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2024 Term 3 Week 8

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From the Director of Community Relations

As we move into another vibrant season of events at Concordia in Terms 3 and 4, I can't help but reflect on the extraordinary community that we've built together. Our College isn't just a place for learning—it's a hub of connection, where each event and gathering strengthens our shared love for all things Concordia.

Whether it's the laughter at our Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts, the spirited cheers at Sports Days or the quieter moments of reflection at our Chapel services, every interaction brings us closer and reinforces the bonds that make our community so special. These shared experiences remind us that we are part of something larger—a community that values connection, celebration and togetherness.

A key part of what makes Concordia so vibrant is our diversity. Each year, we have the privilege of welcoming a number of international students who bring with them unique perspectives and experiences. Their presence enriches our community, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world beyond our College. It's this diversity that strengthens our bonds and prepares our students to thrive in a global society.

As we prepare for our inaugural CommuniTea event, I have no doubt it will soon become a cherished tradition adding another layer to our rich tapestry of Concordia spirit. This event exemplifies our cross-campus collaboration, bringing together students from all year levels and all three campuses with their families, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of our College is how philanthropy plays a pivotal role in shaping the future for our students. Every donation, large or small, has a lasting impact, ensuring that Concordia continues to be a beacon of opportunity and growth for generations to come. It's a reminder that our not-for-profit school thrives because of the collective generosity and care of families like yours.

Now, speaking of togetherness, come along to CommuniTea tomorrow (Friday 13 September) on the College Oval – 3.30pm-7.00pm. Expect amusements for all ages, live music to get your toes tapping, a stocked bar for those inclined, and enough food trucks to keep everyone happy (and full)! It's an event designed for all ages—from our energetic three-year-olds to our cherished seniors who know the true value of community.

See you there!

Jodie Escott
Director of Community Relations

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ELC Bush Day - Spring 2024

On Wednesday 10 September, ELC children from both Primary School campuses came together for our annual Bush Day at Belair National Park. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to connect with one another whilst exploring the numerous wonders of the natural landscape. The beautiful weather provided a stunning backdrop, making it a perfect day.

Sarah Neill
ELC Coordinator

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Concordia Christian Youth Retreat

On Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August, students in Years 7-12 gathered at our Blackwood campus for Concordia's first-ever Youth Retreat! This inaugural retreat offered a unique opportunity for students to deepen their faith in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Looking at what it means to be 'Salt and Light' in the world, we enjoyed times of worship, bible study, small-group discussions and a workshop with *Mustard*, a program designed to support students with navigating their faith at school.

We were also blessed to welcome staff (former and current) from Concordia alongside members of local congregations, tertiary ministry leaders and members of Evangelical Students at the University of Adelaide. This was an incredible opportunity for students to connect with fellow Christians while also discovering opportunities to further explore their faith beyond our school environment.

The weekend was a powerful time of connection, encouragement and spiritual support between students and staff in our community. Thank you to all those who came along and made this such an incredible weekend!

Georgina 12CFIN

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Concordia Students Perform at Southern Jazz Club

Concordia College Big Band 1, directed by Tom Voss, was invited to provide the pre-entertainment for the Southern Jazz Club on Tuesday 3 September. The Southern Jazz Club meets every Tuesday evening at the Highway, with guest performers each week. Every so often they will invite school bands to perform beforehand. Our Big Band performed for 30

minutes to a room full of jazz enthusiasts and were very well received.

A truly extraordinary experience for our students!

Kellie Rich
Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

26 Book Challenge

> "I find television to be very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go in the other room and read a book." - Groucho Marx

Our student Book Council has worked hard to bring you this year's 26 Book Challenge—**BOOKOPOLY**. We encourage all participating students to update their reading record sheets, and with the term break approaching, it's the perfect time to visit the library and stock up on books.

This year's challenge includes a few tricky categories, but our library staff are here to help! Students have been exploring a variety of sources for their reading, including local libraries, bookshops, second-hand stores, and their own collections at home. Many are also making use of eBooks and audiobooks on the Concordia College Wheelers ePlatform, as well as apps like Libby and Spotify.

