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From the Director of Business Operations

It is now nearly 12 months since the opening of Fortiter and Wirrkuta Truku, the College's new indoor sporting and event facilities.

Fortiter houses a two-court gymnasium and associated learning spaces, weights room, dance room and café. Wirrkuta Truku provides a new home for Primary School Physical Education staff offices, Out of School Hours Care, Art and Languages rooms. The activity hall space caters for indoor PE classes, Chapel, Assembly meetings and exhibitions.

These facilities were not only built to support the Physical Education curriculum, but also to assist the College in providing indoor space for a range of events, rather than taking them off site.

Since their inception, both have lived up to expectations. The College now has a space in Fortiter to gather together its 1,300-strong student population, highlighted by the success of the Commencement Service for all three campuses at the beginning of the year.

Across the year, in addition to teaching and learning, the facilities have been (and will be) used for Concordia in Concert, Book Week, Valedictory Dinner, Launchpad learning showcase, the P&F Quiz Night and staff Professional Development days.

Both facilities are also sought-after venues for the local community, with regular bookings by local sporting groups in the evenings and on weekends for basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton, indoor soccer and cricket.

Fortiter will also be the major venue for hosting the Lutheran Church's National Synodical Convention in the October school holidays. More than 700 representatives from around Australia and New Zealand will congregate in Fortiter, Wirrkuta Trruku and the College Chapel to discuss church business.

We are proud of the extraordinary facilities available to students at Concordia College, and it has been wonderful to see the way these additions have enhanced teaching and learning, while also benefitting the wider community. As a thriving learning community, we are always looking to the future. We trust that these buildings, along with the next stage of our physical master plan, will help us to continue to offer a vibrant education, rich in opportunities, and will be a blessing to Concordia students and their families for many years to come.

Mick Hoopmann

Director of Business Operations

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ELC Nitro Nat Incursion

The Central Idea for our Unit of Inquiry this term is, '*The process of investigation leads to new discoveries.*' This certainly was the case for the visit we had from Nitro Nat! The ELC children were most enthused with the 'Crazy Colourful Chemistry Show' that Nitro Nat performed. She is a biologist and geologist. The show explored chemical reactions and tackled things that changed different states of matter. The exciting experiments which included fire, fizz and colour inspired awe and wonder for the children.

Deborah Waters

ELC Teacher

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National Science Week 2024

This year's National Science Week theme is Species Survival: more than just sustainability. This week we had a number of opportunities for our students to engage with the theme and to be scientists.

In the library we have had a number of animals, skulls, coral, shells, bones, preserved sharks, shark eggs, whale baleen and other objects for students to explore. We have also had a presentation about a range of threatened and endangered African animals, which also outlined conservation efforts in Southern Africa. ELC and Year 1 students from St John's

Campus visited the Concordia Campus to explore the objects and interact with the animals. The highlight of the week has been the ELC children and Ms Martin's Year 8 students working together to explore these items and animals.

The St Peters ELC students have been learning about phasmids and have had the chance to, observe, interact and play with them! The Year 2s at St Peters are asking the questions, "What is it like to be a scientist?" and "How do plants adapt and survive"? In Art they have been observing plants and flowers and creating botanical paintings.

With a Science Week quiz in Home Class and a vibrant display of student entries from the Oliphant Science Awards, there has been a wonderful focus on the value of engaging in our world through a scientific lens.

Hajnalka Molloy

Learning Resource Manager

Shane Schoff

Science Coordinator

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

Academy Learning Conferences

This year marked the 11th year Concordia has hosted Academy Learning Conferences by Julie Arliss, a highlight on our academic calendar. The conferences challenge and inspire our highly able students from Years 7 to 12. For over a decade, these events have offered students a unique opportunity to engage with a wide range of topics designed to stimulate thought beyond the traditional curriculum. Julie Arliss, a renowned international educator specialising in gifted education, once again led the conference with her signature fast-paced, university-style lectures. Her impressive credentials— Farmington Scholar from the University of Oxford and a member of the examining team for Cambridge International Examinations.

