and cultural expression. The culminating activity was a great success as students delivered dining experiences that combined original food designs and music compositions, exploring cultures such as French, Australian (including Indigenous Australian), Indonesian, Irish, American/Cajun and Greek.







## Connected Unley

For three days in Term 4, our Year 8 students learned about, and served, the Unley community through the annual Connected Unley program, with each day aligning to one of the three pillars of Concordia's vision: Engage, Achieve, Serve.

The 'Engage' component saw students hearing from the Mayor, touring the local area and stopping at sites of historic, cultural and social significance to learn more about the community. The next day was spent serving others through tasks such as cooking for those in need, assembling hygiene packs and helping in the thrift shop at The Salvation Army, gardening, visiting residents at Fullarton Lutheran Homes and assisting local churches. Finally, students spent a day reflecting on and presenting what they had learned.

## Concordia - The Rite Journey

Year 9 students were up bright and early on Friday 23 March, leaving Concordia at 5.15am to travel to the Bluff at Victor Harbor for a unique sunrise experience as part of their Pastoral Care. 'The Calling' ceremony is a component of Concordia - The Rite Journey, a year-long program introduced at the College in 2018 to assist students at this important stage of their transition from childhood to adulthood. The characteristics developed through Concordia - The Rite Journey align closely to our values - caring, integrity, personal excellence, respect and responsibility - and we look forward to seeing the rest of the program unfold.





## German Exchange 2017-18

Eighteen Year 11 students (now in Year 12) departed from Adelaide on Friday, 24 November, to experience just over two months abroad on the 2017-18 German Exchange. Staying with their host families in Bavaria, the students were immersed in German family life, school and culture. As well as experiencing what life is like for students in another part of the world, the students were able to improve their German language skills. They had a fantastic time together on a nine-day trip to Berlin, taking in many of the historic and cultural sites within this fascinating city. After saying goodbye to their host families, the students returned to Australia with many memories which are sure to stay with them for years to come.



## National Youth Science Forum

Early in January, two Year 12 students attended the National Youth Science Forum at Australian National University in Canberra after successfully undergoing a rigorous selection process last year. Lachlan Maddaford and Benjamin Cook were among the 200 participants who spent 12 days immersed in all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). They attended lab and site visits, keynote addresses, lectures, workshops and debates. The delegates also enjoyed networking with peers from around Australia, meeting prominent members of the scientific community, performing scientific experiments and gaining valuable insights into potential study and career pathways. As well as being action-packed, the Forum was an amazing learning opportunity for the students to further develop their interest in STEM while experiencing life on a university campus.





*Photo courtesy of ASG*

## Golden Gnome Awards

As part of the Year 12 Pastoral Care program, students are provided with a variety of opportunities to 'give back' to the school and the local community through service. In 2017, Concordia partnered with the City of Unley to award 30 Golden Gnomes to residents who had made a commendable effort to landscape and maintain their verges. Students were involved in painting the gnomes and adding tags containing a note of congratulations, as well as selecting the winners and delivering the gnomes. The gnomes were a fun way to connect with the local community and we received several notes from grateful residents expressing their delight at receiving one of these unique awards.

## LWSA Award

Year 12 student Zanti Ajaero was honoured to receive a Lutheran Women of SA Encouragement Award in Term 1 2018. This award recognises a positive attitude towards studies, honesty, integrity, self-discipline, and a willingness to support others. With a keen interest in Science, Zanti is also a member of the Lutheran Commission for Social and Bioethical Questions' Environmental Working Group. We congratulate Zanti and wish her every blessing in her final year at Concordia.

## Reaching for the Stars

Year 11 student Ella Brock-Fabel is 'preparing for launch' following her selection as one of two Australian students who will fly to Alabama for the International Space Camp in July. Ella is the second Concordia student in three years to receive the sought-after Space Camp scholarship from the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG), following in the footsteps of Abby Mather who attended in 2016.

Ella's interest in science has developed from a young age. Having been involved in the Science Club at primary school, she now studies Physics in the senior years and hopes to become Australia's first female in space.

The Camp, held at the US Space and Rocket Center, will provide a rare and exciting insight into the space program through simulated missions and STEM-based challenges, team building activities, and the chance to utilise equipment used to train astronauts.

We wish Ella all the best for her trip and look forward to hearing more about her experience when she returns.



