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From the Director of Staff Administration ELC-12

We have been blessed to have worked with several pre-service teachers in many different teaching areas this year, and many others over the years.

We hear and read in the media that we have a teacher shortage, less school graduates wishing to enter the teaching profession and that many who win a position do not continue in the profession after one or two years.

As a College we are committed to supporting pre-service teachers to enable them to build their skills as capable and confident teachers when they step into a school. The experience in a school aims to give pre-service teachers a picture of what it means to be a teacher, to observe experienced peers and learn their craft.

Teachers at Concordia value their work with these pre-service teachers by willingly and generously sharing their expertise and in many cases collaborating with them and learning from them. These early experiences offer pre-service teachers the opportunity to observe different teaching styles and approaches, understand the many aspects of school life and actively contribute. Teaching requires knowledge, skills, patience and high levels of organisation. Predominantly, however, teachers are passionate and committed to their students, working and planning to enable students to succeed.

Without a doubt, there are times in each term when the workload is almost overwhelming –

thank goodness for term breaks to catch up, revive and plan for the next term - but teaching and working with students, seeing them grow into young adults, is a joy and privilege. We hope that in offering pre-service teachers the opportunity to experience what supporting students in their journey at Concordia College means, it inspires them to commit to becoming a teacher - a person who can make a difference.

Vera White

Director of Staff Administration ELC-12

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Q&A with Emma Goold, Co-Educator - St John's Campus

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia?

Before Concordia I was teaching in the APY (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara) Lands in a small, remote Indigenous community called Indulkana, four hours from Alice Springs. I worked in Inclusive Education, helping children with social emotional well-being, literacy workshops and maths intervention. I joined Concordia as I was ready for something new! I had one relief day last year in the junior primary and... I've never left.

2. Three words to describe you.

Fun, supportive, passionate.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

My motivation and inspiration in my role comes down to the children I work with. Watching them develop, grow and build resilience keeps me motivated.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

To get rid of winter - seasonal depression is a real thing!

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

I would invite my six closest friends. My favourite thing to do is spend time with my friends. Oh, and maybe Harry Styles can come too...

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It's tomorrow! Opening Celebration

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow from 3.30pm.

Please remember that parents are responsible for their children at all times.

[Download the program for the Official Opening](#) [Download an event map](#)

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Planning a move? Please let us know!

Considering a move to another school is a significant decision. We value your family being part of our community. As a College, we will always seek to work with you for positive connection. If you are uncertain about continuing at Concordia next year, in the first instance, we invite you to reach out and arrange a time to discuss your situation with the Principal of your child's campus – Michael Paech (St John's Campus, Highgate), Bronwyn Wilson (St Peters Campus, Blackwood) and Dennis Mulherin (Concordia Campus, Highgate) - or our Director of Community Relations, Jodie Escott. We hope that through this conversation, we gain a clearer appreciation of your family's specific needs and considerations.

If you do make a decision to leave Concordia, please be aware that in line with the Enrolment Policy – if your child is leaving the College at the end of 2023, we require one full term's notice to avoid penalties. We understand that this may not always be possible, but sincerely appreciate your assistance with future planning. Withdrawal notification for 2023 should be received **no later than close of business Friday 29 September 2023** and should be sent to the Principal of the relevant campus and our Enrolments office:

- [Michael Paech, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St John's Campus, Highgate\)](#)
- [Bronwyn Wilson, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St Peters Campus, Blackwood\)](#)
- [Dennis Mulherin, Principal Year 7 to Year 12 \(Concordia Campus, Highgate\)](#)

Please also email all information to enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au

If notification is not received by close of business **Friday 29 September 2023**, a full term's tuition will be payable.

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All About Stories with the St Peters Campus Year 1s

This term, the Year 1s at St Peters Campus have been exploring stories as a way to help us understand our world and express ourselves through the transdisciplinary theme of *'How We Express Ourselves'*. As a provocation, each child received a blank photo album just before the end of Term 2 to fill with pictures from the holidays. These pictures became the inspiration for children to share their stories with the class as well as in their writing.

Since then, it's all been about stories:

- discovering the different ways people tell stories
- messages or lessons in stories
- how to make and share our stories
- how to bring stories to life.

The children attended an interactive concert held by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra called 'In This Place' which used music, oral storytelling and animation to bring the story to life. Tying in perfectly with Book Week, the children immersed themselves in storytelling and story making. We explored Bible stories, picture books, novels, felt boards, puppets, role play, music making, small world play, stop motion videos, narration, bookmaking and many other tools and techniques to tell stories. We even had author Deborah Abela visit us and tell us about how she writes and publishes her picture books. This really opened the children's eyes to how stories are created and books are made.