This year, we were thrilled to welcome over 90 students from Concordia, along with peers and staff from schools across South Australia. There was energy in the room as students had rich discussions and spirited debates, expanding their knowledge and honing their critical thinking skills. The Julie Arliss Academy Learning Conferences continue to be a pivotal event for our students, offering them a glimpse into the world of higher education while fostering a love for lifelong learning. We look forward to many more years of collaboration, curiosity, and intellectual growth.

Tuesday 13 August: Junior Academy Learning Conference Year 7–9

Some of the topics we explored:

- Genetics, Epigenetics and Transhumanism - A thought provoking exploration of the

frontiers of genetics

- Interactive Guided Community of Inquiry - The Task: The Ring of Gyges Challenge
- Unlocking Virtue: A Journey into Aristotle's Philosophy

Wednesday 14 August: Senior Academy Learning Conference Year 10–12

- Discover the Foundations of Modern Philosophy: Descartes' Cogito Ergo Sum
- Oxford / Cambridge University standard thinking tools: introducing fundamental rules of logic and strategies for cultivating advanced lateral thinking skills.
- Exploring the ethical implications of artificial Intelligence in the modern world
- Community of inquiry: What is fair?
- What Dreams May Come?

Thursday 15 August: Gifted Symposium

This year, our commitment to nurturing gifted minds extended beyond our students as we proudly hosted a dynamic Gifted Symposium, dedicated to the professional development of teachers working in gifted education across South Australia. This was not just another professional development day — it was a vibrant exchange of ideas, strategies and resources tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities that come with teaching highly able students. Throughout the day, educators were immersed in exploring the "meta questions" that gifted students often pose — those big, thought-provoking inquiries that push the boundaries of traditional learning. These deep dives into philosophical and intellectual exploration provided teachers with fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to bring back to their classrooms. The day also provided teachers with an invaluable opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues, share experiences and build a collective resource bank that will undoubtedly enrich their teaching practices.

Brain Bee State Final at Flinders University

We had a fabulous day at the State Final of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. This was held at Flinders University – supported by leading neuroscience academics from both Flinders University and the University of Adelaide. Over 3,000 students took part in Round 1 of the competition in Australia and New Zealand.

A total of 40 students, representing nine schools, qualified for the South Australian State Final. To prepare for this competition, our hardworking team of six students answered over 18,500 questions about the brain. They had to master terms like the suprachiasmatic nucleus, the glossopharyngeal and the abducens nerve, neurofibrillary tangles and the difference between afferent and efferent neurons.

It was a brilliant day. Our students were exceptionally prepared and highly motivated. They took part in a neuroscience experience and were lucky enough to be used in a demonstration – the rubber hand experiment. It was exciting to see **two Concordia students, Annabel and Cate, place in the top 10 in the State.**

Congratulations to our State Finalists:

- Annabel 10JDIV

- Mariette 10JMCP
- Lila 10VNAR
- Cate 10JROB
- Samuel 10BWHA
- Claire 10SSCH

If you are in Year 9 and would like to prepare for this competition next year, please [contact Mrs Rieger](#) to register your interest.

Care @ CC

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives, restores health and improves the quality of life for thousands of Australians each year. But did you know that only 2% of people who die in hospital each year can be considered for organ donation? One organ donor can save the lives of up to seven people and help many more through eye and tissue donation.

Our CARE@CC guest this week shared with students her experience of receiving a donor kidney. We explored the myths and facts of organ donation and learnt about the immense impact of receiving such a life-changing gift.

Emma Rieger

Enrichment and Extended Learning

Julie Arliss presenting in the Chapel for the Academy Learning Conference

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Concordia attendees at the Junior Academy Learning Conference for Middle School Students

Brain Bee Team

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World's Greatest Shave

It was so amazing and inspiring to see six of our extraordinary Year 12s and two staff members taking part in the World's Greatest Shave, proudly supporting the Leukaemia Foundation. Entertainment plus for a worthy cause! If you would like to support this incredible initiative, please [donate online](#).

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Ski Trip

During the July term break, a number of our Senior School students explored the ski slopes of New Zealand with some of our more experienced ski-savvy staff.

Fabulous weather with powder-puff snow, ensuring fun and memories for a lifetime.

