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From the Early Learning Centre Directors

Every day we play in our Early Learning Centres and this how the majority of our learning occurs. Play develops children's skills in a natural way that is engaging as they follow their interests while they explore, experiment and make sense of their world.

Problem solving, using memory and critical thinking are all things that happen regularly in play, and these are important aspects of cognitive development. Imagination and creativity are used often in socio-dramatic play and arts and crafts, and these skills are needed in life for being innovative and adaptable.

Social and emotional development is an area that we really focus on in our ELCs. Through play children are taking turns, sharing, interacting and cooperating with others, negotiating and developing leadership skills. They are also learning how to manage their emotions and developing empathy for others.

Oral language development is another area that is really important for children in the ELC as this is the starting point for early literacy skills. Communication is used throughout play as children share their thoughts and ideas and express themselves. We listen to a lot of stories each day in the ELC to extend our general knowledge and language skills. Literacy and numeracy skills are developed through activities, games, songs, discussions and books.

Each day the children in the ELC are involved in activities that extend their physical development. Fine motor skills are developed when they play with and manipulate small items, strengthening the muscles in their hands and improving coordination. Gross motor activities are planned and encouraged through free play for the children, to strengthen the big muscles

in their bodies. This happens as they run, climb, balance, throw, jump, etc.

Free play occurs when the children choose what they want to do from a range of activities that are provided. Because they are choosing what and how to do the experience, it is fun and the learning that they do is engaging, memorable and impactful.

Sarah Davis

ELC Director - St John's Campus

Sarah Midson

ELC Director - St Peters Campus

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Young Engineers Club

Our St John's Campus has partnered with Young Engineers Australia, who ignite younger students' passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through facilitating practical and real-world LEGO-based engineering experiences.

Commencing from Term 2, approximately 30 Year 1 to 6 students have signed up for this weekly after school enriching learning experience. These students will learn physics, mathematics and engineering principles, along with developing their problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration skills. We look forward to seeing these students engage in this enrichment opportunity!

If your child is interested in engaging in this program in Semester 2, please register when communication is sent later this term. Alternatively, please visit the Young Engineers website.

We are excited to provide this enriching learning experience for our students.

Paul Bannister Principal - St John's Campus

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Generations in Jazz 2025

A group of 74 students and eight staff attended the 2025 Generations in Jazz at Mount Gambier from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 May. Big Band 1, Big Band 2, Jazz Combo and our three Jazz Vocal Ensembles—Mattson, McKenzie and Prelude—competed in their relative sections. All students rose to the occasion and performed exceptionally well.

It was a busy weekend which included evening concerts featuring Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, the competition all day Saturday and workshops on Sunday morning with Big Phat Band members and guest vocalists before the announcement of results and final concert.

Standout results for our groups this year were:

- First Big Band 1, directed by Tom Voss (Division 2 Big Band)
- Best Saxophone Section (Division 2) Peter 12TMCC, Lani 10DLYN, Sean 10DLYN, Lincoln 12SSCH and Tom (8LTHO)
- First for Jazz Combo led by Peter 12TMCC
- Three students were also selected for Super Band 2from Big Band 1 and performed at the final concert:
 - Marco 11AMOF Trumpet 1
 - Peter 12TMCC Alto Saxophone 1
 - Moses 9MSMA Drum Kit.

Well done to all of our students and staff involved in what was an amazing weekend of music!

Kellie Rich

Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Year 11 and Year 4 ALWS Partnership

During Week 10 of Term 1, our Year 4 students engaged in an enlightening experience designed to teach them about the Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), guided by our Year 11 ALWS Student Ambassadors (Laura, Airlie, Claire and Genevieve). This session aimed to deepen their understanding of the critical work ALWS undertakes, particularly in supporting communities facing significant challenges in accessing necessities such as clean water and adequate shelter. The ambassadors shared compelling stories of individuals who must journey great distances daily to secure water, often living in makeshift shelters that offer minimal protection from the elements, painting a vivid picture of the hardships endured in developing countries.