Using all these experiences, the children are now in the process of making their own stories and bringing them to life in their own unique ways. There are a wide range of topics and the children's creativity and ingenuity has really shone through in this unit of inquiry!

Marion Nam

Year 1 Teacher

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Author-in-Residence Parent Feedback

Following a highly engaging week with our Author-in-Residence Deborah Abela, we have received some anecdotal feedback on the ways this program has impacted students. We would like to capture some feedback from parents and caregivers in a more formal sense, to help with future planning.

Parents of children in Years 3-8 are invited to completed an anonymous three-question survey to share their thoughts.

[Complete the Survey \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

Hajnalka Molloy

Learning Resources Manager

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St John's Campus ELC Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Tuesday, children in the three-year-old program from St John's Campus ELC visited the Concordia Campus to partake in a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Children brought their favourite teddy from home to join them in play. Whilst on the picnic, children enjoyed having their morning tea together and shared blueberry muffins they had made. This event provided an opportunity for the children to venture beyond the ELC and supported children's connection to the wider College community.

Kate Wood

ELC Director - St John's Campus

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Summer Uniform Transition Period

From Week 1 of Term 4, all students in Year 7 to Year 12 will return to wearing the formal Summer Uniform.

In addition, during Weeks 9 and 10 (as per the College's uniform policy), 'students are permitted a transition period of two weeks to wear the alternative season's uniform if the weather becomes unseasonal and is unexpectedly hot.'

Please note – whichever uniform students choose to wear (summer or winter), it must be worn with strict adherence to the uniform rules.

For more information, parents can refer to the notification distributed earlier this week with specific details for their child's campus.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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Experience a Day with ECMTA!

Elder Conservatorium, Music Theatre Association provides Music Theatre experiences for the wider Adelaide community. *Experience A Day With ECMTA!* on **Sunday 1 October** will be a fun-filled day aimed at high school students (14+ years). Participants will engage in a range of Music Theatre workshops, run by current industry professionals and teaching staff in the Bachelor of Music Theatre degree at Elder Conservatorium of Music.

Following the workshops, participants can also attend *A Chorus Line*, featuring the graduating 2023 class.

- Experience cost: \$30
- Experience plus *A Chorus Line* 2.00pm performance cost: \$50

The workshops include:

- 10.00am-11.00am - Dance Workshop with Joseph Simons
- 11.00am-11.30am - Break
- 11.30am-12.30pm - Song Repertoire with George Torbay
- 12.30pm-1.00pm - Q&A with current Bachelor of Music Theatre students
- 1.00pm-2.00pm - Lunch
- 2.00pm - *A Chorus Line* performance

To reserve your spot, click the button below. If you have any questions, please email ecmta@clubs.youx.org.au

[Reserve your Spot \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

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Celebrating a Wonderful Life

Earlier this week, the Concordia community was profoundly saddened by the loss of a young, radiant life from our community.

Jess's funeral will be held this Saturday 16 September:

- **Time: 10.30am**
- **Venue: Our Lady of Victories' Catholic Church, 17 High Street, Glenelg**

Anyone who feels a connection with Jess or wants to celebrate her life is welcome to attend. Please see the information below for more details.

To view a livestream of the service, [click here](#).

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Year 11 Legal Studies Update

Mr Stewart Kleidon presented a talk on the stability of the Constitution in the light of the Governor General's protection of our laws when Parliament votes on bills. He proposed different aspects of the Constitution, including Section 116 and 48 in particular, and talked about the relevance of these sections on today's society.

Mr Mat Noble spoke to the Year 11 class about his experience of participating in jury duty. He was able to dispel some of the ideas students have of the way a jury interact with each other and how they respond during a trial with the realities of making a decision based only on the facts presented to them. He was informative and held the students' attention for the entire lesson, with many students asking questions.

Mr Rick Sommariva
Legal Studies Teacher

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Year 9 Visual Art Excursion to 'Frida & Diego; Love & Revolution'

Year 9 Visual Art students recently visited the SA Art Gallery to engage with and respond to the exhibition, *'Frida & Diego; Love & Revolution'*. Students responded to the work of iconic Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. A guided tour introduced their art and politics, and their influence on artistic and cultural change in Mexico from the 1920s to the 1950s.

It was pleasing to see students engaging with the exhibition and gaining an understanding of the artists' connections to culture, love, politics and art, as well as the fusion of traditional Mexican folk art symbolism and the mid-20th century international modernist movement. The topic supports our current unit of study and leads to students creating their own photographic and painted works.

Students explored the use of symbolism and surreal imagery to tell a personal story, especially Frida's exploration of her personal experiences, pain and cultural identity depicted in her art. Their appreciation was enriched by the tour guides whose in-depth information, descriptions and personal insights added to our learning.