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Year 4s Visit Adelaide Zoo

The Year 4 classes have begun their adventures at Adelaide Zoo with the first of several days of 'school at the zoo'. This is part of their Unit of Inquiry into 'Sharing the planet' and looking into how all living things are interconnected.

The students will now choose an animal to study in greater depth as they begin to write their own information text about an animal.

They are also lucky enough to be participating in an excursion to Monarto to look at different types of large animals.

Anita Ruggiero

Year 4 Teacher

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CommuniTea - Friday 13 September

☒ Join Us for CommuniTea ☒

CommuniTea - our premier community event for 2024 - will be a springtime celebration filled with fun, friends and unforgettable memories! Our upcoming community event promises to be a spectacular celebration for all ages.

- **Date: Friday 13 September**
 - **Time: 3.30-7.00pm**
 - **Location: Concordia College Main Oval, Winchester Street Highgate**
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☒ Highlights

- Live music
- Food trucks with a plethora of cuisines
- Sip and savour at our CommuniTea bar

- Games and amusements for the whole family (including horizontal bungee, sumo wrestling, climbing wall, petting zoo, bouncy castles, face painting and more)

☒ Affordable Amusement Passes

For just \$23, enjoy unlimited access to our amazing amusements - there's something for everyone.

We are looking forward to an extraordinary event. Bring your friends and family and be part of an incredible community experience.

We hope to see you there!

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Oliphant Science Awards

This year, students from all three campuses of Concordia College entered the Oliphant Science Awards statewide competition. This competition involves students engaging in scientific investigations, including models and inventions, multimedia, science inquiry, science writing, games, coding and programming, crystal growing and photography.

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August, students displayed their Oliphant Science Awards at *Science Alive* in the Adelaide Showgrounds. The great work of students was on display for all to see.

Congratulations to **Chase 1OL**, who has been selected to receive a prize for his game 'The Space Chase'. We look forward to providing more information on Chase's prize when the final prize placings are announced.

A special congratulations also goes to the following students who received High Commendations for their entries:

- **Theodore 2BM** for his Venus Flytrap Robot
- **Jayden 2TS** for his Birds in Nature photography poster
- **Xavier 4GW** in Year 4 for both of his entries: Time Lapse and Food Photography Poster and his Obstacle Avoidance Robot
- **Thomas 3/4AB** for his crystal investigation project titled 'Crystal Discovery'
- **Julius 2WS** for his programming, apps and robotics project 'All About Space'
- **Lyla 8LTHO** for her multimedia project on wound healing
- **Nevada 8SFOR** for her multimedia project on autoimmune disease.

The Oliphant Science Awards are a fantastic opportunity for students to grow their passion and learning for Science and participate in a state-wide competition. Well done to everyone who was involved this year!

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

Jonathan Carpenter

2024 Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator, Years 7-12 - Concordia Campus

Rachel Saunders, Miriam Morris and Adriana Weling

2024 Oliphant Science Awards Coordinators, Years 2-6 - St John's Campus

Trevor Burmeister

2024 Oliphant Science Awards Coordinators, Years 2-6 - St Peters Campus

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Year 1s Visit the Heritage Centre

Each year the Year 1 classes complete a unit of looking into the past, and they start by visiting the Heritage Centre to learn about Concordia's past. They were amazed to hear the College is in its 134th Year, and they particularly enjoyed seeing old photos and uniforms and laughing about some of the fashions of the past.

Sue Kleinig

Alumni Manager

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Reminder: Grandparents and Special Friends' Events - Book Now!

This term, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Grandparents and Special Friends across a range of year levels at our St Peters Campus and our St John's Campus, starting with St Peters Campus on Friday 16 August.

Bookings for St Peters Campus are now closed; however bookings for St John's Campus Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are still open.

Please see details below.

St John's Campus

Year 4

- **Date: Friday 23 August**
- **Time: 9.30-11.00am**
- **Venue: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**

[Download a flyer](#) to forward to your child's grandparents or click the button below to make a booking.

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

Year 6

- **Date: Friday 23 August**
- **Time: 1.00-2.30pm**
- **Venue: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**

[Download a flyer](#) to forward to your child's grandparents or click the button below to make a booking.