# The Nautilus Centre



**The Nautilus Centre, Concordia's fantastic new facility for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM), was officially opened on Monday 30 October by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia.**

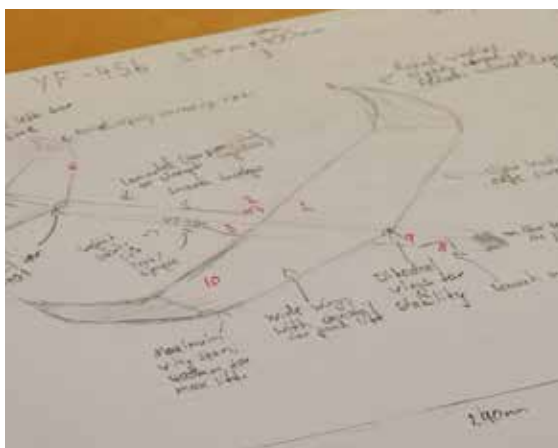
Invited guests joined students and staff in the Chapel for the opening service. The building was dedicated by Reverend David Altus after several speeches and a ceremonial handing over of the keys from John Held of Russell & Yelland Architects to Sylvia Andersons, Chair of the College Board. Incoming School Captains Jacob Kemp and Cate Sexton then assisted the Governor with the unveiling of the plaque.

After the service, guests made their way to the new building to witness the cutting of the ribbon by the Governor, with assistance from 2017 School Captains Harrison Warrick and Georgina Leske. Guests then enjoyed the opportunity to tour the facility and to see various classes in action.

We are thankful to all who contributed to this project which marks the beginning of a new era in Science and Art education at Concordia College.







Providing opportunities for learning across traditional subject boundaries in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics, STEAM helps prepare students for future vocational pathways. Our STEAM strategy focuses on helping students to think analytically and creatively, drawing on knowledge and skills from different disciplines, and harnessing the ever-growing technological landscape to solve real-world problems.

## Primary Years

In the Primary School, STEAM learning involves grasping key concepts and beginning to see how they connect through units of learning that span multiple subject areas. For example, students program miniature 'Bee-Bot' robots to develop mathematical estimation, spatial awareness and sequencing skills. Teachers also organise activities, excursions and visiting presenters to extend STEAM learning. In Term 4 our Year 2s enjoyed a visit from SciWorld presenters as the students began to study 'How the World Works'. They explored forces and the six types of simple machines (inclined plane, wedge, screw, lever, wheel and axle, and the pulley), prompting excitement for further learning and a desire to create their own inventions.

## Secondary Years

Year 10 STEM students learn about the forces of gravity, lift, drag and thrust, as well as aerodynamic and engineering principles as they design, construct, test and evaluate model gliders. They also apply engineering principles related to solar power and energy efficiency to build a solar car, utilising technologies such as 3D printing, laser cutting and gearing.

Year 10 students attending a two-day elective in Term 4 used robotics to develop a solution to a real-world problem following a presentation from Dr Russell Brinkworth, Program Director in the University of South Australia's School of Engineering. The mathematics associated with the programming of self-driving cars was an area of particular interest for many students.

The opening of the Nautilus Centre has also brought new opportunities to embed STEAM-related skills into the curriculum, with some innovative and relevant learning experiences already underway in Art, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Humanities.

We are thrilled to be able to offer valuable learning experiences for students at all year levels and to draw on state-of-the-art facilities in this ever-evolving area.





2017 was a year of 'firsts' for the Art Show. As well as a new venue, beautiful furniture pieces created by Design and Technology students were displayed alongside work by Visual Art and Design students for the first time.

In 2017 the Year 12 exhibition moved to the Nautilus Centre, with work filling the downstairs art rooms, foyer and breakout space, creating a unique gallery which was enjoyed by guests on Friday, 17 November. Artworks by Year 7 to 11 students were also displayed in the Art Centre. The theme of "Fusion" represented the synthesis of ideas that led to the final pieces and the combination of multiple curriculum areas, with Food and Hospitality students also catering for the event.

The following prizes were awarded on the night:

- Excellence Award for Visual Art – Art: Olivia Ottens
- Excellence Award for Visual Art – Design: Connor Patterson
- Excellence Award for Creative Arts: Isabella Trowse
- Excellence Award for IB Art: Ariane Dorotich
- Encouragement Awards for Visual Art: Sophie Georgiadis and Cooper Medlyn





- Most Outstanding Product for Design & Technology: James Divitkos
- Encouragement Award: Thomas Malin-Carmody
- Peer Assessed Best Product Award: Tom Stewart

The Art Acquisition Award was presented to Georgia Jenkinson who created a stunning large-scale piece inspired by dance, titled "Electric Spirit".

We thank the following businesses for their support of the evening: Mercedes-Benz Unley, Eckersley's, Stylecraft, Australian Timbers, Tea Tree Moulding and WorldStrides.

Prizes from WorldStrides were awarded to Emma Vanderzon and Mark Beecher who displayed a genuine interest in the arts and a sensitivity to different cultures.