A number of students were fascinated by Frida Kahlo's Self-portrait with Monkeys, (1943), with its rich use of symbolism and its surrealist elements. They discovered that the monkeys are a representation of children and her inner thoughts and feelings of the artist.

The exhibition was not only informative but also sparked students' curiosity and fostered a deeper appreciation of how art reflects the socio-political context of twentieth-century Mexico.

Each Year 9 Art class is to be commended for their conduct during the excursion.

Terri Moore & Amy Thornton

Visual Art Teachers

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SSSA Adelaide South East Districts Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 6 September, 44 students from our St John's Campus competed at the ASE District Athletics Day. In warm and windy conditions, our Athletes ran, jumped and threw to the best of their abilities against 14 other schools from the district. Two weeks of trials and training in the lead up to the event paid off with over 25 students placing in the top three in their events. When all was run and done it was Concordia that was announced winner of the Large Schools competition over Linden Park and Burnside Primary Schools. Congratulations to all the students who competed and thanks to all the educators and parents that supported the day.

Congratulations to **Mia 6EH, Paloma 6JS, Zoey 5CM, Evie 6MT, Aimee 6JS, Wesley 5TB, Bax 6MT** and **Liam 6MT**, who were selected to represent the ASE District at the State Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 19 September.

Mick Phillips

Year 3-6 PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator - St John's Campus

Volunteer Officials

Pictured are Concordia College student volunteers assisting as officials at the Adelaide South East (ASE) Athletics Day. At the request of Alice Lange, ASE Sapsasa Convener (School Sport SA), Miss Peresano has managed all matters around organising the group and went to the day as Supervisor. Alice has come to rely on the quality of Concordia students' "service leadership" to the point that she requests their assistance annually, ever since Miss Peresano's predecessor, Mrs Ridley, first took up the initiative 8 years ago.

Well done to these students for assisting at this event.

David Serotzki

Head of Sport - Concordia Campus

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St John's Campus Legacy Artwork

We are excited to see the beautiful, bespoke St John's Campus legacy artwork coming to life in the entrance space between The Treehouse and Wirrkuta Truku (activity hall). Thank you to the generous families and businesses that have contributed to it so far, and thereby greatly supported the building of these outstanding new facilities.

There is still room for more 'leaves' to be added with donor names on them, so please join those who are already recognised in this permanent legacy artwork by donating or pledging a \$2,500 tax-deductible gift to the Concordia Building Fund. You can donate [here](#).

For more information, please contact the Donor Relations Manager, [Sue Spry](#).

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This month on SchoolTV - R U OK?Day

Understanding the growing challenges related to mental health among young people is an important consideration. Factors like academic pressure, social media, family dynamics and societal expectations are contributing to these issues. It's therefore crucial for parents and caregivers to take action early, remove the stigma around discussing mental health, and offer accessible support to address these issues and the wellbeing of their children.

R U OK? urges people to invest time in personal relationships and empowering informal support networks to identify signs of distress. We urge all families to take part, emphasising the value of genuine human relationships and reminding everyone to ask the important question, "Are you OK?".

By talking openly about mental health, schools create safe spaces where students feel understood, valued and supported. As parents and caregivers, you can contribute by fostering

open conversations, normalising feelings and breaking down mental health stigmas.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to talk to your child about mental health and engage in meaningful discussions. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

[Explore SchoolTV](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Term 4 Kelly Sports at St Peters Campus

Kelly Sports are running Term 4 after-school programmes in the following sports for students in Reception to Year 2 at our St Peters Campus:

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Lacrosse
- Teeball

This is a great way to build skills and confidence in a fun environment.

Sessions will run on **Thursdays from 19 October to 7 December, 3.20-4.20pm.**

[Download a flyer](#) for more information and [book online here](#).

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Summer Employment Opportunity

Campion Education is our supplier of school stationery for students and each year Campion employs students from schools it services to aid with the preparation of book order requirements for the new school year.

If you are 15 years of age or older, can work all of January/February if required by Campion Education and would like to apply, please send a brief resume as per the guidelines below.

Please include:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Email address
- Tax File Number

Please list any previous part-time employment and a contact number by no later than

Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Submissions:

Attn: Luisa Sangermano

CAMPION EDUCATION

29 OG Road

Klemzig SA 5073

Email: lsangermano@campion.com.au

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Concordia in Cabaret

Our Music Department's night of nights for the year - Concordia in Cabaret - will take place on **Friday 22 September** in Fortiter (new Gymnasium). Members of the College community are warmly invited to attend this outstanding evening of music.

- **When: Friday 22 September**
- **Time: Doors open at 6pm, concert from 6.30-9.30pm**
- **Venue: Fortiter (new Gymnasium), Concordia Campus (access via Cheltenham Street)**
- **Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$20 concession (seniors and students)**
 - Please note: student performers do not need to purchase tickets

Tickets on sale now.