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

Reception

- **Date: Monday 26 August**
- **Time: 9.30-11.00am**
- **Venue: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**

[Download a flyer](#) to forward to your child's grandparents or click the button below to make a booking.

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

Year 2

- **Date: Monday 26 August**
- **Time: 1.00-2.30pm**
- **Venue: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**

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

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This Father's Day, Elevate His Coffee Experience!

Introducing our sleek new Glass Coffee Cup with a versatile lid—perfect for travelling or doubling as a coaster. Whether he's on the go or enjoying a quiet moment at home, this is the gift that brings warmth and style to his day.

Buy yours today for just \$15.00 and give the perfect blend of form and function!

Head to the School Shop ([click here for opening times](#)).

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Parent Prayer Breakfast - Bookings close on Monday 19 August

A reminder that our Parent Prayer breakfast is coming up on Wednesday and all parents and caregivers across the College are invited.

As well as enjoying each other's company, we will also hear from staff involved in the ministry of the school, including music, chaplaincy, youth ministry and Christian Studies. There will also be time for parents to ask questions and – most importantly – pray together! We hope that this will be a time of connections and encouragement that both builds up our community and strengthens our faith.

Key Details

- **Date: Wednesday 21 August**
- **Time: 7.30-8.45am**
- **Venue: The Suaviter, Concordia Campus**

Coffee and breakfast will be provided for guests.

Bookings

If you would like to attend, please book via the button below by Monday 19 August.

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

We hope you will be able to join us.

Kind regards

Dale Gosden
College Pastor

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Flinders University Open Day

On Friday 9 August, our Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend the Flinders University Open Day, an event designed to broaden their understanding of future academic and career pathways. The day was an invaluable experience for our students as they explored the diverse

range of courses and facilities that Flinders University offers.

From interactive workshops to informative presentations, the students were fully immersed in the university environment. They had the chance to engage directly with faculty members, current students and industry professionals, gaining firsthand insights into the programs and careers that align with their interests and aspirations.

This excursion is a crucial part of our Futures program, designed to help students make informed decisions about their post-school pathways. This is particularly pertinent with subject selections and subject counselling for Year 12 happening at this time. We encourage our Year 11 students to reflect on their experiences from the Open Day and consider how these insights can shape their future goals, subject choices and career aspirations.

Lloyd Oppelaar
Futures Coordinator

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Year 7-12 Summer Sports Nominations

Nominations for Term 4 summer sport are now open, for those who have not yet nominated or would like to nominate for additional sports. Please note that nominations have are to be completed via Clipboard's 'Activity Selector' module.

Clipboard can be accessed via the Extra-Curricular tile on the home page of the Concordia College app. Access to **nominations close at 4pm on Wednesday 21 August**. Please also note that uniform orders (where applicable) close at 4pm on Wednesday 28 August.

For details on how to make a nomination via Clipboard, please click the button below. Nominations for Term 4 sport may not be submitted via email.

How to use the Activity Selector within Clipboard

1. Once logged into the Concordia College app, tap on 'Extra-Curricular'
2. Tap 'Activity Selector'
3. If you have more than one child, select which child you are nominating for from the tabs at the top. When you are ready to nominate for your other child/ren, swap to their named tab at the top.
4. Tap on the sports your child is interested in for more information (sports are sorted by Boys' Summer, Girls' Summer, Co-ed Summer | Boys' Winter, Girls' Winter, Co-ed Winter).
5. Tap the blue 'Select' button to add the chosen sport
 1. if there is a potential match day clash, a popup window will alert you to this
 2. to choose additional sport(s), tap 'Continue Browsing' and use the back arrow to return to the list of available sports
 3. to finalise your selection tap 'Go to Cart'

6. Click 'Checkout Now' to finalise all nominations
7. Upon submitting your nomination(s), you will receive a confirmation email from Clipboard

A reminder that all summer sport information, including uniform requirements, can be found on the College website Parent Lounge.

We look forward to your family's involvement in our Term 4 summer sports program.

Kind regards

Sue Serotzki

Girls' Sport Coordinator

David Serotzki

Boys' Sport Coordinator

Vittoria Peresano

Year 7 Sport Coordinator

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Reminder: Term 3 P&F Meeting

Thank you to those who have submitted an RSVP to attend our Term 3 P&F meeting.