## Artist in Residence

Early this year we were very fortunate to have talented visual artist Ruby Chew working with our students as an Artist in Residence. With an impressive list of artistic achievements to date, including winning the 2011 SALA Prize, mentorships in Montpellier and Amsterdam, and study at Central Saint Martin's in London, it was fantastic to have Ruby imparting her knowledge of oil painting with our students and inspiring them with tips and techniques.







In recent months, camps and trips have provided students with opportunities for fun and celebration, learning, forming new friendships and making a difference in the lives of others.

## Mylor Adventure

Year 6s enjoyed a fun-filled time at Mylor late in 2017, marking their last camp as Primary School students. Enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things were evident as students tackled adventurous activities including the giant swing, flying fox and mud run.



## Canberra Trip

As part of their study of Civics and Citizenship, Year 7s learned about Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy through an action-packed tour of Canberra in Term 4 2017. Highlights included visits to Parliament House, the Royal Australian Mint, the Deep Space Centre, the Australian War Memorial and the National Gallery of Australia. With lots to learn and see, one student summarised it as "an experience that none of us will ever forget!"



## Victor Harbor

In February this year, Year 8s spent four days on the coast, forming new friendships and enjoying the summer sun while kayaking, bodyboarding, flying on the high rope swing (the 'Flying Kiwi') and bike riding. As well as enjoying meals outdoors and sleeping in tents, students worked in 'tribes' to build rafts and complete the Challenge Course. Well done to "The Smarties" who finished as the winning tribe!



## Woodhouse

Year 4 students were immersed in the beautiful surrounds of the Adelaide Hills during their camp in March. As well as taking on the Challenge Hill obstacle course, students had fun on the big swings and spotted koalas in the gum trees. It was a great chance to get to know each other better away from day-to-day school routines.



## Walker Flat

While the Year 4s headed to the hills, the Year 5s journeyed upstream to their camp at picturesque Walker Flat on the Murray River. Time on the water in kayaks was a highlight, with many other games and team building activities also proving a great source of fun.



## Year 12 Retreat

In March, Year 12 students enjoyed a couple of days away from the busyness of school to regroup, develop their teamwork skills and prepare for the remainder of the year. Opportunities to share in discussion groups provided a great chance for students to encourage one another and build a sense of togetherness as they progress through their final year at the College.



## Football Outreach Vanuatu

In October 2017, a group of students from Concordia journeyed to Port Vila, Vanuatu, to share their love of football with the locals and to serve the community through coaching, umpiring, manual labour and more.

The trip was the culmination of nearly 18 months of preparation and in 2017, for the first time, it also involved four university students in a combined Concordia/Flinders University undertaking.

Across 11 days the boys worked on various tasks such as field preparation, officiating matches, helping young locals to develop their AFL skills, assisting with the selection of the U15 National team to play in the Oceania Championships and working with school children through 'Auskick'-style clinics. Thanks to the generosity of the Concordia community, the team's successful fundraising efforts also saw them able to donate an enormous amount of much-needed equipment to the local community.

As well as their football involvement, the boys attended an unforgettable "evangelical" church service with the Vanuatu President in attendance and built positive relationships with many of the locals. The team members were excellent ambassadors for the College throughout the trip and though they went to serve others, each one also gained a great deal from the experience.







## St John's Campus

The College Oval was awash with blue, red, green and gold on Friday 9 March as students from Reception to Year 6 competed at the annual St John's Campus Sports Day.

Right from the start it was evident that last year's winners were keen to put their best foot forward and hopefully take the win again in 2018 - with the words of Highgate's team rap making their intentions clear! Winchester, Cheltenham and Malvern responded with memorable performances and Principal Michael Paech had to resort to decimal points when allocating the first 20 points of the day, spreading them across all four teams.

Despite very warm conditions, students enjoyed having a go at the various tabloid events throughout the morning. As well as some great athleticism, there was wonderful sportsmanship shown by all House teams, with Cheltenham earning the most 'Sporting Spirit' points. As always, the sprints and relays were particularly exciting, not to mention the staff and parents' egg and spoon race which once again drew plenty of cheers from those on the sidelines.

In the end, Highgate did well to secure the win and captains Macy Francis and Baily Kat were delighted to receive the shield at the end of another successful Sports Day.

The final results:

Highgate	980
Malvern	886
Winchester	884
Cheltenham	861







## Concordia Campus

The Concordia Campus Sports Day on Thursday 15 March, saw students competing in near perfect conditions at SA Athletics Stadium, with six individual records set and a great team effort from all Houses.