Students who complete all 26 categories of the challenge will receive a special certificate and be entered into a draw to win books and book vouchers. Those who read at least 13 books will earn a Certificate of Participation and be eligible for prizes.

All participants will be invited to a special event in the library later in Term 4, hosted by the Book Council. Be sure to submit your reading record sheets to the library staff at the circulation desk by Friday 17 November (Week 5).

Check out a few categories from the 2024 26 Book Challenge:

- Read a book containing one of the following words in its title: race, now, beach, little, stop, burn, story, one or wild.
- Read a book where the protagonist has a side kick.
- Read a book written between 1800–1899.
- Read a book set in a book shop or library.
- Read a book that has a place in the title (imaginary or real).

'Poem Forest' Poetry Competition

Poem Forest is a free nature writing prize. Poem Forest invites students to use their words to make positive climate action. For every nature poem received, a tree is planted to help heal

habitats and create a Poem Forest for future generations. Since 2021, over 17,100 poem trees have been planted.

All Poem Forest entries are published in a digital library and have the chance to win $5,000 in prizes, including $500 cash for each category, plus book packs and more.

Learn More (opens an external website)

Entries are now open, closing **Friday 27 September 2024**.

Emma Rieger
Enrichment and Extended Learning

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Write a Book in a Day Competition

On Friday 30 August, a mix of 55 Year 5 to 9 students from each of our three campuses participated in the 'Write a Book in a Day Competition'.

This was done in teams of six to 10 students, in The Suaviter, beginning at 8am and finishing at 8pm. There were seven groups and students had 12 hours to write and illustrate a digital book from start to finish!

On the day, students were given some parameters and also some random words that needed to be included in their story. Students worked out who would do what and then busied themselves doing it. There were authors, illustrators, editors and organisers, who all worked together. The students were really happy to finally have their creation uploaded and the books are fantastic!

These books will be sent to children’s hospitals around Australia, for sick children to access. These books are also being judged as well.

It was wonderful to see the creativity, teamwork, perseverance, stamina and new friendships made through this cross-campus event.

Nolene Thiele
Resource Manager - St John’s Campus

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Year 11 Legal Studies Class Visits the Courts and Parliament House

The Year 11 Legal Studies class recently attended the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts and Parliament House. They were able to view the workings of our court system and the lawmaking procedures with a tour the lower and upper houses of Parliament House,

including being present during Question Time. The enthusiasm and interest shown by the students in class, to understand how our court system and parliament are able to keep society in sync with a multitude of changes in technology, is a credit to the class. They are willing to question and analyse the system we hold in high regard to resolve our legal disputes.

Rick Sommariva
Legal Studies Teacher

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Year 10 Concert 'Music You Will Remember'

On Thursday 29 August, Year 10 Music Explorations and Year 10 Special Interest Music students collaborated to entertain and inspire guests from the Junior Primary classes from St John's Campus in a performance entitled "Music You will Remember". As part of a Music Industry skills unit, students were tasked with cooperatively developing the skills and understanding required to run a show, from the conceptual development stage to the performance itself.

Our Year 10 students developed the artistic intention to *"**Create a fun and engaging experience for junior primary students. Our performance will demonstrate our love for music and hopefully inspire younger students to find theirs".*** Through the process, they developed their skills in:

- communications and publicity
- stage management
- sound
- lighting

In the space of six weeks, they successfully developed and applied these skills as a team to produce all elements of the show independently. In addition, they had formed and rehearsed in small bands that focused on a range of styles. The concert included 'welcome' music by a solo harpist followed by performances from the groups listed below, which provided the musical focus of the performance:

- a jazz band
- a rock band
- a cello duo
- a trumpet and piano duo
- a pop band

Students were busy and focused, switching between their roles on the stage and behind the scenes.

The Year 10s were able to confirm their artistic intention was met by the audience reaction and engagement, especially with their moves on "YMCA", and the feedback our Junior Primary students gave after the show.