A reminder that all parents and caregivers are welcome to join us at Castello's Cucina in an informal setting with light refreshments. Come along to share future events and opportunities as we prepare for CommuniTea and Term 4 funding applications.

Please click to view the [minutes from the previous meeting](#) and the [upcoming agenda](#).

- **Date | Monday 19 August**
- **Time | 6.00pm**
- **Venue | Castello's Cucina, Living Choice. 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton**

Please [RSVP to Angela Warrick](#) by 12pm on Friday if you plan to attend.

See you there!

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ABODA SA Band and Orchestra Festival 2024

This week, 'The Australian Band and Orchestra Director's Association' Festival is being held in Adelaide.

We have had the following results already:

- Silver Award - Chamber Strings (Therese O'Brien) | Intermediate String Ensemble section
- Gold Award - String Ensemble (Martin Butler) | Advanced String Ensemble section
- Gold Award - Orchestra (Kellie Rich) | Open Orchestra section

Orchestra was also awarded the overall winners in the Orchestra section – a great achievement!

On Friday Big Band 1 and Big Band 2 will perform in their sections of the Big Band competition.

Update on Friday 16 August: In addition to winning a Gold Award on Thursday night in the Advanced Concert Band section, they were overall winners of the Bob Hower Memorial Award in their section - another outstanding achievement!

We wish our ensembles who are yet to perform the best of luck!

Kellie Rich

Head of Music Performance ELC-12

Chamber Strings—Silver Award

String Ensemble—Gold Award

Orchestra—Gold Award and Section Winner

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Reminder: Can you assist at CommuniTea?

A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the P&F Soft Drinks Stall at our CommuniTea springtime celebration on Friday 13 September from 3.30pm-7.00pm. Excitement is building!

We are still needing some more parent/caregiver volunteers, so if you're able to help, please [click here and add your name to the roster](#). Thank you!

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Concordia in Concert 'Endless Possibilities'

Concordia in Concert, our annual music showcase, is coming up on **Friday 20 September** in our Fortiter Gymnasium, Concordia Campus.

All are welcome to attend for an evening of extraordinary music featuring Concordia's finest voices and ensembles.

[Book your tickets online](#) or scan the QR code below to avoid missing out.

We hope to see you there!

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Notify of Student Absence via the Concordia App

In addition to being the 'go-to' source of communication for day-to-day information and updates across the College, ELC-12, the Concordia College app is also the preferred method for notifying us of student absences.

Simply click the 'Absentees' tile on the home screen of the app and complete the brief form to send details of the absence directly to your child's campus.

[View our brief user guide.](#)

Available for iOS and Android.

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Basketball Grand Finals - Saturday 17 August

Good luck to our Open A and Middle A basketball boys, playing in the SAAS Grand Finals this Saturday 17 August. Matches will be held at Nazareth College, 1 Hartley Road, Flinders Park, at 10.30am (Middle A) and 10.45am (Open A). Please come along to support our teams!

Please note: Parking will be limited.

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Celebrating our Olympians

St John's Campus Green and Gold Day on Friday 9 August supported our Olympians. There was even a real Olympic torch! Current parent Haley shared the torch she carried for the Sydney 2000 Games Torch Relay.

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Father's Day Breakfasts - Book Now!

A reminder that we would love to celebrate with the amazing fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our community at our annual Father's Day Breakfasts. Please see details below and book your tickets today.

St Peters Campus

- **Date: Thursday 29 August 2024**
- **Time: 7.30-8.30am**
- **Venue: St Peters Lutheran Church Hall, 71 Cumming Street, Blackwood**
- **Tickets: Adults \$15 | Children \$10**

Guests will enjoy a scrumptious breakfast selection, barista coffee and tea, good company and the opportunity to hear from our St Peters Campus Principal, Bronwyn Wilson, and our Director of Learning and Wellbeing, Mathew Disher.

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

Highgate Campuses

- **Date: Friday 30 August 2024**
- **Time: 7.30-8.30am**
- **Venue: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**
- **Tickets: Adults \$25 per person**

Guests will enjoy a scrumptious breakfast selection, barista coffee and tea, good company and the opportunity to hear from our keynote speaker, Paul Bannister, Principal of St John's Campus.