The addition of some new events provided extra opportunities for students to gain points for their House, with strong participation from each team throughout the day. All students are commended for their willingness to get involved in events, to encourage and support their teammates, and to participate in a spirit of friendly competition.

Of the new records set in 2018, two were long-standing, having been held for 30 years or more. Kern Mitchell surpassed the 1985 Under 14 Boys Long Jump record with his 5.5m leap and Hannah Prenzler set a new Under 16 Girls Javelin record, breaking the previous record set in 1988 by an impressive 3.09m with a total throw of 29.58m!

Well done to all record holders, to this year's Age Level Champions, and to all students who represented their House at Sports Day 2018.

The final results:

Winchester	2759
Malvern	2076
Cheltenham	2053
Highgate	1963



Photography by  
Alex Hristopoulos 12TMC &  
Samuel Graves 11KBEN







## Swimming Carnival

The annual Concordia Campus Swimming Carnival, held late in 2017, saw all four House teams going head-to-head in an energetic day of competition on Friday 8 December.

The Swimming Carnival marks the beginning of a new House Sport 'season' and Malvern showed right from the start that they were determined to defend their title and make an early mark on the 2018 competition. Malvern and Winchester were highly competitive in the cross-pool events and while Malvern dominated the novelty events, Winchester came back with strong performances in the relays, losing only one race.

In the thrilling Championship Races, new records were set by Emma Edwards (Winchester), Hana Ireland (Winchester), James Kemp (Winchester) and Jackson Rees (Cheltenham).

In the finale, the fastest male and female swimmers from each House (irrespective of year level) competed in the two 50m Freestyle Champions Races. Winchester was again in winning form as Hana Ireland won the girls' race in 30.8 seconds and Stuart Campbell won the boys' race in 29.25 seconds.

Final Results:

Winchester	682
Malvern	655
Cheltenham	557
Highgate	504

*Swimming photos by Samuel Graves 11KBEN*



## National Volleyball

The 2017 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup was Concordia's most successful year to date in the national competition, with both our senior girls and boys teams finishing the tournament with bronze medals after showing great determination and skill throughout.

## Lynette Otto Award for Girls Sport

The Lynette Otto Award for Girls Sport was presented to Emma Whyte in Term 1, in recognition of her encouragement, leadership, sportsmanship and positive attitude in all aspects of the sports program at Concordia. Emma has represented Concordia in Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer and Athletics. She has provided leadership to her peers as Girls Volleyball Captain and Girls Basketball Vice-Captain, as well as through coaching the SAPSASA Girls Basketball team in 2017. We thank Emma for her contribution to Girls Sport and congratulate her on receiving this significant award.





**At Concordia, we are proud of the facilities provided for our students. We are committed to maintaining and developing the physical learning spaces, from day-to-day classroom maintenance and upgrades to advanced building projects.**

Recent projects have included the Winchester Street 'Hub' development (2016) and the state-of-the-art Nautilus Centre (2017) at the Concordia Campus, as well as the Courtyard redevelopment (2016) and new ELC Garden at the St John's Campus.

Our students are fortunate to be enjoying outstanding facilities at both the St John's and Concordia campuses, and we would like to emphasise that this is largely due to support from past parents, old collegians and the wider Concordia community who generously donated to the Concordia College Building Fund in previous years. We are very thankful for their support and have used the funds to directly benefit our students.

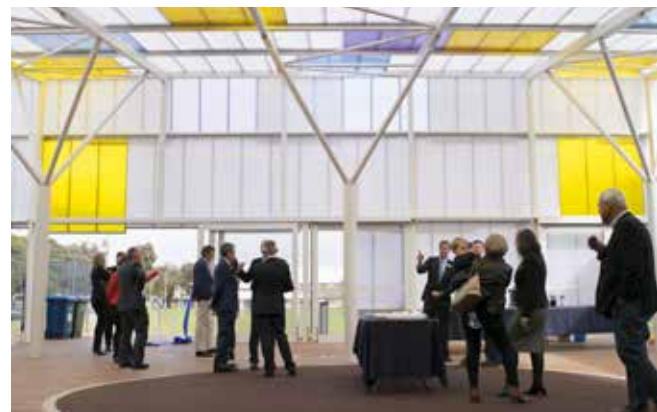
We are also grateful to the many current Concordia families who have generously chosen to make Voluntary Building Fund donations with their fee payments. By supporting the voluntary \$600 annual family contribution to the Building Fund, you help us continue to provide outstanding learning environments for your children, and even for their children in years to come.

If you are a current parent we ask you to please consider including a Voluntary Building Fund donation on your monthly fee account. A small payment each month with your fees is the easiest way to support this program and, importantly, it's tax deductible.