We hope to see you there!

[Book tickets \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

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Concordia Campus Sports Results

Girls' Sport

Netball

Saturday 9 September

- 8A lost to Immanuel: 29-39. Best players were Annabel and Sophie.
- 7B defeated Immanuel after an undefeated season. Best players were Nell, Mim and Taylor.

8A Netball

7B Netball

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Student Achievements

Well done to **Brody 7SMAR**, who represented South Australia at the National Cross Country Championships in the ACT from 25-28 August.

Congratulations to **Eve 9TMOR**, who represented Concordia and South Australia in five events at the School Sport Australia Diving Championships in Sydney, finishing with a bronze medal.

Congratulations to **Jack 12HROS** for representing South Australia (6 Wing) as a Finalist at the National Cadet of the Year 2023 dinner in Canberra – photographed here in the company of the Chief of Air Force.

Brody 7SMAR representing SA at cross country nationals

Eve 9TMOR with her bronze medal for swimming at the School Sport Australia Diving Championships

Jack 12HROS at the National Cadet of the Year 2023 dinner

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Diary Dates

St John's Campus

September

Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration, 3.30-7pm

Saturday 16 **Cancelled:** ELC Mums' Walk, Talk and Lunch

Thursday 21 Year 6 Student-Led Conferences

Friday 22 Year 2 Class Connector Coffee Catch-up, 9.30-10.30am at Nutrition Republic, King William Rd
Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium)

Saturday 23 Year 5 Class Connector Family Picnic, 2-4pm at Heywood Park

Sunday 24 Year 3 and 4 School Service, 10am in the Chapel, Concordia Campus

Tuesday 26 Reception Student-Led Conferences
St John's Campus Tour

Friday 29 Concordia's Got Talent, 9.30am (TBC)
Term 3 ends, 1pm

St Peters Campus

September

Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration (all welcome at our Highgate campuses),
3.30-7pm

Saturday 16 Class Connector Reception Family Catch-up, 10am-12pm at the Tonsley
Precinct, BYO plate to share

Friday 22 St Peters Campus ELC-Year 6 Class Connector Coffee Morning, 8.45-9.30am
in the St Peters Lutheran Church Foyer
Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium at
Concordia Campus)

Wednesday 27 ELC Student-Led Conferences, 8-9am

Thursday 28 Year 3/4 Class Connector Parent Dessert Night, 7.30pm at San Churros,
Marion

Friday 29 ELC Student-Led Conferences, 8-9am
Term 3 ends, 1pm

Concordia Campus

September

Mon 11 - Fri 15 Year 12 Practice Exams

Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration, 3.30-7pm

Saturday 16 RACI Titration Competition National Final at the University of South Australia,
City East

Sat 16 - Sun 17 Pedal Prix 24-Hour Race at Murray Bridge

Friday 22 Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for a 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium)

Friday 29 Term 3 ends, 1pm

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The School Shop

General trading – no appointment required.

- Mondays: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm - 6.15pm

Public Holidays - Closed

The School Shop will be closed from Friday 29 September and will re-open on Thursday 12 October.

School Holiday Opening Hours

- Thursday 12 October: 12.30 - 6.15pm
- Friday 13 October: 12.30 - 5.00pm
- Monday 16 October: 8am - 4pm (**Start of Term 4 – normal term time hours resume**)

New Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

- Golf umbrellas - \$38 each
- Fold-up umbrellas - \$28 each

Uniform Orders

Students in Years 7-12 are emailed to advise when their orders are ready to be collected. For students in ELC-Year 6, email advice is sent to parents/caregivers.

Naming Uniforms

Iron-on garment labels are available for \$3 per 10 labels. Please ensure you clearly label all uniform items with the student's surname. Position labels on the inside back neck for tops and dresses and on the inside back of the waistband for pants and skirts. If using markers for labelling, please be aware names fade during washing and will need to be checked and relabelled regularly.

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

Secondhand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop ([click to download a secondhand uniforms consignment form](#)).

Please note:

- Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with a receipt attached.
- Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.
- All other items must be in good condition, stains removed, washed and ironed ready for sale.
- 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.
- Garments presented on hangers are preferred.
- Old logo and discontinued styles – uniforms with the old school logo and discontinued styles are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

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Public Notices & Events

- **Tennis Masters** is running a holiday clinic and offering a \$25 discount on registrations. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **Lutheran Care Foster Care Services** is seeking prospective Foster Carers. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **LinkSA** is offering a school holiday special on bus travel - namely, a free ticket for one child aged 5-14 years on any LinkSA service with the purchase of an adult ticket. Explore areas like the Murray Lands/Monarto Zoo, Barossa Valley, Fleurieu Peninsula and more. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.

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