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

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LESNW Online Survey

As you may be aware, our College is part of Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA (LESNW). All schools and early years centres within this network share a commitment to providing a high quality, Christ-centred, non-selective education to all students that pass through our learning communities. As we look ahead to how we may continue to improve the experience of our learning community, understanding the key reasons why you chose us over other schools for your child's education and care is critical to our community's long-term success.

Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA (LESNW) is seeking to gain a deeper understanding of our community's sentiment towards Lutheran Education and the experiences you and your child/ren have had within the community. They also hope to learn more about how you came to select our school and why. As a current parent of Concordia College, your insights would be incredibly valuable.

This survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and includes questions designed to understand your educational priorities for your child and what you value about being part of the Lutheran education community.

You can [access the survey here](#). Please note that the survey will close at **11pm on Tuesday 20**

August.

The findings from this survey will contribute to a broader research initiative led by LESNW and will support the development of improved communications and future strategic initiatives.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Reminder: 2024 School Photos at St Peters Campus

A reminder that *advancedlife* will take official school photographs (individual/class and sibling photos) on the following date (Concordia Campus photos and St John's Campus photos have already occurred):

- St Peters Campus (ELC-Year 6): **Monday 2 September***

*Note: If your child does not normally attend the St Peters Campus ELC on Monday, please bring your child to the College for the photo session from 8.45-9.15am.

Uniform Requirements

A reminder that Reception to Year 6 students are to wear formal school uniform for official photographs. [Click here to view uniform information.](#)

Ordering

Please place your group and portrait photo orders online via advancedlife.com.au, using the code **2YJ RWD VQ2**

Payment is via Visa, Mastercard or PayPal. If you are unable to order online, please collect a cash order envelope from the School Office/SSO and hand the completed envelope to the photographers on photo day.

A reminder that orders for photos taken on Thursday 1 August and Tuesday 6 August close at midnight on Saturday 17 August. Please order today if you haven't already, to avoid late fees.

Questions Regarding Photographs and Ordering

If you have any questions about school photographs and ordering, please [contact *advancedlife* directly.](#)

Further Information from *advancedlife*

For more information about online orders, sibling photos, late fees, package delivery and ordering photos from previous years, please [click to view a PDF](#) containing further information.

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Pedal Prix: Tailem Bend 8-Hour Race

On Saturday 3 August, four teams from Concordia Campus joined with St Peters Campus and the Old Concordians' team to compete in Round 4 of the Australian International Human Powered Vehicle series at Tailem Bend Raceway. It was an exciting and eventful day of racing. We had a smooth start with all teams successfully managing themselves. Competitive racing throughout the day resulted in a few spills and rollovers, but no major trike damage occurred.

Costa worked hard to chase down those trikes in front, even with a serious crash they were able to hold onto sixth position, an outstanding effort. Costa achieved the sixth fastest lap time in the category thanks to Lucas, an outstanding effort. Riders from Veloci and Concorde were in a fierce battle all day, trying to chase down each other. It was great to see the competitive nature between all riders. Concorde and Veloci finished 24th and 25th respectively, a result all riders should be proud of. Racing in the S2 category, the riders from Shockwave worked hard and raced very consistently to cement a strong finish in 17th place. Thanks to some outstanding racing on the day, Costa is now placed third in the series, and Veloci is sitting sixth in the series - an outstanding effort.

A big thank you to all the students and parents who assisted in preparation for the race and throughout the day. We are now beginning to plan for the biggest race of the season - the Murray Bride 24-Hour race.

Results

Team	Laps	Position
Costa (S3)	95	6th / 53
Veloci (S3)	80	25th / 53
Concorde (S3)	80	24th / 53
Shockwave (S2)	70	17th / 49

James Divitkos

Design, Technology and Engineering Teacher/Pedal Prix Supervisor

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Unley Connect - Have Your Say About Australia Day in 2024

The City of Unley is currently engaged in community consultation regarding its Australia Day celebrations in 2024.

To have your say, [complete the Council's online survey](#) by Sunday 18 August.