For old collegians, staff, past parents and friends of Concordia, we ask you to join our regular giving program where your monthly donation can be easily established and will be of tremendous support.

To donate via Regular Giving, a one-off donation, or if you would like more information about donating to the Voluntary Building Fund, please contact the Concordia Foundation by emailing [foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au)

**Derek Harris**  
Foundation Chair



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# Community Events



**In recent months many families, old collegians, staff and friends of the College have enjoyed opportunities to get involved in the life of the school.**

In November, Year 12 parents gathered for a cocktail reception in the Chapel foyer to celebrate the completion of their child's schooling while the school leavers enjoyed a wonderful night at their Valedictory Dinner.

The Concordia Foundation hosted Business Networking Breakfasts in November and March, with guest speakers at both functions.

Parents at both campuses enjoyed getting to know Concordia Campus Principal, Paul Weinert, and School Pastor, Dale Gosden, over morning tea at two events held in February.

Early in Term 1, an informal gathering was held for Year 7 families, providing an opportunity to meet other parents and to hear from key staff including the Principal and the Head of Middle School.



## Twilight Tea

Twilight Tea, an annual community event, was held on Friday 16 March. After some ominous rain in the final hours before the event, the weather cleared and many students, staff, parents, old collegians and nearby residents enjoyed mingling in the Quad. As well as a wide range of food stalls, guests enjoyed fantastic musical entertainment provided by our talented students and old collegians who did a wonderful job performing to large crowds in the Chapel.





## Gala Ball

On Saturday 4 November, in the beautiful Panorama Ballroom at the Adelaide Convention Centre, the 2017 Concordia Gala Ball was a wonderful event enjoyed by over 400 guests including past and present families, staff, old collegians and friends of Concordia. The theme of 'What a Wonderful World' was captured in many ways including a performance by students Amali Noble and Finnegan Green set to video, as well as a poignant speech by Lester Saegenschnitter who reflected on his career and expressed his gratitude for the Concordia community. Hosted by TV personality and past Concordia parent, Briony Hume, and featuring outstanding musical entertainment by Adelaide showband Blackjack, the event was a great success with guests soaking up the atmosphere of this wonderful community celebration late into the night.

We are very thankful to all who attended this fabulous event. Funds raised from the Gala Ball were allocated to the purchase of specialised STEAM equipment for the Nautilus Centre.

## St John's Campus BBQ

The St John's Campus community came together for its annual Family BBQ event on a relaxing Sunday afternoon in April. As well as an opportunity to catch up over a delicious BBQ lunch, the bouncy castle, face painting, and sporting activities on the oval provided lots of fun throughout the afternoon.





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## Beyond Books

In 1918 the library at Concordia was housed in a small room. A student described it as *'inconveniently situated, ill-lighted, and poorly supplied with books... many altogether useless.'*<sup>1</sup>

However, when a new lecture hall and chapel<sup>2</sup> was opened in 1927, a vacant room was transformed into a bright and cheerful library.

At the formal opening and dedication Professor Koch stressed the great value of books as 'companions and teachers'. He stated that *'the library is the most pleasant and best-equipped room in the College. An attractive feature is the collection of pictures adorning the walls. A beautiful painting of our Saviour and a picture of Luther help to remind us that although secular knowledge is very useful, spiritual knowledge is far more important.'*

### Growing Collections

By the 1930s and 1940s, the general collection was beginning to cater for the interests of secondary school students. As well as the usual reference works and classics, 'lighter novels ... of the kind that uplifts and gives food for healthy thought', were also included.

There was also a theological library for seminary students and a small book collection in the hostel for girls.

### Student Opinions

In 1942 an opinion poll aimed at senior students posed the following question: Does the library satisfy the needs of the student body? Only one student gave a positive response, while 13 made very negative comments.

*'Many of the present volumes should be consigned to flames'; and 'we need a combination of the libraries for boys, girls and teachers in a separate building.'*

This last thought was echoed by Professor F Blaess, who





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was later headmaster of Concordia from 1953-1959. He wrote: *'What Concordia needs is a modern library building, where old tomes and newer volumes can be properly housed instead of being scattered over four rooms in different parts of the College, and where teachers and students have greater facilities for diligent study and research.'*

## First Librarian

By the 1960s there was a growing recognition of the importance of libraries in teaching and learning, and the need to have access to resources throughout the school day. Until 1965, when a full-time librarian was appointed, the library was open for students only when teachers could volunteer their time. A student wrote that the inaugural librarian, Miss Dora Georg, an old collegian, displayed the *'most necessary characteristics of friendliness, patience, accuracy and sometimes a firm hand.'*

## Audiovisual

The 1970s saw many rapid developments as library collections moved beyond

books and printed materials to include audiovisual resources.