Lee Pfitzner

Learning Area Coordinator - Music

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SchoolTV Special Report: R U OK?Day

Understanding the growing challenges related to mental health among young people is an important consideration. Anxiety, depression and self-harm are all causes for concern. 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?Day' is an initiative that focuses on preventing suicide by encouraging meaningful personal connections and helping informal support networks to help recognise the 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?"

Engaging in 'R U OK?Day' activities goes beyond the classroom; it's a commitment to our students' overall development. 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. Participating in 'R U OK?Day' promotes compassion and shows our dedication to the wellbeing of the entire school community, reaffirming that together, we can truly make a difference.

This Special Report from SchoolTV provides guidance on how to talk to your child about mental health and engage in meaningful discussions.

Read the Special Report (opens an external website in a new window)
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String Ensemble Open Rehearsal

On Friday 30 August, our String Ensemble held an Open Rehearsal. This enabled staff of Concordia College to sit in amongst the ensemble while they rehearsed. It was a great opportunity for staff to get an insight into the world of our talented musicians. Staff were then asked to swap seats, so they gained an understanding of how the ensemble can sound different depending on where you’re seated, what instrument you play and the instruments around you.

Kellie Rich
Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Concordia Sport Review: Building for the Future

Concordia College has recently conducted a comprehensive Sport Review across ELC to Year 12, led by an external consultant. This review stemmed from the insights gathered in our MMG whole-of-College survey conducted in 2022. It included input from parents, staff and students to ensure our programs meet the needs of our community. This collaborative process will shape a sporting structure that is both competitive and enjoyable. We look forward to sharing the outcomes and exciting new opportunities for our students in 2025. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to prioritise excellence in sport at Concordia.

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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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Debating News

Congratulations to all those who participated in the inter-school Debating competition this year. Two teams had particularly successful seasons. The Year 9 Blue team continued their grand-final winning form from last year and made it through undefeated to the semifinals again this year, only to lose a close debate about the colonisation of Mars in a split decision from the panel of three adjudicators. The Year 8 Blue team of **Amelia 8LTHO**, **Ilsa 8JCAR**, **Nevada 8SFOR** and **Lilah 8JCAR** went one step further, winning their semifinal debate on the threat of tourism on the Great Barrier Reef last week, unanimously. The girls are now preparing for the state grand final, to be held at Parliament House on Saturday 21 September. We wish them all the best in their preparation!

Chris Finch
Debating Coordinator

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Got a project in mind? Submit a P&F Funding Request for 2025

Applications for P&F Funding are now open.

Each year, the Concordia P&F supports projects and activities that aim to further the wellbeing of the student and/or parent body at Concordia College. Examples of projects supported previously include a contribution to our library refurbishment, funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visitors in the classroom, painted play areas for St John's Campus and more.

Applications for funding are considered as part of an annual submission process. Staff, students, parents and friends at all three campuses may apply. All applications will be assessed against the attached criteria (click to view).

Applications for funding should be made online via the button below.

Apply for P&F Funding (opens an external website in a new window)

Applications close no later than 12pm on Monday, 21 October.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jodie Escott, Director of Community Relations, via email or phone 8272 0444.

With kind regards

Nicholas Handley
P&F President

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Year 9 Geography Caring for our Community Garden

On Thursday 29 August, Year 9 Humanities students studying Geography participated in an incursion to the Concordia Community Garden. The incursion featured guest speakers Amanda Stewart from Mitre 10 Unley and Sue Kleinig, Alumni and Donor Relations Manager at Concordia, both of whom have played an important role in supplying materials for and looking after the garden since its establishment in 2020. The guest speakers spoke to students about the importance of understanding the basic principles of soil quality, regular maintenance and seed selection with regard to the various abiotic factors that affect the garden. Involvement in the Community Garden links with the Year 9 students' studies of Biomes, Ecosystems and Food Security and keen gardeners from the cohort will have the opportunity to engage in spring seed sowing in the coming weeks.