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Seatbelt Safety and School Shop Change of Hours

Seatbelts on School Buses

- Remind your child to always wear their seatbelt provided on school buses – whether travelling to/from the College OR on excursions.
- Wearing a seatbelt is crucial for the safety of all passengers, including the driver, who needs to focus on driving without distractions.
- This is vital during the morning/afternoon school bus runs when teachers are not present.
- Please discuss with your child the importance of respecting the driver's instructions to wear a seatbelt.
- We ask you to be aware that students over 16 years can be fined approx. \$435 if caught by the Police not wearing their seatbelt.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of all bus travelling students.

Change of School Shop Hours

Our School Shop will be closed all day Monday 19 August 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

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Music Notes

A Celebration of Wind, Brass and Percussion

On Friday 9 August, students from our St John's Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Clarinet Quartet gathered in the Chapel to perform for family and friends. The St John's Campus students impressed all with their focus and benefitted from listening to the older groups perform, whilst the older students gained some great performance experience and practice for this week's ABODA Festival, in which the Senior Concert Band is performing. Our smaller chamber ensembles all had exciting performances and showcased the different instrument families. Thank you to our highly accomplished Ensemble Directors Geoff Bradley, Sam Taylor and Kellie Rich, and to all other staff who came and assisted with the concert.

Balaklava Eisteddfod

On Friday, **William 9MGAS**, **Cameron 10JROB**, **Moses 8SMAR** and **Nathan 9MGAS** travelled to Balaklava to represent Concordia College in the Balaklava Eisteddfod in the Rock Band Category. While they unfortunately didn't place, their musical talent shone through and presented the College exceptionally well.

We would also like to congratulate **William 9MGAS** for his First Place in the Intermediate 'B' Music Theatre Solo Category, and **Maddie 11EBAB** for her First Place in the Senior 'A' Musical Theatre Solo.

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Reminder about Volunteering at Concordia College

Concordia College values and actively supports the involvement of volunteers in the many and various aspects of College life. Your interests and talents contribute positively to the Concordia community.

We are committed to ensuring that any volunteers who support the College are able to work in a safe environment and in a manner that maintains the safety and wellbeing of volunteers, students and staff members.

Details on required screening and online training are listed below and are also available via the Parent Lounge on the College website: Parent Lounge > School Information > Volunteer Information and Screening.

- [Working with Children Check \(WWCC\)](#) valid for five years
- [Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care \(RRHAN-EC\)](#) valid for three years (Link to PLINK website – Non-Department for Education staff login where volunteers access online fundamental course)
- Acknowledgement of [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#) – through the College SINE system when entering College. All volunteers are to sign into School Office/Reception as "Volunteer" and must be wearing a Visitor Badge.

From 2024 all Direct Contact Volunteers are also required to complete:

- [Valuing Safe Communities training](#) valid for three years

A **Direct Contact Volunteer** is a volunteer that provides support, guidance and supervision directly to students. This includes providing support on school excursions and in classrooms.

Details of these checks are to be advised by email to St John's Campus - sjmail@concordia.sa.edu.au, St Peters Campus - spmail@concordia.sa.edu.au and Concordia Campus - mail@concordia.sa.edu.au

An **Indirect Contact Volunteer** is a volunteer that does not provide support, guidance and supervision directly to students and volunteers. This includes providing support for Parent and Friends functions.

Concordia College requires all Indirect Contact Volunteers (including parents) to have the following:

- A record that you have completed induction training

- Acknowledgement of the Volunteer Code of Conduct

Insurance

Concordia College is committed to providing adequate insurance cover for volunteers whilst carrying out their volunteering roles that have been approved and authorised by us. The following insurances are in place:

- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Public Liability Insurance
- Statutory Liability – WHS Insurance

Vaccination Requirements – as Per COVID Vaccination policy updated 1/1/2023

Concordia College strongly encourages all volunteers to maintain an up-to-date vaccination status against COVID-19, with a COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Sally Staggs

Manager of Risk and Operations

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Lost Property Reminder

A reminder to please check with School Office/Student Services Office staff at your child's campus for any items that may have been misplaced, as they may have been handed to 'Lost Property'.

Thank you!