Concordia's first purpose-built library, the Georg Memorial Library, was opened in 1970. It was regarded as a real showpiece, well ahead of its time, and was made possible by generous Commonwealth funding aimed at raising the standards of school libraries.

It was glowingly described as 'large and well-lit, with seating both upstairs and downstairs' and with 'adequate shelving for books, as well as enclosures designed for tape recorders, record players and slides'.

## Computers

During the 1980s the well-thumbed card catalogue gave way to the first of several computerised systems for cataloguing, loans and other previously time-consuming administrative functions.

From the 1990s the rapid development of digital technologies and the internet went hand in hand with a re-evaluation of the role of the library/resource centre in education.

There was a renewed interest in the teaching of research and information skills to equip students to deal with the 'information explosion' and develop into independent learners. Additional staff were needed to cope with these trends, so new appointments included a teacher librarian and a library technician.

## Yangadlitya Resource Centre

Opened in May 2006, this centrally situated open-plan resource centre reflects the multiple facets of a modern school library. In keeping with its role as the 'hub of the school,' Yangadlitya provides resources in many different formats - print, audiovisual and digital - and services are enhanced by colourful displays, guest speakers, games, special occasions such as Book Week, and the encouragement of independent reading for pleasure.

**Jenni van Wageningen**  
Archivist

1. 1918 Library
2. 1942 Girls Hostel library
3. 1960 Students studying in the library
4. 1970 Georg Memorial Library
5. 1977 Searching for a book in the card catalogue
6. 2008 borrowing books
7. 1965 Miss Georg signs out a book
8. Emma Vanderzon with Teacher Librarian Catherine Riedel

<sup>1</sup> All quotations are from articles in The Brown and Gold magazines from 1927-1990

<sup>2</sup> Later known as the 'old chapel' and now The Suaviter





## From the President

After leaving Concordia, every student belongs to a unique group for life: the Concordia Old Collegians Association (COCA).

All old collegians are invited to attend reunions and events, get involved in mentoring programs and interest groups, and take advantage of opportunities to connect with other old collegians and the College through the COCA events program.

The Association's annual program caters for 8,000+ old collegians from 18 to 90+ years of age, representing a large and geographically widespread community. COCA aims to stay connected to all old collegians no matter where in the world they live, and programs extend far beyond Adelaide, with events held interstate as well as overseas.

COCA is currently building a new strategic focus, and we invite all old collegians to contribute with ideas and suggestions for improving the program and services offered. If you are interested in joining the committee, it would be a great time to get involved!

We also ask that you help us with the ongoing large task of updating contact details of family members or other old collegians you know that may have moved. If you are aware of an old collegian for whom we may not have up-to-date contact details - please ask them to get in touch with the COCA Liaison, Angela Warrick, at [coca@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:coca@concordia.sa.edu.au). Please also let Angela know if you have any ideas or interesting news to share.

With warm regards

**Mark Fortunatow**  
COCA President

## Diary Dates 2018

### Harmony in the Chapel

**Monday 14 May & Monday 6 August, 1.15pm**  
*The Chapel, Concordia College*

### Brown and Gold 70+ Celebration

**Monday 14 May, 1.15pm**  
*The Chapel, Concordia College*  
Lunchtime concert & afternoon tea

### Brown and Gold 60+ Lunch

**Thursday 6 September, 12 noon**  
*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

### Class of 1958 - 60 Year Reunion

**Thursday 6 September, 12 noon**  
*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

### Concordia in Concert

**Friday 14 September, 7.30pm**  
*The Chapel, Concordia College*

### Class of 1978 - 40 Year Reunion

**Friday 21 September 6-8pm**  
*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

### Class of 1968 - 50 Year Reunion

**Friday 26 October 7-10pm**  
*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

### Class of 1998 - 20 Year Reunion

**Friday 9 November, 6-8pm**  
*The Quad, Concordia College*

### Class of 2008 - 10 Year Reunion

**Friday 30 November, 5.30-7pm**  
*Art Courtyard, Concordia College*

### Class of 2013 - 5 Year Reunion

**Friday 7 December, 5.30-7pm**  
*Art Courtyard, Concordia College*

### Carols Service

**Tuesday 11 December**  
*The Chapel, Concordia College*

### COCA Country & Western Reunion Series

**Perth** - Friday 13 July, 6pm  
**Port Lincoln** - Saturday 28 July, 7pm  
**Alice Springs** - Saturday 11 August, 7pm

Partners are welcome to attend all COCA events!

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.



## Snippets

We love hearing about the many incredible achievements and experiences of our old collegians after they leave Concordia. Here is some of the news we have received in recent months.