The Year 4 students participated in a shelter-building activity, using limited resources to construct homes that mirrored the types of dwellings common in these communities. This hands-on exercise provided a glimpse into the daily realities of those living in inadequate housing, sparking thoughtful discussions about the importance of secure shelter. Following this, the students engaged in a water relay, simulating the long distances many people must travel to obtain clean water. This activity highlighted the physical demands and time constraints these journeys impose, fostering a deeper appreciation for the ease with which we access water in our daily lives. The students also spent time reflecting on the blessings they often take for granted, cultivating a sense of gratitude for the privileges they enjoy. They decorated small paper hands which were displayed on the oval fence.

ALWS hosts a "Walk My Way" event each year, and we warmly invite you to join us in supporting their vital work in future years. This event offers an opportunity to walk in solidarity with those who face daily challenges in accessing basic necessities, raising funds to support

ALWS projects that provide clean water, shelter and education to communities in need. By participating, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of others, helping to alleviate suffering and promote sustainable development. To support this worthy cause, please <u>visit our</u> <u>ALWS fundraising page</u>. Together, we can create a brighter future for those less fortunate.

Laura 11BSTJ

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Big Buddies, Bright Readers – Peer Tutoring in Action

At St Peters Campus, our Buddy Program is more than just a friendship initiative—it's a powerful learning experience. Recently, our Year 5/6 students became reading mentors, working alongside their Year 1 buddies to explore nonfiction texts as part of a Unit of Inquiry on living things and life cycles.

Focusing on reading strategies such as identifying text features, asking questions and extracting key information, the big buddies provided meaningful, one-on-one support.

This powerful learning partnership benefits both age groups—older students build leadership, empathy and communication skills, while younger students gain confidence and personalised support. It's a wonderful example of learning through connection, collaboration and care at Concordia.

Nicolle Jakube

Acting Principal - St Peters Campus

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

STEM Opportunity: Attend Ozwater Conference

On Wednesday 21 May 2025, students interested in STEM careers are invited to attend **Ozwater**—the largest water industry conference in the Southern Hemisphere. This is an excellent opportunity for students in **Years 10 to 12** to engage with cutting-edge innovations, network with professionals, and explore career pathways in science and engineering.

For more information, please refer to the Term 1 Week 4 newsletter.

If you would like to attend, please <u>email Emma Rieger</u> to register your interest no later than **Monday 12 May**.

CARE@CC

Do you work in a health-related field – medicine / nursing / paramedicine / health research / allied health? Would you be willing to come and share your experiences with our CARE@CC student group during a future lunchtime session (1:20pm–2:00pm)? We would *love* to have you visit. Please <u>fill out this quick form</u>.

Dates for CARE@CC in Term 2

(for students in Years 9–12 with an interest in health professions)

- Week 3 Monday 12 May
- Week 4 Friday 23 May
- Week 6 Monday 2 June
- Week 8 Monday 16 June

Writing Enthusiasts - Don't Miss Out

There are several writing competitions available for students in Term 2. Some of the dates for submission are imminent. Visit <u>www.englishatconcordia.weebly.com</u> to learn more. A calendar of due dates for the term can be found <u>here</u>.

Please <u>contact Emma Rieger</u> if you would like further information about any of these opportunities.

26 Book Challenge

Are you keeping those reading passports up to date? Visit the library circulation desk as you complete books from the 2025/26 Book Reading Challenge. Have you seen the latest display in the library to help you with a few different categories? Check out the display as you enter the library to find inspiration for:

- Books set north or south of the equator
- Books set in a destination you would like to visit.

If you are having trouble finding books from any categories, please chat with our fabulous library staff. They love to help!

Emma Rieger

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ELC and Reception Glow and Tell Incursion

The central idea for our Unit of Inquiry this term is 'imagination helps us to think, create and explore'. To commence this inquiry, we enjoyed a magical and interactive incursion with Patch Theatre's *Glow and Tell*. The children were captivated by the UV light, shadows and

storytelling. The performance sparked creativity and imagination, enabling them to explore new ways to express their thoughts and ideas.