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SSSA Statewide Basketball Championships

On Monday 5 August both of our Primary School campuses competed in the first round of the Year 5/6 School Sport SA Statewide Basketball Championships at the State Basketball Centre, Wayville.

Our St John's Campus had a boys' and girls' team competing in the Large School division of the competition, while St Peters Campus had a boys' team competing in the Small School sector.

Both boys' teams competed hard but unfortunately did not progress to the finals. Our St John's Campus finished in third place and our St Peters Campus finished in sixth.

Our girls' team started the comp strongly with a solid win over Marryatville and continued their winning way through the minor rounds, progressing to the final against Highgate Primary. In a competitive battle, Concordia proved to be too strong, winning by six points and progressing to the State Finals day, which will be held in Term 4.

Congratulations to all the basketballers who represented Concordia.

Mick Phillips

Sports Coordinator - St John's Campus

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Living Young City of Unley eNewsletter

The City of Unley regularly publishes an eNewsletter for young people called 'Living Young'.

Click the button below to view the latest edition from Monday 12 August 2024.

[View the latest edition \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

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Student Achievements

AMEB Showcase Concert

Lewis 7LSCO performed Sonatina Op. 55 No. 3 in C (1st Movement) by Kuhlau, at the AMEB SA & NT July Showcase Concert. Students who perform at this concert have passed an AMEB practical exam this year (Grade 4 and above), been nominated by their examiner and been selected by the Program Director. Well done, Lewis!

Rotary Youth Music Awards - Year 7-9 Voice (Covers)

Congratulations to **Finn 8SFOR**, who recently won the Year 7-9 Voice (Covers) category at the Rotary Youth Music Awards.

Lewis performing in the AMEB concert

Fin at the Rotary Youth Music Awards

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Diary Dates

To view upcoming diary dates, please refer to the [Events Calendar](#) on our website.

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The School Shop

Term Time Opening Hours

General trading – no appointment required.

- Monday: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursday: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday: **Closed** (Terms 2 and 3)

(Closed on Public Holidays)

Reminder - The School Shop will be closed for the day on Monday 19 August.

Uniform Orders

Email orders are also welcome and purchases may be collected from The School Shop during opening hours. Please email schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and include:

- your child's name and year level
- size
- your contact details

The School Shop staff will contact you for payment and advise when your order is available to collect. 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.

Father's Day Gift Idea

Introducing our sleek new Glass Coffee Cup with a versatile lid—perfect for travelling or doubling as a coaster. Whether he's on the go or enjoying a quiet moment at home, this is the

gift that brings warmth and style to his day.

Buy yours today for \$15.00 and give the perfect blend of form and function!

Head to the School Shop ([click here for opening times](#)).

ELC Items - In Stock Now

Stock of the following items for ELC students is limited, so please email your order to: schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and we will ensure your request is prioritised.

- Beanies
- Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

PE Polo Shirt

The old style gold and navy PE polo shirts are now discontinued and students are required to have the new navy PE polo shirt.

Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

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

Secondhand Clothing

Stock Wanted – now is the time to clear out the wardrobes!

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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CC Café Term 3 Menu

Our CC Café Term 3 menu is here! [Download a copy of the menu](#) to see what is on offer this term.

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Public Notices & Events

- **Adelaide Philharmonia Chorus** presents 'Ein Deutsches Requiem', a German Requiem by Johannes Brahms on Saturday 24 August at 7.30pm in Elder Hall. [Download a flyer](#) for more information and to book.
- **International Sports Camps** are running school holiday coaching camps for boys and girls aged 5 to 15 years in several sports: netball, football, basketball and soccer. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **Sturt Football Club** invites community members to a fun-filled day as their Club mascot, Bluey, celebrates his birthday when Sturt plays Adelaide in the last home match of the season - Saturday 24 August, 1pm at Unley Oval. There will be bouncy castles, face painting, fairy floss and popcorn, kick n catch and more. Entry is free for kids under 18 and parents can access two passes valued at \$40.00 using the code 'BLUEY24'. [Book online](#) to secure your tickets.
- **Code Camp** is running school holiday programs in the October holidays, including new screen-free 'Get Crafty' camps. [Visit their website](#) for more information.

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