**Robin Eckermann ('65)** was recognised on Australia Day as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia "for significant service to the telecommunications industry through roles in broadband infrastructure and network development, and to the energy supply sector". A pioneer in the Australian telecommunications industry for over two decades, Robin led the establishment of Canberra-based network TransACT and in 2016 he was elevated to the Pearcey Hall of Fame. Currently he shares his knowledge and expertise as an Adjunct Professor at Canberra University.



After leaving Concordia, **Chardon Trimper ('03)** went on to study Civil Aviation at the University of South Australia before working as a pilot for Australasian Jet (Alice Springs), Air South (Adelaide) and SkyWest (Perth). For the last seven years, Chardon has been based in Brisbane flying for Virgin Australia as a Captain on the twin-engine ATR turboprop planes. Currently, Chardon is training new pilots as they join the company.



**Tullie Murrell ('12)** is now an Engineer at Facebook in San Francisco, working on the Applied AI (Artificial Intelligence) Team to improve computers' understanding of images and videos with the goal of unlocking new augmented reality products and features on Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and WhatsApp. Before Facebook, Tullie studied Computer Science at Adelaide University. Whilst studying he worked at Google, Uber and Palantir.



**Claire Ahrens ('16)** has been awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM). Claire will move to ICHM's Regency Park campus in July to start the four-year program, leading to a Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) and Bachelor of International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association). Claire was inspired to apply for the scholarship after attending Career Week in 2017, when she stayed on-campus to experience first-hand what ICHM has to offer.



In December 2017, **Michael Partington ('74)** was featured in a Fritz magazine article about Adelaide's active community of backyard brewers. Michael, amateur brewer and former president of Adelaide Ferment (the Amateur Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide) says, "I just love it; the nature of backyard and small batch brewing is that it's all about experimentation". He and his fellow members make brews such as Russian Imperial Stout, Chilli Lime Lager and Pumpkin Ale.

*Photo by Fritz Magazine - Newstyle Media*





**Back L-R:** Tobias Rothe, Fiona Woolford, Ellen Rothe (Gear '07), Brock Rothe ('07), Georgia Gear ('12), Tyson Barolo  
**Front L-R:** Clint Guy and Claire Daughtry (Gear '09)



**Back L-R:** Krysten Wyllie, Markus Schlaeppi, Kiki Mackenzie, Aaron Mackenzie, Airlie Paynter, Troy Marinich  
**Front L-R:** Ring-bearer Griffin the Labradoodle, Chardon Trimper ('03), Natasha Trimper (Wyllie)



Ariella Hope Haythorpe



Mathilde Frances Quigley

## Weddings

**Ellen Rothe (Gear '07) and Brock Rothe ('07)** on 6 October 2017

**Chardon Trimper ('03) and Natasha Wyllie** on 1 April 2017 by **Pastor Steve Liersch ('78)**

## Births

**Kaylene Haythorpe (Hill '09) and Saul Haythorpe**, a daughter Ariella Hope Haythorpe on 19 June 2017

**Thomas Quigley ('01) and Joy Quigley (Spadavecchia '01)**, a daughter Mathilde Frances on 16 September 2017, sister to Sophie and Ellen

## Deaths

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

**Geue, Reginald ('43)** on 1 November 2017

**Weier, Rev Russell ('47)** in May 2017

**Lutze, Raymond ('42)** on 17 June 2017

**Noske, Jennifer (Heinrich '53)** on 9 July 2017

**Lynch, Dorothy (Schroeder '42)** on 28 October 2017

**Turner, Rosalie (Humphries '70)** on 19 November 2017

**Matuschka, Gerard ('36)** on 11 December 2017

**Maple, Ellen ('12)** on 8 April 2018





## COCA Cricket Club

This season the Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club was excited to welcome Harrison Bell ('17), Mitch Read ('16) and Mitch Roberts ('16), as well as current student Toby Costi, all of whom made successful transitions into senior cricket.

Similar to last season, A Grade was consistently strong, but narrowly missed out on finals. B Grade made some big improvements and injected some youth into the team, finishing in the middle of the pack. C Grade only had a few wins, but was very competitive for all matches.

The club was happy to have two coaches this season, Olly Janaway and Ben Beazley, both of whom brought high level cricket experience.

We also inducted another Life Member – Troy Pincin ('99) – for his exceptional long-term commitment to the club, including 14 seasons on the committee.