Rory Amoy
Acting Learning Area Coordinator - Humanities

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Kelly Sports at St Peters Campus in Term 4

Kelly Sports are running sports skills sessions at St Peters Campus in Term 4, covering the following sports:

- Cricket
- Athletics
- Teeball
- Lacrosse

Through this weekly program, children develop skills, confidence and enthusiasm in a supportive environment.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 3.10-4.10pm, beginning on Thursday 17 October.

Download a flyer for more information.

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Summer Uniform Reminders

As we head towards Term 4 and warmer weather, please check that your uniforms fit, so you are ready for the start of the new school term. Don’t forget your hats for sun-safe outdoor play!

Additionally, in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3, students have the option to wear summer or winter uniform, depending on weather.

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Living Young City of Unley eNewsletter

The City of Unley's 'Living Young' September eNewsletter is out now, with information about 'what's on this school holidays, from life skills workshops to a 'crafternoon' and more.

View the Latest Edition (opens an external website in a new window)
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St Peters Campus Dance and Drama

Our St Peters Campus students continue to impress with their expressive work in Dance and Drama. The Junior Primary classes have been exploring the use of mime with grand gestures and facial expressions to communicate a story. The Year 3 and 4 students recently devised small group dances that convey the shifting moods in music, sharing their creations with a wonderfully attentive Year 1 audience. Year 5 and 6 students have been exploring the exciting realm of improvisation, showcasing their creativity and spontaneity through a range of theatre games and small-group storytelling improvisations. Learning in the performing arts builds confidence, strengthens students' ability to work collaboratively with their peers, and provides healthy avenues for self-expression. It is a privilege to guide and encourage our students on this journey.

Nancy Wells
Dance and Drama Teacher - St Peters Campus

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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 – Paul Bannister (St John's Campus, Highgate), Bronwyn Wilson (St Peters Campus, Blackwood) and Penny McKenzie (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 2024, 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 2024 should be received **no later than close of business Friday 27 September 2024** and should be sent to the Principal of the relevant campus and our Enrolments office:

- Paul Bannister, Principal ELC to Year 6 (St John's Campus, Highgate)
- Bronwyn Wilson, Principal ELC to Year 6 (St Peters Campus, Blackwood)
- Penny McKenzie, 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 27 September 2024**, a full term's tuition will be payable.

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Get Ready for an Epic Friday at CommuniTea!

Join us tomorrow for an unforgettable afternoon of fun, food, and festivities at Concordia College Oval! Bring your family, friends, and neighbours to experience:

- **Delicious food trucks** serving up your favourite bites
- **Fully stocked bar** and refreshing soft drinks to quench your thirst
- **Live music** that'll keep the vibe going all evening
- **Unlimited rides** for kids aged 3-18 – just $23 for endless fun!

**Note: Amusement passes will be sold at the event (no pre-sale passes available) from two ticket booths on the Oval.*

With the weather set to be perfect, this is the place to be! Fun is guaranteed. See you there from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Winchester Street, Highgate!

Bring your best vibes, and let's make this the biggest CommuniTea yet!

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Father's Day Testosterphones Performance

On Friday 30 August, the Testosterphones - which is a male vocal ensemble - were given the opportunity to perform for guests as they arrived for the Father's Day Breakfast. We were also delighted to witness solo performances from **Will 9MGAS**, **Archer 11RSOM** and **Tom 11EBAB**.

Kellie Rich
Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Year 11 Study and Life Skills

Recently in Year 11 Pastoral Care sessions, the students have had the opportunity to choose from a range of study skills electives and life skills electives. The study skills electives included topics such as note-taking, approaching a 'Science as a Human Endeavour' (SHE) task, time management and use of Microsoft Excel. The life skills electives included a presentation on 'How to survive Year 12 and beyond' as well as practical options such as enrolling to vote, how to fill out a passport application form, shoe polishing, sewing on buttons and hemming, and tips for preparing formal cover letters for job or scholarship applications. The 'How to

survive Year 12 and beyond' presentation and the sewing elective were particularly popular, with many of the cohort discovering a surprising aptitude for hemming!

These electives support our focus on providing the Year 11s with skills that will not only provide them with a solid foundation for Year 12, but also prepare them for their post-school journeys.