Alice Pridham

ELC Teacher

The central idea for the Receptions' Unit of Inquiry is 'Personal and imaginative stories express significant moments in people's lives'. We were able to enjoy the *Glow and Tell* performance as an amazing provocation for our learners to consider different ways to share stories with other people. We look forward to exploring ways to tell stories this term.

Megan Fyffe and Jen Schultz

Reception Teachers

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SchoolTV Special Report

In today's fast-moving world, many boys are struggling to find direction. Even well-meaning online searches about fitness, confidence or relationships can lead them to content that promotes rigid or unhealthy ideas about masculinity. The critically acclaimed TV show 'Adolescence' has brought fresh attention to this issue, highlighting how boys are often exposed to messages that glorify toughness and dominance, while dismissing empathy and emotional openness.

These outdated beliefs can limit emotional growth and impact how boys relate to others—with real consequences in schools, homes and communities. That's why it's more important than ever to guide boys with care, clarity and connection.

By offering healthier role models, safe spaces to talk and encouraging respectful friendships —especially across genders—we can help boys develop the confidence, empathy and relationship skills they need to thrive.

This special report calls for a cultural shift and advocates for curiosity-driven dialogue that builds trust and critical thinking. The goal is to raise boys who are not just resistant to harmful influences, but actively capable of questioning and rejecting them.

Read the Report (opens an external website in a new window) Back to top

German Baking in Year 10

During Term 1, the Year 10 German class studied specific aspects of German culture, focusing on music, sport and food. To celebrate the food aspect, we ended the term by baking some traditional German biscuits—Lebkuchen and Vanillekipferl. Students read through the recipes

in German, mixed the ingredients, baked and decorated the biscuits all in one lesson. They then enjoyed eating their culinary creations. Guten Appetit!

Kathy Breitweg

German Teacher

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Concordia P&F Quiz Night – Book Your Table Now!

A reminder that our Concordia P&F Quiz Night - a night of brain-teasing fun - is coming up on Saturday 31 May. Gather your team, dress to impress in a school subject theme, and put your knowledge to the test with our expert quiz masters, The Weekly Fifty.

- Date: Saturday, 31 May 2025
- Time: 5:30pm arrival | 6:00pm start 10:00pm
- Location: Wirrkuta Trruku (SJC Activity Hall)
- Tickets: \$40 per person
- Theme: Bring a school subject to life!
- Tables: 8–10 people

Food and beverage details coming soon!

Register now! Be a table captain by <u>contacting Angela Warrick</u> or join your year level table via the button below.

Book Now (opens an external website in a new window)

Can You Help? Seeking Wine and Auction Donations!

We are looking for:

- Premium wine (RRP \$30+) for our Wine Wall
- 4-5 high-value items for our Live Auction

All donors will receive recognition before, during and after the event. Interested? <u>Contact</u> <u>Angela Warrick</u> to support this fantastic night!

Don't miss out—<u>secure your spot today</u> and let the quest for knowledge begin!

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Year 10 School Immunisation Program

Immunisation Information for Parents / Appointed Legal Guardiance of Year 10 Students

The SA 2025 School Immunisation Program will be delivered by **Eastern Health Authority on Friday 30 May 2025** (first visit).

All Year 10 students will be offered:

- 2 doses of the meningococcal B vaccine at 2 separate visits (8 Weeks apart)
- 1 dose of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Immunisation Consent packs have been provided to all Year 10 students at the commencement of the school year, including information about the vaccines on offer. If you did not receive an Immunisation Consent pack, please contact the school office direct so this pack can be provided to you.

We would encourage all parents/appointed legal guardians to read the information supplied in the packs before providing consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. Additional, further information and videos are available <u>online (click to view)</u> if required.

If you have provided consent to participate in the immunisation program and information has changed, in particular in relation to your child's medical condition or if you wish to withdraw consent, please directly notify your school immunisation provider (Eastern Health Authority) as soon as possible prior to the date of immunisation.