Many thanks to our sponsors – Concordia College, Earl of Leicester Hotel, and Whistler Wines. All new players are welcome at pre-season trainings, starting indoors in August. For more information, contact the President, Tim Kupke, at [concordiacricket@hotmail.com](mailto:concordiacricket@hotmail.com). Follow our results on our website - [www.concordiacricket.com.au](http://www.concordiacricket.com.au)

## Concordia Chapel Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden within the walled area outside the Concordia Chapel provides a space to remember individuals and families connected with Concordia College and St John's Lutheran Church.

Over time, and through the seasons, the Memorial Garden will change and grow. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the garden at any time. Please contact Sue Spry on (08) 8291 9339 to arrange an accompanied visit to the Garden or to enquire about memorial options.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

Concordia Old Collegians Association



**COUNTRY &  
WESTERN**  
REUNION SERIES

### PERTH

Friday 13 July 2018, 6pm

The Flour Factory

16 Queen Street, Perth

\$30 per person

Booking: [www.trybooking.com/TVNV](http://www.trybooking.com/TVNV)

### PORT LINCOLN

Saturday 28 July 2018, 7pm

Port Lincoln Hotel

1 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln

\$45 per person

Booking: [www.trybooking.com/TNCO](http://www.trybooking.com/TNCO)

### ALICE SPRINGS

Saturday 11 August 2018, 7pm

Tali – Lasseters Hotel Casino

93 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs

\$45 per person

Booking: [www.trybooking.com/TNCL](http://www.trybooking.com/TNCL)

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

All old collegians and partners are welcome.

**For further information contact**

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### Tell us about yourself

If you have news to share, we'd love to hear from you! To make a submission to Community magazine or if you wish to update your details, please contact Angela Warrick, COCA Liaison, at [coca@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:coca@concordia.sa.edu.au) or 08 8272 0444.

### Join us on Facebook

Love Facebook? Join the conversation on our official Concordia Old Collegians Facebook page for up-to-date news and event information.

[www.facebook.com/ConcordiaOldCollegians](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaOldCollegians)





## Reunions and Events

### Class of 2017 Welcome to COCA Event - Wednesday 21 February 2018

In February, COCA officially welcomed the Class of 2017 to the association at the annual 'welcome event' for our most recent Concordia graduates.

The group heard from COCA Vice President Sue Spry ('74) and representatives from COCA interest groups including Tim Kupke ('99) from the COCA Cricket Club, Chris Symons ('12) from the Big Band, Hannah Lewis ('12) on behalf of the Flute Quartet, and Hannah Homburg ('17) from the newest interest group, the COCA Choir. Each of these groups would be delighted to hear from anyone who may be looking to join. Please contact the COCA Liaison ([coca@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:coca@concordia.sa.edu.au)) to find out how you can get involved.

It was also very special to have Lester Saegenschnitter, an honorary old collegian and member of the Class of 2017, return to address the group.

As well as catching up with their friends and some of their teachers, attendees received a copy of their Review yearbook and their first edition of the COCA Newsletter, COCA Connect.



# Concordia Old Collegians



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**1. Class of 1997  
20 Year Reunion -  
Friday 29 September 2017**

**Back L-R:** Graeme Fenton, Chris Hill, Sam Rothe, Samantha Tiller (Helm), Sarah Wiltshire (Hoffmann), Matthew Holland, Tristan Anderson, Nathan Koch, Timra Schwarz (Tretthewey)

**Third Row L-R:** Thamsin Townson (Dunn), Andrew Halliday, Astrid Brauer (Schlatzke) Louise Sutton (Sexton)

**Second Row L-R:** Nicola Ward (Russell), Skye Newton, Julia Cox, Lucy Eckermann, Lisa Ellett (Kalisch), Jen Rose (Mills), Alicia Harris (Horvath), Amy Geue (Paschke) Michelle Seyfang (Vivian), Melissa Waters, Taryn Alderdice

**Front L-R:** Hannah Mudge, Simona McMaster (Bondor) and Alison Leslie (Vincent)

**2. Class of 2012  
5 Year Reunion -  
Friday 1 December 2017**

**3. Class of 2007  
10 Year Reunion -  
Friday 8 December 2017**



## Events 2018

Harmony in the Chapel – 14 May & 6 August  
St John's Campus Music Showcase – 30 August  
Year 6 PYP Exhibition – 13-14 September  
Concordia in Concert – 14 September  
Carols Service – 11 December

## Principal's Tours 2018

### **Concordia Campus (Years 7 - 12)**

Thursday 24 May  
Tuesday 5 June  
Thursday 16 August  
Tuesday 30 October

### **St John's Campus (ELC - Year 6)**

Tuesday 22 May  
Thursday 7 June  
Tuesday 14 August  
Thursday 1 November

**Book online at [www.concordia.sa.edu.au](http://www.concordia.sa.edu.au)**