Judy Harris
Year 11 Leader

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Come and Try Lacrosse at Burnside

Burnside Lacrosse Club would like to let our community know of a 'come and try' program open to children from 6-16 years of age.

The 'come and try' sessions will teach all participants the basics of lacrosse game play (throwing, catching, picking up the ball, etc.). Introduction to game play will be provided in a positive and supportive environment. All lacrosse-specific equipment will be provided by the Burnside Lacrosse Club (e.g. sticks, balls, goals). Participants are asked to provide their own mouth guard (if desired).

- Who: any child aged 6-16 welcome
- Where: Burnside Lacrosse Club (Miller Reserve, Linden Park)
- When: Wednesday Nights, 5.30-6.30pm from 23 October to 4 December 2024
- Cost: Free

Download a flyer for more information.

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Summer Employment Opportunity

Each summer, Campion Education (supplier of stationery to Concordia families), employs students from schools it services to aid with the preparation of book order requirements for the new school year.

If you are interested in applying for for summer break employment, please see details below.

Note: applicants must be able to work all of January/February if required by Campion Education.

Please send Campion Education a brief resume containing your contact details, for example:

- Name
- Address

- Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Email Address
- Tax File Number (please apply with the Tax Office if you don't already have one)

Please also list any previous part-time employment and a contact number by no later than **Saturday 21 September 2024**.

Applications should be sent to:

Attn Luisa Sangermano
CAMPION EDUCATION
29 OG Road
Klemzig SA 5073
Email: lsangermano@campion.com.au

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Sapsasa Athletics

On Wednesday 4 September, 48 students from our St John's Campus participated in the Adelaide South East district Sapsasa athletics event. Showcasing their talent across various track and field events, our students' dedication and teamwork were evident, resulting in impressive performances and a strong sense of school pride.

Overall, it was a successful and inspiring competition with Concordia finishing second!

Congratulations to **Wesley 6EH**, **Elliot 5LR**, and **Jaco 5LR**, who have been selected to represent the district at the State Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 17 September. We wish them all the very best for this upcoming competition.

Mick Phillips
PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator - St John's Campus

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Student Achievement

On Saturday 24 August **Charles 6JS** sat his Grade 6 AMEB viola exam. Charles completed the exam with a result of an A+, or High Distinction. Congratulations, Charles, on an extraordinary result!

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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)

The School Shop will be closed for the holiday period from **Friday 27 September** and will re-open on **Thursday 10 October** (see holiday opening hours below).

School Holiday Opening Hours

- Thursday 10 October: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday 11 October: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

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.

Summer Uniform Reminders

As we head towards Term 4 and warmer weather, please check that your uniforms fit, so you are ready for the start of the new school term. Don't forget your hats for sun-safe outdoor play!

Additionally, in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3, students have the option to wear summer or winter uniform, depending on weather.

Uniform requirements can be found on the College website. Both new and secondhand uniforms are available from The School Shop. Secondhand uniforms can also be sold on consignment. See the information on 'Secondhand Clothing' below for more details about consignment terms.

Glass Coffee Cups Now Available

Introducing our sleek new Glass Coffee Cup with a versatile lid—perfect for travelling or doubling as a coaster. Buy yours today for $15.00 - 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

- **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.
- **Code Camp** is running school holiday programs in the October holidays, including new screen-free 'Get Crafty' camps. Visit their website for more information.
- **Hills Little Athletics Club** will commence its summer season in early October. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Sturt Baseball Club** has commenced preseason training. Boys and girls aged up to 12 years who would like to give baseball a go are welcome to get involved. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Grasshopper Soccer** commences for Term 4 on Monday 14 October, with a school holiday program also occurring nearby from Monday 30 September to Thursday 3 October. Grasshopper Soccer focuses on fun, skill-building and confidence in a supportive environment. Enrolments and free trials are now open. Download a flyer or visit their website for more information.
- **Head for the Hills Mountain Biking** is running fun and engaging activities and skill development programs for young people aged 10-14 years, including school holiday programs and after school skills sessions. Registrations are open and booking fast. Visit

their website for more information.

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