Tips for the day of immunisation:

- encourage your child eat prior to the immunisations and drink plenty of water throughout the day; and
- wear sports uniform to allow for easy access to the upper arm.

If you have any further questions about the program, please directly contact your school immunisation provider, **Eastern Health Authority, on 8132 3600 or via email at** <u>eha@eha.sa.gov.au</u>

Please note - School Immunisation Program records will be available on MyGov within 24 hours of the school visit

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SACE Merit Ceremony

Concordia congratulates all of our students that received SACE Merit Awards for 2024 at the recent Merit Ceremony.

In 2024, our students achieved a total of 31 Merits across 14 subjects. To read more about the extraordinary achievements of our most recent graduates, <u>view our 2024 results brochure</u>.

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Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I'm writing to let you know that Ms Jodie Escott has resigned from her position as Director of Community Relations at Concordia College.

Over the past five years, Jodie has made a significant contribution to enhancing the College's marketing and communications. Her work has helped strengthen Concordia's community presence and supported how we connect with current and prospective families. We sincerely thank Jodie for her dedication and wish her all the best in her career transition.

As we look ahead, we are reshaping the Community Relations portfolio to continue building on this foundation. The new role of Director of Enrolments is currently being advertised, and we will be advertising for the revised role of Director of Marketing and Community Relations later this term.

We are confident that this next phase will support our ongoing commitment to clear communication, strong community engagement and sustainable growth.

Warm regards

Paul Weinert Head of College

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Fish Tank Entrepreneurship Program

Fish Tank is City of Unley's flagship youth entrepreneurship program open to young people aged 8-25 years who live, study, work or play in the City of Unley. Interested young people can apply for the opportunity to pitch their business idea to win prize money and business mentoring. The business can be in the early stages of operation, established or still in the idea stage.

Hurry! Applications close at midnight on Sunday 18 May 2025.

Prizes for the 13 – 17 year category includes:

- 1st Prize \$1000 seed money + Futurepreneurs Launchpad mentoring package facilitated by entrepreneurship educator Sasha Dragovelic, including two x 2-hour mentoring sessions (valued at \$780)
- 2nd Prize \$500 seed money

For further information, terms and conditions and to apply visit <u>www.unley.sa.gov.au/fish-tank</u>

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Novar Music Lessons at St Peters Campus

Novar Music is again offering personalised music lessons for St Peters Campus students in Term 2. Students can choose to study:

- piano
- guitar
- singing
- music theory

For more information and to book, visit NovarMusic.com

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Anzac Day

On Anzac Day, Alex (Year 5), one of our students from St Peters Campus, proudly represented the College at the Blackwood Dawn Service held at the Soldiers War Memorial. As part of the ceremony, Alex laid a wreath on behalf of our community to honour those who have served and sacrificed.

On behalf of the entire Concordia community, we offer our heartfelt thanks to all Anzacs – past and present. We recognise the immense courage, sacrifice and resilience of those who have served our nation in times of war and peace. Their legacy lives on in the freedom we enjoy today, and we remain deeply grateful.

Lest we forget.

Nicolle Jakube

Acting Principal - St Peters Campus

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City of Unley Living Young e-Newsletter

The City of Unley's Term 2 Living Young e-news is out now, with a range of interesting programs and events for young people in the Unley area. These include:

- Applications for Fish Tank Entreprenership Program (closing soon)
- Goodwood Community Centre Open Day
- City of Unley Community Renewables Program

- Grassroots Grants open for application
- 2025 Anzac Day Schools' Awards

Read the Latest Edition (opens an external website in a new window) Back to top

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Emily (11BSTJ)** on being selected for the Australian Under 16 Softball Squad—a fantastic achievement. Emily earned her place in the squad when she represented SA in the U16 National Championships in January, leading the batting. Later this month, she will represent South Australia in the Australian School Sports Softball 18 Years and Under Girls tournament and we wish her all the best as she prepares to compete.

Congratulations to **Isaac (10RCRO)**, who recently represented South Australia as a member of the School Sport SA baseball team that won bronze at a recent tournament held in Western Australia. Well done!

Year 12 Student Leader **Lincoln (12SSCH)** has recently received some outstanding recognition for his commitment to and leadership within ScoutsSA. Last term we reported that Lincoln had been appointed as Deputy Assistant Chief Commissioner - Youth. At the end of April, he was also announced as Volunteer of the Month for March 2025. Read more about Lincoln's involvement in Scouts and this latest award <u>here</u>. Congratulations on your extraordinary service, Lincoln!

Concordia congratulates the following students on their recent Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) achievements:

- Callum (6MT) received the Grade 2 Brass ABODA Prize
- Charles (7SCHE) received the Horn Grade 4 Prize
- Ulani (10DLYN) received an Oboe Associate Diploma (with Distinction)—an incredible achievement for a student in Year 10!

Congratulations to **Lucy (9ALAM)**, who won third place from a field of around 100 in the Calisthenics SA Graceful Girl Solo Division 1 final on Wednesday 9 April. Lucy has also been selected as part of the Calisthenics SA State Team to compete in the National "AusCali Carnivale" competition in the July school holidays, to be held here in Adelaide. We wish Lucy all the best as she prepares for this competition.

Congratulations to **Coby (10BWHAT)**, who competed in the Target Rifle Australia National Championships this week, held at the South Australian Rifle Range in Wingfield from April second to sixth. He participated in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Male 10m Air Rifle, the ISSF mixed teams 10m Air Rifle and the TRA Open 10m Air Rifle against competitors from across the country, finishing with two bronze medals.

Well done to **Hunter (11BSTJ)** on representing SA at the Junior Australian National Athletics Championships held in Perth last month. Hunter represented SA in the 100m and 200m events—an excellent effort!

Emily (11BSTJ) representing South Australia in softball

Isaac (10RCRO) representing South Australia in baseball

Callum (6MT) receiving his AMEB award

Charles (7SCHE) receiving his AMEB award

Ulani (10DLYN) receiving her AMEB award

Lucy (9ALAM) holding her Calisthenics trophy

Coby (10BWHAT) wearing his Target Rifle Australia medal

Hunter (11BSTJ) representing SA at the Junior Australian National Athletics Championships

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Diary Dates

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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: 2.30 4.30pm

(Closed on Public Holidays)

Friday Opening Hours

We are pleased to announce that our Friday opening hours will now continue as regular Term Time Opening Hours.

Winter Uniform Requirements

All students are required to wear the College winter uniform from the start of Term 2, Week 3. Winter uniform requirements can be found on the <u>'Uniform Shop' page</u> of the College website.

Uniform Orders

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

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: <u>schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au</u> 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 2 Menu

Download a copy of the CC Café menu for Term 2 to see what is on offer.

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Public Notices & Events

- The Lady George Kindy on Highgate Street is holding a 70th birthday celebration on Sunday 1 June (1-4pm) for community members who attended Lady George. <u>Download a flyer</u> for more information.
- Hills Little Athletics Club commenced its new winter season on Sunday 4 May. Registrations are open for Tiny Tots through to U17. <u>Download a flyer</u> for more information.
- Adelaide University Rugby Club is running a 'Come and Try' day for junior rugby

players and a family day BBQ on Saturday 24 May at Waite Oval, Urrbrae. Download a <u>Come and Try flyer</u>, <u>family day brochure</u> and <u>family day menu</u> for more information.

- Hahndorf Echoes of the Past is a 60-minute documentary to be launched as part of History Month at the Mercury Theatre, 13 Morphett Street Adelaide on Thursday 15 May. <u>Download a flyer</u> for more information or <u>get tickets online through Humanitix</u>.
- Illumina Voices is presenting a concert season by POPular demand... POP CLASSICS! The show features fabulous repertoire by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons plus iconic Beatles songs, as well as tunes by Sting, Adele, Coldplay and more. The concerts will be held on Sunday 18 May and Sunday 25 May at 2.30pm at St Peters Lutheran Church, Blackwood. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and \$28 for concession. Download a flyer for more information or book online at illumina.org.au

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